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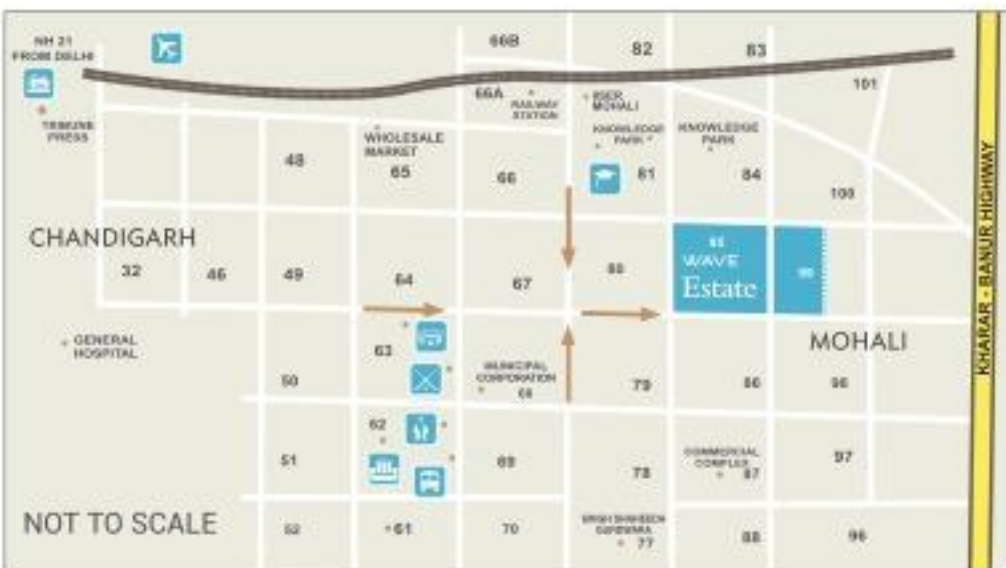


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Constitution Bench to hear petitions on Art 370 from Oct 1

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

A five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court will hear from October 1 petitions challenging the change in constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir following dilution of Article 370.

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has set up the Constitution Bench headed by Justice NV Ramana, which will also have Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice R Subhash Reddy, Justice BR Gavai and Justice Surya Kant, sources said.

Articles 370 and 35A together created a legal regime that discriminated against non-permanent residents of the state. But now Article 35A is completely gone while Article 370 stands considerably diluted, leading to end of the special status of the state.

The Supreme Court had on August 28 referred petitions challenging Presidential orders nullifying Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories to a five-judge Constitution Bench.

While issuing notices to the Centre and Jammu and Kashmir, a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi had said the matter would be heard in the first week of October. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which divided the state into two UTs — Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh — has already been notified in the official gazette and would come into effect on October 31.

Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had opposed issuance of notices, saying it would have cross-border implications as whatever was being said by the court would be sent to the United Nations. Other countries would take advantage of it at international forums on the issue of Kashmir, they said.

But the top court had overruled their objections. “We know what to do, we have



The Bench will start hearing to examine the constitutional validity of scrapping of the Article and the presidential orders on it

passed the order, we are not going to change,” the Bench which also included Justice SA Bobde and Justice SA Nazeer, had said.

There are several petitions challenging the Presidential order nullifying Article 370, including those by Delhi-based advocate ML Sharma, Jammu and Kashmir-based lawyer Shakir Shabir, National Conference Lok Sabha MPs Mohammad AKbar Lone and Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi, bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal and his party colleague Shehla Rashid.

There is another PIL filed by former interlocutor for Jammu and Kashmir Radha Kumar, Air Vice Marshal (retd) Kapil Kak, Major General (retd) Ashok Mehta, and former IAS officers Hindal Haidar Tyabji, Amitabha Pande and Gopal Pillai who have urged the top court to declare the August 5 Presidential Orders be declared “unconstitutional, void and inoperative”.

The Constitution (Application to Jammu & Kashmir) Order, 2019, was introduced on August 5 to supersede the Constitution (Application to Jammu & Kashmir) Order, 1954, that talked about provisions of the Constitution of India that would not apply to Jammu and Kashmir. The 2019 Presidential order made it clear that all provisions of the Constitution shall apply to Jammu and Kashmir.

PM back, says respect for India has gone up

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the respect and enthusiasm for India has increased significantly on the world stage in the last five years, as he was given a rousing welcome by BJP workers here on his return from nearly a week-long trip to the US.

Addressing the gathering outside the Palam Airport, Modi noted that the grand ‘Howdy, Modi’ diaspora event in Houston saw the attendance of US President Donald Trump and both the Republicans and the Democrats. He said what stood out was the manner in which the Indian community in the US showcased their presence.

“After assuming office in 2014, I went to the United Nations. I went to the United



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at BJP supporters as he is accorded a grand welcome on his arrival after the week-long US visit, at Palam airport in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

ed Nations even now. In these five years, I have seen a big change. The respect

for India, the enthusiasm towards India has increased significantly. This is due to

the 130 crore Indians,” the Prime Minister said. Modi also recalled the sur-

RECALLS SURGICAL STRIKES ON ANNIV

“Three years ago, on this day, I could not sleep the whole night as I was waiting for a call. It was on this day that Indian soldiers carried out the surgical strikes. They showed exemplary bravery while risking their lives

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

gical strikes on terror launch pads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, saying three years ago on this day he did not sleep all night waiting for his phone to ring.

“That day marked the victory of India's brave soldiers who did surgical strike and made the country proud,” he said. The PM returned here on Saturday night from his

trip to the US where he addressed the UN General Assembly and several events, including the ‘Howdy, Modi!’ diaspora gathering.

The BJP organised a grand welcome for the prime minister outside the Palam Technical Area where thousands of party workers gathered.

Before leaving for Delhi, the Prime Minister thanked the American people for the “exceptional welcome, warmth and hospitality” and expressed confidence that the diverse range of programmes he attended during the stay will greatly benefit India and its development trajectory. He wished countrymen for the Navratras festival starting tomorrow. Modi was welcomed by BJP leaders led by working president JP Nadda on him alighting the plane. (With PTI inputs)

Rain-related mishaps claim 35 lives in UP

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 28

As many as 35 fresh rain-related deaths were reported from different parts of Uttar Pradesh, the state government said on Saturday.

While 25 people died on Saturday, 10 perished on Friday, the official statement said, adding that another five were injured in various rain-related incidents. On Saturday, four persons died in a house collapse in Mirzapur and an equal number of people were killed when a wall fell on them in Azamgarh due to heavy rain.

Similarly, three persons each died in Ambedkarnagar and Ghazipur due to house collapse and two persons each died in Ballia and Sitapur due to wall collapse. Another two persons died after being struck by lightning in Banda, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department said heavy rain is “very likely” to occur at isolated places over eastern Uttar Pradesh on Sunday. — PTI

Nadda offers ‘mass tarpan’ for slain BJP workers, says it’s ‘jungle raj’ in Bengal

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 28

Working president JP Nadda today took part in a programme organised by the party to pay ritual homage to comrades slain in political violence in West Bengal during the last seven years of the Trinamool Congress regime in the state.

The saffron party erected a stage at Kolkata’s Bagbazar Ghat and organised an elaborate “tarpan” ceremony with family members of BJP workers allegedly killed in political violence in attendance.

The Bagbazar Ghat, where the stairs lead to the Ganga, is popular among devout Hindus who gather there on the occasion of ‘Mahalaya’ every year to offer water to departed ancestors. The ritual is known as “tarpan”. ‘Mahalaya’ is celebrated at the end of a 16-day period when Hindus pay homage to their



‘EVEN CENTRE NO BETTER’

■ The TMC hit back at BJP working president JP Nadda for his comment that ‘jungle raj’ exists in Bengal. The party said he couldn’t see growth in the state as he had come from the jungle himself

■ TMC leader Firhad Hakim wondered why Nadda did not see jungle raj at the Centre as its faulty policies had led to the weakening of the economy and job losses

BJP working president JP Nadda with a relative of one of the slain BJP members in Kolkata. PTI

ancestors. This year ‘Mahalaya’ was observed today.

Nadda himself got down to the river and paid homage to party workers killed in the political violence. He was accompanied by other party heavyweights, including Debasree Chaudhuri, union minister, Dilip Ghosh, Lok

Sabha member and state BJP president, Kailash Vijaybargya, general secretary, and others.

Attacking West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, Nadda alleged that there was ‘jungle raj’ and ‘state terrorism’ in West Bengal. He further alleged the state police stood

as mute spectators even as the TMC goons unleash murderous assaults targeting their political opponents. Eighty BJP workers have been murdered by the TMC during past seven years, Nadda said, adding more than 2,500 left their homes owing to attack by TMC goons.

Didi: Manner of passing Bills has hurt federalism

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 28

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said the manner in which important Bills were passed in Parliament has hurt federalism in the country.

She referred to the Right to Information Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in this context. “Today (Saturday) is the International Day for Universal Access to Information. Our party strongly condemned the way in which important Bills including the amendments to the Right to Information Act, was passed in Parliament, hurting federalism,” she tweeted.

The RTI (Amendment) Bill, 2019 allows the Centre to prescribe the term of office, salaries, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of chief information commissioner and information commissioners. The move has been criticised by activists who said it will affect independence and neutrality of the transparency panel. — PTI



NCP chief Sharad Pawar

Charges against Sharad pained me, so quit: Ajit

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 28

Senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar said on Saturday that he resigned as MLA in keeping with his “conscience” after his uncle and party chief Sharad Pawar’s name got embroiled in the alleged MSC Bank scam for no reason.

Holding a press conference after meeting Sharad Pawar earlier in the day, an emotional Ajit also denied that there was any rift within the Pawar family. He questioned the allegations against him in connection with the alleged Rs 25,000 crore scam at the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.

“Sharad Pawar is not even remotely associated with the bank or its transactions in any capacity. Yet, the day before yesterday, only Pawar saheb’s name was doing rounds in connection with the case,” Ajit said.

“I treached up to (the post of) deputy chief minister because of Sharad Pawar... I was perturbed as I felt it was because of me that he had to face infamy at this age. Hence, I decided to resign in keeping with my conscience,” he added. — PTI

At sub launch, Rajnath tells Pak to mend ways

Says alert to thwart nefarious designs, can deliver big blow with additions like INS Khanderi

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 28

INS Khanderi, the second Kalvari-class submarine, was today commissioned into the Indian Navy at a function here in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath said the name Khanderi was inspired by the Sword Tooth fish, which is known to hunt while swimming in the ocean’s depths. The minister used the occasion to hit out at Pakistan. “Pakistan should understand that we can deliver a big blow to it with additions like the INS Khanderi,” he said.

Referring to Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan’s address to the UN General Assembly, he said,



“Khan is going from one country to another and providing content for cartoonists.” He said attempts by some countries to carry out

Mumbai-style attacks along India’s coast would not be allowed to succeed.

According to the Indian Navy, Khanderi is the second

of its six Kalvari-class submarines being built in India.

Designed by French defence company DCNS, the Kalvari-class submarines

are diesel-electric attack submarines with stealth features. The submarines will be equipped with precision-guided weapons like torpe-

does, tube-launched anti-ship missiles that can be launched from under water as well as on the surface of the sea.

The submarine can be deployed in a variety of missions, including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine-laying and area surveillance, according to the Navy.

Rajnath said the construction of the submarine would take Indian partnership with French technology providers to greater heights. “The construction of this submarine in India is benefiting a number of Indian industries through the Make in India program,” Singh said. Rajnath also praised the Navy for eradicating piracy in international waters.



BJP leader Mukul Roy in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

CBI quizzes Mukul Roy in Narada case

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 28

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday interrogated BJP leader Mukul Roy in connection with the Narada tapes scandal, agency sources said.

Roy was questioned for nearly three hours at CBI’s Nizam Palace office here, they said. “As a law-abiding citizen, it is my duty to cooperate with the investigative agency. I will come whenever called again,” he told reporters, while leaving the CBI office.

Roy, a founder member of the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal, had joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in November last year. The former railway minister said he was not involved in the “conspiracy hatched by TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee”. — PTI

Trade unions ready for face-off with Centre over slowdown

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

In a bid to bring the spotlight on the slowdown in the economy, 10 national trade unions, including INTUC, AITUC and CITU, will indulge in a showdown with Union government outside Parliament on Sunday.

They will jointly hold a national convention to take stock of the current situation and decide course on joint action in future, including a nationwide general strike.

Unhappy over moves to privatise public sector units and 100% FDI in defence and coal

“The convention will be attended by trade union leaders, and activists from all over the country from both organised and unorganised sectors, besides leaders

and cadres of independent national federations and employees of the Central and state governments,” said a AITUC functionary.

“While the economy is facing a serious crisis manifested among others in job losses and unemployment, the BJP and its governments at the Centre and in the states are trying to divert public attention to irrelevant issues,” a CITU functionary said. — TNS

Lt Col Parmar’s cremation today

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 28

The mortal remains of Lieutenant-Colonel Rajneesh Parmar of the Army Aviation Corps, who died in a copter crash in Bhutan, could not reach here till this afternoon.

Official sources said because of certain formalities at the Army headquarters, the arrival of the body of Col Parmar was delayed. It is likely to reach late today and the cremation will take place tomorrow morning. Col Parmar was imparting training to pilots of



Lt Col Rajneesh Parmar

the Bhutanese army.

Ved Parmar, his uncle, expressed disappointment over the delay in replacing the obsolete helicopters. “We will appeal to the government to replace these. My nephew will never come back, but the lives of

others can be saved with the introduction of new choppers,” said he. It was his birthday yesterday. His father called him up in the morning but he was busy. He just said, “Thanks Papa, I will speak to you in the evening,” said the father of Rajneesh.

His father said 42-year-old Rajneesh had left behind his wife and a 12-year-old child, who studies in Army school at Bikaner. Rajneesh lost his life when an Army chopper ‘Cheetah’ crashed near Yongphulla in Bhutan.

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India reminds Imran Khan 'Niazi' of Gen Niazi's 1971 Bangla genocide

UNITED NATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28 Strongly hitting back at Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's rant at the UN General Assembly, India has said its citizens do not need anyone else to speak on their behalf and "least of all those who have built an industry of terrorism from the ideology of hate." Khan delivered his maiden speech at the 74th UN General Debate on Friday. In his almost 50-minute address, he devoted half of his time to India and Kashmir, drumming up hysteria over a nuclear war.

India exercised its right of reply to the statement made by Khan later and fielded its newest diplomat at its mission at the UN to fend off the allegations. "Every word spoken from the podium of this august Assembly, it is believed, carries the weight of history. Unfortunately, what

EXERCISES RIGHT OF REPLY TO PAK PM's 'HATE SPEECH' AT UN



PERTINENT QUESTIONS RAISED

CAN Pakistan confirm the fact that it is home to 130 UN designated terrorists and 25 terrorist entities listed by UN

WILL Pakistan acknowledge that it is the only government in the world that provides pension to an individual listed in Al Qaeda and Daesh sanctions list

CAN Pakistan explain why here in New York, its

"Pogroms, PM Imran Khan Niazi, are not a phenomenon of today's vibrant democracies. We would request you to refresh your rather sketchy understanding of history. Do not forget the gruesome genocide perpetrated by Pakistan against its own people in 1971 and the role played by Lt Gen AAK Niazi.

**VIDISHA MAITRA, FIRST SECRETARY
NIT-SRINAGAR TO OPEN**

New Delhi: The National Institute of Technology in Srinagar will reopen on Oct 15, according to Human Resource Development Higher Education Secretary R Subramanyam. PTI

we heard today from Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan was a callous portrayal of the world in binary terms. Us vs them; rich vs poor; north vs south; developed vs developing; Muslims vs others, a script that fosters divisiveness. Attempts to sharpen differences and stir up hatred, are simply put, 'hate speech'." First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN Vidisha Maitra said. She said rarely had the General Assembly witnessed such "misuse, rather abuse", of an opportunity to reflect. "Words matter in diplomacy. Invocation of phrases such as 'pogrom', 'bloodbath', 'racial superiority', 'pick up the gun' and 'fight to the end' reflect a medieval mindset and not a 21st century vision.

"Pogroms, Prime Minister Imran Khan Niazi, are not

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J&K, Ladakh internal issue: India to China

UNITED NATIONS/NEW DELHI, SEPT 28 Raising the Kashmir issue at the UN, China has told the General Assembly that the "dispute" should be peacefully and properly addressed in accordance with the UN Charter, Security Council resolutions and the bilateral agreement.

China, a close ally of Pakistan, also stressed that no actions should be taken that would unilaterally change the "status quo".

"The Kashmir issue, a dispute left from the past, should be peacefully and properly addressed in accordance with the UN Charter, Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreement," State Councillor and Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi said in his address to the UN General Assembly.

"No action that would unilaterally change the status quo should be taken. As a neighbour of India and Pakistan, China hopes to see the dispute effectively managed and stability restored," he said. PTI



CRPF men during an encounter at Batote in Ramban on Saturday. PTI

Kishtwar plotter, 2 ultras, jawan killed

Local trader taken hostage, rescued

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NINE-HOUR OPERATION

BATOTE (RAMBAN), SEPTEMBER 28 In a major breakthrough, security agencies on Saturday killed three militants of the Hizbul Mujahideen, including the mastermind of Kishtwar killings. They also rescued a local trader who was taken hostage by the militants in Batote town in Ramban.

A soldier of 23 Rashtriya Rifles, identified as Naik Rajinder Singh, was killed in the encounter while a Subedar and two policemen were injured during the operation.

The operation to neutralise militants that lasted more than eight hours was jointly conducted by the Army, CISE, J&K Police, CRPF and Sashastra Seema Bal. The armed militants were on way to Batote town when they established contact with security forces.

The security agencies claimed the slain Hizb militants were involved in the killings of Parihar brothers in

Three terrorists and a soldier, **Naik Rajendra Singh**, were killed in the nine-hour encounter. The jawan hailed from Jaisalmer. Among the slain terrorists was Osama, the brain behind the killing of BJP's Anil Parihar and his brother Ajit on November 1, 2018, and RSS functionary Chanderkant Sharma and his PSO on April 9.



November last year, and senior RSS leader Chanderkant Sharma and his PSO in April this year, in Kishtwar.

Reinforcements were rushed in and the area was cordoned off to neutralise the terrorists, who had reportedly spent the night at an abandoned shelter on the highway. According to defence spokesperson Lt Col Devender Anand, "This morning,

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IN BRIEF

PAN-Aadhaar linking date extended to December 31

New Delhi: The deadline to link permanent account number (PAN) with Aadhaar has been extended till December 31, a CBDT order said on Saturday. Earlier, the deadline was September 30. This is the seventh time that the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their PAN with Aadhaar. PTI

Special Benches for cases of death penalty, tax matters

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Saturday set up Special Benches to deal with cases of death penalty and tax matters. An official source said a Bench comprising three judges will come into existence from next month to deal with the matters of capital punishment. Two courts of two-judge Benches would deal with tax matters, they said. PTI

Cong replaces Spandana as party's social media head

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday appointed Rohan Gupta as the chairperson of its social media department, which was earlier headed by former Karnataka MP Divya Spandana. Gupta was earlier national social media coordinator for the party. Spandana had courted controversies in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and drawn criticism for anti-PM tweets from within the party. TNS

Afghans vote to elect President amid violence

Kabul: Afghans voted in presidential elections amid tight security on Saturday, as Taliban insurgents determined to disrupt the process unleashed a string of attacks on polling centres that killed at least five persons. The first-round vote marked the culmination of a bloody poll campaign. **WORLD**

Arms drop: Punjab DGP directs top officers to up vigil

AMAN SOOD

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PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 28

Ahead of the 550th Guru Nanak's birth anniversary celebrations, Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta today chaired a closed-door meeting with ADGP and SSP-level officers and discussed the new threat in the wake of dropping of weapons by Pakistan drones. The two-hour meeting saw the DGP and other senior

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10 picked up in Valley in arms seizure case

SANJAY PATHAK

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 28

Security agencies have taken into custody 10 suspects in connection with a case involving alleged transportation of arms and ammunition to the Valley from Punjab.

On September 12, the J&K police had arrested three Jaish terrorists and seized four AK-56 and two AK-47 rifles, six magazines and 180 rounds of ammo from a truck at Lakhampur near Kathua. Suspects Bashir and Sohail



were brought to Lakhampur police station for joining the dots in the case, said sources. Ubaid-ul-Islam, a resident of Rajpora in Pulwama, was the mastermind. Following

NO CLUE: PUNJAB COPS

"There's no word from our J&K counterparts. We have not been given any lead on the reported base for arms supply from Punjab." Dinkar Gupta, PUNJAB DGP

Internet curbs after Article 370 was abrogated, Ubaid is learnt to have moved to Delhi as he was unable to contact his Pak handlers, among them Kashmir-origin militant Ashiq. Ubaid allegedly pressured truck driver Shabil Ahmed, who belonged to his village, and cleaner Jahangir to load a ration consignment from Delhi and then pick a bag containing the rifles and ammo in Punjab while on way back to Kashmir, said sources.

Sohail, a physical education teacher from Ashiq's village, was said to be keen on joining militants.

Bashir was tasked to collect the arms in Kashmir. Sources said it was unclear where these were to be supplied.

8 Sikh prisoners to be freed on Guru's anniv

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

Eight Sikh prisoners, lodged in different jails in the country for crimes during militancy in Punjab, will be released by the government on the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in November as a goodwill gesture. The Union Home Ministry also announced that through a special remission, the death sentence of another Sikh prisoner has been commuted to life imprisonment.

The decision by the government comes in response to the long-pending demand of the Sikh community to release Sikh prisoners. A communication to this effect was sent on Saturday to the state governments and Union Territories concerned.

The government is also planning to release more prisoners from jails across the country under the special

SIRSA CREDITS AKALIS

New Delhi: President of the DSGMC Manjinder Singh Sirsa claimed it was owing to SAD efforts that the Union Government had agreed to release Sikh prisoners who had completed their sentence. In a statement, he said party president Sukhbir Badal and Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur had raised the matter with Union Home Minister. TNS

COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Kathmandu: Nepal has launched three commemorative coins to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. The coins are in the denomination of 100, 1,000 and 2,500 Nepalese rupees.

PUNJAB TO FREE 550 PRISONERS

remission scheme to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. — PTI

SIKH COP KILLED IN 'AMBUSH-STYLE' TEXAS SHOOTING



'DEEPLY ANGUISHED'

Deeply anguished to learn the ruthless killing of Deputy Sheriff of Harris County, Sandeep Singh Dhalwal. He represented the Sikh community with pride... My condolences to his family. RIP. Amarinder Singh, CM

1ST TURBANED OFFICER

■ **Sandeep Singh Dhalwal**, a 10-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's office and its first Sikh deputy, was gunned down while conducting a mid-day traffic stop in Houston on Friday. County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said

■ Dhalwal (42) made national headlines when he was allowed to grow a beard and wear a turban on the job

■ He was airlifted to a hospital where he died, a decade after becoming the force's first Sikh and pushing for expansion of religious rights in the dept. Dhalwal was a father of three.

■ Heart-broken, residents of Dhalwal Bet village in Kapurthala, to which he belonged, gathered at the house of his paternal uncle Kartar Singh (80), to express their condolences

CHARGED WITH CAPITAL MURDER

Robert Solis (47) has been charged with capital murder in connection with Dhalwal's murder, the sheriff's office said in a tweet.



Give MLA's location on crime day: Court

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

A Delhi court on Saturday asked American multinational Apple Inc to furnish by October 9 the details of expelled BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar's location on the day he allegedly raped a 17-year-old girl from Unnao.

District Judge Dharmesh Sharma, holding in-chamber proceedings, gave the iPhone maker time till October 9 after the technology firm sought two weeks to locate and access the requisite data, said lawyers related to the case.

Counsel for Apple India Pvt Ltd told the court they needed to seek instructions regarding availability of the data because as of now it was not known whether the data was stored, and if yes, where and whether it was available. The company counsel further said they were yet to take a decision on the format in which the data, if available,

UNNAO RAPE

Apple Inc seeks two weeks to locate and access requisite data

could be supplied to the court.

The court directed the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) to assist the rape survivor's family in getting accommodation in the national capital after reportedly being told that landlords were unwilling to give their premises on rent to the family.

The court asked the chairperson of the DCW to nominate two counsellors to assess the family's residential requirements and assist them in finding a suitable place in Delhi at a reasonable rent, or in any government accommodation for at least 11 months, the sources said. — PTI

This school holds classes under a tent

KARAM PRAKASH

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PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 28

While the Punjab Education Department claims to be working towards smart schools, several schools in towns and villages are forced to hold classes under a tent or a makeshift shed. One such school is Government Elementary school Dhakansu Kalan near Rajpura, which is sans basic infrastructure.

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Classes being held under a tent at Dhakansu Kalan school near Rajpura.

Hry Cong picks candidates, suspense over Hooda role

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

The Haryana Congress today decided to play it safe and renominate all sitting MLA for the Assembly polls but sources hinted there could be some exceptions to the rule and a final decision would be taken by the party's Central Election Committee (CEC).

All eyes are on the plans of former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda,

the sitting MLA from Garhi Sampla Kilo, and whether he would contest once more or opt out of the fray to devote time for the party campaign in the state.

Hooda may want his son and former MP Deepender to contest the Assembly polls this time, but the jury is still out on who of the two will enter the fray. The Haryana Congress screening committee, meanwhile, met here today and decided to



It remains to be seen if he will contest or not

field all sitting MLAs again, including Hooda.

At the end of the meeting, single names – of sitting Congress lawmakers – were mentioned in the 17 segments currently with the Congress. The name of Hooda senior was mentioned from Kilo.

However, sources in the Congress told The Tribune that the decisions of the screening committee were not cast in stone and the CEC might make exceptions to the

"sitting MLAs must contest" rule provided there is a good reason that benefits the party.

Now, all eyes are on Hooda and the CEC meeting that is likely on September 30. A Congress functionary said the CEC would have to decide whether two of family could contest. For the LS elections, the CEC had decided to field both Hooda and his son. Despite repeated efforts, BS Hooda could not be contacted for comment.

Bhagat Singh yet to get his due: Minister

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY Randhawa roots for martyr status to hero of freedom struggle

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 28
Cooperation and Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said today that it was disheartening that while Pakistan had named a chowk after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, our country had still not accorded the status of martyr to him.
The minister said this while addressing a gathering on the occasion of 112th birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh at his ancestral village Khatkar Kalan near here today.
Paying tributes to the martyr, the minister said it was high time that Shaheed Bhagat Singh be given martyr status instead of being called rebels. Expressing anguish at the non-inclusion of freedom fighters from Punjab in the names written at Andaman and Nicobar Jail, he said the jail was named Kalapani only because of Punjabi freedom fighters being confined there. He said he had even written to the Union gov-



Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa at an event to pay tributes to Bhagat Singh at Khatkar Kalan in Nawanshahr on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

ernment expressing his anguish.
Totally rejecting the culture of holiday on the birth anniversaries of the great personalities, the minister instead advocated holding of seminars in schools and colleges to educate the youth on their ideology.
Randhawa started two youth clubs of the district based at Mandhali and Kahma villages exclusively for girls and also honoured the family members of Bhagat Singh and Shaheed Sukhdev. The family members included Kiranjit Singh (son of Bhagat Singh's younger brother Kultar Singh), Jasmeet Kaur (granddaughter of Bhagat Singh's uncle

Swaran Singh) and Ashok Thapar and Sandeep Thapar, nephews of Sukhdev.
The highlight of today's function was the presentation of "kavishri" by students of the Government Senior Secondary Smart School, Mukandpur, a play 'Basanti Chola' by artistes of Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi, Chandigarh, and bhangra by students of Sikh National College, Banga, in the auditorium of the museum.
The minister, meanwhile, stirred up a controversy saying, "It is very unfortunate that we have today lost the courage to speak up. When there is a need to bring about another 'inquilaab', our conscience is lying dead. Today, not even the ministers dare to call spade a spade." Later when asked about its context, he said he was saying this in reference to a gathering of just 500 people at the function of martyrs and distributing shawls worth Rs 250 each to the kin of martyrs.



Members of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Memorial Foundation pay tributes to the martyr in Lahore.

Lahore body seeks highest India, Pak honour for martyr

SANJIV KUMAR BAKSHI

HOSHIAHPUR, SEPTEMBER 28
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Memorial Foundation, Lahore (Pakistan), celebrated the 112th birthday of Shaheed Bhagat Singh at the Lahore High Court's lawns today. A cake was cut and a peace march taken out by its Chairman Imtiaz Rashid Qureshi. The celebrations were also attended by a large number of lawyers.

The ceremony was presided over by Abdul Rashid Qureshi, a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan, while Advocate Hafiz-Ur-Rehman Chaudhary was the chief guest. Imtiaz Rashid Qureshi said Mohammad Ali Jinnah had once said that great people like Shaheed Bhagat Singh were rarely born. He demanded that in accordance with this statement of Jinnah, the Government of Pak-

istan should give the highest honour of the country, Nishan-e-Haider, to the martyr. He said the Government of India was also urged to honour Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh with Bharat Ratna.
Talking to *The Tribune* from Lahore over the phone, Qureshi said the foundation was also striving to include the story of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev and their sacrifices in the school syllabus in Pakistan.

Year on, train tragedy victims await jobs

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 28
Victims and next of kin of the deceased of the train tragedy at Joda Patak that had snuffed out around 60 lives on Dasehra held a sit-in outside the residence of former minister Navjot Sidhu.
They were seeking Sidhu's support to press the government for giving them jobs. Monika said her husband Jagdish Lal, a labourer, was run over by the train. He was the only breadwinner of the family. Lovely, a middle-aged



Victims and family members of the deceased protest outside MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu's house in Amritsar. PHOTO: SUNIL KUMAR

woman, whose 18-year-old son Tarun was killed in the accident, was in tears. She said Sidhu had assuaged their feelings with his soothing words and promises. Now, nobody listens to them/
Vijay Kumar, whose son Ramesh Kumar was killed, said he remarried his daughter-in-law and handed over the compensation amount to her. However, the aged parents and their daughter, a widow, are in dire straits and are even incapable to pay house rent.

Police probe focuses on sleeper cells, security up in border areas

PK JAISWAR

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 28
Even as the state special operation cell (SSOC) has been working to identify sleeper cells following the busting of Pakistan-based Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) terror module, the Amritsar rural police have set up more checkpoints near Indo-Pak border.
The SSOC remained tight-lipped about the interrogation of the seven members of the terror module. It is learnt that the counter intelligence wing had been scrutinising call details of the suspects. Sources said the police were also looking into the recent transactions made by Maan Singh, lodged in the Amritsar Central Jail and one of the main conspirators in the smug-

KZF ISSUES THREATS

A video of Germany-based Gurmeet Singh, alias Bagga, aka Doctor, has surfaced on social media in which he condemns Indian agencies for allegedly falsely implicating his brother and questions the claims of smuggling of arms through drones amid heightened BSF security on Indo-Pak border. He warns of dire consequences in case anything happens to his brother or other family members.

gling of arms from across the border fence.
Meanwhile, separate agencies interrogated the members of the terror module who are on police remand till October 10. The agencies grilled the members to know their background and possible targets.

Bajwa trying to harm Cong, says Tript

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28
Rural Development Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa today lashed out at former state Congress chief and Rajya Sabha member Partap Singh Bajwa for his alleged attempts to "sabotage" the party in the run-up to the Assembly byelections.
He said Bajwa had mischievously raked up the sensitive issue of sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib even as the state government had already questioned the move of the CBI to reopen the case after filing a closure report despite the fact that the investigation had been withdrawn from the agency. He alleged that Bajwa's design had the potential to harm the Congress. He alleged that Bajwa was playing into the hands of the Opposition.

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SAD-BJP headed for split, claims Jakhar

Holds rally in Jalalabad in favour of party candidate Raminder Awla

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR/FAZILKA, SEPTEMBER 28
With the induction of lone Akali MLA Balkaur Singh in Haryana into the BJP, the stage for the SAD-BJP to end their alliance in Punjab before the 2022 Assembly polls, claims PPCC president Sunil Jakhar.
“The SAD has described the BJP act as unethical and in violation of coalition dharma. The development will further dampen the spirits of grass-roots workers of both the parties ahead of the bypolls,” he said.
Talking to *The Tribune* at his residence at Panjkosi village on Saturday, Jakhar said



Sunil Jakhar with activists at Panjkosi near Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the BJP had been trying to expand its cadre in rural areas. It had made up its mind to demand a higher seat share from the SAD and this would prove fatal for the

alliance, he claimed.
Rubbishing SAD-BJP propaganda on unfulfilled promises, Jakhar listed about two dozen promises that stood fulfilled. A rally

was also organised in favour of Awla where Jakhar, Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, MLAs Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Devinder Singh Ghubaya, former MP Sher Singh Ghubaya, Hans Raj Josan, Anish Sidana and Raj Baksh Kamboj were present.
Earlier, Jakhar inaugurated the election office of Congress nominee Ramininder Singh Awla at Jalalabad today. The party put up a united face as almost all local leaders, except Jagdeep Goldy Kamboj who has filed nomination papers as an Independent candidate, were present.

Rift in PDA over Phagwara seat

Alliance tells Bains to let BSP nominee contest

JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 27
The Punjab Democratic Alliance today urged the Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) to leave the Phagwara seat for the Bahujan Samaj Party, failing which they would be forced to withdraw their support to the LIP.
In a press release, Punjab Ekta Party chief Sukhpal Khaira, Dharamvira Gandhi of the Punjab Front, Jasbir Singh Garhi of the BSP, Bant Singh Brar of the CPI, Mangat Ram Pasla of the RMP and Kiranjit Singh Sekhon of the MCPI, made an appeal

to LIP chief Simarjit Singh Bains to withdraw his claim to Phagwara.
They said, “Bains would listen to our appeal. Giving the seat to the BSP will help us to maintain the spirit of alliance and keep the hopes of Punjabis alive for a third alternative in the state for shaping up the future of pro-people politics in Punjab.”
They warned, “In case the LIP refuses to withdraw from Phagwara, we will support the BSP for this seat. But we will continue to support the party at Dakh.”

While LIP leader Jarnail Nangal is slated to file his papers from Phagwara on Monday, the BSP today announced the candidature of Thekedar Bhagwan Dass. The PDA leaders said a meeting of its alliance was held yesterday, but it ended in a disagreement over Phagwara. There, however, was a consensus that the LIP should fight Dakh and Jalalabad be allocated to the CPI. After the meeting, Bains announced candidates on both Phagwara as well as Dakh seats. — TNS

Dibbipura is SAD Jalalabad candidate

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28
The SAD on Saturday named Raj Singh Dibbipura as its candidate for the Jalalabad Assembly bypoll.
In a tweet, SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema said Sukhbir Badal had picked Dibbipura as party nominee for Jalalabad. Dibbipura has been the vice-chairman of Punjab SC Commission and also the chief of the SAD's SC wing in Fazilka.
The SAD has already announced Manpreet Singh Ayali as its candidate for Dakh byelection. — TNS



Sikh leaders with a Nepal government official release coins to mark 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Nepal releases three coins, book on Guru

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 28 The Nepal government has released three coins of denominations — ₹2,500, ₹1,000 and ₹100. It was done to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev during a programme held in Kathmandu. The SGPC stated here today that commemorative coins and a book were released during the programme.

Embassy of India in Nepal released the book, which elaborates Sikh history in the Himalayan country. The SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal and Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh participated in the event. Nepal Rastra Bank Governor Chiranjibi Nepal said the association of his country with the Sikhs dated back to the time of Guru Nanak Dev. Manjeev Singh Puri, Ambassador of India to Nepal, hoped that the book, which painstakingly projects historic sites associated with the Sikhs in Nepal, would help in preserving the memories for posterity.

Centre gives ₹27crore for Sultanpur Lodhi

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28 The Centre has released the first advance instalment, amounting to Rs 27.11 crore, from its share of funds earmarked for Sultanpur Lodhi Smart City project, slated for launch on the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

The estimated cost of the project under the Smart Cities Mission is Rs 271.11 crore. It is to be equally distributed between the Centre and the state government. Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will launch a series of projects for various towns/regions associated with the Guru. In its letter to the state government, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has said the sanction shall be regulated in accordance with the provision of GFR 2017, and the amount has to be used as a tied grant, to be kept as a separate city level grant.

Corridor work picks up pace, set to meet October 30 deadline

Gate erected near int'l border | 2,200 labourers working 24x7



RAVI DHALIWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DERA BABA NANAK, SEPTEMBER 28 Torrential rains that lashed the town in the last 48 hours have failed to have any impact on the construction work of Kartarpur corridor. Ceigal India Ltd, the Ludhiana-based construction firm, has put nearly 2,200 workers on the job to ensure the October 30 deadline does not overshoot.

On its part, the state government has asked Cabinet Minister and Dera Baba Nanak MLA Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa to stay put at the site till the corridor is thrown open to the devotees.

There were apprehensions that the work would be halted in case of heavy rains. “Keeping in view the weather prediction, we increased the number of workers to 2,200. Unlike on a couple of earlier occasions, there is no shortage of sand, gravel or concrete. Work on both the Integrated Check Post, also called the Passenger Terminal Building (PTB), and the actual 4.6-km road, is on in full swing. We have also made arrangements for construction activity to continue even after sunset. Labourers are working in three shifts of 8 hours



The gate at Dera Baba Nanak from where pilgrims will cross over to Pakistan. TRIBUNE PHOTO

GOVT TO RELEASE 550 PRISONERS

■ Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday thanked Home Minister Amit Shah for accepting the state's proposal to grant special remission to nine Sikh prisoners to mark the 550th Gurmurb

■ He also announced his government's decision to release 550 prisoners as a humanitarian gesture on the historic occasion

■ The CM said these prisoners had served their time and were now old who deserved to be reunited with their families

■ These men are no danger to society in any way, he said, adding that the 550th Prakash Purb was the ideal occasion to follow the first Sikh Guru's ideology of compassion

each,” said Jeetendra Singh, vice-president of the construction firm. While Ceigal India Ltd is overseeing the work on the road, the activity pertaining to the multi-storied ICP is being supervised by Shapoorji Pallonji group, a Mumbai-based business conglomerate. “We will hand over the ICP to the authorities before the deadline. Ours is an experienced group and we have built some of renowned landmarks of Mumbai, including several international banks and the stock exchange. This

experience is standing us in good stead now,” said a spokesman for the firm. The gate through which pilgrims will pass after clearing all the necessary formalities, including those pertaining to immigration and security, has already been established. “History is all set to be created on November 9. India and Pakistan have traded more fire than goods and services ever since they were carved out as separate entities. The time is now ripe for the frost to end and a new chapter to be written,”

said minister Randhawa. The construction of service roads leading to the International Border (IB) from the ICP too, has been completed. Parking remains a problematic area, admit officials. “Just 2 acres of land has been allocated for parking, which can adjust not more than 100 cars. The problem is that if 10,000-12,000 people come every day, we estimate that more than 3,000 vehicles will have to be parked. The state government is trying to acquire, on a temporary basis, some land for parking,” said an official.

To belie Cong claim, YAD man buys chitta, gets peddler nabbed

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 28 In an apparent bid to embarrass the Capt Amarinder Singh government by proving its claim of snapping the drug trade supply chain wrong, a Youth Akali Dal functionary accompanied by five others purchased a dose of ‘chitta’ (heroin) from a peddler in Sunam, rode 25 km to the Sangrur Police Lines before handing it over to a police officer there.

Senior officers alerted the Crime Investigation Agency (CIA), which conducted raids and arrested the peddler with 20 gm of the contraband. “I had been receiving complaints from youngsters of ‘chitta’ being sold in Sunam. We got raids conducted several times in the past, but each time the peddlers escaped. On Friday, we decided to go to Sunam and buy ‘chitta’. We bought the drug for Rs 700,” said Harman Singh, vice-president (Malwa zone-2) of the YAD. “After reaching the Police Lines, we showed the drug to a police officer and he took us to SSP Dr Sandeep Garg. After hearing us, the SSP directed the CIA to take action,” he said. Harman alleged the sale

TWO HELD AFTER CHASE

Nakodar: The police on Saturday arrested wanted drug peddlers, Sanjiv Kumar of Khundarrh Aathahar village in Ferozepur and Amarjit of Samana, after a hot chase that ended with an ASI shooting at their car's tyre. Sarabjit Singh Wahia, SP (Investigation), Jalandhar, said they chased the peddlers' car following a tip-off and recovered 10-gm heroin from them. oc

of ‘chitta’ had been going on unabated in the area despite claims of the government of smashing the supply chain of drug trade. “Two months ago, our teams had conducted raids in Sainsi colony of Sunam and arrested individuals involved in drug trade,” said SSP Garg. “On Friday, we arrested a peddler, Neetu, and confiscated 20 gms of heroin from his possession, one-and-a-half hours after we got the lead. Our officers also took possession of the drug bought by Harman.” “I urge residents in the district to contact me directly if they have any information about the sale of drugs. I will ensure quick action,” said the SSP.

1-kg opium seized
Sangrur: The CIA has arrested two persons with 1 kg of opium. “On Friday night, we arrested Vinod Kumar and Beant Singh near Lehla Khurd village with 1 kg of opium. A case has been registered,” said ASI Basant Singh. tns

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Maur SHO held for stealing 2-kg gold

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BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 28 The Maur SHO, SI Khem Chand Parashar, has been arrested in a case of keeping four persons in illegal custody and allegedly stealing 2 kg of gold from a Dubai-returned person at a dhaba in Behman Diwana village in the district. In a complaint lodged with police by Mohammad Rafiq, a resident of Nagore, Rajasthan, he has stated

that on September 26, he and his friends Liaqat and Mohammad Yunus were returning from the Amritsar airport in their SUV along with Mohammad Imran, who had returned from Dubai. When they reached Choice Dhaba near Behman Diwana village, they spotted a black Innova on the road and a person, who introduced himself as KC Parashar, told them that he suspected that illegal mate-

rial was being transported in the SUV and he needed to search it. In the meanwhile, a white Alto arrived there in which Avtar Singh and Anoop Grover were travelling. They started threatening them and took them to the Maur police station where they were made to stay for four hours. Rafiq claimed that at the police station, the suspects shifted their material lying in their SUV, including 2 kg of gold,

which was brought from Dubai, to their Alto car. He also claimed that Anoop Grover went away with all their material from the police station and after sometime they were also allowed to leave the police station. The SSP of Bathinda, Dr Nanak Singh, said: “The police have registered a case against three persons and the SHO has been arrested. However, the gold is yet to be recovered”.

Dalit couple commits suicide near Muktsar

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, SEPTEMBER 28 An unmarried Dalit couple allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at Lakhewali village near here today. The boy, Navdeep, was found dead in a vacant building, while the girl (identity not disclosed) was lying unconscious in

the building. They were first taken to a local doctor and then to the Civil Hospital here, where both were declared dead. Police had started investigation, said Lakhewali SHO Beant Kaur. “We are recording the statements of the families of deceased”, said the SHO. Sources said the girl's family was planning to marry her somewhere else.

Insurance agent done to death in Moga dist

MOGA, SEPTEMBER 28 A 45-year-old widow working as an insurance agent was brutally murdered with a sharp-edged weapon at Kotise-Khan town in the district, the police said today. The victim, identified as Balveer Rani, was living alone in her house. Her husband had died a few years ago. Her daughter is married and lives in Makhu town in the district. The police have sent the body to the district hospital

for a post-mortem examination. Preliminary investigations revealed that some unidentified persons attacked her with sharp-edged weapons. She got multiple injuries on the neck and other parts of the body. The motive behind the murder was not known immediately. The police were trying to identify the assailants. They have taken hard disks of few CCTV cameras installed near the house to look for clues. — TNS

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POLL BUZZ

68 employees absent during poll rehearsal

Ambala: Ambala: In all, 68 employees were found absent on the second day of pilot rehearsals for the Assembly election in Ambala on Saturday. During the morning session, 30 employees out of 495 were found absent. And in the evening session, 38 employees out of 624 were found absent. District Electoral Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Ambala Ashok Sharma said, “Organising smooth elections is our collective responsibility and no negligence in this context will be tolerated. All the employees (presiding officers and alternate presiding officer) who have been assigned duties for the Assembly election must attend the rehearsals, or else action will be taken against them.” TNS

Swaraj India submits memorandum to BJP

Chandigarh: Rajiv Godara, Haryana president of Swaraj India, on Saturday rubbished the BJP's claims on bajra procurement by the state government and submitted a memorandum at the saffron party's office in Sector 3 here. He said that senior BJP leader Jawahar Yadav claimed that the government had procured 100% produce of bajra but in reality it procured only 26.7% of the crop in 2018-19 and 4.34% in 2017-18. Godara, while taking to the media outside the BJP's office, produced evidence that farmers had to go for distress sale of bajra in 2018. “Last year, the MSP for bajra was ₹1,950 per quintal. However, farmers had to sell it at ₹1,350 because of mandatory requirements of registration, a cap of 8.5 quintals per acre and another cap of sale of 25 quintals per day,” he said. TNS

Ties with BJP snapped, SAD looks for new allies

Saffron party claims it never had tie-up with Akali Dal in state

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28 With ties with the BJP snapped, the Shirmonai Akali Dal (SAD) on Saturday said it was exploring a tie-up with other parties for the October 21 Assembly elections.

The BJP, on the other hand, made it clear that it never had an alliance with the SAD in Haryana. It said no alliance was possible, given Akali Dal's stand on not sharing the SYL waters with Haryana.

Balwinder Singh Bhunder, Rajya Sabha member and SAD's in charge for Haryana, said a scenario has been created in Haryana where voters were divided on caste lines. “This is against SAD's ideology and tenets of Sikhism that preaches equality. We will go for an alliance with a party that shares the concerns of farmers, labourers and minorities. At present, there voices have been marginalised,” he said.

Bhunder said BJP's priorities could be gauged from the ₹1.45-lakh-crore stimulus package handed out to big industrialists. “Farmers, labourers and minorities have been ignored.”

“What will manufacturers do of cars and motorcycles if buyers don't have money to purchase vehicles?” he asked.

On the possible allies, the SAD leader did not give a clear answer. All he said was “the new alliance will include farmers, labourers,



The BJP says no alliance with the SAD is possible, given the latter's stand on not sharing the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal waters with Haryana. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

A WORD OF ADVICE FOR SAD

Tarlochan Singh, former chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, meanwhile, advised the SAD to not contest polls in Haryana on its symbol. “This will alienate Sikhs in Haryana. If the SAD is interested in the welfare of Haryana Sikhs, the party should use its influence to get as many tickets for Sikhs as possible within the BJP,” he said.

Dalits and minorities”.

Whether or not the SAD will stitch a tie-up with its old alliance partner, the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), or its offshoot, the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP)? “The party is not ruling out anything,” Bhunder said, hinting at the BJP as its possible alliance partner.

When contacted, INLD leader Abhay Chautala said though there were no talks of an alliance with the SAD, his family's ties with Parkash Singh Badal's family were well

known to everyone.

Dushyant Chautala of the JJP said the matter would be discussed in the party if there was a proposal of a tie-up.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Karan Dev Kamboj, said the BJP never had an alliance with the SAD in Haryana, hence there was no question of snapping of the ties. “With the SAD adamant on not sharing SYL waters with Haryana, how can we have an alliance with the party,” Kamboj asked.

Akali Dal to contest all 90 seats

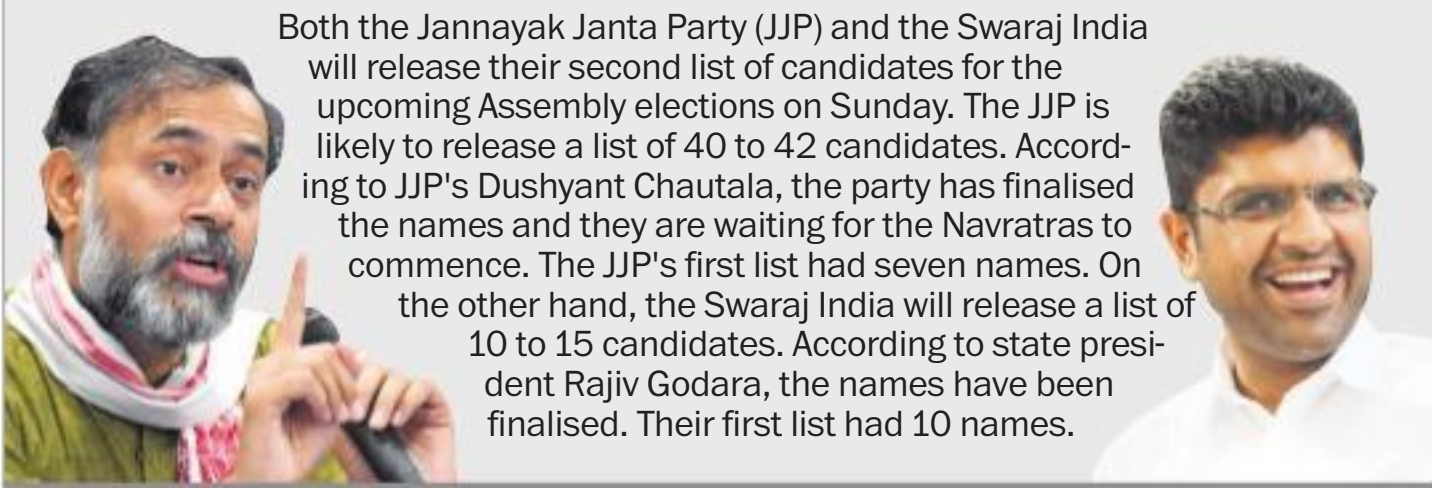
KAITHAL, SEPTEMBER 28

Sukhbhir Singh Maandi, vice-president of the SAD, said here today the BJP had betrayed them by refusing to enter into an alliance with his party. The BJP leaders talked to them but ultimately refused to have an electoral alliance. The party will now contest all 90 seats.

Maand told the media here, “During the Lok Sabha elections, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and state BJP chief Subhash Barala had assured us of an alliance. But now, they do not want continue with the poll pact,” — OC

THE DAY AHEAD

Swaraj India, JJP to release second list



Both the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) and the Swaraj India will release their second list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections on Sunday. The JJP is likely to release a list of 40 to 42 candidates. According to JJP's Dushyant Chautala, the party has finalised the names and they are waiting for the Navratras to commence. The JJP's first list had seven names. On the other hand, the Swaraj India will release a list of 10 to 15 candidates. According to state president Rajiv Godara, the names have been finalised. Their first list had 10 names.

20% Dalits, but BSP fails to make dent in state politics

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

Scheduled Castes make 20 per cent of Haryana's population, but the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), an outfit with a base among Dalits, has been winning just one seat in every Assembly elections since 1991, barring 1996 when it drew a blank. So far, it has not won a reserved seat.

Its vote share gives an idea of its standing in the “dangal” of Haryana politics. In the last three elections, it managed to poll between 3 per cent and 4 per cent. The party largely plays a spoiler, as evident from the defeat of Congress' Deepender Hooda in Rohtak in the recent Lok Sabha elections.

In the past eight months, the party has changed three alliance partners. This elections, the BSP has decided to go it alone, not a bright prospect considering its electoral history in Haryana. Why? One, it doesn't have a prominent face. Two, it has not been vocal on issues concerning the state. And three, it has been changing Alliance partners at the drop of a hat.

It tied up with the INLD on April 18, 2018, only to snap ties nine months later follow-

State poll	Vote share	Seat won
1991	2.32%	Naraingarh
1996	5.44%	—
2000	5.74%	Jagadhri
2005	3.22%	Chhachhrauli
2009	6.73%	Jagadhri
2014	4.37%	Prithla

ing a drubbing in the Jind byelections.

For the recent Lok Sabha polls, it tied up with former Kurukshetra MP Raj Kumar Saini's Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP). The BSP contested eight seats, receiving only 3.64 per cent of votes — a dip from 4.6 per cent of vote share recorded in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. The alliance was to continue till the Assembly poll, but it didn't last.

On August 11 this year, the BSP entered into an alliance with the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), a breakaway faction

of the INLD, but called off the tie-up in less than a month.

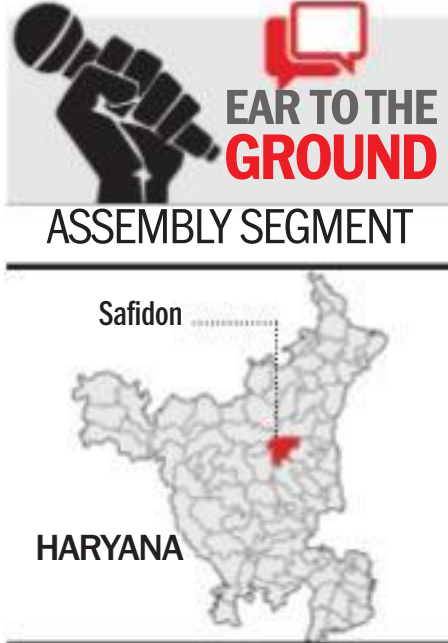
In 1991, the BSP made its electoral debut in Haryana, contesting 26 seats but won only one, polling 2.32 per cent of votes. In the next elections in 1996, it contested 67 seats, but failed to open its account, receiving 5.44 per cent of votes. Its highest vote share so far has been 6.74 per cent registered in the 2009 elections.

But in all these elections, the BSP won general seats. It implies the party can woo Dalit voters in an unreserved segment by either fielding a non-Dalit candidate having a mass appeal or someone who has not got ticket from the Congress or the BJP or the INLD.

Megh Raj, state in charge of the BSP, said: “We will buck the trend this time. We will employ the strategy of ‘social engineering’ in the Haryana as it paid dividends in the 2007 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The BSP will allot tickets to those wielding influence in their communities.”

Ashutosh Kumar, a professor in the department of political science, Panjab University, said: “There is a leadership crisis in the BSP as Mayawati doesn't allow anyone else to rise.”

Poor health services bane of Safidon



The stretch of the Panipat-Jind national highway passing through Safidon is in a poor condition.

MUKESH TANDON

THE BJP is yet to open its account in the Safidon Assembly segment, which is part of Jind district. But things are looking up for the party this time, courtesy its thumping win in the Lok Sabha elections.

Three leaders who were once BJP's rivals have joined the party. They are former minister Bachhan Singh Arya, former MLA Kaliram Patwari (who contested on the INLD ticket in 2009 and 2014) and Jasbeer Deswal (Independent candidate who won in the 2014 poll). Each one of them is trying hard to get the party ticket.

No matter which way the wind blows, all voters are concerned about is the lack of basic amenities in the segment.

Azaad Singh Sehrawat of Rozla village says health services are the worst. “The BJP government upgraded the

Legislatorspeak		Oppositionspeak	
	“In the past five years, development works worth more than ₹550 crore have been done in the segment. More than 50 roads, six powerhouses and 42 waterworks were constructed. If the BJP fields me, I will try to make the constituency better.”		“Doctors and traders have been forced to leave Safidon because of the increase in crime and extortion demands by gangs. Residents of Pillukhera have been demanding a municipal committee for long, but the government is not bothered about it. Health services are the worst.”
Jasbeer Deswal, MLA, INDEPENDENT (NOW JOINED BJP)		Karambeer Saini, CONGRESS LEADER	
TOTAL VOTERS	96,721	Men	PROBABLE CANDIDATES: BJP: Jasbeer Deswal, Bachhan Sing Arya, Kali Ram Patwari, CONG: Karambeer Saini, Sandeep Bura, JJP: Krishan Rathi, Vinod Singla, Dayanand Kundu, INLD: Jogender Kalwa
1,78,015	81,294	Women	

Community Health Centre to General Hospital. But residents did not benefit from it because only one doctor is posted there. It is only a referral centre. There is only one ambulance for more than two lakh people here. The four-laning of the Panipat-Jind-

Hansi national highway is a long-pending demand which is still hanging fire,” he says.

Ajay Nehra, an engineer, says Safidon lacks an industrial cluster because of its poor connectivity with nearby areas. “The town awaits better road transport, four-laning of the Panipat-

Safidon-Jind road and better health services,” he adds.

Sunder Rana, a shopkeeper and farmer in Singhana village, points out that a stadium allotted to the village during the Congress government has not been constructed in the past 10 years.

Jindals reluctant to contest poll

Insiders say coal scam case hearings the reason

DEEPPENDER DESWAL
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HISAR, SEPTEMBER 28

The Jindal family, which has dominated the electoral politics in Hisar for about three decades, is reportedly reluctant to fight the elections from the Hisar Assembly constituency this time. This has forced the Congress to look for another suitable candidate for the segment.

Sources close to Jindal House said that the family members were divided on contesting the Assembly elections from Hisar. “Though former state minister Savitri Jindal is a strong contender for the Congress ticket, her family members are reluctant to let her join the electoral fray,” they added.

If she opts out, it will be a setback for the Congress in the state, as she has been a prominent face, especially among the Bania community. Earlier, her son and former Congress MP from Kurukshetra Naveen Jindal, who is the chairperson of JSPL, too had opted out of the last Lok Sabha elections reportedly after a collective decision of the family.

Jindal patriarch Om Prakash Jindal had joined politics in 1991 when he was elected MLA on the Haryana Vikas Party ticket. He was close to former Chief Minister Bansi Lal. Jindal repre-



Former minister Savitri Jindal with her son Naveen. FILE PHOTO

POLITICS OF JINDAL HOUSE

- Om Prakash Jindal became MLA for the first time in 1991 on the ticket of the Haryana Vikas Party
- He joined the Congress and won the elections in 2000 and 2005; he remained a minister in the Hooda's government for 25 days
- He died in a helicopter crash on March 31, 2005
- His wife Savitri Jindal later represented Hisar in 2005 and 2009; served as a minister in Congress government
- Her son Naveen represented Kurukshetra in the Lok Sabha twice

sented this segment thrice and died in a chopper crash in 2005 when he was a minister in Hooda's government.

Asked about the reasons behind the reluctance of the family to fight the elections this time, the sources said that the overall slump in the steel market has had its impact on the business of Jindals as well. “Besides, the coal scam case, which is

being heard in the Supreme Court, is keeping the Jindals, especially Naveen Jindal, too busy in court matters. Though they will stay in the Congress and remain active as well, they are reluctant to contest elections for the time being,” they added. A key member of the Jindal family is also close to the BJP leadership and is also playing a role in decision making.

28% unemployment figure wrong: Khattar

ROHTAK, SEPTEMBER 28

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said today that opposition parties were giving a misleading figure on unemployment in order to tarnish the image of the state government. As many as 72,000 jobs had been given in Haryana on mer-

it alone in five years, he said.

The CM arrived at Rohtak to participate in a BJP meeting regarding poll preparations. He said after the announcement of the elections, the opposition parties were claiming that there is 28% unemployment in Haryana. — TNS

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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YAMUNANAGAR, SEPTEMBER 28

Several persons, including a station house officer (SHO) and a rape victim, were booked on the charge of abetment to suicide and demanding extortion money.

On a complaint by Kamaldeep Singh, a resident of a colony in Yamunanagar,

the SHO of Farakpur police station, three or four policemen and a policewoman (all without names), the rape victim, her husband, their son and some other persons were booked for abetment to suicide at Farakpur police station yesterday.

The complainant had attempted self-immolation at his house on September 26

after the police booked him and his son along with two other persons on the charges of rape and extortion. The rape victim belongs to his colony.

Kamaldeep is admitted to Government Medical College, Sector 32, Chandigarh, and the magistrate recorded his statement on September 27.

In his statement,

Kamaldeep alleged that three or four policemen and a policewoman came to his house around 6 am on September 24 and took him, his son and two other residents of his colony to Farakpur police station. The policemen and the policewoman in the presence of the SHO told them that a woman of their colony had lodged a com-

plaint of rape and money extortion against them.

“In the police station, the cops told me that I would have to pay Rs 15 lakh, otherwise a rape case would be registered against me. I was told to pay Rs 10 lakh by September 26 and Rs 5 lakh by September 28. As I failed to arrange the money, I put myself on fire on September 26,” said Kamaldeep.

He added that he didn't owe any money to the woman (rape victim) but she was blackmailing him to extort money. Yashpal Nehra, SHO, Farakpur police station, said that the allegations levelled against him and other police officials were baseless.

SP Kuldeep Singh today formed an SIT to investigate both the cases together.

Karan, Musafir Congfaces Suspense over BJP nominee persists in Dharamsala, Pachhad

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DHARAMSALA/SHIMLA, SEPT 28 The Congress has fielded Vijay Inder Karan, a Youth Congress leader, from Dharamsala and Gangu Ram Musafir from Pachhad.

Musafir, 74, has represented the Pachhad seat seven times. He was elected as an Independent in 1982, subsequently he won on the Congress ticket in 1985, 1990, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2007.

Highly placed sources told *The Tribune* that the candidature of Karan, who is the Youth Congress in-charge for the Kangra parliamentary constituency, was supported by senior leaders.

The leaders who supported Karan included former minister GS Bali, former MP Chander Kumar, Rajya Sabha member Viplove Thakur and Congress MLA from



Vijay Inder Karan



Gangu Ram Musafir

Palampur Ashish Butail.

When asked as to why Sudhir Sharma, former minister and AICC member, walked away from the contest, Mukesh Agnihotri, CLP leader, said almost all senior leaders, including party in-charge Rajni Patil and former union minister Anand Sharma had tried to persuade Sudhir Sharma to contest. He, however, cited health reasons behind his decision for not contesting.

He said the factors that favoured Karan were his fam-

ily legacy and the fact that he belonged to the Gaddi community that had a strong vote bank in Dharamsala.

Karan belongs to the family of former BJP MLA from Dharamsala Brij Lal. He is also a relative of former Congress minister Thakur Singh Bharmouri. He has close family ties with Chander Kumar, a senior OBC leader from Kangra. The party leaders considered that both Gaddi and OBC vote bank could consoli-

date behind him.

The sources said the party high command was likely to go with the choice of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

The state election committee, on the other hand, has left it to the party high command. It has sent six or seven names. They include Rajiv Bharadwaj, KCC bank president, Sanjay Sharma, HPCA spokesperson, Rakesh Sharma, BJP media in-charge for Kangra, Sachin Sharma and Vishal Nehria, party workers.



BJP local leader Vishal Nehria with his supporters at a rally in Dharamsala on Saturday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET

DECISION LIKELY TODAY

■ Acting president of the party JP Nadda will return to Delhi on Saturday evening

■ The parliamentary board will meet on Sunday and take decision

■ The party high command is likely to go with the choice of

CM Jai Ram Thakur

■ The hopefuls include Rajiv Bharadwaj, KCC bank president, Sanjay Sharma, HPCA spokesperson, Rakesh Sharma, BJP media in-charge for Kangra, Sachin Sharma and Vishal Nehria, party workers

BJP MP from Kangra Kishan Kapoor, who vacated the Dharamsala Assembly seat

after his election to Parliament, was also consulted by the party. Sources said he had

asked the party to prefer a local candidate.

The delay in the decision has left most of the hopefuls nervous. The selected candidate will just have about 20 days to campaign and get along all splinter groups of the party along. Though the Dharamsala bypoll is being considered tough by the BJP, the party is hopeful after Sudhir Sharma's exit from the election arena.

CM receives 'Palki Sahib' on Parkash Purb

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SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur received holy 'Palki Sahib' on the occasion of the state-level function of the 550th years of Parkash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev here today amid chanting of 'Shabad Kirtan' organised by the Sri Gurdwara Singh Sabha Prabandhak Committee, Shimla.

Jai Ram Thakur carried the holy 'Palki Sahib' and followed the 'Panj Pyare' during the procession with devotees showering flower petals on the path. Thakur was also presented a 'Siropa'.



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur receives holy 'Palki Sahib' in Shimla on Saturday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

Man held with 170-gm charas



KANGRA, SEPTEMBER 28

The police arrested a Bhag-sunag resident with 170-gm charas and Rs 46,000 at the Old Charri road on Friday evening.

They also impounded his car. Kangra SP Vimukt Ranjan said during patrolling, they recovered the contraband and money from Dleep Kumar. A case under the NDPS Act has been registered. — TNS

BTech degree holders denied JE job in PWD

State commission advertised 123 posts in PWD | Their applications were not considered

AMBIKA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, SEPTEMBER 28

Candidates with BTech degree, who had applied for junior engineer (civil) posts in the Public Works Department (PWD), are left in the lurch as the HP Staff Selection Commission (HPSSC), which conducted the recruitments, did not consider their candidature.

The commission had advertised 123 posts of JE (civil) on July 5, 2018, for which online applications were invited till August 4, 2018. According to the essential qualification notified for the post, a candidate is supposed to possess a regular full-time diploma from a recognised Central or state government institution.

“If we were not eligible, our applications should have been rejected during scrutiny. It was even more astonishing to know that BTech mechanical stream was included as eligibility criteria for the post of junior engineer (mechanical) in the same advertisement.”

Abhishek Kumar, AN ASPIRANT

A total of 16,124 candidates had applied for the posts, which also included a large number of BTech aspirants. As many as 385 candidates had qualified the written examination conducted on November 15, 2018, and they were called by the commission to get their documents evaluated and this also included the candidates having BTech degree. This process was conducted from April 9 to April 12.

The commission declared the results yesterday, where 102 candidates were declared pass, while 22 posts could not be filled in the absence of candidates of certain categories. “It is unfair to deny the BTech aspirants a chance to get recruited as JEs after completing the entire recruitment process. If we were not eligible, our applications should have been rejected during scrutiny. It was even more astonishing to know

that BTech mechanical stream was included as eligibility criteria for the post of JE (mechanical) in the same advertisement,” said Abhishek Kumar, who had also applied for the post.

As many as 212 candidates having BTech degree had appeared for the exam. “It is even more lamentable that 13 aspirants from other states, including the topper, have been recruited and this included candidates from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Chandigarh and Haryana, while Himachalis have been ignored. All 13 diploma holders from other states have made it to the merit list,” added another aspirant Rakesh.

They also pointed out that despite scoring higher

marks than the candidates having diploma, they had been singled out at the end of the recruitment process.

A letter dated June 23, 2019, written by the Engineer-in-Chief of the PWD, a copy of which is available with The Tribune, to the Secretary, HPSSC, clearly states that the higher qualification of BTech and BE are also equivalent for the purpose of eligibility for the post of JE (civil).

Board officials were not available for comments though sources in the board said BTech aspirants were left out in view of an apex court judgment where candidate possessing higher qualification than the three-year diploma in civil engineering could not be considered.

Scaffolding falls on cargo container

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SOLAN, SEPTEMBER 28

A cargo container carrying cars was damaged when a scaffolding, which was hanging precariously over an under-construction bridge, fell over it at the Kumarhatti junction this morning.

The heavy iron shuttering panel was supposed to be removed by the workers of the company four-laning the Parwanoo-Solan section of the National Highway-05, but it was callously left hanging, said an onlooker, Ashok Kumar.

The work to construct the bridge, which is part of the four-laning process, is under way; and the company resumed work after the rain subsided.

The accident led to a traffic jam on the road leading to the Solan bypass.



A scaffolding fell on a cargo container from an under-construction bridge at the Kumarhatti junction on Saturday.

Though the container suffered damage, there was no loss to the cars.

Heavy machines had to be deployed to lift the iron shuttering, which took

nearly an hour. Locals said lack of planning had created a mess at the Kumarhatti junction and it had become difficult to drive on the Kumarhatti bypass.

Envoys of 25 nations may attend investors' meet

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SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28

More than 1,600 invitations are being sent for Global Investor's Summit to be held on November 7 and 8 at Dharamsala and Ambassadors of about 20-25 countries are expected to attend the summit, said Chief Secretary Dr Shrikant Baldi while chairing a meeting of the organising committee constituted for the summit here today.

Baldi directed these to make the summit a big success and said proper arrangements of accommodation and transportation should be ensured as 1,500 to 2,000 participants were expected to attend the meet. He also directed to engage accommo-

dation and travel partner for its smooth conduct.

A helpline number would also be launched regarding accommodation, transportation and details related to the event.

Union ministers, Chief Ministers of other states and foreign delegates were also being invited.

He said rooms would be booked for VIPs and dignitaries in Dharamsala, Palampur and Kangra in addition to government guest houses.

It was also informed that nine committees had been constituted for smoothly organising the summit. Eight sectoral sessions would be held in which various ministers, secretaries and dignitaries would share their experiences.

Woman from Japan dies in Manali

MANDI, SEPTEMBER 28

An 80-year-old woman from Japan was found dead in Manali on Thursday. The deceased, Misabo Sakurazawa, was staying with her husband in a homestay at Vashishth near Manali town in Kullu district.

On Thursday night, the police received information that Zennosuke Sakurazawa had brought her dead wife to Mission Hospital. SP Gaurav Singh said: “The deceased came to Manali with her husband a month ago. The body had no injury marks,” he added. The exact cause of the death is yet to be ascertained. — TNS

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A public auction will be held on 23/10/2019 (Wednesday) at 1000 Hrs by STC BSF, Udhampur for condemned stores i.e. Tentage, Misc, Defence, Sports, Officers Mess, SO'S Mess, Welfare fund, Wet Canteen, Ration fund, MI Rooms, Recreation room, Construction, MT, Communication, Newspapers, Ammunition PM, Charger clips, Wet Canteen PM, Ration PM and Misc items store etc. of STC campus at Roun Do-Mail, Dhar Road Udhampur (J & K).
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