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6 Russians face EU, UK curbs over Navalny case



BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 15

The European Union (EU) and Britain imposed sanctions on top Russian officials close to President Vladimir Putin on Thursday in an unexpectedly robust and swift response to the August poisoning of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

Pushed by France and Germany, where Navalny was treated after collapsing on a flight from Siberia, the EU and Britain targeted six Russians and a state scientific research centre accused of deploying a banned nerve agent designed for military use against the 44-year-old opposition politician.

"We remain committed to the fight against chemical weapons," French President Emmanuel Macron said while talking to mediapersons. The Kremlin condemned the sanctions and promised retaliation. — Reuters

US Navy ship sails through Taiwan Strait, China fumes

Washington calls it routine transit in accordance with international law

BEIJING/TAIPEI, OCTOBER 15

China on Thursday said the United States was seriously undermining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait after a US Navy destroyer sailed through the waters amid escalating tensions between Beijing and Taipei.

Zhang Chunhui, spokesman for China's eastern theatre command, said in a statement that the Chinese military followed and monitored the USS Barry when the destroyer made what the US Navy called a "routine Taiwan Strait transit" on Wednesday.

China considers Taiwan a wayward province that needs to be reunited with the mainland, by force if needed. The US government, on the other hand, has stepped up support for the island recently to support what it considers an important democratic outpost. Beijing has accused Washington and Taipei of "collusion" towards the island declaring formal independence and recently ramped up



Chinese President Xi Jinping in Guangdong to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Shenzhen Economic Zone. AP/PTI

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ACCUSED OF TRYING TO DESTABILISE TIBET

Beijing: China has slammed the US for appointing a special coordinator for Tibetan issues, describing Washington's move as political manipulation aimed at destabilising Tibet. US Secretary of State

Mike Pompeo on Wednesday named Robert Destro, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour, as the Special Coordinator for Tibetan issues. PTI

air force activity near Taiwan in a show of force.

The White House is pushing forward to sell to Taiwan sophisticated military equipment including MQ-9 drones and a coastal defensive missile system, sources familiar

with the matter said, fuelling further tensions in what is already an increasingly adversarial Sino-US relations.

Zhang said the US should stop its provocative words and actions in the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan's defence

'SENDS WRONG SIGNAL'

■ The US has recently been sending wrong signal to proponents of independence for Taiwan. It should stop. Zhang Chunhui, SPEAKSMAN, CHINA'S EASTERN THEATRE COMMAND

'ROUTINE TRANSIT'

■ It was a routine transit. It demonstrates the US commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. Statement issued by the US Pacific Fleet

450 Pak Oppn workers booked ahead of rally

LAHORE, OCTOBER 15

Over 450 workers from the Pakistan's Opposition parties have been booked in Lahore and other areas of Punjab province ahead of the first grand anti-government rally on Friday by an alliance formed to oust Prime Minister Imran Khan.

On September 20, the leaders of 11 major Opposition parties announced formation of the Pakistan Democratic Movement and launch of a three-phased anti-government movement under an "action plan" starting with countrywide public meetings, protest demonstrations and rallies before a "decisive long march" towards Islamabad in January 2021.

The first rally is scheduled on Friday in Gujranwala city, some 80 kms from Lahore, followed by another rally on October 18 in Karachi, in Quetta on October 25, Peshawar on November 22, Multan on November 30 and then a rally in Lahore on December 13.

The Opposition announced that it would use all options, including no-confidence motions and mass resignations from Parliament, to push their demands, which include the former general's stepping down, constitutional changes and reform of the monarchy.

Several top leaders of the protest movement were taken into custody. The police said they had made 22 arrests.

The text of the emergency declaration said it was needed because "certain groups of perpetrators intended to instigate an untoward incident and movement in the Bangkok area by way of various methods and via different channels, including causing obstruction to the royal motorcade."

The royal family is considered sacrosanct and a pillar of Thai identity. — AP



Cops restrain a protester in Bangkok, Thailand. REUTERS

Emergency in Thailand amid massive protests

BANGKOK, OCTOBER 15

Thailand declared a new state of emergency for the capital on Thursday, a day after a student-led protest against the country's traditional establishment saw an extraordinary moment in which demonstrators heckled a royal motorcade.

After the pre-dawn declaration, riot police moved in to clear out demonstrators who after a day of rallies and confrontation had gathered outside Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's office to push their demands, which include the former general's stepping

down, constitutional changes and reform of the monarchy.

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If elected, 11 million immigrants to get citizenship, promises Biden

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 15



Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has vowed to provide citizenship to 11 million illegal immigrants if voted to power in the November 3 presidential election. Biden identified this as one of his priorities in addition to beating the coronavirus pandemic, rebuilding the economy and figuring out how to restore American leadership

going on at the border. "We're going to have to deal with the immigration crisis," he said.

Donald Trump has been calling for the deportation of illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris has cancelled her travel plans through Sunday as a precaution after one of her staff members tested Covid positive. — PTI

Fresh restrictions in Europe as Covid cases rise

BERLIN, OCTOBER 15

Fears rose on Thursday that Europe is running out of chances to control its Covid outbreak, as infections hit record daily highs in Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy and Poland. France slapped a 9 pm curfew on many of its biggest cities and Londoners faced new travel restrictions as governments imposed increasingly tough measures.

The Czech Republic, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, France and Britain are among

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	2,22,060
BRAZIL	1,51,779
MEXICO	84,898
UK	43,155
PERU	33,512

WORLDOMETER TILL OCT 15, 10 PM

World Health Organisation's Europe office urged governments to be "uncompromising" in controlling the virus.

"These measures are meant to keep us all ahead of the curve and to flatten its course," Dr Hans Kluge said, while wearing a mask. Kluge cited epidemiological models that suggested if 95% of people wear masks and follow other social distancing measures, Europe could avoid about 281,000 deaths by February. — AP



Health workers demand more staff during a stir in Paris. REUTERS

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Reliance Retail gets ₹5,550 cr from KKR

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Thursday said it has received Rs 5,550 crore from global investment firm KKR, which has picked up 1.28% stake in its retail arm. Earlier, on September 23, RIL had announced that KKR will make the investment in its subsidiary Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) to buy 1.28% equity stake.

"Reliance Retail Ventures Limited, a subsidiary of the company, today received the subscription amount of Rs 5,550 crore from Alyssum Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd. (a unit of KKR) and allotted 81,348,479 equity shares to KKR," Reliance Industries said in a regulatory filing. — PTI

CATASTROPHIC EVENT

■ The recession has been deep, one of the deepest since the Great Depression. And for many developing countries, and for the people in the poorest countries, it is truly a depression, a catastrophic event. It is continuing to add to the ranks of those in extreme poverty — David Malpass, WORLD BANK PRESIDENT

'K-SHAPED RECOVERY'

■ Terming the pandemic a "catastrophic event" for many developing and the poorest countries, the World Bank said there was a rising risk of disruptive debt crises

■ Responding to a query, the World Bank President said the world was currently experiencing a K-shaped recovery

That is the focus of this meeting and the focus of their actions, he said, adding the World Bank was building as big a growth programme for countries as they can in this fiscal year.

Responding to a question, Malpass said that the world was currently experiencing a K-shaped recovery. That means the advanced economies have been able to provide support, especially for their financial markets and for people that have jobs that can be done by working from home. But people that are in the informal economy have lost their jobs, and are depending on social protection programmes, he said. — PTI

IN BRIEF

NEW DELHI
Mutual fund body fine with existing SEBI index
The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has clarified it has not written to SEBI proposing the launch of new index or to cap any stock in the Index. There were reports that AMFI/AMCs are proposing to SEBI to launch a new benchmark index. The industry will continue to adhere to SEBI guidance on the capping of a single stock, it said. TNS

CHANDIGARH
Trident Group to hire 2,500 women in Punjab

Ludhiana-based Trident Group has collaborated with the Punjab Government for 'Ghar Ghar Rojgar Yojna' under which it will hire 2,500 women in 10 months, mainly belonging to below poverty line (BPL) families. The first batch of 250 women will join on October 17. A six-day recruitment drive is underway at Barnala. TNS

NEW DELHI
Exports increase 6% to \$27.58 bn in Sept

India's exports increased 5.99% year-on-year to \$27.58 billion in September, according to the government data released on Thursday. The trade deficit in September was \$2.72 billion as compared to \$11.67 billion in the year-ago month. PTI

NEW DELHI
Mindtree Q2 net profit rises 88% to ₹253 crore

IT firm Mindtree on Thursday reported a 87.9% rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 253.7 crore for the September 2020 quarter. The company saw its revenue grow marginally to Rs 1,926 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 1,914.3 crore in the year-ago period. PTI

Sensex snaps 10-day rally, dives 1,066 pts amid heavy selling

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

Snapping its 10-session winning run, equity benchmark Sensex plunged 1,066.33 points on Thursday as investors pressed the exit button amid a massive sell-off in global markets. The 30-share BSE index plummeted 1,066.33 points or 2.61% to end at 39,728.41. The NSE Nifty crashed 290.70 points or 2.43% to 11,680.35.

Global equities cratered as hopes faded of a pre-election stimulus deal in the US, while multiple countries in Europe braced for a second round of lockdowns to curb rising Covid cases, jeopardising the already shaky economic recovery.

Back home, market participants were also eager to book profits after the recent rally amid already stretched valuations, traders said.

Barring Asian Paints, which inched up 0.32%, all Sensex constituents closed in the red. Bajaj Finance was the top loser, tumbling 4.68%, followed by Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI, Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel and HCL Tech.

Investors lost Rs 3.25 lakh crore in Thursday's session as the total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies fell to Rs 157.31 lakh crore.

"The market had moved up in expectation of a big stimulus, but the desired fiscal package was not announced in India and a delay of it in US and Euro has changed the trend. At the same time, the

Cycle industry witnesses huge demand-supply gap

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pace of economic recovery is under stress because of a resurgence of high rates of Covid infections...

"The trend going forward will depend on the supportive measures announced in context to stimulus and commentary of Q2 results," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. — PTI

and medium distances," said Pankaj M Munjal, chairman and managing director, HMC — a Hero Motors Company.

He said, "We witnessed a nearly 100% jump in demand for (10,000+ MRP) and electric cycles and 50%

in traditional cycles (5,000-10,000 MRP range)." The industry witnessed a surge particularly in the premium, semi-premium and recreational bike category.

However, the production was not in sync with the demand and yet to reach the optimum level because of many factors.

"The production was hit in March and April due to the lockdown. Even in May, the organised players produced only 4.57 lakh bicycles and the capacity utilisation was 35%. Though in September the capacity utilisation rose to 80-85%, the manufacturers are yet to attain their optimum capacity utilisation because of labour shortage, raw material shortage and social distancing norms," said KB Thakur, secretary general, ACMA.

According to Thakur, the labour shortage is hitting the industry.

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Representatives of farm unions at a press conference in Chandigarh on Thursday. MANOJ MAHANJ

Will counter BJP narrative on farm laws, say Punjab unions

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15
A day after representatives of 29 farm unions from Punjab walked out of the meeting with the Agriculture Secretary in Delhi, they met here today and vowed to intensify stir against the new farm laws.

The leaders said while the "rail roko" protests would continue till October 20, they would start an indefinite sit-in outside the residences of all prominent state BJP leaders.

Besides, businesses owned by two large corporate houses and toll plazas on the state and national highways would not be allowed to operate, they said. Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary, BKU (Dakshana), said they

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EDIT: STARK DISCONNECT

In Karnal, paddy farmers not paid even after three weeks

PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 15
Tall claims by the government on clearing paddy payments within 72 hours seem to be falling flat as a majority of farmers have been awaiting dues even around three weeks after the procurement of their produce.

The procurement began on September 27 and till October 13, 5.53 lakh MT paddy had been procured, said an official.

Additional Chief Secretary (Food and Civil Supplies) PK Das said, "The dues of farmers whose paddy was procured online after October 1



Paddy lying at Karnal market.

will be released first. The payments of those whose produce was procured offline may take some time."

OPEN FOR TALKS: AGRI MINISTRY OFFICIALS

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
Agriculture Ministry officials on Thursday said the government was committed to protect the interests of farmers and was open for discussions with them.

They said issues concerning farmers were discussed by Agriculture Secretary during his meeting with farm unions on Wednesday. On criticism that no Union minister was present, the officials said the meeting was scheduled to be held at the secretarial level and the farmers were aware of it. The unions even handed over two memorandums to Agarwal, they said. — TNS

ALL STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED: SMRITI

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 15
Union Minister Smriti Irani on Thursday claimed that all stakeholders were taken into confidence before enacting the farm laws.

On SAD charge that the party was not involved in the process, Smriti said: "It is wrong to presume that stakeholders were not consulted. We brought the laws that ensure farmers' rights and protection of their land."

The minister alleged that AICC president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi were not even present in Parliament when the farm Bills were discussed. INSIDE

India snubs China: No locus standi on Ladakh, Arunachal

MEA asks Beijing to stick to pacts, not blame border infra for tension

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
India on Thursday responded strongly to China blaming its border infrastructure development for tensions at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The Ministry of External Affairs suggested at a media briefing that China was misplaced in blaming development of infrastructure. "The restoration of peace and tranquillity can be best done by scrupulously adhering in entirety to the various agreements," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava.

FINDING EQUILIBRIUM

● The border tensions are tactical. Can a rising China and rising India find equilibrium? What you are seeing on the border is an expression of the inability to meet that challenge.

S Jaishankar, EAM

MEA JUNKS PAK CLAIM ON TALKS OFFER

New Delhi: India on Thursday rejected the claims by Pakistan PM Imran Khan's adviser on national security that New Delhi had sent a message to Islamabad, indicating a desire for talks. "Let me make it clear that no such message was sent from our side," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava.

PREPARE FOR WAR, XI TELLS TROOPS

Washington: Chinese President Xi Jinping has asked People's Liberation Army to prepare for war. While US announced special coordinator for Tibet on Wednesday, Xi while visiting the Marine Corps in Chaozhou city, asked the troops to "put all their minds and energy on preparing for war". JANS

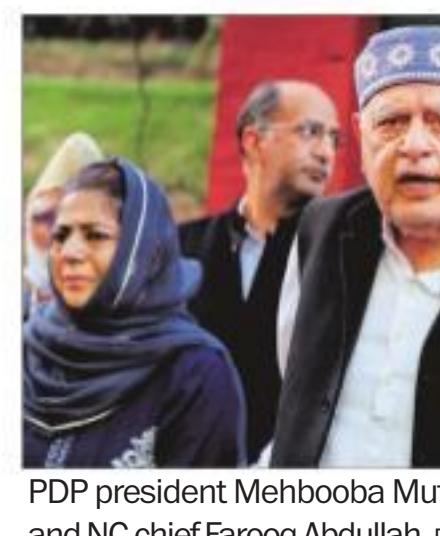
always been clear and consistent. J&K and Ladakh have been, are, and will remain an

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Foes NC, PDP forge 6-party alliance

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
Six political parties of Jammu and Kashmir today formed a formal alliance pledging to work for the restoration of its special status, which was revoked on August 5, 2019.

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration consists of the National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party, People's Conference, Peo-



ple's Movement, CPM and Awami National Conference.

The alliance was formalised at a meeting held at NC chief Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar residence in Srinagar. After the meeting, Farooq said: "Ours is a constitutional battle. We want the Centre to return to the people of the state the rights they held before August 5, 2019." INSIDE

WRESTLER YOGESHWAR BJ PICK FOR BARODA

Chandigarh: The BJP has fielded wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt for the Baroda by-election, party's national general secretary Arun Singh said on Thursday. The bypoll is slated for November 3. The result will be declared on Nov 10. TNS



Republic TV told to move Bombay HC

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
The Supreme Court today refused to entertain Republic TV's petition against summons issued to its executives by the Mumbai Police in connection with the TRP scam and asked it to move the Bombay High Court.

"Like any other citizen who faces the predicament of an investigation under the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner will have to take



TRP SCAM

recourse to the remedies available under appropriate provisions of law. Hence, the petition under Article 32 of the Constitution is not enter-

TOP COP'S STATEMENTS INAPPROPRIATE: SC

● The way the Mumbai Police Commissioner has been giving statements in the Press is not appropriate. SC Bench

tained," a Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud said. "One must have faith in the Bombay High Court," said the Bench pointing out

that Republic TV has an office at Worli which is close to Flora Fountain where the Bombay High Court is located.

"Better, you move HC for relief," the top court told petitioner Arg Outlier Media Private Ltd which owns the Republic Media Network.

Harish Salve, representing the petitioner, withdrew the plea following the court's refusal and the plea was "dismissed as withdrawn". — TNS

Gudiya case: Kin move HC for fresh CBI probe

BHANU P LOHUMI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 15
Unhappy with the CBI probe into the Gudiya rape and murder case, the victim's family today filed a petition in the Himachal Pradesh High Court, seeking a re-investigation under the supervision of a sitting HC judge.

Rejecting the claim that "woodcutter Anil Kumar alias Nilu was the lone accused", Gudiya's father alleged that Nilu had been falsely implicated to "shield" the real culprits.

"We have filed a petition for a re-investigation as the Supreme Court in its order had said that the petitioner should go back to the High Court regarding the grievances mentioned in the petition", explained advocates Ashish Jamalta and Deven Bhatt.

In the fresh petition, the victim's family has pointed out that the forensic report from Gujarat was not included in the CBI charge-sheet, that the medical examination had not led to any conclusion on the timing of the victim's death, the status report was delayed and the charge-sheet was mum on the "missing socks and money trail".

The victim's father said: "I do not believe that one person committed the crime as the



LOOKING BACK

■ JULY 4, 2017: Gudiya goes missing; July 6: Body found in a nearby forest; Postmortem shows rape, murder; SIT set up

■ JULY 12: Suspects photo on FB deleted; Cops say 6 held

■ JULY 19: Accused Suraj 'killed' by another accused in lockup; Mob torches Kotkhai police station, people block road at Theog; HC orders CBI probe in both cases

■ JULY 22: CBI registers cases

■ APRIL 13, 2018: CBI arrests woodcutter Nilu, submits charge-sheet a month later

Dawood link to gold smuggling case: NIA

KOCHI, OCTOBER 15

In a major development in the Kerala gold smuggling case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has found links between one of the accused and India's most-wanted underworld don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar and his gang.

The NIA has revealed that one of the accused visited Tanzania, where the 1993 Mumbai

accused has a vast network, to launch his diamond business there. He then also smuggled one kilogramme gold from Tanzania to the UAE in 2017. Ramees was caught with 13 revolvers at the Kozhikode airport in November 2019. — IANS

The accused visited Tanzania and met underworld don's aide

several occasions and met one of Dawood's aides Feroze 'Oasis' and discussed ways to smuggle firearms into the country," an NIA official said.

The official said Ramees visited Tanzania first in 2016 to start a diamond business there. He then also smuggled one kilogramme gold from Tanzania to the UAE in 2017. Ramees was caught with 13 revolvers at the Kozhikode airport in November 2019. — IANS

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 63,83,441

FRESH FATALITIES 680

TOTAL DEATHS 1,11,266

COUNT 73,07,097

WORLD

TOTAL 3,89,47,137

RECOVERED 2,92,36,037

DEATHS 10,99,629

PB RESUMES OPD SERVICES

"India has come a long way

from registering a doubling rate of 25.5 days in mid-August to 72.8 days at present, which is nearly 73 days. This is the result of comprehensive testing, effective tracking,

quick hospitalisation and effective adherence to Covid protocol," the ministry said.

The case doubling time has been 26.3 days on August 16, 32.5 days on September 6 and 46.7 days on September 27. The new cases in the last 24 hours were 67,708 as against 81,514 fresh recoveries in trends that have held for long now.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reviewed research and vaccine deployment plan. He directed the health authorities to scale up sero-surveys and testing.

Now, cases doubling in 73 days

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The signs of Covid-19 slowdown in India firmed up further today with the case doubling time rising to 73 days as against 25.5 days in mid-August even as multiplexes, theatres and entertainment parks were opened as part of unlock 5.0 guidelines.

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BJP leader Vijay Sampla, along with other party leaders, being taken into preventive custody in Muktsar on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

On way to Fazilka, Sampla gheraoed

TREBUNE REPORTERS

MUKTSAR/FAZILKA, OCTOBER 15

Three days after BJP state president Ashwani Sharma was manhandled in Hoshiarpur, former Union Minister of State and senior BJP leader Vijay Sampla, along with some party leaders, was today gheraoed by some farmers protesting against the contentious laws in Maha Badhar village.

The BJP leadership, however, claimed that today's road blockade was orchestrated by Congress leaders. In protest, Sampla and other leaders started a parallel protest on the road, barely a few metres from the farmers' protest, terming them anti-Dalit. Later, the police took Sampla and others into preventive custody as the situation was turning grim with the increasing number of farmers and both BJP activists and farmers raising slogans.

Sampla, said, "The protest was led by a Youth Congress leader. He, along with others, blocked our way. When we objected and started a parallel protest on the road, seeking a way to go ahead to meet a Dalit youth's family, a police party arrived and took us into custody. We were not even told where we were being taken too."

Later the local BJP leaders were released at the boundary of Muktsar and Faridkot. However, Sampla, his nephew Robin and Sheetal Angural were then taken into custody by the Faridkot police. Kulwant

PREVENTED FROM MEETING DALIT YOUTH

■ Senior BJP leader Vijay Sampla was on his way to visit a Dalit youth's house in Chak Janisar village, Jalalabad subdivision, who was allegedly forced to drink urine

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WENT TO HOSHIARPUR ON OWN

■ We ensured Sampla's safe passage through Jalandhar. From there, he went to Hoshiarpur on his own. Gupreet Bhullar, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, JALANDHAR

Rai, SP (PBI), Muktsar, said, "Some BJP leaders were simply moved out of the district in a police vehicle. They were not ready to budge from their demand that they would go ahead either by car or on foot. The action was taken to maintain law and order in the district. No legal action is being taken against anyone." Sampla was released later and he came back to Hoshiarpur.

BJP activists across Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur and Phagwara raised slogans and burnt effigies of the CM in protest against the incident. Sampla demanded arrest of the perpetrators in the Fazilka case. SSP Harjeet Singh said charges under the SC/ST Act had already been added to the FIR.

Smriti: All stakeholders taken into confidence on farm laws

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 15

BJP leader and Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani while holding a virtual interaction said today that all stakeholders were taken into confidence on farm laws.

Replying to a question of *The Tribune* that why the government hurriedly brought ordinances on this issue without taking the stakeholders and its oldest ally SAD into confidence, Smriti said, "All stakeholders were taken into confidence on farm laws. You are mistaken if you presume that stakeholders were not consulted."

Regarding what was the hurry, she said, "Despite several decades in the free country, farmers were not free. We brought an Act that ensures their rights and protection of their land and refund."

She said the government's reform agenda continued to

BROUGHT LAWS THAT ENSURE THEIR RIGHTS

■ Despite several decades in the free country, farmers were not free. We brought laws that ensure their rights and protection of their land and refund.... The government's reform agenda continues to ensure in pandemic every citizen is provided relief.

Smriti Irani, UNION TEXTILES MINISTER



BJP event faces protests from arthiyas

ensure that in the pandemic every citizen was protected and provided relief.

However, she remained tight-lipped about SAD. The BJP leader said AICC president Sonia Gandhi and former AICC president Rahul Gandhi were "missing" from the Lok Sabha when issues on these farm-related Bills were going on.

She lashed out at the Congress saying: "Congress party, whose son-in-law has taken lands of

farmers, is now talking about their welfare."

Claiming that the Congress in 2014 had allocated only Rs 21,000 crore for agriculture in the Budget, which was raised to Rs 1.34

lakh crore when Narendra Modi led-BJP government came to power, she said this clearly showed who thinks more and better for the farmers. Moreover, even the Prime Minister had taken a 'sankalp' to double their income. She

alleged that the Congress was misguiding farmers over the issue of farm laws.

However, the BJP event faced protests from arthiyas. They were called to interact with the Union Minister, but returned citing they would not talk to her as they were against the laws.

Vijay Kalra, president, Federation of Arthiyas Association of Punjab, said, "We were called by BJP leaders to come here as the Union Minister would interact with us. However, on coming here we found that it was a BJP event in which she was trying to justify that these laws were for the betterment of farmers. But we are opposing it."

Leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party staged a protest with black flags outside the venue in the city where this virtual interaction with the Union Minister was going on. They raised slogans against the Union Government over the farm laws.

Protesting farmer dies in Sangrur

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 15

Days after farmer Meghraj (70) died at a protest in Dhuri, another protesting farmer, Labh Singh (65) from Bhullerheri village of the district died today due to suspected cardiac arrest.

Niranjan Dohla, STATE SECY, BKU RAJEWAL

assurances from the government for Rs 10 lakh compensation to the family, debt waiver and a government job to a family member. He died while fighting for farmers and he is our martyr," said Amrik Singh, district president, BKU Ugrahan, while protesting at Dhuri.

A large number of elderly protesters with co-morbid conditions are taking part in the protest without following Health Department guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19. They may face serious health problems as they are unwilling to leave protest sites.

He pointed out that the state government was providing free power to farmers and was facing a serious shortage of diesel too. "We need to seriously think about these problems," he said, urging the farmers to lift their blockade to allow movement of these goods.

Asserting his government's commitment to do everything possible to protect the rights of the farmers, who had been hit hard by the Centre's farm laws, the Chief Minister said his government had decided to convene a special session of the Vidhan Sabha on October 19 to find the way forward. "I will do everything in my power to save the farmers and their future," he said, responding to a Ferozepur resident.

The Chief Minister said there was a suggestion that the state should purchase power from the Central grid, but where was the money?

Capt blames Union Govt for failing to resolve power crisis

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

Even as he reiterated his appeal to the farmers to ease their 'rail roko' to allow the transportation of critical essentials, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday blamed the Centre for failing to resolve the power crisis resulting from farmers' agitation.

The Chief Minister said while three of his Cabinet colleagues were in discussion with the farmer unions to persuade them to lift the rail blockade, which had led to serious coal shortage in the state, it was the duty of the Union Government to engage with them. Pointing out that two power units at Lehra Mohabbat and one unit of GVK in Tarn Taran had already shut down, he said the state was staring at a massive power shortage.

In his #AskCaptain Face-

MUST TALK TO FARMERS

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Capt Amarinder Singh, CM



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SAD moves pvt member's Bill

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The SAD today moved a private member's Bill demanding the entire state be declared one 'mandi' (principal market yard) to protect the interests of Punjab farmers.

The Punjab Agricultural Pro-

ducts Markets (Amendment Bill), 2020, was moved by SAD legislator Bikram Singh Majithia who met Speaker Rana KP

insertion in Section 7 of the Act by way of amendment to read "the entire state shall be the principal market yard".

Majithia said he had moved the Bill because the CM had already announced he was only going through the motions of calling a special session of the Vidhan Sabha as a ritualistic exercise after being put under pressure by the SAD. —TNS

Singh and urged him to allow presentation of the Bill by removing the 15-day clause needed to move the same as per rules.

The Bill moots an amend-

ment to the Punjab APMC Act, 1961, by suggesting an

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OPD services, elective surgeries resume

COVID REVIEW MEET Govt schools reopen from Oct 19 for classes IX to XII; consent must

Tribune News Service



Patients at the Civil Hospital in Abohar. FILE PHOTO

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15 With Covid cases showing a marked decline in the state, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today ordered resumption of normal OPD services and elective surgeries with extensive precautions in place, but warned against any complacency given the projections of a possible second wave of the pandemic.

The Chief Minister also allowed opening of government schools for three hours from October 19 for students of classes IX to XII after due sanitization and disinfection procedures, and with clear SOPs mandating parents' consent as well as ceiling on the number of students and hours of operation. Some private schools in the state opened today.

School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh said, "As the schools are already conducting online classes, and some students prefer to attend the online classes rather than

MULTIPLEXES TO REMAIN CLOSED

- The state will not open multiplexes, cinema halls and entertainment parks for the time being. However, Ramlilas have been allowed subject to adherence to Covid guidelines
- As per the guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, multiplexes were to be open from Thursday. However, the state had decided not to open the facilities yet, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said

physically attending school, they may be permitted to do so. The students will be able to attend the physical classes only with the written consent of parents," the minister said.

Expressing concern over the warnings by health and medical experts of the possibility of the second wave hitting the state in the festival season or during the winter months, the Chief Minister directed the

OXYGEN GENERATION PLANTS IN OFFING

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ensure widespread distribution of masks with steps to encourage people to wear them, and also follow social distancing norms.

The Chief Minister, who was chairing a virtual review meeting of the Covid situation, also asked the departments to ensure that the medical staff was kept motivated and vacancies were filled immediately.

DGP Dinkar Gupta said the Punjab Police was gearing up to manage the festival season during which security would be beefed up and all efforts would be made to ensure strict adherence to Covid norms in markets. The DGP said the police were also focused on handling the increasing number of farmer protests as well as protests by the BJP and RSS.

Even as he termed the decline in the positivity rate to 2.60 as a good sign, Dr KK Talwar, head of the state government's expert advisory committee on health, warned of a second wave hitting Punjab during the

festival season. With about 500 cases a day at present, the projections for the next few days were positive, he said, but added that with the spate of upcoming festivals and the fatigue in the health system, Punjab could see the next wave soon.

Dr Talwar suggested giving pulse oximeters to ASHA workers to enable them keep a check in their respective areas. He said teams of experts were being formed to conduct a mortality audit of every hospital to identify gaps since the fatality rate in the state continued to be high at 3.1 per cent. This is despite the fact that the recovery rate had gone up from 82 per cent on October 1 to 90.3 per cent on October 13.

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511 fresh infections, 29 more lose battle

Covid Cases District-Wise Count

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	19,484	812	Moga	2,416	78
Jalandhar	14,271	448	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,074	98
Amritsar	11,328	419	Tarn Taran	1,908	78
Patiala	12,315	363	Kapurthala	3,845	163
Sangrur	3,775	161	Fazilka	2,768	46
SAS Nagar	11,621	216	SBS Nagar	1,824	58
Gurdaspur	6,649	186	Faridkot	3,025	54
Bathinda	6,538	132	Barnala	1,965	49
Hoshiarpur	5,228	190	Ropar	2,355	99
Ferozepur	4,057	115	Muktsar	2,803	59
Pathankot	4,175	97	Mansa	1,806	33
Total	126,230	3,954			

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

With the state recording 511 cases and 29 deaths in the past 24 hours, the tally has risen to 1,26,230 and the number of casualties has reached 3,954.

In the district-wise breakup of cases, Ludhiana topped the list with 81 cases, followed by SAS Nagar (66), Jalandhar (64), Amritsar (45), Gurdaspur (33), Hoshiarpur and Patiala (32 cases each).

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SAS Nagar topped the list with nine deaths, followed by Ropar (five), Ludhiana (three), Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala (two each) and Amritsar, Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Muktsar and Patiala (one each). — TNS

5 kg heroin seized along Pak border

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 15 Personnel of the BSF's 14th Battalion seized 5 kg heroin, estimated to be worth Rs 25 crore in the international market, near a border outpost in this sector today.

Yesterday, 9 kg heroin worth Rs 45 crore was recovered. Also, personnel belonging to the 136th Battalion seized two pairs of slippers during routine patrol. Sources said these were suspected to be of Pakistani drug peddlers.

Teachers working for over 4 yrs to be adjusted

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15 Less than two months after the Punjab and Haryana High Court called for the state of Punjab to consider sympathetically the case of elementary trained teachers sought to be terminated from service after putting in more than four years, the government has decided to adjust them against available posts. No less than 200 petitioner-teachers will benefit from the development.

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after taking up the matter, Jus-

SERVICES WON'T BE TERMINATED: HC

■ The services of the petitioners will not be terminated on the ground that their selection was beyond the vacancies advertised and the interim order (against their termination) will continue to operate till appropriate orders are passed by respondents. HIGH COURT

Amina Rani and other petitioners filed nine petitions through senior advocate Gurminder Singh, RPS Bara, Parvesh Saini, Vikas Chatrath, Mandeep Kaur and Jimmy Singla. Taking up the matter, Jus-

appointed, had been revised.

Keeping in view the revision of the merit list, the petitioners were pushed out of the zone of selection. As such, they could not continue and their services were liable to be terminated.

Justice Sethi, on the previous date of hearing, also took on record submission by the state counsel that 2,300 posts had been advertised and were to be filled in the cadre in which the petitioners were already discharging their duties.

Justice Sethi further requested the respondents to

consider their case sympathetically to end the litigation as "admittedly the respondents require manpower to execute the work of the posts in the cadre, in which the petitioners are working..."

In case there was no serious impediment in adjusting the petitioners, an appropriate decision be taken by the respondents, Justice Sethi had added. As the case came up for resumed hearing, the state filed an affidavit agreeing the petitioners would be adjusted against the available posts subject to certain conditions.

Punjabi University ex-VC Puar dies at 87

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 15

Former Punjabi University, Patiala, Vice Chancellor Prof Joginder Singh Puar passed away after a brief illness here today. He was 87.

Puar had served as the Vice Chancellor from 1993 to 1999. A Leftist and a promoter of Punjabi language, Puar started his career with the university in the Languages Department in 1972.

He moved to Guru Nanak Dev University in 1986 as a professor and returned to the Patiala university as its VC in 1993. Puar, who penned books on Punjabi grammar and tenses, served as the president of the Punjabi Bhasha Academy and editor of a vernacular daily.

Dr Puar did his schooling from Government School,



Prof Joginder Singh Puar

Ladhwali village, Jalandhar, after which he moved to England for higher studies. He is survived by his wife Ratnesh Puar and daughter Maninder Puar.

His last rites were performed at his native place here in the afternoon.

Higher Education and Languages Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa mourned Puar's death. — TNS

3 off family attempt suicide, two die

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 15

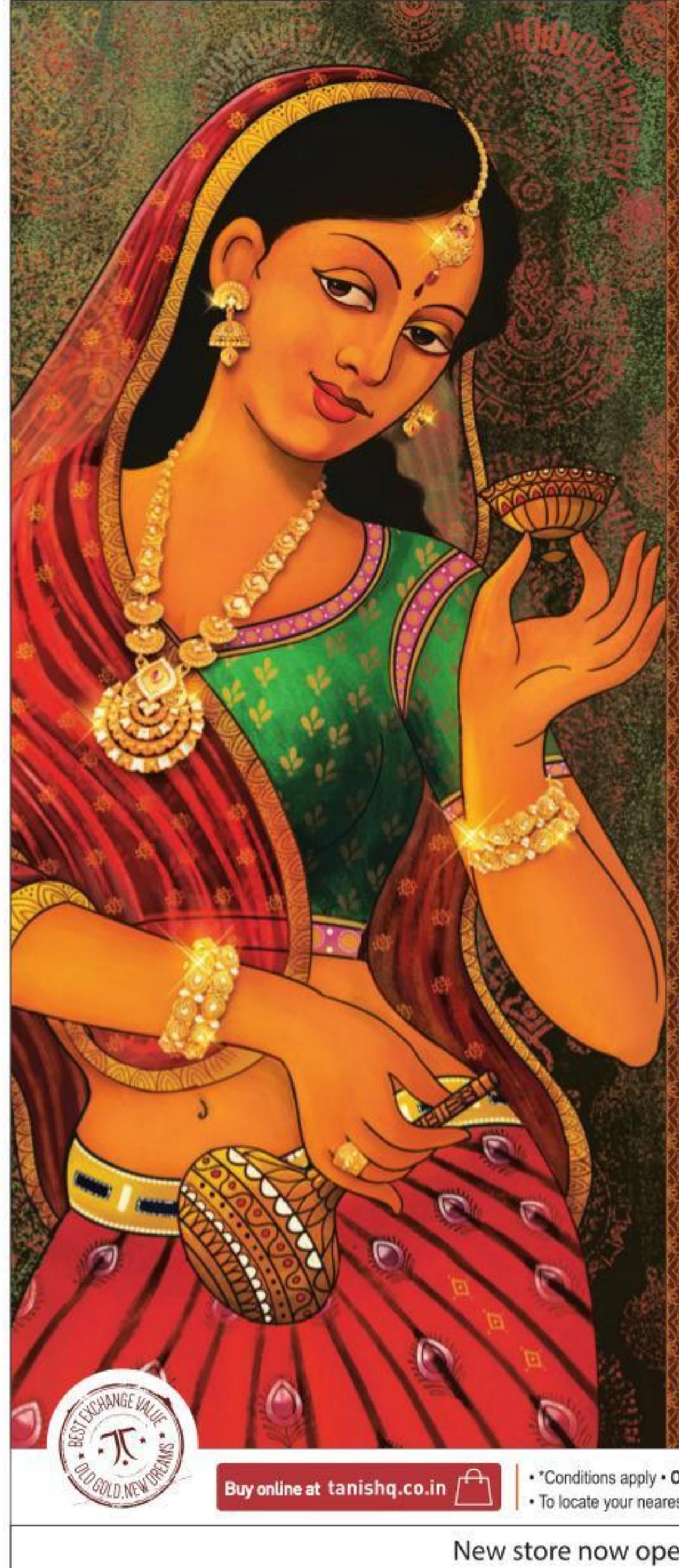
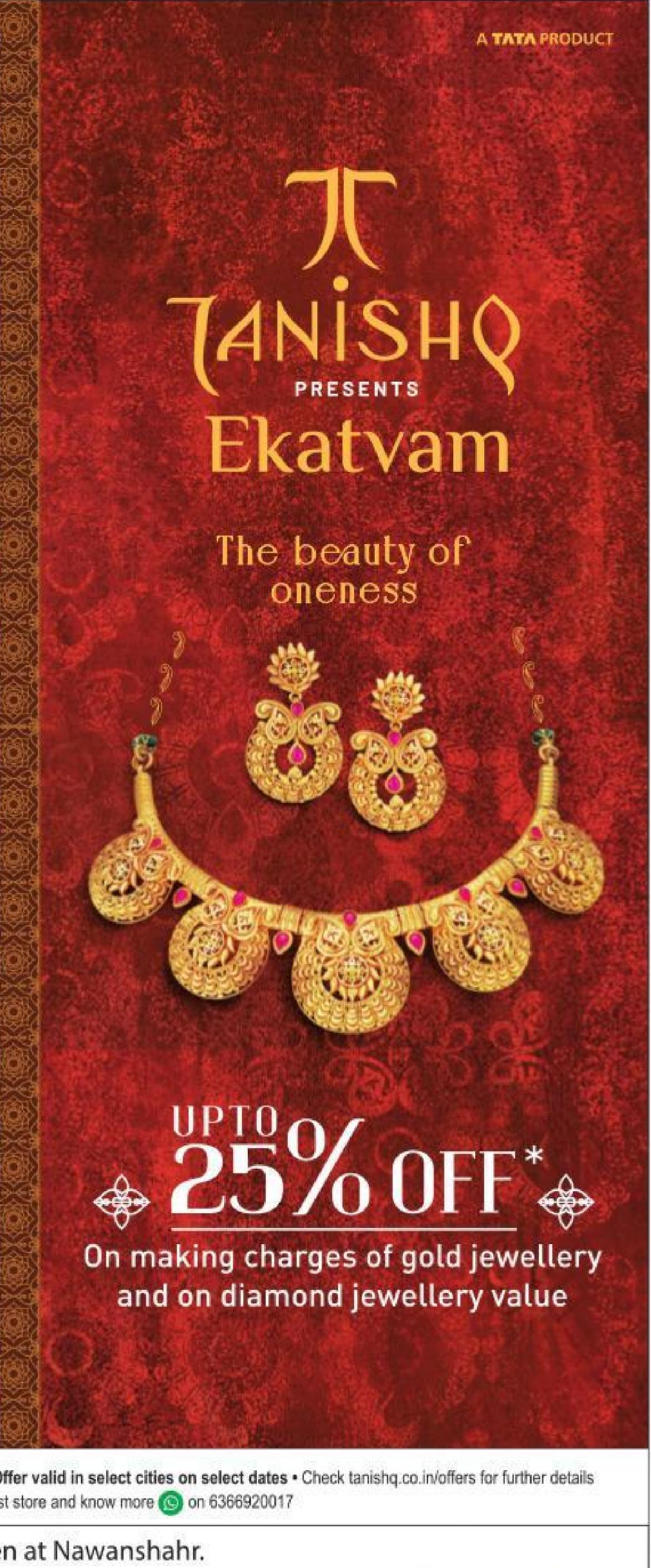
Three persons of a family, including a woman, her daughter and son, today consumed poison at their residence on College Road in Malerkotla. They were reportedly upset over some monetary dispute with locals.

Both Kavita Jindal (55) and Shivangi Jindal (19) have died, while Shivam Jindal (23) is battling for his life at a Patiala hospital. Doctors declared Kavita brought dead while Shivangi and Shivam were referred to Patiala.

"The SHO has gone to Patiala to record the statement of Shivam as his mother was declared brought dead and his sister died on her way to the Patiala hospital," said DSP Pawanjit. Further investigations were on, he said. — TNS

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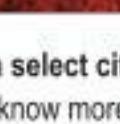



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ARCHIT WATTS

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, OCTOBER 15 Cancer has once again shaken the district as two kids of a family in Muktsar town have succumbed within three months.

Davinder Rajoria, principal at a government school, is totally shattered as his 21-year-old son, who was studying in Canada, died of cancer there on July 12 this year. In another shocker, his 16-year-old daughter succumbed to blood cancer on October 10. The family is now childless.

Notably, Muktsar district is one of the worst

those residing in rural areas, have suffered hard due to the disease in the past decade.

Dr Sunil Bansal, Deputy Medical Commissioner, Muktsar, said: "Earlier, an NGO had done a survey, but later, it was found that its findings were not correct. However, I will have to check the records about the findings of the survey conducted by the government some years ago."

Meanwhile, the local Health Department staff said no survey of cancer patients had been done by any government agency in the past few years.

Many others, especially

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I, Shubha Rani d/o Balvir Singh r/o House No. 1571, Sector 29B, Chandigarh-160030 have changed my name to Shobha Rani. (CL20050883)

I, Anoop Singh s/o Sukhwinder Singh, VPO Damunda, District Jalandhar declare that Anoop is my given name and Singh is my surname. (CL20050920)

I, Varinder Verma S/o Ranjit Verma R/o # 1265, Sector 45 Burail Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Chahat to Chaahat. (CL20051022)

I, Sheela Kumari w/o No. 3966516 F Rank EX-NK Pren Singh r/o Vill. Kot P/O, Chunahan, Teh. Bath, Distt. Mandi declare that may correct name Sheela Kumari instead of Susheela Kumari. Concerned may note. (CL20051142)

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination Certificate of main Secondary Examination of Year 2009 and Roll No. 2203158 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Skalang Dolma, Leh Ladakh, Sakti, Tehsil Kharu, Distt. Leh-194101. 94194-92276. (CL20051004)

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Guard shot, ₹6.5 lakh looted from UCO Bank

Armed men target Adampur branch, four booked

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 15 Four armed assailants today shot a UCO Bank branch guard and robbed Rs 6.5 lakh in cash at Kalra village in Adampur here today.

As the armed men, who came on a motorbike and an Activa scooter, walked up to the bank manager, guard Surinder Singh approached them and an altercation ensued. Surinder, an ex-service man, was overpowered by three of them, who snatched his rifle and shot him before fleeing with Rs 6.5 lakh from the bank.

A case under Sections 302 (murder) and 399 (commit dacoity) of the IPC and 25 (bring/taking out of arms) and 54 (possession of prohibited weapon) of the Arms Act has been registered against the four, who are at large.

The CCTV footage of the incident showed four masked men inside the bank, with one pointing a gun at visitors and bank staff. The guard's turban came off as he attempted to fight off the assailants.

"The guard tried to thwart the robbery right till the end. They opened fire,

**FAMILY PLANNED MOVING TO US**

Surinder Singh, 50, had served as a jawan in the Army for 35 years. He had been employed at the UCO Bank branch for the past eight years. His family was planning to shift to the US this year but was stuck due to the lockdown.

killing him on the spot," said the SHO, Adampur police station. The police said one shot was fired at Surinder in the chest.

The SHO said the CCTV footage of the bank and the road was being scoured. Sources, however, said the CCTV camera outside the bank entrance was not functional.

Adampur DSP Harinder Singh said: "Surinder's body had been sent for post-mortem. He was found in a

pool of blood. The guard approached the men when he heard them shouting at the manager. On seeing his rifle, they overpowered him and killed him."

He said the CCTV camera outside the bank was functional but was obstructed by a flex board. "We have the requisite footage," he added.

SSP (Rural) Sandeep Kumar Garg said: "A case had been registered against the suspects. We are looking at several leads."

Karunesh said, "I will direct the department's

XEN to check the site, and we will take action against the corporation."

Suresh Kumar, Executive Engineer (XEN), Municipal Corporation, said the said portion of Jacob drain fell outside the municipal corporation limits, but the sewage was being discharged from the corporation's pipes.

Karunesh said, "I will direct the department's

Norms go for a toss as raw sewage flows into drains

RAVNEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, OCTOBER 15

Untreated sewage in Patiala is being discharged directly into Jacob drain, Badi Nadi and Chhoti Nadi passing through the city in complete violation of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders.

While the water is being drained out of manholes at Badi Nadi and Chhoti Nadi, the manholes of the pipeline connecting the city's sewerage with 46 MLD STP at Shermaura village are damaged.

A portion of Jacob drain falls under the jurisdiction of the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB).

Karunesh Garg, member secretary of the pollution control body, said the office would check the site and take action against the erring officials.



A damaged manhole in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO

PPCB PROMISES ACTION AGAINST MC

• The office will check the site and take action against the Municipal Corporation. I will direct the department's XEN to initiate action against the erring officials.

Karunesh Garg, MEMBER SECRETARY, PPCB

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The waste water of Sunder Nagar and adjoining areas collects in Chhoti Nadi. As per an insider, the sewerage connection is choked.

Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur said the MC officials would check the sites and get the needful done. "We will visit the site and take stock of the situation", she added.

falls into Badi Nadi. A motor has been affixed on the bank which releases the waste water of Mathura colony into Chhoti Nadi.

Similarly, the waste water from Gobind Bagh, friends' colony, Hira Bagh and adjoining areas also

BRIEFLY**ABOHAR**

One arrested for kidnapping minor

The police have arrested Lovpreet Singh of Shivampura and recovered a 15-year-old girl, who had allegedly been kidnapped. A case was registered under Sections 363 and 366A on the complaint of her father. As per the reports, the victim refused to live with her parents and orders have been issued to send her to Nari Niketan. She even refused to go to the civil hospital for medical examination. oc

ABOHAR
Liquor baron Doda's bail plea rejected

The court of Additional District and Session Judge, Fazilka, on Thursday rejected the application for regular bail of liquor baron Shiv Lal Doda in connection with a case that was registered here on July 10 under Sections 365, 384, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of the IPC with the approval of the SIT that had been constituted by the DGP to investigate issues relating to realty firm Nature Heights Infra Limited. oc

ABOHAR**1,650 sedative tablets seized, one arrested**

The police have seized 1,650 sedative tablets from Chhinderpal Singh of Dodewala village, who runs a medicine shop in Bishanpur village. He was arrested under Section 22-C of the NDPS Act. The police also seized 150 litres of lahan from Binder Singh of the said farm area and 20 bottles of illicit liquor from Kulwant Singh of Tootwala village. Both were held under the Excise Act. oc

Fazilka DEO suspended

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 15

Tirlochan Singh, District Education Officer (Secondary Education), was today placed under suspension by Krishan Kumar, Secretary, School Education, without citing any reason. The official has been attached to the office of DEO (Secondary), Muktsar. — OC

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Surinder Singh s/o Bachan Singh r/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Ward 14, Amlot Road Kallana hereby declare that my son Baljinder Singh and her wife Gurdeep Kaur are out of my control. I disown them from my movable and immovable properties.

Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/ her own risk & responsibility. (CL20051283)

I, No. 2895529W L/Nk Ravinder Singh, VPO Tiara, Tehsil & Distt. Kangra (HP) declare that my wife's name in my Army record has been wrongly entered as Vandana Devi instead of Bandha Gulera. Concerned note it. (CL20051283)

I, Ram Awadhi s/o Sh. Ram Dhan r/o House No. 1413-B, Sector 41-B, Chandigarh declare that my son Amit is out of my control. I do not know from all my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/ her own risk & responsibility. (CL20051283)

I, No. 15348653K, Rank SPR Nirmal Singh Unit-1101 RLY Engg TA r/o # 274-S, Rajgarh, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana Pb my brother name in my service record wrongly entered Gurvender Singh. Correct name is Gurminder Singh. (CL20051313)

I, No. JC-579633P Hon'y Capt. Abtar Singh s/o Sh. Vakil Singh, Village Kukana, PO Kuthandal, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra, HP declare that in my Army service record my daughter's name wrongly entered as Deepka Pathania whereas her correct name is Deepika. Concerned note. (CL20051315)

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LSP leader Saini in fray

PANIPAT, OCTOBER 15
Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP) supremo and former BJP MP Rajkumar Saini and three others filed their papers on Thursday.



BARODA BYPOLL

Sumit of Israna filed his nomination as People Democratic Party nominee. Dharmvir Chotiwal of Harsana Malcha village and Jogender Singh More filed their papers as independent candidates.

SDM-cum-returning officer Ashish Kumar accepted the nomination papers. Six candidates had filed their papers so far.

The BJP on Thursday announced a list of 30 star campaigners. They include CM Manohar Lal Khattar, Rajya Sabha member Dushyant Kumar Gautam, state chief OP Dhankar, Rao Inderjit Singh, Krishan Pal Gurjar, Sanjeev Balyan, Rattan Lal Kataria, Anil Vij, Kanwar Pal Gurjar, Mool Chand Sharma, Ranjeet Singh, JP Dalal and Banwari Lal. —TNS

Plots allotted to families hit by Mirchpur violence

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, OCTOBER 15
Nearly a decade after caste violence ravaged their houses, 102 affected Scheduled Caste (SC) families in Mirchpur village were today handed over possession letters of plots for rehabilitation in a newly carved locality specially developed for Mirchpur violence victims.

These families have been living in Tanwar farmhouse owned by social activist Ved Pal Tanwar on the outskirts of Hisar after they fled from Mirchpur fearing more attacks in 2010-11.

The state government has earmarked 258 plots for them in the locality which is named Deendayal Puram. The remaining plots will also be allotted to the eligible families after the completion project on July 7, 2018.

Krishan Bedi, political secretary to the Chief Minister, while handing over the possession letters said that all



SC families of Mirchpur village were allotted possession letters of their plots at a function in Hisar on Thursday.

modern facilities, including roads and community centre, are being set up in the locality and the possession letter holders could construct their houses. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had inaugurated the rehabilitation project on July 7, 2018.

The affected families rejoiced on getting the possession letters. A youth, Somnath, living at Tanwar farmhouse said that all the families

were happy that they are finally getting their own homes.

"We had taken shelter at Tanwar farmhouse as we were not feeling safe in Mirchpur after the violence by the accused belonging to Jat families. Most of us are ready to construct our houses and our life will become normal after a decade," he said, adding that the government has assured to help them in construction

What had transpired

- Caste violence occurred in Mirchpur village on April 21, 2010, after a fight broke out between Dalit and Jat youths over the barking of a dog in a Dalit locality
- A group of dominant caste people allegedly torched over a dozen houses of Dalit families, in which a 17-year-old polio-stricken girl Suman and her aged father Tara Chand were charred to death
- Later, many families moved out of the village and started living in a farmhouse in Hisar

of houses by issuing grants under Indira Awas Yojna.

The government has carved out plots measuring 88, 120, 100, 150 square yards as per the formula of the land the respective families owned back in their ancestral village.

The state government will spend Rs 4.56 crore to lay down infrastructure and civic facilities in the proposed township.

Farmers show black flags to BJP rally, this time in Y'nagar

YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 15
Except for the showing of black flags at one place, the 'Kisan Dhanyawad Tractor Rally' held by the BJP in support of the Centre's three farm laws went off peacefully in Yamunanagar district on Thursday.

The tractor rally was led by Minister of State for Jal

Shakti Ratan Lal Kataria and Haryana Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar.

The tractor rally was joined by district president of the BJP Rajesh Sapra, former Haryana minister Karandev Kamboj, district media convener of BJP Sumeet Gupta and other party leaders. On Wednesday, farmers showed black flags to the BJP's rally at Naraingarh. —TNS

Nine more die; 1,199 cases

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15
With 1,199 fresh cases, the Covid tally in the state reached 1,46,706

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DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	24,589	188
Faridabad	22,161	236
Sonepat	9,149	48
Ambala	8,623	105
Karnal	7,961	112
Hisar	7,843	96
Panipat	7,731	98
Rewari	6,772	34
Rohtak	6,747	72
Panchkula	6,712	105
Kurukshetra	6,267	96
Yamunanagar	4,755	94
Sirsa	4,501	73
Mahendragarh	4,021	7
Bhiwani	3,219	45
Palwal	2,961	19
Jhajjar	2,932	32
Kaithal	2,773	41
Fatehabad	2,664	49
Jind	2,453	44
Nuh	1,202	25
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ADGP Chawla rejoins duty, gets back nearly all depts

Work withdrawn on Home Minister's orders | Was on leave since September 17

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15
Nearly a month after proceeding on leave following withdrawal of work on the orders of Home Minister Anil Vij, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) AS Chawla is back in office and almost all his departments have been given back to him.

Sources said Chawla had been reallocated all his departments, including gen-

eral administration, establishment branch (partially) and IT cell after he rejoined duty on Wednesday.

The Home Minister said Chawla had rejoined, but he was not interfering with the departments allocated to the officer. "I have left it to the top officers of the department. My only condition is that there should be no delay in work assigned," he said.

"The officer was back from leave on Wednesday. He was

reallocated nearly all his departments which had been distributed among other senior officers. Since redistribution of work was an internal order, he was reassigned his duty upon rejoining." — Manoj Yadava, DGP

order, he was reassigned his duty upon rejoining," said Manoj Yadava, Director General of Police (DGP).

Sources said Additional

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BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR

Founder of First Sikh Raj, who abolished zamindari system
and conferred ownership rights on the tillers of land.

Sh. Bharat Bhushan Ashu

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister
will pay homage at

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial,
Chappar Chiri (SAS Nagar)
on October 16, 2020

Punjab Government to install a life-sized statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Sirhind shortly.

Special online events to perpetuate the supreme and unparalleled sacrifice of Great Martyr in the Sikh history

Date/Time	Online Event/Activity	Controlling Department and Centre	Youtube Channel / Facebook Page / Online link
October 16 2:00 PM	One-day National Webinar on 'Life and Contribution of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur'	Department of Punjab Historical Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala	Registration link is: https://forms.gle/ACpK8nT8EcDegwrT9 Join with Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/kwm-xqsj-vax
October 19	Special online Class for students Subject: 'Life and valour of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur'	School Education Department, Punjab	
October 20 11 AM - 1:30 PM	One-day National Conference (online)	Department of History and Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, GNDU, Amritsar	Join with Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/igd-rgqx-evx
October 22 11 AM - 1 PM	Webinar: 'Baba Banda Singh Bahadur: Life and Inspirations'	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	Join with Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89175523421?pwd=VWpVWE0S2twY09zQ0ZsaFpLSW42Zz09 Join with YouTube link: https://youtu.be/gimU03owa6w

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Stark disconnect

Govt not doing enough to pacify farmers

THE much-awaited meeting between the Union agriculture secretary and representatives of farmers' organisations from Punjab turned out to be unproductive, if not counterproductive, laying bare the disconnect between the government and the protesters. The leaders of farm unions took exception to the absence of Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and his deputies and decided to intensify their agitation against the recently enacted farm laws. Tomar was quick to claim that nothing was amiss as the meeting had been scheduled only at the secretary level. Considering that his ministry had itself called the union leaders to New Delhi for talks, it's inexplicable why no minister was around to hear them out. In contrast, the Centre has deputed eight Union ministers to hold virtual rallies over eight days (from October 13) to reach out to the farmers of Punjab. Union Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary conducted an online interaction intended for farmers of Sangrur and Barnala districts on Wednesday, the day disgruntled union representatives walked out of the in-person meeting with the secretary at Krishi Bhawan.

It's clear that the Centre has so far failed to convince farmers about the potential benefits of the new legislations. The ploy of passing off the stir as being Punjab-centric — even though there is growing resentment across the country — has also come a cropper. The all-important exercise of engaging with the stakeholders is being carried out now, over four months after the contentious laws were introduced as ordinances during the lockdown.

With farm unions deciding to lay siege to the houses of BJP leaders, the ruling party will find it harder to turn the tide. Merely reiterating that agriculture is the government's top priority won't help. Viliifying farmers' leaders or Opposition parties will only defeat the purpose of holding a meaningful debate. The powers that be should be open to suggestions, recommendations and if required, course correction. On their part, various farmers' organisations need to work cohesively to achieve common goals. A middle ground has to be found at the earliest; otherwise, the normally resilient agriculture sector might struggle to spur India's economic recovery.

Job quota for women

Punjab must also make workplaces gender-congenial

INa move that promises to empower women by giving them a socio-economic uplift, the Punjab Cabinet has approved 33% reservation for women in direct recruitment in government departments, boards and corporations. The aim is to fill around one lakh vacant posts by 2022, when the term of the Capt Amarinder Singh-led Congress government in the state ends. The time-bound plan, though welcome, comes with a scent of 'better late than never', leaving a whiff of lost opportunities in the past three years for the Punjabis. For, the decision to provide the quota to women in jobs, a poll pledge, was taken over three years ago at the first Cabinet meeting held in March 2017 after the present government came to power. The state must make good the loss by delivering post haste now. The implementation process needs to be quick and transparent so as not to further eat into the job aspirants' prospects.

It will also go a long way in correcting the skewed gender statistics of Punjab. As per a government report, women account for just a quarter of the staff. This, despite the 50% reservation for women in the teachers' cadre. Reflecting the patriarchal mindset — that holds back women from going all out for financial liberation — is the fact that less than one-third of the job seekers in the employment exchange are women. It is a pity, given that there is no dearth of meritorious women candidates. The percentage of girls passing out of colleges and universities — and, with distinction — is steadily increasing as compared to boys. Punjab needs to work harder to catch up with the national average in the female workforce, too. A sixth Economic Census document released in 2014 shows that the percentage of female workers in the total persons employed is 18.21% in Punjab as against the 25.56% at the national level.

Even as the government provides 'ghar ghar rozgar', it needs to introspect why, as per a Niti Aayog study, fewer women are stepping out to earn their livelihood in the past decade. Evidence points at patriarchy and the non-congenial atmosphere for women at most workplaces. The problem must be fixed. For, the economy cannot improve until 50% of the population feels safe to contribute its mite.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Everyone loves a witch-hunt as long as it's someone else's witch being hunted. — Walter Kim

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

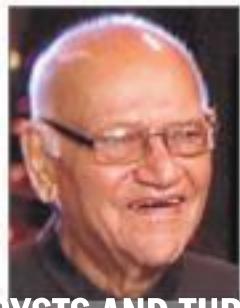
LAHORE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1920

THE ALTERNATIVE SCHEME-II

THE first part of the question with which we concluded our leading article yesterday is easily answered. It is true that we cannot have a sufficient number of workers for the movement insisted by Pandit Malaviya except by withdrawing, whether partially or wholly, the power of our youth and manhood from the services and the learned professions and services and diverting their energies into this new channel of intensely patriotic activity. But there is a great difference between a wholesale negative movement of dissociation from the existing administration, and a positive movement of stern and unbending opposition to the present form of government involving a large measure of such dissociation as a practical consequence. The first would be eminently justifiable at a certain stage, to be precise, at the stage when things would be so ripe for it that the movement could be expected to be successful within a very short time. Where this essential condition is not satisfied, the second seems to us to be obviously a better alternative. Here you are not calling upon the whole body of men who have anything to do with the Government to withdraw their support from it so that the Government may be paralysed, but are only pointing the path of duty to the more idealistic as well as more patriotic among India's sons and are calling upon such of them as either feel the call or are otherwise willing and able to make the sacrifice or face the consequences. It need not interfere with the studies of a single boy belonging to a Government or aided institution, for whose education we cannot otherwise make immediate, suitable provision, with the practice of a single lawyer, for whom we cannot make similar provision either in a panchayat court or in some other sphere of activity or who is not able or willing to make the sacrifice involved in his withdrawal from the Government courts, or with the exercise of his franchise by a single voter.

Battle of the gladiators

In Mumbai police chief vs Republic TV, Arnab Goswami has much to explain

TRYSTS AND TURNS
JULIO RIBEIRO

IN VAIN: Much money, energy and time were spent by the Union Home and Finance Ministries in cornering Rhea. Was it worth it?

The court should extend the scope of its inquiry into the kangaroo courts that TV channels have become, conducting parallel proceedings.

subjected to great pressure from influential quarters. Yet, they did not deflect away from their oath to Hippocrates. I admire them for that.

What motivated the Union Finance Ministry to depute the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to probe the finances of Sushant Singh Rajput? The ED found no suspicious transaction. But it came across some messages exchanged between Rhea and the actor's domestic staff that showed that he was being supplied with narcotics. It promptly passed on this 'critical' information to the Narcotics Control Bureau, which then jumped into the chase of Goliaths to nab their David, the lovelorn damsel Rhea!

Initially, like many others in my city, I felt that Amit Shah and Company were after the Shiv Sena-led coalition that ruled Maharashtra. It was rumoured that Aditya Thackeray had attended a party in Sushant's house or a party hosted by the actor. That angle seemed promising! Hence, the ED's deployment to ferret out juicy tidbits that could unset-

tle the 'aghadi'.

The subsequent registration of a cognisable offence in Bihar and the transfer of the investigation to the Home Ministry's 'caged parrot', the CBI, made one suspect that the fortunes of Nitish and his ally, the BJP, were dependent on the course the inquiries into Sushant's death would take. That, too, did not work! Even the mighty investigative agency could not, by any sleight of hand, turn an obvious suicide into a murder.

What would the accusers say was the motive for the murder in case they were able to turn white into black? Their initial suspicion of theft from the actor's bank account was disproved by their own investigative agency, the ED. Then, why should a love-adapt make the object of her desire disappear? What would Rhea gain thereby?

It is important to note that Rhea had moved out of Sushant's house a day before his sister was to arrive there. The sister, herself, moved out

Kindness comes full circle

SYED NOORUZZAMAN

IT was 11.30 pm when my wife's mobile phone rang. Before she could pick it up, it went silent. Soon it was ringing again. The caller was a close relative. 'Calling me at this hour in the night. Is everything all right?' she enquired. 'Baji, I am very disturbed. I want to go to the hospital where he (her husband, my wife's younger brother) had gone alone on his scooter. He had fever and had been consulting a neighbourhood physician. There was no improvement in his health. Therefore, all of a sudden he decided to go to the emergency ward at this hour. I have received no call from him. I am worried,' she sobbed.

When my wife told me about it, I

suspected it might be a case of Covid-19. But one cannot be sure unless the person concerned has been tested. Initially, I was a little hesitant. Looking at my face, my wife got furious, 'She is our close relative and needs help. What are you thinking? Take the car keys and take her to the hospital!'

I decided I should behave like a lion-hearted person, instead of a chicken heart, in this hour of crisis. I got overpowered by powerful emotions and forgot that only the lions-hearted lose during these pandemic times if they commit even the slightest mistake.

Ultimately, we went to the hospital and came back happily after having helped a relative in need.

However, the next morning, my hap-

piness was replaced by acute worries when we were informed that the person admitted to the hospital was a Covid-19 case and all his family members, including wife and three daughters, too, had been found to be infected.

When I checked my temperature, it was not normal. I avoided getting tested for Covid initially, but was

found to be a positive case after three-four days. Luckily, my wife's test turned out to be negative.

So, I, too, landed up in the same hospital. My family members had no hope that I would be back home alive as my age was against me — being in the over-65 age group. But somehow I was sure after reaching the Covid ward that I would return home as a cured case, as I had helped someone in need.

The environment inside the ward was — surprisingly — not depressing. Patients would come in and go home cured after a few days. I did not come across a single person losing his or her life. Perhaps, the doctors have learnt with experience how to handle a Covid-19 patient successfully.

During the eight days I spent in the ward, I would also get strength from these moving words of the great Hindi poet, Maithili Sharai Gupt: 'Mara nahin wahi ke jo jiya na aapke liye/ Yehi pashu-pravritti hai ke aap, aap hi chare/Wahi manusya hai ke jo manusya ke liye mare' (A person actually never dies if he does not live for himself/It is animal-like behaviour to live for oneself; You are a human being only if you die for other humans).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking on China

Refer to 'China's Ladakh rant (Oct 15)': China claims that it doesn't recognise Ladakh or Arunachal Pradesh is nothing but a farce. It indicates that the multiple rounds of talks between India and China at various levels in recent months, after the Galwan incident, haven't changed the latter's position in creating tensions along the LAC. China's claim that the standoff has been triggered by India's action of ramping up border infrastructure is a lame excuse to defend its aggression. India is a sovereign nation and it is legitimate for it to improve its border infrastructure to defend its territory. It is no nation's business to interfere in the internal affairs of India, either with respect to Ladakh or Arunachal Pradesh. A beleaguered China, facing attack from the international community for mishandling the pandemic, is desperate and trying to shift the blame on to India. India should stand firm and engage in diplomatic process to checkmate China's evil designs.

N SADHASIVA REDDY, BENGALURU

Economic forecast bleak

The IMF's World Economic Outlook puts in perspective a symbolic but dismal fact: India will end this year with a per capita GDP below Bangladesh's and thus become the third poorest nation in South Asia (only faring bet-

ter than Pakistan and Nepal). What is disappointing is that Bangladesh's GDP per capita was 40 per cent lower than India's only five years ago. While the last five years saw a rapid growth in Bangladesh led by a rise in exports and increase in manufacturing competitiveness, India became a laggard with tepid exports and lack of job creation. The handling of the pandemic has further exacerbated the gulf, leading to a lull in the economic cycle. The recovery will be long and tedious.

GURJYOT SINGH, SHIMLA

Political stunt?

Refer to 'Cabinet nod to 33 per cent women quota in direct recruitment' (Oct 15); on the one hand, the government is planning recruitment possibilities while on the other it declared that there would be no government jobs until March 31. There is no explanation on how this is going to work. It will be beneficial for women's uplift and to ensure financial independence. Also, the elections are near. Is this genuinely for the welfare of society or just another political stunt?

DIYA ARORA, BATHINDA

Neighbourhood watchdog

Apropos of 'Women panel chief meets woman held captive in toilet by husband,' human rights and women/child welfare commissions should mandate

village panchayats and municipal councillors to constitute welfare committees in every locality, mohalla or group housing complex for easy access by victims or their informers. Neighbourhood is the first watchdog.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Fall in carbon emissions

A research shows that in the first half of this year, global carbon dioxide emissions had fallen by 8.8%. It was because of the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19. These restrictions have proved to be beneficial as the global temperatures were increasing and leading to the depletion of the ozone layer. Every year, governments should impose such restrictions for some time as it would help to maintain the global temperatures.

PARWINDER KAUR, LUDHIANA

Half the story

It is strange that the writer ('Shaheen Bagh and dissent in democracy') has eulogised the protests without debating the contents of the CAA, as expected of a former Law Commission member. In the accompanying photo, a burqa-clad woman is seen holding a placard, 'Who the hell are you to say, I am not an Indian?' Who could she be? An Indian citizen afraid of losing her citizenship, for which there is no provision in the Act? Or a Bangladeshi

infiltrator demanding that she be placed in the same category as a persecuted Hindu, Sikh, Christian and Buddhist fleeing Pakistan, Bangladesh or Afghanistan? The protesters at Shaheen Bagh, mostly uneducated Muslim women, were brainwashed into thinking that the CAA would threaten their citizenship. There is no provision in the Constitution to annul the citizenship of a person who is a citizen by birth.

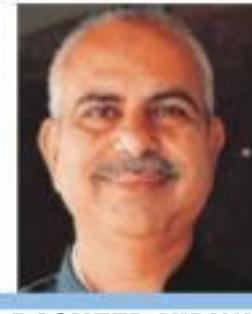
PRIYadarshi Dutta, NEW DELHI

Need another Gandhi

It is courageous of the writer to ask 'why it should be so?' ('Tales of love, steeped in legend'). Indeed it was gracious of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government to purchase the old buildings and convert them into museums. Even after the carnage of the Partition, Indians appreciated Muslim artistes like Rafi, Naushad, Dilip Kumar, Mehmood Khan, Meena Kumari, Nargis and Madhubala. We were secularists. Hindus are supposed to be liberal. Lord Ram spread the message of love and equality. Then, what has gone wrong? Leave aside the sufferings of Muslims, Dalit girls and women are raped and butchered. We Indians, especially Ram bhakts, need to introspect. How I wish Mahatma Gandhi were born again.

GURDEV SINGH, MOHALI

Oppn needs a positive campaign in Bihar



RASHEED KIDWAI

JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

THE Bihar Assembly polls are less than a fortnight away, but a full-scale campaign is not in sight, perhaps due to Covid-19. However, it has not prevented political pundits, pollsters and TV news surveys from predicting a victory for the ruling JD(U)-BJP alliance. The latest Times Now-C-Voter opinion poll has predicted that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will return to power, with the BJP bagging 84 seats and ally JD(U) 70. The survey forecasts the Congress managing to get 15 seats, while the RJD winning 56 seats.

November 10 may however, have some surprise in store. Ground-level political activists believe a 2019 Maharashtra-like verdict may be in store where the BJP, in spite of becoming the number one party, struggles to form a government due to its ally JD(U)'s inability to excel. In other words, politics will begin in Bihar after the November 10 verdict.

There are some pointers in that direction. The BJP's warmth towards the Lok Janshakti Party leader Chirag Paswan is rather disproportionate to the LJP's ability to match CM Nitish Kumar. Chirag is seen as the youth face, capable of scoring and exploiting the anti-incumbency factor against Nitish. In the BJP's scheme of things, JD(U)'s loss of 25-plus seats can be compensated by the LJP if it nets seats in double digits. This is a tricky, adventurous and

ambitious project on several counts.

In the Times Now-C-Voter survey, only 29 per cent of the voters view Nitish Kumar's performance as good, while 55 per cent of the respondents say they want a change in government in Bihar. The LJP is expected to win only five seats, if one goes by this opinion poll.

While a sympathy vote for the late Ram Vilas Paswan's LJP may or may not happen, the party is not the sole representative of Dalit aspirations, as over the years, the party's core vote bank has been restricted to Paswan votes rather than various sub-castes of the socially weaker sections. Chirag's stand on Hathras has remained ambivalent, nor has the new LJP chief forcefully articulated Bihar farmers' difficulty in getting the lucrative minimum support price. There has been no explanation from his side, even while attacking foe Nitish Kumar, what he or his father (as Union minister) did when millions of migrant labourers were made to walk over 1,000 kilometres. For die-hard Biharis, Chirag's rather elitist outlook and inability to converse in a Bihari dialect limits him as an effective campaigner.

Ram Vilas Paswan or the LJP's appeal to Muslim voters — spread rather evenly across the state — had diminished further following the anti-CAA stir. In fact, the anti-CAA stir and this insecurity are such that the Muslim voters, in all likelihood, would gravitate towards the RJD-Congress-Left alliance or Mahagathbandhan than opt for the Asaduddin Owaisi-led RLSP-BSP alliance. There could be few exceptions, but largely due to the local candidate's strength, coupled with a sharp division of votes.

The Opposition house is far from



cohesive. It should be remembered that any campaign against an incumbent government, that too in power for 15 years, needs to usher in hope. A positive campaign with solutions to specific issues of farmers, weaker sections and the youth has far more potential to be effective than rattling off statistics about the alleged wrongdoings of the Nitish regime. It is baffling that the Mahagathbandhan leaders have not unleashed firebrand orator Kanhaiya Kumar to counter Chirag and others.

Though drastically different from Lalu Prasad Yadav, Kanhaiya has a knack for calling a spade a spade in the most effective manner. A glimpse of his eloquence was on display in Begusarai recently when he spoke spontaneously at the filing of nomination by a CPI candidate. Kanhaiya

said that earlier, the EVMs were hacked but now the BJP has 'hacked' Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. His address lasted less than five minutes, but was laced with several digs. The former JNU students' union president said if he continues to be described as a traitor, he will join the BJP (as if to cleanse his alleged wrongs). Spoken in chaste Hindi, spiked with wit, the impact was instant.

The question that is doing the rounds in the Congress and RJD circles is why Chirag is allowed to occupy so much of TV news and debate space. Assuming that it is a bit deliberate and aimed at building a narrative of sorts, why can't Tejashwi and the Congress leaders be more media-savvy to counter him? The Congress list of star campaigners, for instance, includes Shatrughan Sinha, Madan

Mohan Jha, Sadanand Singh, Captain Amarinder Singh, Nikhil Kumar and Sachin Pilot. Informed sources said leaders like Sachin Pilot have been told to wait till October 20 before visiting Bihar.

Perhaps the Mahagathbandhan leadership is counting on the 'sagacity' of Bihari voters and doing the minimum such as a unity between Tejashwi and Tej Pratap as an effective measure. Some of the Mahagathbandhan leaders are looking at the findings of a new poll agency, Prashnam, with a great deal of interest and optimism. Rajesh Jain's Prashnam has given Tejashwi the edge over Nitish but admitted that overall, the NDA is ahead. One of its findings is that when asked to choose head-to-head, 39 per cent of its respondents chose Tejashwi Yadav, while 36 per cent opted for

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LYING LOW: There is unanimity on the role of Nitish Kumar in the state's development but support for him appears to be ambivalent.

Nitish. A significant number, 25 per cent i.e. one in every four voters, remained undecided. Both C-Voter and Prashnam say Nitish Kumar is not crossing 40 per cent of the support mark, while the second important finding is that many voters have not decided yet.

It is often said that the BJP of today is increasingly becoming the Congress of the past when the grand old party was a major political force in the country. The BJP, therefore, cannot be faulted for nursing an ambition or working towards its *atmanirbharta* (ability to win on its own). In the past two years, the party has lost four allies, including two of the oldest — Shiv Sena and the Akali Dal — besides the Telugu Desam Party and the All-Jharkhand Students' Union. These exits were bitter. Would Nitish Kumar's JD(U) be the fifth?

Fighting spirit, other intangibles count in warfare



GROUP CAPTAIN MURLI MENON (RETD)

DEFENCE COMMENTATOR

A Stanford University study has been critical of how the Indian Army has hogged the budgetary allocation, but persisted with an orthodox offensive doctrine. This doctrine of holding ground through deployment of large

army formations has allegedly tended to make the policy-makers not consider armed action viable in any given scenario. While this may be a bit far-fetched, the present dispensation remains amenable to giving a free rein to the military.

national Arizona, a think tank sponsored by the US Defence Department, has been researching on the effect of morale on fighting a war. There may be lessons in store down the line when we assess the troop morale factor between the Indians and the Chinese. Assessing enemy morale is indeed critical for war craft and there appears to be a distinct advantage we have in terms of troops such as our Special Frontier Force whose motivation to wage war against an adversary that has evicted them from their homeland would be considerably higher than comparatively 'soft' Chinese recruits conscripted to fight a war they do not wish for. Studies by Artis have found that the willingness to fight index is governed by soldiers least inter-



MATCHING UP: The deployment of missiles and beefing up of security in Ladakh with the air defence system have created confusion as to what is there in the offing.

ested in financial considerations and material well-being. The Warfighter Effectiveness Research Centre (WERC) of the USAF in Colorado found that flagging fighting spirit in pilots leads to lowered reaction time. Even governmental ideologies would be factors in the outcome of wars, our liberal democratic credentials weighing up against the totalitarian communist methodologies and mindset of the Chinese. The Americans, of course, learnt the hard way from underestimating the grit and determination of Vietnam's National Liberation Front during the 1960s and 1970s. Likewise, in June 2014, some 1,500 ISIS fighters managed to rout an opposing force of government troops in Mosul, though outnumbered 15 to one. It goes

to show that numbers alone don't count when the bullets start flying. It's not to directly compare these instances to plausible outcomes of an Indo-Chinese skirmish in Ladakh, but to indicate how the intangibles could turn the tide in modern warfare.

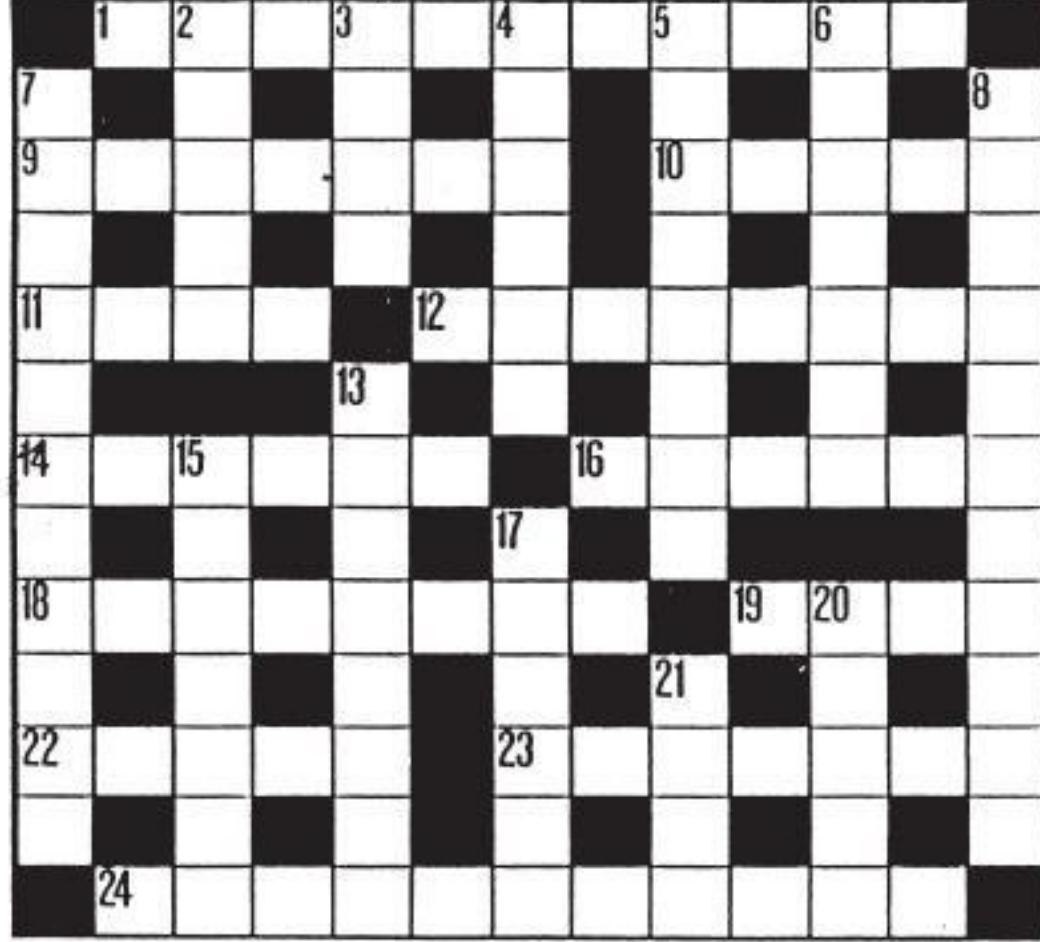
Another Stanford University study has been critical of how the Indian Army has hogged the budgetary allocations, but has persisted with an orthodox offensive doctrine. This doctrine of holding ground through deployment of large army formations has allegedly tended to make the policy-makers not consider armed action viable in any given scenario. While this may be a bit far-fetched in theory and practice, the fact remains that the present political dispensation is more than amenable to giving a free rein to the military. It behoves the military, therefore, to ensure that its doctrines are constantly updated and the troops maintain the cutting edge. Aspects such as professional military education, realistic training and the right kind of equipment and combat support elements of course are vital to develop a 'thinking warrior' mindset on the battlefield. As far as the IAF is concerned, the need for a proactively dynamic air war strategy needs no gainsaying. More so in difficult terrain and altitude, offence is indeed the best defence and air power needs to be unleashed forcefully and unexpectedly across all the envisaged air campaigns, viz, counter-air, counter-surface force and strategic air campaigns. Interdiction of enemy lines of communication

will have a telling impact on the adversary's combat potential, especially in Tibet region. The IAF also needs to capitalise on its lately acquired world-class war-fighting potential in terms of platforms, weaponeering and viable tactics.

A proactive, hard-hitting air force often delivers results out of proportion to the flying effort. Air power augments the army and naval war prosecution efforts admirably and more so with the newfound impetus for jointry, we should be able to give a good account of ourselves. No air operation can be allowed to get short shrift, including air transport operations, combat support air operations and combat search and rescue. The story of the 54 missing PoWs from 1971 still rankles and reflects poorly on our warfighting culture and national priorities.

So now that we seem to have a supportive establishment in Lutyens' Delhi, the military needs to deliver effectively in pursuit of our national military objectives. An integrated war-fighting machine, led by thinking leaders at all levels, would alone be able to fight the way we train and bring forth the indomitable fighting spirit of a powerful nation. These doctrinal adaptations for timely aggression across the targeting cycles are all the more valid for the IAF because air power sans timely offensive campaigns is as good as no air power at all. Media hype over new inductions as witnessed recently over the Rafale arrival needs to be curtailed to focus on suitable offensive strategies to deliver the goods when called for.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Chancy, 4 Agrarian, 9 Viable, 10 Abstruse, 12 Lame, 13 Quote, 14 Deal, 17 Easy on the eye, 20 Heart of stone, 23 Fret, 24 Party, 25 Skit, 28 Auspices, 29 Revere, 30 Rustling, 31 Offset.

Down: 1 Cavalier, 2 Alarist, 3 Cull, 5 Go by the board, 6 Anti, 7 Inured, 8 Needle, 11 Subterranean, 15 Poker, 16 Gypsy, 18 For keeps, 19 Next best, 21 Affair, 22 Census, 26 Fill, 27 Serf.

ACROSS

- 1 Be on one's guard against (5,3,3)
- 9 Person rejected by society (7)
- 10 A firearm (5)
- 11 Infamous Roman emperor (4)
- 12 Oblique allusion (8)
- 14 Advancing (6)
- 16 Rely (6)
- 18 Spiteful (8)
- 19 South Pacific islands country (4)
- 22 Draw forth (5)
- 23 Put up with (7)
- 24 Be in full agreement (3,3,2,3)
- DOWN**
- 2 Player (5)
- 3 Stiff sticky earth (4)
- 4 Excursion (6)
- 5 Racked (8)
- 6 Illegal act (7)
- 7 Angle (5,2,4)
- 8 Precognition (6,5)
- 13 First night of play (8)
- 15 Charming (7)
- 17 Engage in (6)
- 20 Country of southern Europe (5)
- 21 Unaccompanied (4)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 16, 2020, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	24
■ Ashwin Parvishtha	31
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 15, up to 1:01 am	
■ Vaishhrishi Yoga up to 1:25 am	
■ Hast Nakshatra up to 2:58 pm	
■ Moon enters Libra sign 1:25 am	
■ Ashwin Amavas	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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4	3	9	1	2	7	8	5	6
8	5	1	4	6	3	2	9	7
1	4	2	6	9	5	7	3	8
9	8	3	7	4	2	1	6	5
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FORECAST

SUNSET: 17:50 HRS
FRIDAY SATURDAY 17:50 HRS

SUNRISE: 06:27 HRS

Sunny Partly Cloudy Cloudy Rainy Foggy

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New Delhi 34 19

Amritsar 33 16

Bathinda 35 16

Jalandhar 35 16

Ludhiana 35 17

Bhiwani 36 20

Hisar 36 18

Sirsia 35 17

Dharamsala 27 17

Manali 25 07

Shimla 24 13

Srinagar 25 05

Jammu 34 16



BJP workers at the rally of national president JP Nadda in Karakat, Rohtas district, on Thursday. PTI

SC notice to Centre on plea to regulate OTT platforms

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The Supreme Court today issued a notice to the Centre on a PIL seeking the setting up of an autonomous body to regulate "over the top" (OTT) platforms, including Netflix and Amazon Prime, that provide paid film and television content to consumers via the Internet.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde asked the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Internet and Mobile Association of India to respond to the PIL filed by advocate Shashank Shekhar Jha.

The government had earlier told the court in Sudarshan News case that there was a need to regulate digi-



WHAT PETITION SAYS ON DIGITAL CONTENT

- There is no law or autonomous body to monitor and manage the digital content on "over the top" (OTT) platforms
- Filmmakers and artistes release their films/shows on these platforms without any clearance from the censor board

NOTICE TO GOVT ON 'MISUSE' OF DATA BY UPI

The Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Centre asking it to respond to allegations that Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platforms such as WhatsApp and Google Pay were misusing data collected from consumers

tal media in the country.

Jha wanted the top court to direct the government to set up a body for monitoring content on different OTT/streaming and different digital media platforms.

ing and digital media platforms. "With cinemas unlikely to open anytime soon in the country, OTT/streaming and different digital media platforms

have surely given a way out to filmmakers and artistes to release their content without getting any clearance certificate from the censor board," Jha submitted.

He said there was no law or autonomous body to monitor and manage the digital content made available to the public.

None of the OTT/streaming platforms, including Netflix, Amazon Prime, Zee5, and Hotstar, had committed to self-regulation norms, the petitioner contended.

"The government is facing heat to fill this lacuna with regulations from the public and the judiciary; still the relevant government departments have not done anything significant to regularise these OTT/streaming platforms," the petition read.

PM Modi, Shah likely to hold 15-20 rallies in poll-bound Bihar

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CONG FIELDS SHATRUJAHAN'S SON FROM BANKIPUR



The Congress has released its second list of 49 candidates for the upcoming Bihar elections. It fielded actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha's son Luv Sinha from the Bankipur Assembly seat and former NDA convener Sharad Yadav's daughter Subhashini from Bihariganj.

three-phased elections. Meanwhile, BJP president JP Nadda took a swipe at the RJD for coming up with "new map" of development for Bihar in the election. He said sons should know how their father ran the party rule in the state. He appealed to the people not to have any "confusion" and look

back at the track record of the party which is coming up with "lofty" promises if voted to power.

Addressing election rallies at Karakat and Aurangabad, the BJP chief said NDA under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Bihar "freed the state from jungle-raj".

TNS

Will counter...

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were ridiculed in Delhi as no minister was willing to meet them. "We are not being taken seriously even as eight ministers have been deputed to reach out to farmers in Punjab to create a parallel narrative on the farm laws. We will counter this move." Nirbhay Singh Dhudik, president, Kirti Kisan Union, said the unions would hold another meeting on October 20.—TNS

On Arunachal Pradesh too, Srivastava said China had been told several times, "including at the highest level", that the state was an integral and inalienable part of

India snubs China...

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integral part of India. China has no locus standi to comment on India's internal matters. We hope that countries will not comment on India's internal matters, as much as they expect the same of others," he said to a question on China doubting the status of both UTs.

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Submarine for Myanmar

As part of its efforts to consolidate its relationships in the neighbourhood, India will deliver submarine INS Sindhuvir to Myanmar, which will get its first-ever underwater capabilities

India Dwelling on the India-China Army commanders talks on October 12, Srivastava said for the second successive time, a joint press release was issued.

India's 1st Oscar-winning costume designer dead

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Chaudhvin Ka Chand, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam, Guide, Teesri Manzil, Lagaan and Swades.

Born in Kohlapur, she is credited with having created the tight sleeveless kurta with churidar made popular by actress Sridevi. Athaiya wrote about her journey in HarperCollins India's 'The Art Of Costume Design' in 2010. Athaiya reportedly returned her Oscar to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for safe-keeping in 2012.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during forthcoming Festival Season, Railways have decided to run the following Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

04998/04997 Bathinda-Varanasi-Bathinda 12 Trips Superfast Express Special (Weekly)

TRAIN NO. 04998	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04997
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
— 20:50	Bathinda	16:50 —
16:30 —	Varanasi	21:20

Days of Run : 04998 from Bathinda on Sunday from 25.10.2020 to 29.11.2020 and 04997 from Varanasi on Monday from 26.10.2020 to 30.11.2020.

Accommodation : AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Rampura Phul, Barnala, Dhuri Jn., Patiala, Rajpura, Ambala Cantt., Yamunanagar-Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur

04612/04611 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Varanasi-12 Trips Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Superfast Express Special (Weekly)

TRAIN NO. 04612	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04611
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
— 23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50 —
23:35 —	Varanasi	06:35

Days of Run : 04612 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on Sunday from 25.10.2020 to 29.11.2020 and 04611 from Varanasi on Tuesday from 27.10.2020 to 01.12.2020.

Accommodation : AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Udhampur, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Ludhiana, Ambala Cantt, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur stations.

04422/04421 Anand Vihar (T)- Lucknow - Anand Vihar (T) 36 Trips AC Superfast Express Special (Tri-Weekly)

TRAIN NO. 04422	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04421
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
— 20:20	Anand Vihar (T)	05:45 —
04:20 —	Lucknow	21:20

Days of Run : 04422 from Anand Vihar (T) on Wednesday, Friday & Sunday from 21.10.2020 to 29.11.2020 and 04421 from Lucknow on Thursday, Saturday & Monday from 22.10.2020 to 30.11.2020.

Accommodation : AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier.

Stoppages: Ghaziabad, Moradabad & Bareilly stations.

04401/04402 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-24 Trips New Delhi Superfast AC Express Special (Bi-Weekly)

TRAIN NO. 04401	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04402
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
— 23:50	New Delhi	11:15 —
11:35 —	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30

Days of Run : 04401 from New Delhi on Monday & Thursday from 22.10.2020 to 30.11.2020 and 04402 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on Tuesday & Friday from 23.10.2020 to 01.12.2020.

Accommodation : First AC, AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier.

Stoppages: Sonipat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra Jn., Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu Tawi & Udhampur stations.

04924/04923 Chandigarh - Gorakhpur - Chandigarh 12 Trips Superfast Express Special (Weekly)

TRAIN NO. 04924	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04923
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
— 23:15	Chandigarh	14:15 —
16:00 —	Gorakhpur	22:10

Days of Run : 04924 from Chandigarh on Thursday from 22.10.2020 to 26.11.2020 and 04923 from Gorakhpur on Friday from 23.10.2020 to 27.11.2020.

Accommodation : AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

Stoppages: Ambala Cantt., Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda & Basti stations.

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Survey for Shinku La tunnel from tomorrow

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, OCTOBER 15
A trial to conduct an aerial survey for the proposed Shinku La tunnel was done using a Chinook helicopter from the Stingri helipad near Keylong in Lahaul & Spiti district today.

The survey will be carried out from tomorrow jointly by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), a company of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and the Indian Air Force.

Its DGM Anil said consultant engineers of Gujarat and three experts from Denmark assembled a huge frame-structured antenna in two days. The antenna was tied to the helicopter and its calibration was done. The recce of the region was done.

He said under the survey, mechanical and geological scientists would study

NOW MANALI-KARGIL-LEH ROUTE

- A tunnel is proposed on 16,600-foot-high Shinku La to provide an alternative Manali-Darcha-Shinku La-Padum-Kargil-Leh route
- The 13.5-km tunnel will be built at a height of over 12,000 ft
- The tunnel will facilitate the movement of military supplies to border areas
- It will be the longest in the world at this altitude



A helicopter takes a trial flight for the survey on Thursday.

about the 600-metre stretch of the Zanskar range.

A tunnel is proposed on the 16,600-foot high Shinku La to provide an alternative Manali-Darcha-Shinku La-Padum-Kargil-Leh route.

With the opening of Atal Tunnel, the government has accelerated the pace of work of an alternative route to the border areas, especially after the recent face-off with China in the Galwan valley.

A detailed project report for the Shinku La project is being prepared and tenders

will be floated soon. The Manali-Sarchu-Leh highway is accessible only during summers for around six months as it remains closed in winter due to heavy snow.

Three tunnels are also proposed underneath the Baralacha Pass (16,040 feet), Lachung La (16,800 feet) and Tanglang La (17,480 feet) for all-weather connectivity to Leh. However, making only one tunnel underneath the Shinku La will provide an alternative route to Leh with all-weather connectivity.

As many as 295 new cases were reported today, taking the tally to 18,303 while the fatality figure grew up to 255 as five persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours.

26 test +ve in Kangra

As many as 26 persons tested Covid positive while one succumbed to the virus in Kangra district on Thursday.

A 74-year-old man from Matyal village in Baijnath died at the Covid Containment Centre in the

Dharamsala Zonal Hospital this morning. He was suffering from a coronary heart disease.

295 Covid cases, 5 fatalities in state

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STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	336,756
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Recovered	15,370
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Active cases	2,654
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Positive cases	18,303
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Deaths	255
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DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	1,445	15
Solan	3,398	35
Kangra	2,721	56
Chamba	1,007	12
Hamirpur	1,065	9
Sirmaur	2,068	16
Mandi	2,238	30
Bilaspur	1,077	5
Shimla	1,845	54
Kullu	958	18
Kinnaur	212	4
Lahaul & Spiti	269	1
Total	18,303	255



Dharamsala Zonal Hospital this morning. He was suffering from a coronary heart disease.

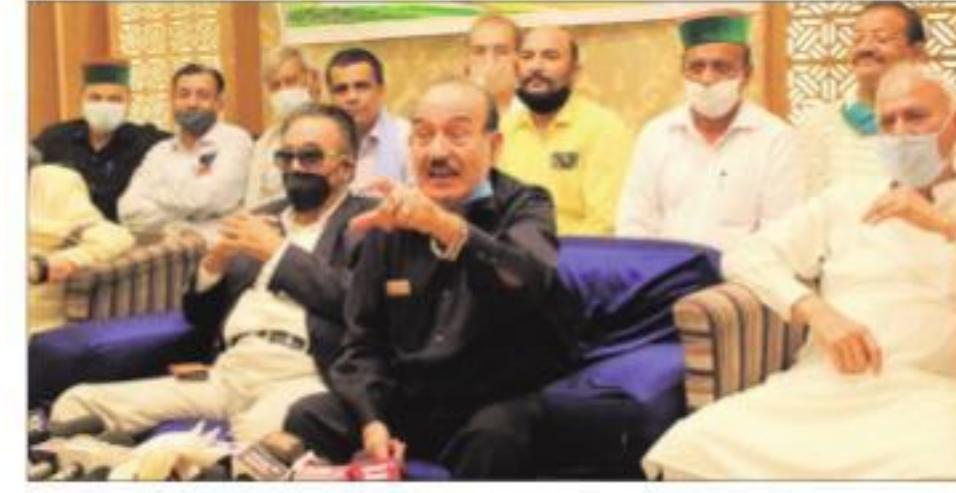
Woman alleges rape by three, no arrest so far

NURPUR, OCTOBER 15

A woman (60), hailing from a nearby village, has alleged that she was raped last evening while on her way home with fodder from fields. As per the police information, the victim, in her statement in the court on Thursday, alleged that three accused — Joginder Singh, Nitin Kumar and Sanju — of the same village stopped her on the way and thrashed her. She alleged that she was also raped by the accused.

The Nurpur police have conducted medical examination of the victim in which possibility of rape had not been ruled out whereas the forensic examination report would confirm the accusation.

Nurpur Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Ashok Rattan said following the complaint, a case under Sections 341, 323, 147, 149 and 376 of the IPC had been registered against the trio and thorough investigations had started. He said the accused had also an old dispute with the complainant. — OC



Senior Congress leader Kaul Singh Thakur, along with others addresses a press conference in Dharamsala on Thursday.

Cong alleges graft in Health Dept

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, OCTOBER 15

In a show of unity senior Congress leaders came together in Dharamsala for a press conference today.

"We are united and will take up the issues of public," Kaul Singh Thakur and GS Bali, former Rajya Sabha member Viplove Thakur and former MP Chander Kumar attempted to put up a united face of the party.

Addressing mediapersons, Kaul Singh Thakur alleged that corruption was running

deep in government departments. The Health Department officials had purchased oximeters in Punjab at a cost of Rs 500 per piece while they were available here at Rs 2,950 per piece. The oxygen cylinders had also been purchased at exorbitant rates. A vigilance inquiry must be carried out into the purchases made by the present government during the lockdown, the former minister said.

He alleged that in the IPH Department, material was being purchased even before tenders had been issued.



Garbage dumped on the bank of a river by tourists near Sissu in Lahaul and Spiti district. PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

Now, regular opening for Sobha Singh gallery

PALAMPUR, OCTOBER 15

The Sobha Singh Art Gallery and Museum, situated at the art village of Andretta, 11 km from here, will open on a regular basis for visitors from October 16. As per sources, the gallery will be open on all working days, except Monday.

The gallery, which was closed in mid-March due to the pandemic, started functioning in September on Saturdays and Sundays. As the flow of visitors has increased, the management has decided

to keep it open from Tuesday to Sunday between 10 am and 5 pm. As per the international practice, Monday will be a closed day.

The gallery attracts a large number of art lovers, artists, tourists and visitors from all over the country and beyond. Some researchers from the Punjabi University have already scheduled their visit between October 18 and 21 to study "Grow More Good" philosophy in art, life and works of the saint-philosopher-artist Sobha Singh. — OC

Tourists leave behind litter, Lahaulites upset

DIPENDER MANTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, OCTOBER 15

Some tourists are creating nuisance in the Lahaul valley, causing resentment among local people. Residents of the valley have urged the district administration to keep a vigil on the offenders and take action against them. They say that tourists throw garbage and waste material on the way to Lahaul after crossing the Atal Tunnel at Rohtang. Some of them consume

liquor on the banks of the Chandra and Bhaga rivers in Lahaul and Spiti district.

Today, around 900 vehicles moved towards the Lahaul valley from the Manali side. "Many tourists are harassing and teasing local women, which will not be tolerated at any cost. One such incident was reported in the Jahlma area where people noticed a woman weeping after she was harassed by tourists. The victim narrated her ordeal to the locals, who

warned the offenders not to create nuisance," Lahaul valley residents said.

Valley residents are expressing their resentment on social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp. They allege that due to the apathy of the government, there are no arrangements in place to handle the tourist influx.

"Due to the lack of toilet facilities from the tunnel to Lahaul, tourists defecate and urinate in the open," the residents said.

Deputy Commissioner KK Saroch said, "The people of the Lahaul valley have been asked to note down the registration number of the tourist vehicle and report it to the police immediately if any tourist tries to misbehave with local women or indulge in any illegal activity. I have asked the SP of Lahaul and Spiti to deal with such offenders strictly".

He said the administration was procuring mobile toilets and dustbins.

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIMACHAL PRADESH GRAM SADAK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

O/o E-in-C, Nirman Bhawan,
Nigam Vihar, Shimla-2

Invitation of Expression of Interest for Empannelment of DPR consulting agency

Chief Engineer (PMGSY), HP PWD, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-2, on behalf of Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak Development Agency, Shimla, invites Expression of Interest for Empannelment of DPR Consulting Agency. Complete RFP Document is available @ "hppwd.gov.in" under "TENDERS" section. Last date for submission of Technical & Financial Proposal is 10/11/2020 upto 3:00 PM.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PMGSY),
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MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH

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Subject: Call for research proposals for financial support under "HRD Scheme for Health Research in the emerging fields of Medical/Clinical/Health Sciences" in year 2020-21.

It has been decided to call online applications for full-length proposals under Human Resource Development Scheme for Health Research in the emerging fields of Medical/Clinical/Health Sciences for the Financial year 2020-21. More details including eligibility criteria, procedures for application and guidelines of the scheme are available on www.dhr.gov.in and www.dhrschemes.in.

Last Date for submission of Application: 16.11.2020.

Sd/- (G. A. Raghuvanshi)
Under Secretary to the
Government of India

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Public Notice regarding Bid of online fancy Registration Numbers
It is brought to the notice of general public that online bid of fancy numbers of registration series PB13BG for login will be held from 19.10.2020 to 26-10-2020 and since login registered of bid of fancy numbers will start from 27-10-2020 to 02-11-2020 interested bidder can register in login from 19-10-2020 to 26-10-2020 on website www.parivahan.gov.in and can give bid online from 27-10-2020 to 02.11.2020. After the start of bid new login will not be registered in case there is any change then website www.parivahan.gov.in of the department can be contacted.

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Tender Notice Reference No. NIT No. 02/e-Tender/Eo/LG-IT

Faridkot/2020-21

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Closing date and time: For work at Sr. No. 1 30.10.2020

Closing date and time: For work at Sr. No. 2 to 9 6.11.2020

For details logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Assistant Trust Engineer,
Improvement Trust, Faridkot**ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**

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ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਭਸਰ,
ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸੰਮੱਤੀ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-1**PUNJAB WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT****CORPORATION LINING DIVISION NO. 5, LUDHIANA**Website - <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

E-Tendering Notice No. 1 of 2020, Dt. 14.10.2020

Secure Online Submission of Tenders

E-Tenders on work order basis for Lining/Re-Lining of W/Cs using PCPs (M-25) laying of RCC Pipe Line in watercourses of 11 No. works in project of Kotla Branch Part-II are hereby invited through our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from approved and eligible Contractors/Agencies/L&C Societies registered with PWRMDC/Water Resources Department, Punjab. As per latest instructions issued vide Punjab Govt. letter No. 76/52/79-C 1(5)/8856, Dt. 04.11.2019 for works costing up to Rs. 60.00 Lacs, preference will be given to registered L&C Societies who are enlisted with the PWD (B&R) Department. For detailed Notice Inviting Tender and other terms and conditions kindly visit our above website.

IMPORTANT DATES OF BIDDING PROCESS

Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Bid	14.10.2020
Period of sale of Bidding Document Form	21.10.2020 on 11:00 hrs onwards to 02.11.2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
Time & Date of Pre-Bid Conference	26.10.2020 at 11:00 hrs at Divn. H.Q. Loh.
Last Date & Time for Sale and Receipt of Bids	02.11.2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
Time & Date of Opening of Pre-Qualification (Technical) Bids	03.11.2020 at 10:00 hrs.
Time & Date of Opening of Financial Bids	04.11.2020 at 11:00 hrs.
Place of Opening of Bids	O/o Lining Division No. 5, Ludhiana.

* No separate corrigendum will be issued in the newspaper. Bidders are advised to check the website for any corrigendum.

NOTE:

All payments regarding cost of tender form and earnest money will be accepted online mode only in Oriental Bank of Commerce, Opposite Verka Milk Plant, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana A/C No. 08602191011289 IFS Code ORBC0100860. No manual payment/Draft will be accepted.

Sd/- Divisional Engineer,
Lining Division No. 5,
PWRMDC Ludhiana.**Empanelment of Skill Training Providers under DAY-NULM****REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL****Directorate of Urban Development Government of Himachal Pradesh**

Palika Bhawan, Talland Shimla - Himachal Pradesh

E-mail: himachal.sulm@gmail.com Website: www.ud-hp.in

No. UD-H(F)(2)-2/19-NULM-Empanelment (STPs)-

Date: 15.10.2020

Request for proposal is invited from reputed Firms/Institutes/Agencies for placement linked Skill Development Trainings under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM). Detailed document and terms and conditions may be downloaded from website <https://htenders.gov.in>. Last date for submission of proposals online on the prescribed proforma is 05.11.2020 by 05:00 p.m.

(R. K. Gautam),
Director (UD)-cum-
State Mission Director, (DAY-NULM)
Himachal Pradesh.

DPR/HP/480

**DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH (JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG)**

Himachal Pradesh, India

No. DPDPHSIVACOS-06 8258 Date: 14 October, 2020

Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services of DIPH Capacity Building under Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition Project: Project Readiness Facility (HP SHIVA PRF) Project.

Package No.:CS06 (53189-001-IND)

Package Name: DIPH Capacity Building

1. The Government of India (GoI) has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition Project: Project Readiness Facility (HP SHIVA PRF) Project. Part of the financing will be used for payments under the contract named above.

2. The Department of Irrigation and Public Health (Jal Shakti Vibhag) Himachal Pradesh (the "Employer") invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for providing DIPH Capacity Building services from the eligible and registered consultants with experience in handling similar work with Government and Externally Funding Agencies.

3. The Consulting firm shall be selected and engaged in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (Consulting Guidelines) or the ADB Procurement Policy 2017 ("Policy") and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers 2017 ("Procurement Regulations").

4. Please note that only online submission of EoI in ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS) <https://cms.adb.org> is allowed. All offline and manual submissions of EoI is not permissible and will not be considered.

5. Interested consulting firms are invited to submit EoI in ADB CMS on or before 19 October, 2020 through below link: https://selfservice.adb.org/OA_HTML/adbxxcrs/jsp/ADBCsrnFwd.jsp?sel=164011

6. The details of consultancy assignment are:-

Start Date of Publication Deadline for Submitting EoI

15 October 2020 13 November 2020

Duration of Assignment Tentative commencement date (in Months)

22 persons months total over 2 years for 3 experts

Anticipated completion date Types of consultants

December 2022 Firm

Selection method Estimated Budget (INR)

OCBS 23,767,390/-

7. For your online submission, your EoI should demonstrate technical competence and geographical experience based on project references entered under the CMS profile. We encourage you to update project information under your CMS prior to filing EoI.

8. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the commencement and completion dates and other implementation arrangements for this assignment are to be considered as indicative only. The final dates and implementation arrangements will be agreed with the first-ranked [candidate] [firm] at contract negotiations taking into consideration the prevailing situation with COVID-19 at that time.

Himachal Pradesh, India Sd/-

Phone No: +91 1972-22346 Superintending Engineer-cum-

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Himachal Pradesh HP-SHIVA

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6 parties join hands to restore J&K's status

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICENEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
Six political parties of Jammu and Kashmir today formed a formal alliance pledging to work for the restoration of the UT's pre-August 5, 2019, constitutional status.

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration consists of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party, People's Conference, JK People's Movement, CPM and Awami National Conference.

The alliance was formalised at a meeting held at Jammu and Kashmir National Conference's patron and chief Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar residence in Srinagar today.

After the two-hour meeting, Abdullah said the alliance's battle was a constitutional one.

"We have named this alliance The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration. Our battle is a constitutional battle. We want the Government of India to return to the people of the state the rights they held before August 5, 2019," Farooq said.

The JKNC's vice-president, Omar Abdullah, who attended the meeting, noted

that the alliance had been formed by the original signatories to the 'Gupkar declaration' and was given a "proper name and structure today".

The original signatories had congregated at the Abdullah residence on August 4, 2019, and signed the declaration that feared change to J&K's constitu-

tional status and pledged to work for the autonomy of the region.

The alliance will work against Parliament's August 5, 2019, move scrapping Article 370 that guaranteed special constitutional status to J&K and bifurcated the state into UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

The alliance partners

also called for a dialogue between all stakeholders to restore J&K to pre-August 5, 2019, status.

The meeting today was attended by Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone, JK People's Movement's Javaid Mir and CPM's Younus

Tarigami. Farooq Abdullah said all partners agreed to struggle for the restoration of "what was snatched from J&K and Ladakh".

Abdullah said the future course of action would soon be planned.

A prominent absentee at today's meet was Ghulam Ahmed Mir, president of

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration

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CONSTITUTIONAL BATTLE

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Farooq Aabduallah, NC PRESIDENT

The J&K Congress.

The state Congress said Mir had been advised to get a Covid screening and had informed Abdullah of his absence today.

The meeting also welcomed Mehbooba back from her 14-month detention, which it denounced as "illegal and unjustified".

Gadkari launches work on Zojila tunnel with ceremonial blasting

MOMENT OF PRIDE FOR INDIA



It is a moment of pride for India. I am confident that it will be completed in four years and the Prime Minister will inaugurate it before the code of conduct for the next Lok Sabha elections.

Nitin Gadkari, UNION MINISTER

the ceremonial first blast.

He said the remodelling of the project had resulted in the saving of over Rs 4,000 crore to the public exchequer without any compromise on safety, security and quality.

The minister emphasised that with honest efforts, "we can take our country forward at lower costs. The watershed moment in the road history of the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakh is finally here... One of the most difficult stretches to drive and build, the geo-sensitive Zojila stretch is strategically important to the defence of our country."

The Zojila tunnel will not only provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Drass, Kargil and Leh but it will also further strengthen the economic and social-cultural integration of both the union terri-

ties," Gadkari said.

This tunnel when completed would be a landmark achievement in the history of modern India, the minister said.

He assured formation of committees under the L-G, Leh, and L-G, J&K, with respective Chief Secretaries and officers of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to oversee tunnel work and to sort out local issues.

The Zojila tunnel project was re-awarded this year to Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL), which had emerged as the lowest bidder quoting Rs 4,509.5 crore. The other two bidders in the race were Larsen & Toubro and Ircion International JV. — PTI

Meanwhile, six deaths took place in the past 24 hours — two in the Jammu region and four in the Kashmir valley — taking the death toll to 1,358, the officials said.

Leh: Ladakh reported 66 new Covid cases, taking the infection tally to 5,304, according to an official bulletin on Thursday.

Fifty-six patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours — 3

BRIEFLY

KOLKATA
Veteran scribe-commentator
Kishore Bhimani dies

Veteran sports journalist and cricket commentator Kishore Bhimani died at the age of 80 today. He is survived by his wife Rita and son Gautam. "He had suffered a cerebral attack a few days back and was undergoing treatment," a family member said. Bhimani, who had worked for the Statesman newspaper, was also one of the leading English commentators of the 1980s. He was commenting when Sunil Gavaskar became the first player to reach 10,000 runs in Test cricket in 1987, and also during the final moments of the famous 1986 tied Test between India and Australia.

COLOGNE
Alexander Zverev reaches quarterfinals at Cologne

Top-seeded Alexander Zverev advanced to the quarterfinals of the Cologne Indoors by beating Fernando Verdasco 6-4 6-1 today. Zverev was playing indoors for the first time this year after a mixed record on indoor hard courts in 2019. He has been strong in those conditions in the past with three career indoor titles, including the 2018 ATP Finals. Zverev had seven aces and didn't face a break point in the win over Verdasco. He will next play Lloyd Harris in the quarterfinals. Zverev could win his first title of the year and his third in his native Germany following victories at the clay-court Munich tournament in 2017 and 2018.

BEIJING

China pulls out of hosting Asian U23 tournament
The Chinese soccer federation has pulled out of hosting the men's Under-23 Asian Cup in 2022. China cited "scheduling conflicts, stadium completion timelines ahead of other international events and challenges created by Covid-19. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

IPL	MUMBAI VS KOLKATA
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM	
BADMINTON	DENMARK OPEN
STAR SPORTS 5:30PM	
TENNIS	ST PETERSBURG OPEN
SONY SIX 3:30PM	

KXIP beat RCB



KL Rahul and Chris Gayle smashed five sixes each. PTI

SHARJAH, OCTOBER 15

KL Rahul played a captain's knock and Chris Gayle fired in his first game since January as Kings XI Punjab finally ended their five-match losing streak with an eight-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore in an IPL match here today.

Chasing 172 in a must-win game, the in-form opening pair of Rahul (61 not off 49) and Mayank Agarwal (45 off 25) got off to a flying start before Gayle (53 off 45) joined his skipper in the middle. Needing seven off the final two overs with nine wickets in hand, KXIP somehow managed to take the game to the last ball with Nicholas Pooran finally hitting the winning six.

IPL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Delhi	8	6	2	12
Mumbai	7	5	2	10
Bangalore	8	5	3	10
Kolkata	7	4	3	8
Hyderabad	8	3	5	6
Chennai	8	3	5	6
Rajasthan	8	3	5	6
Punjab	8	2	6	4

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

Batting first, skipper Virat Kohli top-scored with 48 off 39 balls in his 200th game for RCB before Chris Morris' 25 off 8 in the death overs took the team to 171/6. — PTI

Brief scores: RCB: 171/6 (Kohli 48; M Ashwin 2/23); KXIP: 177/2 (Rahul 61*, Gayle 53; Chahal 1/35)

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing)
Corrigendum No. 1 Notice Inviting E-Tender
N.I.T No: 560/P&D(TS)/PNT-484 Dated: 11.09.2020
Name of Office: Chief Engineer, Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002
Name of work: Hot Line Washing for Bays of 400 KV & 220 KV switchyard at 400 KV Substation Panipat of BBMB.
Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents 29.10.2020 upto 16:00 Hours
Last date and time of submission of bids 05.11.2020 upto 11:00 Hours
Date and time of Opening of Bids 05.11.2020 from 15:00 Hours onwards
Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website <https://bbmbprocure.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in>

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NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

No .01-Med/CMPs Drs/JUDW/2020	DL. 15.10.2020
WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR WORKING IN EXTRA DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL, NORTHERN RAILWAY, JAGADHRI WORKSHOP	
Extra Divisional Hospital, Jagadhi Workshop called MBBS qualified doctors to engage as CMP(GDMO) for one year.	
1. Name of the post Contract Medical Practitioner on full time basis	
2. No. of post 02 (UR=02)	
3. Station Jagadhi Workshop	
4. Date , Time & Venue 27.10.2020, 9.30 to 12.00 hrs. Office of the Addl. Chief Medical Suptd., N.Ry. Hospital, Jagadhi Workshop	
5. Category of CMPs GDMO	
6. Monthly Remuneration (in Rs.) 75,000/-	
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No. 3352

Dated: 15.10.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Requirement of retired Executive Engineer (Civil/Electrical) & Sub-Divisional Engineer (Electrical) on contract basis

Applications are hereby invited from the retired Executive Engineers (civil), Executive Engineers (Electrical) & Sub-Divisional Engineers (Electrical) of Punjab State Govt. Departments/Bodies/Corporations, who have unblemished service record for appointment as Executive Engineer (Civil/Electrical) & Sub-Divisional Engineer (Electrical) in the Punjab Health Systems Corporation on contractual basis:

Terms and Conditions:

- Freshly retired experienced officers would be preferred.
- The applicant should be less than 61 years of age as on 31.10.2020.
- Initial contract will be of one year, which can be extended for another year based on performance. The maximum age for which the contract can be extended shall be 62 years.
- The remuneration offered shall be last pay drawn minus pension drawn OR 50% of last basic pay drawn + IR+DA, whichever is less.
- The job responsibilities shall be as per PWD Manual of Orders or as required by PHSC. The officer can be posted anywhere in Punjab.
- Experience & qualification required are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of post	No. of posts	Minimum Experience	Minimum Qualification
1	Executive Engineer (Civil)	1	Any retired XEN(C) or SDE(C) having minimum 8 years combined experience as SDE(C)/EE(C)	BE (Civil) or equivalent
2	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	1	Any retired XEN(E) or SDE(E) having minimum 8 years combined experience as SDE(E)/EE(E)	BE (Electrical) or equivalent
3	Sub-Divisional Engineer(Electrical)	1	Any retired JE(E) or SDE(E) having minimum 10 years combined experience as JE(E) or SDE(E)	Diploma in Electrical Engineering or equivalent

The prospective candidate should apply to the Managing Director, PHSC. More details can be seen from department's website: [www.phscpunjab.gov.in](http://phscpunjab.gov.in)

Applications should reach the office of the undersigned at the above mentioned address in Room No. 53 latest by 5 p.m. on 30.10.2020.

Sd/- Managing Director
PHSC, SAS Nagar.



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

My superstition? White shoes, says Kohli

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

A few years ago, Virat Kohli, in Mohali during a Test match, was asked if he did anything specific, like deep religious prayers, to keep his focus on and off the field. "Do I look like that kind of a person?" he asked jokingly.

But it seems that Kohli is not without superstitions. "I love playing in white shoes, batting specially. It's more of a superstition for me," Kohli told Pep Guardiola, the head coach of football club Manchester City, during an interaction online. "When I bat, it's my zone and time to be absolutely close to myself and perform," said the 31-year-old.

Looks up to Mary Kom

In another conversation, with boxer Mary Kom, expectant father Kohli said he need not look beyond her for inspiration on how to strike a balance between parenthood and sport. Mary Kom is a

Matches seem friendlies without fans

Pep Guardiola told Virat Kohli that football matches being held without fans during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic feel like "friendly games".

"Without people it's not the same. It feels like a friendly game. We must do it, the show must go on! We need the people to come back to the stadiums when everything is safe," said the 49-year-old. "It feels very different without them. We miss the fans. Playing closed behind the scenes is weird."

mother of four and a champion boxer. Kohli and his actor wife Anushka Sharma are expecting their first child in January next year. "I can't think of anyone better than you to talk about being a parent and have a busy career like you," Kohli said to Mary Kom. The pugilist attributed her ability to juggle her roles to the support system in her family. — TNS, agencies

Denmark beat England

UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE

LONDON, OCTOBER 15

Christian Eriksen's penalty on his 100th appearance for Denmark earned his side a 1-0 win over England in their Nations League clash as the hosts played more than half the game with 10 men. Defeat ended a run of nine successive home wins for England.

In Zagreb, France stretched their unbeaten run against Croatia to eight games after a late goal by Kylian Mbappe gave the world champions a 2-1 win. In Lisbon, goals from Bernardo Silva and a brace from Diogo Jota gave Portugal a comfortable 3-0 win over Sweden as the hosts made light of the absence of Cristiano Ronaldo due to a positive Covid-19 test.

In Bergamo, Italy extended their unbeaten run to 19 games with a 1-1 draw against the Netherlands. In Reykjavik, stand-in captain Romelu Lukaku scored twice as Belgium beat Iceland 2-1. — Reuters

Srikanth eases into quarters, Sen loses

DENMARK OPEN

ODENSE (DENMARK), OCTOBER 15

Indian badminton star Kidambi Srikanth entered the Denmark Open quarterfinals with a straight-game win over Canada's Jason Anthony Ho-Shue here today. The fifth seed took only 33 minutes to get the better of his Canadian opponent, winning 21-15 21-14 in the second round of the \$750,000 Super 750 tournament.

"It was close until 11 in both games. I'm just happy that I could continue that form throughout the match. I had to be alert to get back his shots," Srikanth later said.

Raja-Ramkumar exit from Spain Challenger

ALICANTE (SPAIN): The top-seeded Indian team of Ramkumar Ramanathan and Purav Raja bowed out of the ATP Alicante Ferro Challenger following a straight-set defeat here today. The duo lost 2-6 2-6 to the local unseeded combination of Gerard Granollers and Pedro Martinez. Ramkumar has already exited from the singles event. In the doubles, N Sri Ram Balaji and Swiss Luca Margaroni have reached the quarterfinals. PTI

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

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

CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	16.10.2020 to 18.10.2020
02054/02053 Amritsar Jn-Haridwar Jn-Amritsar Jn Jan Shatabdi Special	16.10.2020 to 19.10.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vandebharat Special Train	16.10.2020 to 18.10.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Shakti Special Train	16.10.2020 to 18.10.2020
02461 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Shakti Special Train	17.10.2020 to 19.10.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi - Kalka - New Delhi Shatabdi Special Train	16.10.2020 to 18.10.2020
02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar Jn.-New Delhi Shatabdi Special Train	16.10.2020 to 18.10.2020
04652 Amritsar Jn - Jaynagar Humsafar Special Train	16.10.2020
04651 Jaynagar -	

Local factors behind 95% of Delhi pollution

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Thursday said around 95 per cent of the air pollution in Delhi-NCR was due to dust, construction and biomass burning, adding that the share of stubble burning was only 4 per cent as on date.

He urged the Punjab Government to check stubble burning while flagging off 50 CPCB inspection teams to keep a check on pollution hotspots during winter.

He said only 4 per cent of the air pollution was due to stubble burning, while around 95 per cent of it was due to local factors like biomass burning, garbage dumping, unpaved roads, dust, construction and demolition activities.

The minister also recalled how his throat choked with smoke during a recent visit to Ludhiana. "It is also about the health of the people in the state. The Punjab Government should ensure stubble is not burnt," the minister said. Punjab and Haryana account for sizeable stubble burning incidents.

Addressing nodal officials of the Central Pollution Control Board teams, he said, "You will work for the next two months and take note of all activities and complaints. You will inspect all factors and have the right to file a report on your observations and strict action will be taken."

The 50 CPCB teams will

Stubble burning accounts for only 4%



Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi. PTI

NOIDA AMONG HOTSPOTS ON THE RADAR

- Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar flagged off 50 inspection teams of the CPCB to keep a check on pollution hotspots during winter
- The teams will visit Delhi and NCR towns Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Gurugram, Faridabad, Ballabgarh, Jhajjar, Panipat, Sonepat, Bhiwadi, Alwar and Bharatpur

STOP BEING IN DENIAL: CAPT TO KEJRIWAL

- Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Thursday asked his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal to stop lying and trying to divert the attention of people from his failure to protect the national capital's environment
- "If Kejriwal is serious about addressing Delhi's crisis, he should stop being in denial and get down to the task of finding solutions," the CM said

make extensive field visits from October 15 to February 28 next year and focus on hotspots. They will visit Delhi and NCR towns Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh; Gurugram, Faridabad, Ballabgarh, Jhajjar, Panipat, Sonepat in Haryana; and Bhiwadi, Alwar, Bharatpur in Rajasthan.

Javadekar said members of the CPCB teams are no less than Covid warriors as they would be visiting and giving feedback from ground zero.

426 turtles seized

New Delhi: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has busted an Indian star tortoise smuggling racket. As many as 426 tortoises were seized near the Sangareddy area of Telangana. TNS

SC reserves order on transfer of Hathras case to Delhi

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15
The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its order on a number of pleas seeking protection for the victim's

family and shifting of trial to Delhi in the Hathras rape case. A three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, also reserved its ver-

dict as to which court should monitor the investigation — the Supreme Court or the Allahabad High Court.

The Uttar Pradesh Govern-

ment has already recommended a CBI probe into the case even as it denied that the 19-year-old Dalit woman was raped by four men in Hathras on Sep-tember 14. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the court that a three-fold protection mechanism was in place for the victim's family and witnesses.

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