

Covishield trials show 90% efficacy

Checks transmission too, claim developers | Aim to supply 3 bn doses next yr

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
Announcing a major breakthrough in the global fight against Covid-19, Oxford University and AstraZeneca today said their vaccine candidate Covishield was 90 per cent effective in combating the disease when administered as a halved first dose and a standard second dose after a month.

The developers made another major claim based on interim results from late-stage phase-3 trials on 24,000 participants across the UK, Brazil and South Africa, saying “early indication is that the vaccine could reduce virus transmission from an observed reduction in asymptomatic infections.”

This is the first time any global Covid vaccine developer has said trials were helpful in preventing not only the disease, but also its transmission. The developers said they aimed to supply three billion doses globally during 2021. The announcement bodes well for India where phase-3 trials of the Oxford vaccine are underway, so is the production.


Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India, manufacturing partner in the global collaboration, said, “I am

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EDIT: MASK AS METAPHOR

ABOUT OXFORD VACCINE

- Oxford vaccine ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 is made from a virus
- Is a weakened version of adenovirus, a common cold virus
- Genetically altered so that it's impossible for it to grow in humans



'DELIGHTED WITH RESULTS'

“I'm delighted to hear that Covishield will offer up to 90% protection in one type of dosage regime and 62% in the other.

Adar Poonawalla, SERUM INSTITUTE CEO

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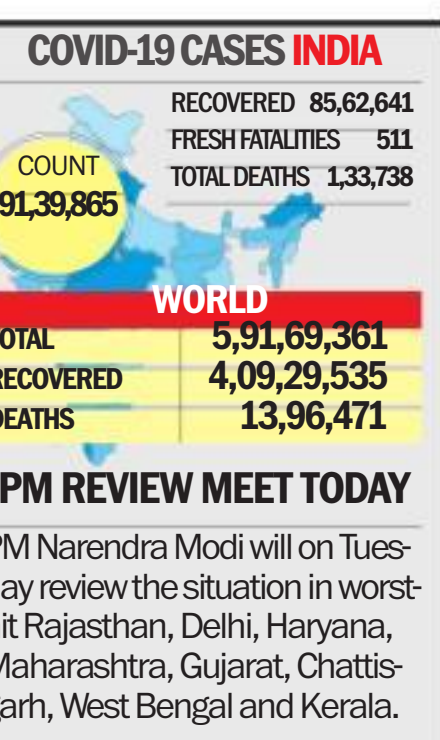
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SC pulls up Delhi, Guj govts

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
As the Covid-19 situation worsened in many parts of the country, the Supreme Court on Monday pulled up Delhi and Gujarat governments over poor handling of the pandemic. A Bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan asked all states and UTs to file status reports along with measures as also the help needed from the Centre to deal with the pandemic. Noting that the situation was likely to worsen in December, the court said all states and the Centre must take adequate steps to deal

Seeks status reports from all states

with Covid-19. “We are hearing about a huge spike in the current month. We want the latest status report from all states. Worse things may happen in December if states aren't well prepared,” it said. “We want to know how are you managing the situation, how are hospitals treating patients? ” the Bench sought to know from the Delhi Government. — TNS


Night curfew in 4 HP dists

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 23
Worried over the sudden spurt in Covid cases, the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet today re-imposed night curfew in the four worst-hit districts of Shimla, Kullu, Mandi and Kangra. It will remain in force from 8 pm to 6 am till December 15. The Cabinet also decided to shut all government educational institutions till December 31, though online studies would commence from November 26. Teachers have been allowed

OTHER DECISIONS

- Fine for not wearing a mask hiked from ₹500 to ₹1,000
- Gatherings at outdoor events capped at 200
- Buses to ply at 50 per cent capacity till December 15
- Govt educational institutions shut till December 31





to work from home for now. The attendance of Class III and IV employees in government offices has been restricted to 50 per cent. — TNS

Former Assam CM Gogoi dies of Covid

GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 23
Veteran Congress leader and a three-term former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi died here on Monday while undergoing treatment for post-Covid-19 complications, state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. He was 84 and is survived by wife Dolly, daughter Chandrima and son Gaurav, a Lok Sabha member. **BACK PAGE**

IN BRIEF

Youth shoots three, kills self in Bathinda

BATHINDA: A 22-year-old youth shot dead his ex-girlfriend and her parents at her house in the Kamla Nehru Colony in the city. Later, he committed suicide by shooting himself. The deceased have been identified as Simran Kaur (20), her father Charanjit Singh Khokhar (45) and mother Jaswinder Kaur (43). **INSIDE**

SC extends parole of Rajiv's killer

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday extended by a week the parole of Rajiv Gandhi's killer AG Perarivalan, serving life sentence, and asked the Tamil Nadu Government to provide escort to him to enable him to undergo medical tests. **BACK PAGE**

Kangana moves HC, wants FIR quashed

MUMBAI: Actress Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel filed a petition in the Bombay High Court on Monday, seeking to quash an FIR registered against them by the police for allegedly “trying to create hatred and communal tension” through their posts on social media. — TNS

After 2 months, rail services resume in Punjab



Police and dog squad carry out a check at the railway station in Patiala on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

FEROZEPUR, NOVEMBER 23
The train services were partially restored today in Punjab, exactly two months after these were discontinued on September 24 in the wake of ‘rail roko’ agitation by farmer unions in protest against the three Central farm laws. The Railways has first resumed freight and goods train movement in the state. The passenger train services would be restored in a phased manner over the next few days, said sources in the Railways. **INSIDE**

Kerala Govt puts gag law for social media on hold

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
Under fire, the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left front government in Kerala today decided to put on hold a controversial amendment to the Police Act that many described as an assault on the freedom of expression and media. The amendment, made via an ordinance, entailed up to five-year jail term to those making defamatory social media posts. Vijayan made the announcement shortly after CPM and CPI top leaders Sitaram Yechury and D Raja said in Delhi that the decision would be reconsidered. A Left leader said one way for

CUSTOMS TO ARREST CM's EX-PRINCIPAL SECY

Kochi: A special PMLA court on Monday granted permission to the Customs Department to arrest CM's ex-Principal Secy M Sivasankar, who is currently in judicial custody, in connection with the Kerala gold smuggling case. PTI

the state to get out of the quandary was to let the ordinance lapse in six months. Kerala is due for Assembly polls in April-May. — TNS

EDIT: KERALA'S U-TURN

Panipat SP booked for ex-councillor's suicide

PANIPAT, NOVEMBER 23
Panipat Superintendent of Police (SP) Manisha Choudhary and two other cops have been booked for allegedly abetting the suicide of former councillor Harish Sharma. The other two police officials against whom a case has been registered under Sections 306 (abetment to suicide) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC include SI Baljeet Singh and ASI Mahabir Singh. A police complaint was lodged by Sharma's daughter today, in which she

FIR AGAINST PROTESTERS FOR BLOCKING HIGHWAY

The police on Monday lodged a separate case against a large number of people for allegedly blocking National Highway-44 for over three hours after placing Harish Sharma's body on the road and pelting the police with stones.

alleged they were harassed by the accused, following which her father ended his life. The former councillor had jumped into a canal on Thursday. — TNS

Amid LAC standoff, key Army posts lying vacant for months

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
Last Friday when the Ministry of Defence (MoD) okayed the posting of Lt Gen SK Sharma, Commander of the Jalandhar-based 11 Corps, as the next Director General of Military Intelligence (DGMI), the Army finally got a regular DGMI.

The post had been vacant for more than six weeks, which was unusual in itself. The DGMI, as the name suggests, coordinates various human sourced and technical inputs on enemy movement and own action along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan and the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. In what is a further indication of the slow decision-making, the crucial posts of Director General of Infantry and Director General of Aviation have been vacant for several months even as Indian armed

NEW HEADS AWAITED

- **Director General of Infantry**
PROFILE: Advises Army Chief on equipment, battle worthiness and training of Infantry. Responsible for modernisation. Infantry largely deployed along LoC and LAC
- **DG of Army Aviation**
PROFILE: In charge of all flying ops, including new raisings
- **DGMI APPOINTED AFTER 6 WKS**
- **Director General of Military Intelligence (DGMI)** coordinates inputs on enemy movement with own action



PROMOTIONS PUT OFF TOO

- Promotions, postings of 39 officers in the ranks of Maj Gen and Lt Gen cleared last week after over 4-5 months
- Selection board for Colonels behind schedule by 6 months

TARDY HANDLING BY NEW DEPT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Delay in promotions is raising scepticism over the new Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
- Task of promotions was handed over from Dept of Defence (DoD) to DMA, which was set in January. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat is DMA Secretary

forces face a belligerent China. The DG of Infantry is tasked to advise the Army Chief on matters of equipment, battle worthiness and training of Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Army. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

Shringla briefs diplomats on Nagrota incident

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Monday briefed a select group of Heads of Missions on the planned terrorist attack in Nagrota district of Jammu on November 19, which was foiled by security forces. In what will be the first of several briefings to be conducted by the MEA in small groups in view of the pandemic, Shringla explained the implications of the incident on security, diplomacy and the battle against terrorism. **BACK PAGE**

Khalid hatched conspiracy to fuel Delhi riots: Cops

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23
With an aim to launch propaganda on “atrocities” against minorities in India, former JNU student leader Umar Khalid hatched a conspiracy to fuel Delhi riots during US President Donald Trump's visit in February this year, the police have alleged in the chargesheet filed on Sunday under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Quoting the chargesheet, sources said, Khalid allegedly left Delhi on February 23 for Patna and came back on February 27 as part of the



Umar Khalid

His aim was to create trouble during Trump visit: Chargesheet

conspiracy. It further alleged that the accused held meeting with other co-accused at


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Helixians shine in North-India in NEET-20

(as per official lists shown by UT/States)

1st


CHANDIGARH



Gurkirat Singh

1st


PUNJAB



Ishita Garg

1st


J & K



Avikshit Gupta

1st


HARYANA



Kashvi Mehta


Other Top Rankers

3rd HP




Rakshit Vashisth

3rd CHD




Priyanka

4th HP




Arju Rayta

5th PB




Navjot Singh

8th HP



Purva Vashist

9th PB



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Trains back on track in state

Freight movement begins | Passenger trains to run in phased manner

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, NOVEMBER 23

The train services were partially restored today in the state, exactly two months after they were discontinued on September 24 in the wake of ‘rail roko’ agitation by farmer unions in protest against the Central farm laws. The Railways has first resumed freight and goods train movement in the state. The passenger train services would be restored in a phased manner over the next few days, starting tonight.

A Lucknow-bound goods train loaded with gypsum today started from Jammu and crossed Punjab in the evening. Another empty BTPN (bogge tank wagon for loading of petrol) was moved from Jalandhar to Delhi in the afternoon.

As per the information available, a tentative plan to resume 40 mail and express trains in the region has been chalked by the Northern Railway. Officials said 14 trains would remain cancelled till further orders and 39 partially cancelled or short-terminated.



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<< Officials inspect rail tracks in Jalandhar. PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

DRM (Ferozepur Division) Rajesh Aggarwal said the plan for the restoration was subject to track safety and clearance to be received by the respective divisions, besides from the state government and security units. In this division, a total of 17 trains would be restored, including eight for Punjab and nine for Jammu and Katra, he said.

Treading cautiously, the Railways has put maximum speed limit of 60kmph for security reasons. The DRM said the rail tracks were checked throughout last night by the inspection teams. “After

finding the inspection reports satisfactory, the trains were resumed”, said another official, adding it would take a few days for the rail services to limp back to normalcy. The DRM said the “Golden Temple” Express from Mumbai Central to Amritsar, which was earlier being short-terminated at Ambala would come to Amritsar on Monday night. Similarly the train service from Amritsar-Haridwar will also be resumed Tuesday morning. Similarly, the other trains, including the Ferozepur-Dhanbad Express from Ferozepur to Lucknow

via Saharanpur will start Tuesday evening.

The other trains which will be resumed by Tuesday include Paschim Deluxe Express Covid-19 Special, Saryu-Yamuna Covid-19 Special, Amritsar Shatabadi Covid-19 Special, Dhanbad-Ferozepur Covid-19 Special, Nagpur-Amritsar Covid-19 Special, Begampura Festival Special and Gorakhpur Jammu-Tawi Amarnath Festival Special. “As per the availability of parcels, the number of goods trains will be increased” he said.

Railway porters, catering staff look forward to working again

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PATIALA, NOVEMBER 23

With a glimmer of hope after a nine-month layoff, licensed porters and kiosk owners at railway stations now expect to make both ends meet as farmers have allowed train services to resume in and via Punjab.

Out of business ever since the lockdown in March and later after the farmer agitation, porters and railway caterers are hopeful of coming out of their financially harsh days.

An integral part of the railway station scene since the colonial times, porters have been the worst hit. “Last time, I saw a hundred rupee note was in January. Following the lockdown and trains being cancelled, I have been borrowing and eating into my limited resources,” says Bhanu Singh, a porter for past two decades. “This has been the worst year of my life when managing daily ration also became tough,” he adds.

When travel restrictions were imposed in March to check the spread of Covid, coolies were among the first to lose their livelihood as there were no passengers who needed them to carry their luggage. “Life has been tough. My wife now works as a maid in houses while my son is working at a



An employee cleans the Amritsar railway station. VISHAL KUMAR

DEVELOPMENT BRINGS CHEER TO COOLIES

“Many of my colleagues returned to their native place to avoid dying of poverty. We hope that we will get work again as trains are back on track.

A coolie at Ludhiana railway station

local shop as a helper,” says Pritpal, another coolie.

“We have been surviving on *chutney-roti* or sometimes just on *roti*. I had to borrow money against my goats at my ancestral village but still, survival was tough,” Pritpal says. A similar situation was faced by kiosk owners or caterers selling tea and other eatables at railway platforms. What went against them was that though they work for the Railways, they are not exactly railway employees.

“We get some relaxation for

travelling in trains but we do not receive salary from the Railways. Though the licence fee renewal was waived after March 31, work and money stopped coming. My shop has been closed since March and when I opened it for a few days, the farmers blocked train movement and again, I suffered losses,” says Mangat Rai, a kiosk owner at Patiala railway station.

There are around 20,000 coolies across the country. Of them, around 300 work at different stations of Punjab.

CPI relents after police promise to arrest killers

FAZILKA, NOVEMBER 23

After assurance by the SSP, Fazilka, to arrest the assailants in CPI leader Hans Raj Golden assault case, party workers postponed their dharna scheduled to be held here today. They were also to gherao the office of the SSP.

A deputation of CPI leaders led by district unit joint secretary Surinder Singh Dhandian and party leaders Darshan Ram and Parmjit Singh Dhaban met SSP Harjeet Singh demanding arrest of assailants who had allegedly assaulted CPI district unit secretary Hans Raj Golden last month.

Golden and others leaders in a press conference had demanded the arrest of Aman Kamboj Sakoda, who reportedly was involved in several criminal cases. Golden had said Skoda was declared a proclaimed offender by the court, but the police failed to nab him. — OC

DGP in Bathinda as dera followers’ stir on

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 23

Dera Sacha Sauda followers’ protest on Monday entered the third day at their state headquarters in Salabatpura with the police yet to arrest the accused who murdered dera member Manohar Lal on October 20.

With more dera followers joining the protest, DGP Dinkar Gupta today reached Bathinda to review the ground situation. He held a meeting with police officers and is expected to submit his report to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on the prevailing situation.

The state government this time is in no mood to take any chances as Bathinda was the epicenter of the 2007 dera-Sikh clash. The Sacha Sauda sect wields considerable influence in the Malwa region of Punjab.

Despite the fact that the Sukha Gill Lamme gang has taken the responsibility for the killing and there’s CCTV footage of the inci-

Pressure on cops as no headway in dera follower murder case

dent, the police have failed to make any breakthrough in the case yet.

The pressure is mounting on the police as Dera followers are adamant on continuing the protest and not cremating the body till the killers are arrested.

Dera followers claim seven persons owing allegiance to the sect have been murdered in the recent past and the administration has failed to bring the guilty to justice. Dera member Manohar Lal was shot dead at his shop at Bhagta Bhainka in the district on Friday. Manohar Lal is the father of Jatinderbir Singh Jimmy Arora, who is accused in a sacrilege incident at Gurusar village in Bathinda. — TNS

Coalraker reaches Talwandi Sabo power plant

MANSA, NOVEMBER 23

With the resumption of rail services, a train carrying coal has reached Talwandi Sabo Power Limited in Mansa. The arrival of the train has been confirmed by the management of the thermal plant. These trains have been started under the green signal given by the Northern Railway Department after inspecting the railway lines.

Faced with an acute shortage of coal following the farmers protesting on rail tracks leading to power plant

Thermal plants are out of coal stock

at Baniwala in Mansa district, the TSPL earlier had to stall its power production as it had run out of coal stock.

The farmers had been agitating on the rail tracks since October 1, leading to disruption in the coal rake movement. The situation had become serious as other thermal plants across the state had also faced similar situations, but with the start of good trains carrying coal, the situation would improve in coming days. — TNS

Bathinda youth shoots ex-girlfriend, her parents before killing himself

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BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 23

A 22-year-old youth shot dead his ex-girlfriend and her parents at her house in the densely populated Kamla Nehru Colony in the city. Later, he committed suicide by shooting himself.

The deceased have been identified as Simran Kaur (20), her father Charanjit Singh Khokhar (45), who worked as a secretary at a cooperative society in Bibi-wala village and mother Jaswinder Kaur (43). The youth has been identified as Yuvikaran Singh of Mansa Khurd village.

Bathinda SSP Bhupinderjit Singh Virk said, “Three persons were found murdered at a house today after which teams were constituted. The police cracked the case within four hours.” He said the youth, before going to Simran’s house on Sunday night, recorded a video on his phone in which he accused Simran of blackmailing him for getting him implicated in a rape case if he did not marry her.

In the video, the youth alleged that he was in a relationship with Simran two



Relatives of the victims outside their house in Bathinda. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Records video accusing girl of threatening to implicate him in rape case

years ago but sometime back, he came to know that she was in a relationship with a man in Canada, due to which he broke up with her.

Later, she started harassing him to get married to her. When he did not attend her calls, she started calling and harassing his parents. Irrked, he took the extreme step.

The SSP said the police had seized the weapon used in the crime. It was a licensed weapon registered in the

name of his brother. After his death, the family members of Yuvikaran cremated his body without informing anyone.

The incident took place on Sunday night around 8.30 pm but came to light on Monday morning when the milkman came, but no one answered the doorbell. After getting the information, the police reached the spot and went inside the house, where they found bodies of three persons in a pool of blood.

Race on for new Sikh apex body chief



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 23

The SGPC’s command will be handed over to its new president for the next term on November 27 when the general house meeting of the Sikh body has been scheduled. Other office-bearers and the executive body will also be elected as per Gurdwaras Act 1925.

With SAD enjoying a majority in the House, party president Sukhbir Singh Badal reserves all rights to take a final call. He has already started having “deliberation” sessions with SGPC members. Gobind Singh Longowal, the

incumbent president, has successfully completed his third term. He headed the SGPC in 2017, 2018 and again in 2019.

In the absence of any “suitable” face in the existing body, he might be told to continue for another term.

However, speculations are also rife about a change in the command of the Sikhs’ body which has invited the ire of the global Sikh community due to the 328 missing ‘saroops’ of Guru Granth Sahib and misappropriation by its officials and staff members while indicating sheer lack of administrative control.

Though the SGPC had dismissed or suspended the erring officials, submitted public apology before the Akal Takht and faced religious punishment, the resentment against

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the SGPC never died.

Earlier too, the command was changed in 2016 after a crisis erupted due to the flip-flop exoneration of Dera Sirsa cult in 2015 when Kirpal Singh Badungar succeeded Avtar Singh Makkar. Nonetheless, SGPC’s former chief Bibi Jagir Kaur and veteran SAD leader Tota Singh are in the race for the post.

Bibi Jagir Kaur (66) said

that it would be the party’s discretion to choose the candidate, but admitted the administrative lapse that led to disappearance of ‘saroops’ and leniency in handling it. “Whosoever occupies the coveted seat ought to be a vigilant and a strong administrator,” she said.

Tota Singh (79), the old guard of the party, said, “I am not projecting myself to head the SGPC, but I would have no hesitation if the party considers my experience.”

As per information, Sukhbir Badal will hold a customary meeting with the members on November 26 before opening the cards.

On the other hand, dissident Akali parties including SAD (Democratic), SAD (Taksali) and other Sikh organisations may try to incorporate their members in the 15-member executive body.

Cane crushing starts, growers await last year’s dues

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23

The cane season in Punjab has begun, but without the state advised price (SAP) being announced by the government and without the dues of growers being cleared for the last year’s crushing season.

As farmers begin to get their cane to sugar mills, both private and cooperative, they are accepting their cane for crushing without committing to the price at which they accept cane. For the past three years cane has been bought by sugar mills at Rs 295- Rs 310 per quintal as the state government has not increased the SAP.

This time round, farmers are demanding an increase in the SAP of cane to at least Rs 360 per quintal as Haryana has raised the SAP to Rs 350



Tractor-trailers laden with sugarcane wait outside a sugar mill in Jalandhar on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BITTER REALITY

MAIN DEFAULTERS	AMOUNT DUE
■ Wahid Sandhar Sugars Limited	₹73.50 crore
■ Chadha Sugar and Industries Limited:	₹37 crore
■ Ajnala Cooperative Sugar Mill:	₹21.50 crore
■ Gurdasapur Cooperative Sugar Mill:	₹17 crore
■ Nawanshahr Cooperative Sugar Mill:	₹15 crore

per quintal. Jangveer Singh, a cane grower from Tanda, told *The Tribune* that the prices of sugar were hovering at Rs 3,400 per quintal and were unlikely to fall even in the wake of high production as the Centre had allowed the use of sugar to make ethanol.

FIRs fail to stop crop inflow from other states

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, NOVEMBER 23

Despite numerous FIRs registered in various parts of the state, paddy and cotton-laden trucks and tractor-trailers from other states are still coming here.

For instance, the district police yesterday seized a truck carrying 750 bags of paddy crop coming from Rajasthan. Further, seven tractor-trailers loaded with cotton crop from Rajasthan were seized in

Nearly 80 vehicles have been intercepted this harvesting season in Muktsar

Gidderbaha last week.

In such a situation, the farmers and officials of Punjab Mandi Board are on alert. Notably, this practice had started last month.

After a report on traders buying paddy from UP, selling it in Punjab mandis’ appeared in *The Tribune*, the police launched a crackdown against those bringing farm

produce from other states.

Ranjit Singh, a farmer, said, “We are still vigilant and intercepting vehicles bringing the crop from other states. The traders are making quick money after buying the crop at a cheaper price. They are also evading the market committee fee and manipulating the figures of crop yield of our state.”

In the past, the paddy crop from faraway states like UP and MP too had come here. Sources said that nearly 80 vehicles had been intercepted this harvesting season in this district alone. A senior police officer said that whenever they get any complaint in this regard, they take quick action. Normally, such cases are being registered under Section 420 of the IPC. Sources however claimed that though the cases were being registered, hardly anyone was arrested in such cases.

Man, wife die in road mishap

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 23

A man and his wife were killed on the spot while another woman suffered serious injuries last night after their motorcycle was hit by a speedy Bolero car near Roshanwala village.

The police said KP Singh along with his wife Harwinder Kaur and another woman were going back to Retgarh village after working in a factory at Harkrishanpura. When they reached near Roshanwala, their motorcycle was hit by a Bolero. — TNS

State reports 748 cases, 17 deaths

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 The state reported 748 cases and 17 deaths in the last 24 hours.

As per media bulletin released on Monday, with fresh cases the total number of cases has reached 1,47,057 and number of deaths has reached 4,631.

At present 137 patients are on oxygen support and 11 are on ventilator support. As far as deaths are concerned, the state reported 17 deaths in the last 24

COVID DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	22,140	884
Jalandhar	17,073	535
Amritsar	12,687	478
Patiala	14,089	414
SAS Nagar	14,554	267

hours. In district wise breakup, Fazilka, Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and SBS Nagar reported two deaths each, Amritsar, Barnala, Bathinda, Muktsar and SAS Nagar reported one each.



A health official takes a swab sample of a woman in Jalandhar.

2 Covid deaths in CDPO office, Jalandhar ashram on toes

Gandhi Vanita Ashram houses several govt offices and four shelter homes with 180 inmates

APARNA BANERJI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 23 The entire staff of Gandhi Vanita Ashram was tested for Covid-19 today after two senior assistants in the office of the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) East died from the infection.

One of the assistants died yesterday, while the other on November 20. Both were 50 years of age. The twin deaths have set alarm bells ringing at the ashram as the CDPO office is the hub of child development and protection services in Jalandhar.

The CDPO office plays a supervisory role at the ashram which houses four shelter homes – Children’s Home, Children’s Home for Girls, Observation Home (with a combined strength of about 180 inmates) and the Widows’ Home. The offices of the Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board and Pension Department and Government Girls High School are on the ashram premises. Officials are worried about Children’s Home (for runaway girls) which currently has 100 inmates – double the

No checks, residents throw mask norms to the wind

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 Though the state is witnessing another Covid spike, people seem to be showing laxity in wearing masks.

A few weeks back, the Health Department carried out a field survey of mask compliance and it was found that a majority of population was wearing a mask though many were wearing it improperly.

Majority of population in the industrial town of Ludhiana was seen without a mask. During the recent festival season, it was visible how people had thrown safety norms to the wind.

A survey highlighting ‘Public Behaviour Regarding Effective Mask Usage in Ludhiana City’ was recently conducted jointly by a team of DMC Hospital and Ludhiana district police and it was found that 60 per cent of people wore a mask and now, the target was to make the remaining 40 per cent wear it.



In Bathinda, it seems people have shown thumbs down to masks and are unfazed by the spike in Covid cases. PAVAN SHARMA

FOLLOWING RULES CAN CHECK 2ND WAVE

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Dr Rajesh Bagha, Civil Surgeon, said if 90 per cent residents in the district started wearing masks properly, there were 80 per cent chances to control the second wave of Covid, which was expected to

arrive in mid-December.

A reality check revealed that the situation was not much different in other parts of the state, including Amritsar, Pathankot, Sangrur, Barnala and Faridkot, where res-



Gandhi Vanita Ashram in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

‘ALL STAFF TESTED’

“The entire staff at Gandhi Vanita and DPO office has been tested. The inmates will be tested on Tuesday. Ghanshyam Das Thori, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

sanctioned limit. Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Das Thori said the testing

of inmates had been scheduled for tomorrow. Three supervisors of the

SAD protests, seeks rape case against Bains

LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 23 The SAD today staged a protest outside the office of the Commissioner of Police against Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) MLA Simarjit Singh Bains over the alleged rape charge levelled against him and demanded registration of an FIR and his arrest.

Those who took part in the protest included party leaders Maheshinder Singh Grewal, Sharanjit Singh Dhillon, Hira Singh Gabria, Harish Rai Dhanda and Ranjit Singh Dhillon. They claimed that despite a written complaint by the victim, till date the police had not registered a case.

Meanwhile, the Mahila Morcha of the BJP submitted a memorandum to the Commissioner of Police and demanded justice for the “rape victim”. —TNS



Change of guard in RSS after 26 yrs

VISHAV BHARTI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 After a gap of 26 years, Punjab RSS witnessed a change of guard as Iqbal Singh Ahluwalia, a former Food Corporation of India employee, replaced RSS veteran Brijbhushan Bedi on Sunday.

Ahluwalia (70), who hails from Sangrur, was elected at a state-level meeting of the sangh. His name was proposed by Bedi. Sources in the sangh said that Bedi was citing old age for the past some time and wanted to get relieved of the responsibility.

Some time back, Ahluwalia was made joint sangh state sanchalak. Sources in the RSS said that eyeing the huge population of Hindus in Mal-

AHLUWALIA TAKES CHARGE	
Iqbal Singh Ahluwalia, son of a ‘sangh sanchalak’, became active in the RSS at the age of nine when he started going to the ‘shakha’ along with his father. He has been active in the RSS since 1963 and has worked at Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram, a social arm of the RSS.	
BEDI RELIEVED	
Brijbhushan Bedi (90) became active in the sangh in his teen years. He was part of the RSS even during Partition in 1947. Bedi, who hailed from Amritsar, has been sangh sanchalak for the past 26 years.	

wa, RSS has cleverly chosen the new state head from Sangrur.

Ahluwalia said he got associated with the RSS in 1963. He said that his aim was to expand the RSS’ social work in Punjab. “I am not interested in politics,” he said.

Ahluwalia, a Sikh, has

been elected leader of the RSS in the times when leaders of radical Hindu organisations are on the hit list of radical Sikh bodies. Ahluwalia remained evasive about the fact that radical Hindu leaders are being targeted in the state. “We all are together. There is no such issue,” he said.

Cops in U’khand to bring Bishnoi’s aide

MUKTSAR, NOVEMBER 23

A month after the daylight murder of Ranjit Singh, alias Rana, the Muktsar police have sent a team to Uttarakhand to bring an aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi on production warrant here.

Malout (Sadar) police station SHO Malket Singh said: “A team has been sent to Haldwani jail to bring Monu, alias

The police have got evidence against Monu, a sharpshooter, who is behind the Malout killing

Sukha, a sharpshooter, who is an aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, on production warrant. The team is expected to reach here tomorrow. We have got evidence against Monu, who is behind the killing of

Rana. Besides, two more accused have been identified, but they are on the run.”

Rana, a former kabaddi player and resident of Muktsar town, was associated with the National Students Union of

India and facing nearly a dozen criminal cases. He was shot dead by four armed attackers at Aulakh village on the Muktsar-Malout Road here on October 22. Rana was waiting for his pregnant wife outside a doctor’s clinic in the village when the attackers, who were following his car, pumped 15 bullets into him and fled. He died on the spot. — TNS

45 lakh issued health e-cards

CHANDIGARH: The state Health Department has issued 45 lakh health e-cards under the

Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana and 4.66 lakh beneficiaries have availed the facility. TNS

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Dept eases certification norms for buildings

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 Amid technical issues related to online approval of layout plans, Punjab’s Department of Local Bodies has allowed self-certification by architects for residential and commercial buildings of plot size up to 500 sq metres and height up to 15 metres, with a silt of 2.5 metres.

For industrial buildings, there will be no restriction with respect to plot size and height, under the Punjab Municipal Building Bylaws, 2018.

The guidelines have been issued to clear backlog created by the delayed approval through ‘e-naksha’.

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Launched in January 2019, the digital platform for the online submission of plans has been facing teething problems. The online building plan approval system (OBPS) covers 165 urban local bodies and 27 improvement trusts.

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Booked in liquor case, dist YC chief goes into hiding

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AMRITSAR/TARN TARAN, NOV 23 Tarn Taran’s district Youth Congress chief Harman Sekhon’s alleged involvement in the illicit liquor trade has come as a big embarrassment for the party as it was already facing a lot of criticism from the Opposition over its “failure” to curb illegal liquor smuggling.

Earlier, a close aide of Congress MLA Ramanjit Singh Sikki was accused of sheltering bootleggers following the hooch tragedy that claimed over 125 lives in the Majha region.

Harman Sekhon is considered as a close aide of Congress MLA from Patti Har-minder Singh Gill. Sekhon has gone underground.

Sekhon’s cousin Supreet Sekhon was produced in the court which has extended his police remand by three days.

The Amritsar rural police busted an alleged illegal liquor smuggling racket with the arrest of five persons on Saturday. They were identi-

His cousin’s police remand extended

fied as Lovepreet Singh of Kaler Kalan, Karanpreet Singh of Kaile Kalan, Pehaljit Singh of Ghuman Kalan, Lovepreet Singh of Ghuman Kalan, all residents of Gurdaspur and Baljinder Singh of Patti (Tarn Taran). Their interrogation led to the arrest of alleged kingpin Supreet Singh, alias Joti Sekhon.

Supreet’s interrogation further led to the busting of around eight illegal liquor vends in Patti in Tarn Taran that have been operating without any licence. However, Dhru-man Nimbale, SSP, Tarn Taran, said he had sought a report from the excise department about these vends. Excise officials in Tarn Taran said all the vends had been sealed.

Police sources said the accused used to label the smuggled liquor and then sell it in different parts of the Majha region.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Dhruvika d/o Swatantar Kumar r/o 95, Phase-I, New Grain Market, Patiala, have changed my name to Dhruvika Adkyl. (CL20065869)

I, Jagtar Singh s/o Nachhattar Singh r/o Kotha Guru, Teh. Phul, Distt. Bathinda, Punjab-151206, have changed my name to Jagtar Singh Samra. (CL20065868)

I, Sugandh Bala d/o LT. Ranjit Pathak w/o Parmod Kumar Shukla r/o # 1510, B2, Pinjore, Distt. Panchkula (HR) have changed my name to Pinky Shukla after marriage. (CL20065752)

I, Veena Kumari spouse of Balbir Singh Resident of 100/1, Bank Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Veena Kumari to Veena Rani vide affidavit dated 20 Nov. 2020. (CL20065758)

I, Mohan Lal s/o Sham Lal r/o H.No. 373/2, W. No. 2, Chirian Mohalla Samana, Distt. Patiala, have changed my name from Mohan Lal to Mohan Verma. (CL20065780)

I, Jit Singh S/o S. Rakha Singh Village Singhpur, Teh. Anandpur Distt. Ropar have changed my name from Jit Singh to Ajit Singh. All concerned please note. (CL20065813)

I, Ajay Singh s/o Bijender Singh r/o VPO. Lahr, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Pb. declare that I belong to Rajput Sikh religion vide affidavit No. 22198 Dt. 17.3.2020 before Executive Magistrate, Derabassi. (CL20065822)

I, Happy s/o Kuldeep Singh r/o VPO. Lahr, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Pb. declare that I belong to Ramdasia Sikh religion vide affidavit No. 11032 Dt. 20.11.2020 before Executive Magistrate, Derabassi. (CL20065823)

I, Abhishek s/o Subhash Kumar r/o VPO. Lahr, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Pb. declare that I belong to Ramdasia Sikh religion vide affidavit No. 11034 Dt. 20.11.2020 before Executive Magistrate, Derabassi. (CL20065825)

I, Rupinder w/o Late Sh. Gurmit Singh r/o # 757, Sector-78, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Rupinder Kaur. (CL20065826)

I, Amrinder Singh Bajwa s/o Jasbir Singh Bajwa r/o # 653, Ph. 3BI, Sector-60, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) have changed my minor daughter's name from Harshita to Harshita Bajwa. (CL20065827)

I, Chetna Chopra d/o Late Sh. Lajpat Rai Chopra w/o Gurmeet Singh Noor r/o H.No. 1109/1, Sector 29-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Chetna Noor after marriage. (CL20065834)

I, Neelam A Lal w/o Albert Arun Lal r/o 12355, St No 3, Near Radhu Swami Satsang Ghar, Kabir Nagar Tibba Road, Jodhewal Basti Ludhiana, have changed my name to Neelam Lal. (CL20065855)

I, Ramesh Bala w/o Late Krishan Lal Sharma r/o 41-G, Station Area, W/No. 7, Nilokheri (Karnal), inform my son Nitin Sharma and his wife Yachna are out of my control. I debar them from my moveable and immovable property. Anyone who deals with them will do so at his own risk and responsibility. (CL20065858)

I, Vijay Kumar Bansal old name, new name Vijay Bansal s/o Banarsi Dass r/o H.No. 154/1, Ward No. 3, Adarsh Colony, Rajbaw Road, Badlipur, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, H.P., have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Bansal (previous name) to Vijay Bansal (new name). All concerned please may note. (CL20065871)

I, Parveen Kumar s/o Om Parkash r/o Samana, now at present residence H. No. 840, Anand Nagar, Extension Patiala declares that his son Saurabh Garg and his wife Monu Rani are out of my control. So, I disowned my son Saurabh Garg, his wife Monu Rani and their child Daanish from my all moveable and immovable property. I and my family shall not be responsible for their any paper number 1049059739 a.com

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In the Court of
Dr. Gagan Deep Kaur
Additional Civil Judge
(Senior Division)-8,
Fatehgarh Sahib.
Civil Suit 789/2018
PBFG02001278-2020

Gurcharan Singh age about 72 years son of Late Sh. Gurtar Singh alias Kartar Singh son of Puran Singh alias Sampuran Singh resident of Village Gunia Majra, Tehsil and Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, now resident of Ward No. 40, Late Green Enclave, Patiala, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala. ...Plaintiff

Versus
1. Manjit Kaur d/o Late Gurtar Singh alias Kartar Singh wife of Hariner Singh resident of Kothi No. 5, Sewak Colony, Patiala, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala and others (copy of Head Note attached notice to Defendant No. 2, as per Head Note attached herewith.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 11.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs= district_notice&district=fatehgarhsahib
Dated, this day of 11.11.2020
Sd/- Dr. Gagan Deep Kaur
Additional Civil Judge
(Senior Division)-8,
CL19166284 Fatehgarh Sahib.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Hoshiarpur.

Parvinder Kaur age 41 years wife of Kulwinder Singh resident of Village Zarbidwal P S Bulloval, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur. ...Petitioner

Versus
Kulwinder Singh son of Late Sarup Singh resident of V.P.O. Behram Sarishta, Distt. Jalandhar, presently resident at Total Treat Bar and Restaurant, 47 Main Street Ocho Rios, P.O St. Ann. Jamaica West Indies. ...Respondent

Petition U/s 25 of Guardings & Wards Act

CNR No.
PBHO01-004490-2019
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Kulwinder Singh

Father:- Late Sarup Singh resident of V.P.O. Behram Sarishta, Distt. Jalandhar, presently resident at Total Treat Bar and Restaurant, 47 Main Street Ocho Rios, P.O St. Ann. Jamaica West Indies.

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Additional Principal Judge,
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CL20065762 Hoshiarpur.

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In the Court of
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Ludhiana.
Tajinder Kaur
Versus
Gurinder Singh
CNR No.
PBLD01-032330-2019
Next Date: 11.01.2021

Publication issued to:
Gurinder Singh Bedi s/o Amarjit Singh Bedi r/o 58-A, Rishi Nagar, near Shivalik Wala Doon School, Ludhiana.

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Dated, this day of 16.11.2020
Sd/-
Principal Judge
Family Court,
CL20065764 Ludhiana.

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Amarjit Singh age 30 years son of Satnam Singh resident of Village Taintpal, PO Chak Ladhian, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur. ...Petitioner

Versus
Loveleen Kaur Jhakar wife of Amarjit Singh resident of Village Taintpal, PO Chak Ladhian, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur. Daughter of Avtar Singh Jhakar r/o 6A 11 W E A Area, Chana Market Karol Bagh, New Delhi, at present residing 2260 W Lincoln Ave Apartment N 6 Anaheim California 92801 U.S.A. ...Respondent

Petition U/s 13 of Hindu Marriage Act
CNR No. PBHO01-003663-2020
Next Date: 06.01.2021
Publication issued to:
Loveleen Kaur Jhakar
Father:- Avtar Singh Jhakar, wife of Amarjit Singh resident of Village Taintpal, PO Chak Ladhian, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur r/o 6A 11 W E A Area, Chana Market Karol Bagh, New Delhi, at present residing 2260 W Lincoln Ave Apartment N 6 Anaheim California 92801 U.S.A.

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Dated, this day of 06.11.2020
Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
CL20065774 Hoshiarpur.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
(Succession Case)
In the Court of
Ms. Amandeep Kaur
Additional Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
Dasuya.

Ravinder Kaur aged 60 years w/o Goldy Multani r/o Ward No. 3, Miami, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur and others.

... Petitioners
Vs.
General Public
... Respondent

CNR No.
PBHOA0-000822-2020
Next Date: 08.01.2021

Petition under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of succession certificate in the Estate of Sh. Goldy Multani s/o Sardool Singh r/o Ward No. 3, Miami, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

Notice to: General Public

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Dated, this day of 17.11.2020.

Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
CL20065776 Dasuya.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Sonia Bala aged about 30 years daughter of Sodhi Lal resident of Village Rormazara, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur. ...Petitioner

Versus
Raman Kant son of Dilbagh Rai resident of BLK-2 LOT 4, BRGY Santo Tomas, Binan City, Laguna Philippines. ...Respondent

CNR No.: PBHO01-004982-2018
Next Date: 08.01.2021

Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act

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Raman Kant Father:- Dilbagh Rai resident of BLK-2 LOT 4, BRGY Santo Tomas, Binan City, Laguna Philippines.

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Dated, this day of 09.11.2020.
Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
CL20065777 Hoshiarpur.

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Hoshiarpur.
Balram Bagga aged 42 years son of Deepak Kumar resident of Bahadurpur, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur and others.

...Petitioner

Versus
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Petition U/s 8 of Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act 1956 read with Section 29/31 Guardianship & Wards Acts 1890.

CNR No.
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Dated, this day of 06.11.2020
Sd/-
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
CL20065807 Hoshiarpur.

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Manjinder Kaur
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court-II,
Jalandhar.

Manjinder Kaur w/o Amarvir Singh r/o VPO Bal, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar.

Versus
Amarvir Singh s/o Ajit Singh r/o VPO Bal, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar at present Via LOC RUGARLO N38 BARDI PARMA ITALY.
Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.
CNR No.
PBJL01-012949-2019
Next Date: 18.12.2020

Publication issued to:
Amarvir Singh

Father:- Ajit Singh, VPO Bal, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar at present Via LOC RUGARLO N38 BARDI PARMA ITALY.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 18.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 03.11.2020
Sd/-
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court-II,
CL20065809 Jalandhar.

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Harreet Kaur Kaleka
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court-I, Jalandhar.
Kamaljit Kaur aged 23 years w/o Satpal Singh daughter of Sh. Surinder Singh r/o House No. 10, Madhuban Colony, Near Canal Road, Jalandhar

Versus
Satpal s/o Kirpal Singh R/o 233 Dyal Nagar near Shahnai Palace near Avtar Nagar, Jalandhar
CNR No.: PBJL01-006162-2018
Next Date: 25.01.2021

Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce
Publication issued to:
Satpal Father:- Kirpal Singh R/o 233 Dyal Nagar near Shahnai Palace near Avtar Nagar, Jalandhar Punjab.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 25.01.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 29.10.2020.
Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court-I,
CL20065811 Jalandhar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Harreet Kaur Kaleka,
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court-I,
Jalandhar.

Jatinder Pal Singh S/o Sh. Lakhbir Singh S/o Late Sh. Kundan Singh R/o Flat No. 8, Nightingale House, 94 Inkerman Street Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1JD, U.K. at present Village Jandu Singha, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.

Versus
Gagandeep Kaur W/o Jatinder Pal Singh daughter of Surinder Singh, R/o House No. 11496, Street No. 2, Subhash Nagar, Main Road, Basti Jodhewali, Ludhiana.

CNR No. PBJL01-018726-2018
Next Date: 19.01.2021

Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for Dissolution of Marriage by a Decree of Divorce.

Publication issued to: Gagandeep Kaur Spouse: Jatinder Pal Singh daughter of Surinder Singh, R/o House No. 11496, Street No. 2, Subhash Nagar, Main Road, Basti Jodhewali, Ludhiana.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 19.01.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 29.10.2020.
Sd/- Additional Principal Judge
Family Court-I,
CL20065824 Jalandhar.

State has power to investigate sacrilege cases, reiterates HC

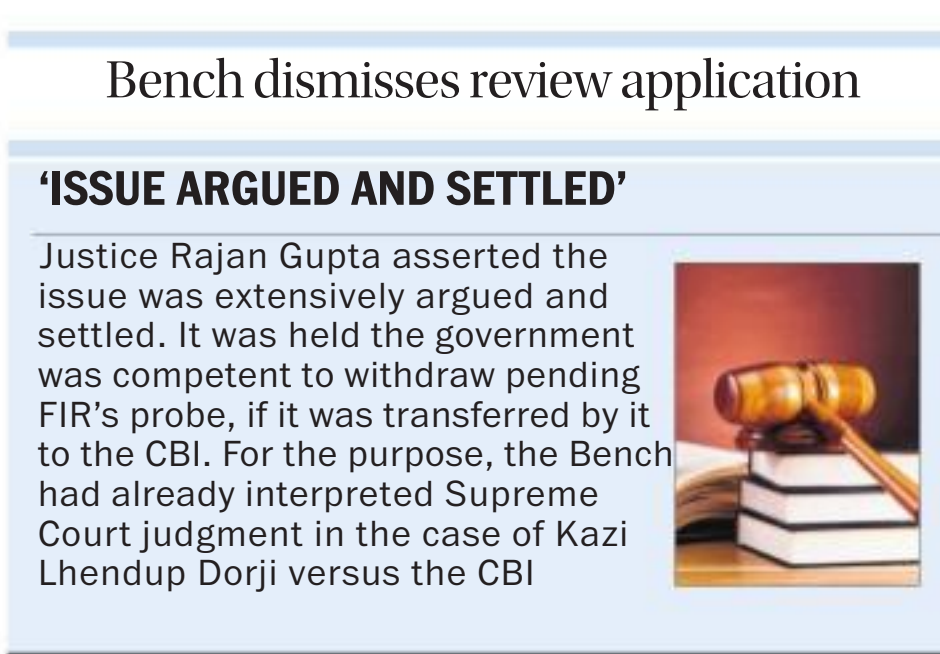
SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23
The Punjab and Haryana High Court today virtually reiterated that the Punjab Government had the power to probe sacrilege cases by dismissing a review application filed by an accused in the matter.

Applicant Sukhjinder Singh was seeking review of Justice Rajan Gupta's order dated January 25, 2019, upholding a Vidhan Sabha resolution to withdraw consent for a CBI probe. The order was upheld by a Division Bench and attained finality after the Supreme Court turned down the CBI's plea on the technical ground of delay in approaching it.

Sukhjinder Singh, among other things, claimed the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act granted the state the power to give consent for a CBI probe. But the Act did not have a provision for permitting the state to withdraw such consent.



Bench dismisses review application

'ISSUE ARGUED AND SETTLED'

Justice Rajan Gupta asserted the issue was extensively argued and settled. It was held the government was competent to withdraw pending FIR's probe, if it was transferred by it to the CBI. For the purpose, the Bench had already interpreted Supreme Court judgment in the case of Kazi Lhendup Dorji versus the CBI

Justice Gupta, during the course of hearing, observed the consent's withdrawal had already been argued and settled by the High Court. As such, it was pointless to agitate the issue as the matter had attained finality up to the Supreme Court.

Responding, his counsel submitted the applicant was never a party before the court during the first round of litigation. Secondly, the FIRs — subject matter of the first round — were separate. Two FIRs on the police fir-

ing were never investigated by the CBI and were withdrawn before the files could physically be handed over.

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Punjab Advocate General

Exams of 7 pharmacy colleges cancelled over mass copying

Dept to issue show-cause notice to 'errant' institutes

The Tribune IMPACT

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 23

The *Tribune* highlighted mass copying in seven pharmacy colleges of the district, the authorities of the Technical Education and Industrial Training Department have cancelled the exams and decided to issue show-cause notices within a week to cancel the affiliation of the colleges. Apart from it, the authorities have also ordered chargesheeting the members of the flying squad deputed to check copying during exams.

“After reading news in *The Tribune*, we ordered an inquiry. It was found that mass copying took place in seven pharmacy colleges in the recently concluded exams. We have cancelled the papers. During reexamination, the invigilating staff will be deputed from government ITIs and examination centres will be formed at government polytechnic colleges/ITIs. CCTVs will also be installed



'WON'T SPARE GUILTY'

Stubble burning up 44% in state

9,512 active fire locations reported from Sept 25 to Nov 22

PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, NOVEMBER 23

All warnings of the state government to farmers not to burn crop residue seem to have failed to get the desired results, with the state recording a 44 per cent increase in cases of stubble burning.

As per data available, the state reported 9,512 active fire locations (AFLs) from September 25 to November 22, while the number was 6,581 last season.

Fatehabad led the tally with 1,974 cases, followed by Kaithal (1,557), Jind (1,164), Karnal (1,051), Kurukshetra (843), Ambala (806), Sirsa (631) and Yamunanagar (507). Meanwhile, air quality index (AQI), which had improved from poor to moderate or good after post Diwali showers, turned poor again by 4 pm on Monday.

Hisar and Fatehabad were in the very poor category with AQI at 321 and 319, respectively. Gurugram



Fatehabad leads the tally with 1,974 farm fire cases. FILE PHOTO

NEED TO VERIFY DATA

“Active fire locations (AFLs) are being reported with the help of two satellites. There was a data mismatch when teams of officials went to fields and found no trace of fire at several places. The Agriculture Department will verify the data.”

S Narayanan, MEMBER SECRETARY, HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(285), Jind (284), Rohtak (278), Ambala (277), Faridabad (272), Yamunanagar (265), Bahadurgarh (257), Dharuhera (249), Manesar (245), Ballabgarh (222), Sirsa (208) and Narnaul (206)

were in the poor category. Panchkula (195), Kurukshetra (187), Karnal (179), Kaithal (165), Sonapat (157) and Nuh (110) were in moderate category, while Panipat was in the satisfactory cate-

gory with AQI at 86 AQI.

Data of the Haryana Space Application Centre had shown a rise in cases of stubble burning, said S Narayanan, member secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board.

He said AFLs were being reported with the help of two satellites, but the data got mismatched when teams went to fields and found no trace of fire at several places.

“The Chief Secretary has directed all Deputy Commissioners to get AFLs checked. The Consortium for Research on Agro-Ecosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, is also monitoring AFLs. The Agriculture Department will check data with it,” he said.

Asked about the poor quality of air, he said apart from stubble burning, industrial pollution, vehicles and other reasons contributed to air pollution.



Employees on way to work in Gurugram on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

₹500 fine no deterrent, Covid norms flouted with impunity

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23

Despite a fine of Rs 500 for not wearing masks in public, Covid protocols were openly flouted in public places across Haryana a day after Health Minister Anil Vij told DCs and SPs to ensure strictness.

Gurugram: Despite recording 650 Covid cases a day, on an average, for the last 15 days, the authorities were struggling with rampant violations. From callousness in wearing masks to absence of social distancing, protocols were being ignored in the district.

The health authorities had identified 20 key areas where the threat was worrisome due to crowding. The top areas are Sadar Bazaar, Khandsa Mandi, sector markets and Rajiv Nagar.

Panipat: Despite cases rising in Panipat and Sonapat districts, people were not following Covid protocols. People in Panipat markets — Insaar market, Salanganj market, Chaura Bazar, SD handloom market and Gur Mandi — were roaming without masks.

LAST WEEK, 17,426 CASES REPORTED

Chandigarh: The week ended November 22 recorded 17,426 Covid cases in Haryana, the second highest figure since the first case was reported on March 17. The highest number of cases so far was recorded in the week from September 14 to 20, when 17,616 cases were reported. TNS

The situation was the same in Sonapat markets — Kachey Quarter, Geeta Bhawan Chowk market and Bada Bazaar — and other public places. People were not following Covid norms.

Hisar: Covid guidelines were being violated, especially in political and private functions. Deputy Speaker Ranbir Gangwa had been holding public meetings across the district to mobilise supporters for the November 29 public event.

Photographs released by the district administration showed hardly any person in a mask at the meetings. In another violation, the municipal corporation organised a janata bazar

and musical nite at the old college ground. Mayor Gautam Sardana inaugurated this event.

Karnal: People in various markets, particularly Karan Gate, Railway road, Kunjpura road, Mughal Canal and Model Town markets, and commercial complexes were not maintaining social distancing. Several people were seen without masks and not maintaining distancing norms.

Faridabad: Violation of protocols was a major reason behind the sharp spike in cases and deaths, according to health officials. Admitting that more than 50 per cent people were still not wearing masks in public places, a district official said the police had been asked to issue challans.

Ambala: At the cloth market in Ambala City and Sadar Bazaar in Ambala Cantonment, social distancing was being ignored though a majority of people wore masks.

Jhajjar: Social distancing was not being maintained by people at the main markets in Bahadurgarh and Jhajjar though more than 75 per cent of the people wore masks.

28 succumb; 2,663 cases

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 With 2,663 fresh cases, the Covid tally in the state crossed the 2.19 lakh mark on Monday. With 28 deaths, the toll went up to 2,216.

Three deaths each were reported from Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar and Rohtak, two each from Sonapat, Ambala, Karnal, Rewari and Fatehabad and one each from Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Sirsa, Mahendragarh, Bhiwani and Jind. — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	45,086	266
Faridabad	37,418	300
Hisar	14,816	209
Sonepat	12,386	60
Ambala	9,997	120
Rohtak	10,058	107
Rewari	9,791	54
Karnal	9,267	126
Panipat	8,985	116
Panchkula	8,382	122
Kurukshetra	7,434	110
Sirsa	6,982	100
Mahendragarh	6,161	10
Yamunanagar	5,480	111
Bhiwani	5,314	94
Jhajjar	4,761	48
Fatehabad	4,099	91
Palwal	3,877	21
Jind	3,646	68
Kaithal	3,271	45
Nuh	1,490	27
Charkhi Dadri	1,262	11
Total	2,19,963	2,216

Selja: Govt hiding fatality count

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23 State Congress chief Kumari Selja on Monday blamed the government for failing to control Covid spread and alleged the actual number of casualties was not being revealed. “There are reports that actual figures of Covid deaths are hidden, which is of greater concern,” she said. — TNS

Vacant posts, poor infra ail childcare units

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23

More than 52 per cent of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in the state don't have counsellors, 67 per cent face shortage of medical officers, 58 per cent are doing without sick rooms and 54 per cent lack staff residence.

These facts have come to light in this year's social audit of all 88 CCIs across the state. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducted the audit of all CCIs across the country.

In Haryana, the audit report paints a somber picture. A

AUDIT REPORT

65% CCIs don't have child welfare officers

67% CCIs doing without medical officers

16% lack individual beds for children

18% don't plan meals in consultation with kids

pointer to the sorry state of affairs, though not part of the report, came to the fore last week. A five-year-old mentally challenged girl was found confined illegally in an open shelter home in Panipat, fol-

lowing which the Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (HSCPCR) had recommended closure of the shelter home. “We released the report recently and informed the departments concerned about its findings,” said NCPCR chief Priyank Kanoongo.

There are 54 children's homes in the state, 20 shelter homes, eight specialised adoption agencies, four observation homes and two special homes. Of the 88 CCIs, 63 come under NGOs or trusts and the remaining 25 under the state government.

As per the Juvenile Justice

Model Rules, 2016, every CCI should have a management committee and it should convene a meeting at least once every month. The report, however, states 11 CCIs (12.5 per cent of 88) don't have management committees. Of the remaining 77 CCIs, 61 institutions are not convening a meeting at least once a month.

On the shortage of staff, the audit report points out that close to 65 per cent of the CCIs don't have child welfare officers.

Jyoti Bainsa, HSCPCR chairperson, said: “We will take appropriate action on the basis of the audit report.”

Fatehabad teacher, two sons end life

HISAR, NOVEMBER 23

A government schoolteacher and his two teenage sons committed suicide by jumping into a canal near Pili Mandori village in Fatehabad district on Monday.

The deceased were identified as Kuldeep (40) of Ramsara and his sons Virender (15) and Nitish (13). The police recovered the bodies from the Bhattu Kalan branch near Pili Mandori village on Monday.

Kuldeep and his sons left

their home on a Scooty on November 19. After their family started a hunt, a helmet and a blanket were recovered near Bhattu Kalan branch.

Fatehabad DSP Satyendra Kumar said the bodies were taken to the Civil Hospital for the postmortem.

He said they would take further action after preliminary enquiry. He said the motive behind the suicide was not clear yet. Sources said Kuldeep and his wife were having marital discord. — TNS

HC allows ED plea against de-sealing

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 23

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today allowed the appeal of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), challenging the de-sealing of the Dabwali farmhouse of former Chief Minister and INLD leader Om Prakash Chautala for two weddings of his grandsons.

Appearing before the Bench of Justice Daya Chaudhary and Justice Meenakshi I Mehta, the counsel argued that the ED had taken over the property in accordance with provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and the accused was prohibited

from using and enjoying it under provisions of the Act.

He further stated that the order to de-seal and hand over the property for use was against the statutory provisions, aims and objectives of the Act and there was no provision for temporarily de-sealing of the property for interim use.

The case has its genesis in two applications submitted by Abhay Chautala. He was seeking interim restoration of the attached property on the grounds that the grandsons of the former Chief Minister were scheduled to get married on November 27 and 30. — TNS

PRI polls in Feb: Dy CM

HISAR, NOVEMBER 23

Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala on Monday said elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) will be held in February next year. “The state government has reserved 50 per cent of the PRI posts for women and 8

per cent for Backward Class A,” he told the media here.

The JJP leader said, “The Bills with regard to the quota had been sent to the Governor for approval. As soon as the Bills are approved, the state will recommend to the EC to hold the poll.” — TNS

DR. RADHAKRISHNAN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, HAMIRPUR (HP).

No. HFW-HMR-GMC-Store/Tender Notice/2019-14788-94 Dated: 23.11.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College, Hamirpur (HP) invites sealed tenders from reputed Firms/Vendors/Companies for procurement of items/material for setting of Skill/Life support Lab in Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College & Hospital Hamirpur. Interested Firms/Vendors/Companies may collect tender forms from Store Purchase Section of this office on all working days from 24.11.2020 to 14.12.2020 during office hours, on payment of Rs. 500/- at counter and Rs. 600/- by post per form.

Filled in tender form should be submitted on or before 15.12.2020 up to 5:00 p.m. and same will be opened at 12:30 p.m. on 16.12.2020 in the office of undersigned. An E.M.D. of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) has to be furnished by way of DD/FDR duly pledged in favour of Principal, Dr. RKGMC Hamirpur (HP) along with the sealed tender. Tender form without EMD will outrightly be rejected. **The tender form can be viewed & downloaded from the college website: <http://www.rgmchamirpur.org/>.** The Medical College reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

In case any date mentioned above happens to be a holiday next day will be considered as due date.

Additional Director (Admin.), Dr. RKGMC Hamirpur-HP.

DPR/HP-4540

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ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਮਪੁਰਾ ਫੂਲ ਵੱਲ ਹਾਊਸ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿਚ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਮਤਾ ਨੰ. 156, ਮਿਤੀ 16.09.2019 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਫੂਲ ਟਾਊਨ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਫੂਲ ਟਾਊਨ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਜੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਂਤਾ ਪੁਰਕਾਸ਼ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨਿਊਜ਼ਪੇਪਰ ਐਕਟ 1911 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 4 ਅਤੇ 5 ਅਧੀਨ ਮਿਲੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਤਜਰਬੇਕੀ ਹੋਂਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਨਵੀਆਂ ਤਜਰਬੇਕੀ ਹੋਂਦਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਦਰਸਾਏ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਅਥਵਾ ਬਾਊਂਡਰੀ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਹਨ।

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ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਆਥਵਾ ਬਾਊਂਡਰੀ

ਉੱਤਰ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਬਿੰਦੂ 'A' ਜੋ ਕਿ ਪਿੰਡ ਫੂਲ ਦੀ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 108 ਦੀ ਉੱਤਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਸ਼ਹੁਰ ਕਰਵਾ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'ਏ', ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਹੁਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਪੁਰਬ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 109-110 ਦੀ ਉੱਤਰੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਸਲਾਬਤਪੁਰਾ ਸੜਕ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 111 ਅਤੇ 112 ਦੀ ਉੱਤਰੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'B' ਵੱਲ, ਬਿੰਦੂ 'B' ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 112 ਦੀ ਉੱਤਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ 'ਤੇ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਪੁਰਬ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਬਿੰਦੂ 'B' ਤੋਂ ਦੱਖਣ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 112, 109 ਅਤੇ 153 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਪਿੰਡ ਦਿਪਾਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਸੜਕ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'C' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 153 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਅਤੇ ਦੱਖਣੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਿੰਦੂ 'C' ਤੋਂ ਪੁਰਬ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'D' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 178 ਦੀ ਉੱਤਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਿੰਦੂ 'D' ਤੋਂ ਦੱਖਣ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 178 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਚਲਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਕਿੱਕ ਸੜਕ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 193 ਅਤੇ 215 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਕਿੱਕ ਸੜਕ ਚੋਟੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'E' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 215 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਕਿੱਕ ਸੜਕ ਚੋਟੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੱਸੀ ਦੇ ਕੰਟਰ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਿੰਦੂ 'E' ਤੋਂ ਕੱਸੀ ਦੀ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਦੱਖਣ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'F' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕੱਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੜਕ ਗਿੱਲ ਕਲਾ ਦੇ ਕੰਟਰ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਿੰਦੂ 'F' ਤੋਂ ਦੱਖਣ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਸੜਕ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 225, 247, 254, 273, 279, 294, 307, 326, 339, 359 ਦੀ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'G' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 359 ਦੇ ਪੁਰਬੀ-ਦੱਖਣੀ ਕੋਨੇ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਦੱਖਣ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਬਿੰਦੂ 'G' ਤੋਂ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 359, 360, 361, 362 ਦੀ ਦੱਖਣੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਪੱਛਮ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਮਪੁਰਾ ਫੂਲ ਸੜਕ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'H' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 362 ਦੇ ਪੱਛਮੀ-ਦੱਖਣੀ ਕੋਨੇ ਦੇ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਪੱਛਮ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਬਿੰਦੂ 'H' ਤੋਂ ਉੱਤਰ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 362, 336, 329, 304, 297 ਦੀ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਮਹਿਰਾਜ ਪੱਤੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰ. 167, 165, 136, 131, 94 ਦੀ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਫੂਲ ਦੇ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰਬਰ 220, 222, 218 ਅਤੇ ਸੜਕ ਮਹਿਰਾਜ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਮੁਸਤੀਲ ਨੰਬਰ 189, 182, 150, 142, 109 ਦੀ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਚਲਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਿੰਦੂ 'A' ਤੱਕ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਹੁਰ ਕਰਵਾ ਬਿੰਦੂ ਹੈ।

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Kerala's U-turn

Draconian law, now put on hold, a new low for govt

HOIST by its own petard, the Kerala Government has been forced to make a hasty retreat on the contentious amendment to the state Police Act. With the avowed aim of preventing cyber attacks against women and children, the state cabinet had decided last month to beef up the Act by recommending the addition of Section 118-A, which stipulates imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to Rs 10,000 or both to those who ‘produce, publish or disseminate content through any means of communication with an intention to intimidate, insult or defame any person through social media.’ Facing a barrage of criticism from various quarters over its alleged attempt to muzzle freedom of speech, the CPM-led government has now announced to put the debatable ordinance, which was signed by the Governor on Saturday, on hold.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said a detailed discussion on the matter would be held in the Assembly. This should have been done in the first place rather than adopting the unilateral ordinance route. Putting the cart before the horse is fast becoming the new normal. The backlash against the Centre over the three farm laws, which were also initially promulgated as ordinances and later enacted as Acts, should have alerted the state government to desist from ramrodding a legislation through without any democratic consultation. However, the ruling party kept defending the indefensible till it found itself cornered on all fronts, with even the CPM's central leadership expressing reservations over the draconian provision.

The Kerala Government is already grappling with a credibility crisis over the gold smuggling case and other scams. If the ordinance was intended to be a diversionary ploy, as claimed by the state's Opposition, it has eventually proved to be counterproductive. The fears that the amendment can be used as a tool to unleash political vendetta can't be brushed aside. As far as cybercrime control is concerned, better policing, not a gag order, is the way forward.

Mask as metaphor

Safety protocol is needed to check virus

NON-CONFORMIST behaviour is coming into display with public places getting swarmed by people not wearing a face mask despite safety protocols repeatedly being advocated even as Covid-19 is yet to relent. Though it is natural for pandemic fatigue to set in, throwing caution to the winds with a confirmed cure elusive and the vaccine still some time away is best avoided. The wearing of masks was all along advocated and indeed there was trouble ensuring their adequate supply when the pandemic began with the advice finally coming that even cloth masks would suffice for protection, despite different views on their efficacy. Warnings of a surge during the festival season had come because of large gatherings, increasing the risk of infection, with social distancing norms being flouted.

While advances have been made in the search for a vaccine with pharmaceutical companies claiming varied success, it is still some months away before it will be available for the public with the variation in pricing being another cause for concern. Will the government's flagship health insurance scheme include vaccination along with treatment and testing for the coronavirus will be known only gradually. By advocating the use of masks, like the Punjab CM did by saying, ‘*Mask hi vaccine hai*’, governments are also being realistic as the long wait for the vaccine is being tested by the concerns of the people who have to earn their living.

Even as the Prime Minister begins his consultations with the Chief Ministers to take stock of the situation, the Supreme Court has asked for a report on the measures taken and the help needed from the Centre as well as the situation in hospitals. It is time to correlate needs with priorities. In the present times, wearing a mask is essentially a precautionary measure and unlike in the US, should not be allowed to become the subject of a debate between the liberals and the conservatives. The challenge before the government will lie in convincing the people to abide by the social distancing norms, not an easy task with livelihoods at stake.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Aggression moves only in one direction: it creates more aggression. — Margaret J Wheatley

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1920

SWARAJ IN TEN YEARS.

THE question has been asked in some quarters as to whether the country would be satisfied if the British Government and the British Parliament accepted the suggestion of Colonel Wedgwood and made a definite declaration as to the period within which India is to have full self-government and set their hand at once to the formation of a territorial army in all its branches, infantry, artillery and air force. In the event of the answer to this question being in the affirmative, further questions are being asked as to what the country would regard as a reasonable period within which to transfer all authority to the people, and whether the country is prepared to put its views on this subject in the form of a formal demand. All three questions are of the greatest importance, and, as we ourselves think, also urgency, and it cannot be out of place to consider them at some length. A declaration as to the date by which India is to have full self-government can only satisfy the public if it is definite and if the date itself is sufficiently early. Similarly, an attempt to put India firmly on her legs in the matter of her defence will prove acceptable only if it is within a sufficiently short time. The people of India have, for too long a time, been fed on promises for it to be possible for them to feed themselves any more upon that kind of food. Nor can they reasonably be expected to wait for too long a period for the attainment of what they regard as their inalienable birthright. “Immediate Swaraj” is the cry that has gone forth from hundreds of platforms. It is obviously unreasonable to ask the people to make their demand more definite than they have made it already. They repudiate with contempt all assumptions of racial inferiority and all imputations of unfitness, and ask for immediate Swaraj. It is for those with whom it rests to concede this demand to come forward with practical proposals.

No signs of winter thaw

Despite several rounds of talks, there has been no breakthrough in LAC standoff



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LAST Saturday, according to a report in *The Tribune*, India-China military talks were deadlocked, at least for now. The last round, the eighth since June 6, was held on November 7, and the two sides have been unable to find dates for another round.

As temperatures began to plummet in Ladakh, there were expectations that the two sides would find a solution to the problem arising out of the Chinese action of breaching the LAC at several points last May. Instead, both sides have dug in by providing their personnel special housing and clothing.

Conversations with the Chinese side reveals that they continue to blame India for the problem and maintain that the boundary issue should be decoupled from the normal ties between the two countries. If India insisted in coupling the issues, they say, the question will be further complicated. When India presses its case, it gets homilies on properly managing and containing differences and not allowing the situation to escalate. In a period when the Chinese are facing the US and other efforts to decouple from the Chinese economy, they are sensitive to Indian actions in the same direction, even though the impact of India's restrictions on Chinese trade and investment is not very significant.

Actually, during 1988-93, India did indeed decouple the boundary issue from that of normalising ties. Subsequently, it built a multi-layered relationship with China, based on trade, investment, people-to-people contacts and cooperation in a range of



UNREALISTIC: China maintains that the boundary issue should be decoupled from the normal ties between the two countries.

China has given no indication that it is aware that it is responsible for changing the situation. It would be foolhardy to assume that we can return to normality soon.

areas on global and regional issues. What the incidents in Galwan and other parts of eastern Ladakh have done is to disrupt this. Beijing needs to know that it is not easy to put the toothpaste back into the tube.

The Galwan incident, where 20 Indian soldiers lost their lives, has had a profound impact across the country. This is especially since there had been no casualties on the LAC since 1975.

Given the Indian system, the Chinese sometimes find it difficult to understand, no government can afford to ignore public opinion. It is true that in India, the media nowadays often plays an inflammatory role. But it is still a largely free media and it is difficult for even the Modi government to control it.

In Galwan, a local situation went out of hand and poor Indian command and control played a contributory role. But the primary responsibility is that of the PLA which should not have been there in the first place.

As it is, by their own description of the LAC in 1960, they should have

been at least half a kilometre away from the place where the incident occurred and where they wanted to retain an observation post there. Satellite imagery confirmed that they have amassed substantial men and equipment in the Galwan valley, and their intention was not to guard their portion of the LAC, but to push a road 8 km into the Indian side to the point where the Galwan river meets the Shyok. Subsequently, the Chinese have claimed the entire Galwan valley. Incidentally, by now, the Chinese side has confirmed that they, too, suffered casualties in the incident.

Efforts to defuse the situation began almost immediately. The Prime Minister himself denied that there had been any intrusion. Maybe, he did this to protect his government from accusations of mishandling the situation, or, perhaps he was hoping to ensure that this could calm the situation.

Talks between military officials that had been held since May 6 did not work and eventually the issue was taken up in Moscow on September 4

Rekindle the lost interest in books

MANDEEP KAUR

THE smell of the disinfectant, the rush of patients and the visits of doctors and nurses were routine in the hospital. When oral medication did not work, the intravenous route was adopted. The pain of the needle prick and the taste of the antibiotics were slowly sabotaging my positive frame of mind. Moreover, the fear of Covid-19 on the hospital premises also restricted my parents' visit. Once a free bird, I was now caged, and it was getting tough to be at one place with the arm fitted with the cannula. WhatsApp was the only aid as it helped me in connecting with my parents and friends via video call.

A day passed, and I was becoming

anxious. I was going through e-papers to know about the world. The passion for reading and writing keeps me busy as well as happy. I found the antidote to my sadness and started writing stories. But most got rejected, frustrating me even more. Again, sleep was my only good companion, but how much can one sleep! The negative attitude kept happiness at bay.

The message of the book delivered from Amazon flashed on my phone. I don't know what compelled me to request my parents to bring that book for me in the hospital. I got the book and read half of it the same day. After three days, I showed recovery and was discharged. By that time, I finished the book and realised the power of words. In this

historical fiction, *The Book Thief*, Liesel survived World War II. The reason was her passion for reading and writing, as on the day of the bombing, she was in the basement doing the same, and here I did the same thing to overcome my stress and fight the disease. This book is now adding charm to one of the shelves of my tiny library.

Like air and water is a necessity for survival, reading is necessary for the growth of our soul. The generation today is leaving the habit of reading despite having various options like e-books and PDFs. There was a time when books were considered precious gifts, but nowadays, things have changed, and fancy items have replaced books.

There is a need to rekindle the

spark for reading as well as writing. The book challenge on social media, where readers post their favourite books, is a good initiative for recreating the aura of words. I also purchase many good books by following these posts. We, a bunch of like-minded people, have started the idea of a mobile library, where one can take a maximum of two books from others for three weeks, free of cost, but only if these are returned in the same good condition as earlier. The idea is working, and we are gaining many readers as many people want to read, but they don't want to spend money. Seeing people read gives pleasure and the hope that one day books will again be taking their place on the shelves along with antique decorative items.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sack tainted ministers

Bihar's newly appointed education minister resigned days after taking oath amid charges of corruption in appointments during his tenure as VC of an agricultural university. He was among the 14 ministers sworn in as part of CM Nitish Kumar's cabinet. Eight new ministers have criminal charges against them and six of them are accused of serious criminal charges for non-bailable offences. Nitish Kumar used to be known as 'Mr Clean'. He should sack these tainted ministers and induct honest MLAs.

SK KHOSLA, CHANDIGARH

Ayurveda and surgery

Apropos of 'Ayurveda PGs can do surgeries, IMA aghast', it is shocking that the government has allowed ayurvedic practitioners to be trained and legally allowed to perform a variety of general surgical, ENT, cataract, orthopaedic and dental procedures. This is a highly ill-conceived, retrograde and reprehensible step. Surgery is a part and parcel of modern medical science and not a mainstay of ayurvedic curriculum. Capsulated training in surgery to ayurvedic doctors can jeopardise the basic standard of safety and care of patients. The government should desist from mixing

the Indian system of medicine with modern medical science.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, JALANDHAR

Congress overhaul

Refer to 'Cong in need of overhaul'; the stubbornness and personal preferences of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are responsible for the present situation. In the 2017 Assembly elections, people wanted a change and responded to the call of Rahul Gandhi, but he messed up. No efforts were made to stop Priyanka Chaturvedi and Tom Vaddakan, party spokespersons, from quitting the Congress. Rahul abandoned Amethi for Smriti Irani, shifting to Wayanad in Kerala. Next time even Sonia may not win Raebareli. They should pay heed to the 23 disgruntled party leaders and hand over the party to regional satraps like Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Capt Amarinder Singh, Sachin Pilot, Ashok Chavan, Shiv Kumar and Shashi Tharoor to strengthen the Congress in respective states, and then, at the national level. Sonia may remain the ceremonial president of the party.

GURDEV SINGH, MOHALI

Degrading air quality

Extreme level of pollution, reduction in visibility, unhealthy air

quality, etc., are making climate change in India even more challenging. Activities such as stubble burning, bursting of crackers despite a ban, more vehicles plying on the roads, and industrial production are adding to the problem. 'Mini lockdowns' every weekend or twice a month could turn out to be an effective measure. This would help nature heal itself and bring down the levels of pollution.

BHAVYA, AMBALA CITY

Laws discriminatory?

It came as a rude shock that a retired police officer should term the CAA and NRC as discriminatory laws ('Dilemma of secular liberals'). The CAA is specific to Islamic nations of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, where Hindus and other non-Muslim minorities are persecuted. The NRC is simply enumeration of citizens of the country to enable the government to evolve welfare policies. How is it discriminatory?

AK SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

Farmers' distress

India depends a lot on its farmers. Each year, we see many cases of farmer suicide due to a number of reasons. The government needs to take measures to prevent it. The

new farm laws may push some farmers to take this extreme step. Thus the concerns of farmers should be resolved on priority.

PALAK BATHLA, KATHAL

Dedicated leader

Apropos of 'A woman of substance', Chandrawati was a leader of calibre and character, and an epitome of simplicity. Such leaders are rare who are dedicated to redress the problems of the public and thus are loved by all. She is a role model for politicians. Once elected, leaders become arrogant. They should attend to their duties diligently and honestly to bring about good governance.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

Checking cybercrime

Reference to 'Women are soft targets'; not only women and kids, but also men are targeted by swindlers on social media. While people should use social media platforms with extra caution, the social media management must provide a highly secure environment to its users. People who take advantage of information shared by somebody must be punished. The cyber police should remain proactive to control cybercrime.

SAKSHI SHARMA, AMRITSAR

Drones aren't be-all & end-all of air warfare



INTERNATIONAL social and electronic media — and, by extension, our own media outlets — have gone to town regarding the successes achieved by Azerbaijanis on the Nagorno-Karabakh battlefield, employing armed ‘kamikaze’ Turkish unmanned aerial vehicles, such as the Bayraktar TB2 and Harpy/Harop and Orbiter 1K made by Israel Aircraft Industries. They are also known to have employed a Russian conventional aircraft’s converted-to-drone adaptation such as the AN-2, as also other Israeli drones, such as Hermes, Heron and Skystriker.

The Bayraktar is known to be an American Predator/Reaper copy and the Turks have, statedly, used them extensively earlier in Syria and Libya. The Armenians have a much smaller drone fleet, comprising models such as homegrown Krunk, Baze and Ptero-5. Most of these drones were initially designed for reconnaissance and surveillance and adapted later for suicide missions. Also, the limited size of the Caucasian battlefield in question lent itself to such kamikaze missions by drones.

Anywhere else, with an effective air defence orbit existing, such low-speed aerial platforms would be swatted off the sky, like flies. It is believed that the Azerbaijani TB2s were operated by Turkish military personnel, including for data linking to ground stations and for

weapon delivery or suicide attacks. Both the belligerents were devoid of regular sizeable air forces. Armenia has around 18 Russian Sukhoi-25 ground attack aircraft, MiG-29 and a few Mi-24 attack helicopters and some L-39 trainers. Azerbaijani air assets include about 30 MiG-21/SU-27/ SU-24 of Russian origin and sundry Mi-24 attack helicopters and L-39 trainers. Some Turkish F-16s are known to have been seen over the Azerbaijani skies, including possibly one that downed an Armenian SU-25 Frogfoot a while ago.

But none of the fighters otherwise have been reported flying during the war, both countries apparently taking the cheaper kamikaze drone option. On July 13, the Houthis rebels in Yemen had used armed kamikaze-type drones (possibly Iran supplied) to attack the Jizan Aramco oilfields on the Red Sea, and, are also known to have targeted Patriot missile batteries at some Saudi airfields.

Now, given the small size of the battlefield in Nagorno-Karabakh and expensive fighter aircraft inventory, both countries have sought to find a cheap alternative to enhance their strike potential through the use of drones. Besides, there is, of course, the great advantage of not losing any trained pilots to battle casualty.

Information war by both defence ministries and unconfirmed battle casualty figures further exacerbate the ‘fog of war’ scenario in the Nagorno-Karabakh battle zone. Azerbaijan has, apparently, employed drones more liberally, targeting Armenian tanks, artillery and air defence radars, given the nearly 200 drones in its inventory as compared to a few tens with its opponents. The new-found revenues from oil and gas reserves has given it more wherewithal to go on a buying spree of weaponry, drones and equipment, turning to Israel and Turkey for technology not available with the Rus-



sians, who were the traditional weapon suppliers to both countries.

Now, while running a drone operation is capital-intensive, it cannot be a replacement for traditional air power assets. Iran’s Revolutionary Guards on June 20, 2019, shot down an expensive American RQ- 4A Global Hawk (costing over \$100 million) over the Strait of Hormuz, employing a surface-to air missile (possibly, an SA-2), amply illustrating the vulnerability of drones per se to conventional air defence weaponry.

Several Pakistani unsophisticated quadcopter-type drones indulging in terrorist weaponry drops have been downed by our BSF along the LAC.

Higher-flying Predator class of drones would be difficult to spot on the radar and shoot down, given that optimal air defence weaponry may not obtain all across our long borders.

Also, why the Armenians were unable to bring down any Azerbaijani drones, despite having two batteries of potent Russian S-300 missiles, defies imagination. It just goes to show the unprofes-

sional air power wherewithal of both the belligerents, generally. It’s also valid that especially low-flying drones would be liable to have their control and guidance systems interfered with via jamming caused by electronic combat.

Turning to the emerging situation nearer home, with two professionally blooded air forces as existing in India and Pakistan, drones would, at best, serve as another tool for combat air power enhancement and for special operations and anti-terror warfare. The reported advent of the Heron class of armed drones in India’s inventory (statedly, a programme to develop around 1,500 such platforms for the three services being underway), along with the quantum change expected in the refined real time intelligence-gathering, becoming a game-changer hopefully, thanks to the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial Cooperation (BECA) deal, would enable the IAF to take out enemies of the state in the neighbourhood, such as Hafiz Saeed and Dawood Ibrahim.

In the Indo-Pak scenario, drones would serve as another tool for combat air power enhancement, special operations and anti-terror warfare. The reported advent of the Heron class of armed drones, along with refined real-time intelligence-gathering, would enable the IAF to take out enemies of the state in the neighbourhood.

AIR POWER: As of now, drones are no match for the manoeuvrability of fighter planes.

As far as our chief adversary is concerned, it is foreseeable that Turkish TB2 hard-kill drones would find their way into our neighbourhood sooner than later. Chinese armed drones could also be acquired by our adversary. Tactical measures to pick up such threats on the radar and neutralise them in time before they get to our vital areas and assets would need to be put in place. This would be mainly in terms of compatible radar coverage and suitable weapon systems, both airborne and ground-based.

As for force structure planning, suffice to say that numbers and varieties of hard-kill drone assets required would be dictated by our threat perception and associated operational air power doctrines. After seeing the hyped-up disproportionate depiction of alleged drone kills in Nagorno-Karabakh, let not the uninitiated air power enthusiast be misled by what happened between Azerbaijan and Armenia and think a similar ‘duck shoot’ scenario could be replicated in the sub-continental skies. A role for hard-kill drones definitely exists. But air

power encompasses an entire milieu of other vital air campaigns, such as Counter Air, Counter Surface Force, Strategic and Combat Support missions, which the IAF would need to plan, cater to, orchestrate and find funding for.

Basic reconnaissance, surveillance and targeting roles for drones would remain, with hard-kill capability being employed appropriately in any of the other air campaigns. Although Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles (UCAV) are already being operationalised in the developed world, and a Predator class of drone is recently reported to have fired a Hellfire type of air-to-air missile, as yet, there is no replacing the man in the cockpit, given the vast disparity that exists in drone and modern fighter aircraft manoeuvrability parameters.

Down the line, perhaps, when technology has grown by leaps and bounds in some decades and artificial intelligence starts replacing the human brain for air combat solutions, we may begin to see this generational transformation in employment of air power. Until then, the fighter pilot will retain his ‘Top Gun’ swagger!

The limited impact of the *roko* agitation



By the third week of the *rail roko* stir of Punjab’s farmers, some people had started complaining about shortages. But this did not evoke a positive response from the farmers till the thermal power plants in the state reported that they had exhausted their coal reserves and, in the absence of fresh supplies, were planning to shut down the generation of electricity. The fear of power outages seemed to have had an impact.

THE farmers’ agitation in Punjab has shown us the limits of *roko andolans* in contemporary India. They inevitably peter out unless they are for a just cause. This would be the second major *roko andolan* to happen in the past year. The previous one was the Shaheen Bagh protest in Delhi, where mostly Muslim women blocked an entire market street against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019. The anti-CAA protest fizzled out after a hundred days.

It was Gandhi who perfected *andolan* techniques during the non-cooperation movement in 1920-22. The *andolan* has to be for *satya* — truth — Gandhi would say. Erik Erikson, the psychiatrist who studied Gandhi’s techniques of non-violent protest, pointed out that before launching an agitation, Gandhi made efforts to build bridges with his opponents. His success came from the fact that he put in great effort to formulate a non-negotiable demand which was also just. It was just not from the point of view of the protestors, but also that of those against whom the protest was being carried out.

However, not everyone has the stamina, wisdom or ability to reach out to opponents as Gandhi had. The leaders of farmers today certainly don’t have it.

Farmers in Punjab came out on the streets on the September 25, to protest against the farm laws that the Modi government had brought in. In Punjab, which prides itself on being a farming state, the cause was emotive enough for a large number of people to come for-



BLOCKADE: Stopping trains is a preferred action during any agitation in India.

ward to support the farmers. Patwaris, traders, unions of various state government employees, commission agents, dairy farmers, singers, artistes and all major political parties came out in support. Even many from the BJP announced their support. How far this support was because people genuinely believed in the cause is anyone’s guess.

The farmers’ leadership, coming from some 31 different politically active groupings, insisted that unless the laws were withdrawn, the farmers would stop work across the state — and also force other people to stop work. This has been a fairly common way of protesting in India. Usually, it meets with a fair amount of social approval, if not indifference, leaves the participants quite elated, irrespective of whether it achieves its

goals or not. But then, achieving a goal is seldom the objective of such a protest. Showing annoyance is.

In the present instance, the first step in this protest was to stop all movement on major roads. With more than 50,000 trucks entering Punjab every day just from the Shambhu barrier, the stoppage of roads was bound to have a serious impact. It did. Not on the economy or the government or the political parties, but on the truckers manning these vehicles. Their trucks were stranded. Within a few days, reports came in that the truckers had started an agitation of their own. They wanted the roads to be opened so that they could go back home. That was the first major setback for the farmers’ agitation. They had to open the roads.

The farmers did ensure that all move-

ment became toll-free. This, however, would have hurt only the concessionaire and none else. The concessionaires were not bothered about losing revenue in this way since their contracts state that they can collect revenues till such time that they recover the cost of the roads, plus a little more. If stopping toll collection pleased the farmers, made them imagine that they were empowered, then the concessionaire wasn’t going to disabuse them of such fancies. The losses could always be recouped at a later date from the same farmers.

The farm agitation then shifted to the railway tracks. Stopping the movement of trains is a preferred action in any agitation in India. Once in a while, trains are also burnt to demonstrate the intensity of the agitation. One such burnt train has been standing on the sidings in Jalandhar since 2009, when the locals had decided to express their annoyance at a happening in far off Vienna.

The agitating farmers in 2020 hadn’t burnt any train. But their insistence on stopping all trains did cause hurt all around. Some trains had been stopped since September 24. Meanwhile, the initiative of the Punjab Assembly to pass laws that tried to rescind the impact of the laws that the Parliament had passed did not seem to appease the farmers, though they welcomed the Assembly’s initiative. The blockade of trains was extended to all tracks on October 1.

No one complained about it for a few days. The military, which was stocking up materiel in the Himalayas to challenge the Chinese incursion in Leh-

Ladakh, quietly shifted to transporting its goods by trucks, though movement by truck is almost twice as costly as that by railroad. By the third week of the *rail roko* stir, however, some people had started complaining about shortages.

Farmers, those who were cultivating their lands, complained about the shortage of fertilisers and other agricultural inputs that would have come by train. Industrialists complained about their inability to meet with export commitments since trains had been stopped. Manufacturers rued the absence of material to manufacture.

None of this evoked a positive response from the farmers till the thermal power plants in Punjab reported that they had exhausted their coal reserves and, in the absence of fresh supplies, were planning to shut down the generation of electricity. The fear of power outages seemed to have had an impact. Which is surprising, considering that till just a few years ago, everyone in Punjab was living with long power outages. But this time, the issue of electricity shortage seemed to be emotive enough.

On October 21, the leaders of agitating farmers announced that they would allow the movement of goods trains. Now, it was the turn of the railway management to baulk and insist that it would run trains only if all tracks were vacated and the movement of all trains allowed.

As of today, the farmers remain insistent that they would suffer if the farm laws are implemented. Whether the public believes this is yet to be seen.

QUICK CROSSWORD

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 24, 2020, TUESDAY

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- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Marghshirsh Shaka 3
- Marghshirsh Parvishte 10
- Hijari 1442
- Shukla Paksha Tithi 10, up to 2.43 am
- Vajra Yoga up to 6.45 am
- Puvabhadrap Nakshatra up to 3.32 pm
- Moon enters Pisces sign 8.53 am.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 17:22 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 06:58 HRS

Sunny Partly Cloudy Cloudy Rainy Foggy

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Chandigarh	22	13
New Delhi	25	07
Amritsar	21	12
Bathinda	23	11
Jalandhar	22	12
Ludhiana	22	12
Bhiwani	23	10
Hisar	23	11
Sirsa	24	11
Dharamsala	13	08
Manali	10	-01
Shimla	13	06
Srinagar	06	01
Jammu	20	12
Kargil	01	-04
Leh	01	-05
Dehradun	23	10
Mussoorie	12	07

TEMPERATURE IN °C

Orders decline, exporters in BBN area bear Covid brunt

Pharma producers worried as second wave hits several countries

AMBIKA SHARMA

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SOLAN, NOVEMBER 23

Export-oriented units (EOUs) in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) area of the state are facing a sharp decline in orders received. The worst-hit are the pharmaceutical units as drugs are supposed to be consumed within a limited period. A majority of the drugs have an expiry period of about two years and six months while the nutraceuticals have an expiry period of about one-and-a-half-year to two years. While the consumption of Covid-related drugs is barely 2 per cent, the consumption of other drugs, a majority of which are scheduled drugs and require a prescription from a medical officer, has been abysmally low. “People are reluctant to visit a doctor

CONSUMPTION OF REPEAT DRUGS FALLS

“People are reluctant to visit a doctor and the consumption of repeat drugs and those prescribed in the OPDs of a hospital has seen a sharp decline. The situation is similar in India as well as abroad, as OPDs have barely started functioning. The second wave of the pandemic in several countries will once again hit the consumption of other drugs.”

SL Singla, ADVISER, HIMACHAL DRUG MANUFACTURERS’ ASSOCIATION

and the consumption of repeat drugs and those prescribed in the outdoor patient departments (OPDs) of a hospital has seen a sharp decline. The situation is similar in India as well as abroad, as OPDs have barely started functioning. The second wave of the pandemic in several countries will once again hit the consumption of other drugs,” says SL Singla, adviser, Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association. “Though we had received an

(MSMEs) are particularly distressed due to the pandemic. A majority of the pharmaceutical units in the BBN area, which is acclaimed as the pharma hub of Asia, comprise MSME units and their exports comprise as much as 15 to 20 per cent of their total production. What has added to the plight of the exporters is the second wave of Covid in European countries. With lockdown having been imposed for a second time, several exporters of engineering tools have been directed to defer their orders till New Year. Sandeep Verma, who exports engineering tools from Baddi, says, “Some export orders, which were supposed to be delivered in November-December in some European countries, have been deferred.”

Tourist’s body washed away in Parbati river traced

KULLU, NOVEMBER 23 The body of a tourist from Noida, who was washed away in the Parbati at Suma Ropa, near Jari, in the Manikaran valley on October 10, was found near Baladhi village, near Jari, today. Kullu SP Gaurav Singh said that the deceased had been identified as Ravinder Singh Rawat (38), a resident of Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh. He added that the victim had gone for sightseeing near the river with his friends. He lost balance and was washed away in the river. The police and local rescue teams carried out a search operation but he could not be traced. The SP said that the victim was identified by his tattoo mark. He added that the family of the victim had been informed and a postmortem would be done at a Kullu hospital. — OC

Manali-Leh highway closed

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KULLU, NOVEMBER 23 The Lahaul administration has stopped the movement of vehicles beyond Satingri on the Manali-Leh national highway in the wake of snowfall since yesterday. Keylong witnessed 2 inches of snow. The north portal of the Atal Tunnel at Sissu also experienced 2 inches of snow. The administration has planned to put a rescue post at Sissu to assist the commuters who cross the tunnel on foot. However, the movement will be allowed depending upon the weather conditions. The Kullu administration has stopped the movement of vehicles beyond Palchan on the Manali-Rohtang road. The vehicles were not allowed beyond the Solang Nullah towards the south portal of the Atal Tunnel at Dhundi. the Solang Nullah experienced 4 inches of snowfall today. Kullu SP Gaurav Singh said due to adverse weather



The Keylong administration has planned to put a rescue post at Sissu to assist commuters who cross the tunnel on foot. FILE PHOTO

conditions at the Jalori Pass, Aut-Luhri NH-305, is also closed for vehicular movement. He has appealed to the public not to venture out in these areas. The snow in the higher reaches and rain in the lower areas has brought a sudden dip in the mercury in the Kullu valley. The administration has issued an alert and requested residents to avoid going in landslide-prone areas and near rivers and rivulets. Meanwhile, the rain has brought relief to agriculturists of the valley. Snow is considered as a white manure for the apple crop. Nakul Khullar, an orchardist, said the early snowfall would help maintain the chilling hours required for the apple trees.

Student tests +ve; exams to continue

OUR CORRESPONDENT

HAMIRPUR, NOVEMBER 23 The fear of Covid spread looms large at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Gauna Karor, near here, as one of its students has tested positive for the infection. The Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education is conducting the annual examinations of JBT and 1,200 students are appearing for it on the DIET campus. This student, along with other classmates, also took the exam for three hours. He, however, tested positive for the infection later. The DIET administration

also sent a message to the Directorate of Elementary Education, the Board of School Education and the Secretary, Education, seeking guidelines on the continuation of the examinations at the centre. Besides students, more than 40 staff members were present at the centre. The board, however, has decided to go ahead with the examination schedule while adhering to the Covid guidelines. Akshay Sood, Secretary, Education Board, said the examinations would continue, as per the schedule. The board would also conduct the exams for those who could not appear due to Covid.

Solan’s fight against virus marred by poor health infrastructure

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
SOLAN, NOVEMBER 23 With several limitations, including a shortage of staff, the enhancement of healthcare facilities amid the pandemic has become a herculean task in Solan district. Issues such as the purchase of Covid medicines and installation of ventilators are fraught with technicalities. This has delayed their availability to patients in the district where Covid cases have once again surged. More than 600 new infections have been reported in the district, which has the third highest number of cases

“Since chief medical officers in several districts are facing vigilance cases for making costly purchases, officials here are fearful of procuring the required medicines such as remdesivir, favipiravir, doxycycline, ivermectin and paracetamol.” A health official

after Shimla and Mandi, in the last fortnight. “Since chief medical officers in several districts are facing vigilance cases for making costly purchases, officials here are fearful of procuring the required medicines such as remdesivir, favipiravir, doxycycline, ivermectin and paracetamol,” said a health official. Though officials in all districts have been directed to

laying a pipeline, civil work, etc, “We have to call tenders for such works and this has delayed their installation. Once installed, the staff will have to be trained to handle it aptly,” said a senior medical official in Baddi. The rising number of deaths is also worrisome as 47 fatalities have been reported till now. “The government should make available oximeters at subsidised costs to every family as it has become a necessity in this pandemic,” said another medical officer in Solan. Officials are fearing a severe wave when industrial workers return from high-burden states, including UP and Delhi and Punjab.

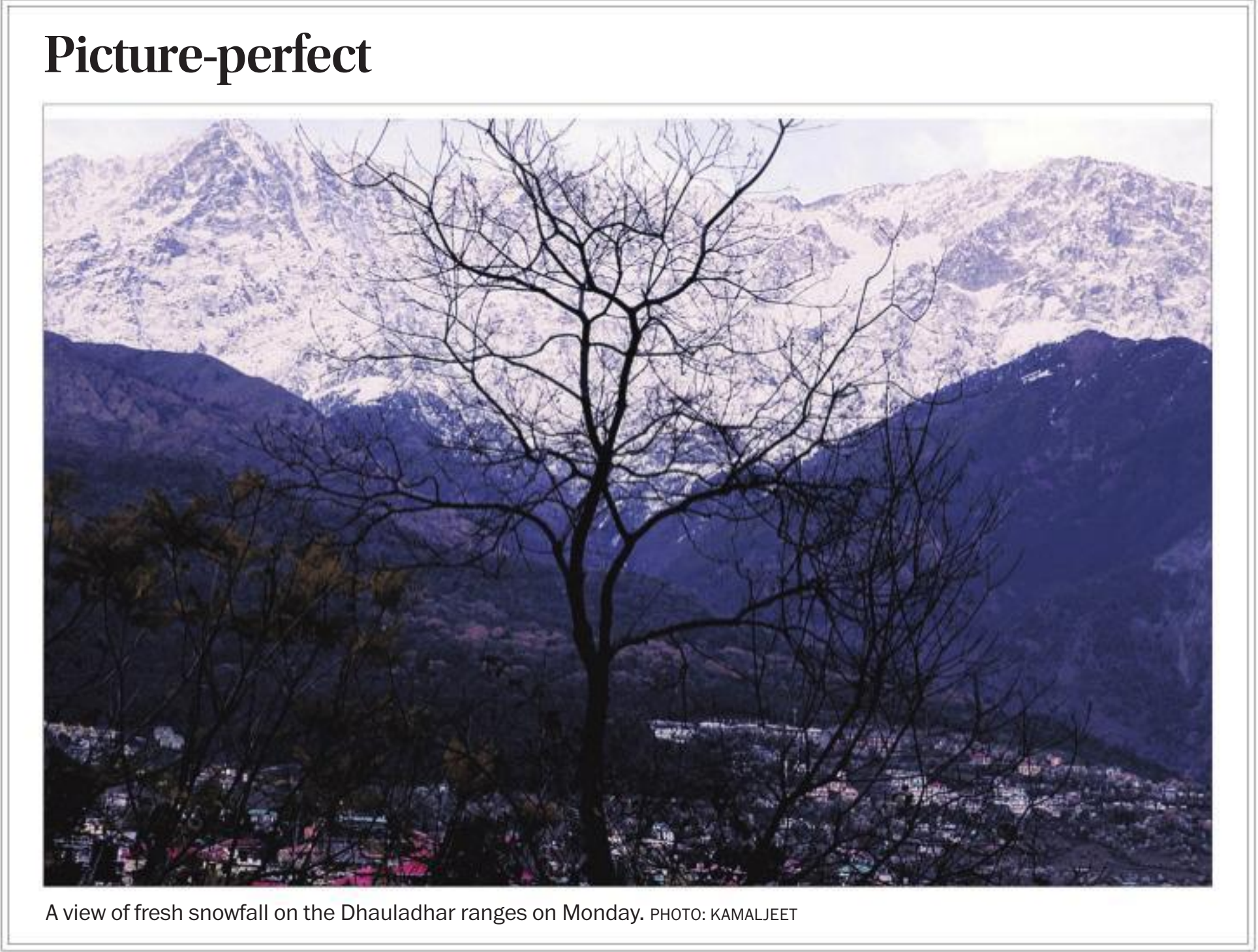
Record 22 deaths; 454 fresh cases

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 23 The state witnessed a record 22 deaths due to Covid in the last 24 hours while 454 more tested positive for the infection. The tally of the infected persons has mounted to 34,781. Shimla recorded the highest number of 12 fatalities. Three Covid patients each died in Mandi and Kangra districts, two in Bilaspur and one each in Solan and Kullu. The highest number of 90 cases was reported in Solan, Kangra (88), Mandi (69), Kullu (60), Shimla (40), Una (33), Hamirpur (30),

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	1,983	21
Solan	4,522	48
Kangra	4,435	105
Chamba	1,752	30
Hamirpur	1,805	19
Sirmaur	2,530	21
Mandi	5,581	72
Bilaspur	1,817	16
Shimla	5,561	138
Kullu	3,125	60
Kinnaur	706	11
Lahaul & Spiti	964	9
Total	34,781	550

Bilaspur (17), Lahaul-Spiti (14), Sirmaur (7) and Chamba (6). The total number of active cases stands at 6,680.



BJP discusses strategy for 2022 Assembly poll

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 23 Frontal units and cells of the BJP would play a vital role in the mission repeat 2022, said in-charge of party affairs in Himachal Avinash Rai Khanna while presiding over a virtual meeting of seven frontal units and 12 cells of the party held today. In the virtual meeting, the road map for the mission repeat 2022 was discussed extensively with state BJP president Suresh Kashyap, co-incharge of the party affairs in Himachal Sanjay Tandon and organisational secretary Pawan Rana,

besides the heads of all frontal units and cells. Khanna said that all units and cells would work extensively at the booth level, which is the core working ground of the BJP. In times to come, BJP workers would contact people, who had taken benefits of the Central or state schemes, at the booth level, he added. It was also discussed in the meeting that the Kisan Samman Nidhi was benefiting around 150 farmers per polling station, which shows the seriousness of the Central Government towards the farmers of the state.

Uncertainty over winter session of Vidhan Sabha

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 23 Uncertainty prevails over the holding of the winter session of the Vidhan Sabha at Dharamsala from December 7 to 11. Though the Cabinet has not taken a decision in this regard, the issue is likely to be discussed at the all-party meeting with Vidhan Sabha Speaker Vipin Parmar. Even though several Congress leaders, including former state Congress president and sitting MLA Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, have demanded

the postponement of the winter session, the government is yet to take a decision on the issue. However, the possibility of holding the winter session seems bleak as the government, too, is not keen on it. Since the entire government, including the Chief Minister, ministers, legislators, bureaucrats and the supporting staff, move with bag and baggage to Dharamsala, the possibility of the transmission of the virus remains very high. The government will

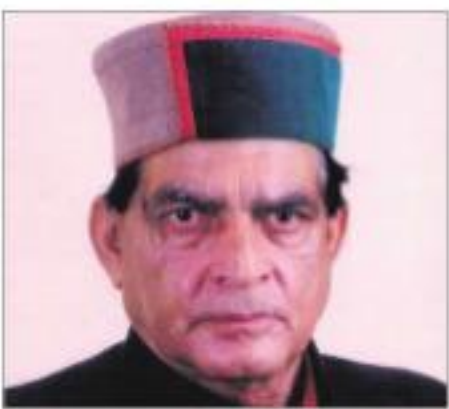
wait for the stand adopted by the Congress and the CPM before taking the final call. The possibility of curtailing the session and putting a cap on the number of officials, who will move to Dharamsala for the session, also remains open. Meanwhile, the government has decided not to hold the Jan Manch where public grievances are addressed. Since the Jan Manch witnesses a large gathering, it has been decided not to take the risk and postpone it for the time being.

Bid to loot bank in Sirmaur dist

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SOLAN, NOVEMBER 23 Miscreants unsuccessfully tried loot the Lanacheta branch of State Cooperative Bank in Sangrah subdivision of Sirmaur district last evening. They managed to break in the bank, but failed to open the chest and fled empty-handed. The bank staff informed the police about the incident this morning. DSP Shakti Singh, said, “The bank staff have been directed to install CCTV cameras as well as anti-

theft gadgets as a precautionary measure as an unsuccessful attempt was made to loot eh branch last year also, but they still did nothing. Being a rural area, no CCTV camera footage is available even in the vicinity of the bank. The probe is on to nab the miscreants”. This is the second such attempt on a rural bank in the district. Earlier, one such attempt was made on UCO Bank’s Narag branch on November 11. The police had arrested its perpetrators within days.



Ex-Nurpur MC chief dies

NURPUR, NOVEMBER 23 Noted philanthropist, former president and sitting councillor of the Nurpur Municipal Council RK Mahajan died at a private hospital in Amritsar last evening. He was hospitalised after suffering from breathing issues two days ago. The cremation took place this afternoon. All shops in the town remained closed for a half day. — OC



A woman walks under an umbrella during snowfall on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday. PTI

Season's first snowfall in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23
Most of the plain areas in Kashmir experienced the season's first snowfall on Monday, even as the higher reaches witnessed heavy precipitation, leading to the closure of Srinagar-Leh road which connects the valley with Ladakh, officials said here.

The MeT office has issued an 'Orange Colour' weather warning for the higher reaches of J-K and Sonmarg -Zoji-

SRINAGAR-LEH ROAD CLOSED

- The fresh snowfall has forced the closure of Srinagar-Leh road as well as Mughal road, the alternate roadway connecting the valley with Jammu.
- Good snow/rain likely in Gulmarg, Ramban-Banihal, Shopian, Poonch-Rajouri and Zojila on November 24-25

la axis on the Srinagar-Leh road, asking the administration and people to be prepared and to maintain vigil.

A MeT official said light to moderate snow with heavy

falls at isolated places was reported from many areas of Kashmir, a few places of Jammu and Sonmarg-Drass axis.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir,

recorded four inches of fresh snowfall during the night, while Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir, recorded 10 cm of snow, the official said. The fresh snowfall has forced the closure of Srinagar-Leh road as well as Mughal road – the alternate roadway connecting the valley with the Jammu region, an official of the Traffic Control Room said, adding the Srinagar-Jammu highway was through for traffic. — PTI

BJP rebel among three expelled

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23
The BJP on Monday expelled its three senior activists after one of them filed nomination papers for the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) elections against the official candidate of the party here.

The expulsion of rebel candidate Balbir Lal and his supporters Mandal Pradhan and Marh Shakti Sharma and Kissan morcha vice president Harjeet Singh was ordered by J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina following a recommendation by the party's disciplinary committee, a BJP spokesperson said.

Lal filled his form as a contestant from Marh territorial constituency in district Jammu against the official candidate of the party and didn't withdraw papers. — PTI

Ballot politics to strengthen democracy, says Anurag

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23
The BJP is doing the politics of ballot to strengthen the democracy in Jammu and Kashmir, Union minister Anurag Thakur has said as he lashed out at the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) and accused it of playing the “politics of bullets” to scare the people in the Union Territory.

He also asserted that Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution, which were nullified by the BJP-led government at the Centre in August last year, had been “buried forever and cannot be restored back”.

The PAGD was formed by seven mainstream parties, including the National Conference and the PDP, to press



“We are doing the politics of the ballot but they are pursuing the politics of bullets to scare the public.” Anurag Thakur, BJP LEADER

for the restoration of the pre-August 5, 2019, position in J-K. The alliance is headed by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and PDP's Mehbooba Mufti is its vice chairperson.

Without naming anyone,

Thakur said, “There are some who are seeking support of China, some are speaking the language of Pakistan and also insulting the national flag. “They are talking about the restoration of Article 370 with the support of China and Pakistan, the same Article with which they used to loot J-K for the past seven decades to benefit their families and deprived people of the benefits of development.”

In an apparent reference to the remarks of Mehbooba Mufti that BJP's policies are driving the youth towards militancy, he said, “We are doing the politics of the ballot to strengthen democracy but they on the other hand are pursuing the politics of bullets to scare the public.” — PTI

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delighted to hear that Covishield, a low-cost, logistically manageable and soon to be widely available Covid-19 vaccine, will offer up to 90 per cent protection in one type of dosage regime and 62 per cent in the other dosage regime.”

The preliminary data shows the vaccine is 70.4 per cent effective when combining data from two dosing regimens (90 per cent effective if administered at a half dose and then at a full dose and 62 per cent effective if administered in two full doses). There were no hospitalisations or severe cases in anyone who received the vaccine.

The developers said the vaccine could be easily administered in existing healthcare systems, stored at ‘fridge temperature’ (2-8°C) and distributed using existing logistics.

Khalid hatched conspiracy...

an office in Chand Bagh.

In the FIR, the police had claimed that the communal violence was a “premeditated conspiracy” which was allegedly hatched by Khalid and two others. It further alleged that Khalid had delivered provocative speeches at two places and appealed to people to come out on streets and block the roads during Trump's visit “to spread the propaganda at the international level about minorities in India are being tortured”.

Noting that in the process of hatching the conspiracy, firearms, petrol bombs, acid bottles and stones were collected in numerous houses, the police have alleged that co-accused Mohd Danish was allegedly given the responsibility to gather people from two places to take

part in the riots.

The chargesheet was filed before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat against Khalid, Imam and one Faizan Khan under provisions of the UAPA and various sections the Indian Penal Code, the sources said,

Khalid and Imam in judicial custody; Faizan out on bail

adding that the offence for which they had been charged entail a maximum punishment of death penalty.

The 930-page supplementary chargesheet was filed under Sections 13 (unlawful activities), 16 (terrorist act), 17 (raising funds for terrorist act) and 18 (conspiracy) of the UAPA.

HC raps...

Quantitative analysis, on the other hand, was carried out to determine the “absolute or relative substance” present in a sample for finding out the percentage of alcohol/ethyl alcohol. In case of spurious liquor, high percentage of ethyl alcohol could be dangerous. Justice Sangwan added that the SC issued guidelines directing the governments to establish forensic science labs for conducting the quantitative and qualitative tests.

“However, it seems that Punjab is not conducting both the tests as and when the samples of liquor, whether spurious or from distilleries of a different state not meant for sale in Punjab, are recovered. An accused can misuse the branding by filling spurious liquor to sell it, leading to hooch tragedy,” Justice Sangwan asserted.

Key Army posts vacant for several months...

The DG studies, formulates and recommends concepts on deployment of Infantry. He is responsible for modernisation and introduction of new weapons, vehicles and equipment. It is the infantry that is largely deployed along the LoC and the LAC.

The DG of Army Aviation is in charge of all flying operations, including new raisings. The Army has a fleet of 350 helicopters, mostly used in the high Himalayas to reach supplies to outposts and for rescue efforts.

Promotions and postings of 39 officers in the ranks of Major General and Lt General were cleared last week. Most of these were pending for over 4-5 months, raising scepticism over the creation of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and its task of bringing in efficiency and speedily addressing matters.

The process of promotions and postings of officers was taken away from the Department of Defence (DoD) and handed over to the DMA, when it was created in January this year.

The Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, is the Secretary of the DMA reporting directly to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, whose office takes a final call on matters of the DMA. The immediate staff of the DMA, including those at the Joint Secretary level, are from the three forces.

The process of posting of officers and files for promotions used to take two months when the DoD handled it, but the present case of

39 Generals was clearly delayed, and only a part of the blame can be apportioned to the Covid-19 crisis.

The selection board for the Lt Colonels who are to be promoted as Colonels is running behind schedule by six months, a source confirmed. The last selection board to promote Colonels as Brigadiers was declassified – military word for declaring the outcome – after six months of the meeting of the selection board. It is normally declassified within two months.

कार्यालय : नगरपालिका, पटौदी (गुरुग्राम)

सार्वजनिक सूचना खुली बोली

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका, पटौदी द्वारा वार्ड नं. 05 में बने पुराने जर्जर भवन/एसीपी ऑफिस/पुराने पीडब्ल्यूडी (वीएंडआर) के क्वार्टर जो कि एक सामूहिक भवन है, उसके मलबे की खुली बोली, तोड़ने सहित का आयोजन पालिका कार्यालय द्वारा दिनांक 01.12.2020 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे कार्यालय, नगरपालिका, पटौदी में किया जा रहा है। जिसकी धरोहर राशि 50,000/- रुपये निश्चित की गई है। इच्छुक बोलीदाता बोली से पूर्व भवन का निरीक्षण करके बोली में भाग ले सकते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त अन्य नियम व शर्तें मौके पर पढ़कर व बोलकर सुना दी जायेंगी।

हस्ता./- प्रधान नगरपालिका, पटौदी। DI-14638


हस्ता./- सचिव नगरपालिका पटौदी।

**MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK**
UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
(A State University established under Haryana Act No. 25 of 1975)
NAAC Accredited 'A+' Grade
B.Tech.(LEET) ADMISSION NOTICE (2020-21)
(Advt. PR No. 18 of 2020)
Online applications along with requisite fee of Rs. 500/- are invited up to 25.11.2020 for 1st and 2nd counselling and up to 30th Nov., 2020 for spot counselling from eligible candidates for filling up vacant/leftover seats for admissions to B.Tech. (LEET) in Biotechnology, Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. For more information, please visit the university website www.mdu.ac.in and www.uetmdu.com.
PRDH/83955
DIRECTOR (UIET)

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KHARAR Tender Notice

NIT No. LGMCOUNCIL/2020-21/1641 Dated 18-11-2020
Municipal Council Kharar has invited Tenders for different civil works from Societies/ Contractors/Firms. The details are Terms & Conditions and any future Corrigendum can be seen on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The tenders can only be filled on above website.

Schedule of Date and Times:-	
Last Date & Time for filling the online Tender	Date & Time for opening the Technical Bid
Date: 10.12.2020 Time: 11:00 a.m.	Date: 10.12.2020 Time: 02:00 p.m.
Sd/- Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Kharar.	
DPR/Pb/107849	

**GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HISAR**
(Established by State Legislature Act 17 of 1995)
NAAC 'A' Grade Accredited University Since 2002
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Among 101-150 Universities of India NIRF-2019
INSTITUTE LEVEL PHYSICAL COUNSELLING FOR ADMISSION TO B.TECH. (1st Year) & B.Tech. (LEET) COURSES 2020-21 AGAINST VACANT SEATS
The online application form for admission against vacant seats of B.Tech. (1st year) and B.Tech. (LEET) courses for the session 2020-21 will be available on the University website www.gjust.ac.in. Detailed counselling schedule and other information is available on the university website.
PRDH/83961
REGISTRAR

6th State Finance Commission, Haryana Yojana Bhawan, Bays No. 21-28, Sector-4, Panchkula.

email: info-6sfc@hry.gov.in

Applications are invited for posts of Advisor in the field of (a) Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and (b) Municipal Affairs/Administration (ULBs) to be engaged for one year on the balance period of 6th State Finance Commission, Haryana. The Terms of Reference and other details are available on the website of 6th State Finance Commission, Haryana at www.sfc.haryana.gov.in

Administrative Officer,

6th State Finance Commission, Haryana.

PRDH/83956

GOVERNMENT AYURVEDIC PHARMACY & STORES, PUNJAB, PATIALA Old Press Road, Arya Samaj, Patiala – 147001 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Superintendent, Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy and Stores, Punjab, Patiala has invited E-Tender on behalf of Director, Research and Medical Education, Punjab on or before 01.12.2020 for supply of Ayurvedic Raw Drugs/Medicines/Fuel Material as per terms and conditions of the tender. The tender document containing detailed terms & conditions may be downloaded from the E-procurement website of the Punjab Government i.e. <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

For further details corrigendum, addendums, clarifications, important dates etc. concerning the project, the bidders are requested to visit the websites referred above on regular basis. No separate advertisement shall be published in newspaper.

No. PR-20/1143 Sd/- Superintendent,
Dated: 20.11.2020 Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy and Stores,
DPR/PB/107033 Punjab, Patiala.

Pt. B.D. SHARMA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ROHTAK PUBLIC NOTICE/CORRIGENDUM

It is hereby notified for the information of all candidates who have applied in the University of Health Sciences, Rohtak for the posts of Staff Nurses for which the Written/Screening test has been scheduled on 22.11.2020 against Advt. No. 02/2019 (closing date 15.05.2019), as per details given hereunder:-

Sr. No.	Name of Medical College	Total No. of posts advertised
1	Pt. B. D. Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak	172
2	Kalpna Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal	29
3	BPS Govt. Medical College for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat	110
4	SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nalhar	284
Total		595

It is further notified that in terms of the letter received from the Director, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nalhar vide No. SHKM/Rect/20/2377-78 dated 20.11.2020 that in view of the CWP No. 12415 of 2019 and CWP No. 13789/2019, CM-11760-CWP-2020 in CWP-13789-2019 pending in the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, out of 284 posts advertised the test may be conducted only for 192 (284 - 92) posts only. Accordingly, only 503 posts of Staff Nurses will be filled up in the PGIMS/KCGMC/BPSGMC and SHKM Govt. Medical College.

All the appointments so made will be subject to final outcome of the CWP No. 13789/2019, CM-11760-CWP-2020 in CWP-13789-2019.

Dy. Registrar (R&E)
for Registrar

PRDH/83949

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS (COLLEGES) PUNJAB, S.A.S. NAGAR

Punjab School Education Board Building Complex, E-Block, 7th Floor, Phase-8, S.A.S. Nagar – 160062 (Services Branch)

E-mail: dpicsservices@gmail.com


PUBLIC NOTICE

In CWP No. 7732 of 2003 and other connected matter regarding appointment of College Cadre Lecturers in Punjab, the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court vide order dated 13.11.2019, had granted opportunity to the petitioners who were declared non-tainted by the State Government in the affidavit dated 21.01.2016, to furnish an undertaking accepting fresh appointments and the State government was directed to issue appointment letters upon furnishing of the undertaking by the petitioner. In compliance thereof, vide this office letters dated 19.03.2020 the said non-tainted petitioners were asked to furnish required undertaking to the office. However, out of 61 candidates found non-tainted, undertakings have been furnished by only 30 candidates. Therefore, another opportunity is granted to the remaining non-tainted petitioners to furnish the required undertaking to the office of undersigned by 30.11.2020 so that the report of the same may be submitted to the Hon'ble High Court. In case of non-submission of undertaking by the petitioners by 30.11.2020 their candidature will be cancelled.

Dr. Gurdarshan Singh Brar,
Assistant Director,

O/o Director Public Instruction (C) Punjab.

DPR/Pb/107826

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH**
PUBLIC NOTICE
The undersigned has been appointed as Inquiry Officer under Rule 14 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 in the departmental inquiry initiated against Sh. Anjani Kumar Prasad son of Sri Uma Shankar Prasad, working as Technician (O.T.) at the PGIMER, Chandigarh. Whereas Sh. Anjani Kumar Prasad has been called upon to appear before the undersigned to join the inquiry proceeding vide letter dated 30.10.2020 followed by letter dated 06.11.2020 served upon him through registered posts. But, the delinquent official has failed to join the inquiry proceedings. Now, through this "Public Notice", while acting as the Inquiry Officer, I call upon him to appear before the undersigned and collect the memorandum of charges from the office of the undersigned and join the inquiry proceedings on or before Monday the 14th December, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the office of the undersigned, failing which ex-parte proceedings will stand initiated against him and the inquiry report will be submitted to the disciplinary authority accordingly.
DI-14604
Mahender Singh, Admn. Officer (Inquiry Officer)

PWD B&R BRANCH NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE NO. 15 DATED: 20.11.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, P.W.D. (B&R) Br. Kapurthala invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under “**All road works**” category with **PWD (B&R)** for the works approved under **Special Repair of Link Roads Program 2020-21(Phase-III)** falling under his jurisdiction detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Work(s):-

Sr. No.	Name of MC	Group No's whose tenders being called	Total No. of groups	Availability of tender online from	Last date and time of submission of tender online
1.	MC Phagwara	1 to 2	2	23.11.2020 to	07.12.2020 up to 6 p.m.
2.	MC Sultanpur Lodhi	1 to 2	2	07.12.2020	

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Construction Division No. 2,
PWD (B&R) Br., Kapurthala.

DPR/Pb/107674

E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-I, Chandigarh, Re-invited bids from eligible bidders for the work detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on the Lump sum basis in case of OHSR (Sr. No. 1) & percentage basis in case of Pumping Machinery at Sr. No. 2. The bidders may submit bids for the following Project:-

Sr. No.	Name of Project Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee including GST (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs.)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Construction of OHSR for 3.00 Lakh Litre Capacity at Mini Growth Centre Raikot	1,10,000/-	11800/-	Five Months	Lump sum basis
2.	Providing & Installation of Pumping Machinery for OHSR at Growth Centre Raikot	31,700/-	5900/-	Three Months	1580534/-

2. Period of availability of Tender online/Date & Time of online bid submission and date & time of opening of Bids are as given below:-

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids		Date & Time of Opening of tender	
			Technical Bid	Financial Bid
26.11.2020	10.12.2020, 11:00 a.m.	11.12.2020, 11:00 a.m.	to be intimated later on	

• For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

** The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0172-2970263, 2970284.

Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. www.eproc.punjab.gov.in only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-I

**PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES & EXPORT CORPORATION LTD.**
(A STATE GOVT. UNDERTAKING)
18, HIMALAYA MARG, UDYOG BHAWAN, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH — 160017
PHONE: 2702301-305, FAX: 2702039,
Email: psiec_chd@yahoo.co.in
DPR/Pb/107860

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. I, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed
1	Construction of Smart Bus Stop on MRR via Chotta Shimla (Circular Road) under Smart City on various spots (SH-10 Type-A, Type-B Smart Bus Stops Development works at Rd. 151/465 (Nigam Vihar Rd. 151/095 (at Tolland Hill side) Rd. 150/105 (Bemoile Hill side) Rd. 155/095 (Bemoile Valley side Rd. 146/405 (103 Tunnel), Rd. 146/Near 103 Tunnel/SSB) and Rd. 145/445 (Near CMP Check post).	13008512/-	162600/-	5000/-	180/-

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidders would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender

3. **Key Dates:**

1.	Date of Online Publication	02.12.2020, 18.00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	02.12.2020, 18.00 HRS up to 16.12.2020, 16.00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	02.12.2020, 18.00 HRS up to 16.12.2020, 16.00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	17.12.2020 up to 10.30 HRS
5.	Date of opening of Technical Bid	
6.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	17.12.2020, 11:00 HRS

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover.

- Cover 1:** Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical documents/ Eligibility information."
- Cover 2:** Shall contain "BoQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in the O/o Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No. I, HPPWD., Shimla-3 as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 3 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The Technical bids shall be opened on 17.12.2020 at 11:00 HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, Shimla HPPWD Shimla, H.P. by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline date for bid submission.

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

Eligibility criteria:-

- The bidders must have successfully completed similar nature of one work not less than 40% of estimated cost during the last five years under Govt. Department State or Central PSU's (without Liquidated damages or compensation).
- The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/ application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DPR/HP/4520

Haven’t set goals, am excited to face Australia: Gill

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 23 Young Punjab batsman Shubman Gill is looking forward to the challenge of taking on the mighty Australia but has not set any personal goals for the tour.

Gill has played only two ODIs so far and is part of the limited-overs and Test squads for the tour, which begins on Friday.

“I am really looking forward to Australia because this is my first trip. As a kid growing up, I always watched the matches between India and Australia. I am really excited. I have not really set any personal goals, but I am really looking forward to the tour” Shubman Gill

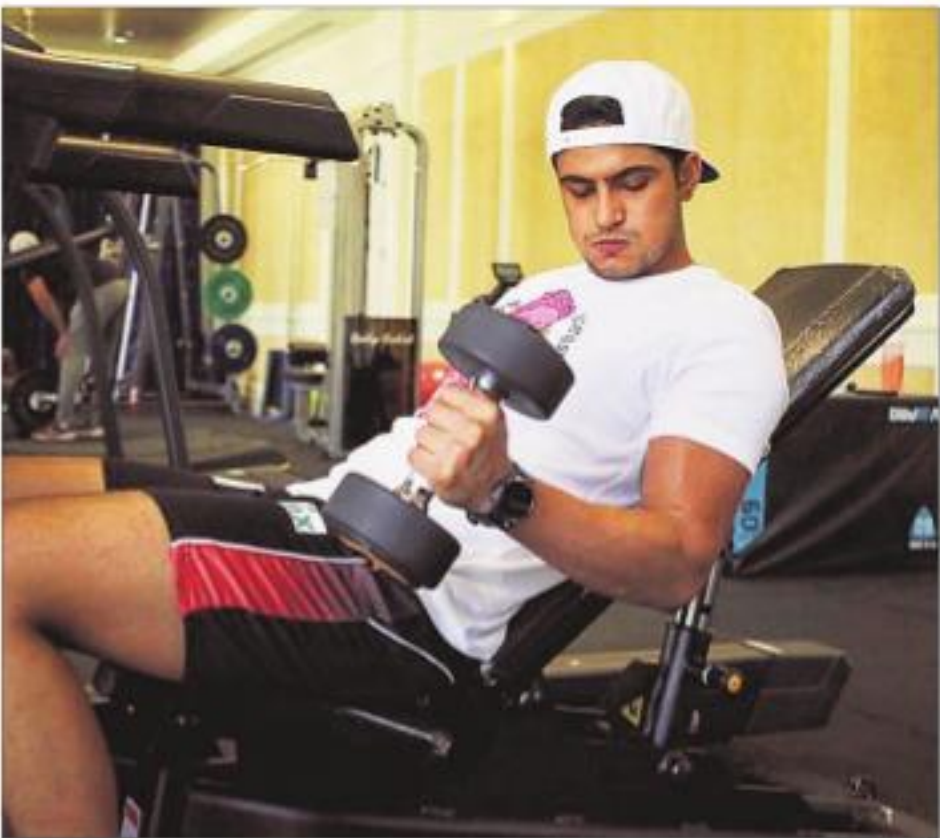
impressive outing in the Indian Premier League with KKR, accumulating 440 runs in 14 matches.

“The fact that a lot of my friends are travelling with the team, so it will be fun and exciting. But, obviously, when the practice session starts then it’s a whole different situation,” he said.

“I have not really set any personal goals, but I am really looking forward to the tour,” he added.

The 21-year-old batsman headed to Australia after an

Counted among the top



Shubman Gill is looking forward to the series against Australia. PHOTO: SHUBMAN GILL/TWITTER

After father’s death, Siraj vows to fulfil his dreams

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 23 Indian pace bowler Mohammed Siraj has said that he would strive to fulfil the dreams of his late father by doing well for India. He also said that a conversation with his mother helped him decide to stay back in Australia.

Siraj’s father died on Friday, with the pacer in Australia along with his India teammates, in preparation for the upcoming series.

“He was my biggest sup-

porter and it’s a big loss for me. He wished that I should play for India and bring glory to the nation. From here on my mindset is that I will fulfil his dreams. He may not be with me in person but he’ll always be there with me in spirit,” Siraj told BCCI’s official website.

“I liked how all the team members supported me in this time and didn’t let me feel the pinch of the loss. Virat bhai asked me to stay strong and fulfil the dream

of my father. He told me that it was important for me to stay strong. His positive words made me feel better,” added Siraj.

It may be recalled that Virat Kohli himself, as a teenager, continued to play for his state team after his father died back in 2006.

“I spoke to my mother and she too urged me to stay back, perform well for India and realise my father’s dream,” Siraj said.

BCCI had given Siraj the

option of flying back to India to be with his family. But the fast bowler had decided to stay with the Indian contingent and continue performing his national duties.

India head coach Ravi Shastri said that the team was rallying around Siraj and that he performed well in an intra-squad practice match. — TNS, agencies



Mohammed Siraj is determined to fulfil his father’s dream. [scci >>](#)

Good Virat would be away for his child’s birth: Warner

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 23 Australian opener David Warner today said “well done to him to go home and be by his partner’s side for the birth of his first child”, when asked about Virat Kohli’s absence after the first Test next month.

Warner also said his “days are numbered” in international cricket and that he would rather ignore than engage if Indian players sledge him during the upcoming series.

Warner, in a virtual press conference, touched upon

his evolution as a batsman in the past couple of years.

“I’ve just recently turned 34, so my days are numbered, when you’re in the 30s. There’s obviously a risk element but there’s obviously a cricket smarts element to it as well,” the explosive opener said.

Warner said he would prefer to look the other way if Indians try to get chatty with him. “I’ll always draw from that mate. To try and get engaged, that’s the way they like to play as well,” he said.

“Probably try and reversing

the effect by trying and ignoring it, trying to take it on board and using it against them by using your bat. It’s probably something I’ve learnt over time.”

Fatherhood

A lot of discipline has come with fatherhood, said Warner, crediting his children for the gradually-acquired patience.

“...not get too aggressive or angry when the kids aren’t listening. For me, I am getting tested on and off the field. So, it’s about being

calm and relaxed and trying to sum up the situation you’re playing in,” he said.

“And making sure, you’re taking that right risk at the right time. I think last 12-24 months, I’ve been doing that quite well. Make sure you’re not bringing people down with your emotions and keep trying to find ways to get better as a player and as a team player.”

Rohit, Kohli, Rahane...

Talking about the Indian team, which will not feature opener Rohit Sharma in the

ODIs and T20Is, Warner said it would be a big hole to fill.

“Obviously he is a big piece of their team, that they are going to be missing, but they have got great in-form guys KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan and Mayank (Agarwal), these guys played in the IPL, so you have got guys who are in good touch,” he said.

Warner had words of praise for India’s Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane. “He’s calm and very measured in his approach. He’s got a very good cricket brain,” Warner said. — PTI

Medvedev’s masterstroke

ATP FINALS Russian fights back to beat Thiem in final

LONDON, NOVEMBER 23 Daniil Medvedev did not travel an easy path to the biggest title of his career at the ATP Finals: He beat No. 3 Dominic Thiem for the championship after earlier getting past No. 1 Novak Djokovic and No. 2 Rafael Nadal.

By switching tactics and coming back for a 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4 victory over US Open champion Thiem in Sunday’s final, No. 4 Medvedev became the first player to defeat each of the men ranked 1 to 3 in the season-ending championship — and only the fourth to do so at any tour event since 1990.

“Means a lot,” said 24-year-old Medvedev. “Shows what I’m capable of when I’m playing good, when I’m feeling good mentally, physically. So I know what I’m capable of. Just need to produce it more and more.”

The win against Thiem followed those against Djokovic in the round-robin

portion of the tournament and Nadal in Saturday’s semifinals. Medvedev went 5-0 in all, quite a turnaround from a year ago, when he was 0-3 at the ATP Finals.

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Daniil Medvedev poses with the trophy. REUTERS

BRIEFLY

CHANDIGARH
ISL: Hyderabad start with win
Aridane Santana’s 35th-minute penalty gave Hyderabad FC a 1-0 win over Odisha FC in the Indian Super League in Bambolim, Goa, today.

LIVERPOOL
Liverpool move to 2nd spot
Liverpool set a club record of 64 top-flight home matches unbeaten by overwhelming Leicester in a 3-0 win in the Premier League. Diogo Jota became the first player to score in his first four home top-division league appearances for Liverpool. Liverpool moved level on points with Tottenham at

TODAY ON TV
ISL
JAMSHEDPUR VS CHENNAIYN
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
RENNES VS CHELSEA 11:25PM
MAN UNITED VS ISTANBUL
KYIV VS BARCELONA
PSG VS LEIPZIG
JUVENTUS VS FERENCVAROS 1:30AM (WEDNESDAY)
SONY TEN, SONY SIX

MADRID
Sociedad take 3-point lead
Real Sociedad beat Cadiz 1-0 on Sunday for their sixth straight La Liga victory and a three-point lead at the top of the standings. AGENCIES

Prajnesh ends up 2nd again

ORLANDO: Prajnesh Gunneswaran ended runners-up at the Orlando Open, losing the summit clash of the ATP Challenger event to American Brandon Nakashima. Gunneswaran could not put up an adequate fight with his ground-strokes to hurt the American, losing 3-6 4-6 in the final of the \$52,080 hardcourt tourna-

ment. The Indian left-hander could convert none of the eight break chances that came his way in a contest that lasted an hour and 28 minutes. This was Gunneswaran’s second straight runners-up finish, after he had reached the final at the Cary Challenger last week. The result helped Gunneswaran to move to world No. 128 from No. 137. He has locked the India number one rank. [PII](#)

TRAIN RESTORATION / HANDLING PLAN

Northern Railway has planned restoration of train services in Punjab and adjoining states in a phased manner as per following details:-

RESTORATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS IN PUNJAB AND ADJOINING STATES	
Train No. & Name	Date of Restoration (from the Originating Station)
03255 Patliputra-Chandigarh Festival Special	25.11.20
03256 Chandigarh-Patliputra Festival Special	26.11.20
05098 Jammu Tawi-Bhagalpur Express	24.11.20
05097 Bhagalpur-Jammu Tawi Express	26.11.20
04656 Firozpur Cantt.-Patna Jn. Festival Special	27.11.20
04655 Patna Jn.-Firozpur Cantt. Festival Special	28.11.20
02331 Howrah Jn.-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	24.11.20
02332 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Jn. Festival Special	26.11.20
04924 Chandigarh-Gorakhpur Festival Special	26.11.20
04923 Gorakhpur-Chandigarh Festival Special	27.11.20
04624 Amritsar-Saharsa Festival Special	24.11.20
04623 Saharsa-Amritsar Festival Special	25.11.20
05251 Darbhanga-Jalandhar City Festival Special	28.11.20
05252 Jalandhar City-Darbhanga Festival Special	29.11.20
09027 Banda Terminus-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	28.11.20
09028 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Festival Special	30.11.20
05531 Saharsa-Amritsar Festival Special	29.11.20
05532 Amritsar-Saharsa Festival Special	30.11.20
02587 Gorakhpur-Jammu Tawi Express	Restored on 23.11.20
02588 Jammu Tawi-Gorakhpur Express	28.11.20
04612 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Varanasi Festival Special	29.11.20
04611 Varanasi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Festival Special	01.12.20
02231 Lucknow-Chandigarh Express	Restored on 23.11.20
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	24.11.20
04651 Jaynagar-Amritsar Express	24.11.20
04652 Amritsar-Jaynagar Express	25.11.20
02919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Special	Restored on 23.11.20
02920 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Special	25.11.20
01449 Jabalpur-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	24.11.20
01450 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Jabalpur Express	25.11.20
09803 Kota-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Special	28.11.20
09804 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Kota Special	29.11.20
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	24.11.20
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	25.11.20

TRAINS TO REMAIN CANCELLED TILL FURTHER ADVICE			
Train No.	05211/05212 Darbhanga-Amritsar-Darbhanga Festival Special		
Train No.	02422/02421Jammu Tawi-Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Superfast Special		
Train No.	02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special		
Train No.	09805/09806 Kota-Udhampur-Kota Special		
Train No.	02054/02053 Amritsar-Haridwar-Amritsar Express		
Train No.	02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar-Delhi Jn.-Shri Ganganagar Superfast Special		
Train No.	04888/04887 Barmer-Rishikesh-Barmer Special		
Train No.	02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express		
Train No.	02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Express		
Train No.	09612/09611 Amritsar-Ajmer-Amritsar Special		
Train No.	09613/09614 Ajmer-Amritsar-Ajmer Special		
Train No.	04519/04520 Delhi Jn.-Bhatinda Jn.-Delhi Jn. Special		
Train No.	04998/04997 Bathinda-Varanasi-Bathinda Express		
Train No.	22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Express		
Train No.	04401/04402 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Festival Special		

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	24.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	24.11.2020
04650/04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar-Amritsar Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	24.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF PARCEL SPECIAL TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
00902 Jammu Tawi-Bandra(T)	From Ambala Cantt.	Jammu Tawi-Ambala Cantt.	25.11.2020

TRAINS HANDLING PLAN	
The 02903 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Golden Temple Mail will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 02925 Banda Terminus-Amritsar Special Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 02715 Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Express will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020	
The 04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar Express will depart from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 24.11.2020 .	
The 02057 New Delhi-Una Himachal Janshatabdi Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 02058 Una Himachal-New Delhi Janshatabdi Express will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Festival Special will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Festival Special will dep. from Jammu Tawi at its scheduled time.	
The 02357 Kolkata-Amritsar Special will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 02358 Amritsar-Kolkata Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 26.11.2020 .	
The 02025 Nagpur-Amritsar Special will go to its scheduled destination from 28.11.2020 .	
The 02026 Amritsar-Nagpur Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 30.11.2020 .	
The 08237 Korba-Amritsar Festival Special will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 08238 Amritsar-Korba Festival Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 26.11.2020 .	
The 09717 Jaipur-Daultapur Chowk Express will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 09718 Daultapur Chowk-Jaipur Express will dep. from Daultapur Chowk at its scheduled time from 24.11.2020 .	
The 04131 Prayagraj-Udhampur Superfast Special will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 04132 Udhampur-Prayagraj Superfast Special will dep. from Udhampur at its scheduled time from 25.11.2020 .	
The 02355 Patna-Jammu Tawi Festival Special will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 02356 Jammu Tawi-Patna Festival Special will dep. from Jammu Tawi at its scheduled time from 25.11.20 .	
The 04654 Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Karambhoomi Superfast Clone Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 25.11.2020 .	
The 04653 New Jalpaiguri-Amritsar Karambhoomi Superfast Clone Special will go to its scheduled destination from 27.11.2020 .	
The 05933 Dibrugarh-Amritsar Special will go to its scheduled destination from 24.11.2020 .	
The 05934 Amritsar-Dibrugarh Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 27.11.2020 .	
The 02407 New Jalpaiguri-Amritsar Karambhoomi Superfast Spl. will go to its scheduled destination from 25.11.20 .	
The 02408 Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Karambhoomi Superfast Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 27.11.2020 .	
The 09025 Banda Terminus-Amritsar Clone Special will go to its scheduled destination.	
The 09026 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Clone Special will dep. from Amritsar at its scheduled time from 25.11.2020 .	
The 08215 Durg-Jammu Tawi Festival Special will go to its scheduled destination from 25.11.2020 .	
The 08216 Jammu Tawi-Durg Festival Spl. will dep. from Jammu Tawi at its scheduled time from 27.11.2020 .	
The 00468 Amritsar-Howrah Parcel Express will be rescheduled to depart at 08:00 hrs. on 24.11.2020 instead of 16:00 hrs. on 23.11.2020.	

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BRIEFLY

Web series row: MP cops book 2 Netflix officials

Bhopal/Indore: An FIR was registered in Madhya Pradesh on Monday against two executives of OTT platform Netflix for allegedly hurting religious sentiments through its web series “A Suitable Boy” which showed kissing scenes purportedly on the campus of a temple, an official said. The FIR has named Monika Shergill, vice-president, content (Netflix) and Ambika Khurana, director, public policies (Netflix), Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Nartotam Mishra said. PTI

Bharti, husband get bail

Mumbai: A Mumbai court on Monday granted bail to comedian Bharti Singh and her husband Harsh Limbachiya, who were arrested after drugs was seized from their house. The magistrate's court granted bail to the couple on a bond of Rs 15,000 each. Bharti was arrested on Saturday night by the NCB. PTI

Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson succumbs to Covid

Johannesburg: Satish Dhupelia, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, has succumbed to Covid-related complications here in South Africa, three days after his 66th birthday, a family member said. Dhupelia's sister Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie confirmed that her brother died on Sunday. PTI

Shringla briefs G-8 envoys on Pak hand in Nagrota plot

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Monday briefed a select group of heads of missions on the planned terrorist attack in Nagrota district in Jammu, which was foiled on November 19.

In what will be the first of several briefings to be conducted by the MEA in small groups in view of the pandemic, Shringla explained the implications of the incident on security, diplomacy and the battle against terrorism.

“Other Secretaries will also be briefing heads of missions in their areas of jurisdiction. The idea is to share information as widely as possible with the international community,” said sources here.

The envoys briefed were from the G-8 group as well as a few other major nations that are directly handled by the Foreign Secretary.

The decision to brief the envoys was taken last week at a security review meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shringla had attended the meeting along with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Home Minister



FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT NEPAL

■ Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will continue India's whirlwind diplomacy in the aftermath of the LAC tensions with China with a visit to Nepal towards the end of this week.

■ This will be the Foreign Secretary's fifth foreign visit and comes after his visit to the Maldives.

■ The visit to Nepal will build on the signals of renewed friendship from Kathmandu. On August 15, Nepal PM K P Oli broke the ice with a courtesy phone call to PM Narendra Modi. He then suspended the publication of books with new maps.



Amit Shah and senior intelligence officials. The meeting was told that the terrorists were planning to do “something big” on the anniversary of the Mumbai attacks.

The envoys were provided with a detailed information docket giving the details of the incident as it transpired as well as a list of items and weapons recovered from terrorists

“clearly indicating” their Pakistani origins, added the sources. They were also briefed on how the terrorists got into India which is now clear through the discovery of an underground tunnel in the Samba sector. Shringla also shared with them the preliminary investigations by the police and intelligence authorities as well as the markings on

the recovered AK-47 rifles and other items that led South Block to believe that the terrorists belonged to Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

The government believes the incident is part of Pakistan's ongoing terror campaign in J&K. In 2020, there have been 200 incidents of terrorist violence and killing of 199 terrorists, the Foreign Secretary told the envoys.

Youthful House ensured landmark laws: Modi

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the country was witnessing Parliament working with new energy and drew a parallel with the tenure of the Lok Sabha since 2014 as one of youthful exuberance in enacting several landmark legislations and taking historic decisions.

It is said the 16-17-18 age group when the youth is in classes X-XII, is very important. These ages are equally important for any young democracy. “You see, now, with the 2019 elections, we have completed the term of the 16th

INAUGURATES 76 MODERN FLATS

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Lok Sabha. This period has been very historic for the development and progress of the country. The term of 17th Lok Sabha has started after 2019. This Lok Sabha has also made history with the decisions and

steps taken in the country during this period. There will be 18th Lok Sabha after this. I am sure the next Lok Sabha will also play a very important role to take the country forward in the new decade.”

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Observing that another major reason behind the energy in Parliament is on account of young and new MPs, he said, since 2014, the country wanted to move in a new direction and more than 300 MPs, including him, were elected for the first time. “In this 17th Lok Sabha also, there are 260 MPs, who have been elected for

the first time. More than 400 MPs either have come for the first time or have reached Parliament for the second time in 2019.

Praising Speaker Om Birla, PM Modi expressed happiness that Parliament proceedings continued even during the pandemic. The new flats came in space occupied by eight bungalows that were 80 years' old. Accommodation for MPs has been a longstanding problem but is now being solved. Problems that persist for decades cannot end by avoiding them but by finding solutions, he said. — TNS

Energy next potential frontier of Indo-Israel ties

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

Energy could be the next frontier of India-Israel relations, said a senior Indian diplomat here on Monday.

Contracts for gas exports from the massive Israel reserves in the eastern Mediterranean, exploring oil and gas reserves in India, developing technologies and collaborations for renewable energy sources could be the way forward, said MEA Secretary (CPV&OIA) Sanjay Bhattacharyya at the 13th India-Israel Forum, a Track-II dialogue forum that was also addressed by Alon Ushpiz, former Ambassador of Israel to India and currently Director General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In an era where technology dominates, India-Israel projects can lead the way in securing new markets globally by leveraging their high-tech col-

Projects by two nations can secure new markets globally



laboration in defence under Make in India, and cooperation to combat cyber crime.

Bhattacharyya also lauded the Israeli technology in water conservation and desalination, which is being utilised here to bring water to Jamnagar, Chennai and Bundelkhand, to revive traditional indigenous water practices in the region and encourage new agricultural methods based on technology. — TNS

Tibet, Nepal intrigues back in focus after long

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

The Great Game on the Roof of the World is beginning to get intriguing as existing players have begun jettisoning over half a century of status quo. World attention is currently focused on the China-India face off in eastern Ladakh, but intrigues relating to Tibet and the surrounding territories controlled by India, Nepal and Bhutan are making a comeback.

China has ingressed into the Bhutanese territory by building a road in an area that India considers a security risk to the Chicken's Neck corridor connecting the mainland to the North East, said sources here. So far, there was reasoned speculation about the Chinese building a village as well as a road towards Jampheri Ridge.

Reports of a similar nature have come from Nepal but

S Jaishankar leaves for Bahrain, UAE, Seychelles today



have been denied as well. However, China is now attempting to put in place an all-weather link to Nepal that will serve as a more reliable avenue for commerce.

In India, Arunachal CM Pema Khandu has repeatedly said the state does not share a direct border with China but with Tibet. In June, days after the Galwan clash, Khandu had for the first time referred to the LAC as the India-Tibet border. — TNS

India swaps G-20 chair with Indonesia

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

India has exchanged its presidency of the G-20 with Indonesia in an arrangement that suits both sides, claimed sources.

The rotation cycle for the G-20 chair for India falls in 2022, its 75th year of Independence, while for Indonesia it was in 2023, the same year it will head the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The implication is that the biggest gathering of the world leaders in India outside the UN ambit will then take place in 2024, the year general elections are scheduled in the country.

Officials here did not come on record but Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said, 'India also has had the same request.'

Verdict on plea challenging Modi's election today

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

The Supreme Court will on Tuesday deliver its verdict on ex-BSF man Tej Bahadur's petition challenging the election of PM Narendra Modi from the Varanasi constituency in 2019.

A Bench, headed by CJI SA

Bobde, will pronounce it at 12 pm. Bahadur, who was dismissed from BSF in 2017 after he posted a video online alleging that poor quality food was served to the troops, contended his nomination papers were wrongly rejected. — TNS

SC extends parole of Rajiv's killer for medical check-up

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 23

The Supreme Court on Monday extended by a week the parole of Rajiv Gandhi's killer AG Perarivalan, serving life sentence, and asked the Tamil Nadu Government to provide escort to him to enable him to undergo medical tests.

A Bench, headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao, passed the order after senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan said the Madras High Court had earlier extended the parole from November 9 to November 23.



Permanent Commission for Women: SC says it's nation's victory

The Bench said it intended to dispose of Perarivalan's plea for remission of sentence on January 19, 2021, the next date of hearing. On November 3, the Bench had said investigation into the “larger conspiracy”

behind Rajiv Gandhi's assassination need not deter the Governor from deciding clemency plea of Perarivalan, who has been in prison for more than two decades.

The CBI told the Supreme Court last week that the Tamil Nadu Governor was the competent authority to take call on his remission plea.

In an affidavit filed last week, the CBI said the issue of remission of sentence was solely between Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Perarivalan and it was for the Governor to decide whether to release him.

Longest-serving Assam CM Gogoi broke the back of insurgency

GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 23

Tarun Gogoi, the octogenarian three-time Chief Minister of Assam, who breathed his last on Monday evening, was one of northeast India's tallest statesmen who changed the face of Assam from a terrorism-ravaged state to a land with opportunities for trade, business and economy during his 15-year reign.

A six-time MP from Assam between 1971 and 2001, Gogoi (86) was away from Assam politics for long until in 2001 Assembly polls when he was asked to lead the party against the influential Asom Gana Parishad government led by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta.

When other leaders were hesitant, Gogoi led the Congress to victory and became the Chief Minister for the first time in 2001, leading the state at a very diffi-



Was admitted to hospital on Aug 26 after testing Covid+ve

cult time with terrorism at its peak and brutal killings dominating the headlines.

The longest-serving Chief Minister of Assam, Gogoi took the helm of affairs of the state in 2001 when the state was also facing a serious

financial crisis even as the state government did not have the required money to pay salaries of government employees on time. Between 2001 and 2016, the 15 years he was in power, Gogoi scripted history by taming the decades' old insurgency as terror outfits and militants came forward to talk with the government. Under his leadership, the economic growth accompanied by peace boosted Assam to accelerate its all-round development during the subsequent years.

He dealt with the occasional flare-up like the 2012 Kokrajhar and other ethnic violence in the state with an iron hand.

Born to Dr Kamalleshwar Gogoi and Usha Gogoi, Tarun Gogoi spent his childhood in a tea garden in Jorhat district where his father was a physician. — IANS

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, HARYANA

Plot No. 09, DHL Square, IT Park, Sector-22, Panchkula

Applications are invited for filling up **111 posts** of Mining Guard from the eligible ex-servicemen candidates to fill up on purely contractual basis through Outsourcing Policy Part-II of the State Government for a period of one year in the Mines and Geology Department, Haryana as per criteria given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of post	District-wise post	Age	Minimum Qualification	Category	No. of posts	Criteria of Marks
1.	Mining Guard	51	Head office-02 Panchkula-03 Ambala-03 Yamuna Nagar-05 Kurukshetra-02 Panipat-02 Sonapat-04 Faridabad-03 Gurugram-03 Rohtak-02 Jind-02 Sirsa-02 Hissar-02 Charkhi Dadri-05 Bhiwani-03 Rewari-03 Narnaul-05	25-50	(i) Matriculation from recognized Board and; (ii) Hindi/ Sanskrit as one of the subject	ESM-General ESM-ESP (General) ESM-ESP (SC) ESM-SC ESM-BC 'A' ESM-BC 'B'	26 01 01 09 08 06	10th Marks: Maximum marks 20 Up to 50% - 10 51-80% - 15 Above 80%- 20 12th Marks: Maximum marks 20 Up to 50% - 10 51-80% - 15 Above 80%- 20 Bonus marks for Graduation: 10 Total of all marks 50
	Mining Guard	20	Head Office-02 Panchkula-01 Ambala-01 Yamuna Nagar-02 Kurukshetra-01 Panipat-01 Sonapat-01 Faridabad-01 Gurugram-01 Rohtak-01 Jind-01 Sirsa-01 Hissar-01 Charkhi Dadri-02 Bhiwani-01 Rewari-01 Narnaul-01	25-50	-do-	ESM-General ESM-ESP (General) ESM-ESP (SC) ESM-SC ESM-BC 'A' ESM-BC 'B'	10 01 01 03 03 02	
	Mining Guard	40	Head Office-02 Panchkula-02 Ambala-02 Yamuna Nagar-04 Kurukshetra-02 Panipat-02 Sonapat-04 Faridabad-02 Gurugram-02 Rohtak-02 Jind-01 Sirsa-01 Hissar-02 Charkhi Dadri-04 Bhiwani-02 Rewari-02 Narnaul-04	25-60	-do-	ESM-General ESM-ESP (General) ESM-ESP (SC) ESM-SC ESM-BC 'A' ESM-BC 'B'	20 02 02 06 06 04	
		111				Total:	111	

The other terms & conditions would be as under:-

- The selection criteria will be purely on merit and no interviews will be conducted.
- A Committee of the Departmental Officers shall be constituted for inviting applications & for preparation of merit list with approval of DGMG.
- The candidates/applicants shall be eligible who have served service of minimum 5 years. At the time of retirement, the candidates/applicants should have “**Category-A Medical**” and Exemplary/Excellent Character Certificate.
- The candidates/applicants should not have any criminal proceeding in any court of law.
- Equal pay for equal work principle shall be initially applied to the employees engaged under Outsourcing Policy Part-II. The Functional Level of pay of the post of Mining Guard is FPL-DL (Rs. 16,900/- to Rs. 53,500/-) and initial pay (minimum of pay scale of the category is Rs. 16,900/- for the post of Mining Guard but would not be entitled to any of the allowances attached to the post.
- The appointment is purely on contract basis for a period of one year which is extendable for another one year.

The application form and notification can be downloaded from website of the Department i.e. www.minesharyana.gov.in. The eligible candidate shall apply/submit their applications in prescribed application form along with the copy of the requisite certificate/documents within **15 days** from the date of publication of the notice online on the email ID of the Department i.e. dmg.mines-hry@nic.in.

- No application after the last date of the submission of same shall be considered.
- The Department has right to withdraw, reduce or add to the number of post without any intimation.
- The applicant should enclose/attach Eligibility Certificate and Discharge Book along with application form.

**Director General,
Mines and Geology Department,
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