

# Rajoana's death sentence commuted

Beant Singh assassin to now serve life term | Akalis pleaded for clemency in 2012 | MHA nod comes 7 yrs later

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NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, SEPT 29 In a politically significant move, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the commutation of death sentence to Babbar Khalsa terrorist Balwant Singh Rajoana for his role in Punjab CM Beant Singh's assassination on August 31, 1995. Rajoana will now undergo life term. This is being seen as an "act of grace" ahead of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. Sources told *The Tribune* that the approval was given on Saturday night. The move comes two days after the BJP in Haryana refused a poll pact with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), its long-standing ally. The death sentence of the other convict in the case, Jagtar Singh, was also commuted to life term.



THE SCENE AFTER THE BLAST AT CIVIL SECTT IN CHANDIGARH. FILE

**ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION**

- On August 31, 1995, at 5.05 pm, three white Ambassador cars arrive at the portico of the Civil Sectt in Chandigarh, 'human bomb' constable Dilawar Singh, in police uniform and files in hand, begins walking towards then CM Beant Singh
- The CM is accompanied by MLA Baldev Singh Pakakalan and his aides. As NSG commandos jostle to keep bystanders away and CM nears his car, the 'human bomb' presses the button at 5.12 pm
- There is a deafening explosion; body parts are flung against pillars and walls of the porch. Besides the Chief Minister, 16 others, including three NSG commandos and are killed

## THE CONSPIRACY & EXECUTION

- Dilawar Singh, explosives around his waist, waited for Chief Minister Beant Singh at the Civil Sectt
- Rajoana told the court he tied the bomb on Dilawar's waist
- The belt was prepared in the room of one Gurmeet Singh at Mohali; plotter Balwant Singh bought nuts & bolts and ball bearings from a Patiala scrap market to stuff into the belt for maximum impact
- Co-accused Jagtar Singh Hawara was not present "anywhere near the secretariat or Chandigarh"
- Only one eyewitness said he had seen the 'human bomb'

“Commuting the death sentence of Balwant Singh Rajoana to life term is a black day in the history of Punjab. With this act, Narendra Modi led BJP government has set the ball rolling for revival of terrorism in the state. Ravneet Bittu, CONGRESS MP

## THE CASE FILE

**AUGUST 31, 1995** Beant Singh killed  
**SEPT 1995** Chandigarh Police find abandoned Ambassador car with Delhi number; Lakhwinder Singh held  
**FEB 19, 1996** Challan against 12 filed in UT Sessions Court  
**APRIL 30, 1996** Charges framed against Gurmeet Singh, Nasib Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, Navjot Singh, Jagtar Singh Tara, Shamsher Singh, Jagtar S Hawara, Balwant S Rajoana & Paramjit S Bheora

## It's BJP bid to create a niche in Sikh politics

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29 Commuting Balwant Singh Rajoana's death sentence ahead of the Assembly bypolls in Punjab is being seen as BJP's endeavour to create for

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itself a niche in Sikh politics by softening Sikh hardliners, who may otherwise sway towards the Akalis. The saffron party may be looking to 'go it alone' in Punjab, or could be bidding time while hanging on to its 23-year-old alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal. Seven years ago, when Badal as CM

## Vigil up, more bunkers, 'prohibited areas' in J&K

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29

Security forces have intensified surveillance and area domination operations in Kashmir following Saturday's militancy-related incidents, including a grenade attack on security forces in old city, a senior security official said. Anti-insurgency operations were intensified as part of a proactive strategy to foil any plans of militants to stage any attacks on security forces in the Valley, the official said. The official said: "As the situation has more or less normalised on the law and order front, the anti-terrorist operations have been intensified to ensure ultras do not stage any attacks." As part of the drill, security has been beefed up around vital installations, including the Srinagar airport and police offices. Security bunkers were being constructed in the Valley, the official said.



## BLOCK POLLS ON OCT 24

Elections for the 310 Block Development Councils will be held on October 24 this year, Shaileendra Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer, said on Sunday. He said of the 316 blocks, polls would be held in 310 blocks as there were no panches or sarpanches in two panchayats and no women panches and sarpanches in 4 reserved panchayats. **INSIDE**

## 6 INJURED IN PAK FIRING INSIDE

Extended security perimeters had been established around police offices and other vital installations, he added. — PTI

## IN BRIEF

### Home Ministry proposes to take over Assam Rifles

New Delhi: The Army has red-flagged a proposal by the Home Ministry to bring the Assam Rifles under its operational control, saying such a move will seriously jeopardise surveillance over the country's sensitive border with China when it has been ramping up military infrastructure along the frontiers with India. Top military sources said concerned over the proposal, the Army had strongly taken up the issue with the Defence Ministry, urging it to intervene in the matter, considering the possible security implications if the control of the Assam Rifles was handed over to the Home Ministry. **BACK PAGE**

### Class XI girl in UP beaten up by three men on bus

Muzaffarnagar (UP): A Class XI student was allegedly beaten up by three men on a bus after she protested against lewd comments in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district, the police said on Sunday. The girl, along with her friends, was returning home from school, Station House Officer Rajendra Giri said. The three accused passed lewd comments and when the girl objected, they thrashed her, he said. A search was underway to nab the accused, the SHO added. **PTI**

### Ex-diplomat KPS Menon Jr passes away at age 90

Thiruvananthapuram: Former diplomat KPS Menon (junior) passed away at his residence here following age-related ailments, family members said. He was 90. He leaves behind his wife and three sons. Son of KPS Menon (senior), the first Foreign Secretary of independent India and uncle of former Foreign Secretary and National Security Adviser Shiv- asankar Menon, Menon Junior was a 1951-batch Indian Foreign Service officer (1987 to 1989). He served as ambassador to Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan and China. **PTI**

## Over 6L rogue drones in India: Agencies

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

India has an estimated over six lakh rogue or unregulated unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and security agencies are analysing modern anti-drone weapons like 'sky fence' and 'drone gun' to counter terror or similar sabotage bids by these aerial platforms, official sources said on Sunday.

An official blueprint prepared by central agencies says unregulated drones, UAVs and remotely-piloted aircraft system are a "potential threat" to vital installations, sensitive locations and specific events and a "compatible solution" is required to counter these.

A data estimation study conducted by these agencies state that over 6 lakh unregulated

## ARMS DROP CASES IN PUNJAB HAVE INTEL ON ALERT

- A drone gun is capable of jamming radio, GPS and mobile signal between the drone and pilot
- This forces the drone to ground in good time; Australia-designed, it has effective range of 2 km
- Another solution is the sky fence system that uses a range of signal disruptors to jam flight path
- Prototypes of these counter-drone arms were first displayed at a BSF camp in Bhondsi, Haryana, recently



- A counter-UAV technology or drone catcher too being considered
- 'Skywall 100' is the ground version of 'drone catcher'; it brings down an UAV using a parachute

drones, of various sizes and capacities, are present in the country and anyone of these can be used for launching a nefarious act by disruptive

## IIT fee hike to 'keep out' non-serious students

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

The MTech programmes at IITs record a dropout rate of over 50 per cent as students treat the courses as a stopgap arrangement till they land a job or crack a competitive exam, IIT-Delhi Director V Ramgopal Rao said, and termed the recent hike in course fee a "surgical strike" on "uninterested" students.

He believes the IIT Council's decision to hike the fee for the MTech programmes will fix the problem of wastage of much-sought-after seats at the IITs and save government funds. "The freebies we have been doling out with taxpayers' money to students who are uninterested and into systems which have become unaccountable need to stop at some point," he said. "Many

## Over 50 per cent dropout in masters programmes

students take admission to the MTech programmes and over 50 per cent of them quit as soon as they find a job." Among the remaining ones, many prepare for competitive examinations and have no interest in what they are pursuing, said Rao, who is also a member of the IIT Council, the highest decision-making body of all 23 IITs. "Over 50 per cent dropout in masters programmes in IITs only means that students value the jobs they get after their BTech more than the career they can build with their MTech degrees," he said. — PTI

from across the India-Pakistan border has alerted Indian security and intelligence agencies. The agencies are now looking at specific anti-drone techniques like 'sky fence' and 'Skywall 100' to intercept and immobilise suspicious and lethal remote-controlled aerial platforms. A report titled 'Drones: A new frontier for Police', published in the Indian Police Journal by Additional DG of the Rajasthan Police, Pankaj Kumar Singh, has talked about these new techniques. Two separate BPRD and Ministry of Civil Aviation-appointed task forces are now mulling on "priority areas that need to be armed with counter-drone weapons," the senior official said. — PTI



## INDIAN-AMERICAN SIKH COP'S FUNERAL ON OCT 2

- The funeral service of Lt Sandeep Singh Dhalwal, Indian-American Sikh police officer, who was killed in an "ambush-style" attack in the US State of Texas, has been set for October 2
- A law-enforcement ceremony and a Sikh religious ceremony for Dhalwal are to be held on Wednesday
- A group of volunteers are tying black & blue ribbons to anyone wanting to express their support for law enforcement or Dhalwal
- A GoFundme page has been created by volunteers. **PTI**

## Saudi to invest big: \$100 billion in India

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

Despite reeling under the impact of worst-ever attacks on its oil installations, Saudi Arabia has said it is looking at investing \$100 billion in India in areas of petrochemicals, infrastructure and mining among others, considering the country's growth potential.

Saudi Ambassador Dr Saud bin Mohammed Al Sati has said India is an attractive investment destination for his country, the world's biggest oil exporter; and it is eyeing long-term partnerships with New Delhi in key sectors like oil, gas and mining.

"Saudi Arabia is looking at making investments in India potentially worth \$100 billion in the areas of energy, refining, petrochemicals, infrastructure, agriculture, minerals and mining," Al Sati said.

The envoy said investing in India's value chain from oil supply, marketing, refining to petrochemicals and lubricants was a key part of Aramco's global downstream strategy.

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## TRADE PARTNERSHIP

- Saudi Ambassador Dr Saud bin Mohammed Al Sati said they will invest in areas of energy, refining, petrochemicals, infrastructure, agriculture, minerals and mining
- More than 40 opportunities for joint collaboration and investments between India and Saudi Arabia across various sectors have already been identified
- Current bilateral trade with Saudi Arabia stands at \$34 bn

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## Govt bans onion exports, sets stock limit for traders

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

Concerned over rising onion prices, the Centre today banned the export of the key kitchen staple and imposed a stock limit on traders to improve the domestic availability of the commodity and provide a relief to consumers. Retailers can stock onion up to 100 quintals and wholesale traders are allowed to keep up to 500 quintals, the Consumer Affairs Ministry said, adding that the state governments had been directed to take stringent steps to prevent hoarding.

## CENTRE MAY SEEK ₹30,000-CR INTERIM DIVIDEND FROM RBI

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The move comes amid sharp increase in retail prices of onion since August despite the government's several measures to boost supply and contain price rise. Currently, retail onion prices are ruling at around Rs 60-80 per kg in the national capital and some other parts of the country due to supply disruption from flood-affected growing states such as Maharashtra and Karnataka.

## They spoke in code language, recalls Batote hostage



The house where BJP's Vijay Kumar Mehra was taken hostage.

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BATOTE (RAMBAN), SEPTEMBER 29

When the exchange of fire between security forces and militants began on Saturday, septuagenarian Vijay Kumar Mehra, a trader and BJP worker, who was taken hostage for over four hours in his house by the ultras in Batote, had almost lost the hope of coming out alive. Around 7.30 am on Saturday, the militants were first

spotted near the Kundrala area on the national highway where they briefly exchanged fire with a road opening party and escaped.

Around 12.30 pm, they reached Batote and took the BJP worker hostage. Mehra said, "When the terrorists entered my house, my wife, son and daughter-in-law were with me. I managed to send them outside. The militants spoke a few words in Kashmiri, but for

most of the time, they were either communicating in code words or were quiet. "When the exchange of fire started, they shifted me to a room. Later, the firing intensified and my house caught fire," he recalled, looking shaken.

"When the firing stopped, I took the advantage of the smoke and tried to flee. Soldiers helped me to come out safely," Mehra said, adding that he had got a second life.



bidding process during the next auction, if they persisted with stubble-burning.

Referring to the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak Dev, Pannu said: "It is our duty to keep environment safe and healthy on this pious occasion as millions of devotees from across the globe will be visiting religious places associated with first

Sikh Guru in different parts of the state. In reverence to this historic event, farmers should refrain from burning paddy straw."

Pannu said the Agriculture Department had already ordered impounding combine harvester machines functioning without the Super Straw Management System. — TNS



## Candidates all set to file papers today

PHAGWARA, SEPTEMBER 29

All candidates contesting Phagwara Assembly seat could file their nominations on Monday which is last date for filing papers. Returning Officer-cum-Phagwara SDM Latif Ahmed told this correspondent here today that not even a single candidate had filed nomination so far.

Meanwhile, Kapurthala Deputy Commissioner DPS Kharbanda held a meeting of officials, including ADC Gurmrit Singh Multani, SDM Latif Ahmed, Phagwara SP Manwinder Singh and Tehsildar Harkamal Singh Randhawa, and instructed them to strictly follow the code of conduct. He asked the political parties to remove their hoardings and banners installed illegally.

Meanwhile, though the PDA dissuaded the LIP from contesting Phagwara seat and leaving it for the BSP, LIP chief Simarjit Singh Bains will arrive here on Monday to accompany the party candidate Jarnail Nangal for filing his papers.

The BSP has announced Bhagwan Singh Sidhu and the AAP has selected Santosh Kumar to contest the Phagwara seat. — OC

# Bagha BJP's Phagwara pick

Senior leaders Som Parkash and Vijay Sampla wanted ticket for kin



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PHAGWARA, SEPTEMBER 29

Just a day before the last day for filing nomination papers for Assembly bypolls in Punjab, the BJP opened its cards and announced the candidature of former chief of SC Commission, Punjab, Rajesh Bagha (46) from Phagwara and former district president and businessman Jangi Lal Mahajan (71) from the Mukerian seat.

If the Congress has chosen to field new faces this time, so is the strategy of the BJP.

The choice of Bagha, a BJP member since 1994, is being considered as a result of extreme bitterness between Union Minister Som Parkash and ex-minister Vijay Sampla. The BJP chose to take decision in favour of Bagha, who is stated to be close to the RSS and is not involved in any groupism within the party.

Som Parkash wanted ticket for his wife Anita Som Parkash while Sampla wanted it for his



BJP has selected Rajesh Bagha for Phagwara and Jangi Lal Mahajan (right) for the Mukerian seat. TRIBUNE PHOTO



## 2017 BJP REBEL TO CONTEST MUKERIAN SEAT

**Mukerian:** BJP's Mukerian president Jangi Lal Mahajan, who has got BJP ticket, had contested the 2017 Assembly polls independently after he was denied party ticket. He was expelled and later returned to the party in January. In 2017, nearly 20,542 votes were polled for him, slightly less than BJP ex-minister Arunesh Shakir, who had lost to Congress' Rajneesh Kumar Babbi. Meanwhile, Arunesh Shakir has announced to file his papers as an Independent. In Mukerian, Congress is banking on two factors – sympathy vote and caste factor. After Babbi's demise, his wife Indu Bala is the Congress candidate.

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son Sahil Sampla. Both leaders have welcomed Bagha's candidature. Som Parkash said he was happy with the party's decision and he never sought a ticket for anyone.

Rajesh Bagha said, "Som Parkash is like my father and Vijay Sampla is like my elder brother. They have done a lot of work in the region and I only look to take it forward with their support."

When Bagha, a resident of Jalandhar, files his papers tomorrow afternoon, he will be accompanied by BJP state president Shwait Malik. Insiders say the situation is such that everyone in the party will support him. Shwait Malik is eyeing a second term as the election to the post of party chief is due in December and his performance will certainly have an impact on it.

Former state BJP chief Kamal Sharma who, too, is in the fray for state presidency, is expected to be here after he is back from a US trip in a day or so.

Som Parkash too will have to support him to retain his status since the seat falls in his Parliamentary area. Sampla had lost good image before the party high command since his 'gau hatya' (cow slaughter) comment over MP ticket denial. He, however, has nothing to lose as of now. Phagwara being a reserved seat assumes a lot of importance for the BJP as all SC leaders in the party who have won from here in the past have been placed well.

Caste factor plays a big role in Phagwara that has seen a huge polarity between Dalits and other Hindu communities. While Bagha is from Raviddassia community, Congress candidate Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal (retired IAS officer) hails from the less dominant Mazhabi Sikh community. The latter, however, has good relations with the intellectual lobby here. Bagha, having an RSS background, is expected to have an edge in the Hindu community.

# Akalis once again bank on Rai Sikh in Jalalabad

Of 2.06 lakh voters, more than 70,000 hail from community

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FAZILKA, SEPTEMBER 29

Rai Sikh leader Raj Singh Dibbipura has been nominated the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) candidate from Jalalabad Assembly segment. His candidature was announced by the party last evening.

A Registered Medical Practitioner by profession and agriculturist, Dibbipura is considered close to Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal. He is a resident of Dibbipura village of Jalalabad subdivision.

It is stated that on the directions of high command, he had resigned from the post of vice-president of Scheduled Castes Commission, Punjab, last week to pave the way for his candidature.

Although several names had come up for Jalalabad seat, the SAD could not afford to annoy the Rai Sikh community which has a sizeable chunk of votes in the segment.

Sources said, of a total of 2.06 lakh electorates, more than 70,000 voters belonged to the Rai Sikh community

## SAD CANDIDATE A CONVICT, APPEAL PENDING

■ SAD candidate Raj Singh Dibbipura got one-year imprisonment on August 28 this year in an assault case registered on May 18, 2013. Later, he was released on bail.

■ The Punjab and Haryana High Court on September 27 ordered stay on his punishment till the pendency of the present appeal in the HC.

■ He had contested the Assembly elections in 2012 against Sukhbir from Jalalabad on the ticket of the People's Party of Punjab, getting around 10,000 votes.

■ He is a medical practitioner and agriculturist, said to be close to Sukhbir Singh Badal.



who are known for casting their votes en masse.

Sukhbir had announced to contest next Assembly elections from the Jalalabad segment during a rally organised a few days ago, and he is keen on keeping the community votes intact by granting ticket to a Rai Sikh candidate.

Dibbipura had also contested elections against Sukhbir from Jalalabad on the ticket of Manpreet Singh Badal-headed People's Party of Punjab (PPP) in 2012. He had polled nearly 10,000 votes.

The court of Additional

District and Sessions Judge had sentenced Dibbipura to one-year imprisonment on August 28 this year in an assault case registered against him and others on May 18, 2013. He was released on bail.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on September 27 ordered a stay on his punishment till the pendency of his present appeal in the HC. The sources said the party was awaiting decision of the High Court, hence resulting in a delay in announcement of ticket.

## BRIEFLY

### 4,400 tablets seized

**Sangrur:** The Crime Investigations Agency (CIA), Sangrur, has arrested one person and confiscated 4,400 habit-forming tablets. "We have arrested Nirmal Singh from a bridge of canal near Thaman Singh Wala village and confiscated 4,400 habit-forming tablets. A case has been registered and further investigations have started," said ASI Parmjit Singh. TNS

### Mohindra out of hospital

**Chandigarh:** Brahm Mohindra, Local Bodies Minister, was on Sunday discharged from Fortis, Mohali. He was seen off by a team of doctors of the hospital. The minister was admitted to the hospital more than 20 days back after he complained of chronic cough accompanied by pain. Later Dr TS Mahant and his team performed an open-heart bypass surgery on September 11. Mohindra has been recovering well after the bypass and was finally discharged from the hospital. TNS

# Sukhbir tells Jharkhand CM to reopen 1984 riot cases

BOKARO, SEPTEMBER 29

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Sunday urged Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Raghubar Das to ensure the reopening or transfer of all 1984 anti-Sikh riot cases to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

He said the party would send a team of lawyers from the Supreme Court to study these cases before taking up the matter at the highest level.

Addressing a congregation as part of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev here, the SAD president said more than 100 Sikhs were brutally killed in Bokaro in 1984.

He said it was unfortunate that not a single accused had been convicted and punished so far for such a heinous crime.

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“I urge the Jharkhand CM to set up an SIT to reopen all 1984 cases and ensure they are taken to a logical conclusion. Sukhbir Singh Badal, president, SHIROMANI AKALI DAL

SIT immediately to reopen all 1984 cases and ensure they are reinvestigated and taken to their logical conclusion," Sukhbir said.

He also appealed to the entire "sangat" to unite under the banner of the Akali Dal to get all wrongs done to the Sikh community corrected.

Speaking about similar cases in Delhi and Kanpur, Sukhbir said the wounds of the Sikhs could not be healed until all accused in the gruesome crime were not punished.

"We will fight for every victim family and justice would be delivered to them at all

costs," he said.

He said the SAD would send a team of lawyers from the Supreme Court to Bokaro to thoroughly study all 1984 riot cases. On being asked about the opening of the corridor, he said it would be thrown open for the pilgrims on November 9 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He, however, condemned the Pakistan authorities for imposing \$20 entry fee on each pilgrim visiting the holy shrine. "This entry fee is not justified and should be revoked immediately," he said. — IANS

## BSF troops seize 1.98 kg of heroin

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, SEPTEMBER 29

Troops of the Border Security Force (BSF) seized two packets of heroin weighing 1.98 kgs from an area near the Border Out Post (BOP), Rajoke, along the Indo-Pakistan border in this sector.

As per information, the troops on duty observed some suspicious movement across the fencing last night, following which they sounded an alert. Later, the BSF jawans challenged the Pakistani intruders, who were probably cross-border drug peddlers and opened fire towards them.

As soon as the troops opened firing, the Pakistani suspects withdrew from the spot and managed to escape taking advantage of fully-grown paddy crops. After combing the area, the contraband was recovered.

# Black day for state, says Bittu

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Ravneet Singh Bittu, Ludhiana MP and grandson of slain Chief Minister Beant Singh today termed the commuting of death sentence of hardliner Balwant Singh Rajoana to life imprisonment by the Union government as a "black day" for the state.

He alleged that the decision has been taken by the Narendra Modi-led Union Government at the behest of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal.

Bittu said the Modi government and its alliance partner SAD had stooped too low for petty political gains that they were now equating this unfortunate incident with the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations of first Sikh Guru.

He said this clearly depicted that the BJP and Akali Dal wanted to patronise those having terrorist agenda



## MOVE ON RAJOANA

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throughout their life.

Bittu alleged that the SAD-BJP had provided respite and empowered Khalistani's as well as people supporting Referendum 2020. He said on one side, the Punjab Police was working hard to bust several terror modules in the state, and on the other the Union Government at the behest of Akalis was patronising terrorism.

Bittu added that Narendra Modi-led Central Government as well as the Akalis should remember that more than 35,000 innocent people had lost their lives due to

terrorism.

While taking aim at Rajoana's sister, Bittu said that on one side she claimed to have no faith in the judicial system or the government, and now she was thanking the Union Government. "This clearly shows their double standards," Bittu said. According to MP Bittu, he, along with the peace loving Punjabis, would continue his fight against people like Rajoana because he would not let anyone disrupt the hard-earned peace and communal harmony of Punjab.

# State awaits CCL to purchase paddy, procurement begins tomorrow

CM asks Centre to expedite shifting of rice to make space for fresh stock

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Punjab is waiting for Rs 34,000 crore from the Centre as Cash Credit Limit (CCL) to buy 170 lakh metric tonnes (lmt) of paddy. The arrival of paddy in mandis has already begun, even as the official procurement begins from Tuesday.

Officials of the Food and Supplies Department told The Tribune that they had to first clear dues of a consortium of banks for the previous wheat season. "We have received funds from the Finance Department and the dues will be cleared in two-three days, following which we will get the sanctions of Cash Credit Limit (CCL)," a senior official said.

"Once the previous crop's settlement is made with the banks, we see no problem in getting the CCL for the 170 lakh metric tonnes of paddy we expect to buy this year," KAP Sinha, Principal Secretary, Food and Supplies, said. He assured that farmers would get their due for the sale of paddy within the stipulated time period.

Meanwhile, the recent bout



The arrival of paddy has already begun in mandis across the state. FILE PHOTO

of rain would delay paddy arrival, thus giving some additional time to the government.

The state government, however, is concerned about the lack of storage space for rice that is to be milled from this year's paddy. Though the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has assured that it would start moving the rice from Punjab (five lmt each month between October to December, and 6 lmt

each month from January to June), creating over 50 lmt of space, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has taken up the matter with the Centre, asking them to intervene and expedite movement of rice to the recipient states.

Official sources in the FCI and in the state government said FCI was mulling an Open Market Scheme and looking at other ways to shift

grain out of here faster. The problem of slow movement of rice has arisen because states like Telangana, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, which earlier got rice from Punjab, have started growing sufficient amount of paddy. They use rice from their own produce in their Public Distribution System, making it difficult to find takers for Punjab's rice.

# Cong's Baba Bakala MLA accused of pocketing grants

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 29

A local resident has accused Baba Bakala MLA Santokh Singh Bhalaipur of misusing his powers and pocketing government grants issued to village panchayats for laying interlocking tiles.

Paramjit Singh Sitara, a resident of Sathiala, who unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha poll from the Khadoor Sahib constituency, has submitted a complaint to Prime Minister Narendra Modi against the MLA.

The Central Vigilance Commission has forwarded the complaint to the official concerned of the Department of Consumer Affairs for scrutinising it and taking



Santokh Singh Bhalaipur, MLA, Baba Bakala, has said that the allegations are politically motivated.

appropriate action.

Sitara has alleged that the MLA owned a tile factory in Gaggrewal village in Tarn Taran and started another one at Bhalaipur Dogra vil-

lage. The Gaggrewal factory manufactured substandard interlocking tiles and illegally engraved the ISI mark on them. The Bureau of Indian standard (BIS) had barred the factory from using this mark, he claimed.

He alleged the MLA was pocketing government funds in connivance with village panchayats and officials of the Panchayat Department.

Meanwhile, Bhalaipur said he owned only one tile factory at Gaggrewal village and he had all documents and licences to run the factory. He did not pressure anyone to procure tiles from his firm. "All allegations were politically motivated to defame me," he said.

## Patwaris' statewide stir on October 7

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

In a protest against the state government's decision to re-employ retired patwaris and kanungos in a bid to fill vacancies, the patwaris across the state will organise a strike on October 7.

A decision to this effect was taken in a meeting of Revenue Patwar Union, Punjab, held here today under the chairmanship of Mohan Singh Bhedpur.

A press release by the Union said the Patwaris would stage protests at four places — Jalalabad, Dakha, Mukerian and Phagwara — where by-elections are scheduled next month. In addition, the group is also demanding equal pay.

# Debt-ridden Moga farmer commits suicide

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MOGA, SEPTEMBER 29

A 45-year-old debt-ridden farmer has allegedly committed suicide at Gagra village in Dharamkot subdivision of Moga district.

The police said today that the deceased had

Surjit Singh owned just 2 acres and had been under ₹3-lakh debt

been identified as Surjit Singh who consumed some poisonous substance to end his life.

His wife Bhupinder Kaur said her husband owned just 2 acres and was under a debt of Rs 3 lakh, due to which he had been depressed for the past few months.

Her husband started a flour mill a couple of years ago to earn extra money so that he could repay his loan,

but luck did not favour him. The flour mill business failed and he suffered losses. The cultivation of traditional crops on his land hardly helped him make both ends meet, she added. The police had initiated inquest proceedings under section 174 of the CrPC.



# SGPC calls another panel meet, wants CM on board

Cong leaders claim they have no intimation of Oct 4 meeting



GS PAUL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Amid differences between the SGPC and state government over joint celebrations of 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev, the Sikh body has scheduled another meeting of coordination committee and has sought CM Capt Amarinder Singh's presence to make it decisive.  
SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal stated that the CM had been intimated about the meeting scheduled on October 4 at SGPC's headquarters.  
The move came after

“The government's representatives didn't give their consent to the decisions taken at last meeting, saying that the CM would take a final call. After that, they remained silent. This time, we have appealed to the CM to attend the meeting so that a joint plan for November 12 can be finalised.



Gobind Singh Longowal, SGPC PRESIDENT

Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, who is representing the government in the coordination panel, approached Akal Takht officiating jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh against the SGPC for “ignoring” the state government representation prior to the event and not caring two hoots for the Akal Takht directions.  
Ironically, the government representatives were not taken into confidence, yet again.  
District Congress chief

Bhagwant Pal Singh Sachar, who attended the last meeting, said neither any intimation about the October 4 meeting was received nor did Akal Takht respond to the protest lodged by Randhawa.  
“Till date, we have no inkling about October 4 meeting scheduled by the SGPC. Also there is no response from Akal Takht over our protest against the SGPC's move. If an invitation for meeting has been sent to the CM office, we will go as per

the directions of the CM,” he said.  
On the other hand, Longowal maintained that the SGPC had been making efforts to celebrate the occasion jointly with the state government.  
He said the coordination committee held its meeting thrice and the state representatives only attended one last meeting, which too remained inconclusive.  
“Their representatives didn't give their consent to the decisions, saying that the CM would take a final call. After that, they kept silent and we proceeded. This time, we have appealed to the CM that besides the government representative, he himself should take trouble to attend the meeting so that a joint plan for key occasion on November 12 could be finalised,” he said.

# Corridor to usher in era of development at Dera Baba Nanak

RAVI DHALIWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**DERA BABA NANAK (GURDASPUR), SEPTEMBER 28**  
Dera Baba Nanak, seeped in rich tapestry of Sikh history, is on the verge of seeing a massive economic boom as more than 10,000 people are expected to hit the city streets every day once the Kartarpur corridor gets operational on November 9.  
Ravaged by partition, the wars of 1965 and 1971, drugs and terrorism in the past seven decades, the town will be seeing a turnaround in its economic fortunes with the passage to Pakistan acting as a catalyst.  
Experts opine that while 5,000 pilgrims will be allowed to pass through the corridor every day, more than double that number will wander the

streets and markets.  
“We are working on a ratio of 1:3. One devotee who crosses over to Kartarpur shrine will be accompanied by three people who will stay back in the town. It is this segment which will bolster the area's economic growth. Obviously, these very people will spend money in the process, sparking off massive sales in the 200 odd shops of the town,” said Amarjit Singh Grewal who is also supervising the cultural activities scheduled to be held in the run up to the corridor's opening.  
The prices of agriculture land have already increased. These are now pegged at three times the rates that prevailed before the corridor was announced in November last year. This, despite the fact that intelligence agen-



Capt Amarinder Singh reviews ongoing works at Dera Baba Nanak on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

cies have prohibited any type of construction activity, including setting up of hotels and inns, in the vicinity of the corridor.  
Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Rand-

hawa, who is supervising the construction of the passage on behalf of the Punjab Government, maintained that he had already been approached by hoteliers from as far as Mum-

# Nepal too joins celebrations, holds gurmata programme

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**AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
A gurmata programme dedicated to the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations of Guru Nanak was held in Nepal in collaboration with the SGPC.

This programme was held on the premises of Gurdwara Guru Nanak Satsang Sabha, Kathmandu, and was attended by Akal Takht officiating jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh, SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal, Indian Ambassador to Nepal Manjev Singh Puri, former Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Charanjit Singh Atwal, SAD leader Dr Daljit Singh Cheema and Maheshinder Singh Garewal.

Harmandir Sahib's hazuri raagi Bhai Kuldeep Singh performed gurbani kirtan. Later, the visitors also paid obeisance at Gurdwara Guru Nanak Matt, which was built in memory of Guru Nanak, who came here during his travels.

# DSGMC to host langars in Delhi from Nov 9 to 12

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**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The DSGMC will organise free community meals (langar) at 50 locations in the Capital from November 9 to 12. The four-day programme will be organised to mark 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak whose birthday falls on November 12.

The DSGMC has planned langar outside hospitals, railway stations, bus stands and slum areas in Delhi to provide nutritious and fresh food to around two lakh persons daily, mainly belonging

In a statement, Longowal said the event was organised as part of a series of programmes to mark the occasion, which was well attended by Nepal's Sikh sangat who had also been extended an

to needy and poor sections of the society.  
DSGMC chief Manjinder Singh Sirsa said, “We will mainly serve poor and needy persons.”  
The idea is to make the Capital hunger-free during Gurburb, Sirsa said, adding that many sikh organisations, Singh Sabhas and NGOs had come forward to join hands with the DSGMC for this initiative.  
To keep abreast with changing times the organisers intend to tie up with ‘payments apps’ like Google Pay, Paytm, Phone Pe etc to facilitate younger generations for making donations.

invite to take part in the Sultanpur Lodhi programmes. Giani Harpreet Singh said it was a historic moment and it was the duty of Sikhs to propagate the principles and teachings of Guru Nanak.

# Can't impose one language, says SGPC

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**SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal today said here that everyone had right to speak his mother tongue and none should impose any language on residents. He also thanked the Union Government for the release of Sikh prisoners.  
“In our country, every state has a different language and all have right to promote their own language. None should try to impose a single language across the country. I also condemn Punjabi singer Gurdas Maan for not fighting to protect the Punjabi language, which has given everything to him,” said Longowal, while speaking to media at a local gurdwara.  
Earlier, the SGPC had ordered an inquiry after Punjabi singer Gurdas Maan was honoured by the management of Gurdwara Ber Sahib at Sultanpur Lodhi recently.  
SGPC chief secretary Dr Roop Singh said the Sikh body had strongly condemned Maan over his objectionable remarks to demean Punjabi language.  
About the release of remaining Sikh prisoners, Longowal said the Union and state governments should take a sympathetic view of the cases of other Sikhs, who have been languishing in jails for long.  
“We are hopeful that the remaining prisoners would also be released,” he said.  
Meanwhile, the SGPC chief thanked both Indian and Pakistani governments for showing keen interest in the Kartarpur corridor. “It was a long-pending demand of the Sikhs across the globe,” he said.

‘WILL OPPOSE MAAN’  
“Till the time Maan tenders an apology over his support to the controversial move, the SGPC would continue to oppose him  
Dr Roop Singh, SGPC SECRETARY

# Panel to lay siege to CM's house today

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**SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
After a meeting at its Sangrur office here, members of Zameen Prapati Sangharash Committee (ZPSC) announced that they would gherao Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's Patiala residence on September 30 for their long-pending demands.  
They also alleged that police personnel were conducting raids at the houses of their members in various cities to thwart their protest.  
“Cops have been conducting raids at my residence in Malaud, at our Sangrur office in Prem Basti and in other districts to arrest our members to foil the September 30 gherao of CM's house. But we have made all required arrangements and will go ahead with our protest,” said Mukesh Malaud, president of the ZPSC.  
Their main demands include allotment of reserved land from village common land on lease to Dalits for 33 years and allotment of plots from village common land to Dalits.  
“Politicians remember Dalits only during elections but we will intensify our agitation in the coming days to remind them the importance of Dalits,” Malaud added.

# Urdu ‘turns’ foreign for PU, Amarinder fumes

Expresses concern over varsity merging Urdu dept

AMARJOT KAUR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Sunday posted a tweet, expressing concern over Panjab University's proposal to include Department of Urdu and Persian in the School of Foreign Languages.  
On September 17, a 15-member committee constituted by Panjab University under PU Dean University Instructions (DUI) Prof Shankarji Jha had proposed to merge small departments to form bigger centres in the view of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).  
The objective of the merger, as stated in the university's proposal, is to enhance the academic performance by sharing infrastructure and human resources i.e. teaching and non-teaching staff. The NAAC guidelines state: “All entres/departments/institutes having faculty less than six and overlapping with each other be merged to form a department/school.” A meeting, slated to be held on Monday, will take a final call on the proposal.  
On Thursday, Chairperson of Department of Urdu and Persian, PU, Prof Ali Abbas, had written a letter to the DUI, explaining how “Urdu is not a foreign language. In

CAPT'S TWEET

“Surprised to learn that @OfficialPU has proposed to make the Urdu Department part of the School of Foreign Languages. Urdu is an Indian language, like all the great languages of our country. I will speak to the vice chancellor and senators to review this decision immediately.”



fact, Urdu was born and brought up in India only.” The contents of his letter read: “Urdu was born and nurtured and cultured in India during the first two decades of the 13th century by Amir Khusro... Now is the time, either to merge the departments of Urdu, Panjabi and Hindi into one department under the banner of Department of Indian languages or be allowed to function independently as per the present-day arrangement.”  
Also, the president of Panjab University Teachers' Association (PUTA), Prof Rajesh Gill, on Wednesday resented the varsity's pro-

posal on the account of excluding PUTA representatives from the 15-member committee constituted by PU Vice Chancellor Prof Raj Kumar.  
Ali Abbas said, “This happened a year and a half ago too, but former Vice Chancellor Prof AK Grover corrected it. Urdu is an Indo-Aryan language, while Persian is Aryan language. Urdu's grammar is Indian. It was popularised by Amir Khusro and Baba Farid in Punjab, Nizam Bedari in the Deccan and Afzal Panipati in Haryana. How is it a foreign language?”  
Commenting on the issue, Gural Singh Sandhu, Dean, Languages, Panjab University, shared, “The NAAC said that small departments, where teachers and students are less in number, should be merged into big departments. Probably, that's the basis on which the proposal has been made. The committee is yet to finalise the proposal and I will not let this merger of Urdu in foreign languages come to a pass.”  
Though the Vice Chancellor refused to comment, DUI Prof Jha said, “This move of the university has been met with resentment; we have received representations against the merger of Urdu department and other departments too and we will consider it in a meeting tomorrow.”

## 2 अक्टूबर, 2019 को

# ग्राम सभा की बैठक

प्रदेश की सभी ग्राम पंचायतों में 2 अक्टूबर, 2019 को ग्राम सभा की विशेष बैठक प्रातः 10 बजे से दोपहर बाद 1 बजे तक आयोजित होगी।

- बैठक में जल शक्ति अभियान और जल के संरक्षण के उचित प्रबन्धन के बारे में बात करेंगे,
- तरल एवं ठोस अपशिष्ट के सुरक्षित एवं स्वच्छ निपटान के प्रबन्धन की भी बात होगी,
- प्लास्टिक के इस्तेमाल को रोकने और नशामुक्त समाज की स्थापना के विषय में विचार-विमर्श होगा,
- ग्राम सभा की बैठक के अंत में दोपहर 12:00 बजे सभी प्लास्टिक इक्ठ्ठा करेंगे एवं इसका सुरक्षित निपटान करेंगे।

### 2 अक्टूबर को

## ग्राम सभा की बैठक में अवश्य आएँ

## ग्रामीण लोकतंत्र को मज़बूत बनाएँ

### करें संकल्प दायित्व निभाएंगे - प्लास्टिक मुक्त हिमाचल बनाएंगे

### ग्रामीण विकास एवं पंचायती राज विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा जारी

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# 915 posts abolished for Bureau of Investigation

Move to split duties to reduce stress levels among cops

AMAN SOOD  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Already facing shortage of men in the junior ranks to effectively manage police stations in Punjab, the police have abolished 915 posts of constables for the creation of posts of civilian support staff in the Bureau of Investigation (BOI). The posts have been abolished from 27 police districts and the Government Railway Police to strengthen the BOI and the investigations on the recommendations of Satish Chandra, Additional Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Justice.

The civil staff of the BOI will have a chief forensic officer, a chief legal advisor, eight legal advisers, 28 legal officers, 120 legal assistants, 33 police forensic officers, 87 police forensic supervisors, 120 forensic



### BOI team

The Bureau of Investigation will have 28 SPs, 108 DSPs, 164 inspectors, 593 sub-inspectors, 1,140 ASIs, 1,158 head constables and 373 constables. Another 159 posts will be created for the ministerial cadre and 798 for civilian support staff.

Sources say the Punjab Police have more DSPs and ASIs as compared to constables and inspectors. FILE PHOTO

crime scene officers, 33 computer/digital forensic officers, 153 forensic investigation support officers and 214 information technology assistant officers. “The BOI will expedite investigations in serious crimes and take off the burden from police stations, which are mostly busy in law and order duty,” said a

top police officer.

An SHO, who didn’t wish to be named, said, “We already have limited men to manage day-to-day affairs. The VIP and law and order duty takes a toll. The withdrawal of more men will affect our working. We have more DSPs and ASIs in districts as compared to constables and inspectors. New

recruitments should have been done for the BOI.”

A senior officer confirmed that the move paved way for “effective separation of law and order and investigation functions” of the police.

The Supreme Court had in July 2014 directed separation of investigative and law & order functions of the police.

# Ex-sarpanches under lens for ₹4-cr ‘embezzlement’

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**ROPAR, SEPTEMBER 29**

Two former sarpanches of nearby Rangeelpur village are under the scanner as incumbent Manjeet Singh has alleged that panchayat funds to the tune of Rs 4 crore were misappropriated during their tenure. Sarpanch Manjit Singh and several local residents have lodged a complaint with the Punjab Panchayats and Rural Department Finance Commissioner.

They have alleged that former sarpanches Kamaljit Kaur and Sunil Kumar withdrew money from the panchayat accounts for those works which were carried out with funds received under the MGNREGA scheme, showed bills of companies with fake addresses and inflated the costs of development works.

In the complaint, it has been stated that Sunil had been sarpanch from 2008 to 2013. From 2013 to 2018 when Sunil Kumar was elected a panch, Kamaljeet took over as sarpanch of the village. Manjit says after a perusal of record handed over to him so far, it was found that the village panchayat spent nearly Rs 4 crore for development works during the past 10 years, a majority of which were lying incomplete. He alleges that Rs 90 lakh was withdrawn for the construction of a marriage palace in the village. The marriage palace was, however, left incomplete.

The village panchayat got Rs 20 lakh for the construction of 300-metre-long drain under the MGNREGA scheme. Still payments were made for this work from the



An under-construction marriage palace, reportedly worth ₹90 lakh, at Rangeelpur village near Ropar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

### What complainants claim

■ ₹90 lakh withdrawn for the construction of a marriage palace which was left incomplete

■ Panchayat got ₹20 lakh for the construction of 300-metre-long drain under the MGNREGA scheme. Still payments were made for this work from the panchayat funds to two companies with fake addresses

■ Bills worth lakhs were raised against the purchase of furniture for panchayat and village dispensary though no such thing was found at both places

■ There was no function held in the village by the panchayat, still bills worth lakhs were raised against installation of tents



Paramjit Singh  
Sitara, a complainant

village panchayat funds and that, too, to two companies which had fake addresses.

Manjit further alleges though panchayats were dissolved on July 17 last year, still money was withdrawn from the bank account of the panchayat by Sunil in August.

Meanwhile, Kamaljeet said during her tenure as sarpanch from 2013 to 2018, she had bequeathed her powers to former sarpanch and then panch Sunil Kumar, so he only

would be able to answer all queries. Sunil, however, denied all allegations levelled by Manjit and the other complainants. He said he had already submitted all relevant documents to the District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO) Gurnetar Singh who was conducting an inquiry into the matter.

Ropar DC Sumet Jarangal and the DDPO said the inquiry would be completed within next 10 days.

# 89,224 get placement at job fair

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Under the ongoing fifth Mega Job Fair, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will hand over appointment letters at Chamkaur Sahib on October 5. The fair at more than 100 locations, identified by the Employment Generation Department, will end tomorrow.

A government spokesman said that out of the 89,224 selected for jobs at the fair held across the state under the Ghar-Ghar Rozgar scheme, 33,341 fell in the ‘Under 10 youth per village’ programme, while 98 were persons with disabilities.

Of the 27,641 youth chosen for self-employment, there are 18,973 boys, 8,651 girls and 17 persons with disabilities. They will further groom start-ups and entrepreneurship in the state. Similarly, as many as 6,727 youths have been chosen for skill training programme in this segment. — TNS

## Punjab Diary



Kuljit Singh Nagra, adviser to the Chief Minister, along with officers, inspects the newly constructed bus stand at Sirhind.

### Wait for bus stand over, finally

**Fatehgarh Sahib:** Fatehgarh Sahib was given the status of district in 1992 by the then Beant Singh government keeping in view its historical and religious importance. Every year, lakhs of devotees from across the world come to pay obeisance at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib, but they had to suffer great difficulties due to lack of a well-equipped bus stand. The wait is finally over. A modern bus stand having all facilities has been constructed over 1.11 acres on the national highway in Sirhind at a cost of Rs 3.20 crore. Razia Sultana, Minister for Transport, will inaugurate it on Monday. Local MLA Kuljit Singh Nagra, who visited the premises on Monday, said the visitors and area residents would no longer have to suffer for lack of transport facilities.



Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans (front right) during a cycle rally in Moga on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

### Pedalling for health

**Moga:** The district administration organised a cycle rally on Sunday to raise health awareness among locals. The officials highlighted issues related to anaemia, malnutrition and other health-related problems among the lactating mothers, pregnant women, children and girls. Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans, who flagged off the rally from the new grain market, also participated and pedalled for over 8 km. The event was organised under the aegis of Poshan Abhiyaan. He said the need of the hour was to eliminate problems such as anaemia and malnutrition from society. issues. SDM Narinder Singh Dhaliwal, District Programme Officer Gurcharan Singh, District Social Security Officer Rajkiran Kaur and chairperson, Aggrawal Women Cell, Bhawna Bansal were among prominent persons who participated in this rally.

### Welcome break for cops

**Amritsar:** In an attempt to lessen the burden of police personnel, Amritsar rural police chief Vikram Jeet Duggal has decided to give compulsory leave to them on occasion of their birthdays and marriage anniversaries. The step is appreciated by police officials of all ranks, who said it was for the first time that an officer thought about them and took this step. “Policing is one of the toughest jobs. Cops work 24X7 to maintain law and order. They do not get leaves or enjoy holidays on festivals. On their birthdays or marriage

anniversaries, families wait for them till late to celebrate the special occasion,” Duggal pointed out. The step would help relieve them of stress to some extent, which will ultimately help the department and society as well, he added.



Ferozepur businessman Sohan Singh Sodhi on his way from Khatkar Kalan to Hussainiwal to pay homage to Bhagat Singh.

### No distance too long

**Ferozepur:** To pay respects to Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary, Ferozepur businessman Sohan Singh Sodhi cycled from Hussainiwal to Khatkar Kalan and then returned to Hussainiwal with ‘soil’ from that sacred place with which he planted saplings at Bhagat Singh’s place of martyrdom. Sodhi took more than nine hours to reach Khatkar Kalan and almost the same time to return. The 56-year-old businessman has done over 35,000 km of cycling in the last four years. Sodhi said he could not think of a better way to pay homage to the martyr, who had lit the eternal flame of liberty, and at the same time spread a message to plant more trees and remain physically fit.



Residents welcome para badminton medallist Sanjeev on his return from Bangkok. TRIBUNE PHOTO

### Little support to champ

**Abohar:** The successive state governments have failed to give a job to para-badminton international medallist Sanjeev Kumar, who had to miss Badminton World Federation (BWF) events in 2016 due to lack of funds. The Punjab Government, after a gap of almost a decade, reintroduced Maharaja Ranjit Singh Awards last year and he was among the recipients. Sanjeev is number 7 in the world ranking for para-badminton players. In the Thailand para-badminton that concluded in Bangkok last week, Sanjeev won a bronze. To qualify for Olympics, he needs to participate in Denmark Para Badminton (October 15-20) and Tokyo (November 11-17), but funds are a constraint. Sanjeev, who suffered polio in his right leg, started playing badminton in 2007. He won a silver medal at the World Paralympics Games in 2009. “Players like me find it tough to take part in BWF events as each time one has to look for sponsor,” Sanjeev said.

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# Tributes pour in for trailblazing Sikh cop

HOUSTON, SEPTEMBER 29

Lt Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal put the Sikh imperative of selfless service on display for all and touched a nation with his example, a senior US official has said, amid an unbridled outpouring of grief from many Americans over the gruesome killing of the first Indian-American police officer in Texas.

Dhaliwal, 42, who made national headlines when he was allowed to grow a beard

and wear a turban on the job in the US state of Texas, was gunned down while conducting a mid-day traffic stop in northwest of Houston on Friday. Family, friends and strangers prayed on Saturday at Dhaliwal’s memorial off Willancy Lane in northwest Harris County.

Dhaliwal’s youngest sister Ranjeet Kaur joined the crowd and lit a candle for her brother. She remembered a man who loved his job. “He was a really



Lt Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal

great person. He didn’t deserve all this. He helped everybody. He never said no.

He does as much as he can. I think this was the wrong time and the wrong place,” Kaur was quoted as saying by an US news channel.

US acting assistant secretary for South and Central Asia Alice Wells said, “We mourn alongside colleagues, friends and family of Lt Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, first Indian-American in Texas to serve as a police officer while maintaining articles of faith. — PTI

# Journalist Thukral passes away

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Eminent journalist Gobind Thukral today passed away after a prolonged illness at

Panchkula. He was 79. Thukral is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. He was suffering from cancer.

Thukral, whose journalistic career spanned over more than three decades, retired as Chief of Bureau with *The Tribune* around two decades ago.

Indian Journalists Union’s Amar Nath, Chandigarh Press Club and Punjab and Chandigarh Union of Journalists mourned the death. The cremation will be held at Sector 25, Chandigarh, at 4pm on Monday.

### Chief Minister, Mohindra offer condolences

Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, Local Bodies Minister Brahm Mohindra and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar expressed grief over the death of Thukral. Describing him as one of north India’s leading journalists, Captain Amarinder said he had contributed immensely to both English and vernacular media, particularly during the dark days of militancy, on which he reported fearlessly. — TNS

# Now, extortionists take to social media to lay traps

Girls befriend men on Facebook, WhatsApp | Sangrur police register six FIRs in 6 months

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 29**

■ A girl befriends a local resident on phone, calls him to Mohali and serves him sedative mixed in tea. She then accuses him of raping her and extorts Rs 25 lakh.

■ A woman befriends a resident of Cheema, takes him to a village and compels him to get intimate with her. Later, four persons bundle him in a car and demand money.

During the past six months, the Sangrur police have busted various gangs involved in extorting more than

Rs 45 lakh from area residents. In a majority of these cases, girls befriended their targets through phone calls, Facebook or WhatsApp.

“The girls are so well-trained that area residents easily fall in their trap. First, they call and sometimes, if their target does not give the required response, they start interacting through WhatsApp and finally they become friends on Facebook,” a policeman said.

The police have registered another extortion case against four persons, including Sandeep Singh, Najman, Bura Singh and Nur, for befriending a



### Modus Operandi

The Sangrur police have busted various gangs involved in extorting more than Rs 45 lakh from area residents. In a majority of these cases, girls befriended their targets through phone calls, Facebook or WhatsApp. “The girls are so well-trained that area residents easily fall in their trap. First, they call and sometimes, if their target does not give the required response, they start interacting through WhatsApp and finally they become friends on Facebook,” a policeman said.

local on phone and later calling him to a house and extorting money by threatening to implicate him in a false rape case.

“On my complaint, the police have registered a case against three persons for extorting lakhs from me. The women members of the gangs are so smart that they can easily trap

youngsters and aged men alike,” said a victim, who got a complaint registered with the police.

Sangrur Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr Sandeep Garg said he had passed strict directions to all officers in the district to investigate thoroughly before registering the cases.

“Though all rape com-

plaint are not false, but yes, we have detected six extortion cases, where girls or women demanded money after becoming friends with their targets on Facebook, WhatsApp or through phone calls. Even during investigations, we found a rape case false. Residents should stay alert,” the SSP added.

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**PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 29**

Government Medical College (GMC) professor Dr Iqbal Singh has alleged government’s apathy as he has been denied promotion for the last 13 years. He said he had not been promoted even after High Court orders in May this year.

He had joined the GMC in 2006 as lecturer after completing MD in physiology. While he has been at the same post, his counterparts and even juniors have been promoted long time ago.

In May 2018, Principal Secretary, Research and

Medical Education, had sought an explanation from the Director, Research and Medical Education, over the issue. The latter failed to give a reply even after several reminders.

Principal Secretary, Medical Education and Research, DK Tiwari, said, “The department had considered his case, but he could not fulfil the minimum ACR marks for promotion.”

OP Soni, Medical Education Minister, said, “We will not allow injustice to any professor. I will look into the matter.”

Avnish Kumar, DRME, could not be contacted.



## POLL BUZZ

‘75+ BJP’ not looking at onions @ 75: Naina



**Hisar:** Taking a dig at BJP’s claim of ‘Abki Bar 75 paar’, thereby claiming that the party will win 75 seats in Haryana poll, JJP leader Naina Chautala said at a meeting in Sirsa on Sunday that it would be better if the government tried to control the onion price, which has already crossed the ₹75 per kg mark in the state. **TNS**

## Jat Mahasabha not to support anyone

**Chandigarh:** Haryana Jat Mahasabha state president Pardeep Hooda on Sunday said the Mahasabha would not support any political party and the candidate in the upcoming poll scheduled on October 21. Addressing a meeting of the Mahasabha in Rohtak, Hooda said: “It’s not good for democracy to extend support to one political party or candidate.” **TNS**

## Brahmins play safe after CM’s axe threat

**Kurukshetra:** The Haryana Brahmin Sabha has announced that members of the community wouldn’t gift a “parsi” (battle axe) to any non-Brahmin in any event. This was decided at a state-level meeting of Brahmins here on Sunday. The decision was taken after Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had reportedly threatened to behead a BJP worker with an axe during his Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Barwala recently. The CM faced criticism for his remark. **TNS**

# 3 weeks to go, Congress fissures haven’t yet gone

Kiran, Tanwar stay away from Hooda-Selja rallies in their bastions

GEETANJALI GAYATRI  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29** In the thick of Assembly elections and after the change of guard at the top in the state unit, the faction-ridden Haryana Congress remains a divided house with its senior leaders yet to share a platform together.

While many of the leaders stayed away from the “coronation ceremony” of the new state party chief Kumari Selja and Congress Legislature Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the divide was evident in the recently concluded state tour by the two leaders before they got down to the task of candidate selection for the Assembly segments.

During the recently concluded state tour by the two leaders in an attempt to give “more visibility” to the party, a programme each was organised in all 10 parliamentary seats. While most of the leaders shared the stage with the new team, former state chief Ashok Tanwar stayed away from the programme in Sirsa while former CLP leader Kiran Choudhry did not attend the programme held in the Mahendragarh parliamentary segment which includes the Tosham Assembly constituency she represents.

Though Tanwar has made no bones about being replaced just before elections, he has stated that he



Congress leaders BS Hooda, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kumari Selja at a function in Chandigarh. FILE

## EARLY DAYS YET, SAYS PARTY

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will individually campaign for the party and its candidates in all 90 assembly segments without sharing a stage with the new team. Choudhry, since being replaced, has been silent about being replaced but did not go to the party’s programme in Mahendragarh. Her daughter, Shruti, however, was present.

While Hooda, soon after taking over, visited Choudhry at her New Delhi residence earlier this month in a bid to placate her and seek her support, Tanwar, it is learnt was also sent feelers to bury the

hatchet and come on board with the new team. Sources said that he turned down these mediations by local leaders and was adamant about staying away from “Team Hooda”.

Admitting that the two leaders have stayed away from the rallies held in their respective parliamentary segments, sources in the Hooda-Selja team said that campaigning in full throttle would take place after the tickets were announced and nomination papers filed by the candidates.

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While the leaders of various factions are attending meetings for elections together, it remains to be seen when they will come together on a single platform to present a united front.

## Saini hints at alliance with SAD

RAVINDER SAINI  
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JHAJJAR, SEPTEMBER 29

Former MP and Loktantrik Suraksha Party (LSP) supremo Raj Kumar Saini has hinted at forming an alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in the Assembly elections.

“We will soon create a congenial atmosphere in the state by coming together with the SAD and some farmer organisations,” said Saini, while answering a question during media interaction at Bahu village here on Sunday.

Saini was here to address a party workers’ meeting organised by LSP leader Ajay Tanwar in the village. He also announced to field Tanwar from Jhajjar Assembly segment (reserve) in the Assembly election.

“We have been fighting the political battle to change the present system where nepotism, regionalism, casteism and corruption rule the roost and political parties are committing discrimination with people of deprived section of the society,” said Saini, while addressing the gathering in the village.

Advocating that reservation should be given to every caste as per share of their population, the LSP supremo said it was the only way to uplift people of these communities which were deprived of availing the benefit despite being included in the Backward and Scheduled Caste categories.

Saini said the LSP planned to given employment to every hand by linking the MGNREGS with agricultural works.

## THE DAY AHEAD

### Congress list to be released

State Congress chief Kumari Selja has said discussions for all 90 Assembly seats has been over and the list of candidates will be released on Monday. “The Congress’ election committee has discussed all names, including those who joined the party recently,” she said. The election committee meeting was organised in New Delhi. **TNS**

## LSP picks 16, gives priority to SCs, BCs

SUNIT DHAWAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, SEPTEMBER 29

The Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP) released its first list of 16 candidates for the upcoming elections to the Haryana Assembly here today.

Addressing a news conference on the occasion, LSP leader Raj Kumar Saini asserted that the party had given preference to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Backward Classes (BCs) in choosing its candidates.

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On being questioned if his party would field any Jat candidates, Saini remarked that Jats considered him a rebel. He, however, maintained that several Jat candidates were in the queue for the LSP ticket.

## Swaraj India names 14, mostly activists



Swaraj India executive president Ajit Jha (C) addresses the media.

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Swaraj India released another list of 14 more candidates today for the Haryana Assembly poll. The list mainly comprises activists against the builder lobby and those involved with problems of farmers and education of slum children.

So far the party has named 30 candidates with 11 below 40 years and five women candidates. From Faridabad, it has now given ticket to Renu Khattar, 42, who has been fighting against the lobby of builders. “The issues of environment, cleanliness, women security and water are on my agenda,” said Khattar, who is working as consultant for garment exports.

Shailender Kumar, 33, who will represent the party in Ambala Cantonment, said:

### BSP releases its first list of 41 candidates

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which is contesting on its own, released its first list of 41 candidates on Sunday. According to state president Prakash Bharti, Tayub Husain from Hathin was one of the prominent names. He polled 31,206 votes in 2014 Assembly polls and was at the fourth place. **TNS**

“The improvement of government schools to the level of private ones is on my agenda.” Kumar works as a teacher in a coaching centre and has been involved in free education of slum children.

Surender Singh, 43, contesting from Hathin, has been involved in providing free sports coaching while Yashdev Singh, 29, who will fight from Assandh, has waged a struggle over water shortage.

# Cong, BJP spar over joblessness

Selja hits out at Chief Minister after he rubbishes ‘inflated’ figures

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR  
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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the main opposition Congress are sparring over unemployment figures in Haryana in the run-up to the Assembly elections.

A day after Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Rohtak rubbished the over 28% unemployment figure in the state as cited in a report of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Kumari Selja hit back today. In a tweet, she said: “The ostrich-in-sand stance won’t help, especially when hopelessness is writ large on the faces of the youth! If the situation is so merry, why hasn’t your govt released any employment data since 2016! Not to fret, 16 lakh unemployed youth of Haryana will answer on 21st!”

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P Chidambaram in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.”

Not only the Congress, but Swaraj India, which has also been raking up the same unemployment figures, condemned the CM’s statement today. The state president of Swaraj India, Rajiv Godara, said: “Khattar has brought in a culture of speaking lies in politics.

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According to the Mumbai-based CMIE, the unemployment in the country, from May to August of 2019, is the highest in Haryana at 28.7%, followed by Tripura at 27.9%, Jammu and Kashmir at 22.4% and Himachal Pradesh at 19.2%. In absolute numbers, Haryana has over 20 lakh unemployed people. Out of these, 4.5 lakh are either graduate or with a higher degree. In states with three times the population of Haryana, like Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the number of unemployed is 11.84 lakh and 11.58 lakh, respectively.

## Sacked BSF man in JJP, to take on Khattar

REWARI, SEPTEMBER 29

Sacked BSF man Tej Bahadur Yadav today joined Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) in the presence of former MP and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala in New Delhi. He also announced that he would contest the Assembly election against Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Karnal.

“In Dushyant Chautala I see

a reflection of former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal, hence I have joined the JJP. Chaudhary Devi Lal had worked for the welfare of every section of society and now Dushyant is the only leader who is treading in the footsteps of Ch. Devi Lal. He possesses a clean image too,” said Yadav.

The JJP released its second list of 15 candidates. — **TNS**

# Water woes force region’s cotton, paddy belt to diversify





The segment is facing water shortage, poor public transport system and inadequate health services. Voters feel they have been facing government apathy because the local MLA belongs to the Opposition, reports

Deepender Deswal

**W**ATER shortage, lack of public transport system and poor health services are the main issues of the Uklaana Assembly constituency (reserved), which was carved out during the delimitation process in 2009.

In 2014, voters here elected an INLD man — Anoop Dhanak — as their representative, though the BJP formed the government in the state.

The electorate here feels that they have been facing the neglect of the government as local MLA belongs to the Opposition party. Uklaana segment comprising 55 villages and the mandi township of Uklaana is known as the cotton and paddy belt of the region. It was carved out of five constituencies of Bhat-

TOTAL VOTERS 1,95,512		PROBABLE CANDIDATES	
1,06,101	Men	BJP: Seema Gaibipur, Asha Rani	
89,411	Women	Congress: Naresh Selwal	
		INLD: Anoop Dhanak	
Legislatorspeak			
		“The constituency has been neglected by the government. I raised issues of water shortage and lack of health services, but the government ignored my demands. The BJP will face the wrath of people for ignoring their demands and also enforcing anti-people policies.”	
		Anoop Dhanak, INLD MLA	
Oppositionspeak			
		“The local MLA failed to raise the issues concerning people. The government has spent about ₹450 crore in development activities in this segment. A college and an ITI are already functional. Water shortage will also end as the government is trying to fetch Bhakra water to the region.”	
		Seema Gaibipur, BJP LEADER	

tu Kalan, Tohana, Uchana, Namaund and Barwala in 2009 delimitation exercise.

Shortage of water and public transport to connect the villages of the segment are prominent issues in this Assembly constituency. The shortage of doctors in the community health centre (CHC) has been a major inconvenience as patients and accident victims have to be rushed to Agroha, Barwala and Hisar towns for treatment.

People said a number of villages, including Prabhuhwala, Surewala, Gaibipur, Budhakhera, Pabra, Khairi and Kinala among others, have been facing shortage of canal water for irrigation purpose. Praminder Singh, a resident of Prabhuhwala village, said due to canal water shortage, farmers have to

shift to bajra and cotton instead of paddy, which was the traditional crop in the region.

“We have been taking up the demand for getting canal water from the Bhakra with this government. But there is no solution in sight so far as the villages face water shortage — both for drinking and irrigation purposes,” he said, adding that farmers get just 11 minutes to irrigate their field in a month.

Manoj, a youngster from Uklaana town, said the health services were in a bad shape, as there were no doctors to attend patients. “Patients are referred to the Agroha hospital or Hisar for even the Medico-Legal Report (MLR). Though there are seven posts of medical officer, most of these are vacant,” he said.

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CNR No. PBJL01-09792-2019

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Petition U/S 11 of HMA 1955 for Nullation of Marriage

Publication issued to: Baljinder Singh, Father: Ajaib Singh Village Ittan Badhi Police Station, Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.12.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=jalandhar

Dated, this day of 26.07.2019.

Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.

CL19090283

**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Manpreet Kaur w/o Jarnail Singh d/o Joga Singh r/o Village Sarhala Khurd, PS Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

Petitioner Vs.

Jarnail Singh Dharam Singh Village Ladhana Jhikha, Sub Tehsil Banga, Teh. and District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Nawanshahr.

... Respondent

CNR No. PBH001-003812-2019

Next Date: 02.12.2019

Petition Under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.

Publication issued to: Jarnail Singh, Father: Dharam Singh Village Ladhana Jhikha, Sub Tehsil Banga, Teh. and District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Nawanshahr.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.12.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=hoshiarpur

Dated, this day of 31.08.2019.

Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

CL19090279

**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of Harreet Kaur Kaleka, Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.

Sharanjit Kaur aged 39 years w/o Paramjit Singh r/o V.P.O. Nijjran, Jalandhar.

Versus Paramjit Singh s/o Sh. Mohinder Singh r/o Venizelo Street 31 NEA Makri Attika 19005 Greece.

CNR No. PBJL01-017939-2018

Next Date: 20.12.2019

Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce.

Publication issued to: Paramjit Singh Father: Mohinder Singh Venizelo Street 31 NEA Makri, Attika-19005, Greece.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 20.12.2019 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=jalandhar

Dated, this day of 07.08.2019

Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.

CL19090280

**COURT NOTICE**

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Shatin Goyal, Addl. District and Sessions Judge (NRI), Jalandhar.

Kirpal Singh s/o Gurcharan Singh Sandhu r/o Kothi No. 52, Badri Dass Colony, Jalandhar.

Versus Kamal Baljit Singh s/o Gurcharan Singh Sandhu r/o 149, Clifford Road, West Boromwitch-B-70-8JS, U.K.

CNR No. PBJL01-008237-2019

Next Date: 14.11.2019

Publication issued to: Surinder Pal Singh, Father: Gurcharan Singh 501, Model Town, Jalandhar at present residing at 1715, Central AV CERES (CA) 95307, USA.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 14.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=jalandhar

Dated, this day of 24.09.2019

Sd/- Addl. District and Sessions Judge (NRI), Jalandhar.

CL19090094

**HC upholds life term to ex-Indian Army sepoy**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

The Delhi High Court has upheld the life imprisonment awarded to a former soldier for shooting dead a cardiologist here in 2012 while trying to forcibly take away the doctor's domestic help, whom he claimed to be in love with.

The court said the conduct of the convict post the gruesome murder had not only been "unjust, unfair and unreasonable", but also showed a "propensity to commit crime".

"The police, jail administration and civil administration must ensure that society at large is protected from such individuals," a Bench of Justices Manmohan and Sangita Dhingra Sehgal said.

The Bench dismissed the appeal of former Indian Army sepoy Dharmendra Kumar Tandon and upheld the life term awarded to him for murdering Dr Sanjeev Dhawan of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital after a scuffle.

The court said, "Deceased Dr Sanjeev Dhawan was a principled, courageous and a just citizen, who did his

**LOOKING BACK**

The soldier, who had retired from service in 2010, was living with Sangeeta who was working as a maid at the victim's residence in Rajinder Nagar area of central Delhi

On September 18, 2012, Tandon asked the doctor to send Sangeeta with him and threatened to kill him otherwise, the prosecution had said

He reached the society of the victim at night, created terror while trying to find Sangeeta and fired a couple of shots from the road out of which one critically hit Dhawan and killed him

best to protect his helpless maid servant Sangeeta Kaur. Dhawan did not succumb to threats and unfair demands of an obsessive person, who despite being married to Ramin Tandon and having children wanted custody of Sangeeta Kaur at any cost."— PTI

**IPS officer charged for allegedly raping woman**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

The Delhi Police has filed the final chargesheet against an IPS officer of West Bengal cadre, over a year after a woman who he befriended on Facebook accused him of raping her, sources said on Sunday.

The Delhi-based woman had in 2018 accused the officer of raping her on the promise of marriage. The chargesheet was filed earlier this month, the sources said.

According to the chargesheet, the woman and the IPS officer became friends on Facebook and within a few months of chatting and video calls, the IPS officer met her in Delhi on January 27.

The woman alleged that he kept promising that he would marry her. On their first meeting, the two went to a mall in Vasant Kunj for dinner. The next day, they met again and he offered her some chocolates induced with liquor. The woman felt

Were Facebook friends, assured 'victim' of marrying her

After returning to West Bengal, he continued to be in contact with the woman for sometime but started ignoring her later when she kept reminding him of the promise. He also blocked her on all social media platforms and refused to marry her, according to the chargesheet.

The woman approached the police with her complaint in May last year and a case was registered at the Barakhamba Police Station.

The woman had alleged police inaction in the case and filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court that the investigation was not being carried properly and the accused was misusing his position as an IPS officer and got false cases registered against her mother and her and also tried to get false case registered against her brother in Sonepat. — PTI

**ABOUT THE CASE**

The woman and the IPS officer became friends on Facebook and the officer met her in Delhi on January 27

In a meeting he offered her some chocolates induced with liquor. After consuming which the woman felt dizzy and he brought her to a hotel and started making advances

After allegedly raping her, the officer apologised to her and reassured the woman of marrying her, the chargesheet said.

**Nepalese man held for rape, murder of 6-yr-old**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

A Nepalese man absconding since 2015 after raping and killing a six-year-old girl was arrested here, the police said on Sunday.

Vijay (49) is a resident of Bharatpur, in Nepal and used to

work in a garment export house in Okhla. He often provided financial help to the victims family, they said. As the victim's father had abused him and to take revenge, he raped and killed the girl on August 10, 2015, the police said. — PTI

**Capital to get new trauma centre, CM lays foundation**

CM Arvind Kejriwal and Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain at the foundation stone laying event of trauma centre at the Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in New Delhi on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

**We have saved ₹290 crore in just one project (the trauma centre). If I use this money to make medicines, treatment and tests free for the people of Delhi, is it wrong? The Opposition claims we are wasting money by providing free healthcare to people**

Arvind Kejriwal, DELHI CM

Arvind Kejriwal said, "There has been a massive expansion in the health infrastructure in Delhi in various levels," said Kejriwal.

"The dispensaries in Delhi were in adverse conditions, and people had to rush and crowd the big hospitals for simple medical conditions, which is why the Delhi Government has constructed 200 'Mohalla' clinics and construction 200 more clinics will be completed in another 10-15 days," said Chief Minister.

"Construction of 300 additional clinics is being carried out and will be completed by December," he added. — PTI

**‘Bhandara’ organisers fined ₹50K by SDMC**

Used thermo-plastic, littered ground

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

Stepping up its anti-plastic campaign, the SDMC on Sunday took imposed a penalty of ₹50,000 on the organisers of a 'bhandara' (community meal) in Chirag Delhi for using plastic material and littering the place, officials said.

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has been running a campaign to urge people to shun single-use plastic material in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the country.

"The South Zone of the SDMC today took a stringent step and issued a challan of ₹50,000 to the organisers of a 'bhandara', for using thermo-plastic material and for littering the place in Chirag Delhi," the corporation said in a statement.

The field staff found that the organisers had "not taken proper measures to collect and dispose used plates but littered the nearby ground," it said.

"In this regard, under 'Swachhta hi Sewa' campaign, instructions have been issued to the field staff to be vigilant and take appropriate action against the violators as per the law," a senior official said.

"Since, 'Swachhta hi Sewa' campaign, especially against single-use plastic, is going on, all field staff have been instructed to keep a strict vigil on other such functions," the SDMC said. — PTI

**REMEMBRANCE (9th BARS)**

**Sardar Gurinder Singh Oberoi**  
02.01.1940 – 30.09.2010

Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (Retired)  
Chief Engineer, PWD Punjab (Retired)

In everlasting and loving memory of our dearest **Sardar Gurinder Singh Oberoi**, who left us for his heavenly abode. We deeply miss you and remember you every moment.

Fondly remembered by:  
Mrs. Birinder K. Oberoi (wife)  
Supreet S. Oberoi (son)  
Maria, Avi, Arjan, Arina, Vira and all relatives and friends

Harpreet S. Oberoi (son)  
Mrs. Jasbir K. Oberoi (sister)

**ਕੋਲ ਕਰੋਏ ਹੋਣ ਨੂੰ ਅਭਿਵੇ ਬਾਨ ਪਏ**

**BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS**

With profound grief and sorrow it is to inform that our beloved **SARDAR RAPINDER PAL SINGH BAJWA** **S.S.P. (Retd.)** left for his heavenly abode on **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**.

Kirtan and Antim Ardas will be held on **02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 (Wednesday)** From **12:00 to 1:30 PM** at **Gurudwara Shri Singh Sabha, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana.**

**IN GRIEF**

• Raminder Kaur Bajwa	— (Wife)
• Jivtesh & Jasmeet Bajwa	— (Son & Daughter-in-law)
• Harshali & Karan Bal	— (Daughter & Son-in-law)
• Mohinder Singh Chahal & Satinder S.P. (Retd.)	— (Brother-in-law, Sister-in-law)
• Varinder Chahal & Sarabjit H.S. Bajwa & Jasmine (AETC)	— (Brother-in-law, Sister-in-law)
• Ashwinder Singh Bajwa & Ruban	— (Brother & Sister-in-law)
• Parampal Singh Bajwa & Navrit	— (Brother & Sister-in-law)
• Gurpreet Singh Bajwa & Narinder	— (Brother & Sister-in-law)
• Satinder & Satinderpal Singh Samra S.E. PWD (Retd.)	— (Sister & Brother-in-law)
• Navrup & Gurbinder Singh Sandhu Xen. (Retd.)	— (Sister & Brother-in-law)
• Rabnoor & Parinaaz Bajwa	— (Grand Daughters)

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Narada case: IPS officer quizzed along with Roy

North grapples with rain fury, 1 10 die in 4 days

**KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The CBI today interrogated senior BJP leader Mukul Roy at his residence, together with arrested IPS officer SMH Mirza, in connection with the Narada tapes scandal.  
Mirza, who was apprehended earlier this week in the case, was taken to the BJP leader's south Kolkata residence by the agency officials, sources said. The “face-to-face interrogation” has been videographed by the sleuths of the agency, they said.  
A CBI officer said Mirza was taken to Roy's flat on Elgin Road for videography in the light of the clip in the footage where he was seen talking over phone with someone whom he assured that an amount of ₹1.7 crore had been deposited at the right place. The officer said the

**'IT'S A CONSPIRACY'**  
“The conspiracy is to malign Mukul and the BJP at any cost... If there is any footage showing I have taken money, then I will accept whatever punishment is given to me.”  
Mukul Roy, BJP LEADER



agency had taken Roy's permission before coming to his flat and the former Union Minister was present and “cooperative” when Mirza was brought there. “Roy was present. He was cooperative. We came here following permission given

by him,” the officer said.  
“Videography was done as per identification by Mirza sahab that the huge cash transaction took place at this place,” the CBI officer said.  
Asked whether the amount was ₹1.7 crore, he said: “The amount... huge amount”.  
To another query on how Mirza got the cash, the officer said: “I don't have any knowledge about that.” Asked whether Mirza has claimed that he gave money to Roy, he said: “Well there are allegations and counter-allegations.” However, the officer nodded in agreement to a further poser as to whether Mirza has claimed during interrogation to have given money to Roy in the Elgin Road flat.  
On the other hand, Roy claimed there was a conspiracy to malign him. — Agencies

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Nearly 110 people have died in rain-related incidents across the country in the past four days, with Uttar Pradesh reporting the maximum deaths, while incessant rainfall in Bihar has badly hit life, with almost all areas of Patna under knee-deep waters and people struggling to meet their daily needs.  
In what the weather department said could be the longest delayed withdrawal of monsoon, rains continued to lash several states, including Bihar, where at least 13 people have died over the past 48 hours, while large swathes were inundated, affecting railway traffic, healthcare services, schools and disrupting power supply.  
In UP, 79 persons have died since Thursday. According to a state government report, 25 people died on Saturday, 18 lost their lives on Friday and 36 the day before.  
In Gujarat, three women drowned after their car was swept away at a flooded causeway in Rajkot district on Sunday, officials said. As many as 13 deaths were also reported on Saturday from Uttarakhand, MP and Rajasthan in rain-related incidents.  
In Bihar, a bird's eye view of state capital Patna made the city appear like a huge lake dotted with concrete structures. Posh low-lying areas are flooded. Private hospitals, medical stores and other shops were submerged in waist-deep water.  
The East Central Railway, headquartered in Hajipur, said 30 trains have been cancelled. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, “We are making all possible efforts. I would appeal to the people of the state to have patience and courage.” — PTI

MONSOON OFFICIALLY ENDS TODAY, IMD WARNS OF MORE



**BIHAR ON RED ALERT:** SDRF workers rescue people from flood-hit area of Bahadurpur following heavy rainfall in Patna on Sunday. No respite is in sight with the MeT Department predicting more rain in the next 24 hours and the Bihar Government issuing a 'red alert'. PTI



THE RAIN BAROMETER		
Divisions	States covered	Deficient/ Surplus
East and northeast India	Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and seven North-East states	-13%
Northwest India	UP, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, HP, Uttarakhand, J&K and Delhi	-3%
Central India	Maharashtra, MP, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Goa	28%
South Peninsula	K'taka, AP, T'gana, TN, Puducherry, Kerala, and Lakshadweep islands	16%

'LONGEST DELAY IN WITHDRAWAL OF MONSOON'

■ The four-month monsoon is officially ending on Monday, but it is unlikely that it will withdraw in the coming week, IMD Director General Mritunjay Mohapatra said on Sunday.  
■ The season officially begins on June 1 and ends on September 30. It reaches Ganganagar in Rajasthan, the last post for the monsoon in the country, on July 15 and starts retreating from September 1. However, the monsoon has not shown signs of withdrawal. Instead, active monsoon still prevails over parts of Rajasthan, Bihar and UP.  
■ Parts of Gujarat and Rajasthan are getting rainfall due to a low-pressure area and this could continue until October 5, Mohapatra said. “This could also, perhaps, be the longest recorded delayed withdrawal of the monsoon.” PTI



Devotees take a holy dip in the flooded Ganga in Prayagraj on Sunday. PTI

BJP central panel meets to pick Haryana, M'ashtra candidates

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Chaired by PM Narendra Modi, the Central Election Committee of the BJP today discussed the names of candidates for Haryana and Maharashtra. The Haryana meeting was attended by BJP chief Amit Shah and working president JP Nadda and leaders from the state, including Chief Minister ML Khattar and state chief Subhash Barala.  
Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh, who had sought ticket for his daughter, is believed

to have pushed for it today. While some of the sitting MLAs in Haryana are believed to have been denied ticket, so far as their kin are concerned, the party is walking a tight rope, especially where the proposer is a strong regional leader with the potential to sway votes.  
Apparently, leaders have quoted the case of former Union Minister and Rajya Sabha MP Birendra Singh, whose son Brijendra Singh is the Lok Sabha MP from His-

ar, and wife Premrata sitting MLA from Uchana Kalan.  
Rao Inderjit Singh has the support of the Yadav/Ahir community. It is said he too “offered to quit” from the Union Cabinet if it could translate into ticket for his daughter Aarti Rao. Birender Singh had offered to resign while seeking Lok Sabha ticket for his son. Sources say Rao Inderjit Singh “explicitly told the central leadership that there cannot be separate rules” in the party. — TNS

Maha Cong's first list of 51 nominees out

Quad dialogue to get impetus with ministerial-level upgrade

**NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, SEPT 29**  
The Congress on Sunday released its first list of 51 candidates for the next month's Maharashtra Assembly elections, fielding former CM Ashok Chavan from Bhokar and state party chief Vijay, alias Balasaheb Thorat, from Sangamner. The party has fielded 23 sitting MLAs, out of the 42 seats it had won in the 2014 Assembly polls.  
Ashok Chavan's wife, Amita Sharma-Chavan, is sitting MLA from Bhokar. She had contested her maiden election

**Shiv Sena's Aditya Thackeray will contest from Worli in Mumbai: Sources**

in 2014 after Chavan won the LS poll that year. Ex-CM Vilasrao Deshmukh's son Amit has been fielded from Latur City seat, while ex-Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde's daughter Praniti will contest from Solapur City Central. — PTI

**KV PRASAD**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
India's decision to upgrade its engagement with Quad to ministerial level gives fresh impetus to the Quadrilateral Dialogue with Australia, Japan and the United States.

NEWS ANALYSIS

The essential takeaway from the Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York last week was reaffirming centrality of ASEAN to Indo-Pacific, in ensuring a free and open region adhering to good governance, transparency, rule of law and freedom of

navigation as common goals.  
Officials from the US underscored India's leadership and its emergence as a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific region, contributing towards a rule-based system, reflecting a shared commitment to uphold the rule of law, counter-terrorism cooperation, freedom of navigation, democratic values and economic growth.  
Given the sensitivity of some countries to the construct, the officials were wary of characterising the arrangement being institutionalised and that talk of security alliance leads to thoughts of cold war,

US officials underscored India's leadership and its emergence as a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific region

something External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar alluded to at an event in Moscow last month. The centrality of ASEAN to Indo-Pacific was a position articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Shangri La Dialogue in June 2018 and re-emphasised by the 10-member grouping at its recent meeting.  
China remains concerned over the coming together of Quad and sceptic over its

objective. “Quad partner countries are all against Belt and Road Initiative...pursuing it informally...it could turn into a military alliance in the future”, a Chinese scholar from the Shanghai Institute for International Studies observed at a recent seminar on ‘Trends in Indo-Pacific Development’ held here.  
Countering it, a former ranking Indian naval officer said Quad revived because of

China's ambition under President Xi Jinping, including his signature Belt and Road Initiative and expansion by Chinese People's Liberation Navy, developing area denial capability in artificial islands of South China Sea, adding to concerns in the region.  
Wary of the move interpreted as some sort of emerging security/military construct with China in mind, till now New Delhi preferred to keep the engagement at mid-level officers' interaction after the informal arrangement restarted in 2017. In the run-up to the Modi-Xi Wuhan-2 informal Summit, Sino-Indian rela-

tions came under some strain with Beijing backing Islamabad over New Delhi's decision to dilute Article 370 and pushing the issue being taken up at a closed-door meeting at the UN Security Council.  
After remaining dormant for nearly a decade, Quad took the centre-stage last year when the Chiefs of the Navies of India, Australia, Japan and the US Pacific Command (now rechristened as Indo-Pacific Command) participated together in a discussion at the Raisina Dialogue, organised jointly by the MEA and the Observer Research Foundation.

Video of Ex-CM goes viral in MP honeytrap case

**BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 29**  
In the Madhya Pradesh sex scandal, two more videos — one of a former Chief Minister and another of a close aide of a right wing leader — have surfaced, creating a flutter in the political circles.  
Both the videos have gone viral on social media. In one of the videos, a former Chief Minister is purportedly seen in compromising position with a young girl in a hotel room. In another video, an elderly aide of a right wing organisation is seen with a young girl, apparently shot in a pre-planned manner. However, the veracity of the videos could not be established.  
Thousands of clips, containing sex chats and videos of officers in compromising positions, have been seized by the SIT probing the biggest sex scandal of the state in recent times.  
Five accused women were taken to Bhopal from Indore amid tight security by the SIT for questioning, the police said. One of the accused was taken to Sagar. One man was also arrested along with 5 women by the SIT. — IANS

**Q. I and my wife are senior citizens. We were allotted a residential plot in joint names in an urban estate, Punjab, by PUDA in 1996 for amount A which was paid in instalments till March 2006. Since the possession of plot could not be handed over, they allotted an alternative plot for the same amount in 2009. We sold this plot in April 2019 for amount B. The conveyance deed with PUDA was executed in April 2019 just before the sale. Clarify on the following points:**  
**(1) Whether the sale in April 2019 would result in LTCG or STCG? From which date, the period of three years for LTCG would be applicable?**  
**(2) Whether the sale proceeds would belong equally to me and my wife. We both are filing I-T returns. The questions that follow are based on the assumption that the transaction resulted in LTCG.**  
**(3) How to calculate indexed cost of acquisition in this case?**  
**(4) Whether the amounts paid yearly since 2011 as extension fee would be included in the cost of acquisition? If so, how to calculate their indexed values?**  
**(5) What other costs can be included in the cost of acquisition?**  
**(6) Whether the whole sale proceeds have to be deposited in individual accounts of self and wife in capital gains account scheme or only the amount of LTCG is to be deposited to get exemption from payment of capital gains tax if a property is intended to be purchased? Whether the property to be purchased should be a built-up house/flat only, or**

**could it be residential plot also? During how much time such a property should be purchased? From which time this period is to be counted?**  
**(7) Whether the interest earned in the above account can be withdrawn?**  
**(8) If one fails to buy a property in the given time, what would be tax liability?**  
**(9) Whether one can withdraw the amount even before the expiry of the stipulated period without purchasing a new property? If so, what would be the tax liability?**  
**(10) If the sale proceeds are divided equally between me and my wife and deposited individually in capital gains tax account, whether each can buy an independent flat/house/land with the name of the other added as a joint buyer?**  
**(11) Whether each one of us can buy bonds of NHAI or REC for ₹50 lakh each and then deposit the remaining amount (LTCG) in capital gains account scheme in individual names to be utilised for purchase of flat/house/land?**  
**(12) For AY 2020-21, which ITR form is to be filed for showing this transaction?**  
**(13) How to account for 1% amount deducted by purchaser and deposited against PANs of each of us? Can this be adjusted against tax payable on other incomes? Will the department pay interest on refund due? If so, from which date and at what rate?**  
**(14) Within how much time of receipt of final payment can we deposit the LTCG in LTCG Account Scheme? Can we keep the amount for such a time in FDRs?**



**(15) Within how much time a flat etc can be purchased if we don't deposit the amount in LTCG Account?**  
— Balwinder Singh  
A. (a) The period of holding in respect of the plot of land would be calculated from the date of allotment of the plot and therefore, the profit arising on the plot sale in April 2019 would be treated as a long-term capital gain.  
(b) The sale proceeds should be equally divided between you and your wife provided the investment has been made equally by both of you. In case the investment was not made in equal proportion, the sale proceeds should be divided between both of you in the ratio of investment made by you and your wife.  
(c) The cost inflation index is published by the government and would be available in any ready-reckoner applicable for AY2020-21. The instalments paid for the plot acquisition will be indexed on the

basis of cost inflation index applicable for the year of payment. The aggregate of indexed cost shall be deducted from the sale price so as to compute the amount of LTCG.  
(d) Extension fee paid by you would be considered as a cost of improvement and will have the same status as the cost of acquisition. The indexed cost of amount paid would be added to the cost of acquisition. However, the cost inflation index applicable to such extension cost would be the year in which the payment was made.  
(e) The cost of acquisition would include the amount paid towards the purchase of the plot and stamp duty.  
(f) The sale proceeds will have to be deposited under the capital gain scheme in case the intention is to purchase or construct a residential house within the specified period. The amount can be utilised towards purchase of a built-up house or flat. It cannot be a residen-

tial plot. A residential house can be purchased within one year before or two years after the date of sale. The construction of a residential house can be within three years after the date of sale. The effective date of transfer of plot shall be the date on which the sale consideration is received and possession of the plot is handed over to the buyer.  
(g) A withdrawal from capital gain scheme account is allowed only for the purchase or construction of a residential house.  
(h) In case the amount is not utilised for the purchase or construction of a residential house within the given period, the amount would be taxable in the year in which the period of three years expires.  
(i) Withdrawal from the capital gain scheme account is allowed only for the purchase or construction of a residential house.  
(j) Each one of you can utilise the amount of sale consideration allocable to you and your wife towards the purchase or construction of a house or flat. A residential house or flat will have to be purchased in the name of the person in whose name the capital gain is assessable.  
(k) Each one of you can buy tax-saving bonds to the extent of ₹50 lakh within six months of the date of sale and deposit the remaining amount under the capital gain scheme.

(l) ITR form for AY2020-21 shall be available somewhere in April-May 2020. It is, therefore, not possible to suggest the ITR No. applicable for the said year.  
(m) In case the sale proceeds are utilised for the purchase or construction of a residential house within the specified period, the TDS by the buyer shall be adjusted against the tax payable on the other income earned by the assessee. Interest is payable on the refund of TDS @0.5% per month or part of the month from the first day of assessment year to the date on which refund is granted. The amount under the capital gain scheme shall have to be deposited before the date of filing the return for AY2020-21.  
(n) The amount can be kept in FDRs till the date by which the amount is required to be deposited under the capital gain scheme.  
(o) The applicable period for the purchase of a flat remains the same as mentioned above. However, if the amount is not deposited under the capital gain scheme, you may not be able to get the benefit of exemption under Section 54F. In case the amount of sale consideration is utilised for purchase/construction of a residential house before the due date of filing the return, the requirement of depositing the sale consideration under capital gain scheme would not apply.



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## Modi at UNGA

A global brand-building exercise for India

PM Modi has every right to feel contented with his week-long stay in the US. No other Indian PM has addressed a mesmerised audience with an impressed American President by his side, addressed three roundtables of 60 top US MNCs, met all the high and mighty he wished to and taken the moral high ground while addressing the UN General Assembly (UNGA). There were moments of extreme Indo-Pak acrimony, but the Indian strategy ensured PM Modi remained above the fray while the diplomats did the countering. Modi also emerged as a climate change champion by promising to front-load India's green energy commitments, though the over-polluted and filthy cities suggest India has a fair distance to travel beyond declaratory pronouncements.

The Trump-Imran Khan and Trump-Modi meetings helped India gain a better insight into Washington's expectations in the region: Pakistan will not meddle in cross-border terrorism and help US get out of Afghanistan; India must step up imports of US energy and defence products and keep an eye on human rights violations while tackling the Kashmir issue. Despite the Indian establishment's exultation at having trumped Pakistan at UN, the unease in the US establishment over the Kashmir lockdown cannot be wished away. A State Department official tersely hoped for 'rapid action' from India and hinted at unease on the Capitol Hill, hours after Trump expressed confidence in Modi's handling of Kashmir.

The massive preparatory work preceding Modi's departure — lifting of price controls on medicines and cutting the corporate tax rate — overshadowed India's recent poor economic report card at Houston and the roundtables. Modi inevitably led the branding exercise along with an equally energetic Foreign Minister S Jaishankar. India was successful in laying down the red carpet for investors, but did it achieve its strategic goals at the UN? The Kashmir issue was no closer to resolution nor was the 'powerful five' any less unwilling to balance the interests of all states with wider representation and influence in conducting the affairs of the UN. India may not have become a better place in five years, but the PM's visit to the US was indeed an image-booster.

## Semblance of justice

Two years after Gorakhpur deaths, doctor gets clean chit

TWO years after he was suspended and jailed following the death of infants due to alleged lack of oxygen supply at the state-run BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, a government inquiry has absolved Dr Kafeel Khan of the charge of medical negligence. But he continues to remain suspended and has demanded a CBI inquiry into the case. The incident took place in CM Yogi Adityanath's backyard. About 60 infants died in 48 hours due to the shortage of oxygen over non-payment of dues to the supplier. That the supply of oxygen cylinders, so essential for patients in critical condition, could be cut, reeked of both negligence and callousness.

Investigations had refrained from blaming the state government but the hospital staff was charged with criminal negligence and the principal of the medical college and hospital was suspended and he subsequently resigned. Dr Kafeel Khan, who headed the encephalitis department, has maintained that he made all efforts to save the lives of the children, even going out to procure the oxygen cylinders himself, but was 'vilified, put through harassment and suspended'. The company that supplied the cylinders had stated that it suspected 'theft or racket' even as the debate raged over non-payment of dues to it.

While a semblance of justice has been done to Dr Khan, there is a need to review the healthcare system and fix responsibility. The hospital concerned is supposed to be among the biggest in the state and the CM should ensure that his constituency doesn't become an epitome of malfeasance. Adequate number of doctors and support staff should be recruited. The doctor concerned belongs to a minority community and efforts should be made to allay doubts over the absence of fair play. Bihar, a neighbouring state, also needs to learn lessons, with children dying of encephalitis in Muzaffarpur district.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The world must learn to work together, or finally it will not work at all. — Dwight Eisenhower

### ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1919

### Mr. Gandhi and the Punjab Government

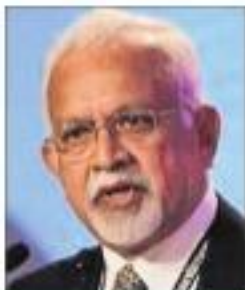
BUT while, for the reasons we have stated, we are altogether unable to accept Mr. Gandhi's view that the Indemnity Bill should have been allowed to pass unchallenged, the reasons on which that view is based are, it will have been seen, all drawn from the region of practical statesmanship, and as much ought to be appreciated by a Government. Mr. Gandhi is not one of those men of whom it can be said that they are always against the Government. He has proved, not for the first time, that whenever an official measure or policy commends itself to his reason and judgment, he is prepared to support it in utter disregard of what the rest of the country may think or say. This was practically admitted by the Home member himself. Is there the smallest justification, we ask, for continuing to exclude such a man from the Punjab?

### Mr. Gandhi and the Indemnity Bill

MUCH political capital was sought to be made in the course of the debate on the Indemnity Bill of Mr. Gandhi's support. That Mr. Gandhi has lent his support is beyond all question, and he has done so for reasons not only honourable to himself, as everything associated with him always is, but which ought to give the Government as well as a section of the public an insight into the nature and the working of the mind of that extraordinary man. Both have in the past too often made the mistake of imagining that Mr. Gandhi is only an idealist. The article in *Young India* to which Sir William Vincent referred in his speech, discloses a mind which, if it is idealistic, is also essentially practical. This is no matter for surprise to those who have followed Mr. Gandhi's career, whether in South Africa or in India, with any desire to know him as he is.

# Trump's Kashmir fixation

As euphoria over PM's US visit subsides, it's evident there was no clear outcome



MK BHADRAKUMAR

FORMER AMBASSADOR

ON three days in New York last week, US President Donald Trump spoke on Kashmir — after his meetings with Pakistan PM Imran Khan and PM Narendra Modi and during his final press conference at the UN Headquarters on Thursday. They showed his grasp of what Kashmir conundrum entails in US relations with India — and Pakistan. Trump often wears the deceptive look of a lazy man with unfocused approach, which obscures the definitiveness of his position on issues — be it the relations with allies or with Russia or the endless war in Afghanistan. Equally, it is a misconception that Trump can be manipulated through flattery and trade-offs.

Delhi would have been on the learning curve through the tumultuous week that followed 'Howdy, Modi'. The Indian establishment would be sensing by now that the 'buy-one-get-one-free' approach doesn't work with the Trump administration. The need arises for the America hands in the Indian establishment to take some abacus classes on Trump's politics and diplomacy. They failed to grasp that unlike the vacuous 'exceptionalism' and liberal values that American presidents traditionally espoused as catechism in the US foreign policies, Trump takes his America First project with dead seriousness — for good or bad for the rest of the world.

If the establishment had led Modi to believe that an offer to invest \$2.5 billion in the US shale industry would mollify Trump and silence him on Kashmir and win much-needed respite from US pressure vis-a-vis the situation in J&K, it turned out to be an error of judgment. Trump showed no inclination to change tack. Nor did



WORK IT OUT: The efforts that India would have made through various channels failed to dissuade Trump from delving into the Kashmir issue.

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he seem overzealous regarding the Indian-American 'vote-bank', which, traditionally and overwhelmingly, showed its preference for the Democratic Party. It becomes an altogether different question if we overestimated the influence of the erudite but tiny Indian-American community that forms one per cent of America's population to change Trump's policies.

Trump didn't mention Kashmir in his Howdy Modi remarks and he listened patiently to Modi's strident speech till the finish, but seized the first opportunity in New York to call it an 'aggressive' speech. And Trump also clarified that when he referred to 'radical Islamic terrorism' at Howdy Modi, he actually had Iran on his mind, not Pakistan. Interestingly, he said both these things in the presence of Imran Khan. Evidently, Trump doesn't buy the Indian narrative that the tragedy unfolding in J&K or cascading tensions between India and Pakistan devolve upon 'terrorism'. Trump not only refrained from any statement that equated the J&K situation with terrorism but also insists

that the pathway to normalisation of India-Pakistan tensions and to overall regional security and stability lies via a negotiated solution of the Kashmir problem. Equally, Trump insistently urges for India-Pakistan dialogue. He echoes Imran Khan's apocalyptic narrative that a nuclear flashpoint is bound to arise if the J&K situation deteriorates and leads to a war.

Without doubt, the efforts that Delhi would have made through various channels failed to dissuade Trump from delving into the Kashmir issue. Trump is acutely conscious of the centrality of the Kashmir issue, as he works on the strengthening of the US-Pakistan relationship and on US drawdown in Afghanistan. Again, he adamantly sticks to his offer to mediate between Modi and Imran Khan and has convinced himself that he is eminently qualified as a negotiator and arbiter to mediate on such an intractable issue as the Kashmir problem. Modi had reportedly told Trump that he was confident of sorting out India's tensions with Islamabad bilaterally. Trump won't publicly quarrel with that contention but

## The bonds that bind

### UPANT SHARMA

Among the experiences of life catalogued in my private journal, a soulful rendezvous with a child every day in the park at twilight has been one of my most treasured possessions. No sooner do I drop bone-tired after returning from grinding professional chores, she, forever fresh, joyful and beaming, tugs at my arm to issue a candid order to race her to the park. That fatigue tends to evaporate the moment she smiles at me, radiating hope and excitement.

The duo's life in the park as free souls turns out to be no less than the opulent reflection of heaven as we both spend quality time together

despite a considerable age difference.

We are now accustomed to the itinerary of our carefree outing in the lush green settings. Her warm-up begins with a merry jog around the park, barefoot after toeing off her sandals to one corner. Sensing the thrill of the wet blades of the grass, tickling and streaking her tiny feet, her blissful quotient acquires intensity as she goes on and on, flailing her arms, swinging her back or hopping on one leg till she trips over and falls headlong.

The laws of mechanics go for a toss as she tries to toss herself up into the air by pushing the ground desperately with her feet. Reacting to her forlorn attempt with her face twisted to one side in mild frustra-

tion, she points at me, gesturing to sit on the other end and help her get up! An irregular fit of laughter persists for a while and then would surface a queer urge to switch the seats varnished in two different colours. I tend to let her colourful wish be granted without allowing a mature conscience to be a killjoy in her intriguing mood swings.

It is always satisfying to witness her gradual progress from being a scared toddler who once showed hesitation in climbing up that tiny flight of stairs to the confident little one that needs no help now.

Years from now, she is unlikely to seek my company as a guardian angel offering her a comforting hand to get up if she falls, or don-

ning the mantle of a peer buddy taking her to leisure walks, interlacing his fingers into hers.

Till then, my endeavour is to keep this heartwarming company. She is the one who taught me how to transfigure a barren land into a picturesque landscape, how far the quotient of happiness could be stretched and to what extent a human life meant to be enjoyed shouldn't be subject to any kind of materialistic pleasure.

The golden words one painstakingly reserves for those held closest to one's heart have amusingly been stolen by her hypnotic random ways. Nay, my niece! Childhood is ephemeral but timeless are its joys.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Relevance of Gandhi

Apropos 'Gibbeting Gandhi' (Nous Indica, September 28), it must be remembered that no ideology is relevant for ever. Prevailing social conditions and the political situation govern an ideology's relevance. It applies to everything, even movies and sports. Not many will watch *Achhut Kanya* or *Sujata* today. Gandhi was relevant in a deprived, poor, undivided India, steeped in old cultural values, but is completely irrelevant today. Yes, the human values that he enshrined will always be adored and Gandhi will also live on, but not as a political philosopher.

BHARTENDU SOOD, CHANDIGARH

#### Sane ideology

Refer to 'Gibbeting Gandhi' (September 28), the writer needs to be congratulated for his courageous commentary on how the Savarkarites have built a grave for sane ideology. The Savarkarites would not have been that successful had the so-called Gandhians remained true disciples of the Mahatma, remained truly honest and had rendered selfless service to the nation. It's time to awaken their conscience.

BN KASHYAP, UNA

#### Ground reality

Refer to the editorial 'Blot on Swachh Bharat' (September 28), the gruesome thrashing to death of two Dalit children is just the tip of the iceberg. The statement of the PM that 11 crore toilets have been built may well be misleading. The country may be declared as open-defecation free but the ground reality is quite different. Also, the statement of the US President describing Mr Modi as the 'Father of India' is grossly unfair. The PM should have corrected him.

RC GARG, KOTKAPURA

#### A telling comment

The editorial 'Blot on Swachh Bharat' (September 28) was a telling comment on the incident in which two Dalit children were done to death for open defecation in their village. It is a matter of shame that even more than seven decades after Independence, caste remains a potent factor in society. No leader, not even the Prime Minister, has condemned the system that encourages such crime. Where are the 11 crore toilets which the Prime Minister repeatedly reminds that his government has built in the villages in the past five years?

RK KAPOOR, CHANDIGARH

#### Onions making us cry

Onion prices have seen a steep rise in the country in the last few weeks. This is because of hoarding and sale in black. The rising price will result in problems for the middle-class families. The government must control inflation and do something to bring down the onion price to provide relief to the people.

JUBEL D'CRUZ, MUMBAI

#### Ban on single-use plastic

This is regarding the decision of the UT Administration to ban single-use plastic items and slap a five-year jail term and a fine of Rs one lakh on the violators. Having failed to tackle the problem properly, politicians and administrators have now decided to punish the people. The people are already reeling under the burden of GST, income tax and sundry other cess and it is unfair to put burden on them.

MPS CHADHA, MOHALI

#### Study in contrast

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan's speeches at the UN General Assembly were poles apart in approach and philosophy. Deliver-

ing India's message of harmony and peace to the world, PM Modi told the world leaders that India gave the world 'Buddha' and not 'Yuddha'. Pakistan should get over its Kashmir fixation and focus on issues that affect their country.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

#### Women's safety

A young law student in UP, allegedly raped by former Union Minister Chinmayanand, has been arrested and jailed in an extortion case filed by the politician while he himself was arrested but is currently not in jail as he claims to be suffering from heart ailments. We need to punish the real culprits and stand up against these filthy activities.

JANCY PURI, MANDI GOBINDGARH

#### Kartarpur corridor

There should not be any objection if Pakistan insists on charging \$20 or Rs 1,400 as service charges for visiting Kartarpur Saheb. Instead of asking for exemption, the authorities should help the pilgrims who are not in a position to pay the amount. It will help the needy visit Kartarpur Sahib and also Pakistan in providing better services.

JAGDISH SINGH JASSAL, PATIALA



# China, at 70, needs to be carefully watched



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COMMENTATOR AND AUTHOR

ONCE weak, and universally acknowledged as the ‘sick man’ of the Far East in the first half of 20th century (especially the 1930s), the People’s Republic of China celebrates its 70th birthday on October 1. Such was China’s helplessness, first in front of the British and then other western powers, and subsequently by Japan’s brazen violation of Beijing territory and sovereignty, leading to the occupation of a large swath of land and the ultimate unethical rejection of China’s complaints by the League of Nations (predecessor of post-Second World War UN) that the official Chinese delegate was compelled to say: “China cannot be expected to admit that the operations of treaties, covenants and the accepted principles of international law stops at the border of Manchuria.”

Coming there from, therefore, it’s undoubtedly a supremely proud moment for the Hans, constituting 92 per cent of homogenous Chinese society, to celebrate. Nevertheless, the rise of Beijing, after long years of subservience and subjugation, also brings to fore the periodic (contemporary) unpredictability and erraticism which the non-Chinese gradually are getting used to, notwithstanding the fact that from the 1930s to 2019, China has moved on. Beijing today tru-

ly does have several landmark achievements on display.

Beijing-2019 is the world’s second biggest economy with GDP \$12.238 trillion (2017); biggest economy by purchasing power GDP-PPP (Gross Domestic Product-Purchasing Power Parity) of \$23.190 trillion; one of the highest — 6.5 per cent — economic growth (compared to India’s dipping 5 per cent growth rate); third biggest exporter with 10.33 per cent of total world exports (goods, services, income) in 2017; numero uno trader of goods with highest exports and second highest imports; fourth largest surplus in balance of payments: current account at \$1,95,117 million; highest official reserves at \$3.168 trillion; largest industrial output with \$4,950 billion (2017); largest manufacturing output of \$3,591 billion and second largest, (behind the US), services output of \$6,320 billion (2017).

Ironically, however, as China stands as the second most important global economic powerhouse, it also creates an uncertainty and over-stretching, thereby creating turbulence in world laissez faire market economics. Why? Because, China inherently has adopted a policy of ‘forward deployment’ in virtually every sphere, which is in line with what Britain did till the beginning of the decline of its imperialism in the 1930s and what the US has been doing across the globe after World War II.

As things stand, it appears well nigh impossible for an aspiring nation to impose self-restriction or resort to a self-imposed discipline and to curb its propensity to expand. And China, too, is no exception, as seen from her ambitious plan of action, the type of which Beijing despised and resented during its era



DRAGON’S RISE: From a ‘sick man’ to an economic giant.

London Stock Exchange refused the Chinese offer in four days. What if the Hong Kong Stock Exchange makes a lucrative offer to the Bombay Stock Exchange, with listed market capitalisation of \$2.05 trillion, and the National Stock Exchange of India, with market capitalisation of \$2.03 trillion? Will India be able to keep its financial marketplace intact?

of the ‘sick man’ of the Far East.

Indeed, China is just copying the American forward policy. The USA’s forward deployment of forces is there for all to see. Being deployed to more than 50 places across the globe, and every station falling under the ‘US Command’. From Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Bahrain and Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean (fortunately, not India yet) fall under the ‘Central Command’. Under the ‘Pacific Command’ fall Japan, the Philippines, Australia, South Korea, Thailand and the Ocean. The ‘European Command’ consists of Romania, the UK, Germany, (not France), Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Hungary, Italy and more. The ‘US Africa Command’ spans Djibouti, Niger, Cameroon, Somalia and Central African Republic. The ‘US Northern Command’ has Canada and the US.

Under the ‘US Southern Command’ fall Aruba, Cuba, Curacao, Honduras, Colombia and El Salvador. And, finally, falls Israel under the ‘US Strategic Command’.

In this existing formidable ring of iron pearls, how does China proceed? Through land. The great Euro-Asian heartland for the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and explore the possibility of empty spots, however small, in at least two oceans: the Pacific and Indian. And that’s exactly what China is trying to do, and, thus far, has been successful in establishing a base in Djibouti at the Red Sea-Indian Ocean confluence, connecting Asia, Africa, Europe (at the Suez side); and the second reportedly in Cambodia, adjacent to the Indonesia-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore axis.

However, the most potent Chinese achievement lies in its economic rise and potential ability to involve or sway countries which thus far were looking at the West-sponsored World Bank, IMF and Asian Development Bank for financing projects. With the establishment of several multi-nation banking and multi-state-funded financial institutions, Beijing being the fulcrum, the West looks concerned and rattled.

Amidst all this comes the most audacious of all Chinese initiatives, though futile as of now. It happened on September 9, at the headquarters of the London Stock Exchange (LSE), when Laura Cha, Chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKSE), and chief executive officer, Charles Li, met their LSE counterparts. At the meeting came the bombshell. The world’s fifth largest, the HKSE, with a \$3.94 trillion listed market capitalisation, offered to buy the seventh-largest, LSE, with listed \$3.77 trillion, for £32

billion (or \$36.6 billion).

The ambushed LSE board bosses expectedly rejected the HKSE bid on September 13. But, the Communist China clearly has played the game well, deep into the citadel of the capitalist country’s capital-centre. Hans now psychologically loom larger than life in the LSE boardroom.

Interestingly, though the Chinese haven’t succeeded in physically taking over the LSE, the official media thereof understood that sooner than later, China could strike big. If not London, may be somewhere else. Like the US, China’s password is ‘global’. How to acquire, attain and retain global power and position after 110 years (1839-1949) of national humiliation, subjugation and subservience to those from London!

In a way, the Chinese attempt to take over the LSE could be likened to a parallel ‘market-BRI’. Thus, whereas the BRI ostensibly is a Chinese initiative for global ‘infrastructure development like port, road, rail and communication’, Beijing now appears bent on turning its aspired goal into an Economic-Commercial Structure to spread its wings and take under it the competing foreign stock markets, thereby turning them Chinese-owned and controlled financial-cum-market-access force-multiplier.

The London Stock Exchange refused the Chinese offer in four days. What if the HKSE makes a lucrative offer to the world’s 10th biggest Bombay Stock Exchange, with listed market capitalisation of \$2.05 trillion, and 11th-placed National Stock Exchange of India, with market capitalisation of \$2.03 trillion? Will India go under the Hans’ stock exchange? Or will India be able to keep its financial, capital marketplace intact? China, at 70, needs to be carefully watched by India of 72.

# Equal rights, not minority rights, for Hindus



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Article 25 allows every citizen the right to profess, practise and propagate religion. This provision benefits only proselytising religions, since they have developed institutions focused on conversion. Hindus have to either learn those tricks and create those institutions, or allow their numbers to dwindle in favour of the Abrahamic religions.

IT is regrettable that in India we have now begun to question the principle of equality before the law. In a recent article in this newspaper, Faizan Mustafa, Vice Chancellor of Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, asked a simple question in the headline: ‘Can Hindus be (a) minority?’ He tried to rubbish the idea floated at a conference of Hindus — which this writer attended as a delegate — seeking ‘equal rights’ to run their own institutions and follow their religious practices.

It is not the purpose of this article to rebut Mustafa’s contentions by quoting past court judgments or resorting to finer aspects of the law. I will do this through logic and common sense. If the law is contrary to the idea of common sense, surely that law is an ass?

The headline of the article is a mislabelling, since Hindus are not seeking minority rights, but equal rights on a par with those available to any group categorised as a minority. If specific Hindu groups have sometimes sought minority rights (Ramakrishna Mission in the late 1980s, and the Lingayats more recently), it is because they have been denied equality under the law.

Mustafa tries to conflate the need for equality with a demand for minority rights, though even the latter can be defended, given that Hindus are not really defined by the Abrahamic standard of one historical founder, one book, and one set of broadly accepted fundamentals. Hindus are often defined by NOTA — none of the above. You are a Hindu if you are not a Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jain or Sikh.



INTERPRETING THE CONSTITUTION: Articles 25-30 have effectively become a subtle form of discrimination against Hindus.

From here, it is hardly a stretch to say that all Hindu sects are effectively minority sects, judging by their own sense of religious identity. Using the Abrahamic definition of religion, Hindus are essentially a bunch of minorities with different *sampradayas*, different rituals and practices. But if some common practices make Hinduism a majority religion, and hence ineligible for equal rights with other minorities, maybe Judaism and Islam, which also have common practices like circumcision and prohibition of pork, ought to be considered the same religion, too.

But let’s leave this aside and repeat: Hindus are not demanding minority rights, but equal rights. Under Article 14 of the Constitution, the state cannot “deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.”

But barring one stray line in Mustafa’s article, where he agrees that Hindus should get minority status in states like J&K and many north-eastern states, he effectively denies the need for equality under the law. As a counter-point, he suggests that Hindus can run their institutions by seeking linguistic minority status: “As linguis-

tic minorities, these Hindu groups are running hundreds of educational institutions. The demand for amending the Constitution is, therefore, absurd.”

Let us examine this issue closely to determine which argument is truly absurd. Under the broad head of linguistic minority, a Kannadiga can set up a minority institution in all states other than his own (ie, Karnataka). Isn’t it absurd that to get the same rights as other minorities, he has to go outside his state, while being denied the same within his home state?

Mustafa makes the observation that “Article 30 gives the same rights to both religious and linguistic minorities, but it nowhere says both religious and linguistic minorities must necessarily be determined at the level of the state.” He is right here. If the state need not be the only geographical area within which one can determine who is a minority, one could quite logically use a region within it, or even a district, to determine rights. But apart from incentivising gerrymandering, isn’t it more sensible to say that everyone gets the same rights, no matter which state or region they inhabit?

In his initial remarks, the author makes polemical points by wondering why Hindus have developed a fear complex when they have a BJP government in power with a full parliamentary majority. The grouse of the Hindu parties who met last week to discuss ‘equal rights’ is independent of who is in power. In fact, even an allegedly ‘Hindu nationalist’ BJP is afraid of taking up legitimate Hindu issues for fear of being labelled communal and

sectarian. Thus, speaking up for the Pandits of Kashmir or victims of Islamist persecution in Pakistan and Bangladesh has been delegitimised by the ‘secular’ intelligentsia.

Parts of the Constitution, especially Articles 25-30, have effectively become a subtle form of discrimination against Hindus, given the way the courts have chosen to narrowly interpret them. For example, Article 25 allows every citizen the right to profess, practise and propagate religion. This provision benefits only proselytising religions, since they have developed institutions focused on conversion over centuries. Hindu, who do not proselytise, have to either learn those tricks and create those institutions, or allow their numbers to dwindle in favour of the Abrahamic religions.

But here is the element of discrimination. The freedom to propagate is contingent upon owning and controlling the institutions that can enable this — that is temples, educational and healthcare institutions. But more than 100,000 temples in just the five southern states are controlled by the state. So, while Hindus can practise their religion at these temples, they cannot use their resources to propagate. Will the states which control temples then help Hinduism propagate and gain conversions from Islam and Christianity? If Hindus cannot propagate, and the state can’t do so either, where is the level playing field in the area of propagating religion for Hindus?

Mustafa and many others of his ilk have got their logic warped. They are essentially party to tilting the playing field against the Hindus. Hence, the demand for equal rights.

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# Amid uncertainty, state set to go to BDC polls on Oct 24

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**SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
As the Valley continues to remain on the edge post the scrapping of the special status, the grassroots democracy in the state got a major fillip on Sunday as the state government announced the schedule for holding elections to the second tier of the panchayat elections in the state.

The election to the 310 block development councils (BDCs) will be held in a single phase on October 24 and on the same day, the counting of votes will be done. The entire poll process will be completed by November 5.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, Shailendra Kumar, at a press briefing in Srinagar, said the election for the 310 chairpersons of the BDCs would be held on party lines. The election to the BDCs assumes significance as the state is under the President's rule, with most of the



**IN FIGURES**

316	Number of blocks
18,316	Male electors
8,313	Female electors
26,629	Total electors

\*Ballot boxes to be used during elections

**ELECTION SCHEDULE**

Date of issue of gazette notification:	<b>Oct 1</b>
Last date for filing of nominations :	<b>Oct 9</b>
Date of scrutiny of nominations:	<b>Oct 10</b>
Last date for candidature withdrawal:	<b>Oct 11</b>
Date of polls and counting:	<b>Oct 24</b>

“Of 316 blocks, elections will be held in 310 blocks. In the two blocks — one in Kulgam and one in Srinagar — there are no elected panches or sarpanches and, thus, there shall be no elections. There are four blocks where no women panches and sarpanches are available which are reserved for women.” Shailendra Kumar, CEO, J&K

mainstream politicians, including three former Chief Ministers, behind bars.

When asked how the election authorities would ensure free and fair polls when most of the politicians were behind bars, Kumar said, “As and when a political party approaches us for ensuring a level playing

field, we will respond to it. We will be responsive”. He said 12,052 posts of panchayat members were vacant in the Kashmir division.

## Six civilians hurt as Pak violates ceasefire

**Rajouri:** The Pakistan army on Sunday violated ceasefire and targeted Indian posts and civil areas with heavy artillery in the Balakot and Tarkundi sectors in Poonch district in which six civilians were injured. Dr Parvaiz Ahmed, BMO, Mendhar, said four persons were injured in heavy shelling of which three were referred to the Government Medical College and Associated Hospital, Rajouri. Villagers said a mortar shell landed near a JCB machine in the forward Balakot area in which three persons were critically injured. cc

# High Court notice to Mumbai woman in molestation case

**SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The J&K High Court has issued a notice in a petition by an accused Army officer seeking the quashing of the FIR and court proceedings against him in a case wherein the officer is accused of molesting a Mumbai woman inside an Army garrison in Kashmir last year.

“It is informed by the learned counsel for the petitioner that he has spoken on phone to the counsel for the respondent No. 2 (the victim),

who, in return, informed him that he would be in a position to come to Srinagar on October 10, 2019,” Chief Justice Gita Mittal recorded in her orders made available today.

“Let notice be issued to the respondent No. 2 returnable on 10th October, 2019. Notice shall additionally be served on the counsel for the respondent No. 2 through registered post as well as email and also through WhatsApp,” the Chief Justice further noted in her orders dated September 19, 2019, even as

the Kashmir region continues to be under communication shutdown with mobile phones and Internet services of all sorts snapped in the region since August 5. The postal services also remained disrupted in the region for a considerable period.

Earlier on July 17, the court had directed the counsel representing the accused Army officer to provide a copy of the petition to the other side by or before the next date of hearing fixed on August 30. — TNS

# Greenhorn Nehria, Reena BJP byelection picks

Candidates to file nomination papers today

**BHANU P LOHUMI**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Greenhorn Reena Kashyap and Vishal Nehria are the BJP candidates for Assembly byelections to Pachhad (Reserved) and Dharamsala slated for October 21.


As many as 11 contenders were in race for two seats, whose names were recommended by the BJP. Reena Kashyap and Vishal Nehria were in the panel for their respective seats but there were other strong contenders for both the seats.

Since the Congress had decided to field former Speaker and seven-time MLA Gangu Ram from Pachhad and young leader from Gaddi community Vijay Inder Karan from Dharamsala, the BJP faced a difficult task to field a candidate who could not only win the seat but secure huge lead.

Thirty-one year old Vishal Nehria is a postgraduate in English holding an LLB degree. He is secretary of the state Yuva Morcha. He also hails from the dominant Gaddi community which has siz-


**From Dharamsala**

**Vishal Nehria** (31) is a post-graduate in English and holds an LLB degree. Secretary of the state Yuva Morcha, he hails from the dominant Gaddi community which has sizable number of votes in Dharamsala. The seat was vacated by Kishan Kapoor following his election to the Lok Sabha. He also belongs to Gaddi community.



**Pachhad**

**Reena Kashyap** is a former member of Zila Parishad, Sirmaur from Rajgarh area and is an active member of mahila morcha. Reena (34) is a post graduate in Public Administration and a social activist. Pachhad assembly seat fell vacant due to election of Suresh Kashyap to the Lok Sabha.



able number of votes in Dharamsala. The seat was vacated by Kishen Kapoor following his election to the Lok Sabha. He also belongs to Gaddi community.

Being a low profile leader which strong ideological mooring the candidature of Nehria was not opposed by any senior leader. It was more or less a consensus choice. He was also party whole timer for some time. It will be a contest between two young leaders from Gaddi community and caste factor would be nullified.

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member of Zila Parishad, Sirmaur from Rajgarh area and is an active member of mahila morcha. Reena (34) is a post graduate in Public Administration and a social activist.

Pachhad assembly seat fell vacant due to election of sitting BJP member Suresh Kashyap to the Lok Sabha and his support helped her get the party ticket.

Since, the BJP working president JP Nadda is from Himachal and well versed with politics of the state, the state leaders were not required to explain much. A keen contest is likel.

**LALIT MOHAN**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**DHARAMSALA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
It will be Gaddi versus Gaddi candidate in the Dharamsala byelection with the BJP picked Vishal Nehria today.

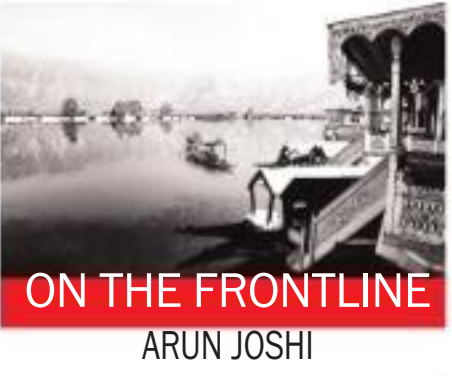
Nehria belongs to the Bandi area of Shahpur and is a youth leader associated with the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM). The declaration of his candidature surprised many BJP leaders here.

It seems that the party decided in favour of Nehria because he belonged to the Gaddi community which has a strong vote bank in Dharamsala. Protests carried out by some BJP workers that only a local candidate should be fielded seem to have worked in his favour.

Sources said it was the call of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur to field a Gaddi from the constituency.

Nehria will face Vijay Inder Karan, Congress candidate who is also a Gaddi leader from Dharamsala. With both parties deciding in favour of Gaddi candidates,

# Delhi should reach out to people



**ON THE FRONTLINE**  
ARUN JOSHI

ONE had to be in Srinagar on the night of September 27 to understand how Kashmiri psyche works in this extraordinary period of communication clampdown, and how it reacts to the mention of Kashmir at the international platform like the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

In many parts of downtown Srinagar, people were out in the streets, bursting firecrackers and raising full-throated slogans that had tempered their mood from 1950s to 1980s, before the “Azadi” slogan replaced that all for almost 30 years. It appeared to be a re-run of the old days in downtown Srinagar where demonstrators were out in strength, shouting slogans that must have sounded a lilting music to the ears of Pakistan, and something toxic to the Indians.

Why should have they poured onto the streets, knowing the consequences that could follow? There are multiple answers to it.

Kashmiris were longing to hear about their place and the plight that came with the clampdown on communications in the post-August 5 era when their state lost the special status and statehood. What depressed them most was the shutdown of the communication network. This had caused them huge psychological loss, particularly when they could not speak to their near and dear ones and felt helpless during



**COMMUNICATION GAG PAINFUL**  
Kashmiris know that Pakistan cannot do anything to match India's might. They also know that it is beyond Pakistan's capacity to undo the decisions taken on August 5. But the communication blockade has pushed them to wall, and they don't know what all should they be doing and where to go. The communication clampdown is something real and painful. They feel that they are living in an island out of the map of the digital world for which the 21st century is known.

medical emergencies.

When Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan spoke of Kashmir and its lockdown, Kashmiris felt that he was speaking about their difficulties. They might not have agreed with what all he said, but what the communication clampdown was something real and painful. They felt that they were living in an island out of the map of the digital world for which the 21st century is known.

The digital world was taken out of their imagination.

Had mobiles been functioning in Kashmir, Pakistan would have lost a number of points all at once. Imran Khan's bluff would have been called on this point as well. Kashmiris know that Pakistan cannot do anything to match India's might. They also know that it is beyond Pakistan's capacity to undo the decisions taken on August 5. But the communication blockade has pushed them to wall, and they don't know what all should they be doing and where to go.

Normally, the decision

to block or open the communication network should have been left to the district administration. It has become clear that these powers rest outside the boundaries of the state – Delhi decides on such things.

Leave aside what Imran Khan said about Kashmir lockdown – it was half truth all the way, but there is a convergence of many views that the communication lockdown is hurting the people of Kashmir, where mobile phones are dead and Internet is a dream of the yesteryear.

As the decision making would go higher on this, the people would be more wary of risk taking. Now the fear of the failure is running high on the hypothesis, what if the things go wrong once the clampdown is lifted. That would delay the process, a recipe for more frustration and anger among people.

The demonstrations and the bursting of crackers could be interpreted that the whole thing was planned – that people were

prompted to come out on the streets and raise slogans that sounded music to Islamabad – could be true. Pakistan has a constituency of its own in the Valley and its size might have shrunk, but the efficacy was evident on the night of September 27.

Another explanation is that it was “spontaneous”. Or it was both. In either of the cases, the fact is that Pakistan is seeking to become a factor in Kashmir.

More worrisome is the fact that what Kashmiris did on the September 27 night, they could have done it before too. But they didn't do. Perhaps, they were waiting for a signal to do so. And if they inferred that signal from Imran Khan's speech, at the UNGA, then it is a cause of worry for the Indian nation that abrogated the special status to integrate Kashmir into the Indian nation in full measure.

Pakistan will try to seek fill the gap. That should be unacceptable to Delhi. The only way out is to reach out to the people in real sense of the word.

# Col Parmar cremated with full state honours



Armymen receive the mortal remains of Lt Col Rajneesh Parmar at Akshana temple, Nanao, Palampur.

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**PALAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The mortal remains of Lt Col Rajneesh Parmar, who died in a chopper crash in Bhutan, were consigned to flames this evening with full state honours at Akshana temple, Nanao, in the presence of a large number of people, who had come from far-flung areas to pay tributes to the officer.

A pall of gloom descended on the village, 15 km from here, this afternoon when the body of 42-year-old martyr was brought to his native village. Rajneesh had lost his life when an Army chopper crashed near Yongphulla in Bhutan on Friday. Parmar was posted in the Northeast to train the officers of the Bhutanese army.

Earlier in the morning, his body was airlifted to the Army helipad at Holta Cantonment, 3 km from here, in an Army helicopter where it was received by senior Army and civil officers.

During a brief halt at Holta Cantonment, Major General AK Samantra of the DAH Division of the 9th Core laid wreath on the

**Lt Col Rajneesh Parmar died in a chopper crash in Bhutan. The 42-year-old was posted in the Northeast to train Bhutanese officers.**

body on behalf of the Army and paid condolences to his family. Later, his body was taken to his house at Maranda.

His body was received by local residents, family members, relatives and officials of the district and police administration.

There were heart-rending scene as his aged parents were inconsolable. Residents from the village gathered at the house of Col Parmar in solidarity with the family members, who had been waiting for the mortal remains for the past two days.

Vipin Singh Parmar, state Health Minister, laid a wreath on behalf of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. Earlier, he called on the family of the martyr at his residence.

## Soldier dies in Lahaul mishap

**MANDI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
An Armyman was killed in a road accident in tribal district of Lahaul-Spiti yesterday, while one other was injured.

They were travelling in an Army vehicle from Palachan in Manali to Dalang transit camp in Lahaul-Spiti.

On the way, the driver lost control over the vehicle near Sissu village and it fell into a deep gorge.

The soldier, SK Singh, died on the spot. — TNS

**BHANU P LOHUMI**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Concerned over the safety of schoolchildren, the state government has directed private schools to engage drivers only after getting their antecedents verified by the police.

Complaints of schoolchildren being abused and overloading have been pouring in; and in the light of these reports, it has become imperative that all possible steps be taken to



ensure students' safety.

“Cases of abuse come to our notice and in view of a spurt in cases under the POCSO Act, directions have been issued to be vigilant and take precautionary measures to prevent such incidents,” said Director, Higher Edu-

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“An important measure in this regard is police verification of drivers and helpers of buses, vans and auto-rickshaws ferrying schoolchildren. The management of private schools should take these precautions and preventive action,” he added.

The government has made it explicitly clear that the staff will be engaged only after police verification of their antecedents.

As an additional precaution, police verification will be repeated every two years.

School heads have been directed to strictly adhere to the instructions in letter and spirit, failing which strict action will be taken against them. Reports of child lifter gangs active in various towns have added to the worry of the parents, who are now being extra cautious. Incidents of people beating up suspected child lifters have also been reported.

However, DGP SR Mardi said no such complaints had been received, but the police were vigilant.



# Navy’s role critical for second strike ability, says Rajnath

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**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spent a day on board the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. He witnessed fire power and also the seamless digital connectivity of various warships. “I am reassured that the security of our nation is in safe hands,” the Defence Minister, said adding that the most significant role of the Navy was to a credible “second strike” capability as a nuclear deterrent. The second strike is military phrase and denotes the ability of the country to launch a nuclear weapon from a submarine. During his stay on INS Vikramaditya, the 47,000-tonne warship, Rajnath was shown a wide range of naval operations including weapon



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on board INS Vikramaditya, which is currently sailing along the western coastline, on Sunday. PTI

firing by the fighter aircraft and night flying operations by helicopter from the deck of the aircraft carrier. In addition, surface shoots, missile and rocket firing by various ships and also live replenish-

ment mid-sea with multiple ships and submarines operations were demonstrated. In the morning, the minister joined the ship’s crew during a yoga session. He was also briefed on the reach of the Navy and enhanced maritime domain awareness. He also spoke to INS Mysore, deployed in the Straits of Hormuz, through video conferencing. Describing the Navy as the key enabler and guarantor of the India’s maritime security, Rajnath said India’s economic resurgence was directly linked to its overseas trade and energy needs, most of which was by sea. “About 90 per cent of India’s international trade by volume and about 70 per cent by value are carried by sea. As we move towards our goal of \$ 5 trillion economy; the volume of maritime trade will only grow in times to come. Thus, I firmly believe that the role of the Navy is critical in ensuring the energy security and economic growth of the country,” he added.

## Sikkim CM’s disqualification period reduced

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29** The EC on Sunday reduced Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang’s disqualification period by almost five years under a provision of the electoral law, paving the way for him to contest the Assembly elections. His disqualification period of six years, during which he was barred from contesting polls, began on August 10, 2018 — the day he completed a year’s jail term in a corruption case. It was to end on August 10, 2024. But the Election Commission (EC) on Sunday reduced it to one year and one month. — PTI

## R’sthan bypoll: Cong, BJP announce candidates

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 29** The Congress on Sunday fielded two former MLAs — Rita Choudhary from Mandawa and Harmdra Mirdha from Kheenvsar — for the Assembly bypoll slated for October 21. The BJP also pitched a woman contestant, Sushila Sigada, sitting pradhan of the Jhunjhunu Panchayat Samiti, on the Mandawa Assembly seat. The BJP has given up the Kheenvsar Assembly seat to NDA’s sole alliance partner RLTP in Rajasthan. RLTP MP and convener Hanuman Beniwal has given

## SP fields Azam Khan’s wife from Rampur seat

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 29

In a surprise move, the Samajwadi Party on Sunday named Tanzeen Fatima as its candidate from Rampur. Tanzeen Fatima is a Rajya Sabha MP and also wife of Samajwadi MP Mohd Azam Khan. The Rampur Assembly seat fell vacant after Azam Khan was elected to the Lok Sabha in May this year. The idea behind fielding Tanzeen Fatima is to cash in on the sympathy factor. Azam Khan and his family members have been booked in 84 cases of land grabbing, forgery, and buffalo and goat theft in the past three months. — IANS

# Defending Indian Supreme Court

Given the challenges, it is doing fine in speedy disposal of cases



Unlike their UK or American counterparts, Indian Supreme Court judges don’t have the luxury of agreeing to hear a limited number of cases. Its jurisdiction is much wider than that of any other Supreme Court in the world

THE UK Supreme Court’s decision quashing the advice given by Prime Minister Boris Johnson to Her Majesty the Queen to prorogue Parliament for a particular period has been used by many commentators to deride the Indian Supreme Court, questioning its authority and wisdom for delay in adjudication of important cases. There have been articles in the media advising the Indian SC to learn a few lessons from its British counterpart on speedy disposal of cases involving constitutional issues. The criticism is highly misplaced as it ignores the stark realities that confront the Indian SC. Between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2017, the UK Supreme Court heard only 92 cases, while the US Supreme Court takes up only about 70 cases a year. This is in sharp contrast to 700 cases a day the Indian SC hears. Not many in India know that the UK Supreme Court is barely a decade-old institution established only in 2009 to achieve the complete separation of the country’s senior judges from the upper House of Parliament. The move underlined the independence of the then Law Lords (now UKSC Justices) and increasing transparency at the top of the judicial system. The Indian Supreme Court is almost 70-year-old institution whose judicial precedents have guided judges in many foreign jurisdictions. The UK Supreme Court

replaced the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords as the highest court in October 2009. It hears appeals on arguable points of law of the greatest public importance for the whole of the UK in civil cases, and for England, Wales and Northern Ireland in criminal cases. It also hears cases on devolution matters under the Scotland Act 1998, the Northern Ireland Act, 1998, and the Government of Wales Act, 2006. This jurisdiction was transferred to the UK Supreme Court from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. There is something called Permission to Appeal (PTA) in the UK to approach the top court. An appellant requires permission to appeal before he/she can bring a case to the UK Supreme Court. The court appealed from may grant permission, but where that court refuses permission, the appellant can apply to the UK Supreme Court which has to first grant or reject PTA without an oral hearing. During 2017-18, 59 such PTAs were filed and 55 were granted. Even in the US, the SC decides to agree or disagree to take up a case for hearing. But unlike their British or American counterparts, Indi-

an SC Judges don’t have the luxury of agreeing to hear a limited number of cases. This is primarily because of the fact that the Indian Supreme Court’s jurisdiction is much wider than that of any other Supreme Court in the world. The SC of India has original jurisdiction in disputes between the Union and the states, between the states inter se and original jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution for the protection of fundamental rights. It’s the highest court of civil and criminal appeal and has overriding powers to grant special leave to appeal from any judgment, decree, determination, sentence or order in any cause or matter passed or made by any court or tribunal in India. As a result, the SC ends up dealing with issues ranging from divorce, maintenance and child custody to frivolous PILs. Thanks to judicial activism, it has expanded its jurisdiction on issues that should generally be handled by the executive at the first instance. There are three findings of the UK Supreme Court in this case. First, it ruled that the Prime Minister’s advice to Her Majesty is justiciable.

Second, it used the age-old principles of Parliamentary sovereignty — that Parliament can make laws which everyone must obey; and Parliamentary accountability — that the Cabinet is collectively accountable to Parliament to declare PM Johnson’s advice illegal. The UK SC concluded that the decision prevented Parliament from carrying out its constitutional role for five out of the possible eight weeks between the end of the summer recess and exit day on October 31. But the UK Supreme Court — which received accolades from certain quarters in India for reversing Prime Minister Johnson — is one of the weakest Supreme Court in the world in terms of its power of judicial review. Unlike the Indian or the US Supreme Courts, the UK Supreme Court does not have the power to “strike down” legislation passed by the UK Parliament. The UK Supreme Court’s role is to interpret the law and develop it where necessary, rather than formulate public policy — something the Indian Supreme Court often does. One can understand the anxiety in certain quarters over some issues involving political questions — be it dilution of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories — it’s unfair to belittle the Indian Supreme Court. The Supreme Court did take up the petitions almost immediately and issued necessary directions. And now, a five-judge Constitution Bench is scheduled to commence hearing on petitions against change in constitutional status of the state from October 1.

COURT NOTICES							
<p><b>In the Court of</b> Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain, Principal Judge of Family Court, Garhshankar.</p> <p>Parmila Rani age 34 years W/o Jai Narian now C/o Kewal Ram Retired Teacher of Vill Sooni, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur &amp; another.</p> <p>...Applicant</p> <p>Versus</p> <p>Jai Narian S/o Hukum Chand R/o Vill. Chak Guru, Tehsil Garhshankar. ...Respondent</p> <p>CNR No. PBHOF3-000439-2019</p> <p>Next date: 15.11.2019</p> <p>Application Under Section 125 Cr.P.C.</p> <p>Publication issued to: Jai Narian S/o Hukum Chand R/o Vill. Chak Guru, Tehsil Garhshankar.</p> <p>In above titled case, the respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 15.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 03.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Principal Judge of Family Court, CL19080533 Garhshankar.</p> <p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Preeti Sahni, Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Manju Pawar relative of Kulwinder Singh, Address: B-1, New Ishar Puri, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Versus</p> <p>Kulwinder Singh relative of Ajit Singh, Address: Via Del Acquiro 12 00042 Italia.</p> <p>CNR No. PBJL01-013809-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 21.11.2019</p> <p>Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce. Publication issued to:</p> <p>Kulwinder Singh, Father: Ajit Singh, Via Del Acquiro 12 00042 Italia.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 21.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 31.08.2019</p> <p>Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19090166 Jalandhar</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Chandna Bhatti Civil Judge (Junior Division)-13, Jalandhar.</p> <p>1) Gagandeep Singh s/o Pritpal Singh. Address: H.No. 156, Near Shehnai Palace, Ashok Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab.</p> <p>V/S</p> <p>1) Samprita Jain alias Lipika Jain d/o Late Rajindera etc.</p> <p>CNR No.: PBJL02-006097-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 29.10.2019</p> <p>Suit for grant of decree of permanent injunction as prayed for Publication issued to:</p> <p>1) Samprita Jain alias Lipika Jain d/o Late Rajindera</p> <p>2) Priya Jain w/o Late Rajindera both r/o Inhale Fashion Exhale Sutra, 3/1, 4th Cross Road, Kumara Park, West Sheshadripuram, Bangalore, Karnataka.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.10.2019 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to: <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 27.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-13, CL19089917 Jalandhar.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana.</p> <p>Tania Pandher</p> <p>Versus</p> <p>Jasjeet Singh Dhillon CNR No. PBLD01-016189-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 21.11.2019</p> <p>Publication issued to:</p> <p>Jasjeet Singh Dhillon (Date of Birth 20.05.1985) Aadhar Card No. 853111622309. Father: Late Sh. Gurmeet Singh Dhillon r/o 46, Green Park Colony, Malout- Bathinda Bypass, District Shree Muktisar Sahib, Indian Passport No. R3714369, issued on 12.09.2017 valid upto 11.09.2027; Telephone No. +19499759376; Email ID: jsdhillon163@gmail.com</p> <p>And Resident of 9 Via Burrone, Newport, Coast, CA 92657, United States of America (USA).</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 21.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 13.08.2019</p> <p>Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court, CL19090166 Ludhiana.</p>	<p><b>In the Court of</b> Sh. Sandeep Garg Ld. ADJ, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.</p> <p>Proclamation requiring attendance of defendant (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Civil Procedure)</p> <p>CS No.: 59410/16 NDOH: 29.11.2019</p> <p>CMJ Energy India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>...Plaintiff</p> <p>Versus</p> <p>Deepak Gupta ...Defendant</p> <p>To</p> <p>Shri Deepak Gupta, Sole Proprietor of M/s Goyal Electric Traders, G.T. Road, Near Nirankari Bhawan, Bhatinda, Punjab-151001.</p> <p>Whereas plaintiff has filed the above noted petition against you. You are hereby noticed to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on the 29th day of November, 2019 at 10:00 am to answer the same, failing which the petition will be disposed of ex-parte.</p> <p>Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 18th day of September, 2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Additional District Judge-01, New Delhi District, Room No. 22, First Floor, Patiala House Courts, CL19089960 New Delhi.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> (Succession Case)</p> <p>In the Court of Sushma Devi Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division)-1, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Wajda Tabassum Vs.</p> <p>General Public CNR No. PBJL02-000045-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 01.11.2019</p> <p>Petition for grant of succession certificate Under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act.</p> <p>Notice to: Hazira Khatoon, Spouse: Noor Mohammad Village Baryia Tota, PS Rampurava Mahanva, PS Majhulia, West Champarn, Bihar.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 01.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 21.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division)-1, CL19090271 Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Kishore Kumar, District and Sessions Judge, Kapurthala.</p> <p>Nidhi Joshi Vs.</p> <p>Krishan Kumar Kaushal CNR No. PBKP01-005115-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 19.11.2019</p> <p>Petition under Section-13- HMA</p> <p>Publication issued to: Krishan Kumar Kaushal s/o Ram Kumar Kaushal s/o Late Puran Chand Kaushal r/o Manav Nagar, Mata Rani Road, Hadiabad, PO Satnampura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 19.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 13.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- District and Sessions Judge, CL19090105 Kapurthala.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Harreet Kaur Kaleka Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Nitin Pal Singh aged 42 years s/o Gurnam Singh r/o H.No. 563, Cheema Nagar, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Sakshi w/o Nitin Pal Singh d/o Kapil Dev Chadha r/o H.No. 57-B, Pacca Bagh, Jalandhar.</p> <p>CNR No. PBJL01-008278-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 29.11.2019</p> <p>Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce. Publication issued to: Sakshi Daughter: Kapil Dev Chadha r/o H.No. 57B, Pacca Bagh, Jalandhar.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 19.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19090274 Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Preeti Sahni, Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Kuldeep Kaur relative of Harpreet Singh d/o Tarsem Singh Address: Village Sekhowal, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur presently at Village Mander PS Adampur, Tehsil Distt. Jalandhar.</p> <p>Versus</p> <p>Harpreet Singh relative of Balvir Singh Address: Bag Colony Near Tahli Sahib Gurudwara Distt. Nawanshahar SBS Nagar presently at 160 Battalion BSF Malkangiri Near RTO Office 03 State Odisha 764045.</p> <p>Petition Under section 13(1)(ia) (ib) of Hindu Marriage Act 1955 for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce on grounds of cruelty and desertion.</p> <p>CNR No.: PBJL01-004586-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 25.11.2019</p> <p>Publication issued to:</p> <p>Harpreet Singh, Father: Balvir Singh, Bag Colony near Tahli Sahib Gurudwara Distt. Nawanshahar SBS Nagar, presently at 160 Battalion BSF Malkangiri Near RTO Office 03 State Odisha 764045.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 25.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 27.08.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19090114 Jalandhar.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Harreet Kaur Kaleka Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p> <p>Mandeep Kaur 35 years w/o Gurpreet Singh s/o Harmel Singh r/o Village Bhanoki, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala and daughter of Sh. Kewal Singh s/o Mohinder Singh r/o Village Dhesina Kahna, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Gurpreet Singh s/o Harmel Singh r/o Village Bhanoki, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala.</p> <p>CNR No. PBJL01-003824-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 12.12.2019</p> <p>Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce.</p> <p>Publication issued to: Gurpreet Singh, Father: Harmel Singh, Village Bhanoki, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.12.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 26.07.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19090276 Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Davinder Singh, Civil Judge (Junior Division)-17, Jalandhar.</p> <p>The Hind Samachar Limited Vs.</p> <p>Jatinder Singh Gadwhal CNR No. PBJL02-005728-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 04.11.2019</p> <p>Suit for grant of decree for recovery of Rs. 58814 alongwith interest as prayed for Publication issued to: Jatinder Singh Gadwhal s/o Shakuntla Devi r/o 35/2 near Shiv Mandir, Village Paphan, P.O. Jhonka Ratial, Tehsil Jawali, District Kangra 176023.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 04.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 10.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-17, CL19090118 Jalandhar.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Ms. Amandeep Kaur Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga.</p> <p>Balbir Singh Vs.</p> <p>Chand Singh CNR No. PBMOA0-000307-2017</p> <p>Next Date: 31.10.2019</p> <p>Suit for issuance of decree for declaration to the effect to that Plaintiff No. 1 is owner in possession of agriculture land. Publication issued to: No. 7 Veerpal Kaur, Father: Mukand Singh s/o Natha Singh r/o Village Himmatpura, Patti Jaid, Tehsil Nihal Singh, Distt. Moga, Punjab.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 31.10.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=moga">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=moga</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 25.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga. CL19090277</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Kishore Kumar, District and Sessions Judge, Kapurthala.</p> <p>Jasvir Kaur Vs.</p> <p>Jaswinder Singh CNR No. PBKP01-002149-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 26.11.2019</p> <p>Petition under Section-13 of HM Act.</p> <p>Publication issued to: Jaswinder Singh, Father: S/o Gumail Singh r/o VPO Talwandi Chaudhrian, Teh. Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt. Kapurthala.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 26.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 20.07.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- District and Sessions Judge, CL19090122 Kapurthala.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Kishore Kumar, District and Sessions Judge, Kapurthala.</p> <p>Kiran Bala Vs.</p> <p>Anil Kumar CNR No. PBKP01-001523-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 29.11.2019</p> <p>Petition Under Section 13 of HMA</p> <p>Publication issued to: Anil Kumar, Father: S/o Mohan Lal r/o Village Chitti, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 26.07.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- District and Sessions Judge, CL19090278 Kapurthala.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Sh. Balwinder Kumar II, Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.</p> <p>Paramjit Kaur Vs.</p> <p>Darshan Singh CNR No. PBLD01-015633-2018</p> <p>Next Date: 05.11.2019</p> <p>The Judgment and decree dated 12.04.18 passed by the trail court of Ms Komple Dhanjal be quashed and set aside.</p> <p>Publication issued to: 4. Kuljit Kaur w/o Tajinderpal Singh D- 2, Auto Mobile Nagar, Delhi Bypass, Opposite Surajpol, Anaj Mandi, Jaipur.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 05.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 18.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. District and Sessions Judge, CL19090130 Ludhiana.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b></p> <p>In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Ludhiana.</p> <p>Ravinderjit Kaur Vs.</p> <p>Gurnam Singh Gill CNR No. PBLD01-009715-2019</p> <p>Next Date: 06.12.2019</p> <p>Publication issued to: Gurnam Singh Gill, Father: Naginder Singh Gill r/o Mohalla Sodhian DA, near Bibi DA Gurudwara, Moga, Teh. and Distt. Moga.</p> <p>In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 06.12.2019 at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana</a></p> <p>Dated, this day of 19.09.2019.</p> <p>Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19090282 Ludhiana.</p>



# BATTLING DESERTIFICATION

We must act fast to undo the damage being inflicted on our planet in the name of development



LATIKA SEHAJPAL

INDIA recently hosted the 14th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). After 12 days of discussions with 6,000-odd global participants, the New Delhi Declaration was released. This declaration resulted in 35 resolutions legally binding on the 197 participating countries. Another outcome was the voluntary Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets that 122 countries adopted, much to the delight of environmental crusaders. India set a voluntary LDN target of 26 million hectares (mha) by 2030. This declaration talks of tackling droughts and the inter-linkage between land restoration, climate change and biodiversity. As a commitment under this declaration, the ‘people first’ approach will be used to combat land degradation, and the participation of civil society will be invited. In consonance with the UN spirit, gender-sensitive projects will also be undertaken when this declaration takes the shape of a policy.

The UNCCD is the only legally binding international agreement on land issues. As per this Convention, LDN is “a state whereby the amount and quality of land resources, necessary to support ecosystem functions and services and enhance food security, remain stable or increase within specified temporal and spatial scales and ecosystems.” Land is an economic resource and a fixed one, which makes it scarce. This scarcity triggers fierce competition to use it beyond its recovery potential. We see it in rules which allow cultivable land to be used for housing projects. It should be done in modera-



AT THE RECEIVING END

The top three districts bearing the brunt of desertification and land degradation are Jaisalmer (Rajasthan), Lahaul-Spiti (Himachal Pradesh) and Kargil (Ladakh). According to Bhuvan Portal of ISRO, Jaisalmer has majorly barren, salt-affected wasteland and scrubland that experience land degradation mainly due to wind erosion. Lahaul-Spiti (in pic) and Kargil have majorly unculturable, barren rocky terrain. Lahaul-Spiti witnesses land degradation due to glacial erosion; in Kargil's case, mass movement of soil is the main factor. Lahaul-Spiti shows increasing land degradation in terms of vegetation degradation in the scrublands and frost shattering in glacial areas when the ISRO data set of 2011-13 is compared with that of 2003-05. Jaisalmer shows 92% land degradation; Lahaul-Spiti accounts for 85% and Kargil 78% of desertification/land degradation. Jaisalmer recorded the highest decrease in land degradation of 5% in 2011-13 (compared to 2003-05), showing improvement in the land reclamation measures.

tion; buying these lands in the midst of nowhere and building a residential colony serves a lesser purpose than the one envisaged. Concrete structures are made out of degraded forests. Though compensatory afforestation and a degree of corporate social responsibility are expected of these economic projects, will they truly be able to compensate for the bio-potential of the land we are losing? The answer is no.

Pitched as a global initiative by the UNCCD and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), LDN is part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 15.3. To achieve this goal, a lot of financial investment is needed. According to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, public and philanthropic resources alone do not suffice for the finance investment. Private funds need to be capitalised as well. A global mechanism has been established under the aegis of the United Nations. An LDN Fund has become operative after its launch at the UNCCD's COP13 meeting in China. It is a collaboration of private capital, government contribution and humanitarian foundations. This fund counts European Investment Bank as its anchor investor, but much of Europe has not adopted voluntary LDN targets. However, this fund is also backed by the UN-sponsored Global Environment Facility Fund.

Land degradation is a challenge but also a pointer to the bigger menace of desertification. As per the UNCCD (1994), land degradation in drylands (arid/semi-arid and dry sub-humid zones) is defined as desertification. The UN Decade for Deserts (2010-20) and the Fight against Desertification, a global initiative, reveal that out of 197 countries which are party to the land degradation declarations, 169 have declared that they are affected by desertifi-

cation. There are 1.5 billion people in these countries that are most affected. This has led to the loss of 75 billion tonnes of fertile soil and 12 mha of land to various scales of degradation. Especially affected are the drylands which, according to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005), comprise 41% of the total land surface of the Earth and host 44% of the world's cultivated systems. Corroborating this narrative is the Global Land Outlook Report which defines the inter-relationship of land degradation with desertification, drought, food security, migration and employment.

## Watching Indian space

Indian space agency ISRO has developed a land degradation inventory using data from remote sensing satellites. According to this data, India is slow on land reclamation. Of its total geographic area, 96 mha is reeling under land degradation. This is 29% of the country's total geographic area as in 2011-13; this figure has risen by 1.87 mha when compared against the 2003-05 data set. The states bearing the brunt of land degradation are Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Jammu and Kashmir. States like Jharkhand, Delhi, Goa and Gujarat show 50% of their areas under desertification and land degradation. In states like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar and Haryana, it is below 10%.

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change articulated the Indian narrative on the problem and possible solutions to land degradation at COP14. Environmental protection is implemented with half-measures across various sectors of Indian economy. As a nation always in the making, India sees infrastructure develop-

ment projects prolong for years and years, without stringent rules against companies or authorities which defer decisions in these cases. This leads to a dust-filled troposphere, besides impacting vegetation. The long-term result is the disturbance of biodiversity along with the migration of livestock and humans. The analysis of the ISRO data set shows that India has reclaimed 1.95 mha, but 3.63 mha of productive land has been degraded.

The solution to desertification and land degradation is not simple because the issues themselves are complex. The degraded lands have to be restored first. Then, these lands should be used sustainably. This measure needs to be supported with activities that assure food and water security to the migrating and affecting population. And the most simple but effective measure of afforestation has to be implemented with sincerity. A slew of policy measures are needed for real estate, industry, mining and quarrying sectors. Social stability is required for people to be able to live at one place for a longer time and develop a connect with the cultivable land. Local, less water-intensive species need to be propagated. The use of chemicals in agriculture needs to be regulated. With water already a stressed commodity, air being polluted more and more everyday and land being degraded, the triangle of life is inching towards instability. We should wake up before it is too late. Or else, it will become impossible to undo the damage we are inflicting on our planet in the name of development.

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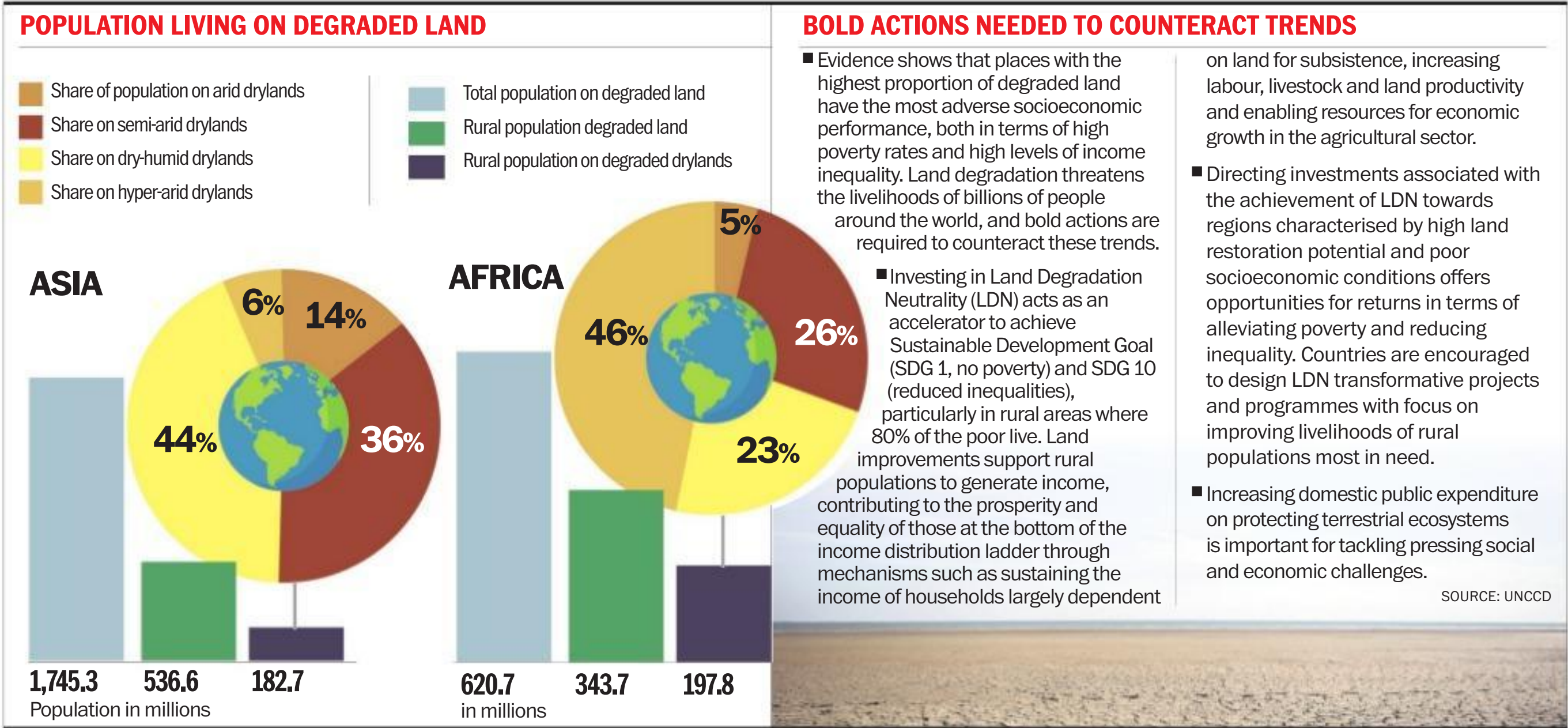
## India must go all out to achieve 2030 target

SPVASUDEVA

HUMAN activities are reducing Earth's life-support capacity. The ecological imbalance is manifesting itself in the form of well-established trends of air pollution, falling water table, shrinking forests, polluted rivers and climate change. These phenomena, besides affecting air and water quality, have rendered land degraded both for biotic and abiotic resources.

About 2 billion hectares of land, an area three times the size of India, is degraded in the world. The UN, with the participation of 196 countries, set up the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in 1994 to deal with land degradation issues. India is a signatory to this body and has committed itself to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target 15.3 to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) by 2030. LDN is an innovative land use and management approach where further land degradation is prevented and already degraded land is restored.

India's land area is undergoing degradation due to deforestation, overgrazing, unsustainable land use practices, expansion of agriculture and groundwater depletion. According to The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), economic losses equivalent to 2.5% of its GDP annually are due to land degradation; the cost of reclaiming land through land management interventions could be far less than not taking action. India has increased its targeted area for the restoration of degraded land from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares by 2030, as per the announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent Conference of Parties (COP14) of the UNCCD. The meeting ended with the New Delhi Declaration containing processes and mechanisms to deal with land degradation and its associated





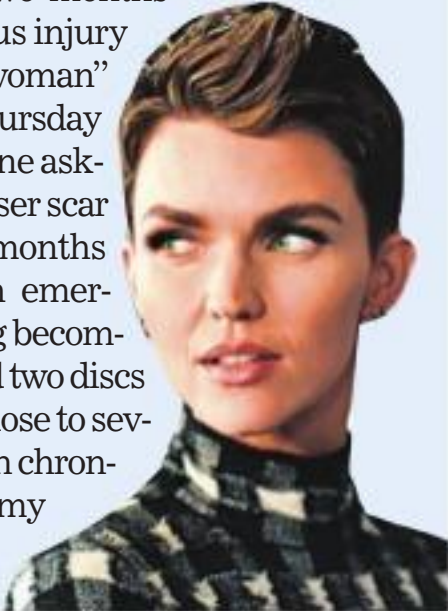


**HALLOWEEN REVELRY:** Youths take part in the Boujloud festival, a popular celebration known as Moroccan Halloween, in Sidi Moussa district of Sale near Rabat. AFP

**Lanka's former Army chief enters presidential race**  
**COLOMBO:** Sri Lanka's former Army Commander General Mahesh Senanayake on Sunday announced his candidacy for the presidential election to be held in November. Senanayake's presidential bid was announced at a rally held here by National People's Movement, a collective of civil organisations. Addressing the rally, Senanayake, who retired as Army Commander in August, said, "Sri Lanka needs an alternative force and he believes he is that alternative." **PI**

**New York City police officer shot in Bronx**  
**NEW YORK:** A New York City police officer was shot and killed in a struggle early on Sunday in the Bronx. The NYPD identified the slain officer as 33-year-old Brian Mulkeen. Mulkeen was patrolling the streets around the Edenwald Houses as part of the Bronx Borough Anti-Crime Unit, which was in the area because of gang activity, Chief of Department Terence Monahan said at a press conference at Jacobi Medical Centre. Mulkeen and his partner tried to apprehend a man who had fled questioning, and a struggle on the ground ensued, Monahan said. **AP**

**Ruby Rose undergoes surgery after stunt injury**  
**LOS ANGELES:** Ruby Rose has revealed she needed to undergo an emergency surgery two months ago after she suffered a serious injury risking paralysis. The "Batwoman" actor took to Instagram on Thursday to share the news. "To everyone asking about my new Pez dispenser scar on my neck... A couple of months ago I was told I needed an emergency surgery or I was risking becoming paralysed. I had herniated two discs doing stunts, and they were close to severing my spinal chord. I was in chronic pain and yet couldn't feel my arms." Rose wrote. **PI**



# Clashes in Hong Kong ahead of China's 70th anniversary

Police use tear gas, rubber bullets & water cannons on protesters

**HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 29** Thousands of Hong Kongers defied police tear gas rounds on Sunday to hold an unsanctioned march through the city, part of a coordinated day of global protests aimed at casting a shadow over communist China's upcoming 70th birthday. Beijing is preparing for huge, tightly-choreographed festivities from Tuesday marking seven decades since the People's Republic of China was founded, including a huge military parade. But ongoing unrest in Hong Kong threatens to upstage those celebrations as the semi-autonomous city boils with public anger over the erosion of its special freedoms under Beijing's rule. Democracy activists in the financial hub called for "anti-totalitarian" protests to be held around the globe on Sunday. Marches were held in Australia and Taiwan, with more planned in Europe and North America later in the day. Online forums used to



Policemen detain protesters as they ignored warnings to disperse, in Hong Kong on Sunday. **PI**

coordinate the deliberately leaderless protest movement called for protesters to begin the Hong Kong march in Causeway Bay, a busy shopping district filled with luxury malls and fashion retailers.

The police fired tear gas after angry crowds in the district surrounded and heckled officers who had conducted stop and searches ahead of the march. But the tear gas only emboldened the crowds who

then began walking through the streets in their thousands. Some activists vandalised subway stations and tore down banners proclaiming the upcoming 70th anniversary celebrations. — PTI

# Year later, Saudi struggles to turn page on Khashoggi murder

**RIYADH, SEPTEMBER 29** Saudi Arabia is attempting a comeback on the global stage one year after journalist Jamal Khashoggi's murder, but the crisis has weakened it and undermined its de facto leader's ambitious reforms, analysts say. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, a self-styled moderniser shaking up the conservative petro-state, was feted by global leaders and business titans before the gruesome murder in Saudi



Arabia's Istanbul consulate on October 2 last year. But the global fallout over the killing rendered the heir to

the Arab world's most powerful throne a pariah, casting a shadow on his reforms, putting the kingdom's human rights record under the microscope and testing old alliances with Western powers. The prince has since sought to shore up his tarnished reputation, launching slick PR campaigns to win back foreign investment while accelerating what analysts call the kingdom's "eastward tilt" towards less critical allies such as China and India.

"The spectre of Khashoggi hangs over the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," said Bruce Riedel, a former Central Intelligence Agency officer. "The murdered journalist has not been forgotten, as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman hoped." The crown prince tells PBS in a forthcoming documentary that he accepted responsibility for the killing, because it happened "under my watch" — but he denied having prior knowledge. — PTI

# Kurz's conservatives win Austrian election

**VIENNA, SEPTEMBER 29** Austrian conservative leader Sebastian Kurz triumphed in Sunday's parliamentary election, as widely expected, but he will need a coalition partner to form a stable government and the vote left him several options across the political spectrum. The election followed the collapse in May of Kurz's coalition with the far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ) after a video sting scandal that forced FPÖ Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache to step down. Kurz (33) has been largely unscathed by the scandal, even gaining voters from the FPÖ as its support has slipped to roughly a fifth of the electorate from a little more than a quarter in the last vote in 2017. As predicted by opinion polls for months, Kurz's People's Party (ÖVP) came a comfortable first, with 37.2 per cent of the vote, according to a projection by pollster SORA for national broadcaster ORF published soon after voting ended. The Social Democrats came second with 22 per cent, well



**SEBASTIAN KURZ NEEDS COALITION ALLY**  
■ Kurz's conservatives come clear first in snap vote  
■ Will need coalition partner, not ruling out any options  
■ Far-right FPÖ tarnished by scandal, Greens have gained ground  
■ Coalition talks can drag on for months

ahead of the FPÖ on 16 per cent and the resurgent Greens on 14.3 per cent, the projection showed. It has a margin of error of 1.8 percentage points. "We are very confident. We have a clear goal, namely to come first in this election. We want to improve our result," Kurz said before casting his vote in Vienna. — Reuters

## SAUDI KING'S BODYGUARD SHOT BY FRIEND

**Riyadh:** The bodyguard of Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz was shot dead by one of his friends after a "personal dispute". Gen Abdel Aziz al-Fagham was visiting a friend when he had a row with Mamdouh bin Meshaal Al Ali on Saturday night. A police statement said Ali left the house in Jeddah to return with a gun with which he opened fire. He was shot dead after refusing to surrender to police, the statement said. **IANIS**  
**SECURITY CAN'T BE BOUGHT, SAYS IRAN MINISTER**  
**TEHRAN:** Iran's Foreign Minister has urged arch-rival Saudi Arabia to accept that "security cannot be bought", saying an end to the war in Yemen would quell regional tensions. In an interview with Tehran's official IRNA news agency on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, Mohammad Javad Zarif accused the Saudi leadership of stirring up strife. **AFP**

## COURT NOTICES

<p><b>In the Court of</b> Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I, Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Mukerian. Ranson Agencies Vs. Gurur Foods Pvt. Ltd. CNR No. PBHOC1-000059-2018 Next Date: 07.11.2019 Publication issued to: Guru Food Pvt. Limited through its proprietor Sh. Gaurav s/o Lakhpat Rai r/o Sector B, 270, Defence Colony, Kalarheri Road, Ambala, Haryana-133001, 2. Gaurav s/o Lakhpat Rai, Proprietor Guru Foods Pvt. Ltd. r/o Sector B, 270, Defence Colony, Kalarheri Road, Ambala, Haryana-133001. In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 07.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur</a> Dated, this day of 11.09.2019. Sd/- Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I, Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, CL19065007 Mukerian.</p> <p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Preeti Sahni Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar Kulwant Singh relative of Late Joginder Singh Address: VPO Kahlwan, District Jalandhar. Versus Sukhwinder Kaur relative of Kulwant Singh d/o Paramjit Singh, Address: 51, Nicholes Road, Hounslow TW 3QH, U.K. CNR No.: PBJL01-009358-2019 Next Date: 18.11.2019 Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce. Publication issued to: Sukhwinder Kaur Spouse: Kulwant Singh d/o Paramjit Singh, 51, Nicholes Road, Hounslow TW 3QH, U.K. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 18.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a> Dated, this day of 07.08.2019. Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>In the Court of</b> Sh. Ram Pal Civil Judge Junior Division, Ajnala. CNR No.: PBASA0-000061-2019 Next Date: 18.10.2019 Balbir Kaur age 60 years d/o Bakhshish Singh r/o Village Kot Molvi, P.O. Prachha, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur. ...Plaintiff Versus 1. Harbans Singh son of Dayal Singh 2. Deepo d/o Dayal Singh r/o Village Tera Kalan, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar and others. ...Defendant Suit for declaration Notice to Defendant: 2. Deepo d/o Dayal Singh 3. Kehar Singh s/o Jaswant Singh since deceased through his L.Rs: (v) Nirmal Singh s/o Kehar Singh r/o Village Tera Kalan, Tehsil Ajnala Amritsar. In above titled suit, the defendants could not be served. It is ordered that defendants should appear in person or through counsel on 18.10.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to: <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=amritsar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=amritsar</a> Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 17.09.2019. Sd/- (Ram Pal) Civil Judge Junior Division, CL19067671 Ajnala.</p> <p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Preeti Sahni Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar. Narinder Pal relative of Balwinder Kumar, Address: VPO Laroi, Jalandhar. Versus Kiranjit Kaur relative of Hari Om Address: Village Diantpur, PO Manko Jalandhar. Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce CNR No.: PBJL01-012742-2019 Next Date: 18.11.2019 Publication issued to: Kiranjit Kaur Father: Hari Om, Village Diantpur, PO Manko Jalandhar. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 18.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a> Dated, this day of 11.09.2019. Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Mukerian. Gurparshad Versus General Public CNR No.: PBHOC0-000191-2019 Next Date: 14.11.2019 Publication issued to: General Public:- In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 14.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur</a> Dated, this day of 23.09.2019. Sd/- Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL19087011 Mukerian.</p> <p><b>(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Sh. Atul Kasana, Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana. Baljinder Singh Vs. Gurmial Singh CNR No. PBLD01-015901-2018 Next Date: 10.11.2019 Publication issued to: 2. Sukhwinder Kaur, Father: Baldev Singh s/o Gopal Singh through natural Mother, Next Friend and Guardian Smt. Gurmial Kaur Village Rangia, Sub Tehsil Dehlon, District Ludhiana. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 10.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana</a> Dated, this day of 12.09.2019. Sd/- Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.</p>	<p><b>In the Court of</b> Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Mukerian Dalbir Singh Versus Ranjit Singh CNR No.: PBHOC1-001010-2016 Next Date: 04.11.2019 Publication issued to: Ranjit Singh s/o Chanan Singh Saini, r/o Chhota Gambowal, Teh Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab. In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 04.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur</a> Dated, this day of 24.09.2019. Sd/- Ms. Rajwinder Kaur-I Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, CL19087080 Mukerian.</p> <p><b>In the Court of</b> Manmohan Bhatti, Judicial Magistrate First Class-9, Jalandhar. LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Vs. Ajay Kumar Gupta CNR No. PBJL03-017851-2018 Next Date: 11.11.2019 Publication issued to: Ajay Kumar Gupta r/o 231/5, Patel Nagar, Akhnoor Road, Jammu. Mobile: 94191-48529. In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 11.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a> Dated, this day of 09.09.2019. Sd/- Judicial Magistrate First Class-9, CL19089835 Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Mayank Marwaha, Civil Judge (Junior Division)-15, Jalandhar. Wintek Prelam Vs. Jabbal Modular System CNR No. PBJL02-002107-2017 Next Date: 22.10.2019 Suit for Recovery of Rs. 2,97,800.00 (Rupees Two Lac Ninety Seven thousand and Eight hundred and Seventy Eight only) inclusive of interest calculated upto 31.03.2017 at the rate of 18% per annum. Publication Issued to: 1. M/s Jabbal Modular System 105/8, Harcharan Nagar, Ludhiana through its. Prop. Sh. Amrik Singh, Punjab. 2. Sh. Amrik Singh, Proprietor M/s Jabbal Modular System, 105/8, Harcharan Nagar, Ludhiana. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22.10.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a> Dated, this day of 16.09.2019. Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-15, Jalandhar.</p> <p><b>In the Court of</b> Ms. Divya Sharma, PCS, Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Batala CNR No. PBGDA10016732015 CIS No. COMI/31/2015 Next Date: 24.10.2019 Dharam Singh s/o Kesar Singh r/o Vill Dhir, Teh. Batala Versus Ajit Singh s/o Kesar Singh U/s: 302, 148, 149, 120 B IPC PS Sardar Batala Proclamation U/S 82 CRPC of Ginder Singh s/o Lakhwinder Singh r/o Vill Dhir, Teh. Batala, Distt Gurdaspur. In above titled case accused(s) could not be served. It is ordered that proclamation U/S 82 CRPC of the accused be issued for 24.10.2019. For details logon to: <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=gurdaspur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=gurdaspur</a> Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 19.06.2019. Sd/- Divya Sharma, PCS, Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, CL19089929 Batala</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain Additional Judge of Family Court, Garhshankar. Shiv Kanwardeep Singh son of Shri Kesar Singh, resident of Village Behwalpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur. ...Petitioner Vs. Alisia Esparza wife of Shiv Kanwardeep Singh d/o Frinisco Esparza resident of E8835 Ruena Vista Ave. United States of America. ...Respondent CNR No.: PBHOF3-000441-2019 Next Date: 15.11.2019 Petition Under Section 10 of the Indian Divorce Act 1869 as amended upto date for dissolution of marriage between the parties by a decree of divorce. Publication issued to: Alisia Esparza wife of Shiv Kanwardeep Singh d/o Frinisco Esparza resident of E8835 Ruena Vista Ave. United States of America. In above titled HMA case, the respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 15.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to: <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=hoshiarpur</a> Dated, this day of 28.08.2019. Sd/- Principal Judge of Family Court Garhshankar.</p> <p><b>In the High Court of</b> Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh Judicial Department RSA No. 620 of 1995 Next date of hearing: 22.11.2019 Baldev Singh Versus Chand Singh Petition/Appeal U/s 151 C.P.C. and other relevant provision of C.P.C. To, Respondent No. 1(D):- Surjit Kaur daughter of Chand Singh son of Lal Singh resident of village Khote, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga. Respondent No. 1(E):- Amarjit Kaur daughter of Chand Singh son of Lal Singh resident of village Khote, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga. Respondent No. 2(iv):- Basant Singh son of Karnail Singh deceased son of Lal Singh son of Sham Singh, resident of village Khote, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga. In the above titled petition/appeal, the respondent(s)/defendant(s) could not be served in the ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22.11.2019 at 10 a.m. sharp. Sd/- Superintendent RSA For Registrar Judicial Punjab and Haryana High Court, CL19089938 Chandigarh.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Sh. Balwinder Kumar II, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana. M/s Empire Realtors Pvt. Ltd. Versus Tript Singh CNR No. PBLD01-003369-2018 Next Date: 08.11.2019 For setting aside the judgement and decree dated passed by the court of Civil Judge Publication issued to: 1. Tript Singh S/o Tarlochan Singh R/o Village Dhandra, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab (since deceased) now represented by his following legal heirs: 1. Nirpinder Kaur (widow) 2. Rainder Singh @ Balbir Singh S/o Sh. Tript Singh 3. Ranjit Kaur widow of Sh. Mehtab Singh 4. Hardeep Kaur D/o Sh. Mehtab Singh 5. Hartej Singh S/o Sh. Mahtab Singh 6. Sukhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Mehtab Singh All R/o Village Dhandra Tehsil &amp; Distt. Ludhiana. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 08.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=ludhiana</a> Dated, this day of 16.09.2019. Sd/- Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.</p> <p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Rajinder Singh Teji, Civil Judge (Junior Division)-7, Jalandhar. Harpreet Kaur D/o Tajinder Singh R/o H.No. 1389/ 42, Ajit Nagar, Industrial Town, Jalandhar. Versus General Public CNR No. PBJL02-000454-2019 Next Date: 19.10.2019 Publication issued to: General Public In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 19.10.2019 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=jalandhar</a> Dated, this day of 19.09.2019. Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-7, CL19089851 Jalandhar.</p>	<p><b>(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)</b> In the Court of Kishore Kumar, District and Sessions Judge, Kapurthala. Manpreet Singh Versus Pawandeep Kaur CNR No. PBKPO1-001223-2019 Next Date: 04.11.2019 Petition Under Section-13 of HMA Publication issued to: Pawandeep Kaur, Spouse: Manpreet Singh D/o Joga Singh, R/o Village- Aujla Jogi, Teh and Distt.- Kapurthala at present R/o C/o Bhupinder Singh R/o 551A Cheema Nagar, Jalandhar. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 04.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to <a href="https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala">https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&amp;district=kapurthala</a> Dated, this day of 17.07.2019. Sd/- District and Sessions Judge, CL19089707 Kapurthala.</p> <p><b>In the High Court of</b> Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh Judicial Department RSA No. 620 of 1995 Next date of hearing: 22.11.2019 Baldev Singh Versus Chand Singh Petition/Appeal U/S 151 C.P.C. and other relevant provision of C.P.C. To: Respondent No. 2(v):- Gurmial Kaur daughter of Karnail Singh deceased son of Lal Singh son of Sham Singh, now wife of Kartar Singh, resident of New Colony, Near Railway Station, Bathinda. In the above titled petition/appeal, the respondent(s)/defendant(s) could not be served in the ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22.11.2019 at 10 a.m. sharp. Sd/- Superintendent RSA For Registrar Judicial Punjab and Haryana High Court, CL19089934 Chandigarh.</p>
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BRIEFLY

SURAT

Third women's T20I between India and SA washed out

The third women's T20 International between India and South Africa was abandoned, without a ball being bowled due to heavy downpour here today. Persistent rain meant even the toss could not take place. India lead the five-match series 1-0. The fourth T20I is scheduled here on Tuesday.

BENGALURU

Hazare Trophy: Chhattisgarh continue winning run

Chhattisgarh continued their winning run in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, beating Andhra by 56 runs in the Elite Group A game here today. Asked to bat first, Chhattisgarh, who had stunned defending champions Mumbai yesterday, crawled to 268/9 in 50 overs. Chhattisgarh bowlers then kept taking wickets at regular intervals and the Andhra innings folded at 212. Meanwhile, rain washed out all Group B matches in Vadodara. **Brief scores: Chhattisgarh:** 268/9 (Ashutosh Singh 75, Shashank Chandrakar 54; Prithvi Raj Yarra 3/63) vs **Andhra:** 212 all out (Shashank Singh 3/37); **Kerala:** 227/9 (Sanju Samson 36; Ajay Dev Goud 3/52) vs **Hyderabad:** 165 all out (Tanmay Agarwal 69; KM Asif 4/34); **Goa:** 266/8 (Aditya Kaushik 117; Rahul Shukla 6/33) vs **Jharkhand:** 224 all out (Ishan Kishan 43; Darshan Misal 4/35)

SHIRDI

Haryana's Sajan wins gold, in team for U-23 Worlds

Sajan Bhanwal, the only Indian to win two junior World Championships medals, expectedly earned a place in the country's Greco-Roman team for the Under-23 World Championships by emerging as the champion in the Nationals. Sajan won gold in the 77kg for Haryana, which finished third in the team championship. With four gold, two silver and three bronze medals, Services took the team championship. Arjun (55kg), Rajeet (63kg), Rahul (72kg) and Deepak (130kg) won gold for Services. Delhi finished second.

MUMBAI

Indian junior boys win bronze in TT tourney

Indian junior boys Raegan Albuquerque and Yashansh Malik paired with Netherlands' Lode Hulshof to win the bronze medal at the Serbia Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Open. The team lost 2-3 in the semifinals to the Czech Republic.

MALE

Kaushal wins Maldives International Challenge

Indian shuttler Kaushal Dharmamer clinched the men's singles title at the Maldives International Challenge with a 21-13 21-18 win over Siril Verma here today. In the women's doubles final, Ashwini Ponnappa and Sikki Reddy lost 10-21 21-17 12-21 to Japan's Sayak Hobara and Natsuki Soni. Saipratheek Krishnaprasad and Ashwini Bhat finished second in the mixed doubles category, while Arun George and Sanyam Shukla lost in the men's doubles final.

TRIPURESHWOR (NEPAL)

Malvika beats Gayatri to win title

India's Malvika Bansod beat compatriot Gayatri Gopichand 21-14 21-18 to win the women's singles event at the Annapurna International Super Series here today. The 18-year-old Bansod defeated national coach Pullela Gopichand's 16-year-old daughter in 42 minutes. Swarnaraj Bora of India lost the men's singles final to Seng Zoe Yeoh of Malaysia 19-21 8-21. India's Saurabh Sharma and Rohan Kapoor won the men's doubles event. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

ATHLETICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
STAR SPORTS 7PM

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE  
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
MAN UNITED VS ARSENAL  
STAR SPORTS 00:30AM (TUESDAY)

RUGBY WORLD CUP  
SCOTLAND VS AUSTRALIA  
SONGTVN 3:45PM

# Indian boys claim maiden title after ‘moment of brilliance’

SAFF U-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 29

The Indian football team won the SAFF U-18 Championship for the first time after defeating Bangladesh 2-1 in the title clash here today.

India surged ahead in the second minute when Vikram Partap Singh sped past his marker and smashed the ball home. Both teams were reduced to 10 men each in the 22nd minute when Gurkirat Singh and Md Fahim were given marching orders following a tiff.

Bangladesh skipper Yeasin Arafat equalised in the 40th minute. Bangladesh, however, were further reduced to nine men when Arafat was given a sec-



ond yellow card for his celebration after the goal. Despite being a player down, Bangladesh kept India at bay. However, their resilience was broken by a

“moment of brilliance” in injury time. Just when it seemed the match would go into extra time, Ravi Bahadur Rana scored a screamer from about 30

yards to break the deadlock. “I had maintained that it will take a moment of brilliance to end this SAFF Championship, and it was fitting that Ravi finished it



LEFT: The Indian players celebrate with the trophy; ABOVE: India's Ninthoinganba Meetei was adjudged the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. COURTESY: AIFF

off with a wonderful strike,” India head coach Floyd Pin- to said moments after the final whistle. “We were not just the best footballing team in the tournament, but

also the most effective team. I am really happy for the boys. They earned it. The sacrifices and the commitment of the boys was exemplary,” he added.

India's Ninthoinganba Meetei was adjudged the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Praful Patel congratulated the team. “The team improved with every match. It's double delight for the Indian youth teams especially after the U-16 team qualified for the AFC Championships last week. Keep it up,” Patel said.

AIFF general secretary Kushal Das said: “The SAFF U-18 Championship had

been eluding us. Congratulations to everyone. This triumph will add confidence prior to the AFC U-19 Qualifiers in November which is the ultimate test.”

India had won the SAFF U-15 Championship by beating Bangladesh in the final in August. While the U-16 team has qualified for the AFC Championships, the U-19 team will play the AFC Qualifiers in November in its quest to qualify for the AFC Finals.

“This is going to give us a huge boost for the AFC Championship, and make us more confident as we prepare for it. Hopefully, we will be able to kick off AFC Qualifiers in a good manner,” Floyd said. — PTI

# New day, same story

Indian men's hockey team follows up 6-1 win over Spain with 5-1 victory over the European side; Harmanpreet again scores a brace



Harmanpreet Singh celebrates with Gurinder Singh after scoring against Spain. COURTESY: HOCKEY INDIA

ANTWERP (BELGIUM), SEPT 29

Drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh yet again scored a brace as the Indian men's hockey team thrashed Spain 5-1 for its third consecutive win on the tour of Belgium here today. Harmanpreet (41st, 51st minutes) and Ramandeep Singh (35th) scored in the second half after Akashdeep Singh (5th) and SV Sunil (20th) had put India ahead before half-time.

It was not a great start for India as they went a goal down in the third minute through Spain's opening attack. Iglesias Alvaro scored to put pressure on the Indians. However, high on confidence from their two wins in the opening two matches, India responded quickly with an equaliser in the fifth minute as Akashdeep scored a field goal.

Sunil marked his return to the team with a wonderful strike in the second quarter to give India a 2-1 lead. The

SCORELINE

India 5: Akashdeep Singh (5th minute), SV Sunil (20th), Ramandeep Singh (35th), Harmanpreet Singh (41st, 51st)

Spain 1: Iglesias Alvaro (3rd)

forward ran inside from the right flank and struck the ball past Spanish goalkeeper Quico Cortes. India started the third quarter with a flurry of good opportunities, one of which was converted by forward Ramandeep. Harmanpreet converted a penalty corner to make it 4-1. The last quarter saw a similar tale as India produced some outstanding team moves with their pressing and quick passing. They scored their fifth goal when Harmanpreet stepped up yet again to convert a penalty corner.

India will face world No. 2 Belgium on Tuesday. India



Lalremisiami scored the equaliser for India.

had beaten the hosts 2-0 on Thursday before beating Spain 6-1 yesterday.

**Women hold Britain 1-1** **Marlow (England):** The Indi-

an women's hockey team played out a 1-1 draw against Great Britain in the second match of its tour of Great Britain here today. India's Lalremisiami scored the equaliser in the 32nd minute after Great Britain had taken an early lead in the match.

India were out of the blocks quicker, and earned a couple of penalty corners within the first two minutes. But Maddie Hinch in Great Britain's goal ensured India didn't take the lead. Soon it was Great Britain who reciprocated, winning a penalty corner from a swift attack in the 8th minute. Despite a smart save by the Indian defence, an infringement meant the hosts were awarded a penalty stroke, which was duly converted. The equaliser took a long time to come as Lalremisiami finished off a sweeping attack to score.

India will play Great Britain on Tuesday. — Agencies

DHAKA, SEPTEMBER 29

Indian coaches with the Bangladesh women's cricket team will not travel to Pakistan for the international series next month amid political tensions between India and Pakistan.

Bangladesh women's team is due to play Pakistan from October 26 to November 4 in three Twenty20 Internationals and two One-day Internationals in Lahore. The tour is still subject to security checks by

Bangladesh's government before it can take place.

Bangladesh Cricket Board's chief executive Nizamuddin Chowdhury said if the tour goes ahead, head coach Anju Jain, assistant coach Devika Palshikar and trainer Kavita Pandey will not accompany the side in Pakistan. But they will travel with the Bangladesh team when they play the ACC Emerging Women's Asia Cup in Sri Lanka from October 20 to 28.

“We will have another team travelling to Sri Lanka almost at the same period. We've decided to send our Indian coaching staff to Sri Lanka instead of Pakistan to avoid any travel complications,” Nizamuddin said. “We have started the process. Before confirming the series we are also planning to send someone to see the security arrangement for the Sri Lanka team in their ongoing series.” — AFP

## 2020 Asia Cup: Pak to wait for India confirmation

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has set a June 2020 deadline for the Indian cricket board (BCCI) to confirm its participation in the Asia Cup, scheduled in September next year. “We need to see if India agrees to come to Pakistan for the Asia Cup. There is still some time till next year's September but by June, we have to know where we are going with this and if it can't be hosted here because of a lack of involvement of India,” PCB CEO Wasim Khan said in an interview.

However, the final decision to shift the tournament will rest with the Asian Cricket Council. “But that is a decision

for the Asian Cricket Council and ICC to make. We are ready to have India in the Asia Cup,” Khan said.

Khan, however, acknowledged the practical problems in having any bilateral cricketing ties with India in the prevailing strained relationship between the two neighbours. “Board to board level, we share a good relation with India but they have a lot of government interference and we can't keep on running after them to play a bilateral series,” Khan said. “If they want to play they will have to tell us and give us a firm commitment. We have no issues playing at a neutral venue.” — PTI

## Must throw first punch: Philander

VIZIANAGARAM, SEPTEMBER 29

South Africa pacer Vernon Philander wants the team's senior players to take responsibility and throw the “first punch” at “big dogs” India in the upcoming three-match Test series starting October 2.

The opening Test against India will mark the start of South Africa's ICC World Test Championship campaign and Philander said it is going to be a tough battle first up. “It's a tough start... playing India in India, but I don't think the South Africans would have wanted it any other way... take the big dogs in their home ground,” Philander was quoted as saying by the ICC. “All of us are looking forward to this challenge and there are a lot of player-

### Stress fracture not because of Bumrah's action, says Nehra

NEW DELHI: Ashish Nehra insisted that Jasprit Bumrah's stress fracture in the lower-back has got nothing to do with his unorthodox action. “Stress fracture is unrelated to action. He doesn't need to change his action and if he tries to do that, it won't be great. Let me assure you when he comes back, he can bowl with same action, intensity and pace,” Nehra said. “His action is not that unconventional. The alignment of his body at the time of delivery is perfect.” PTI

to-player challenges as well.” It will be the first Test series

for South Africa since the retirements of experienced players such as Hashim Amla and Dale Steyn. “Spotlight will be on a lot of big players to make a statement. Our job is to come here and give the first punch as India is obviously expected to do well,” said Philander. “We are known as a team that starts slow, so this time around we have to start well.”

Philander, who had picked up 15 wickets during South Africa's last Test series against India in 2018, wants the senior players to leave behind a legacy for the youngsters. “We have lost some senior players and there are new players coming in and we want them to learn quickly,” he said. — PTI

## Momota, Bingjiao win Korea Open titles



Japan's Kento Momota celebrates on the podium. AFP

SEOUL, SEPTEMBER 29

Top-ranked Kento Momota of Japan clinched the men's singles title at the Korea Open badminton tournament today with a win over No. 2 Chou Tien-chen of Tai-

wan. The 25-year-old downed Chou 21-19 21-17 in a final that lasted 53 minutes.

In the women's final, China's He Bingjiao defeated Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand 18-21 24-22 21-17. — AFP

## Rangaswamy resigns from CAC and ICA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

Former Indian women's team captain Shantha Rangaswamy has stepped down from her position as a member of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) and director of the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) after being served a conflict of interest notice by DK Jain, BCCI's Ethics Officer.

“I have other plans so have decided to move on. The CAC was anyway meeting once in a year or once in two years, so I did not understand the conflict,” Rangaswamy said.

“It was an honour to be on the CAC committee. It will be tough to find suitable former cricketers for any administrative role in the current scenario (of conflict of interest). The ICA position I would have resigned

anyway before the elections were held. So it was a matter of time,” she added.

Rangaswamy, who was a member of CAC along with Kapil Dev and Anshuman Gaekwad, sent her resignation to the Committee of Administrators (CoA) and BCCI's CEO, Rahul Johri, via email early today.

Yesterday, DK Jain sent a notice to CAC, asking the three former cricketers — who had picked up the current India coach Ravi Shastri — to respond by October 10 to the conflict of interest allegations levelled against them.

### Multiple roles?

Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association life member Sanjiv Gupta had filed the complaint against the trio, who picked up Shastri as head

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Shantha Rangaswamy, FORMER INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM CAPTAIN

coach in August. As per the BCCI constitution, no individual can hold more than one post at the same time.

In the complaint, Gupta claimed that the CAC members don multiple cricketing roles. He noted that the 1983 World Cup-winning captain Kapil is conflicted as he is a commentator, owner of a floodlights company and member of ICA, apart from his CAC role. Likewise, Gup-

ta alleged that Gaekwad too is conflicted as he owns a cricket academy and is a member of BCCI's Affiliation Committee. Rangaswamy is alleged to be conflicted because of her roles with CAC and ICA.

CAC had also picked women's team head coach WV Raman in December, but at that time it was an ad-hoc committee. Shastri was re-appointed India's head coach for a two-year period, which would end with the 2021 T20 World Cup in India.

### I found no conflict: Rai

Meanwhile, CoA chief Vinod Rai said his panel never found any conflict of interest in having the Kapil Dev-led CAC. “We appointed the CAC as an ad-hoc body to specifically appoint the

head coach of the men's national team. We as CoA found that there was no conflict of interest,” Rai said.

It is understood that the ad-hoc CAC no longer exists after Shastri was reappointed as head coach. However, when Rai was asked about Jain's notice to CAC members, he refused to comment.

“The Ethics Officer's position is a quasi-judicial one. I am not in position to preempt what order he will pass and neither am I going to do that. I just said that we as CoA never felt that Kapil, Shantha or Anshuman were conflicted,” the former CAC said.

It remains to be seen that if the ad-hoc body in question is deemed non-existent, whether Dev and Gaekwad would reply to the notice or depose before Jain. — PTI





**BRIEFLY**  
**Bekele misses marathon-world record by a whisker**  
Former Olympics and world champion Kenenisa Bekele staged a thrilling comeback to win the Berlin marathon today, dramatically missing out on the world record by two seconds after recording the second fastest time ever. Ethiopian Bekele finished in two hours, one minute and 41 seconds, agonisingly close to Eliud Kipchoge's world record time despite a full sprint in the final 400m. Legesse took second place in 2:02:48, while Lemma was third, another 48 seconds behind.

**LONDON**  
**Liverpool report about offensive chants to FA**  
The English Football Association is to investigate complaints about offensive chants that were made during Manchester United's Women's Super League clash against Liverpool. Liverpool flagged up the chants from a section of United home fans in a post-match report.

**DOHA**  
**Nigerian pair cleared to race in 200m after confusion**  
Nigerian pair Divine Oduduru and Blessing Okagbare have been reprieved after an apparent bureaucratic mixup and will race in the men's and women's 200 metres races respectively at the world athletics championships. The pair were both entered in the 100 metres even though they had said they did not intend to take part. Under IAAF rules, they were then barred from the rest of the competition for failing to turn up for the races.

**LONDON**  
**Defoe involved in car crash but not seriously injured**  
English footballer Jermain Defoe was involved in a car crash after Scottish side Rangers' win against Aberdeen at Ibrox on Saturday but was not seriously injured in the collision, the club confirmed. Defoe came in as a substitute and scored as Rangers beat Aberdeen 5-0. AGENCIES

## Osaka reaches Round 2 of China Open

**TENNIS ROUNDUP**  
**BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Naomi Osaka said she had been "really riled up" as Japan's two-time Grand Slam champion reached the second round at the China Open today despite being far from her best. The 21-year-old racked up 26 unforced errors on the way to a 6-3 7-6(7) win over Jessica Pegula. Simona Halep, battling a chronic back problem, cruised with a 6-1 6-1 demolition of Rebecca Peterson. Meanwhile, Venus Williams battled past Barbora Stryco 6-3 4-6 7-5. Garbine Muguruza lost 6-0 2-6 2-6 to Sofia Kenin in a match which did not start until nearly 1am and concluded at 2:31am.

**de Minaur wins Zhuhai Open**  
**Zhuhai:** Australian Alex de Minaur won his third title of the season at the Zhuhai Championships today, beating Adrian Mannarino 7-6(4) 6-4 in the final to edge closer to a top-20 world ranking. De Minaur, currently 31 in the world, overcame the Frenchman in a little over two hours to cap an impressive week. He powered past Andy Murray, Borna Coric and Roberto Bautista Agut en route to the championship match. — AFP



Sizzling Coleman leaves Doha cold with 100m win, 37-year-old Gatlin wins silver

## Catch me if you can

USA's Christian Coleman celebrates after winning the 100m final, he clocked 9.76 seconds on his way to the victory. AFP

**DOHA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
American Christian Coleman scorched to the 100 metres World Championships gold medal on Saturday but the crowning of the world's fastest man could generate no more buzz than the air conditioning in a half-empty Khalifa Stadium. Coleman, runners-up to Justin Gatlin two years ago in London, did his part to send a jolt of excitement through a thin audience by turning the tables on his teammate in a season's best 9.76 seconds, making him the sixth fastest man of all-time.

"Last time it was a surprise when I won silver, this time there was a lot of pressure but I managed to come out with a gold," Coleman said. "To add my name to the list of legendary guys who've come before me is an honour and a blessing." The 37-year-old Gatlin continued to prove he is one of sprinting's big-time performers, however, grabbing silver in 9.89s. Canadian Andre De Grasse, a triple medal winner at the Rio Olympics and returning to form after a string of injuries, completed the podium by clocking 9.90s to take the bronze. "This season is a testament to my endurance and willpower," said Gatlin. "He ran a great race but I have a message for next year — I'm coming. He better be ready," he added.

**Suzuki too hot to handle**  
Japan's Yusuke Suzuki won the World Championships 50km race walk today while 43-year-old Joao Vieira defied conditions he described as "hell" to become the oldest man to win a medal in any event.

**DOHA, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Gjert Ingebrigtsen admits he is a dictator but one who produces results as three of his sons — Jakob, Henrik and Filip — will contest Monday's 5,000m final at the World Athletics Championships. The youngest of the Norwegian family trio, 19-year-old Jakob — who achieved a remarkable 1500m/5,000m double at the European Championships last year — earned a reprieve to join them in the final after winning an appeal against disqualification following his heat in Doha on Friday. Their story is not unique in terms of three brothers succeeding in athletics — the Borlee siblings (Dylan, Jonathan and Kevin), also coached by their father, won European gold last year in the Belgian 4x400m relay

**FOOTBALL ROUNDUP**  
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**KEY RESULTS**  
■ **100M (MEN):** Christian Coleman 9.76sec (USA)  
■ **HAMMER THROW (WOMEN):** DeAnna Price 77.54m (USA)  
■ **LONG JUMP (MEN):** Tajay Gayle 8.69m (Jamaica)  
■ **50KM RACE WALK (WOMEN):** Liang Rui 4hr:23min:26sec (China)  
■ **50KM RACE WALK (MEN):** Yusuke Suzuki (Japan) 4hr:04min:20sec  
■ **10,000M (WOMEN):** Sifan Hassan (Netherlands) 30min:20sec



Portugal's Joao Vieira won the silver in the 50km race walk, becoming the oldest man to win a medal in any event. The Portuguese veteran, taking part in his 11th World Championships, finished second while Canada's Evan Dunfee was third. Suzuki led

for virtually the entire race, held in torrid conditions, as he won in a time of four hours 04:20 minutes. The race began at 11.30pm to avoid the worst of the Doha heat but

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Gjert Ingebrigtsen, FATHER

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conditions were still stifling with high humidity. "For me, it was hell ... very, very hot ... it was very bad," Vieira said. "How did I cope? Just a lot of ice and cold water."

**Hassan takes 10,000m title**  
Sifan Hassan displayed her remarkable versatility by producing a stunning final lap to win the women's 10,000 metres at the World Athletics Championships on Saturday. The Dutchwoman overtook Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey just before the bell and powered away over the final lap to win in a season's best time of 30 minutes 17.63 seconds and claim her first Worlds or Olympics title. Gidey, who also started to run 10,000 metres this year, was second and Kenya's Agnes Tirop third. — Reuters

team. But the Ingebrigtsens' story stands out given that their father had no athletics background whatsoever. The 53-year-old Gjert's skills appeared to lie elsewhere as he acts as accountant for his wife Tone's hair salon business and his day job is working for a logistics company. He revels in having been termed a dictator by Filip - who was European 1500m champion in 2016 following in the footsteps of 28-year-old Henrik, who won the title in 2012. — AFP

## Hamilton returns to haunt Ferrari

**SOCHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton snatched victory in the Russian Grand Prix in a surprise Mercedes one-two today after Ferrari argued over team orders and were undone by a virtual safety car. Hamilton also banked a bonus point for the fastest lap of the race to stretch his lead to 73 points over teammate and closest rival Valtteri Bottas, who finished second, with five rounds remaining.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished third after an early radio controversy with Sebastian Vettel, whose retirement on the 28th of 53 laps brought out the virtual safety car that ironically cemented Hamilton's lead. Mercedes' victory was their sixth in a row in Sochi, the team having won every Russian Grand Prix since the first in 2014. The victory was the 82nd of Hamilton's career, and ninth of the season, leaving him nine short of Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91. "It feels like a long time coming, it feels like the first time as well," said Hamilton, now closer than ever to a sixth title, of his first win since Hungary. — Reuters

9 That is how many races Lewis Hamilton has won this season — his 82nd of the career. This is also the number of wins he needs to match Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91

## Jehan finishes 3rd at FIA F3 Championship

**SOCHI (RUSSIA), SEPTEMBER 29**  
In an unprecedented performance by an Indian, young Jehan Daruvala finished second runners-up at the FIA F3 Championship, which concluded with the Russian Grand Prix here. This is the best championship position ever by an Indian in an official F1 feeder series. The 20-year-old has been consistently quick throughout the season in arguably the most competitive F1 feeder series. He kicked off his season over-coming clutch issues in Race 1 and winning Race 2 at the Spanish Grand Prix. The former second runners-up in the World Karting Championship proved his class once again by winning



Lewis Hamilton kisses the trophy after winning the race. AP/PTI

### RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX RESULT

1	Lewis Hamilton (Britain)	Mercedes 1:33:38.992
2	Valtteri Bottas (Finland)	Mercedes +3.829s
3	Charles Leclerc (Monaco)	Ferrari +5.212s
4	Max Verstappen (Netherlands)	Red Bull +14.210s
5	Alexander Albon (Thailand)	Red Bull +38.348s

### DRIVER STANDINGS

DRIVER	PTS
Lewis Hamilton	322
Valtteri Bottas	249
Charles Leclerc	215
Max Verstappen	212
Sebastian Vettel	194

### CONSTRUCTOR STANDINGS

CONSTRUCTOR	PTS
Mercedes	571
Ferrari	409

the first race of the second round at the French Grand Prix. He completed a hat-trick of podiums in the very next race. Jehan eventually capped off the best season ever by an Indian in an official F1 feeder series, with a total of seven podiums in addition to two fastest laps and a pole position. He has qualified in the top four in every round, except for Hungary where he was caught in traffic. The resulting non points scoring races in that round, in addition to a DNF at the British Grand Prix weekend, cost him dear. However, it was heartbreak for Jehan in the last race of the season, when the Indian's car was unable to start. — PTI

## Neymar leads the way for PSG

**PARIS, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Brazilian superstar Neymar pledged to "give his life to PSG" after his goal kept the French giants top of Ligue 1 with a 1-0 win at Bordeaux. Neymar, the world's most expensive footballer, had been strongly linked to a return to Barcelona over a tumultuous summer. However, in an attempt to win over PSG fans, many of whom have become unconvinced by the player's attachment to the French capital, Neymar has looked a rejuvenated figure, scoring for a third time this season.

"I'm very happy to be able to help PSG, its better with the fans," he said. "It's like with your girlfriend, one moment you're bad, but with hugs and a lot of love, it's better. I am here to give my life to PSG. They are my team, my goal is to help my club, to continue to score goals." On Saturday, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar played together for the first time this season and combined for the only goal in Bordeaux. — AFP

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PSG's Neymar celebrates with teammates after scoring the winner against Bordeaux in their Ligue 1 clash. AFP

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defeat to Napoli in Serie A action today. The 29-year-old Italian international headed in after 67 minutes in his second match for his hometown club having missed four games because of a ban he incurred with former club Marseille. First-half goals by Dries Mertens and Kostas Manolas ensured Napoli took all three points after their midweek loss to Cagliari, to boost confidence ahead of their Champions League trip to Belgian club Genk. Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli stay fourth with 12 points from six games, six behind league leaders Inter Milan who beat Sampdoria 3-1 on Saturday. Inter have a maximum 18 points from six games. — AFP

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Wales' Alun Wyn Jones (C) is tackled by Australia's lock Rory Arnold (Centre-left) on Sunday. AFP

ond-half tries from Dane Haylett-Petty and captain Michael Hooper and came within a point at 26-25 late in the match.

The Welsh held on, though, and Patchell, who contributed 14 points from the boot, steered them home to only a second win in their last

15 matches against Australia and potentially an easier path through the knockout stages. "I'm pretty happy with the character we showed in the second half," said Wales captain Alun Wyn Jones. **Georgia brings Uruguay down**  
**Kumagaya:** Georgia brought Uruguay back down to earth with a bump when they ran in five tries for a 33-7 bonus point victory in the Pool D clash at a sun-bathed Kumagaya Rugby Stadium. Uruguay's victory over Fiji on Wednesday was the first upset of the tournament but Los Teros were unable to reproduce enough of the sparkling rugby. — Reuters

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even-par at 152nd. Victor Perez (64) and Matthew Southgate (65) will enter the final round of the in a share of the lead. They are at 20-under and two shots ahead of Paul Warring (65).

**Aditi T-7 in Spain**  
Sitges: India's Aditi Ashok stayed in hunt for a top-10 finish despite three bogeys in the last six holes at the end of the third round of the Estrella Damm Mediter-

anean Ladies Open, here. Aditi shot an even-par 71 to stay 1-under and moved up to tied-7th with one more round to go. Tvesa Malik shot her second straight 1-over 72 to marginally improve to tied-28th at 4-over, while Diksha Dagar added 73 to be placed tied-43 after 54 holes. Meanwhile, Germany's Laura Fuenfstueck (67) dug deep tops the leaderboard but home favourite Carlota

Ciganda (65) is two shots back heading into the final round. — Agencies **Sandhu 37th, Gangjee 50th Kobe (Japan):** Ajeetesh Sandhu and Rahul Gangjee ended way down in T-37th and T-50th here today, at the Panasonic Open Golf Championship. Viraj Madappa (75) was tied 68th. Japan's Toshinori Muto won his first Asian Tour title in style with a 7-under-par 64. — Agencies



By the way...



**GOLDEN TOUCH:** Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, present ruler of the erstwhile royal family, performs rituals on his golden throne to mark Dasehra in Mysore on Sunday. PTI

■ Electrician strives to grow 2,000 orchids in WB

**Durgapur (West Bengal):** An electrician by profession, 50-year-old Biswanath Ghosh has earned a unique sobriquet — “Orchid pagol (fanatic)” — among residents of his locality in West Bengal’s Durgapur. The reason behind Ghosh’s nickname is his pursuit to grow orchids in the hot and dusty climate of the steel city, as against the cold and moist environment preferred for growing most species of the exotic plant. Starting a novice orchid grower nearly 19 years ago, Ghosh now boasts a collection of more than 2,000 of exotic plants of about 300 species at his residence in Rishi Aurobindo Nagar Kalibari locality here. PTI

■ Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express from Oct 5

**New Delhi:** The first commercial run of the Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express will be on October 5 and booking of tickets is now open on the IRCTC website, the Railways said on Sunday. Home Minister Amit Shah will flag off the Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express on October 3 from Delhi on its inaugural run. The high-speed train will bring down the travel time between Delhi and Katra, the last station on the way to Vaishno Devi temple, to eight hours from the current 12 hours. PTI

■ 50-kg gold sheets to adorn Durga idols

**Kolkata:** Two puja committees in central Kolkata are using 50-kg gold and 110-kg silver to deck up Durga idols. Though gold prices have shot up to just a shade below ₹40,000 per 10 gram, organisers of Santosh Mitra Square Durga puja are using 50-kg gold sheets to adorn goddess Durga, her lion and Mahishasura. The value of the gold is worth ₹20 crore and it is expected that such a feast for eyes is bound to allure puja revellers. PTI

■ Home that hosted Gandhi to open as museum

**Kolkata:** Rare photographs capturing Mahatma Gandhi’s 1947 stay at Beliaghata here and articles used by him during the over three-week period when he tried to douse the flames of communal violence will be on display from October 2 at the house that hosted him, and has now been developed as a full-fledged museum. In August and September of 1947, away from the celebration of Independence, Gandhi chose to be in Kolkata with some of his followers to calm the rioters down. He stayed in the building during his stay. PTI

# Centre bans onion exports

FROM PAGE 1  
“In view of sustained high price of onion in the market, the Central government today took several steps to contain its prices, namely imposition of stock limit on traders, ban on exports, and state governments will take strict measures to prevent hoarding, including raids,” the Consumer Affairs Ministry said. The government has banned export of onion with immediate effect till further orders for improving the domestic availability, it said. “Export of all

varieties of onions...is prohibited with immediate effect,” the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, an arm of the Commerce Ministry which deals with exports and import-related issues, said in a notification. The aim is to increase domestic supply and bring down the sustained high prices of the politically sensitive commodity that is known to bring down governments in the past. The rise in the prices of the essential kitchen item was among the reasons for the

downfall of the BJP government in Delhi in 1998. In the past, the Centre had authorised the state governments to impose stock limits but this time it has decided to deal with the matter directly. “Till now, the state governments have been implementing the stock limit. For the first time, the Centre has simultaneously imposed stock limits across the country. At the same time,” Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said.

# Beant assassin Rajoana’s death sentence commuted

FROM PAGE 1  
Singh Hawara, was reduced to life imprisonment by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in October 2010. The same court upheld Rajoana’s death sentence, who during his trial did not defend himself. Neither did he file a mercy plea with the President. Rajoana claimed he and his colleague, constable Dilawar Singh, had a pact to “lay down their lives.” Dilawar Singh was the ‘human bomb’ who blew himself up, killing Beant Singh as the latter stepped out of his office in the Punjab and Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh. As per the plot, Rajoana would have blown himself up had Dilwara failed in his attempt. The Union Government on March 29, 2012, stayed Rajoana’s hanging, which was slated for March 31, 2012, after the SGPC filed a mercy petition. The then Punjab Government and most political parties in the state backed the move. Parkash Singh Badal, who was then CM, and his son and

THE CAR CLUE		
■ The conspirators failed to retrieve a car used in the crime. It could have gone unnoticed but for a strange turn of events	found bits of evidence	was approached by co-conspirator Lakhwinder Singh and three others who came in an Ambassador car (DBA-9598)
■ After the blast, two cops, who went to smoke, entered an unlocked Ambassador car parked a little distance from the blast site	■ The plotters got the steel grey vehicle painted “Franko White” to match the colour of government cars for easy access to the sectt, but the colour inside remained the same	■ They asked for the car to be painted white and delivered by August 29, but drove it out on August 30. At the time, the area around the glove compartment was grey; Surinder saw the photo of the car in a paper on September 2; he decided to narrate the story to the police
■ They noticed the interiors were grey while the exterior was white. Curious, they opened the glove box, and	■ On Aug 26, 1995, auto painter Surinder Sharma	
KEY PLAYERS & MOTIVATION		
■ In June 1995, Babbar Khalsa International member Jagtar Singh Hawara reached Delhi	Police constable Dilawar Singh to assassinate the Chief Minister	suauded PO Jagtar Singh Tara to purchase an Ambassador car and send Lakhwinder Singh and Shamsher Singh to a car painter
■ He motivated Punjab		

Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal handed over a mercy petition to the President, seeking clemency for Rajoana. The President referred the matter to the MHA, which stayed Rajoana’s execution. The Home Ministry has also approved the release of eight Sikh detainees charged under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act that was in force during 1985-1995. The Punjab Government had suggested nine names.

# E-cigarette ban to prevent youth from addiction: PM

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Urging people to shun tobacco, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said e-cigarettes were banned to prevent the youth from falling into the new way of intoxication. These are his first remarks on the issue of health hazards linked to e- cigarettes after the Union Cabinet earlier this month banned its sale, production and storage through an ordinance. The ordinance will be converted into a Bill in the next session of Parliament. In his latest edition of ‘Mann ki Baat’ radio address, he also said a “myth” has been spread that e-cigarettes pose no danger. Like the conventional cigarette, it does not spread odour as fragrant chemicals are added to it. He said these chemicals are harmful and pose a health hazard. “...do not harbour any misconceptions about e-cigarettes,” he said. Discourses and debates will continue, the support and opposition will continue, but, if some things are checked



PM Narendra Modi being received by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on his arrival for a BJP’s meeting in New Delhi. PTI

before they proliferate, then there is a huge benefit, he said referring to the ban. “...e-cigarette has been banned so that this new form of intoxication does not destroy our demographically young country. It does not

trample the dreams of a family and waste the lives of our children. This scourge and this obnoxious habit should not become rooted in our society,” the PM asserted. “There is no confusion about dangers posed by a cigarette.

**‘HONOUR DAUGHTERS’**

- PM Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to launch a drive to honour daughters who have made a mark with their achievements in various fields for public good
- He also called for sharing of Diwali gifts and sweets to bring happiness to those who cannot afford it

**HAILS FIRST ‘PLOGGER’**

- The PM hailed India’s perhaps first ‘plogger’ Ripudaman Belvi who has launched a campaign to pick up litter while jogging
- Plogging is a combination of jogging and picking up litter. It started in Sweden in 2016

The smoker and the seller know the harm it causes,” he pointed out. “But the case of e-cigarettes is different. There is little awareness among people. Sometimes e-cigarettes sneak into the house out of sheer curiosity,” he warned. — PTI

# Army red-flags MHA move to take over Assam Rifles

Led by Prime Minister, Cabinet Committee on Security to examine the merger with ITBP

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The Army has red-flagged a proposal by the Home Ministry to bring the Assam Rifles under its operational control, saying such a move will seriously jeopardise surveillance over the country’s sensitive border with China when it has been ramping up military infrastructure along the frontiers with India. Top military sources said concerned over the proposal, the Army strongly took up the issue with the Defence Ministry last week, urging it to intervene in the matter, considering the possible



national security implications if the operational control of the nearly 185-year-old Assam Rifles was handed over to the Home Ministry. The Cabinet Committee on

Security (CCS), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is likely to examine the Home Ministry’s move to merge the Assam Rifles with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police

**50,000-PERSONNEL DEFENCE LINE**

- The nearly 55,000-strong Assam Rifles, with 46 battalions, has been guarding India’s border with Myanmar
- It has been providing operational & logistics support to Army in keeping vigil in key sectors in Arunachal
- It has also been carrying out counter-insurgency operations in militancy-hit North Eastern region
- At present, Home Ministry has administrative authority over Assam Rifles and the Army its operational control

(ITBP) and bring overall operational control under it. “Shifting the operational control of the Assam Rifles from the Army to the Home Ministry will severely jeopard-

# No restrictions in J&K, says Shah

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**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said there were no restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir and the Opposition was just spreading ‘misinformation’ regarding it. Shah cited how 41,800 people had lost their lives in the decades-old militancy in J&K, but no one had raised the issue of human rights violation of jawans, their widows or children who were orphaned. “People are trying to create a hue and cry over lack of mobile connections for a few days. Lack of phone connection is not human rights’ violation. People are free to move around anywhere in Kashmir,” he said while addressing a seminar on national security in the national capital. “Where are the restrictions? It is only in your mind. There are no restrictions. Only misinformation about restrictions is being spread,” he said. Referring to the United Nations General Assembly session, Shah said the government’s move to end Jammu

**‘WHY THIS HUE & CRY?’**  
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and Kashmir’s special status under Article 370 and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories was accepted by the international community as an internal matter of India. “Not a single leader has raised the issue (of J&K). This is a big diplomatic victory of PM Narendra Modi,” Shah claimed. Shah said history of J&K was distorted and it was time the “correct history is written and presented before the people.” Lashing out at the Congress, he said since the responsibility of writing history was in the hands of the same people who had committed mistakes, so as a result true facts were hidden. “I think time has come that correct history is written and presented before people,” he said.

dise the surveillance along the Line of Actual Control with China,” a top military official said. Sources said the Army’s views on the matter had been conveyed to the top

defence and security brass. The Home Ministry has already prepared a draft note to be presented at the CCS seeking total control of Assam Rifles. The biggest concern for the Army is that this could impact the Army’s capability to effectively guard the sensitive border with China. “The Assam Rifles fills the void when Army units carry forward the battle to the enemy territory. This is the only genuine paramilitary force which actively participated in all wars since Independence, including the 1962 and 1971 wars,” said a senior Army official. — PTI

## For a healthy heart



Elderly people participate in ‘Lemon and Spoon Race’ during ‘Senior Citizen Sports Carnival’ marking World Heart Day in Ahmedabad on Sunday. AFP

# Centre may seek ₹30,000-cr interim dividend from RBI

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
The government may seek an interim dividend of about Rs 30,000 crore from the RBI towards the end of the financial year to meet its fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of GDP for 2019-20, sources said. Government finances have come under pressure due to moderation in revenue collection and a slew of measures taken to lift growth from a six-year low of 5 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal.

“If required, the government may request the Reserve Bank of India for interim dividend of Rs 25,000-30,000 crore during the current fiscal,” an official said. The assessment in this regard would be made in early January, the official added. Apart from the RBI dividend, there are other means of bridging any shortfall, including mop up from disinvestment and higher utilisation of National Small Saving Fund (NSSF), sources added. In the past, the government has taken the route of seeking interim dividend from the RBI to balance its account. Last fiscal, the RBI paid ₹28,000 crore as interim dividend.

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