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TERRORISM: PRESIDENT BACK PAGE

HAPPY DIWALI

The Tribune wishes its readers a happy and prosperous Diwali. Offices of The Tribune will remain closed on Saturday. There will, therefore, be no edition on Sunday (November 15). The next edition of the paper will appear on Monday (November 16).

Active cases dip below 5 lakh

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13 Active cases today stood at 4,84,547, much below the 5-lakh mark. For the third consecutive day, the active cases remained below the 5-lakh mark and are now only 5.55 per cent of the total Covid cases, which reached 87,28,795 today. The toll reached 1,28,668 after 547 deaths in 24 hours.

COVID-19 CASES INDIA
RECOVERED 81,15,580
FRESH FATALITIES 547
TOTAL DEATHS 1,28,668

WORLD
TOTAL 5,33,03,888
RECOVERED 3,73,44,915
DEATHS 13,02,542

In contrast to 44,879 new reported cases today, there were 49,079 recoveries over the past 24 hours. The total recovered cases nationally stand at 81,15,580, which translate to a recovery rate of 92.97 per cent.

Of the new cases in 24 hours, 76.25 per cent are in 10 states and UTs. Delhi's surge continues to be a matter of concern, with the capital reporting 7,053 cases, followed by Kerala 5,537 and Maharashtra 4,496. — TNS

After Lahaul, tribal Spiti shuts doors on tourists

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, NOVEMBER 13 After the self-imposed lockdown by three Lahaul panchayats in Himachal, Spiti residents have now decided to shut down tourism-related activities till March 31 next year to check the spread of Covid in the tribal belt.

Spiti Tourism Society president Chhering Bodh said the decision was taken following a meeting that was attended by various stakeholders, including hoteliers, homestay owners, guides and travel associates. Bodh said snow and wildlife expeditions, jeep safaris, package tours and

Covid cases rising, hospitality units take steps to snap virus chain

trekking would remain suspended till March-end.

Though Spiti witnesses heavy snowfall in winter, some tourists still make it to places like Kibber, Tabo and Kaza. "But even these areas will remain out of bounds for visitors," he said.

Sissu, Koksar and Khangsar panchayats of Lahaul had two days ago stopped operation of hospital units to break the Covid chain after a spurt in cases.



Farmers in Amritsar protest against the recent farm laws. PTI

(ministers) started speaking about the merits of the Acts, how beneficial they were for the farmers, we told them that it was time that they lis-

tened to us." BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president JS Ugrahan said they told the ministers that the government's promise of doubling

farm income was meaningless as the new laws would result in the farmers "losing their land to big corporate houses." The farmers accused the Centre of an economic blockade, claiming that goods trains were stalled even when they had vacated the tracks.

Ugrahan said the Centre proposed to form a committee to discuss their demands on the condition that passenger trains in Punjab were allowed to run. "They (ministers) mentioned another meeting by November 21, but nothing was finalised," he added.

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WHO selects India to set up traditional medicine centre

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MODI HAILS DECISION



MEDICINE STRATEGY

■ The export of ayurvedic products has increased. There has been a significant rise in the export of spices like turmeric and ginger, considered immunity boosters. The confidence in ayurvedic solutions and Indian spices is growing.

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

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'Caution fatigue' may undo gains

NEW DELHI: Stress over lives disrupted and fear of contracting a disease that continues its relentless spread is a potent cocktail that has led to "caution fatigue" and even "avoidance behaviour", say experts as people seem to drop their guard against Covid-19.

"People are getting tired, but unfortunately the virus is not," said Prabhdeep Kaur, Deputy Director, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai. — PTI

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Cong: Won't comment on Obama dig

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US ex-Prez had likened Rahul to a student eager to impress his teacher, but lacking in aptitude

■ In the past, a leader has been called 'psychopath' and 'master divider' by people and agencies. We didn't acknowledge such comments. Randeep Singh Surjewala

teacher, but lacking in aptitude to master his subject.

According to a review of the book published in The New York Times, America's 44th President in his mem-

oirs says Rahul Gandhi has a nervous, unformed quality about him, as if he were a student who'd done the coursework and was eager to impress the teacher but

deep down lacked either the aptitude or the passion to master the subject". The Congress today refrained from commenting on Obama's observations in respect of Gandhi.

All India Congress Committee media chairman Randeep Singh Surjewala said the Congress did not comment on individual's views in a book. Barack Obama's autobiography is due for November 17 release.

Gautam made Pb, Chd in-charge as Nadda rejigs team

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13 The BJP on Friday announced its new team of state in-charges, with party vice-president Radha Mohan Singh appointed in-charge of politically crucial Uttar Pradesh.

BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh, who was earlier co-in-charge for Delhi, will now look after the party's work in J&K, Ladakh and Telangana. Party general secretary Dushyant Gautam has been made in-charge of Punjab, Chandigarh and Uttarakhand, a party statement said. PAGE 14

Kamra defiant, refuses to retract tweets against SC

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13 Standup comedian Kunal Kamra has refused to retract his tweets insinuating the Supreme Court or apologise for them, saying he believed they "speak for themselves" even as several persons filed criminal contempt of court petitions against him.

In his tweets, Kamra had shown the SC in saffron colour with a BJP flag in place of the Tricolour and made nasty comments about a sitting judge. BACK PAGE

Pollution rising, Haryana shuts 120 stone crushers, mix plants in 2 districts

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FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 13

The Haryana State Pollution Control Board has closed down over 120 stone crushers and hot mix plants in Faridabad and Palwal districts till November 17.

The move comes following the order of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to shut hot mix plants and stone crushers remain closed till November 17," said the order

air pollution in Delhi-NCR. While particulate matter (PM) 2.5 was 497 (hazardous) on November 9, the air quality falls in the "very poor" category in both districts.

Considering the fact that the air quality index (AQI) is "very poor" and may deteriorate further, the implementing agencies must ensure that hot mix plants and stone crushers remain closed till November 17," said the order



passed by the CPCB. Besides, the CPCB has also asked the NCR authorities to

go in for mechanised cleaning of roads and water sprinkling, particularly on road

Date	AQI*
Nov 9	497
Nov 10	413
Nov 11	318
Nov 12	310
Nov 13	319

(*Data for Faridabad; AQI above 400 falls in 'severe' bracket; 300-400 is very poor)

stretches with high dust generation potential. The apex pollution watchdog had said

guidelines and standard operating procedures for dust mitigation at construction sites should be adhered to under the GRAP measures.

Stating that the governments of Punjab and Haryana had been asked to take immediate stringent actions to curb stubble burning and authorities in Delhi-NCR to check biomass burning, an official said the agencies had been told to comply with the NGT

order banning firecrackers during the period.

"All 90 stone crushers have been shut down," said Smita Kanodia, Regional Officer, PCB, Faridabad. "Thirty crushers were non-functional. Five hot mix plants in Palwal have also been shut," said a district official. Municipal Corporation officials said over 500 challans have been issued for violation of pollution norms in the city in the past two weeks.

Rework or cancel pacts with pvt power plants: Bajwa to CM

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13
Congress Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa has urged Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to begin the process of negotiating or cancelling the power purchase agreements signed with private thermal plants as they failed to stock enough coal reserve during the farmers' protest.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, Bajwa said the legacy of the unfair power purchase agreements signed with independent power producers (IPPs) was the brainchild of the former Deputy Chief Minister and president of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Sukhbir Singh Badal.

He said the three privately owned thermal power generation stations had become a financial albatross that had caused huge losses to the exchequer of Punjab, while



FAILED TO MAINTAIN COAL STOCK

Three privately owned thermal power plants did not maintain the mandatory 30-day coal stock as required by the power purchase agreements signed with the state government

AGREEMENTS FAVOUR PRIVATE OPERATORS

Agreements had been designed in a manner that ensured the subsidisation of these (private) power operators to the tune of ₹65,000 crore as fixed charges for 25 years.

Partap Bajwa,
CONGRESS MP

benefiting only a select few private companies.

He pointed out that these agreements had been designed in a manner that ensured the subsidisation of these power operators to the tune of Rs 65,000 crore as fixed charges for 25 years.

"As you are aware that the third private plant run by

GVK at Goindwal Sahib closed its operations on November 3, 2020, due to the shortage of coal. The other two private thermal plants at Talwandi Sabo and Nabha had shut operations earlier due to the same reason. It has been reported that these three power plants did not maintain their 30-

day stock of coal as required by the power purchase agreements signed with the Government of Punjab.

"Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has yet to initiate against these firms for failing to maintain their commitments with the state," the Rajya Sabha MP said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME/O&F/UMB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 221-S/4/2/OMC/FSD/UMB/M-4 Closing Date and Time 04.12.2020 upto 11:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.reps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/downloaded. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking / Debit / Credit cards etc. available on IREPS Portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Maintenance Contract of fog safe devices over Ambala Division for a period of three months		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date	04.12.2020, 11:00 A.M.	Date Time of Uploading Tender	12.11.2020 16:29
Pre Bid required	No	Pre Bid Query till Date	N.A
Advertisement Value	Rs. 944465.11/-	Tendering Section	Mech. O&F
Earnest Money	Rs. 18900/-	Validity of Offer	30 days
Tender Document Cost	Rs. 2000/-	Period of Completion	Three Months
Bidding Start Date	20.11.2020	Tender Opening Date	04.12.2020, 11:15 AM
No. :- 221-S/4/2/QMC/FSD/UMB/M-4 DL : 12.11.2020	2536/2020		

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Sales dip as farmers call for 'black Diwali'

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 13
The call given by the agitating farmers to celebrate "black Diwali" has hit the business community hard.

Sanjiv Kumar, a wholesale dealer, said farmers borrowed money from arthiyas in advance or took money after selling their crops, which they spent on purchases. However, this time due to protests, farmers had vanished from the market. "The arthiyas are also not ready to give money to farmers, whose crops have not been sold yet, lest it should turn into

bad debt. Even the money-lenders seem to have disappeared from the market scene," he said.

Amit Kapoor, president, Beopar Mandal, Punjab, said, "We expected good business during the festive season, but the situation is bad. The orders have come down as people are not making any major purchases and spending on essential household items only."

"First recession and now the farmers' agitation has dashed the hopes of revival," he said. — TNS

Three held with ₹6.5 lakh fake notes

ROPAR, NOVEMBER 13

The police today claimed to have busted a gang involved in printing and circulation of fake currency. Accused Abhay Singh and Sushil Kumar, both residents of Ambala, and Nand Lal, a resident of Ropar, have been arrested.

Ropar SSP Dr Akhil Chaudhary said the police got a tip-off that Nand Lal was involved in circulating fake currency in the area. When more information was gathered, it came to their notice that Nand Lal was in touch with two Ambala residents. The police recovered Rs 6.5 lakh in counterfeit currency of Rs 2,000 denomination from the accused.

An Ertiga car along with a laptop and a cutter were also recovered. — TNS



Currency seized from accused.



Farmers raise slogans against the Central agriculture laws in Amritsar on Friday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

Amritsar farmers block highway

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Singh Attari Chowk.

KMSC general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said a statewide campaign of burning the Centre's effigy had been launched from Amritsar today.

"Unlike the other farm organisations which accepted the Centre's invite for talks, we had rejected the proposal as the environ-

ment was not conducive with BJP leaders giving anti-farmer statements. But our goal is similar," he said.

He said the committee's call to observe 'black Diwali' had evoked a good response from traders, transporters and the public. "We will further intensify the agitation from November 15", he said.

Few takers for costlier green crackers

SUKHMEET BHASIN

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People at a firecracker stall at the Multipurpose Sports Stadium in Bathinda on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BUSINESS DOWN BY 50%

The firecracker business this year is down by 50 per cent. People are not buying green crackers, which are costlier than the regular ones... people are hardly opting for them here. A firecracker seller

the absence of any inspection of stalls at designated places in the district. "The firecracker business this year is down by 50 per cent. People are not buying green crackers, which are costlier than the regular ones. This is the reason that we have not brought green

crackers as people are hardly opting for them here," a firecracker seller said, adding that people from high-income groups who made bulk purchases were away from the market as there were no Diwali parties this time due to Covid-19".

"All crackers produce smoke and are harmful. Even green crackers at times produce noxious gases that can affect lungs adversely. But green crackers are less harmful than conventional ones," said Dr Vitul K Gupta, a health activist.

Some of the hazardous chemicals and metals present in firecrackers are charcoal, potassium nitrate and sulphur. These contain toxic dust and carcinogenic sulphur-coal compound, which affect the environment as well as human health.

Get CCTV footage from shops around Golden Temple, cops told

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 13

A local court has directed the police to procure CCTV footage from shops surrounding the Golden Temple complex pertaining to the clash that took place between members of the SGPC and the Satkar Committee outside the Teja Singh Samundri Hall on October 24.

The court issued orders after the police informed that the CCTV footage from the cameras that were installed in and around the SGPC office could not record the incident due to a technical fault.

Accordingly, the SHO, E-division police station, was directed again by the court to



Court direction after SGPC cameras fail to capture Oct 24 clash

get the video footage of the said date from CCTV cameras installed in the surrounding shops of the Giani Gurdwara.

The complaint was submitted by Balbir Singh Muchchhl, president of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar Committee. He had alleged that

besides the SGPC office, the CCTV cameras were there on the adjoining stretches and outside the shops around, but the police had never bothered to scan the footage.

As many as 30 persons were injured following an altercation outside the Teja Singh Samundri Hall, where Sikh organisations were holding an agitation over missing "saropas" on October 24.

The police had booked 60 Sikh activists in two separate FIRs on the complaint of the SGPC officials following which a cross-FIR was also registered against SGPC employees for illegal detention and injuring Sikh activists. — TNS

RBI extends CCL limit for procurement

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) today enhanced the Cash Credit Limit (CCL) to Rs 44,028 crore to the Punjab Government till November-end for the paddy procurement season for the second time.

Notably, during the current kharif marketing season, the procurement has crossed the last year's 150.46-LMT mark. As much as 191.72 LMT paddy has been bought till date, thereby registering an increase of 27 per cent.

With the RBI extending the CCL by Rs 8,475.39 crore, the sanctioned limit has risen from Rs 35,552.61 crore to Rs 44,028 crore, according to an official spokesperson. — TNS

Roads to be named after artists, historians

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contribution towards society. He said special repair of this 12.45-km road was also underway at an estimated cost of Rs 4.68 crore which would be completed by March 31, 2021.

Singla said Giani Ditt Singh was known as scholar, poet, editor, besides a distinguished historian. He was an eminent Singh Sabha reformer, who wrote over 70 books, including famous "Khalsa Akhbar".

Kharar-Bassi Pathana road named after historian Giani Ditt Singh

after religious personalities, gallantry awardees, war martyrs, freedom fighters or Olympics or world-level championship winners.

PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla said on Friday prior to this amendment, roads or buildings were named only

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਬੋਰਡ

ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ ਭਵਨ, ਨਾਭਾ ਰੋਡ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ

Fresh Covid cases double in 10 days

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

With the state reporting 738 cases and 17 deaths in the past 24 hours, the number of cases has almost doubled in almost 10 days. On November 2, 415 fresh cases were recorded.

As per a government bulletin, the total number of cases has reached 1,40,605 and deaths 4,428.

In the district-wise breakup, SAS Nagar continued to top the chart with 124 cases, followed by Jalandhar (113), Ludhiana (85), Muktsar (80) and Patiala (73).

As many as 153 patients are on oxygen support and 17 on ventilator support.

As far as deaths are concerned, the state reported 17 deaths in the past 24 hours. Patiala topped the chart with five deaths, followed by Jalandhar (3).

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	21,241	860
Jalandhar	16,076	496
Amritsar	12,229	471
Patiala	13,458	398
Sangrur	4,050	174
SAS Nagar	13,435	253
Gurdaspur	7,073	205
Bathinda	7,662	159
Hoshiarpur	6,535	226

12 hrs after testing +ve, resident doc dies

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HAD LOW OXYGEN LEVELS



■ Dr Ankit Kumar was a first-year junior resident in the Surgery Department

■ He had extremely low levels of oxygen. He died Friday morning

80 INFECTED IN 4 MONTHS

- Over the past four months, more than 80 docs and para-medical staff in the hospital have already got infected
- Junior docs, performing round-the-clock duties in Covid wards, had submitted a memo to the medical college authorities over the risk involved

the virus this morning.

Doctors at the medical college are baffled at the rate at which Dr Kumar's condition deteriorated. "In view of the second phase of the pandemic, we need to assess this elaborately," said an official.

"A young doctor died due to the virus. People should not take Covid-19 lightly," said Dr

Dr Ankit Kumar, who belonged to Haridwar in Uttarakhand, was a first-year junior resident in the Surgery Department. He had extremely low levels of oxygen.

Dr Kumar had joined the MS surgery course in the medical college around two months ago after completing his MBBS from Rajindra Medical College and Hospital, Patiala, earlier this year.

Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences.

For the past four months, junior resident doctors have been accusing the medical college authorities of apathetic attitude, saying they were putting their lives at risk by performing duties in the Covid wards without full protection.

The junior resident doctors, who are doing round-the-clock duties in Covid wards of the hospital, had even submitted a memorandum to the authorities voicing concerns over the risk involved. The association of the junior doctors had demanded safety and security for them in the hospital.

CEO reviews progress of electoral roll revision work

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer S Karuna Raju today held a videoconference with all DCs-cum-District Election Officers of the state to review the progress of the ongoing special summary revision of the photo electoral roll.

The CEO drew the attention towards the special camps that would be organised at booth-level across the state on November 21 and 22 and December 5 and 6.

He urged the DCs to ensure compliance as per the ECI guidelines and especially focus on youth, NRIs, transgender and persons with disabilities.

Applauding the services rendered by all DCs as a

team, Raju expressed confidence that soon Punjab would have the distinction of achieving 100 per cent correction in the electoral roll.

The CEO emphasised that it was essential to keep communication strong and keep everyone aligned with the overall larger goal of ensuring universal enrolment of all eligible citizens.

Applauding the services rendered by all DCs as a

Robbers open fire to snatch car

MUKTSAR: Four armed robbers tried to snatch a car at Angad Dev Nagar here on Friday. Harjit Singh, car driver, said one of the robbers opened fire, but he managed to escape. TNS

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COMMON ENTRANCE TEST - SIX RESIDENTIAL CO-EDUCATIONAL ENGLISH MEDIUM ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 2021

Common Entrance Test for admission to class V to IX in six English Medium Residential Army Public Schools across the country affiliated to CBSE i.e Dagsai, Noida, Dhauha Kuan, Beas, Gen B C Joshi APS Pithoragarh and Lucknow (Nehru Road) for the session 2021-22, will be conducted under the aegis of Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) New Delhi. Detailed information is as under:-

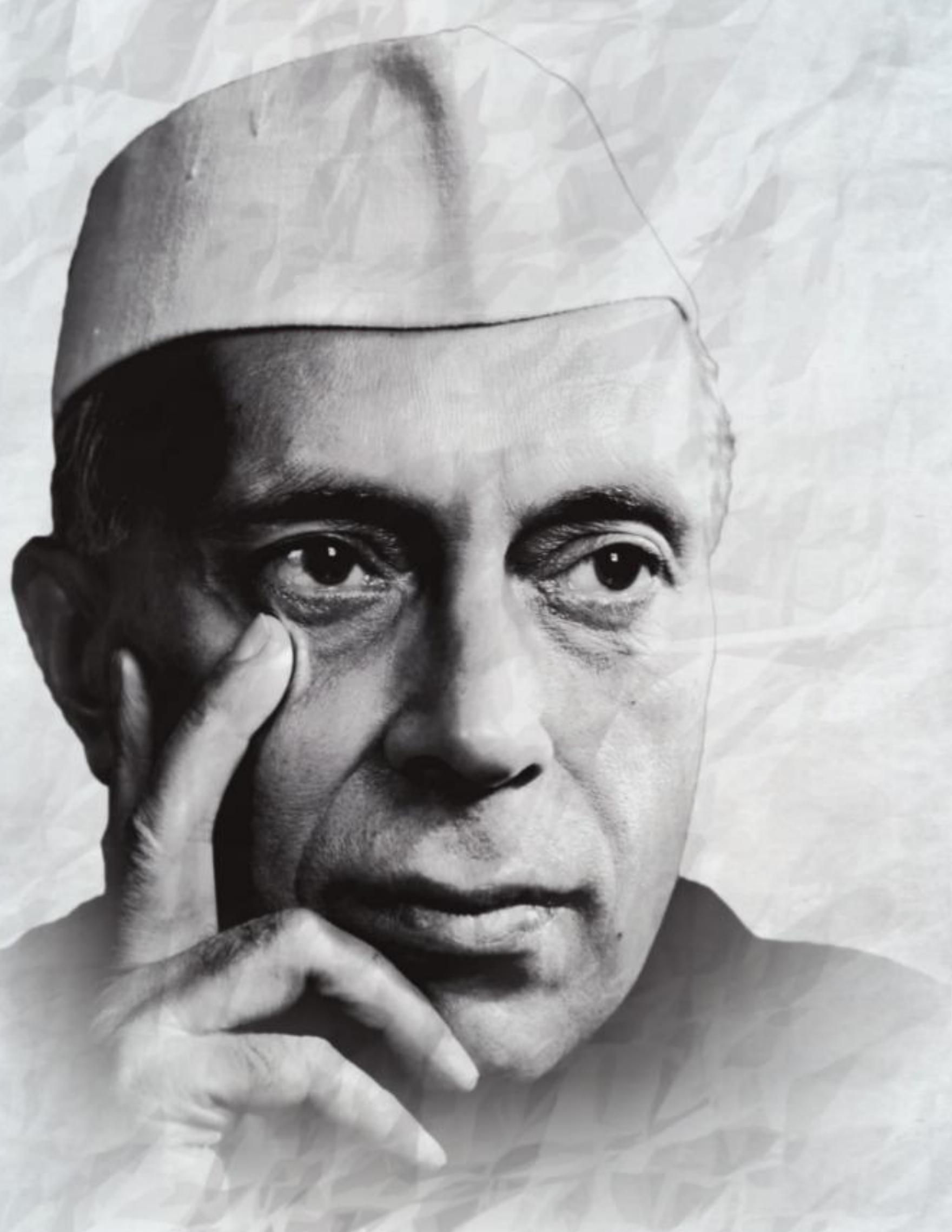
Online Registration	Till 31 Dec 2020
For admission to classes	V, VI, VII, VIII & IX
Eligibility	Candidate should passed the previous class i.e. IV, V, VI, VII & VIII
Age	Min age for class-V is 09 yrs as on 31 Mar of the year in which admission is sought and so on.
Date of Exam	14 Feb 2021 at 10.00 am
Duration of Exam	V - 02 hours, VI to IX - 03 hours
Exam Centres	Army Public Schools Dagsai, Chandimandir, Dhauha Kuan, Hissar Cantt, Lucknow (Nehru Road), Kolkata, Jaipur, Jammu Cantt, Narangi (Gujrat), Beas, Bhopal, Pune, Clement Town Dehradun, Jodhpur, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Pithoragarh and Noida
Exam Fee	Rs 500/- (for all) Registration fee Rs 200/- (Defence Personnel) and Rs. 4000/- (Civilians) - required to be paid online through payment gateway, using debit/credit cards or internet banking or paytm wallet.

Exam related information bulletin hosted on www.awesindia.com and respective school websites. Candidates who desire to appear in the exam may read the detailed information Bulletin for CET-2021 and apply online only at www.awesindia.com and respective school websites till 31 Dec 2020.



Remembering

**India's First Prime Minister
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**
on his
131st Birth Anniversary



"I, on behalf of my government and the people of Punjab, recommit myself to ensuring a secure, safe and sustainable future for the children, in whose future Pandit Nehru envisioned India's progress and development."

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



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Weeks after ASI's killing, cops clueless

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, NOVEMBER 13 Even two weeks after 56-year-old ASI Gurdeep Singh was shot by two robbers near Kakka Kandiala on November 1, the local police have failed to make any breakthrough in the case. Victim's son Manpreet Singh was injured in the incident.

A case under Sections 302 (murder), 397 (use of deadly weapon during robbery), 323 (voluntarily causing



ASI Gurdeep Singh. FILE PHOTO

local Police Lines residential quarters, along with Manpreet was riding towards the village to fetch medicine when two masked men waylaid them. The assailants hit Manpreet with a rod and shot the ASI, killing on the spot.

The city police had obtained CCTV footage of nearby residences but couldn't identify the suspects. SHO Jaswant Singh said they had no leads in the case so far.

hurt) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC and 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act had been registered by the police.

The ASI, a resident of the

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

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

CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	14.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp.	14.11.2020
02426 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	14.11.2020
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	15.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	14.11.2020
02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	14.11.2020
05211 Darbhanga Jn.-Amritsar Jn. Special	14.11.2020
05212 Amritsar Jn.-Darbhanga Jn. Special	16.11.2020
05203/02054 Hardwari Jn.-Amritsar Jn.-Hardwari Jn. Express	14.11.20 & 15.11.20
09803 Kota - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	14.11.2020
09804 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Kota Express	15.11.2020

CANCELLATION OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
04624 Amritsar - Saharsa Special	14.11.2020
04623 Saharsa - Amritsar Special	15.11.2020
05251 Darbhanga - Jalandhar City Special	14.11.2020
05252 Jalandhar City - Darbhanga Special	15.11.2020
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	14.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	15.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	14.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	15.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	Upto 20.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	Upto 21.11.2020
04519/04520 Delhi Jn.-Bathinda - Delhi Jn. Special	Upto 20.11.2020
04401 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Special	Upto 19.11.2020
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Special	Upto 20.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Special	20.11.2020
02331 Howrah-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	14.11.2020
02323 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Festival Special	16.11.2020
09611 Ajmer-Amritsar Special	14.11.20 & 19.11.20
09612 Amritsar - Ajmer Special	17.11.20 & 19.11.20
09613 Ajmer - Amritsar Special	16.11.20 & 18.11.20
09614 Amritsar - Ajmer Special	15.11.20 & 20.11.20
02588 Jammu Tawi - Gorakhpur Special	14.11.2020
09027 Bandra (T.) - Jammu Tawi Special	14.11.2020
09028 Jammu Tawi - Bandra (T.) Special	16.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	13.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	14.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	13.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	15.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	13.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	15.11.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	13.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	15.11.2020
04649/04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	13.11.2020
04650/04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	15.11.2020
02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Una Himachal	14.11.2020
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Provide more ventilators, beds in Covid centres: HC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 13
The HP High Court today directed the state government to increase the number of ventilators and beds in Covid hospitals/Covid health centres and also increase the distribution of oximeters among coronavirus patients, who require them.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice L. Narayana Swamy and Justice Anoop Chitkara passed the orders on a petition taken up suo moto as public interest litigation (PIL) on a news item published in The Tribune on November 10, 2020, under headline "IGMC Covid ward packed to capacity after spurt in cases".

The court in its earlier

order had issued a notice to the government and directed it to make submissions about the steps taken in this regard.

Advocate General Ashok Sharma submitted that proper treatment was being given to Covid patients in the state and they were not facing hardships. He submitted the district wise/hospital wise vacancy position of beds in different Covid hospitals/ medical colleges in the state, in a tabulated form. He stated that there are 2,401 vacant beds for Covid patients in Dedicated Covid Care Centres in Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul and Spiti, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour, Solan and Una districts and 2,583 isolation

beds (including ICU beds) in Dedicated Covid Care Centres in the state.

Amicus Curiae BC Negi, senior advocate, said that providing adequate medical services to the people was a constitutional obligation of the state. Short-term economic gains could not be allowed to endanger long-term public health and welfare, he added, and suggested regulation of the entry of tourists and outsiders into the state.

He also gave suggestions like increase in testing and contact tracing; online training and protocols to help impart training to frontline workers; active, free and massive screening; considering time-specific restrictions on economic activities etc.

Highest-ever 825 cases reported

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 13

The Covid surge continued with the state witnessing an all-time high of 825 cases today, taking the total tally to 29,008. Besides, 11 persons died of the virus.

While three persons died in Shimla, two succumbed to the virus in Kullu and one each in Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti and Mandi in the last 24 hours.

The highest number of 286 cases were reported in Mandi, followed by 210 in Shimla, 67 in Kangra, 60 in Bilaspur, 56 in Chamba, 50 in Kullu, 31 in Solan, 27 in Hamirpur, 17 in Una, 10 in Sirmour, six in Kinnaur and five in Lahaul and Spiti.

Lawyers not to visit courts

The Bar Association of Theog has passed a resolution to not visit the court complex and refrain from physical hearing until November 28 due to a sharp spike in cases in the last few days. The association, though, has allowed physical appearance in urgent matters like bail and stay, etc. —TNS

20 deodar trees dried up to raise illegal constructions

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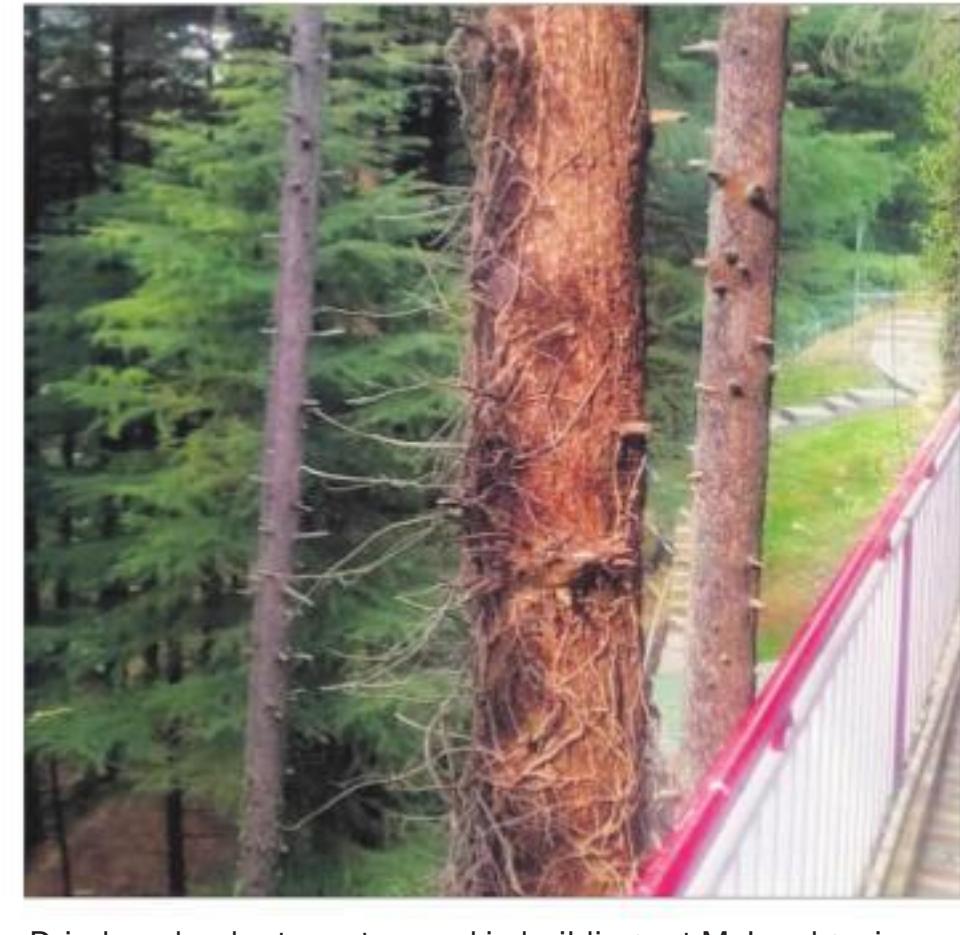
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DHARAMSALA, NOVEMBER 13

At least 20 deodar trees in the area above the Dal Lake in the Naddi area here have been dried up to raise illegal constructions.

Local residents have submitted complaints in this regard to the Forest Department and the civic body. Raghav, a local resident, while talking to The Tribune, said it was painful to see a patch of dried deodar trees in the Naddi area. Since all trees in the surrounding areas were green, it was obvious that these trees were deliberately dried up by some people to raise buildings. If the area was bereft of the green cover, it would lose its charm as a tourist place, he added.

Gazalla Abdullah, a green activist from McLeodganj, said she had brought the matter to the notice of the Forest Department and the MC authorities that people were



Dried up deodar trees trapped in buildings at McLeodganj.

trapping green trees and also illegally felling them to raise hotels and buildings. However, no action seemed to have been taken so far.

Last year, on the orders of Himachal High Court, the

buildings and being eventually dried up.

DFO, Dharamsala, Sanjeev Kumar, said the area in which trees had been dried up or trapped in buildings fell under the jurisdiction of the Dharamsala MC. The DFO said he would still direct officials to check and register a case if any violation under the Forest Act was found.

Commissioner, Dharamsala Municipal Corporation, Pradeep Thakur was not available for comment.

Last year, the NGT had banned all constructions in the McLeodganj hill stating that the place had already exhausted its carrying capacity. Despite that, new constructions are coming up in the McLeodganj area.

During the lockdown period, many new buildings have come up on the Dharamkot road and in McLeodganj. In some cases, the Dharamsala MC has also issued notices to the violators.

Mandi potters witness good sales

MANDI, NOVEMBER 13

Local potters have a reason to rejoice as the demand for earthen lamps has picked up pace ahead of Diwali this year.

Unlike previous years when people would choose Chinese lights and other products to decorate their

Dharamsala MC had forced

many hotel owners to free

the trees from their build-

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terry, the district administration provides sitting place to the sellers at the Indira market ahead of the festival every year.

Local potters said as compared to the previous years, there was a considerable increase in the sale of earthen lamps. —TNS



Women buy earthen lamps in Mandi. PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

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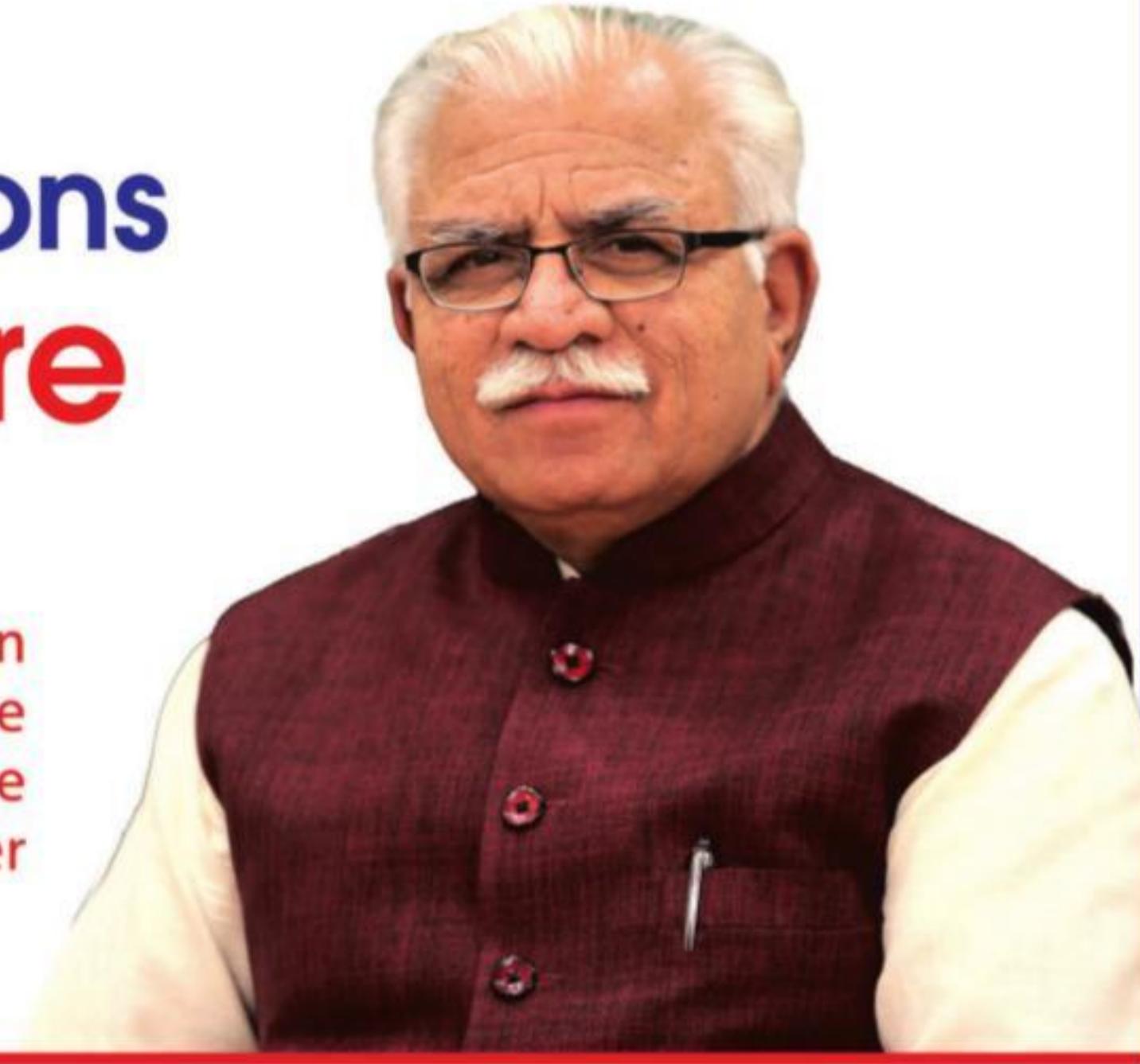
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2	CUSA	01 No.	80,000/-	-do-	-do-
3	Semiring Ureteroscope with Accessories	02 Sets.	20,000/-	02.12.2020	03.12.2020
4	Non-Contact Tonometer	10 Nos.	1,30,000/-	-do-	-do-
5	Yag Laser	01 No.	44,000/-	03.12.2020	04.12.2020
6	1,3-Beta-D Glucan detection kits and other necessary consumables	120 Kits	2,14,000/-	-do-	-do-
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Govt. of Haryana

Unprecedented Decisions for Farmers' Welfare

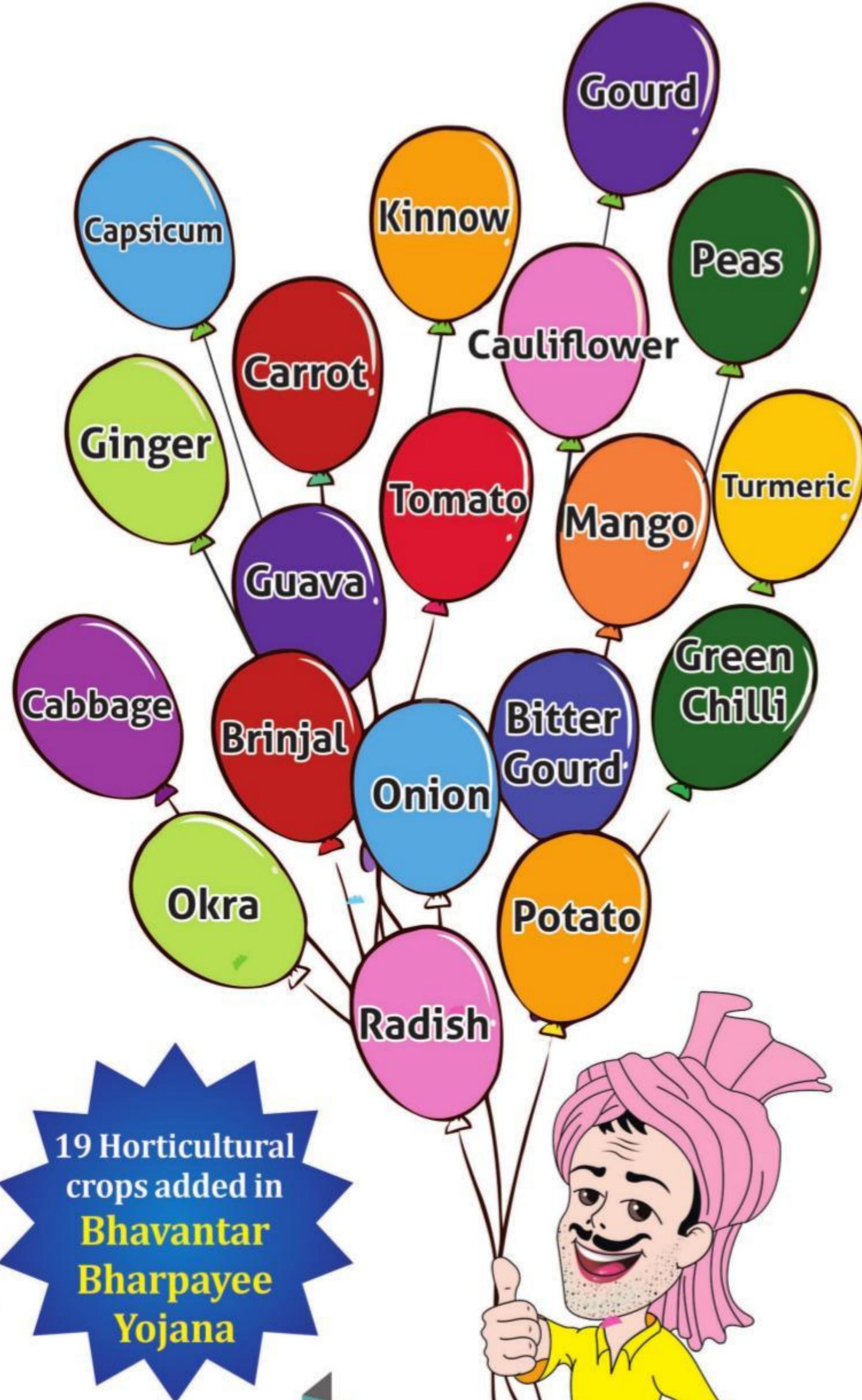
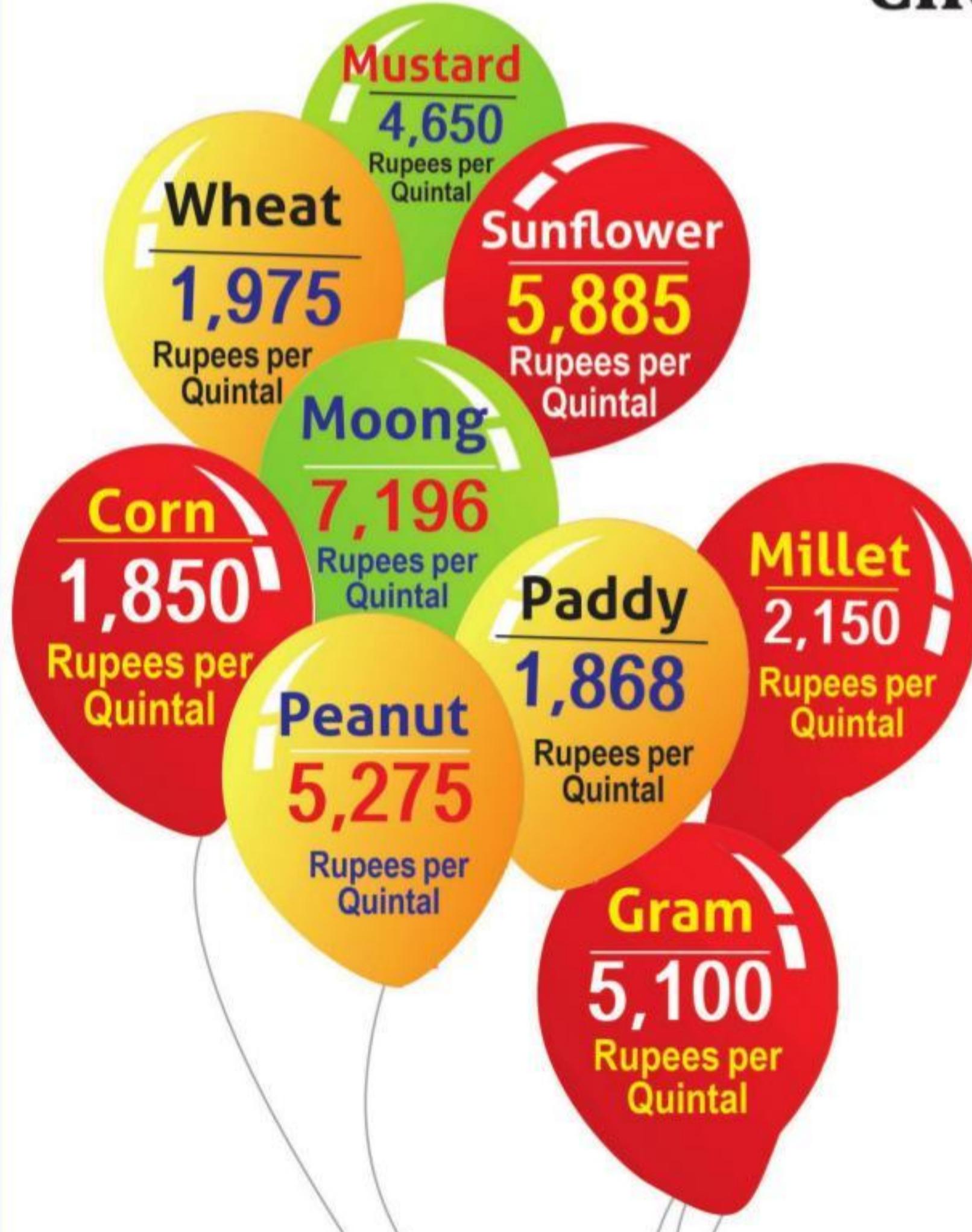


“Our Government has always taken decisions for Farmers' Welfare. Due to these efforts Haryana has become a State to purchase maximum number of crops on MSP”

- **Manohar Lal**
Chief Minister, Haryana



Haryane Ka Badhiya Haal Chokkha Bitya Pehla Saal



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19 Horticultural
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**Sugarcane Price
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Booster shot

Stimulus welcome, but need to plan beyond festive season

THE unveiling of Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 stimulus package worth Rs 2.65 lakh crore, a couple of days before Diwali, has coincided with the release of the RBI's sobering report that mentions an unprecedented occurrence — India entered a 'technical recession' in the first half of 2020-21. The term refers to a period of declining economic performance that lasts for at least two successive quarters. Indian economy, which suffered the worst-ever contraction of 23.9 per cent in the lockdown-hit April-June quarter, witnessed its GDP shrink by 8.6 per cent during the July-September period, as per the central bank's nowcast. The International Monetary Fund has forecast that the overall contraction in India's economy will be around 10 per cent for the ongoing financial year.

These are bleak figures, but the silver lining is that the worst seems to be over. India's hopes of a turnaround rest on the current quarter, which is seeing near-normal economic activity as the festive season is in progress, even as a fresh surge in Covid-19 cases is threatening to disrupt the momentum. Though it is wishful thinking to expect positive growth in this three-month period, the government needs to go all out to come close to the target with more proactive steps.

From real estate to manufacturing, virtually no sector has been left unaddressed in terms of incentives and concessions, but much depends on boosting the confidence of consumers and investors. Spurring consumption has to go hand in hand with better handling of the pandemic. During the lockdown, the prevailing uncertainty forced people to save rather than spend. As per estimates, household financial savings rose to 21.4 per cent of the GDP in April-June, mostly bank deposits, up from 7.9% in the corresponding period a year ago. The pent-up demand is getting released now, but whether spending will remain high even after the festive season is over is a moot point. Consolidation of the gains from the cumulative stimulus package, amounting to almost Rs 30 lakh crore or 15 per cent of the GDP, will determine how quickly and strongly Indian economy makes recovery.

Pak at it again

Free run for 26/11 terror conspirators

NOVEMBER 26 will mark the 12th anniversary of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Far from showing any semblance of sincerity in delivering justice to the families of 166 victims from 15 countries, what gets reinforced is Islamabad's duplicity and obfuscation. When it comes to Pakistan, the more things change, the more they remain the same. Even FATF is made to look like a weak performer; easy to work your way around it. That the mechanisms championed by the global community have failed to make the rogue neighbour act in consonance with international obligations, despite its own public acknowledgement of complicity as well as the availability of all necessary evidence, is disconcerting. The exclusion of key conspirators of the 26/11 attacks from Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency list of 1,210 'most wanted' terrorists only adds to the long litany of falsehoods.

The 921-page document contains the names of a select few members of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a UN-designated terror entity. Included are the crew members of the boats used to execute the attacks, those who purchased the engine, life jackets, financiers who arranged foreign currency to obtain the Voice Over Internet Protocol connection for terrorist communication. The vital link is, however, missing. There is no mention of masterminds Hafiz Saeed and Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi. The other two most wanted men for India, Masood Azhar and Dawood Ibrahim, are also not listed. It is an exercise mired in deception, hoping to serve little purpose than performing a meaningless ritual.

The Ministry of External Affairs has come out with a strongly-worded reaction, but Pakistan's non-committal and dismissive approach only makes New Delhi's task more arduous. A foolproof case has been presented on the sequence of events, listing those involved in the planning, on who carried out the terrorist attack, and at whose behest. Even this is proving to be inadequate. Pakistan's moves on the US-China-Afghanistan strategic chessboard makes the road ahead tougher. Howsoever challenging and painstaking, India should and must be relentless in the pursuit of justice.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow-men. — Mahatma Gandhi

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1920

THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-CO-OPERATION.

REFERRED to the latest statement of the Government of India's views on the non-co-operation movement, we had occasion to point out that the statement was one-sided inasmuch as it had not a word to say about the Government's own policy which had both led to the adoption of the movement and helped to make it the partial success it had been. This is not merely the opinion of those among ourselves whose differences with Mr. Gandhi are confined mainly to certain parts of the non-co-operation programme, but also of those "moderate and sober-minded" politicians who differ more widely from Mr. Gandhi, and to whose general attitude and policy in this matter the Government of India themselves referred in such appreciative terms in their resolution. There is not a public man in western India to-day who, while maintaining his independence, is more a persona grata with the Government than Sir Chimanlal Setalvad. He was appointed a member of the Hunter Committee and although he, along with his Indian colleagues, signed the minority report in which the atrocities under Martial Law and the Government's general policy in regard to the Punjab were strongly condemned, he was appointed a Judge of the High Court before the ink with which that report was written was dry. That Sir Chimanlal is strongly opposed to the non-co-operation movement is, of course, well-known and he must have been one of the men whom the Government had specially in view in their commendation of what they were pleased to call "enlightened public opinion." Yet this is what the "sane" politician had to say on the subject in an interview:—"It is obvious that the self-respect of India has been wounded to a degree which unfortunately is not sufficiently realised by those in authority, by the doings in the Punjab, the mishandling of the Khilafat question and the treatment of Indians in the British dominions.

Economic stimulus can wait

What India really needs from the Modi sarkar are welfare initiatives



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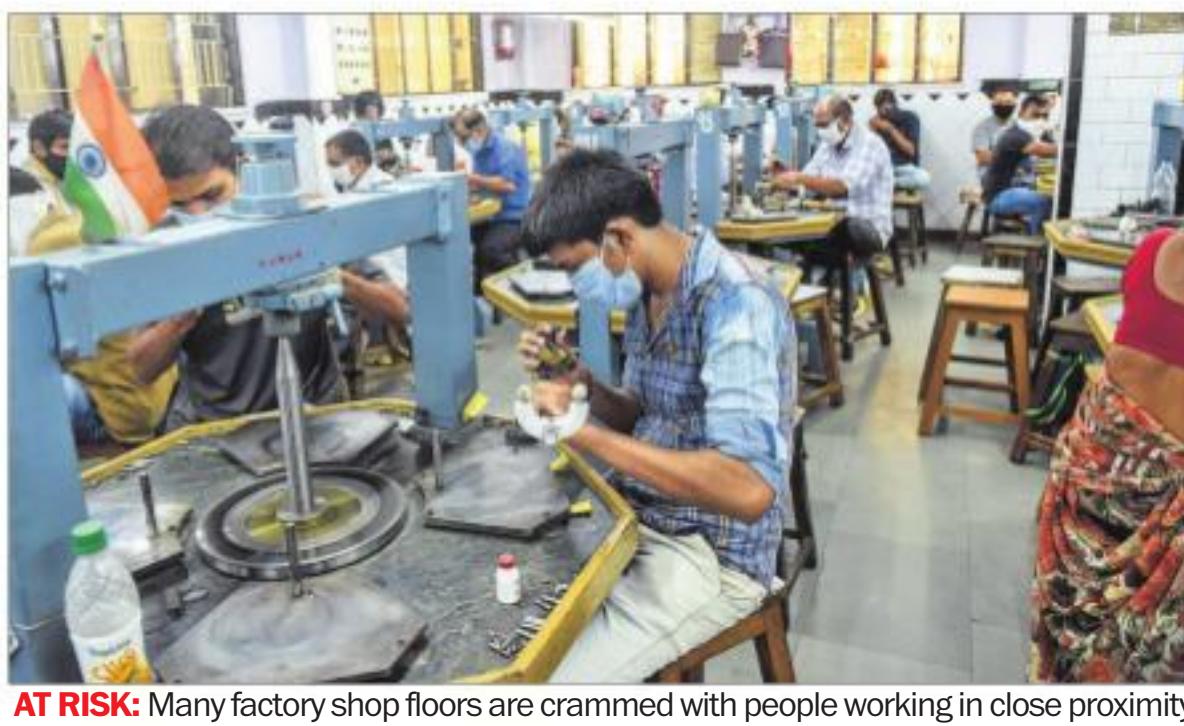
SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

SINCE the beginning of the pandemic, there's been a consensus amongst economists that the Modi government needs to spend more to revive India's economy. Many commentators, including me, had been arguing for an economic stimulus well before Covid hit us. That's because our economy had been doing badly for several years: coronavirus only made things worse. In the past one month, however, I have changed my mind. I submit that no stimulus package can work on the ground, until the pandemic is under control.

Let's break down what a stimulus package means. There are two parts. The first is to directly put money in the hands of consumers so that they buy more goods and services. If that happens, companies will begin to produce more. RBI's data tells us that, in the first three months of this fiscal, less than half the machines were running in India's factories. CII's survey from October suggests only about half the staff had any real work in service companies.

If consumers got money from the government and spent it, these factories and offices will work at higher capacity. People who have been sacked might be taken back. Some workers will be hired on short-term contracts. This will help bring overall job numbers closer to pre-lockdown levels. Jobs mean more money in the hands of consumers, which will again be spent on goods and services. This is a virtuous cycle where stimulating consumption demand will ultimately revive production and employment.

The other way to stimulate the economy is to kickstart production. This can be done by the government spending more on big infrastructure projects. Construction companies will get



AT RISK: Many factory shop floors are crammed with people working in close proximity.

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government contracts, hire engineers, managers and workers. They will consume cement, coal, steel and heavy machinery. This will give a boost to companies which supply those inputs.

The government can also give financial aid to companies tied to the number of people they employ. Loans can be given at lower interest rates to businesses that hire more people, in key sectors. This will increase output and create jobs, and stimulate consumption demand. But all this assumes that Covid is under control and we won't see another round of infections. This is contrary to what we are seeing in Delhi and Haryana, where cases have exploded. It also goes against the evidence from the US and Europe, which is facing a virulent second wave.

Till now, the fundamental way to deal with the pandemic has been social distancing. Masks, sanitisers, hand-washing are all secondary to the key practice of keeping 6-ft distance from the next person. This is the wisdom behind the global move to make people 'work from home'. This is also the reason why all essential services have operated at one-third their capacity. Offices, where people were packed cheek-by-jowl, have had to be completely redesigned to ensure social distancing.

Despite that, locker rooms, common rooms, coffee machine areas, have all emerged as infectious zones in even the best-appointed offices.

Transfer this scenario to India, where many factory shop floors are crammed with people working in close proximity. Think of construction sites where labourers have to pass stones, cement, bricks to each other. In most such places, there is either poor ventilation or excessive physical strain. In either case, working with masks becomes extremely difficult. Whether it is a factory or a construction site, noise-levels are extremely high, which makes people speak loudly or even shout. These are potentially super-spreader atmospheres.

Think of small workshops where people sit close to each other, sewing, stitching, folding, packing apparel. If social distancing norms have to be maintained in such situations, the entire business will collapse. In other words, restarting the economy in a country like India, without having a firm grip on the pandemic, is a recipe for disaster.

What can the Modi government do in such a situation? It has to forget about economic growth and concentrate on welfare. It has to first create a database of workers who have already recovered from Covid, or show the presence of antibodies in their blood. These people will need to be centrally organised as frontline 'Covid work-

force' to implement the government's welfare schemes.

The most important of these is food for all — ensuring that each and every citizen, rich or poor, has access to basic rations — cereals, proteins, vegetables, milk, fruits and fats. This requires building a food procurement and distribution infrastructure, either within the government sector or through contracts to private companies. Restaurants and food delivery apps can be organised to deliver cooked food to people who cannot sustain themselves — the elderly, young students without kitchens, etc. For rural areas, NGOs can be roped in to supply food to the poor.

The second place where this workforce can be used is to build health infrastructure across the country. This is an ideal time to divert resources away from other productive expenditure towards health. The government can tie up with various health startups to both monitor and administer medical services to citizens. India also has a network of local health workers, who provide services to the poor, without any training. We would call them 'quacks', but deep in rural India where people have no access to doctors, these people play a very important role in keeping the poor alive. The government needs to tie up with startups and NGOs which can train these people, and use them to monitor rural populations and also administer basic medical aid.

The third place where budgetary expenditure should be redirected is education. It is time to build low-cost data-integrated schools which can teach students online. Millions of students do not have access to broadband or devices to access online education. The government could tie up with global tech companies to procure devices in bulk and distribute it to the poor. India's world-leading ITES companies can be harnessed to set up the network.

Implementing this requires out-of-the-box thinking and political will. The BJP has just emerged from a narrow win in Bihar, and has the political heft to implement a radical plan. India does not need an economic stimulus from the Modi sarkar. It needs a welfare booster shot.

Diwali of our times

COL RD SINGH (RETD)

I still remember, as young children in our village Pilimandori in Haryana in the 1960s, we used to look forward to Diwali because it brought the whole village together to rejoice. We planned the celebrations. It started with making attractive 'containers' out of watermelons to seek oil for lighting *diyas* in our houses and school. Each child holding a decorated watermelon with a *diya* lighted inside, we went from house to house, singing songs, and requesting for the offering. No one would refuse us as we pleaded lovingly. The elders would willingly pour some oil in our big make-shift

tanker lamp. They would also give us sweets. There was no fear of adulterated sweets as everything was homemade (*kheer*, *halwa*, *gulgula*, etc.). On Diwali night, the whole village was lit up, and there was mirth all around. Women made *rangoli* inside their houses, and painted peacocks and other beautiful birds on the floor. The whole village turned into one big happy family.

There were no crackers or any sort of pollution on this day. There was also no gambling or binging on drinks like what we see today. As there were few motor vehicles, the question of rash driving or drunken brawls did not arise. It was such a day full of love and brotherhood,

where people reached out to one another, even making up with the estranged relatives. Saying sorry on this day was a normal thing. Outstation children came home to be with their parents. Seeking blessings of grandparents and making them join in the festivities reaffirmed our *sanskars*.

The day after Diwali used to be called Ram Rami, ie wishing one another *Ram Ram* with reverence and love. Some people also performed *Goverdhan puja* by making an offering of cow dung, *ber*, *kheel*, sugarcane, etc., in front of their house, apart from offering vegetarian food in front of the idol of lord Krishna and other deities.

Keeping in view the precautions against Covid-19, we will try to keep up the old traditions and maintain the essence of a happy and healthy Diwali this year, too. The aim is to make this auspicious festival a day of giving and forgiving, and not show of wealth or sycophancy or a nuisance for others. Why have we already started hearing the sound of crackers bursting? As if farm fires were not enough, why are we adding to pollution, and discomfort to animals and birds? The pandemic should have at least taught us to value life and be humble. Let it be a day of sharing joy and spreading brotherhood. At the end of the day, it should leave us happy, with a kinder heart, and strengthened relations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Package 3.0

Apropos of 'Big push for housing, employment', through the Atmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0, the FM has offered a comprehensive set of announcements, although the assessed standalone fiscal cost is modest. Nevertheless, the package is expected to solidify economic recovery. The RBI has confirmed that India is in a recession. The forecast for GDP in FY2021 is of a contraction of 11%. One has to revisit this projection in early December 2020, after the data for Q2FY21 is released by the NSSO. By then, there will be greater clarity on the likelihood of the endurance of the festive season uptick, as well as the pace of new Covid-19 infections domestically and in major trading partners in the winter.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Under govt control

With the digital media, the last bastion of creative content, finally coming under the 'oversight' of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, there is concern about censorship, dilution of content and interference in the previously freely operating medium. The government's decision will hit lesser-known content creators

who relied on these digital platforms to establish themselves independent of the mainstream industry. Fuelled by an increasing user base, thanks to cheaper broadband, and being realistic and content driven, these platforms grew from hosting to creating their own quality content. One might even argue that they have become victims to their soaring revenues and success. What shape this new ministry oversight takes will be for time to tell, but it may be time to say goodbye to the way things were.

JAY DOGRA, BY MAIL

Stumbling block

Apropos of 'UK PM cautiously hails vaccine news', it's reassuring that the coronavirus vaccine by Pfizer will be available in some countries in one-two months. It's claimed by the company that two shots of the vaccine will offer 90% effectiveness against the Covid-19 infection. The Indian Government has shown its willingness to have a dialogue with the manufacturing company to make it available here. However, the biggest stumbling block in percolating its benefit to the Indian people will be to meet its storage requirements. The vaccine needs to be

kept at minus 70 degrees, which may not be feasible even at big hospitals in big cities, leave aside small towns and rural areas.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, JALANDHAR

Education in Bihar

The NDA government in Bihar should give the state the two gifts of education and employment. Employment will ensure that the citizens of Bihar don't have to migrate to other states for jobs. The state government should create employment and make sure that the people get these jobs based on merit and not connections. Education is needed to make it certain that they can get the jobs. Education should be spread to every rural area also.

SAIKRIT GULATI, CHANDIGARH

Poor Net connectivity

The pandemic has changed the pattern of education from physical to virtual classes, which is a boon for students living in cities and a bane for those residing in remote regions. Students in villages are unable to access the Internet properly and are facing challenges in pursuing education. Good connection must be made easily accessible to all, especially to students in backward areas.

The authorities concerned should come forward to assist in the e-learning mode of education.

AAKASH DHIMAN, AMBALA CANTT

Force to reckon with

The BJP chief, JP Nadda, has said people of Bihar have chosen 'vikas raj' over 'gunda raj'. But the alleged 'gunda raj' has defeated 'vikas raj' in Bihar despite all the mudslinging against the RJD by top leaders of the BJP. The BJP leaders should rather feel small that a political greenhorn, Tejashwi Yadav, has emerged as the leader of the single largest party in Bihar, the RJD.

MAJ NARINDER S JALLO (RETD), MOHALI

Solidarity for green Diwali

Air quality is worsening in a huge part of North India, especially Delhi-NCR, due to stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana. We should join hands to not burst crackers this Diwali so that people could breathe in a clean environment. Two hours of celebrations with crackers can affect the air quality of the next two coming months or even the entire winter season. Due to stubble burning, people of Delhi suffer the most; we can at least avoid crackers for their sake.

HARSH KUMAR, ROHTAK

Small but significant players in Bihar polls



SABA NAQVI

SENIOR JOURNALIST

Beyond the see-saw battle between the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan (MGB or Grand Alliance), both with similar vote shares, Bihar had other stories to tell. The most significant would be the good show by the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), led by Asaduddin Owaisi, that won five seats (out of 20) and by the CPI(ML) that won 12 of the 19 it contested as part of the RJD-led alliance. Both parties operate in the space that makes the conservative middle ground uncomfortable. In the age of quick labelling and stereotypes, one is seen as a 'Muslim first' party and the other as the 'hard left', to use the language of TV anchors.

The CPI(ML) does have a history in Bihar as part of the land and workers' struggles, but electorally, the party was fading to insignificance before the alliance made it possible for them to attach their support to that of the RJD and post the best strike rate of all the parties in the Tejaswi Yadav-led Grand Alliance.

It is, however, the five seats won by the AIMIM that has invoked even greater interest in an age when media

narratives thrive on a Hindu-Muslim binary. First, the AIMIM wins actually show that Muslim votes are divided in areas where the community has a large presence. For, some of those votes in seats won by the AIMIM have surely gone to MGB candidates, as we see in the Election Commission data. Be it Uttar Pradesh or Bihar — both states with regional parties — Muslim votes splinter in areas where the community has a large presence and multiple choices, while that of Hindus living in such areas, actually consolidates.

Second, the AIMIM's performance also reflects on the failure of India's secular project. As citizenship rights, entitlements of the nation's largest minority community shrink, and their representation in legislatures and Parliament and other elected bodies slides downwards, it should not be surprising that Owaisi, the MP from Hyderabad since 2004, is being able to spread his wings in other parts of the country. The fundamental messaging in his speeches is urging Muslims to hold their heads high in the face of a majoritarian tide.

He is arguably the most forceful and significant Muslim voice in the Indian public life today. The question that continues to follow him, however, is whether he is a vote cutter, an agent of the BJP or the last man standing for India's Muslims. In the specific context of the recent Bihar elections, however, he was not a mere vote cutter as the LJP's Chirag Paswan was, which means taking away enough votes of another party to ensure their defeat,



MAKING STRIDES: Owaisi has bigger ambitions than most caste-specific regional parties.

but failing to win yourself.

Owaisi was a winner himself and the charge that he helped the BJP win on 10 seats (AIMIM contested 20) can be contested on the grounds that the margin of NDA victory in most of these seats was greater than the votes polled by the AIMIM. But as elections are also about chemistry, there is a counter-argument that his presence on certain seats would have been a catalyst for pro-NDA trends.

The arguments surrounding Owaisi get more interesting if we look at the charge of the Congress that he is an agent of the BJP. Given that the Congress is not the first choice of Muslims in both Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, it amounts to an astounding arrogance, akin to saying that how dare you enter

the arena that we want to be in (even if we are failing). Owaisi's own smart response has been to say that the Congress wants him to sit at home, serve biryani and attend mushairas.

In other words, he is saying that the Congress sees Muslims as a stereotype, while they fail miserably at representing the community. As the Bihar contest has had splinter caste parties extracting their pounds of flesh and overtly or covertly cutting votes on behalf of the BJP, it is undeniable that Owaisi is put into that special straightjacket within which he is judged.

Equally, he also has bigger ambitions than most caste-specific regional parties. Some of the experiments follow invitations from different states and he does intend to put up candidates in

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some seats in West Bengal next year and Uttar Pradesh the year after. The AIMIM success in Bihar has also been built on the failure in the 2015 election when Owaisi put up candidates in six seats, won zero and lost deposits in five.

But the AIMIM structure began to take shape in these parts when they kept the ground work going: a candidate from Kishenganj got three lakh votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, they won a seat in an Assembly byelection (although they lost that seat now), became involved in flood relief and helped the returning migrants and also engaged with the anti-CAA protests, where the Congress and the RJD were not seen. There is, therefore, consistent groundwork behind what appears to be a new phenomenon.

The same applies to the CPI(ML) whose cadres have been on the ground for decades, taking up the most tricky issues in Bihar: of oppression, fighting for land rights, right to access water and so on often against organised upper caste landlords in alliance with the famous Bahubalis or Dons of Bihar. In 2020, the cadres were also active during the reverse migration months, helping the poorest on the ground. Many of those elected in the CPI(ML) are also under 40 with a background in student politics. There is also a veteran, Mehbob Alam, a gritty ground fighter who wins a term in the Assembly for a third time, in this round from Balrampur in Katihar. These are campaigns that happen without the razzmatazz of big rallies, but mostly walking house to house.

India is the most complex multicultural, multilingual society in the world to be run by modern democratic structures. The big story from Bihar is fundamentally about caste, the arithmetic of coalitions and one which had a better strike rate and the last mile connectivity in a first-past-the-post system. But the people of India's third most populous state had many other stories to share.

Some trusted the comrades who came to their aid through the worst economic crisis of recent times. And in another part of the state, Muslim admiration for Asaduddin Owaisi has combined with their alienation from traditional politics to actually start voting for the AIMIM over the legacy parties of India, regional and national, who claim to be the owners of secularism without being able to protect it.

Don't give short shrift to the resilient soldier



LT GEN RS SUJLANA (RETD)

MILITARY COMMENTATOR

The thrust to professional and individual growth has to be continuous to have committed individuals and the armed forces as a whole. With this as a backdrop, one needs to put into perspective certain proposals initiated with regard to pay and allowances, pension and other related minor perks. The legal unsustainability apart, the fallouts of the proposal are grave. It will create turbulence in the forces and adversely affect the morale of the human resource, which is the major battle-winning factor.

HUMAN resource is the most important facet of any organisation. For the armed forces, it has added significance. It shows the resilience of the Indian Army soldiers, duly backed by the sailors and air warriors, that they stand eyeball to eyeball with the Chinese soldiers in eastern Ladakh, or, for that matter, all along its borders. Indian soldiers the world over are known as among the best professionals. Besides their performance under the UN flag, troops from the infantry who have participated in the famed Cambrian Patrol, an annual international military exercise over 65 km of rugged terrain which involves military manoeuvres and patrols, have always stood out and won the event several times.

The forces stand out by their integrity, morale, a high order of physical and mental strength, courage and valour. All this is possible by relentless training, arming and equipping the men, with a holistic thrust to administrative support. They have stood by the sanctity of the oath they take on joining the forces, be it the officers on commissioning or the recruits on becoming sepoys. The expectations of all joining the military stand out in the oath itself: true faith and allegiance to the Constitution, performance of duties honestly and faithfully, obeying commands of officers set above them, and, when required, to lay down their life for the nation. Oaths are taken in the presence of religious books.

Stress and strain are inherent in the nature of service, be it the extreme difficulties and dangers of battle, terrain and weather, long tenures of separation from family, early supersession, effects of changing ethics and morals of society, of which they are a part, and many such which do not make the armed forces an attractive career. The growing chal-



TOUGH CAREER: Stress and strain are inherent in the nature of service, be it the extreme difficulties and dangers of battle, terrain and weather.

lenges of globalisation, revolution in military affairs, terrorism, information technology and artificial intelligence will further impact upon the soldiers.

Having spent so much time and money to train an individual to battle, it is imperative that everyone is retained in service for the optimal period. The thrust to professional and individual growth has to be continuous to have well-motivated and committed individuals and the armed forces as a whole. A soldier's dedication to the army gives him limited opportunity to fulfill his social and family commitments. Even when he gets superannuated at an early age, many of his responsibilities are still to be addressed, he is much dependent on his pension, as the scope of a second career is limited and what is available is of a mundane nature.

With this backdrop, one needs to place in perspective certain changes/proposals initiated with regard to pay and allowances, pension, and other related minor perks. First is the aspect of a reduction in pension in view of the many

judgments passed by the Supreme Court. Pension has been defined as a deferred salary which is in the nature of the employee's vested property, earned by him by putting in the specified length of service. In a petition filed by an employee, a three-judge Bench, led by Justice SK Kaul, ruled, "Pension is succour for post-retirement period and it is not a bounty payable at will, but a social welfare measure as a post-retirement entitlement to maintain the dignity of the employee. Pensionary provisions must be given a liberal construction as a social welfare measure."

In another judgment, the Nagpur Bench of the High Court of Bombay ruled that pension is a fundamental right, it cannot be deducted without authority of law: "Pension payable to employees upon superannuation is 'property' under Article 300-A, it constitutes a fundamental right to livelihood under Article 21 of Constitution of India."

The creation of different categories for grant of pension within the serving

and retired fraternity is not only counter to the concept of one rank one pension (OROP), but will also set about a non-homogenous organisation. The harm that this can do is obvious.

In a similar case taken up by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation against the implementation of Employee's Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that "it created different classes of pensioners of a decent pension in their old age" and, thus, ruled against it.

In a case under the Industrial Disputes Act against Air India Limited on the implementation of the Dharmadhikari Committee Report, the apex court ruled that by doing so, Air India would change the conditions of service, which was a breach of the agreement and is not sustainable in law.

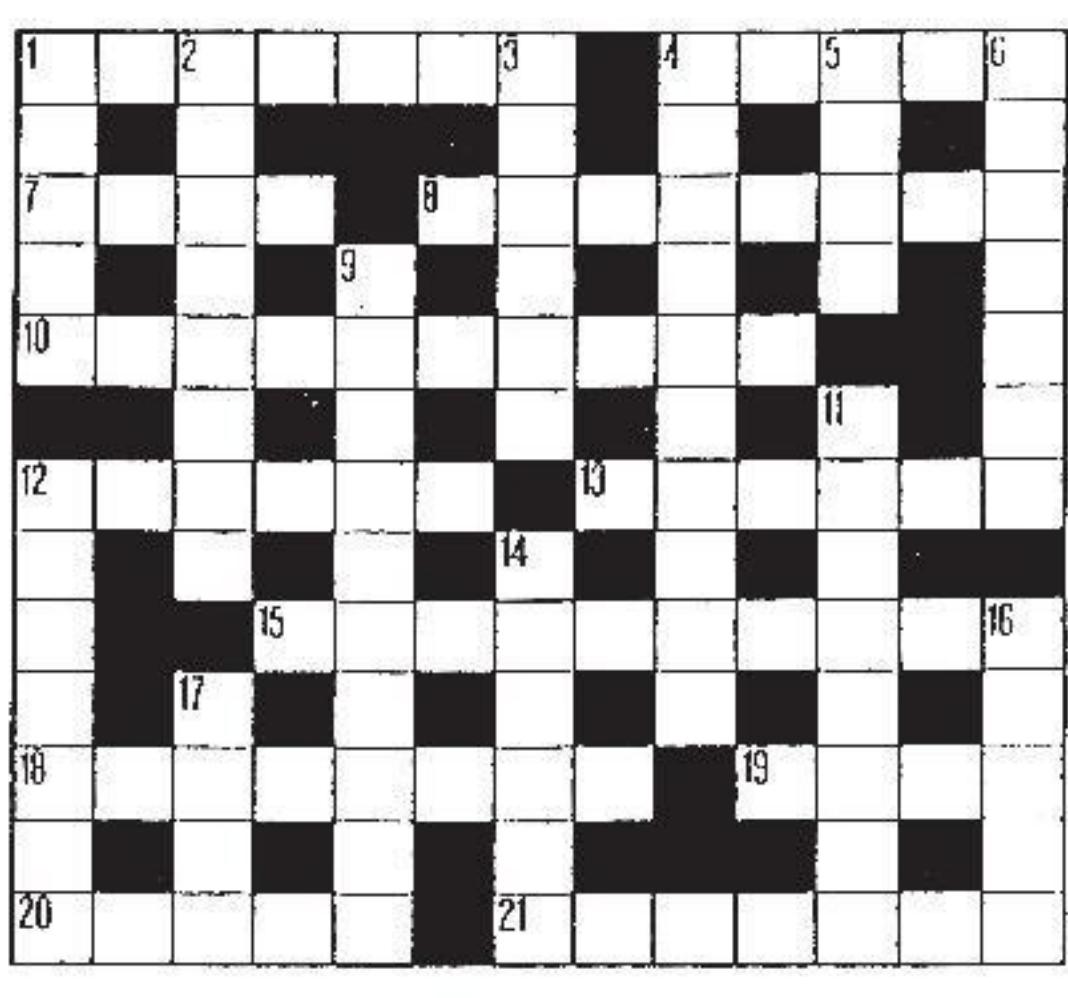
Besides this new proposal, the Ministry of Defence has for long repeatedly disputed the grant of disability pension to military personnel. These have also not stood the scrutiny of law. A Bench headed by Justices MY EEqbal and Amitava Roy ticked off the Defence Ministry in disputing the favourable judgment given by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court for the grant of disability pension to Manjeet Singh, a former soldier of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles. After this, Major Navdeep Singh, a lawyer and former president of the Armed Forces Tribunal, commented, "The law related to disability of soldiers is now well settled and the establishment must show respect towards the Defence Minister's expressed opinion of reducing litigation and stop filing mindless appeals against disabled soldiers."

The legal unsustainability apart, the fallouts of the proposal are rather grave. It will only create turbulence in the forces and, most importantly, adversely affect the morale of the forces, which is the major battle-winning factor.

Another minor and unrealistic action has been the deletion of numerous items from the inventory of the military canteens (CSD). Even as there is no ban on these items in the open market, why is it so for the military? If the aim is to achieve *atmanirbharta*, the better option is to ban the import of all these items and it will automatically stop supply to the military also.

The Army is an officer-led force, which ensures its efficacy. This is so glaring when one places in perspective the ratio of officers to other ranks. It is one of the highest in the world over. But surprisingly, most of these proposals are officer-centric, where there already exists a huge deficiency, with most infantry battalions operating with just 50 per cent officers. Such little thought of action will only increase this deficiency. It is an irony that while the corporate world continuously endeavours to find innovative means to recruit the best leaders, the armed forces follow a contrary line. It is the resilient soldier, sailor and airman who transform the army into a hard-hitting fighting machine. We can ill afford to give short shrift to this major battle-winning factor.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Blaze a trail, 9 Upwards, 10 Coven, 11 Onyx, 12 Brackish, 14 To boot, 16 Veneer, 18 Examined, 19 Flea, 22 Apace, 23 Blatant, 24 Journeys end.

Down: 2 Lowly, 3 Zero, 4 Absorb, 5 Ricochet, 6 Invoice, 7 Out of the way, 8 On the road to, 13 Domineer, 15 Bravado, 17 Feeble, 20 Learn, 21 Bass.

ACROSS

- 1 North American wild horse (7)
- 4 Utterly tired of (3,2)
- 7 Arduous journey (4)
- 8 Oblique allusion (8)
- 10 Abnormal craving for alcohol (10)
- 12 Material for sails (6)
- 13 Fastidious (6)
- 15 Everywhere (4,3,3)
- 18 Recklessly wasteful (8)
- 19 Sodium chloride (4)
- 20 Motor sport event (5)
- 21 Give evidence (7)

DOWN

- 1 Toned down (5)
- 2 Wide in effect (8)
- 3 Sociable (6)
- 4 A horse-drawn coach (4-2-4)
- 5 Damp and cold (4)
- 6 Uprightness (7)
- 9 Fickleness (10)
- 11 Turnip-like variety of cabbage (8)
- 12 Large fast sailing ship (7)
- 14 Frustate (6)
- 16 Cleverly humorous (5)
- 17 Number of votes cast

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 14, 2020, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	23
■ Kartik Parvishtha	29
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 14, up to 2.18 pm	
■ Ayushman Yoga up to 7.00 am	
■ Saubhagya Yoga up to 3.16 am	
■ Swati Nakshatra up to 8.09 pm	
■ Moon in Libra sign	
■ Deepawali	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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SUNSET: SATURDAY 17:26 HRS

SUNRISE: SUNDAY 06:49 HRS

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MATRIMONIALS

BRIDES WANTED

KHATRI/ARORA

Boy 27 years, (5'-9"), working in a reputed IT company in Bangalore with 34 LPA, beautiful IT working girl contact on 96353-2607. (CL20061685)

Match for Verma B.Tech. Boy 6', 13.9.89, 2:45 a.m., own business, own house. Family income 30-30 Lakh annual. B.Sc. Chemistry preferred. Mob: 78375-27728, 97794-55693. (CL20061768)

Handsome Chandigarh Graduate boy, 11.03.1982, 5'-4", seeking bride below 34. WhatsApp only 91547-00000. (CL20061873)

Suitable Match for Hindu Khatri boy, February 1992. Chandigarh, 5'-10"; B.Tech, Senior Engineer serving MNC at Gurgaon. Tricity family preferred. Mob: 98728-83413, virenderpn@gmail.com (CL20061885)

NCR Working manglik B.Tech. 5'-10", 25.10.90, 21.20, Abohar, 5.50 Lac, Arora boy. Working match preferred. WhatsApp 97795-85215. (CL20062050)

Arora Khatri Non-Manglik boy, Oct. 1990, 5'-8", B.Tech, HCL Noida, 12 LPA, 94161-89715 (Yamuna Nagar), CL20062056

Arora boy 20.12.89, 5'-10", B.Com., MBA, Govt. service, Mohali based family. 98722-0120. (CL20062067)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy, April 1986, 8:24 pm, Amritsar, 5'-9", B.Tech, job MNC Bangalore. 84376-50803, WhatsApp: 97290-14926. (CL20062150)

Looking for suitable match for qualified CA working in tricity, package 10 Lacs, 5'-8", 4 July 1991, 11:55 am. Narwana. Contact: 94161-42940, 83073-95506. (CL20062182)

Unmarried Non-manglik, Canada Permanent Resident, professionally qualified girls for teetotaller Khatri B.Tech, 5'-6", 23-11, 9 June 1984, Roopkee, settled Jalandhar. WhatsApp: photo, biodata. 9889819201. (CL20062229)

POMF handsome boy, B.Tech. 6', 26.1.90, 2.50 am, Rohtak, 5'-6", MNC Gurugram, 18 LPA, 98127-01808, 01262-24594. (CL20062246)

Match for Arora boy, 5'-8" 10-11-91, B.Tech, Central Govt. job (MEA Delhi), girl with Govt/MNC job in Delhi/GGN, preferred. Contact: M: 92164-00440. (CL20062342)

Smart educated homely match for handsome well settled Kannada business family boy, own kothi, shop, godown November 88 born, 5'-9", Manglik/Non-Manglik welcome. 90340-83138. (CL20062413)

Seeking suitable match for Sikh boy, 10.01.90, 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA, Govt. permanent employee. 79861-79416. (CL20062430)

Boy 19.08.1989, 1:45 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-8", well-educated, business and residence at Panchkula good income. Girl Punjabi, Brahmin, Veerma, Himachali, Haryana, Tricity. 98844-66393. (CL20062474)

Wanted beautiful, homely girl for smart Manglik boy. Thareja family 19 Dec. 1988, 5'-7", 2:55 pm, well settled pvt. job. Early marriage. No dowry. Interested match makes may contact at number given below 98157-31393, 98147-31392. (CL20062621)

Smart, educated, homely match for handsome well-settled businessman family Karnal, October 91, 5'-10". 90341-12255. (CL20062748)

Beautiful, well educated match for handsome Hindu Arora boy, 17-12-91, 11:15 am, Ludhiana, 5'-10", B.Tech/Post Graduate (Business management). Employed MNC, Chandigarh. Father established business may shortly join, Ludhiana preferred. 94172-97223. (CL20062749)

ARORA

Suitable match for Arora boy, 02.08.1989, 07:10 pm, Ladwa (Kkr), CA, B.Com., 97296-01744. (CL20062016)

Tall, beautiful, qualified match preferably from Punjab/Haryana for 6'-handsome Arora Canada settled Engineer boy, born Dec. 86. Simple marriage. 98140-62911, 98550-62911. (CL20061874)

Manglik educated employed match for Hindu Arora boy, 38 years, 5'-6". Working as Asstt. Merchantiser, only son, educated upper middle class family. Early marriage. Khatri Brahmin Rajput welcome. Contact: 09855111369. (CL20062244)

Government job/ Teacher match for Arora Food Supplies Inspector Punjab, Government, handsome boy, 1991, 5'-10". Parents running own affiliated school in Malout. 94170-7696, 99885-60305 (WhatsApp). (CL20062245)

Hindu Arora boy 1989/ 05 am/ 5'-8", Govt. job Electricity Board. Preferred employeed girl. 96465-71290. (CL20062445)

Hindu Arora boy 1980, 5'-7", Kurukshetra, Graduate, 2 year Computer Course, good business. Caste no bar. 81157-00005, 99962-00518. (CL20062429)

Suitable match for Hindu Arora widower boy, 41, good established businessman, landlord, having two issues, required girl from upper caste, widow, divorcee, unfurtable acceptable. 98140-17669, 75088-0099. (CL20062432)

Arora (Non-Manglik) Bank employee boy 1987 5'-7", required beautiful working girl. 96462-37224, (0161) 519663. (CL20062463)

Arora Ahobar, 26, 3.45 a.m., 5'-5", BA, businessman. 9024-20333. (CL20062481)

Arora Manglik boy 8.11.1990, 6.21 pm, Ferozepur, 5'-11", Deputy Branch Manager ICICI Bank, preference B.Sc., M.Sc. 98557-08990. (CL20062578)

High status Arora handsome boy, B.Com., 04.08.1992, 6:15 p.m., Ambala, 5'-8", wholesale cloth business. Ambala. WhatsApp 94160-95680. (CL20062631)

Match for 12 Aug. 1992 born, 5'-10", Khatri boy, working MNC Mohali. 99885-46505, 78377-29194. (CL2006262510)

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KHATRI

Match for handsome Khatri B.Com. boy, 19 September 1986, (07.29 am, Chandigarh), 5'-8", only child. Own well established business and house Chandigarh. (income eight figures). Girl require from reputed family. Call WhatsApp: 98148-25145, 98145-25145. (CL20062489)

Suitable girl either M.Sc. Maths Science or Govt. employee is required for Hindu Khatri boy born on 22 August 1985 at Nagalgarh at 6:50 p.m., qualified M.A. English, owned school at Patiala. 9478610261. (CL20061748)

Required qualified match for handsome Khatri boy, Govt. employee, 17.03.1987, 06:20 a.m. Patiala, 5'-5", ft. M.B.A. Castle no bar. 8195952317, 798722558. (CL20061839)

Hindu Khatri manglik boy 17-09-87, 04:35 pm, Patiala, 6", MBA, working in media communications Chandigarh, salary 50000/- monthly, Father bank manager. Mother retired teacher, Brother working bank. 98727-99774. (CL20062050)

Beautiful, well educated, upper middleclass match for Jalandhar based Hindu Khatri Manglik, 1994, 5'-7", handsome boy, B.Tech, Computer Science, Post-graduate, Canada PR, Software Engineer MNC Canada, presently in India. Father Retired Generalised officer. 9646119682, 9357404073. (CL20061922)

Beautiful match for Chandigarh based handsome, fair 30', 5'-10", Post Graduate, Software Engineer. Plant to shift abroad soon. Married brother and married sister already well settled in Canada. Contact: 99883-64937. (CL20062049)

Match for Khatri pure vegetarian boy. Govt. job, Jan 1989, 5'-8", Kotkapura, 98151-93202, 82848-54900. (CL20062114)

SM4 USA settled Delhi based Pb. Khatri 2MIS 34'/ 5"-6", GE 10 Dec. USN preferred. Contact 98101-65646. (CL20062116)

Khatri boy, Tech., 5'-9"/ 7.6.87, 07.10 a.m. Patiala, working at MNC Gurugram. Ph: 7696406911. (CL20062122)

SMF Canadian (work permit) Hindu Khatri boy, Nov.1991, 5'-8", M.Tech. Computer Software from Canada. Contact 96441-40200. (CL20062151)

Suitable match for Khatri Kapoor boy 27.1.1988, 5'-10", 6:30 pm. Raipura, B.Tech, Job Hoshiarpur 81466-66438. (CL20062181)

Well established business Punjabi Bahl family vegetarian invites alliance for their only son, Mechanical Engineer (divorced married for 40 days), height 6'-2", fair complexion Chandigarh born 26 Jun 1987 (12.55 pm) 2097, Phase 10, Mohali. (CL20062198)

Match for Khatri pure vegetarian boy. Govt. job, Jan 1989, 5'-8", Kotkapura, 98151-93202, 82848-54900. (CL20062436)

SAINI

Suitable match for handsome 30' 6" Saini Sikh boy, Punjab Govt. Officer. Contact No. 98152-08626. (CL20061863)

Professionally qualified match for handsome Saini boy Jan-92 5"-7", BHM, Abroad returned, preferred girl willing to settle Abroad. Contact 94679-48570. (CL20061880)

Saini boy, 29, 5"-9", Graduate, working in Multinational company, looking for girl intelligent for Mohali. 98148-57406. (CL20062049)

Saini boy 51"-1", 1992, B.Tech, Auto Eng., employed in company. Phone: 98550-46121. (CL20062105)

Suitable match for Saini boy 32, 5"-7", Prof. in Guru Nanak Dev University. Required equally educated girl. Contact 75890-27082. (CL20062232)

Suitable match for handsome Saini Sikh boy 29 years 5'-10", regular Assistant Professor on full pay scale Pb. Govt. Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana. Call/ WhatsApp 94630-62857, 98559-22759. Mobile No. contact WhatsApp App 94630-62857, 98559-22759. (CL20062414)

Saini Sikh cleanshaven boy (never married) Graduate, 3 years Computer Diploma, PGDCA, 45'/ 5"-7", doing job in reputed company, educated girl required (widow/ divorce/ marriage bureau excuse). Mobile 94781-74047. (CL20062434)

Canada PR Master Degree Saini boy 1992, 5"-9", Canada study/ work Visa educated Saini girl preferred Hoshiarpur. 98145-79450. (CL20062436)

SOOD

Match for Sood Khatri handsome Manglik boy 30 yrs, Govt. Officer 6 ft, prefer job. Upper caste welcome, kundali must. Ph. 98800-22963. (CL20062333)

CHRISTIAN

Amritsar settled boy, 27, 6 ft, business family, working girl. 62801-60518. (CL20062482)

Beautiful, tall, homely girl match for Khatri (Bedi) handsome boy 20.79, 12.30 am, Kurna, 5'-11", BA (English Honours), LL.B., (LL.M. from London), own reputed business, family income four lakh monthly, own good properties Karnal. Contact 94667-88225. (CL20062252)

Suitable match for smart educated Khatri boy July 1988, 5'-7", businessman, Castle no bar. 98778-91798, 9847-07608. (CL20062272)

Suitable professionally qualified bride for handsome Punjabi Sahi (Khatri) boy, self employed, Online business, M.Sc. IT, 5'-7", 10.10.89, 05:25 am, Ludhiana based family, looking for an educated family oriented girl. Castle no bar. WhatsApp App 94630-59518. (CL20061883)

AHLUWALIA

Ahlawalia Divorcee Boy 36 Year 5'-11" B.Com. Businessman. No Demand, No Cast. 98885-99379, 98885-79791 (CL20062028)

MUSLIM

Suitable match for Sunni Muslim boy, September 1984, 5'-8", B.Com, LL.B, 94630-55910, 62393-01096. (CL20062076)

RAJPUT

Suitable match for Goldsmith boy, Graduate, 27.1.1988, 8.35 am, Chandigarh, 5'-4", private job, package 6 laes. WhatsApp: 9988877846. (CL20062083)

Suitable match for Sikh Kashyap Rajput handsome boy, 28, 5'-7", B.Tech. Employed IT company Nagpur. Package 15 lacls. Jalandhar based well settled family. Contact: 9988850249. (CL20062435)

Match for Kashyap Rajput handsome boy, 5.6.92, 5'-6", BCA doing job Gurgaon Honywell American company, preferred qualified/employee girl. 94646-33325. (CL20061808)

Match for Dec. 91, B.Pharma, MBA, Rajput boy, own double storey house, Sec. 3, Talwara T/ship. Only son, working as a Chemist. 62844-88705. (CL20062057)

Qualified match for Chauhan Kashyap Rajput boy, 5'-9", 15.12.1984, 12:30 am, Jalandhar. Only child. Father retd. Officer Army Aviation. Mother retd. Officer Indian Oil. Girl willing to settle abroad. Upper caste welcome. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: +91 93160-2377. (CL20062369)

Suitable match for Rajput boy 28/ 5'-10", Class-I Gazetted Officer (HP Govt.) HP based Doctor/Lecturer girl preferred.

JAT SIKH

Jatt Sikh, 6'-1", 37 yrs, Head of Product at Google, Stanford University Masters, previously CEO of company acquired by Fortune 500 company, slim athletic and handsome, never married, affluent and well settled family in California. Contact with photos at pswsingh@gmail.com (CL20055989)

Seeking professionally qualified match (Canada based only PR/ citizen) for Jatt Sikh Bains boy 5'-6", 89 born, non-drinker. Well settled in Toronto with a Master's Degree in Engineering from Canada. Working with one of the top IT companies. Contact with biodata and photographs at email: bains888@gmail.com , P: 647-786-5204. (CL20060932)

Seeking educated, beautiful working girl match for Jatt Sikh boy Aug/91, 5'-10", MCA working as Software Developer IT MNC, land 11 acres. WhatsApp: 99147-39284, 81468-02546. (CL20061152)

Jat Sikh USA citizen 6' handsome own business, well settled educated family, seeking beautiful educated girl. Contact: 88472-29257. (CL20062133)

Tricity Class-1 parents seek educated service family's family oriented North American Malwai employed professional for handsome fair, 32, 6' Canadian, innocent divorcee Engineer visiting India. Detailed biodata, photographs. 98770-83051, vikingshph8@gmail.com (CL20061378)

Seeking professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh 5'-10", 26, B.Tech, Computers, MBA Marketing, Working in Mumbai. Well settled family of professionals. maryash94@yahoo.com (CL20061863)

Jatt Sikh Grewal (Patiala), 1990/ 5'-8", Convent Management Graduate, Distt. Manager in MNC British Columbia, Canada. Seeks qualified professional, family oriented, Punjabi family girl settled in Canada. 769647230. (CL20061701)

Affluent Jat Sikh Gill family looking for suitable match for 27 year son 5'-10", professionally qualified with Masters in Engineering from UBC, now working as Engineer in Canada.

Required beautiful, tall (5'-5") preferred Jat Sikh girl preferably, Doctor, Engineer or pursuing education, belonging to equally status Malwa region family. Contact with biodata, picture on aagil348@gmail.com, Mobile: 88639-00001 (CL20061843)

PQM for Jat Sikh boy Dec 1987, 5'-11", MBA, Teetotaller, Having Own Business, Urban and Rural Property, Malwa preference. 94630-223/8. (CL20061861)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh, Kahlon, 6'-2", handsome and fit, 1993 born, 20 acres land, Canadian PR, Software Engineer, has own house in the Toronto area. Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Jalandhar area preferred. MBBS or BDS preferred. Contact: lassimg135@gmail.com, Ph: 97797-60441. (CL20061869)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh boy 1992 / 5'-10", MA (Urd) 15 Ace Agriculture land. Two brothers, Younger settled in Europe. Ladwa based family. Kurnool, Yamunanagar, Andhra preferred. Mobile 90176-94000 (CL20061877)

Jat Sikh boy, 31/2, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA, employed, Canada PR, Canada preference. Contact: 950134387. (CL20061923)

Match for wellsettled handsome Jat Sikh UK Citizen, 6', 1983 born and broughtup in India, MBA (Electronic commerce) from reputed university (Germany) with exchange semester, London. Serving as technical account manager in reputed MNC (London), Issueless Divorcee. Respected business family in India. Having urban / rural properties. Contact: 92150-26287 (CL20061928)

Lahorie Jatt Sikh boy, 27/ 6', fair, Govt. job, owning 10 acres of land in Ferozepur, seeks sober match. 98143-0348. (CL20061965)

Jat Sikh, 1988/ 5'-10", Government job, teetotaller, vegetarian. Rural-urban property Patiala. 98881-20040. (CL20061969)

Homely educated match for clean shaven Jat Sikh Alluvialia boy, 17.1/1989/ 5'-8" MA, Clerk in PWD, Punjab Saini urban land. 98557-22576. (CL20062093)

PQM for handsome Jatt Sikh boy, age 31, 5'-10", B.E., CSE (PU), MBA (UBS, PU) working in IT MNC. Well settled and educated Chandigarh based family. Parents Govt. Officer & teacher. Contact: 88266-77066, 98151-65191. (CL20061977)

Jatt Sikh 27/5"-11", B.Tech, Govt job (Adhoc) Patiala 30 acre agricultural land and urban property seeks tall, beautiful and educated girl. WhatsApp: 94634-74689. (CL20062062)

Suitable match for Adelaide based PR Kang boy 29 yr, 5'-10", doing Auditions job completed CA. Content & well educated with good height preferred. WhatsApp: 61420-48773, 98557-72248. (CL20062068)

Jat Sikh boy 1899, 6', B.Tech, Govt, job Amritsar, urban, rural property. Required qualified, beautiful girl. 98556-96794. (CL20062080)

SM Canada citizen 30, 6' boy R.N with Alberta health service. Doing Master from Calgary University Preference Indian born Canadian. With biodata contact 98550-06651. (CL20062104)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh boy, August 89 born, Govt. employee, working as Inspector in Co-operative Society. Seeking a Govt. employee, alliance Malwa region preferred. 99152-56999. (CL20062106)

UK born Jat Sikh turban boy,1983, 100 acres upper class, veg., CA 50 lakh, 5'-8", Business family, 98559-2024, sanjmalhi@gmail.com (CL20062120)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh handsome and reputd convet boy 5'-7", 1990, MBA family good business. Marriage bureau excuse. (Sangrur) 98146-20132, 10 am to 5 pm. (CL20062144)

Smart working match for Jat Sikh boy 31/ 5'-11", Law Graduate settled in Chandigarh having 32 acres of land, own house in Chandigarh. Contact: 92568-15505. (CL20062171)

Jatt Sandhu Mohali based boy, 1994, 6', Australia since 7 years, Bachelors in Accounts, now on TR visa. Elder brother & sister married, settled in Australia. Father Army retired, presently working in Punjab Govt. Looking for tall, beautiful, educated Australian citizen. PR. 98145-77425. (CL20062193)

Jat Gursikh boy 1995/ 5'-10", Double MA, Regular Government job at Chandigarh. Seeking girl with Government job. Tricity preferred. 98759-62685, 9463000696. (CL20062227)

Wanted well educated or NRI girl for Jatt Sikh boy, 5'-10", 33, land 10 acre, Post Graduate, well settled family. 62833-37191. (CL20062263)

SM4 Delhi based Jat Sikh boy, November 1993/ 6', BCA Graduate, working MNC in Delhi. # 92134-79712. (CL20062315)

Sikh pure vegetarian B.Tech. (Mech.), 29/ 5'-9", work beautiful PR, wanted in FMCG, well settled business class family. Contact: 98848-35911. (CL20062343)

Sikh boy (never married) 44, 5'-6", doing Govt. job, suitable girl in Govt. job required. (Widow/ divorcee/marriage bureau excuse) Mobile: 94780-61020. (CL20062317)

Australian citizen Sikh Tonk Kasthatri boy 1996/ 5'-10", sister Australian citizen and married, parents PR applied, now on Tourist Visa, seeking a good match from well educated family. WhatsApp: +61469661972. (CL20062311)

SM for Nari Gursikh boy, 89 born, 5'-4", convent educated, B.Tech, working in FMCG, well settled business class family. Contact: 98848-35911. (CL20062343)

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Devotees light earthen lamps on the banks of the Saryu river during Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya on Friday. PTI

Ayodhya lights 6 lakh 'diyas' to break record

AYODHYA, NOVEMBER 13 The Uttar Pradesh Government on Friday went all out in marking the homecoming of Lord Ram to this holy town – the mythical event in 'treta yug' on which the festival of Diwali is based. Along the way, the organisers broke a world record. As dusk fell, volunteers lit up over six lakh earthen lamps lined up on the Saryu riverbank.

A team from the Guinness World Records was present to see if it made it to their book. Hours later, team leader Nishchal Barot gave the final count as 6,06,569 'diyas', say-

ing it was "largest display of oil lamps" in the world.

An organiser said about 8,000 volunteers, drawn from a local college and NGOs, were involved in thefeat.

The "Deepotsav" included the reenactment of the arrival of God Ram and Goddess Sita to Ayodhya on their 'pushpak viman', a laser and sound show and cultural programmes.

Actors representing the deities of Ram, Sita and Lakshman descended in a helicopter. The deities were received by Governor Anandiben Patel and CM Yogi Adityanath. — PTI

NDA legislature party meeting tomorrow to elect Bihar leader

PATNA, NOVEMBER 13 A joint meeting of the NDA legislature party will be held here on Sunday where Nitish Kumar will be elected as its leader; it was decided on Friday.

The decision was taken at an "informal" meeting of leaders of the four NDA constituents in Bihar — the JD(U), BJP, HAM and Vikashsheel Insaan Party (VIP) — at the residence of Kumar.

"The meeting will start at 12.30 pm on Sunday, where all further decisions will be taken," CM-elect Kumar, who also heads the JD(U), told mediapersons later.

He also said the current state cabinet would hold its last meeting in the evening where a decision on the dissolution of the Assembly, the tenure of which expires on November 29, will be taken.

"These formalities have to be completed before the formation of a new government. The cabinet's recommendations will be forwarded to the Governor whose approval will be followed by other steps leading to the formation of a new government," Kumar added.

Despite the BJP emerging as the largest party in the ruling alliance with 74 seats, 31 more than the JD(U), the top leadership of the saffron party,



JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar with Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi (2nd from right) and others after a meeting in Patna on Friday. PTI

NITISH MEETS GUV, TENDERS RESIGNATION

Patna: Decks were cleared on Friday for the formation of a new government in Bihar with Nitish Kumar, who is set to return as the Chief Minister, handing over to Governor Phagu Chauhan the resignation of his ministry and the recommendation to dissolve the state Assembly, officials said. The governor accepted the resignation and asked Kumar to continue as the caretaker CM till the new NDA government is sworn in.

BJP MP URGES NITISH TO AMEND LIQUOR BAN POLICY

■ Days after the NDA's victory in the Bihar Assembly poll, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Friday requested Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to amend the liquor ban poli-

cy in the state as it leads to loss of revenue and increases corruption.

■ Dubey, an MP from Jharkhand, said: "The ban is causing revenue losses

and impacting the hotel industry.

■ In November 2015, Nitish announced a ban on the sale and consumption of liquor in the state.

including PM Narendra Modi, has emphatically endorsed Kumar as the next CM.

He was declared the ruling coalition's chief ministerial candidate much before the election process had started.

Though Kumar did not divulge more on what transpired during the meeting at his residence, sources said the issues discussed

included the representation of each constituent in the cabinet and election of the new Assembly Speaker.

Speculation is rife that the BJP might push for an EBC or a Dalit as a Deputy CM though it is not clear whether the insistence will be on replacing veteran leader Sushil Kumar Modi, who has been holding the post for the most part since

2005, or replicating the experiment in adjoining Uttar Pradesh where two leaders occupy the post. One of the names doing the rounds for the Deputy CM's post is that of Kameshwar Chaupal, a Dalit with deep roots in the Sangh who was famously chosen for laying the foundation stone at the Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya in the 1990s. — PTI



A man retrieves his belongings after a cyclone in South 24 Parganas. FILE

₹4,382 crore calamity assistance for 6 states

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

A high-level committee, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has approved the release of nearly Rs 4,382 crore to six states as Central assistance for the natural calamities they faced this year.

The funds will be released to West Bengal, Odisha, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Sikkim as assistance for the damage caused by cyclone, floods and landslides during the year.

For cyclone 'Amphan', ₹2,707.77 crore has been approved for West Bengal and ₹128.23 crore for Odisha. For cyclone 'Nisarga', ₹268.59 crore has been approved for Maharashtra.

For floods and landslides during the South-West monsoon, ₹577.84 crore has been approved for Karnataka, ₹611.61 crore for Madhya Pradesh, and ₹87.84 crore for Sikkim.

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In the aftermath of cyclone 'Amphan', Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the affected states of West Bengal and Odisha on May 22. — PTI

The high-level committee has approved additional Central assistance of Rs 4,381.88 crore to six states from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), a statement by the Home Ministry said.

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Gautam Pb, Chd in-charge as Nadda reshuffles team

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

The BJP on Friday announced its new team of state in-charges, with party vice-president Radha Mohan Singh appointed in-charge of politically crucial Uttar Pradesh.

Kailash Vijayvargiya will continue to be the in-charge of West Bengal and he will be assisted by BJP national secretary Arvind Menon and party national IT cell head Amit Malviya. The appointments come a month after BJP chief JP Nadda announced a new team of party national office-bearers.

Blupender Yadav will continue as the in-charge for Bihar and Gujarat and will be assisted by party national secretaries Harish Dwivedi and Anupam Hazara, according to a statement.

Similarly, party national secretary Satya Kumar, Sunil Ojha and Sanjeev Chaurasia will assist Singh in UP. Singh will also look after the party's work in Rajasthan. The BJP has appointed party vice-president Baijayant Panda as in-charge of Delhi and Assam, while its general secretary CT Ravi will be in-charge of Maharashtra, it said. — PTI

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Talks with Centre cordial, but no result

However, the farmers representatives said that unlike the last time, this meeting was held in "positive atmosphere".

Punjab BJP leaders claimed a breakthrough with "both sides agreeing to continue the dialogue". The farm leaders said they would stick to their 'Dilli Chalo' programme.

"If we are not allowed to enter Delhi, we will gherao the Capital on November 26-27," they said, demanding a rollback of the ordinance to set up a commission to monitor Delhi's air quality and withdrawal of cases against farmers for burning stubble.

The exports of ayurvedic products increased by 45 per cent in September this year compared to the previous year. There has been a significant increase in exports of spices like turmeric and ginger, considered immunity boosters. This shows the sudden boost in confidence in ayurvedic solutions and Indian spices in the world," he said.

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develop the National Sowa-Rigpa Institute for Research and other studies related to Sowa-Rigpa in Leh.

Calling upon the Education Ministry and the UGC to find new avenues in disciplines like ayurveda physics and ayurveda chemistry, the PM said start-ups and private sector should study the global market and demands and ensure their participation in the sector.

Modi pointed out that during the corona period, the demand for ayurvedic products had increased rapidly all over the world.

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Happy Deepawali

Heartiest Congratulations
To The People Of Haryana
On The Occasion Of Diwali

On the occasion of Diwali, I pray that the radiance and bliss of this auspicious day brighten your lives as the State of Haryana continues to sparkle on the map of the nation.

As Corona Pandemic continues to bring changes to our lives, I urge you to take care of your loved ones, wear masks and maintain social distancing, as you illuminate your homes with earthen lamps. Play your part in preserving the quality of air by refraining from using fireworks. Light up your lives and those of others with the glow of love, compassion and harmony on this day.

Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

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It is for the information of all the eligible candidates desirous of seeking admission to MBBS/BDS courses for the Academic Session 2020-21 that admission to MBBS/BDS courses for the Academic Session 2020-21 shall be conducted through Online Combined Centralized Counselling for all Government/Government Aided/Private Unaided Medical/Dental Institutes including those under Private Universities i.e. SGT University, Budhera, Gurugram and PDM University, Bahadurgarh and Al-Falah University Village Dhoj, Faridabad in the State of Haryana on the basis of merit list prepared as per the marks obtained in the NEET UG 2020. The tentative schedule for 1st round of counselling is as under -

S. No.	Schedule of Admission for all category of seats	Dates
1	Registration on the online admission web portal	15/11/2020 to 18/11/2020 (till 11.59 PM)
2	Editing, if any.	Up to 19.11.2020 (till 11.59 PM)
3	Locking of Choices.	15.11.2020 to 19.11.2020 (till 11.59 PM)
4	Provisional allocation of seats	21/11/2020
5	Grievances on the provisional allocation list (if any)	22/11/2020 (till 11.59 PM)
6	Re-allocation of seats after Grievances (if required)	23/11/2020

All the eligible NEET qualified candidates are required to register themselves online through web portal <https://uhscrugcounselling.com>. It is informed that aspiring candidates should regularly visit the website of Pandit Bhagwan Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak www.uhsr.ac.in and admission web portal i.e. <https://uhscrugcounselling.com> and website of Medical Education and Research Department, Haryana i.e. www.dmerharyana.org for updates.

Note:

- Further the Schedule of document verification of candidates who have been provisionally allotted seats online will be uploaded in due course of time.
- Final number of seats under each category of all the Institutes shall be displayed on the website of Pandit Bhagwan Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak www.uhsr.ac.in and also admission web portal before allocation. The candidates should regularly visit these websites for updates.
- Reservation and relaxation in age etc. shall be provided to different reserved categories as per State Reservation Policy.
- The personal appearance of the candidates who have been provisionally allotted seat along with all original documents in front of the Admission committee at Pandit Bhagwan Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak is mandatory failing which his/her candidature will not be considered.
- Any amendments by the State Government/Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/NMC/DCI shall be applicable.
- Admission shall be made to only those institutes which are approved/recognized for admission by NMC/MCI/DCI and who have obtained consent of affiliation from the concerned University in accordance with the last date as prescribed by Government of India/ National Medical Council/Medical Council of India/Dental Council of India/State Government.
- ANY ADMISSIONS MADE BY ANY PRIVATE MEDICAL/DENTAL COLLEGES INCLUDING THOSE UNDER PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE AT ITS OWN LEVEL SHALL NOT VALID AND SUCH ADMISSION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS NULL AND VOID.

Director General
Medical Education & Research, Haryana
Haryana, Panchkula

Cong joins hands with PAGD for DDC polls

Alliance limited to seat-sharing as of now: Mir

ADITI TANDON
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13
After days of internal discussions over pros and cons of working with the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), the Congress on Friday decided to ally with the new outfit to contest the upcoming District Development Council elections.

J&K Congress president Ghulam Ahmad Mir, however, said the pact with the PAGD as of now was limited to electoral management for the DDC polls and was not political in nature.

The state Congress has been treading cautiously on formally joining the PAGD due to reservations its Jammu leaders have expressed over the Gupkar alliance's commitment to the restoration of Articles 370 and 35-A. Jammu Congress leaders are resistant to the above two demands although they share the PAGD's call for restoration of J&K's statehood.

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Ghulam Ahmad Mir, JKPC President

understanding with like-minded secular parties. We have worked with these parties in the past. The purpose of the meeting today was the DDC elections. No political issues were discussed. We will take a call on political issues when the time comes and when the next formal meeting of the PAGD is called by its chairman Farooq Abdullah.

"The alliance with the PAGD is for seat-sharing purposes only. We did not discuss political issues today."

J&K Congress vice-president and former state minister Raman Bhalla also told The Tribune today that the Congress' pact with the PAGD was limited to electoral management with like-minded parties "to fight the BJP in the upcoming elections".

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

After months of speculations in public domain, social organisation 'Ikkjutt Jammu' today took the political plunge with announcement of creation of political party with the same name, a statement today said.

The party also vowed to contest the next elections on the plank of statehood for Jammu, according to a formal announcement by president of the newbie advocate Ankur Sharma and newly formed executive committee of the Ikkjutt Jammu.

Various documents to be submitted to the Election Commission of India were displayed in front of the

media by general secretary Ashwani Sharma, it said.

The constitution of the party, which had been adopted a few days back by the core committee, was also unveiled. This was followed by the presentation of 'vision

document' of the party to the people of the Jammu region.

"Executive member Jagmohan Sharma presented vision statement for power, agriculture and tourism reforms. Anil Padha gave a detailed presentation on steps to be

taken regarding education and culture, language and safeguarding the heritage of the Jammu region.

General secretary Kiran Kumar spoke about sports and youth affairs/services. He vowed to continue fight to weed out all illegal encroachers, including Rohingyas and Bangladeshis from Jammu.

Office-bearers of the Ikkjutt Jammu address a press conference in New Delhi on Friday.

8 deaths, 626 fresh Covid cases in UT

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13

J&K on Friday recorded 626 new Covid cases and eight fatalities due to the disease in the past 24 hours, taking the infection tally to 1,01,594 and the death toll to 1,574, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 197 were from the Jammu division and 429 from Kashmir Baramulla district recorded

maximum number of fresh Covid cases (158), followed by 157 in Srinagar, they said.

There were 5,645 active cases in the UT, while 94,375 patients had recovered from the infection so far, they said.

The Jammu division and Kashmir valley recorded four deaths due to the novel coronavirus in the last 24 hours, the officials said. —PTI

Snowfall likely in J&K, Ladakh

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13

Moderate to heavy snowfall is expected in Jammu and Kashmir in the next few days as per the local weather office.

An advisory issued by the local weather office said, "Scattered to fairly widespread precipitation is very likely to occur over J&K and Ladakh between November 14 and 15."

The advisory said air and surface traffic was likely to get disrupted during this period. The traffic disruption was likely to hit the Srinagar-Jammu, Srinagar-Leh highways and the Mughal road that connects the Valley with the Jammu division.

The authorities have issued warnings for people living in higher reaches to avoid movement during this period as landslides can occur at such places.

Except for scanty rain/snow in the higher

reaches, J&K has been experiencing an unusual dry spell during the last four months with hardly any precipitation occurring in the hinterland.

All rivers, lakes, streams and springs in the Kashmir valley are flowing at their lowest level because of the dry spell. It is expected that the perennial water reservoirs in the mountains would get replenished by the expected snowfall. —IANS

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH				
E-TENDER NOTICE				
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)	
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 1				
1.	Dismantling of existing PSC pipe line and providing, fixing, laying and testing of 1200mm dia MS pipe line with cement mortar lining and coating for supplying raw water from Kajauli to Water Works Sector-39, Chandigarh coming under the widening stretch of Kharar-Ludhiana road (NH-95) near Village Mankheri, Punjab (Ch to: Deposit Work for NHAI). (Re-invited)	14.11.2020 To 21.11.2020 at 06:55 P.M	23.11.2020 at 10:00 A.M	
	Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,78,880/- EMD: Rs. 21,580/- Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit: 01 Month			
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4				
2.	Repair & maintenance of sewerage system at various places of area falls under MCPH Sub Division No.18, Chandigarh. (Re-invite) Est. Cost: Rs. 9,88,900/- EMD: Rs.19,780/- Time Limit: 03 Months	13.11.2020 To 19.11.2020 at 05:00 P.M	20.11.2020 at 10:00 A.M	
3.	Providing additional 16" i/d SWD line for disposal of storm water system in Sector 32-D, Chandigarh. (Re-invite) Est. Cost: Rs. 13,32,719/- EMD: Rs.26,654/- Time Limit: 02 Months	13.11.2020 To 19.11.2020 at 05:00 P.M	20.11.2020 at 10:00 A.M	

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Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab



GLOBE TROT

**UP IN ARMS:** A Palestinian protester argues with Israeli troops during a stir against Jewish settlements in Beit Dajan. REUTERS**Japan Nobel laureate who found neutrinos dies at 94**

TOKYO: Japanese astrophysicist Masatoshi Koshiba, a co-winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in physics for confirming the existence of elementary particles called neutrinos, has died. He was 94. A distinguished professor at the University of Tokyo, he died at a Tokyo hospital on Thursday. It didn't provide a cause of death. AGENCIES

Diwali carries special significance this year: Morrison

MELBOURNE: Extending Diwali greetings to Indians, Prime Minister Scott Morrison has said the festival's message carries a special significance. "Most years, we often think of dispelling of darkness as a theoretical concept rather than something that is experienced and overcome. This year; Diwali's message has a special significance," he said. PTI

After election landslide, Suu's party vows to form unity govt

Oppn cries foul, demands fresh election; observers rule out irregularities

YANGON, NOVEMBER 13

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's ruling party said on Friday it would seek to form a government of national unity after official election results showed it had comfortably won enough parliamentary seats to form the next administration.

The latest batch of results from Sunday's vote confirmed Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) had secured the 322 seats in the bicameral legislature needed to form a government. The NLD has taken 368 seats of the 434 seats that have been declared, with results from 42 more yet to be announced.

NLD spokesman Monywa Aung Shin said the "landslide" win showed that the people still had faith in Suu Kyi's leadership. "However, we have to work on forming a national unity government," said Monywa Aung



Citizens voted overwhelmingly for Suu Kyi whose image abroad has collapsed due to Rohingya genocide accusations. REUTERS FILE

Shin, noting how the NLD had invited 39 ethnic minority parties to work with it.

Myanmar has seen insurrections by various autonomy-seeking guerrilla forces since shortly after its independence from Britain in 1948, and Suu Kyi's government has been trying to conclude peace efforts though progress has been patchy and violence has flared in some areas.

The main opposition party,

the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), raised objections and demanded a new vote as soon as possible "in order to have an election that is free, fair, unbiased and free from unfair campaigning". International and domestic observers said the vote went smoothly and without major irregularities. The election commission on Wednesday said any allega-

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A supporter of Donald Trump arrives to participate in a "Stop the Steal" protest in Phoenix, Arizona, US. REUTERS

Biden consolidates lead with Arizona win

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 13

President-elect Joe Biden has narrowly won Arizona, major US media outlets projected on Friday, capturing the state's 11 electoral votes and consolidating his lead over his Republican rival and incumbent US President Donald Trump.

The state's 11 Electoral College votes bring 77-year-old Biden's lead to 290-217 and put further pressure on Trump, who has yet to concede the election held on November 3. — PTI

China congratulates Biden for poll victory

Beijing: Shaking Beijing's initial hesitation, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin congratulated Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for their victory in the US presidential election, saying Beijing respects the American people's choice. PTI

ELECTION OFFICIALS REJECT TRUMP'S FRAUD CLAIMS

UK hospital mourns Indian-origin doc's death

LONDON, NOVEMBER 13

A hospital in eastern England on Friday paid moving tributes to a "dedicated and committed" Indian-origin doctor after his Covid death.

Dr Krishnam Subramanian, a 46-year-old Consultant Anaesthetist at Royal Derby Hospital, passed away at Glenfield Hospital in Leicester.

"This is a very sad day for the UHDB family," said Gavin Boyle, the Chief Executive of the trust.

Meanwhile, US scientists have found that a drug commonly used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder, or

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	248,696
BRAZIL	164,332
MEXICO	97,056
UK	51,304
ITALY	44,139

WORLDMETER TILL NOV 13, 10 PM

OCD, if taken within seven days of first symptoms of Covid, may reduce the risk for respiratory deterioration, a study stated. — Agencies



A woman participates in a demonstration by French artists and entertainment workers against lockdown in Paris. REUTERS

G20 strikes historic debt pact to help poor Covid-hit countries

PARIS, NOVEMBER 13

The United States, China and other G20 countries on Friday agreed for the first time on a common approach for restructuring government debt as the Covid crisis leaves poorer nations at risk of default.

Citing the scale of the pandemic and "the significant debt vulnerabilities and deteriorating outlook in many low-income countries," G20 finance officials agreed more help was needed than a current freeze in official debt payments

'SUPPORT NEEDED'

■ The crisis isn't over. We need further support through debt relief and through fresh financing. Kristalina Georgieva, MD, IMF

that runs out at the end of June.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) MD Kristalina Georgieva termed it a historic achievement. "Let's be very frank here. We are not out of the woods. This crisis is not

over. We need further support through debt relief and through fresh financing," she told G20 officials.

The new framework aims "to facilitate timely and orderly debt treatment" for countries eligible for the debt payment freeze put in place in April, but which only included private sector creditors on a voluntary basis, the G20 statement said.

"Debt transparency is important," Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso said. — Reuters

Another aide of UK PM set to exit

LONDON, NOVEMBER 13

The disquiet caused by a power struggle in the UK government, which spilled out into the open earlier this week with a high-profile (Lee Cain) exit from Downing Street, seemed to intensify on Friday as it emerged that UK PM Boris Johnson's senior-most aide is to also resign next month.

Dominic Cummings has not announced it, but a Cabinet minister confirmed that he is on his way out. "He'll be missed," UK Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said. — PTI

RIL to pump in \$50 mn in Bill Gates' company

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

Reliance Industries (RIL) will invest \$50 million in Breakthrough Energy Ventures, a climate change company owned by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

In a filing to stock exchanges, Reliance said it will make the investment in tranches over the next 8 to 10 years. "The capital contribution commitment of \$50 million constitutes 5.75% of the size of the fund contemplated at present," the company said.

The transaction is subject to approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The oil-telecom-to-retail conglomerate said it has "entered into a definitive agreement, for making a capital contribution, up to \$50 million, in Breakthrough Energy Ventures II, L.P. (BEV), a limited partnership, newly incorporated under the Delaware State Laws, United States of America."

Breakthrough Energy Ventures is attempting to find solutions to the climate crisis through breakthrough energy and agriculture technologies. It will invest the funds raised, to support innovation in clean energy solutions.

"The said investment will be made in tranches over the next 8-10 years," it said.

"BEV will invest the funds raised from the investors to support innovation in clean energy solutions," it said. "The results of these efforts would have significant relevance for India and are expected to benefit the entire mankind and also provide good returns to the investors." — PTI

Sensex ends Samvat 2076 on a high, gains 86 points

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 13

Domestic equity benchmarks eked out modest gains on Friday after a day's pause as banking and finance stocks found firmer ground amid mixed global cues.

The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 85.81 points higher at 43,443. The broader NSE Nifty rose 29.15 points to 12,719.95. Both the benchmarks closed Hindu calendar year Samvat 2076 with smart gains. The Sensex rallied 4,384.94 points or 11.22%, while the Nifty soared 1,136.05 points or 9.80%.

Markets will have a special one-hour Muhurat trading session on Diwali (Saturday) to mark the beginning of Samvat 2077. Bajaj Finserv was the top gainer in the Sensex pack on Friday, rising 3.32%, followed by Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI and UltraTech Cement.

On the other hand, L&T, HDFC twins, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, TCS and M&M were among the major laggards, slumping up to

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Markets continue to maintain their positive momentum over the week driven by latest positive news of Covid vaccine development, US election results and inflows of foreign investor money. Good set of quarterly numbers and

Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0' stimulus measures announced by government also helped in keeping the momentum of market strong.

"Over the week, market maintained high valuations and this led to profit booking in banking sector. In Western markets, investor money chased non-tech stocks following Covid vaccine developments. Market is currently in a stable state and is looking forward to next week's WPI and trade data release. As inflation is still at higher levels according to latest CPI data, we believe further rate cuts are not possible from the regulator," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

BSE metal, realty, healthcare, basic materials, bankex and energy indices spurted as much as 1.94%, while capital goods, telecom, FMCG and industrials ended lower.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices rallied up to 1.12%. — PTI

Dhanteras shopping

Women shop for jewellery during 'Dhanteras' on the eve of Diwali, in Thane, on Friday. PTI

Oil India strikes gas in Assam

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

Oil India Ltd, the nation's second-largest state oil producer, on Friday said it had made a natural gas discovery at a well drilled in Tinsukia, Assam.

"The discovery will open up new areas for further oil and gas exploration in Assam and would help in enhancing the gas production with future appraisal and development activities," the company said. — PTI

Future Retail posts Q2 net loss of ₹692 crore

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

Future Retail Ltd on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 692.36 crore for the second quarter ended September 2020, hit by disruptions caused due to the Covid pandemic. The company, whose promoter had announced Rs 24,713 crore deal to transfer the retail business to Reliance Indus-

tries owned Reliance Retail Ventures, had posted a net profit of Rs 165.08 crore in the July-September quarter in 2019. Future Retail Ltd (FRL) said in a BSE filing.

Its revenue from operations was down 73.86 per cent at Rs 1,424.21 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 5,449.06 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. — PTI

Exports decline 5.12% in October

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

India's exports fell 5.12% to \$24.89 billion in October, after recording positive growth in September, on account of drop in shipments of petroleum products, gems and jewellery, leather and engineering goods, according to government data released on Friday.

Trade deficit narrowed to \$8.71 billion

corresponding month a year ago. Imports also fell 11.53% to \$33.6 billion (year-on-year) in October 2020. Major export commodities that recorded negative growth in October included petroleum products (52%), cashew (21.57%), gems

and jewellery (21.27%), leather (16.67%), man-made yarn/fabrics/made-ups (12.8%), electronic goods (9.4%), coffee (9.2%), marine products (8%) and engineering goods (3.75%).

During April-October 2020, exports declined 19.02% to \$150.14 billion, while imports fell 36.28% to \$182.29 billion over the same period a year ago. — PTI

Significant reduction in anxiety index: Survey

58% POSITIVE ABOUT VISITING STORES

- With reduced anxiety, Indian consumers are open to spending more on convenience (73%) while they are scouting for better deals and bargains (55%).
- Indian consumers are positive about visiting stores (58%), restaurants (47%),

ters during the upcoming festive season," the survey said. With reduced anxiety, Indian

consumers are open to spending more on convenience (73%) while they are scouting for better deals and bargains (55%), exercising caution towards health, hygiene and environment safety.

The survey said Indian consumers are less anxious about their physical well-being and making upcoming payments and large purchases, compared with the start of the pandemic and the lockdown. — PTI

Global efforts must to stamp out terrorism, says President

Addresses valedictory ceremony of 60th NDC course

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

Without referring to China, President Ram Nath Kovind today said the policy of expansionism being followed by a few nations demanded a strategic and mature response globally.

He was addressing the valedictory ceremony of the 60th National Defence College (NDC) course through a video message.

"With various countries facing its wrath, terrorism has become an issue of international significance. The world will be a safer place if we purge it of terrorism, which is the most virulent curse on humanity. The recent killings in European countries are reprehensible beyond words," said Kovind.

He said decision-makers must be guided by national

'VIRULENT CURSE ON HUMANITY'

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Defence and the President is the Supreme Commander of the armed forces.

"The NDC has imparted skills and knowledge to senior officers not only from our armed forces and civil services, but also those from friendly foreign countries," said the President.

Referring to the institution of 'The President's Chair of Excellence on National Security' at the NDC few days ago, the President said it was a befitting gesture to mark the diamond jubilee of the college. He expressed hope that the Chair would enrich the intellectual and academic standards at India's apex institution of strategic learning.

in European countries are reprehensible beyond words. It brings us to the point where we need to understand that terrorism in any form and manifestation needs to be stamped out through collective efforts of the international community," said Kovind told senior functionaries, who attended the yearlong course.

He said decision-makers must be guided by national interests as well as international objectives, both of which should be adaptive and multi-pronged.

The NDC deals with several such challenges and offers course participants tools to understand the multi-dimensional geostrategic and geopolitical environment for future, said the President. The NDC is under the Ministry of

MISSILE MILESTONE

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WALLED ACTIVE PHASED ARRAY RADAR

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CANISTERISED MISSILES CAN BE CARRIED



India's Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system on Friday directly hit a pilotless target aircraft at medium range and medium altitude after being launched from a base in Odisha.

The state-of-the-art missile was fire-tested from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur. The system is capable of detecting and tracking targets on the move and engaging targets with short halts. PTI

SC asks T'gana to follow NGT order on firecrackers

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday modified a Telangana High Court order imposing complete and immediate ban on the sale of firecrackers in the state during Diwali and ordered it to follow the National Green Tribunal's directives in this regard.

While imposing a total ban on sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the NCR till November 30 midnight, the NGT had on November 9 said the complete ban would apply to all cities and towns where the average of ambient air quality during November 2019 was "poor" and above categories. However, the NGT had permitted the sale of green crackers in cities where the air is "moderate" or below.

Kamra refuses to apologise or retract tweets against SC

Tribune News Service

SILENCE CANNOT GO UNCRITICISED



My view hasn't changed because the silence of the Supreme Court on matters of other's personal liberty cannot go uncriticised. I don't intend to retract my tweets or apologise for them. I believe they speak for themselves. Kunal Kamra, COMEDIAN



his controversial tweets.

"All that I tweeted was from my view of the Supreme Court of India giving a partial decision in favour of a prime time loudspeaker. My view hasn't changed because the silence of the Supreme Court on matters of other's personal liberty cannot go uncriticised. I don't intend to retract my tweets or apologise for them. I believe they speak for themselves," Kamra said in a statement released on his Twitter page. In his tweets, Kamra had shown

the SC in saffron colour with a BJP flag in place of the Tricolour and made nasty comments about a sitting judge.

Kamra said he enjoyed a platform with a captive audience, but a time slot before the SC was a scarce commodity and should go to more pressing issues in front of the nation. He also referred to contempt proceedings against activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan, who had refused to apologise for his derogatory tweets and was held guilty of contempt.

Son help in drugs case, Kerala CPM secy quits

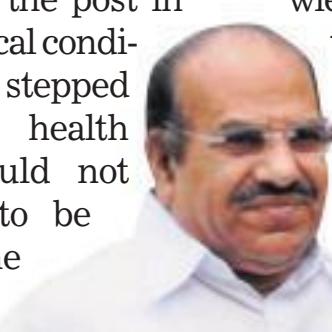
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State secretary of the Kerala CPM Kodiyeri Balakrishnan has stepped down in the wake of arrest of his son in a narcotics case.

He has, however, officially stepped down citing health reason. A Vijaya Raghavan, CPM central committee member, will assume the charge in his absence.

CPM Rajya Sabha MP K Somaprasad said Balakrishnan had requested to be relieved from the post in view of a medical condition. "He stepped down as his health condition would not permit him to be active in the upcoming local elec-



tion. A full-time secretary was needed," Somaprasad said, maintaining the state secretariat acceded to his request to relieve him.

The ruling dispensation has its back to the wall, with the strident Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) and the aggressive BJP mounting pressure on it on several fronts, including a gold smuggling case and an Enforcement Directorate probe against Balakrishnan's son Bineesh. Balakrishnan, considered to be

wielding clout in the party, has stepped down ahead of the local elections scheduled for December and subsequent Assembly poll, which is due for May.



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DIG AT CHINA'S DEBT-TRAP DIPLOMACY

In a veiled reference to China's loans that have led to debt-traps in some countries, India's Permanent Representative to the UN TS Tirumurti said India's "assistance does not create indebtedness and is without conditionalities".

tainable recovery from Covid.

"In India's development cooperation, we will be guided by our partners' development priorities. Our assistance does not create indebtedness and is without conditionalities," he said at the 44th Annual Meet-

ing of the G-77 Foreign Ministers on Thursday, in a veiled reference to China's loans which have led to debt-traps in some countries.

In an indirect reference to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative, Foreign Secre-

tary Harsh Vardhan Shringla early this month warned against a global order that gave in to "skewed" arrangements without due consideration for "reliable, secure and sustainable" supply chains. "We need to impress on our developed partners to do more and show the necessary urgency. The pandemic cannot be used as an excuse to not fulfil their commitments or to undermine environmental conventions," said Tirumurti. — PTI

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