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RAHUL PLEADS 'NOT GUILTY' IN DEFAMATION CASE NATION

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

Fortis ex-CMD held for ₹740 crore fraud

EOW lookout notice for his brother

THE ALLEGATIONS

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10 The Delhi Police's economic offences wing (EOW) today arrested former promoter of Fortis Healthcare Shivinder Singh and three others in connection with an alleged Rs 740-crore fraud, officials said. Shivinder was arrested along with former CMD Sunil Godhwani, Kavi Arora and Anil Saxena, while a lookout notice for Shivinder's brother Malvinder Singh has too been issued for allegedly diverting public money and investing in their firms. The EOW is investigating a complaint filed by Religare Finvest Limited (RFL) in December 2018. The firm has accused them of diverting funds. A case was filed against the Singh brothers in May. "The RFL saw a change in management. When the new management took over, they found a loan had been taken, but the money was invested in other companies linked to Singh and his brother. They filed a complaint with the EOW. Subsequently, an FIR was registered," a senior Delhi Police official said. The Enforcement Direc-

IN BRIEF

IT sleuths raid residence of former Karnataka Dy CM

Bengaluru: In coordinated raids, more than 300 income tax sleuths swooped down on premises linked to two prominent Congress leaders in Karnataka — former Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara and former MP RL Jalappa's son J Rajendra. **NATION**

Moody's cuts GDP growth forecast to 5.8% for FY20
New Delhi: Moody's Investors Service on Thursday slashed its 2019-20 GDP growth forecast for India to 5.8% from 6.2% earlier, saying the economy was experiencing a pronounced slowdown which is partly related to long-lasting factors. **BUSINESS**

US sanctions South Africa's Gupta family over 'graft'
Washington: The US on Thursday announced sanctions against South Africa's high-profile Indian-origin Gupta family for running a "significant corruption network" that leveraged its political connections to engage in bribery, capture government contracts and misappropriate state assets. **WORLD**

Olga Tokarczuk, Handke win Literature Nobel for 2018, '19
Stockholm: Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk on Thursday won the 2018 Nobel Literature Prize, which was delayed over a sexual harassment scandal, while Austrian novelist and playwright Peter Handke took the 2019 award. **BACK PAGE**

Jalandhar, October 10 Major Singh (62) of Gidderpindi village visits the local mandi almost every day. He invariably chooses a quiet corner to sit. Owning four acres of land, he made good money last season. But this year, he has nothing to sell, his entire crop having been devoured by floods. "My house damaged too,

where else do I have to go? I spend the entire day at the mandi with fellow farmers," he says. About 2,65,000 bags of

paddy had arrived at the Gidderpindi mandi last year. This time it is almost nil. While mandis elsewhere in Punjab

are thronged by farmers, there is little activity at mandis in the Lohian block. Not just farmers, commission agents too are in trouble, the latter having made payments in advance to contractors and labourers, who now have nothing to do. One of the commission agents said during the corresponding period last year, around 35,000 bags had

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Students wear masks of Chinese President Xi Jinping at a school in Chennai on Thursday. REUTERS

Against Kashmir backdrop, Modi-Xi talks begin today

MAMALLAPURAM



INFORMAL SUMMIT

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MAMALLAPURAM, OCTOBER 10

A heavy security blanket has descended on this quiet port town ahead of the two-day informal summit beginning Friday between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The meeting was supposed to further improve the chemistry between the two leaders and was agreed upon at the first informal summit at Wuhan in 2018 where Modi and Xi conversed for 10 hours over two days. But neither the symbolism proved propitious nor the two

sides turn a new corner that the confabulations at Wuhan had promised. Symbolically, Xi sandwiched his India visit between Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's hasty trip to Beijing, at China's express invitation, and a touchdown in Kathmandu on leaving India on Saturday afternoon after an improvised pre-noon lunch with PM Modi. The bitterness between the two countries over Jammu and Kashmir seemed to have receded when a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson omitted "UNSC resolution and the UN Charter" while advising India and Pakistan to discuss the J&K discord among themselves. But this sense of good cheer dissipated within 24 hours after a China-Pakistan joint statement brought back the formulation. This was followed by India reacting sharply to a statement by the Chinese

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EIGHTH WONDER

MARY KOM has become the only boxer, man or woman, to have won eight World Championships medals. Mary reached the semis of the World Championships in Ulan-Ude, Russia, on Thursday to ensure a bronze. Cuba's Felix Savon is next on the list with seven World Championships medals. India's Lovlina Borgohain, Jamuna Boro and Manju Rani also reached medal rounds.

THIS ONE WAS EASY

Compared to the pre-quarters, this one was easy... I know a lot is expected of me, I would give my all, the job is only half done. I hope to get a gold. Mary Kom

MORE ON SPORT

TIBETANS UNDER 'HOUSE ARREST'

Dharamsala: Tibetan students in Chennai have allegedly been put under house arrest and their movement has been restricted. "Tibetan students living and pursuing studies in the region have unnecessarily been put under house arrest," said a release by the Core Group for Tibetan Cause, urging Tamil Nadu to release them. **PAGE 6**

INDIA SLAMS SYRIA INVASION BY TURKEY

New Delhi: India on Thursday said it was "deeply concerned" over the "unilateral military offensive" by Turkey in Syria and asserted the action could undermine stability in the region as well as the fight against terror. The MEA said: "We call upon Turkey to exercise restraint and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria." **BACK PAGE**

Nirmala faces depositors' ire, blames RBI for crisis

PMC SCAM Vows new laws to regulate coop banks

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 10 Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who faced angry depositors of scam-hit PMC Bank here today, announced setting up of a panel to recommend legislative changes to ensure better governance of cooperative banks. If necessary, the government would amend laws governing cooperative banks in the winter session of Parliament, she said at a press meet. After a Rs 4,500-crore scam came to light at Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank, the RBI, which put curbs on withdrawal of funds, had also said it would examine if the regulatory framework needed to be tweaked. Sitharaman said a committee of secretaries of Economic Affairs and Financial Services, Rural Affairs and



SEIZED OF MATTER

The RBI is the regulator which looks into the functioning of all banks... We will look for ways in which respective Acts will have to be amended. Nirmala Sitharaman, FM

Urban Development ministries and a Deputy Governor of the RBI would be formed. Through this committee, the government intended to "understand and take necessary legislative steps to prevent such things from happening in the future, empower the regulator better", she said. Irate depositors gathered outside the BJP's office in south Mumbai ahead of Sitharaman's press conference. When she arrived, they raised slogans, demanding their money be returned. Sitharaman and a few depositors went inside and had a brief interaction. Sitharaman, meanwhile, blamed the RBI for the crisis. "The RBI is the regulator which looks into the functioning of all banks... I explained to them how multi-state cooperative banks function," Sitharaman was quoted as telling some of the depositors. — TNS/PTI

Three ex-MLAs out of preventive detention

Amritsar-Stansted flight for pilgrims from October 31

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10 The J&K Government has released three former MLAs, who were in preventive detention since August 5, the day Union Government scrapped the J&K's special status. The release comes ahead of elections to the Block Development Councils. Barring the BJP, all major political parties have decided to boycott the polls. The three former lawmakers — Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Yawar Mir and Shoaib Lone — were released late on Wednesday by the authorities. Sheikh, a PDP leader and former MLA from Baramulla, was lodged at Centaur View Lake Hotel, which has been turned into a subsidiary jail where over 30 politicians are lodged. According to government sources, Sheikh was released after he signed a bond under Section 107 of the CrPC for "good behaviour" and "maintaining peace". The two others — Mir, a former

THOSE RELEASED

- **Noor Mohammad Sheikh** is a PDP leader and former MLA from Baramulla
- **Yawar Mir** is a former PDP MLA from Rafiabad seat
- **Shoaib Lone** is an ex-MLA from Sangrama, Baramulla, and ex-Congress leader

1,382 FILE PAPERS FOR J&K BDC POLLS

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No date yet for corridor opening: Pak

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 10 Pakistan today said no date had been fixed so far for the inauguration of the much awaited Kartarpur corridor, even as it assured that it would be opened "on time" on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak next month. The statement came nearly a month after a senior official heading the corridor project announced that Pakistan would allow Sikh pilgrims to visit Kartarpur Sahib from November 9. Addressing a weekly press briefing here, Foreign

THE MANDATE

■ To approve the bidding process along with documents
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time-bound manner. "The Ministry of Railways has decided to constitute an empowered group of secretaries for development of 50 railway stations to world-

class standards and permit private passenger train operators to operate 150 trains with world-class technology," the order stated. Besides Yadav and Kant, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Financial Commissioner (Railways) will also be part of the empowered group. The mandate of the empowered group will be to

approve the bidding process along with bid documents. It will also monitor the bidding process and take decisions to ensure the projects are awarded in a time-bound manner. Kant, in his letter dated October 7, had said there was a necessity to take up the development of the 50 railway stations on priority basis in a manner similar to the one taken during the privatisation of six airports. — PTI

Office spokesman Mohamad Faisal said, "Work on the Kartarpur corridor will be completed on time as committed by the prime minister (Imran Khan). It will be inaugurated on time,

but I can't give any date for its opening as no date has been fixed so far." He assured that the corridor will be open on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of the Sikh spiritual leader on November 12. The proposed corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district of Punjab and facilitate visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims, who will have to just obtain a permit to visit Kartarpur Sahib, which was established in 1522 by Guru Nanak. — PTI

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Leaders vow to clean Buddha Nullah, villagers don't buy it

Same promise made every election, successive govts fail to deliver

ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

HARSHRAJ SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 10

Despite becoming a poll issue many times in the past few decades, the menace of Buddha Nullah polluting the Sutlej remains unaddressed as the successive governments failed to do the needful. The polluted nullah has contaminated the groundwater in various areas located near the river and as well as the drain.

The highly polluted water of Buddha Nullah flows into the Sutlej River near Walipur Khurd village in Dakha, causing serious health problems to people not only from areas in Ludhiana district, but also various other parts of the state and even Rajasthan.

Ahead of the Dakha bypoll, scheduled for October 21, some candidates visited the affected villages, giving assurance to the residents for an early redressal of the problem. However, villagers said such promises had been made earlier too, but nothing had been done on ground.

Untreated waste from factories and MC sewers is dumped into Buddha Nullah, which was once known as Buddha



Buddha Nullah's polluted water enters Sutlej near Walipur, Ludhiana. PHOTO: INDERJEET VERMA



“Around 1978, the water of Buddha Dariya started turning into a nullah. We used to drink water from a handpump, which was just 25 ft deep. The Buddha Nullah then started polluting groundwater too.”

Labh Singh, RESIDENT, WALIPUR KHURD VILLAGE

Dariya, at various locations. It is difficult to stand near its banks as foul smell emanates from the nullah.

Labh Singh (97) of Walipur Khurd lives near that spot. “Buddha Dariya's water was once clean. Around 1978, the water body started turning into a nullah. We used to drink water from a handpump, which was lifting water from just 25 ft below ground. The Buddha Nullah then started polluting groundwater too.”

Another resident Harcha-

ran Singh said, “The polluted water has killed many animals, fish and birds so far. Residents of villages located near the banks of Buddha Nullah and the Sutlej have been suffering a lot for a long time. We want that the drain water be treated before it flows into the Sutlej.”

Various projects were previously announced for cleaning the drain, but to no avail. A project, “Abatement of pollution in Buddha Nullah”, was proposed around five years

ago during the SAD-BJP rule, but it could not see the light of day. Even after the Congress came to power, no concrete steps were taken.

When contacted, Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu said he had met Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on the issue. “I will request the minister to visit the Buddha Nullah sites. The problem of water pollution will be resolved in the next three years,” said Bittu.

Public issues take a back seat in battle for Jalalabad

Cong leaves no stone unturned to wrest Badal bastion

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL
OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 10

Stakes are high in the SAD stronghold Jalalabad Assembly constituency as Akalis are vying to retain it, but the Congress is leaving no stone unturned to wrestle the segment from its arch-rival. Amid mudslinging, residents feel that the local issues have been put on the back burner by political leaders.

The Sukhbir's bastion is dotted with posters of Congress candidate Raminder Singh Awla, which indicates that locals are set to witness a fierce electoral battle. During the last three elections, Sukhbir Badal won the seat with huge margins, but the situation is different this time as it is not going to be a cakewalk for the SAD after a change of the guard. The by-election was necessitated as Sukhbir resigned after being elected as Ferozepur MP.

In an attempt to retain his stronghold, Sukhbir has fielded his protégé Raj Singh Dibbipura since he has declared to contest the seat in 2022. The Congress has fielded Raminder Singh Awla, who hails from the adjacent Guruharsahai, to quell infighting at the local level.

Awla's declared wealth is nearly Rs 235 crore. The revolt persists as rebel candidate Jagdeep Goldy Kamboj is in fray. PPCC Secretary Malkeet



Since the announcement of Raminder Awla's candidature, the Congress has witnessed rebellion as Jagdeep Goldy is in the fray as an Independent.

PAST WINNERS

- P Singh (CPI) in 1967
- Kanwar Lajinder Singh Bedi (INC) in 1969
- Mehtab Singh (CPI) in 1972, 1977 and 1985
- Manga Singh (INC), 1980
- Prez rule (1987-1992)
- Hans Raj Josan (INC) in 1992 and 2002
- Sher Singh Ghubaya (SAD) in 1997 and 2007
- Sukhbir Badal (SAD) in 2009, 2012 and 2017

Singh Heera has been slapped with a show-cause notice for his social media jibe that the Jalalabad ticket was sold for a hefty amount.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh has dispatched his trusted lieutenants, like Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, Sukhinder Singh Randhawa, Amarinder Singh Raja Warring besides PPCC president Sunil Jakhar to turn the tide in favour of the Congress.

At almost every election meeting, Awla says that providing employment to rural youths by setting up his own industry is his priority. He also holds the SAD responsible for the drug menace.

Sukhbir Badal cites development works during his tenure as his achievement and SAD district president

Ashok Aneja highlights spending of Rs 1,500 crore in the constituency.

Residents say the fight is between the affluent and the electioneering has turned into a mudslinging campaign, ignoring local issues. “No permanent medical specialist has been posted in the Jalalabad Civil Hospital and two Community Health Centres,” says Davinder Kakkar, president, Bharat Vikas Parishad.

People's demand for setting up an industrial units and rice hub for employment opportunities have never been discussed before the election. The existing rice industry has been facing financial crisis, said Kakkar. The demand for a government college remains unfulfilled, he said, adding that the issue of canal water availability for irrigation also needs to be addressed.

2 more BJP councillors join Congress

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 10

The Congress got a shot in its arm as two more BJP councillors — Amarjit Singh and Reeta Sharma — along with senior leader Hari Om Gupta and several other party activists joined the Congress here today. Punjab Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora welcomed them into the Congress fold.

Around three days ago, BJP councillors Om Parkash Bittu, Vikki Sood, Kuljinder Kaur, her husband Gurdeep Deepa, and Tripta Sharma,

Recently, four BJP councillors, along with their supporters, joined the Congress in Phagwara.

too had joined the Congress. Now, the total number of BJP councillors, who joined the Congress, has risen to six.

Sunder Sham Arora said BJP activists, including Naresh Kumar, Deepak Gogna, Subash Verma, Rajinder Singh, Pardeep Gupta, Harjot Singh, Hunny Kanda, Sanjeev Gupta, Inderjit Kulvinder Singh, Ladu Ramesh Sharma, Vunny Gupta, Vijay Bagga, Banwari Lal Bhardwaj, Rajat Bhardwaj, Bhupinder Sharma, Sonu, Kapil Sharma, Sat Pal Rall, Gori Shanker, Paras Ram and Mohan Rai, joined the Congress.

Charge expenses from those who quit: Mann's appeal to EC

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 10

Taking a dig at his own party's former MLA HS Phoolka, state AAP convener Bhagwant Mann said the Election Commission should bring reforms by introducing a law for those MLAs or MPs who resigned at their own wish without completing the five-year term.

Mann said it had been seen that the elected representatives, including MP or MLA, without completing their term opt to contest other elections. He said huge amount was spent on bypoll after the elected MP or MLA resigned midway. The EC should recover bypoll expenditure from such MLAs or MPs so that public money didn't go waste. Mann, however, did not name Phoolka.

Addressing a gathering at a village in Dakha, Mann said, “I will raise the issue in Lok Sabha's winter session. The Election Commission should bring a law for the elected representatives who resign without completing their term.”



AAP state president and Sangur MP Bhagwant Mann addresses an election rally in Dakha. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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Bhagwant Mann, AAP'S PUNJAB CONVENER

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He also suggested that there should be a rule that if any

MLA or MP resigned midway, the first runner-up should be declared winner as it would save the public money.

People won't forgive SAD for drugs: Jakhar

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 10

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee chief Sunil Jakhar today said the people of Punjab would never forgive the Akalis for the grave sins of sacrilege and drugs. “If they (Akalis) feel that the people will forget or forgive the acts of sacrilege and drugs, they are mistaken,” he said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a roadshow in support of party candidate Capt Sandeep Singh Sandhu, Jakhar claimed that the people of Dakha knew that half of the term of this government was still left and by electing Capt Sandhu, they would see all-round development.

Jakhar said despite odds faced by the Congress government due to financial crisis inherited from the SAD-BJP, the farmers were provided relief from debt and youth were given jobs. “This is despite the fact that the

CM to hold roadshows

Chandigarh: To give a boost to the Congress campaign, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will hold roadshows beginning from October 12. He will cover all four Assembly segments. Sources said the scheduled for the roadshows was being worked out. A senior leader said Jakhar would accompany the CM. TNS

Akalis had only left empty coffers for us,” he said, adding that the next two years would see a complete turnaround in Punjab.

Jakhar reminded the Akalis that their leader and former CM Parkash Singh Badal had said during the Moga byelection in 2012 that he would not allow an opposition MLA to lay even a single brick for development. “Though the Congress does not discriminate like that, let me tell you it is always a privilege to have an MLA belonging to the ruling party,” he added.

Peddlers enjoy patronage: SAD

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 10

While campaigning for party candidate Manpreet Singh Ayali in Dakha, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today accused Congress MLAs of sheltering drug traffickers by taking a monthly protection fee. The peddlers have no fear of law because of political patronage, he said.

“Capt Amarinder Singh had taken an oath that if voted to power, he would end the drug menace, but the menace has rather increased,” he said.

Sukhbir said, “There is no control of the Chief Minister or the DGP on the state. Even a minister does not know where he can meet the CM. People are suffering as their issues are not being addressed.”

He claimed that someone, who had taken a “false” oath in the name of Almighty, could not be expected to fulfil any promise made to the people. He also alleged that the Congress had always oppressed the Sikhs.

He said the Congress had fielded an outsider, Sandeep Sandhu, from Dakha, who was an OSD of the Chief



SAD president Sukhbir Badal (right) and party candidate Manpreet Singh Ayali at a gathering in Dakha. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CONG TO PAY FOR UNKEPT PROMISES: MAJITHIA

Mukerian: Former minister Bikram Singh Majithia has said voters will make the Congress pay for the “betrayals” of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh. “Recoveries of AK-47s and grenades are taking place. Instead of tackling such serious issues, the CM is content in keeping its government running by appointing more advisers. The people should give the Congress a jolt so that he understands his responsibility to fulfil the promises made to the people,” he said. oc

Minister and was directly responsible for denying due benefits to Punjabis.

Meanwhile, Manpreet Ayali

said that AAP ex-legislator HS Phoolka had betrayed the trust of people after getting a massive mandate in 2017.

Schooling monkeys, Forest Dept way

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, OCTOBER 10

Perturbed by marauding monkeys running riot in Punjab cities and villages, the Punjab Wildlife Department plans to set up an ultra-modern facility to tame, train, rehabilitate and teach manners to them.

Sources say officials are looking into the feasibility of such a project inside the Mini Zoo in Patiala. The department plans to open a 100-monkey ‘resource-cum-rehabilitation centre’ and a team of experts from the department has already completed the initial work on this project. The first-of-its-kind monkey school will provide inmates with medical care and good-behaviour training to make them less violent and troublesome.

The move comes after the rising incidents of monkeys

“Teams will catch rogue monkeys across the state and bring them to this rehabilitation centre. After they are imparted behavioural training, we will look into possibilities to release them.”

Kuldip Kumar, PRINCIPAL
CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

turning violent and even attacking humans and pets. Notably, Punjab is surrounded by hundreds of acres of prime forest land. The shortage of food and water often makes the monkeys venture outside the protected area.

“Teams will catch rogue monkeys across the state and bring them to this rehabilitation centre,



SANDEEP JOSHI

where we will keep them under observation. We will find out the reasons why they turn so aggressive”, says Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Wildlife), Kuldip Kumar. “After they are imparted behavioural training, we will also look into possibilities to release them,” says Kumar. Officials said rogue mon-

keys have been running riot in Punjab — especially in the area around Birs — chasing and attacking residents, injuring them and snatching their belongings.

“Such a school for monkeys will help keep check on their rogue behaviour and save many from being infected with rabies,” says Jaskaran Sandhu, a wildlife expert.

The department will also write to the Central Zoo Authority after completing formalities related to the project. Almost 15 years ago, the lone “monkey jail” of the state in Patiala was shut down. It used to house monkeys from across the state.

Chief Secretary told to probe transfers in minister's absence

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

Taking a note of large-scale transfers effected by local government officials in the absence of Cabinet Minister Brahm Mohindra, who was hospitalised for three weeks, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has directed Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh to probe the matter.

The development came days after a demi official letter written by the Local Government Minister to the CM, stating that the transfers were illegal and unethical. It said the transfers indicated lack of respect for the norms and violated the standing orders.

The transfer orders/additional posting of nearly 250 officials were issued on

THE ANOMALY

Cabinet Minister Brahm Mohindra was hospitalised for almost three weeks when transfer orders for hundreds of officials were issued between September 9 and October 1. Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has directed Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh to probe the matter.

September 9, 11, 20, 27 and October 1.

The rules of business under the standing orders specify the powers vested in the CM, the minister incharge and the administrative secretary regarding various decisions within the department, including transfers.

After the Congress came to power in 2017 and Navjot Singh Sidhu took over as the Local Government Min-

ister, the standing orders clearly mention that the minister incharge is the competent authority in case of transfers of category A and B officers. Mohindra followed the standing orders of his predecessor. Even in the previous SAD-BJP government, the competent authority for such matters was the minister.

As per the rule book, the minister's notes are routed to the Director through the Principal Secretary, Local Government, before the orders are issued by the Director, Local Government. Depending upon the rank of the officer, the directorate, while giving additional charge of other station, besides the place of posting, has to take orders from the minister or the administrative secretary.

4.5-kg heroin seized near Indo-Pak border

Contraband recovered following questioning of peddler

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 10
Close on the heels of several drone sightings in the area, the BSF and CIA today seized 4.25-kg heroin, worth Rs 22 crore in international market, near the Basti Ramlal border outpost (BOP) along the Indo-Pakistan border.
According to information, a CIA team from Fazilka along with BSF personnel carried out a joint operation in the area on Thursday afternoon. During a search ahead of the fencing, three packets wrapped in yellow polythene and a 2-litre plastic bottle containing heroin were recovered from the fields belonging to one Sukhwinder Singh. The seizure took place at a location situated only five metre inside the Indian territory and 145 m away from the

DRONE SIGHTING RUMOURS KEEP COPS ON TOES

After rumours of drones being sighted again surfaced on Wednesday night, the police searched the border area. SP (Headquarters) GS Cheema said all places where drones were reportedly sighted were thoroughly checked, but nothing had been recovered so far.
BSF officials said they had already taken up the matter with senior officials and a close eye was being kept on suspicious activities.

BOP Pakistan's border outpost of Annoke is situated around 700 m from the site. Sources said the CIA team had nabbed a cross-border drug peddler, Satnam Singh, hailing from Guruharsahai. He gave inputs about the consignments during the interrogation following which the search operation was launched. BSF officials said Sukhwinder Singh also had criminal record. However, he has not been arrested yet. The sources said during the past few months, Pak-

istani agencies have been desperately trying to push narcotics, fake currency and arms inside the Indian territory through various routes.
"In addition to airdropping arms and ammunition, there is a possibility of drones being used to smuggle contraband also," said an official, adding that investigations were already going on to ascertain the source of these drugs.
Another official said the use of drones to smuggle drugs was unheard of.

Facing threats, anti-drug committees turn dormant

ARCHIT WATTS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, OCTOBER 10

After nabbing nearly 55 addicts and peddlers in the last two-and-a-half months, anti-drug committees in the district have turned defunct.

These committees were initially quick in their action and keeping a vigil to make villages drug-free. However, in the last about a month, their activity is almost nil as they have caught just seven persons with drugs. The committee members claimed that they were not getting timely police assistance. They said it was decided that two cops would be deployed with each committee, but it was yet to turn into reality.

Anti-drug activists, who have even faced murderous attacks and received threats, are thus keeping low. They are awaiting identity cards to be issued by the STF under the Drug Abuse Prevention Officers (DAPPO) programme. "Those arrested with our



'NO POLICE SUPPORT'
Members of the anti-drug committees allege that despite facing threats from peddlers, they have not got any police support.

efforts are now coming out on bail, but the cops are not ready to support us. The previous SSP had assured to deploy two cops with each committee, but it did not happen. Peddlers have now stopped home delivery of contraband. Now, they sell and inject heroin at their own place and we don't have any right to enter someone's premises for a search," said Parveen Bansal, coordinator, anti-drug committees, Muktsar district. Meanwhile, Shaminder

Singh, founder member of anti-drug committee, Kotli Ablu village, who is also a former sarpanch, said, "We have made our village largely free from drugs. But it is a fact that the graph of anti-drug committees' performance has come down in the recent past."

Another anti-drug committee member Ranjit Singh of Gurusar village said, "We are risking our lives, spending money from our pockets and making enemies as well, just for the betterment of society, but the district administration and police are not having a positive approach towards the functioning of our committees. We even fear to give information to the police about drug peddlers because the information gets leaked before even the raid."
An SP rank officer said, "Only the SSP can make a comment on this issue." However, Raj Bachan Singh Sandhu, SSP, Muktsar, was not available for comment.

Charges against 3 in Maqsudan case

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOHALI, OCTOBER 10

In case of Maqsudan grenade attack at Jalandhar, charges have been framed against three accused, all activists of Kashmir-based terror outfit Ansar Ghazwatul-Hind in special court of the NIA here today.
The accused, Amir Nazir Mir, Fazil Bashir Pinchoo and Shahid Quyyom, have been charged under Sections 120-B, 121 (waging war), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence), 122 (collecting arms and explosives with intention of waging war), 307 (attempt to murder) of IPC, Section 18, 18-B, 20, 23 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, and Section 6 of the Explosive Substances Act. The court has slated November 4 as next hearing date.

On August 30, the NIA had filed a supplementary chargesheet against the accused for supplying four grenades that were used in

SEPT 14 BLAST

The attack on the police station had taken place on September 14 last year
One cop had sustained injuries in the chest
Initially, a case was registered by the state police, but later the investigations were handed over to NIA

the attack at a police station in Maqsudan (Jalandhar).
Notably, the court had rejected bail application of Amir Nazir. The NIA had filed the chargesheet on May 6.
In another case of Jalandhar terror module, charges have been framed against four Kashmiri students, Sohail Ahmad Bhatt, Zahid Gulzar, Mohammad Idris Shah alias Nadeem and Yusuf Rafiq Bhatt.
The police had claimed to have busted the terror module by arresting the Kashmiri students from the hostel of a private engineering college, located at Shahpur, Jalandhar.

7 ATM fraudsters arrested in Sangrur

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 10

The Sangrur police on Thursday claimed to have busted a gang involved in 1,500 fraudulent ATM withdrawals in 90 cities of nine states during the last five years. Seven of the 13 gang members are in the police net.
In Sangrur district alone, the police claimed to have solved 30 of 47 cases of fraudulent withdrawals. The police have recovered 64 ATM cards of various banks, one skimming device used to clone ATM cards and Rs 4.54 lakh of the total Rs 55 lakh from the gang members. The gang was active in Punjab, Haryana, HP, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, UP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.
"We have discovered fraudulent withdrawals amounting to Rs 50 lakh so far. We have also traced 60 FIR registered against the gang members," said Dr Sandeep Garg, SSP, Sangrur.
Explaining their modus



Police officers hold a press conference in Sangrur on Thursday.

MODUS OPERANDI

- On the pretext of helping gullible card holders, gang members would clone their ATM cards with a small skimming machine within seconds.
- A member of the gang would stand near the ATM and notice the pin code when a card holder carried out transactions.
- Gang members would also swap a fake card with the original one on the pretext of helping the card holder.

operandi, Garg said gang members would target those who could not operate their ATMs. On the pretext of helping the gullible card holders, they would clone their ATM cards with a skimming machine within seconds. One of them would stand near ATM and notice the pin. Besides, they swapped self-made fake cards with original ones on the pretext of helping the card holders.
Following a tipoff, a CIA team on Tuesday evening conducted a raid near a

brick kiln between Kakra and Sakraudi villages. The team arrested seven persons — Raj, Bablu, Parveen, Rajesh, Dinesh, Bittu and Randhir — from the spot. Other gang members — Bitu, Balinder Singh, Rajesh, Sanjay, Rinku and Randhir — are absconding.
"Four of the arrested gang members are proclaimed offenders. We are looking at the records of others. We have procured their two-day police remand and con-

ducting further investigation," said the SSP.
The cyber cell of Sangrur police played a major role in cracking the case. It conducted thorough investigations of CCTV footages seized from various places and dumps of towers of various mobile of various locations. On September 24, with the arrest of two members of a gang, the Sangrur police claimed to have solved 460 fraudulent ATM withdrawal cases in Bihar and Punjab.

HC raps cops over shoddy probe

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has virtually rapped the investigating agency probing a criminal case for its shoddy approach. The admonition came after the Bench took note of the fact that the Punjab Police failed to file X-ray films to establish injuries sustained by the complainant, while presenting final report in the case.
The censure by Justice Anil Kshetarpal came on a petition filed against the state government and other respondents by complainant Avtar Singh through counsel Sarvesh Kumar Gupta and Ram Bilas

The petition presents a sorry state of affairs in the investigating agency. While presenting final report, X-ray films to prove the injuries and fractures were not filed. In the reply, this fact is not disputed.
Justice Anil Kshetarpal

Gupta. Justice Kshetarpal asserted: "The petition presents a sorry state of affairs in the investigating agency. While presenting final report, X-ray films to prove the injuries and fractures were not filed. In the reply, this fact is not disputed."

Justice Kshetarpal directed Hoshiarpur SSP to file an affidavit within 15 days on action he proposed to initiate in the matter.
Justice Kshetarpal also made it clear that failure to comply with the order would entail the officer's presence in the court on the date fixed. The case will now come up for hearing after the HC reopens following the Dasehra break.
In his plea, Avtar Singh was seeking directions to the state and other respondents to take immediate action against an ASI and a head constable for not attaching X-ray films of the petitioner with the challan. This, the petitioner alleged, was done knowingly and deliberately to help the accused.

Man shot, brother hurt

MOGA, OCTOBER 10
A man was shot and his brother seriously injured here today.
One Parminder Singh alias Gabbar, a resident of Bedi Nagar, reportedly had an old enmity with Chamkaur Singh and his brother over some issue. Both the parties yesterday held a meeting to sort out the issue. However, the talks failed and, at 2 am, Parminder took out his .12 bore gun and fired shots at Chamkaur and his brother Balvir.
Chamkaur died on the spot. Balvir was rushed to District Hospital, but he was referred to DMCH, Ludhiana, where his condition is said to be critical. — TNS

Row deepens, SGPC sends invite to govt



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal today extended invitation to the state government for the function being held by it at Sultanpur Lodhi on November 12.
The issue came up for discussion in an informal meeting between the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues here today. Reacting sharply to the move, Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Channi said it amounted to showing disrespect to Akal Takht.
"When the Akal Takht Jatehdar has asked for holding joint celebrations, where is the need to hold a parallel function? Despite the adamant attitude of the SGPC, we still not given up. We are hopeful of holding a common event on November 12," Channi told *The Tribune*.
The SGPC yesterday awarded contract to a Delhi firm for setting up its stage. The Punjab Government is already setting up

CENTRE'S NOD TO KEROSENE SUPPLY

The state will get non-subsidised kerosene on the occasion of celebrations of 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak, informed KAP Sinha, Principal Secretary, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.
He said a number of religious activities were being held which would attract huge gathering for which langar would be prepared on a grand scale, hence the need for extra fuel. TNS

a tent city for the November 12 function.
The SGPC has accused the state of not cooperating. Sources in the government said if the stalemate continued, President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi could skip the Sultanpur Lodhi function of both the government and the SGPC to avoid any controversy.
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, during his recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is learnt to have requested the latter to intervene and prevail upon the Badals and the SGPC to agree to a joint function. Instead, the PM could go to the inaugural ceremony of the Kartarpur corridor at Dera Baba Nanak, said sources.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Pre-qualification of Civil Works Agency

Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation (CGEWHO) intends to construct 162 (approx.) Villas at Plot No. 7, Sector P-4, Greater Noida, in CGEWHO's Greater Noida Phase-II project.

CGEWHO invites online offers in two bid system from eligible, reputed and experienced civil work agencies (meeting Pre-qualification criteria) through CGEWHO's e-procurement portal (www.tenderwizard.com/CGEWHO) to indicate their Expression of Interest for building works contract.

To meet minimum pre-qualification criteria, the agencies should have :

- i) Minimum average annual turnover for the last 5 years - Rs. 28 crores
- ii) Generating profit throughout last five years and should not have any carry forward loss as on date.
- iii) Minimum one completed housing project of Rs. 50 crores
- iv) Minimum one housing project completed or in progress of 324 No. of DUs
- v) Minimum Capital (Share Capital including loaned funds & free reserves) - Rs. 1.64 crores
- vi) The borrowed funds should not exceed 3 times of the capital.

Detailed scope of work, technical drawings, preambles and other bid solicitation documents will be made available only to the pre-qualified agencies on the basis of technical and financial competencies such as fields of expertise, resources, available assets, financial stability, previous experiences in similar works, litigation history etc. as sought, in the prescribed format. Interested agencies must provide the above information strictly in the format provided by this office along with documentary evidence.

Any proposal received not conforming to EOI guidelines will be considered as technically non-compliant and is liable to be rejected. The details of the agencies who meet the minimum pre-qualification criteria shall further be evaluated according to the approved procedure adopted in CGEWHO as well as inspection of works/ offices of agencies.

Final pre-qualification shall be made out of the above evaluation and CGEWHO reserves its right to pre-qualify or disqualify any or all applications, without assigning any reason thereof. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

Application Form for this EOI can be downloaded from www.tenderwizard.com/CGEWHO or www.cgewho.in or www.eprocure.gov.in from 11.10.2019 onwards. Last date for submission of EOI is 11.11.2019. Tender documents should be submitted strictly through e-tendering website of CGEWHO, i.e www.tenderwizard.com/CGEWHO. No Off line submission will be accepted and summarily rejected.

Dated: _____

Chief Executive Officer
CGEWHO

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB					
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 34/PWSSD/SGR Dated: 10.10.2019					
The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. Sangrur invites online bids for the following:					
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lacs)	
1	DNIT for Secondary Pumping System for 4.00 MLD STP at Bhawanigarh Distt. Sangrur (Under Urban Mission).	0.29	2 Months	14.40 Lacs.	
2	DNIT for Providing & Installing of Centralized Sodium Hypochlorite facility including FRP Tank of capacity of 10000 Ltr. & Providing & Installing & commissioning of CCTV Camera Cable WiFi Connection and all other works contingent thereto at Sangrur.	0.15	2 Months	7.23 Lacs.	
3	DNIT for construction of Nallah from R.O.B to Sirhind Choe at Sunam Town Distt. Sangrur.	1.68	4 Months	83.85 Lacs.	
Closing Date & Time : up to 06.11.2019 at 5.00 p.m.					
Date and time of opening Technical Bid : 07.11.2019 at 11.00 a.m.					
For Details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in					
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.					
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sewerage Division, Sangrur.					
DPR/Pb/D6877					

INDIAN RAILWAYS
"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"
Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the DEMU Shed Jalandhar at the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
Newly wired OHE from JUC yard (Location no. DEMU/51 KM Chainage 431/80.73 to JUC Station Location No. JUC/1053-A Km. chainage 431/994.73 including pit wheel lath, Heavy repair shed approach lines, inspection lines shed and washing lines of DEMU shed Jalandhar, (0.96 RKM, 3.980 TKM).	15.10.2019

INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 KV TRACTION
"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"
It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25 KV AC Electric Traction over the section Newly wired OHE from JUC yard (Location no DEMU/51 KM Chainage 431/80.73 to JUC Station Location No. JUC/1053-A Km. chainage 431/994.73 including pit wheel lath, Heavy repair shed approach lines, inspection lines shed and washing lines of DEMU shed Jalandhar (0.96 RKM, 3.980 TKM).
Height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height of 4.67m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.
Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.
The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows :-
i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line.
ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors. 3250/2019
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

IN BRIEF

Train to be rechristened Ferozpur Express

Ferozpur: Almost five years after Ferozpur-Chandigarh Express train was introduced to connect the border district with the state capital, the Ministry of Railways has decided to rename it as Ferozpur Express. Also the train will originate from Mohali instead of Chandigarh. After re-scheduling, it will leave Mohali at 6.30 pm and will arrive back at 9 or 9.30 am. cc

Dasehra train tragedy: AAP to move High Court

Amritsar: AAP will approach the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking justice for the families of the victims of the Dasehra train tragedy last year that had claimed 59 lives. Party's Majha zone president Kuldeep Dhaliwal has decided to knock at the doors of the High Court in this regard, claiming the state government and former Local Bodies Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu had failed to fulfil their promises to the victims' families. TNS

CCI starts purchasing cotton in Abohar

Abohar: The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI) on Thursday started purchasing (cotton) in Abohar. B.K.U. (Lakhowal) vice-president Subhash Godara said the move came after a deputation met DC Manpreet Singh Chhatwal and brought to his notice that private buyers, who initiated purchase at ₹5,600 per quintal, were exploiting farmers by offering only ₹5,070 price for each quintal. cc

Land compensation scam touches ₹3.91 cr, 18 in dock
Accused include officer, banker; no arrest so far

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, OCTOBER 10
The scam involving the suspended Sub-Divisional Magistrate Anupreet Kaur, has now touched the Rs 3.91-crore mark.
On September 5, when the Patti police had registered a case against her and seven others for misappropriating money meant for people whose land had been acquired for constructing a national highway, the amount was pegged at Rs 1.64 crore.

With new details surfacing, the police have made additions accordingly, and also named Vikas Mehta, manager of the HDFC Bank's Khemkaran branch, among others. Now, the number of accused has gone up to 18.
Sources say more details of misappropriation are expected to crop up and the accused's numbers too are expected to rise.

According to sources, the police may not be able to submit challan in the stipulated 90 days. No arrest has been made so far as the investigation is still going on.

The matter was under re-investigation on Anupreet's request, the police said.

The scam had surfaced after an inquiry was conducted by Patti SDM Navraj Singh Brar on the orders of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pardeep Kumar Sarbharwal.

FUNDS MISAPPROPRIATED



The then SDM, Anupreet Kaur, was Competent Authority Land Acquisition when she allegedly misappropriated crores of rupees which were meant for disbursal among those whose land had been acquired for constructing National Highway 54. Vikas Mehta, manager of the HDFC Bank's Khemkaran branch, has also been named in the fraud

accounts as over Rs 2 crore was withdrawn within a day or two from the day of depositing money. In many cases, money was transferred to other accounts.

Anupreet Kaur's former husband Bachittar Singh Dhillon of Sheron village said the case should be investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation as "the embezzled amount may be almost three times than what has surfaced till now and more higher-ups may be involved in it."

PCS Officer Anupreet Kaur has served in Tarn Taran, Patti and Bhikhiwind as an SDM. Sections 419 (punishment for cheating by personation), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code have already been slapped.

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The HDFC Bank's Khemkaran branch has been accused of laxity in opening

Funds awaited, teachers pool money for mid-day meals
Take goods on credit to keep the scheme running as coffers empty

MANAV MANDER

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 10
With schools in Ludhiana district not receiving funds for the Mid-day Meal Scheme since August 15, the accounts of many institutes are running low. However, the schools still continue to implement the scheme either by contributing money or getting goods on credit.

Government Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, last received the funds in July. "We received Rs 85,000 in July. Since the account was already running low, the funds exhausted in no time," said Sukhbir Sekhon, head of the school. Sekhon said the school had nearly 400 students and the approximate expenditure on the mid-day meal every month was around Rs 35,000. To continue with the scheme, the schools are taking rice, pulses, flour, etc. on credit while teachers are contributing to buy vegetables on a daily basis.

"The skyrocketing prices of vegetables are giving us a tough time. With onions being sold at Rs 60 and tomatoes at Rs 80, it is becoming difficult to make the both ends meet," he said.



Ludhiana district has not received funds for the Mid-day Meal Scheme since August 15. TRIBUNE FILE

Head of another school, Government Primary School, New Subhash Nagar, Sukhwinder Singh said they had already taken food supply worth Rs 65,000 on credit. "In July, we received Rs 65,000 and after that we got no money. Left with no other option, all teachers are contributing money to serve mid-day meals to the students," he said.

He further said he had been regularly contacting the block-level in-charge but funds had not been released so far. Another

Schools are taking ration on credit while teachers are buying vegetables

principal, on the condition of anonymity, said they had not received the funds. "If we don't receive the money soon then it will become very difficult for us to continue providing mid-day meals to children as shopkeepers have refused to give foodgrains and other things on credit," she said.

Nazima, Ludhiana District Accountant for the Mid-day Meal Scheme, said the mid-day meal funds were received till August 15.

"Many schools have run out of funds. We are in touch with the head office regarding the issue and hope that we will receive the funds soon which will then be disbursed to the schools," she said. Prabhcharan Singh, General Manager, State Mid-day Meal Cell, said he was aware that schools had not received the funds but assured that the amount would be transferred by Friday.

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Project Public Health Division No.1, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India / Chandigarh Administration, invites online percentage rate bids from the contractors enlisted with Public Health Wing of Engineering Department UT Chandigarh, who have already executed similar nature of work for the below mentioned work, which shall be uploaded and received on <http://tenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep>.

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of work & location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest money	Period of Completion	Last date & time of Bid submission of tender	Time & date of opening of tender
1.		Providing and Laying of Sewerage Pipe Line in ESI Dispensary Sector-29, Chandigarh.	Rs.9,10,723/-	Rs.18,300/-	02 Months	16.10.2019 upto 5.00 PM	17.10.2019 at 3.00 P.M.

CONDITIONS:-
• Bid document can be downloaded from the website of Chandigarh Administration <http://tenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep> or <http://chandigarh.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project P.H. Division No.1, Chandigarh.

BKU Sidhpur to support farmers who burn stubble

Sangrur: BKU Sidhpur leaders on Thursday announced to support farmers, who burn paddy stubble. "Since the state government has failed to provide an alternative to dispose of stubble without burning, we have decided to support the farmers," said Ran Singh Chatha, district general secretary, BKU, Sidhpur. TNS

Headmaster, others booked for bungling

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10
The Vigilance Bureau has registered a case against a school headmaster, school management committee president and others for embezzlement of government funds.
An official spokesperson said Sandeep Kumar Chhabra, headmaster, and Veena Kumari, president of the management committee of National Model Middle School, Patti, Tarn Taran, had opened fake bank accounts on the basis of forged documents in the name of the teachers who had left the school.

During the investigation, it came to light that Chhabra was transferring the money to his bank account through cheques. The spokesperson added that investigation officer-cum-principal Harbhawan Singh posted at DIET, Verka, Amritsar, had conducted an inspection of the school and found irregularities in the drawing and disbursement of salaries to the staff. — TNS



Pungrain tops the chart by purchasing 39% of the total paddy. TRIBUNE FILE

3.26 lakh tonnes of paddy procured

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10
The government foodgrain procurement agency, Pungrain, has topped the procurement chart by purchasing 39 per cent of the total paddy arrivals in various mandis across the state an official spokesman said on Thursday.
The spokesman said the total procurement till October 9 stood at 3,26,839 tonnes, out of which Pun-

grain had procured 1,27,575 tonnes, followed by Markfed with 80,029 tonnes.
Divulging further details, he said cumulative procurement by all government agencies included 48,378 MT by Punsup, 38,116 by Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and 5,627 by the Food Corporation of India (FCI). Besides, private millers have procured 27,114 tonnes of paddy from various mandis across the state.
He said only 719 samples, which formed 20 per cent of the total, were found substandard, but safe to be consumed, while 31 samples (less than 1 per cent) had been found unsafe for human consumption.
Going by the book, cases have been filed against the adulterators in various courts and fine worth Rs 1.48 crore had been imposed in 837 cases and five convictions were ordered against spurious, unsafe, misleading product sellers in the past four months, he added. — TNS

837 adulteration cases in 4 months

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10
Implementing the Tandarust Punjab Mission in letter and spirit, food safety teams are conducting intensive inspections of food items, said KS Pannu, mission director.
Updating the inspection status, Pannu said between June and September, as many as 3,548 food samples were collected and analysed. The samples include those of milk, cheese, ghee, khoya, sweets, namkeen, fruits and wine among others.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No. 40 09.10.2019

Dept. inviting work:- Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br., Amritsar

Brief of work:- Renovation of PWD Complex Building, Batala Road Amritsar.

Area of work:- Amritsar.

Date of Opening of Bid:- 17.10.2019

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting Tender please see our website punjab.gov.in or www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R., Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/D6888

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, ZIRAKPUR BRANCH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Reference No.....

The Department of Local Government of Punjab invite online bids for <Civil & other works>

Closing Date and Time : Technical Bid 31.10.2019 11:00 a.m. Financial Bid 31.10.2019 11:00 a.m.

For Details logon to : <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> only.

Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Zirakpur.

DPR/Pb/C7436

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice Reference No. NIT No. 09/e-Tender/SE/LG-IT bathinda/2019-20

The Bathinda Improvement Trust, Bathinda invites online bids in two bid System for various (8 Nos.) Development works (Roads works) amounting to Rs. 310.74 lacs.

Closing date & time: 18-10-2019 at 01:00 PM

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

Note: The detail of work (s) and any corrigendum (s) regarding to this tender Notice shall be published on above website only.

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DPR/Pb/C7419

Govt allows renewal of small bus permits

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10
For the first time in the tenure of the present Congress government in the state, the State Transport Commission has allowed the renewal of nearly 3,200 permits of small buses.

The move has kicked up a controversy with the transport operators' union alleging the renewal was in violation of various court orders. It also claimed that it was aimed to help the powerful lobby of transporters. The union also alleged that only the influential among the 3,200 permit-holders would be able to get the authorisation renewed.
The permits are of the minibus routes. The Minibus Service Scheme was declared null and void by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2012. In its poll manifesto, the Congress had vowed to bring a new transport policy and promised issuance of permits to small and large buses afresh.

Transporters cry foul, term it contempt of court

The new transport policy was announced in February, 2018, but it is yet to be notified as some high-profile private transporters have moved a court against it. The buses are practically plying as per the permits and timetable set during the previous SAD-BJP regime.
According to the order issued on September 24, the State Transport Commission (STC) has asked all Regional Transport Authorities (RTAs) to allow renewal of the bus permits issued between 2001 and 2008. The order said the permits did not come under the purview of the Punjab and Haryana High Court directions.
The order was issued by Transport Commissioner Dilraj Singh Sandhawalia. He said he had cleared the files as per the rules and following all court orders.

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MEGA FOOD PARK, LADHOWAL, LUDHIANA NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid Number-1

PAIC invites e-tender from experienced suppliers for the following work through the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> in two bids system. The online tender is available from 11.10.2019 to 01.11.2019. Last date for submission is 01.11.2019 up to 12.00 noon. Technical bids will be opened on 01.11.2019 at 03.00 p.m. Date for opening of financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of technical bids.

Name of Project/Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs.)
Planning, Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of 2 Nos. of Blast Freezers and 3 Nos. of Chiller rooms on turnkey basis at Mega Food Park at Ladhowal, Ludhiana, Punjab.	2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs only)	1,000/-	3 months from the date of allotment + 1 month Trial Run	To be furnished by the Bidder

> The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies.

> For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process, please contact on helpdesk numbers: 080546-28821, 092572-09340, 0172-3953764, 0172-3934665 (Tele Fax).

www.punjabagro.org.in GM (Mega Food Park)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Notice Reference No. 33 dt 10-10-2019

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division No. 1, Patiala invites bids from the eligible bidders, contractors for the project work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s):-

Sr. No.	Item	Bid Security/ Earnest Money	App. Cost	Time Limit
1	DNIT for Replacement of Water Supply pipe lines and all other works contingent thereto in Village Nabha and Sada Shiv Enclave areas at Zirakpur.	112570.00	56,28,000.00	04 Months
2	DNIT for shifting of Existing Rising Main, Construction of Hatch Box and all other works thereto at near Airport road at Singhpura, Zirakpur.	23590.00	11,79,000.00	03 Months
3	DNIT for Operation of MPS Focal Point and Min Disposal, Cleaning of Sewer Lines including sewer jetting machine, preparation and distribution of Water Supply and Sewerage bill for the year 2019-2020	24680.00	L.S	05 Months

Important dates are as under:-

i) Period of availability of Tender From 11-10-2019 to 01-11-2019 up to 5.00 PM

ii) Last date & time for online Submission of bids shall be : 01-11-2019 at 5.00 PM

iii) Date & time of opening of Technical bid : 04-11-2019 at 3.00 PM

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

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Patiala. 0175-2200731
ee1.pwssb@punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/D6889

SHARDHANJLI SAMAGAM

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Navdeep Singh Grewal (Director)**, who left for his heavenly abode on 05 October 2019.

Shardhanjali Samagam for the departed soul will be held on **Sunday, 13.10.2019**, from 1 pm to 2 pm at **Baba Resorts Subathu Road, Dharampur Distt. Solan HP.**

In Grief:
S. Jagdev Singh (Father)
S. Hardeep Singh Bawa (MD)
Mobile: 98166-87375, 99146-80004

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With immeasurable grief we inform the demise of our beloved

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(W/o Maj. Gen. G. S. Bains, AVSM, (Retd))
on 03rd October, 2019.

Bhog and Antim Ardaas
12th October, Saturday
Gurudwara Guru Nanak Darbar, Sector 35 B, Chandigarh
12.00-1.00 pm, followed by Guru ka langar

In Grief:-

Maj. Gen. G.S. Bains, AVSM (Retd)
Amrit and Cindy Bains (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Sudpreet Bains-Sharma and Shekhar Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law)
Savreet, Kanver, Akshat, Arzolie, Neel (Grandchildren)

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POLL BUZZ

Five candidates to get notices

Karnal: Returning officers will serve notice on five candidates for not submitting details of their expenditure. District election officer Vinay Pratap Singh has fixed October 10, 15 and 19 for submitting the details. The five nominees are INLD candidate from Nilokheri Sonika Gill, Rashtriya Garib Dal candidate from Indri Jasbir Singh, Loktantra Suraksha Party candidate from Karnal Virender Sharma, AAP candidate from Assandh Vedpal and Saravhit party candidate Master Turan. TNS

BJP expels two rebels for six years

Karnal: The BJP has expelled two of its rebels, Sanjay Mehla and Dharampal Gonder, from the party as they are contesting the Assembly elections as independent from Assandh and Nilokheri, respectively. The BJP has fielded sitting MLAs from both seats. District BJP president Jagmohan Anand said that party president Subhash Barala had expelled both leaders for six years for indiscipline. TNS

1 held with ₹5-lakh drugs in F'bad

Gurugram: The Faridabad police on Thursday arrested a man with 1-kg 'charas' and 600-gm marijuana worth ₹5 lakh while checking vehicles in view of the Assembly elections. A case under the NDPS Act was registered. oc

Surjewala won't make it this time, claims Khattar

SUSHIL MANAV TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10 A day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah's rallies, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today launched an offensive against AICC spokesperson Randeep Surjewala in his Kaithal Assembly segment. He also cornered the Chautalas as well as the Congress on the issue of corruption and misuse of power. Launching an offensive against Surjewala at Rajaund in Kaithal today, Khattar said that out of the 70 days when the state Assembly was in session in the past five years, Surjewala attended the proceedings for merely seven days. His chair in the Vidhan Sabha remained unoccupied for the remaining 63 days.

Mocking Surjewala's act of contesting the Jind Assembly bypoll held in January, Khattar said that as if the Kaithal Assembly seat was not enough, the Congress leader thought of "finishing" the BJP by winning the Jind seat too. "He must have thought that a victory in Jind will take him closer to Delhi, but all know what happened to him. He could save his security deposit by just 100 votes. Today, he is sweating in Kaithal too," said Khattar.



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has covered 25 Assembly segments so far. FILE PHOTO

"Randeep Surjewala must have thought that a victory in the Jind byelection will take him closer to Delhi, but all know what happened to him. He saved his security deposit by just 100 votes. Today, he is in a difficult position in Kaithal."

Manohar Lal Khattar, CHIEF MINISTER

Claiming that the Congress would not be able to win more than four seats in the state, Khattar said that while he had already covered 25 Assembly seats and will visit others in the days to come, the Congress leaders are still

busy in Garhi Sampla-Kiloi, Hooda's segment.

Meanwhile, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda today reacted to Shah's diatribe in stronghold Meham on Wednesday. He claimed that his (Hooda's)

family was more nationalistic than many BJP leaders.

Hooda today said that before targeting the Congress, Shah should have given the account of five years of the BJP government in the state.

Responding to Shah's allegations that the Congress does not have a clear stand on abrogation of Article 370, Hooda said that his stand on this issue was known to everyone, including Shah.

He, however, added that once Parliament had passed abrogation of Article 370, it has become a non-issue.

Damage control? BJP nominee puts shoe on head

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PALWAL, OCTOBER 10 Jagdish Nayar, BJP candidate from Hodal, surprised residents of the district's Aurangabad village by placing a shoe on his head to seek their blessing on Thursday.

Speculations are rife that Nayar's action was aimed at pleasing a community that was angry with him following a controversial remark targeting the community.

"I placed a shoe on my head just to assure people that I will serve them like a servant if I get elected. I will be in their service during my tenure as legislator," he said.

He denied reports of offending any community. "My action was meant to please all communities (36 biradaris) and not just any specific community as speculated by some on social media."

Congress candidate from Hodal Uday Bhan dismissed Nayar's action as theatrics aimed at attracting attention. "Nayar is faced a stiff opposition because of many reasons. He had to resort to theatrics to grab publicity," he added.



BJP's Hodal candidate Jagdish Nayar in Palwal's Aurangabad village on Thursday.

Jagdish Nayar's action aimed at pleasing a community that was angry with him following a controversial remark

Inderjit: Those opposing BJP candidates will bite the dust

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

REWARI, OCTOBER 10 Amid reports of division in the BJP after the party fielded Sunil Yadav Musepur from Rewari, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh on Thursday asserted that Musepur would win as he was contesting the election on the BJP ticket and those opposing his candidature would not succeed. He hinted at expulsion of BJP rebel Randhir Kapriwas from the party.

"The BJP is a disciplined party. Kapriwas should have respected the party's decision, but he raised the banner of revolt. The party may take action against him," Inderjit said.

Asked about opposition to Musepur and other loyalists contesting as BJP nominees from other seats, Inderjit said the party had allotted the ticket keeping in view various factors.

"The BJP had given the ticket to Kapriwas a number of times. I sought the ticket for my daughter Aarti Rao in 2014, but the party refused. I proposed Kapriwas's name and worked to ensure his victory. He is targeting me and the BJP candidate without caring that I had played a key role in his victory in 2014," Inderjit asserted.

Tanwar: Cong sold ticket to 22

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10 Former state Congress president Ashok Tanwar on Thursday alleged that 22 party tickets were sold. He indirectly hit out at former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda for working against him.

He praised former Congress president Rahul Gandhi for his support. He was in Chandigarh in connection with a press conference. Tanwar said his 'Sudarshan chakra' would move in all 90 constituencies and destroy devils seeking votes in the name of caste.

"I have given 26 years to the Congress. The party is destroying itself. Congress people have been working for the BJP's 'Congress-mukt Bharat' drive," he said.

He claimed that in 2014, between 30 and 40 tickets were distributed to benefit the BJP.

He alleged that in the Congress, people who worked hard were killed politically like Rahul. He likened his adversaries to crocodiles.

On Chief Minister Manohar



"I am not alone. Rahul Gandhi is one of us. These crocodiles have eaten us. There is a conspiracy to finish Rahul. The election results have been bad because no one supports him."

Ashok Tanwar, STATE CONG EX-CHIEF

Lal Khattar saying no to his entry into the BJP, he said, "I have got invitation from all parties, including the BJP, BSP and LSP. Khattar may not know. Leaders of the INLD and JJP have never attacked me personally."

He ducked the query of talking to Rahul before resigning. "Till Rahul was there, I had full protection and that was why I was able to fight back. The Congress is in its worst phase. I will be the happiest after election results," he said.

Will hike old-age pension to ₹5,100, promises Hooda

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 10 Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Thursday promised to enhance the old-age pension to ₹5,100 per month if the Congress was voted to power. At present, the pension is ₹2,000 per month.

He made the promise at a public meeting in support of Congress candidate Anil Rana at the Gharaunda grain market.

Hooda also promised to double the honorarium of sarpanches, numberdars, councillors and others, jobs to youths, ₹10,000 unemployment allowance for educated youths till they are employed and a loan waiver for farmers.

"The BJP government has reneged on its promise of doubling the old-age pension in 2014. The pension did rise, but by ₹200 every year only in the past five years. This is an insult to elderly people," the Congress leader said.

He is contesting from Garhi Sampla-Kiloi.

"The Congress govern-

ment had fulfilled all promises made during the 2004 and 2009 Assembly elections. In contrast, the BJP had made 154 promises in its 2014 manifesto and failed to fulfil most of them. The Congress will release its manifesto on Friday. In it, the party has taken care of all sections of society," the two-time Chief Minister said.

Hooda also promised several financial initiatives for women. "The Congress government will start giving ₹2,000 as 'chuhla kharcha' per month to women of BPL families. Besides, they will enjoy free travel in roadways buses. Students from Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes will get scholarship of ₹10,000 from Class I to Class XII, while ₹15,000 will be given to students after Class XII."

He claimed that 78 Sub-divisional Magistrates out of 80 recruited recently were not from Haryana. "The Congress will give 75 per cent of jobs to Haryana youth," Hooda said, adding that 50,000 safai karamcharis would be recruited.

Cong to release manifesto today

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10 The BJP's fund collection and expenditure was the highest among all the parties during the Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls in 2014 with maximum share going for publicity, says the Association for Democratic Reforms' (ADR) latest report. The Congress is a distant second in collection and expenditure. According to ADR, the BJP collected ₹296.74 crore during the previous Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls, which took place during September-October of 2014, with its central headquarters gathering ₹174.16 crore (58.69 per cent), the Maharashtra unit collecting ₹122.78 crore (41.38 per cent) and Haryana unit contributing ₹30 lakh (0.1 per cent).

Selja: Need to fight war against fake news

GURUGRAM: State Congress president Kumari Selja has said the elections are a war for Haryana's welfare and we need to fight not just on ground but even virtually. "Misusing social media to spread fake news, the BJP taught us the power of social media to do wrong. But now, we will teach them the power of the same weapon to create awareness," she said here on Thursday. TNS

Report: BJP spent most in 2014 poll

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10 The BJP's fund collection and expenditure was the highest among all the parties during the Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls in 2014 with maximum share going for publicity, says the Association for Democratic Reforms' (ADR) latest report. The Congress is a distant second in collection and expenditure.

According to ADR, the BJP collected ₹296.74 crore during the previous Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly polls, which took place during September-October of 2014, with its central headquarters gathering ₹174.16 crore (58.69 per cent), the Maharashtra unit collecting ₹122.78 crore (41.38 per cent) and Haryana unit contributing ₹30 lakh (0.1 per cent).

On the other hand, the Congress could collect only ₹84.37 crore. When it came to spending, the saffron party was ahead of all. It spent ₹217.68 crore with central headquarters spending ₹151.37 crore (69.54 per cent), Maharashtra unit using ₹65.1 crore (29.91 per cent) and Haryana unit spending ₹1.21 crore (0.56 per cent).

Fear of dismal show keeps Kejriwal away

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10 The spectre of loss in the upcoming elections ahead of the Delhi Assembly poll next year is apparently keeping AAP's star campaigner and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal away from electioneering in his home state.

Even as other political bigwigs have hit the campaign trail, Kejriwal is yet to make an appearance on Haryana's poll scene despite heading a 20-member list of AAP's star campaigners.

"As of now, there is no schedule of any election rally of the Delhi CM. Kejriwal may address a rally in the run-up to the poll," said Naveen Jaihind, state AAP chief.

Party sources said AAP's dismal performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections was the reason for Kejriwal keeping distance from the Assembly poll campaign.

The party had contested three Lok Sabha seats in alliance with the JJP, polling 0.36% votes (slightly better than NOTA's 0.33%). This was in sharp contrast to 4.2%



Arvind Kejriwal

voting share in the 2014 Lok Sabha poll.

The sources felt that the party's poor performance in the Haryana Assembly poll despite intense campaigning by Kejriwal could have repercussions in next year's Delhi Assembly elections.

This is perhaps the reason that other star campaigners, including Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Gopal Rai, are maintaining distance.

The sources conceded that getting its act together in Delhi was a priority for the AAP leadership in the wake of the BJP winning all seven seats in the recent Lok Sabha poll.

"The party top brass is busy getting its act together in Delhi. Haryana has been put on the backburner for the time being," said a senior leader.

Gau rakshak shot at in Gurugram after chase

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, OCTOBER 10 A Bajrang Dal district coordinator was shot at by suspected cattle smugglers in the wee hours of Thursday after a high-speed chase for one-and-a-half hours. The incident took place near Kadipur village in Sector 10-A here.

Bajrang Dal member Mohit Yadav is part of the state cow smuggler task force. He was shot in the chest. He is under treatment at hospital in Gurugram amid tight security.

A case has been registered against five men from Mewat at the Sector 10-A police station. In his police complaint, task force member Suresh Kumar said he, along with other two members Mohit and Deepak, travelling in a



Bajrang Dal member Mohit Yadav, the victim

Bolero, spotted a pick-up van loaded with cows near Bhondsi. They signalled the pick-up van driver to stop, but he did not apply brakes. Instead, he sped towards Gurugram after taking an about turn, with the task force members on trail.

"There were four cows in their pick-up van and during the chase the smugglers threw them out one by one in order to deter the vigilantes,"

a police spokesperson said. The complainant said, "Unable to get us off their back, the pick-up van driver, identified as Quyoom, applied brakes and fired at us. Mohit was shot in the chest. We had to stop to save him as the cow smugglers fled."

A case has been registered against Quyoom, Arjun, Liyaqat, Ishtak and Dilshad, alias Dillu, under Sections 307, 279 and 336 of the IPC, the Arms Act and the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act.

The police have said Quyoom, Arjun and Liyaqat are brothers. "Doctors have removed the bullet, but Mohit is not in a condition to record a statement. We are conducting raids at the possible hideouts of the accused," they said.

Birender's bastion battles 'backward' tag



DEEPENDER DESWAL

PERSONALITIES have outshone people's issues in the Uchana Kalan Assembly constituency of Jind district. A tough battle is on cards between sitting MLA Prem Lata and former Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala, both representing prominent political dynas-

ties of the state. The segment has been a stronghold of former Union Minister Birender Singh, who represented the segment five times starting in 1977. He was a strong contender for the chief ministerial post when he was the state Congress president in 1991, when the party stormed to power. Bhajan Lal, however, won the race for the Chief Minister.

Birender Singh left the Congress after he developed differences with then Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and joined the BJP in 2014. The BJP got him elected to Rajya Sabha and also made him a Union Minister in the first tenure of the Modi government.

As he emerged as a prominent Jat face of the BJP in Haryana, his wife Prem Lata contested and won their tra-

Legislators speak



"The segment has witnessed unprecedented development in five years. I have fulfilled most of the promises. A college has been opened in Alewa village and a hospital constructed in Uchana. People want the BJP to return to power," Prem Lata, BJP

Opposition speak



"The people of Uchana Kalan voted for the family of Birender Singh many times, but the segment remained backward. A visit to the segment will expose their tall claims of development as the segment lacks even basic amenities such as water," Dushyant Chautala, JJP CANDIDATE

TOTAL VOTERS	1,12,911	Men
2,06,589	93,675	Women
	3	Third gender

ditional Uchana Kalan seat in 2014. He brought his son, former IAS officer Brijendra Singh, into politics in the recent Lok Sabha poll. Brijendra is an MP from Hisar. Amar Singh, a resident of Uchana Kalan, said: "The segment got a 50-bed hospital and a mini-secretariat thanks

to Birender Singh. About 15 to 20 villages got water supply, but remaining villages still face shortage."

It would be a neck-and-neck contest between the two prominent candidates.

Balkar Singh, sarpanch of Khatkar village that boycotted this year's Lok Sabha elections in protest against the scarcity of water, is hopeful that that water problem would be resolved as the sanction for a booster pump has been given.

The segment comprises Uchana Kalan town and 65 villages. It's an acid test for Prem Lata to hold on to the seat.

People say they had high hopes from Birender Singh and his wife, but their efforts to develop the segment have failed to fructify as it is considered backward in terms of basic amenities.

1,382 file papers for BDC elections

Maximum nominees in Valley from Kupwara | Withdrawals today

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

Amid boycott calls and major controversies surrounding much-hyped elections to Block Development Councils (BDCs), the Election Authority today conducted the scrutiny of at least 1,382 nomination papers received for 310 Block Development Councils across the Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh regions.

"The scrutiny of nomination papers has been completed and the candidates can withdraw their nomination papers till October 11. The exact number of candidates contesting the BDC polls will be available by tomorrow evening," a senior official said.

Out of the total 1,382 candidates, 751 filed papers in Jammu, 515 in Kashmir and 116 in Ladakh. Kash-



BJP state president Ravinder Raina addresses a press conference in Jammu on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CONG PURSUING PAK AGENDA, SAYS RAINA

Lambasting the Congress for boycotting the BDC elections, BJP president Ravinder Raina alleged that the Congress was pursuing Pakistan's agenda in J&K by following dictates of the Hurriyat Conference and terror groups. He urged the Election Commission to de-recognise the Congress for indulging into anti-democratic activities by instigating people to boycott the democratic process.

mir valley's Kupwara district has received the highest number of 131 nominations filed in 22 districts of the state followed by Bara-mulla (110). Jammu district was third with 105 candidates, while at least 65 candidates joined the electoral race in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The elections to BDCs,

which form the second tier of Panchayati Raj institutions, will be held on October 24 and the counting of votes will also be held on the same day. The elected sarpanches and panches constitute the Electoral College for the BDC polls.

Five major political parties — National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party

(PDP), Congress, People's Conference and Communist Party of India (Marxist) — have announced to disassociate themselves from the process of elections to chairpersons of 310 BDCs on the ground that their senior leadership was under detention and atmosphere was not conducive for any election process.

Exercise a sham to ensure BJP hegemony: Oppn

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

Within hours of the Congress announcing to boycott the BDC polls, opposition parties have questioned the credibility of much-publicised elections on the 'party basis' to the second tier of the Panchayat Raj system in J&K.

Not only the parties boycotting the BDC polls have raised question over its sanctity, but the Panthers Party also termed the entire exercise as a "sham" and "farce" to facilitate the BJP to impose its political hegemony. Ironically, the Panthers is the only opposition party contesting the polls, to be held on October 24.

"It's ridiculous that only the BJP is taking part in the polls being held on the party basis. It's a mockery of democracy," said J&K Congress spokesman Ravinder Sharma. — TNS

Govt braces for first budget for new UTs

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10

In the run-up to ongoing transition, the J&K Government has geared up to prepare the first budget for the newly created Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

In this regard, the state Finance Department has asked all administrative secretaries to segregate the budget into two parts — state budget up to October 31 and beyond that for the Union Territories. The budget will be prepared by October 14.

According to a circular issued by the Finance Department, the budget for the current financial year (2019-20) has to be segregated in two parts — seven months from April 1, 2019, to October 31, 2019, as the state of J&K and for five months from November 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, as UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

To be prepared by Oct 14; proposals to be finalised today

Accordingly, the administrative secretaries have been asked to furnish the segregated budget as per set format by tomorrow (Friday) positively, besides furnishing the budget proposals on the Budget Estimation, Allocation & Monitoring System (BEAMS) portal.

"All the administrative secretaries are further requested that the matter shall be attended on topmost priority. Meeting with the departments shall be held tomorrow to finalise their proposals," the circular said.

The BJP-led Central government on August 5 abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated the state of J&K into two UTs — J&K and Ladakh.

Pak soldier dies in retaliatory fire

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 10

A Pakistani soldier, Sepoy Naimat Wali, was killed on Wednesday evening in a strong retaliation by the Indian Army to Pakistan army's indiscriminate and unprovoked mortar shelling in the Poonch sector.

Sources said in response to Pakistan army's unprovoked violations in the Digwar sector, Indian troops targeted their posts and caused substantial damage to them.

Today afternoon, the Pakistan army resorted to unprovoked firing reportedly in the Dharati and Bhruti areas in forward Balakot. Indian troops retaliated strongly and forced the enemy guns to fall silent within one hour.

At about 4.30 pm, the Pakistan army again resorted to heavy small arm firing and mortar shelling in Poonch district. "Two civilians were injured and admitted to the district hospital," said Ramesh Angral, SSP — OC

GOC takes charge



Lt Gen YK Joshi (right) hands over the command of Fire and Fury Corps to Lt Gen Harinder Singh in Srinagar. PTI

■ Lt Gen Harinder Singh on Thursday assumed the command of Fire and Fury Corps from Lt Gen YK Joshi.

■ Lt Gen Harinder has served along the Western and Northern borders, including command of the Rashtriya Rifles in north Kashmir, an Infantry Brigade Group in the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Congo and the Infantry Division in north Kashmir.

■ Prior to assuming the command of Fire and Fury Corps, he was the Director General Military Intelligence at the Integrated HQ of MoD (Army).

J&K opens for tourists, stakeholders expect rise in footfall

Trickle of foreigners brings hope for revival of sector | Demand for restoration of mobile, Internet services grows

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10

As the order for the lifting of advisory for tourists came into effect on Thursday, the authorities are hopeful of receiving normal footfall of visitors by winter season.

However, the stakeholders on ground are still angry over the August 2 advisory and say the full revival of the tourism sector was possible only when communication links were restored and if the overall situation normalised in the Kashmir valley.

"The advisory was lifted today, but it will take a month or two to streamline things and bring back tourists. We

are receiving queries and expect to start receiving tourists gradually," Tourism Director, Kashmir, Nisar Wani told *The Tribune*.

Prior to revoking Article 370 on August 5, the government had, on August 2, issued a security advisory for tourists that stated: "Keeping in view the latest intelligence inputs of terror threats with specific targeting of the Amarnath yatra and given the prevailing security situation in Kashmir, in the interest of safety of the tourists and yatis, it is advised that they may curtail their stay in the Valley immediately and take necessary measures to return as soon as possible."



Shikaras lying idle at the banks of Dal Lake. PHOTO: AMIN WAR

"The advisory was lifted today, but it will take a month or two to streamline things and bring back tourists. We are receiving queries and expect to start having visitors gradually. However, a decent number of foreigners have visited Kashmir in the past two months." Nisar Wani, TOURISM DIRECTOR, KASHMIR

Wani said while instilling confidence in domestic tourists would take time, a decent number of foreigners visited Kashmir during the past two months. "We received 845 foreign tourists in August and over 800 in September," he added.

Wali Mohammad, president of the Shikara Union at the Dal Lake, said the restoration of mobile and Internet services, besides peaceful atmosphere, was necessary for the revival of the tourism sector.

"We were not consulted when an advisory was issued telling tourists to leave Kashmir and now they are telling them to come...mere lifting of advisory is not enough...

How will we manage tour itineraries without mobile phones and Internet? And, the situation on ground too has to be conducive for tourists to come," he said.

A handful of domestic tourists present in the Valley these days have complained of facing problems due to the lack of mobile and Internet services. "We did not face any problems as such while moving around in Kashmir, but we are missing mobile and Internet services," said Arun, a tourist from Gujarat.

Tourists were also found complaining of not finding good vegetarian food as most of the restaurants are shut since August 5.

Website, app for rly travellers launched



Union Minister Nityanand Rai along with DCP Amulya Patnaik (L) and Arun Kumar DG (RPF) in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Union minister Nityanand Rai launched a website and a mobile application on Thursday to facilitate the railway police in addressing complaints of passengers from across India and crime detection by integrating the criminal database online.

The minister of state of home affairs launched the website www.railways.dh.police.gov.in and the mobile app Sahyatri in presence of Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik and other officials at the NDMC Convention Centre on Sansad Marg here.

The database of criminals, including their photographs, active in rail-

'Sahyatri' app

The 'Sahyatri' app will help railway passengers find out the jurisdiction of a police station and the details of GRP officials by geo-tagging with Google Maps

ways' jurisdiction all over India would be uploaded on the website, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Railways) Dinesh Kumar Gupta.

"This website will surely help GRP," Gupta said. "Apart from sharing information among GRP, railway passengers will certainly benefit as citizen services have also been provided on the website," the officer said. — PTI

CM to address C-40 Summit through video conference

Was denied permission by Ministry of External Affairs to visit Denmark

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will address the C-40 Climate Change Summit through a video conference on Friday after the Ministry of External Affairs denied him permission to visit Denmark, a statement said on Thursday.

According to the government, the CM has accepted the request of the summit organisers to deliver his address through video conference in the session titled 'breathe deeply, city solutions for clean air'.

The CM will also address a joint press conference with mayors of six major world cities at 12 pm on Friday, the statement said.

The Ministry of External Affairs had denied per-

World Mayors' meeting

mission of the Delhi CM, saying that clearance from "political angle" has been denied. "The Chief Minister will on Friday address the C-40 Climate Change Summit through video conference during the session on solutions to tackle air pollution," the statement read.

Kejriwal is also likely to share the experience of how Delhi became the first city in the world to successfully implement the Odd-Even experiment for restricting the vehicular traffic on the roads of the city, which led to a reduction in air pollution in the city



Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi CM

how Delhi became the first city in the world to successfully implement the Odd-Even experiment for restricting the vehicular traffic on the roads of the city, which led to a reduction in air pollution in the city.

On Wednesday, the Central Government defended its decision to deny permission to Kejriwal to attend a climate

summit in Denmark, saying it was meant for "mayor-level" participants, but an angry AAP termed it a "very lame excuse" and an insult to the people of Delhi. Kejriwal was to leave on Tuesday for the C-40 Climate Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, but could not do so.

On Wednesday, the MEA said that Kejriwal was advised not to attend the World Mayors' Summit as his visit there as a speaker at a panel discussion does not commensurate with the level of participation from other countries. However, senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh had said that his party would raise the issue in Assembly elections due early next year. — PTI

DCW seeks 7 more days to provide home to Unnao rape victim

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Thursday sought seven days from a city court for providing accommodation to the family of the Unnao rape survivor, who was allegedly raped by expelled BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar in 2017.

The woman and her family members were provided CRPF security by the Supreme Court after she was severely injured in a road accident on July 28 this year which killed her two aunts and also injured her lawyer.

The DCW told District Judge Dharmesh Sharma during an in-camera proceeding that they had identified few residential houses for the family and the security personnel but needed some time to finalise the deal, a lawyer privy to the matter said.

The court directed the Superintendent of the Jay Prakash Narayan Trauma Centre, AIIMS, Delhi to accommodate the rape survivor and her family at the hostel where they are currently lodged, till further orders, the lawyer said.

"We've identified some houses for the family and the security personnel but, need some time to finalise the deal." Delhi Commission for Women Lawyer

The court had earlier asked DCW chairperson to nominate a team of two counsellors to assess their residential requirements and assist them in finding accommodation after the counsel for the rape survivor told the court that landlords were unwilling to give their premises on rent to them for a short duration and due to the background of the case.

The court had said the team would assist them in locating and providing suitable place in Delhi at a reasonable rate of rent or in any government accommodation for at least 11 months, he said.

The rape survivor's family had earlier told the court that they wanted to reside in the Capital apprehending threat in Uttar Pradesh, their native state. — PTI

Suicide at Delhi Metro stations: Sep saw 5 cases

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

From young to old, at least eight cases of suicides at Delhi Metro stations have been reported in the past five months, with five of these occurring in September alone. Besides, seven other people attempted suicide between April and October 9, some of whom were battling depression.

On World Mental Health Day on Thursday, doctors said many people choose getting hit by metro trains to kill themselves as it allows them to die with "minimal pain" and the "chances of survivability is almost none".

According to the WHO web-

World Mental Health Day

According to the WHO website, every 40 seconds someone commits suicide, and so the theme of WMH Day this year is "working together to prevent suicide"

site, every 40 seconds someone loses their life to suicide, and so the theme this year is "working together to prevent suicide".

One of the first suicide cases was reported on May 1 when a civic agency worker allegedly killed himself by jumping in front of a metro train at the Dwarka Sector 9 station on the Blue Line. — PTI

4 held for stealing phones

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

More than 100 stolen mobile phones have been recovered by the police with the arrest of four men in South-East Delhi, officials said on Thursday.

The accused, used to board buses every morning from various locations in Ashram, Badarpur, Govind Puri, Kalandi Kunj, MB Road to steal mobile phones, they said. — PTI

Karol Bagh gets park-and-ride facility



■ A park-and-ride facility was on Thursday started by civic authorities in Karol Bagh market area to facilitate visitors in commuting in the pedestrianised zone, officials said.

■ The North Delhi Municipal Corporation started the service through golf carts from Shastri Market parking to Main Ajmal Khan Road Market to facilitate the visitors, the NDMC said. PTI

Hit by tempo, two students injured

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Two students were injured Thursday allegedly after a speeding tempo carrying illicit liquor hit them while they were on their way to school in Northwest Delhi's Shalimar Bagh area, the police said.

The tempo driver, Arun Kumar, has been arrested, they said. — PTI

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FESTIVE FERVOUR: Himachal Governor Bandaru Dattatreya plays an instrument on Dasehra Alai Balai celebrations in Hyderabad on Thursday. PTI

BJP working president Nadda accorded 'Z' security cover

New Delhi: The government has decided to accord "Z" category security cover to BJP working president JP Nadda following a review undertaken by the security and intelligence agencies. The move is also indicative of Nadda's enhanced political stature within the party. Now Nadda will be guarded by commandos of the CRPF round-the-clock, including his residence here, officials in the Ministry of Home Affairs said. The MHA took the decision while taking into consideration the increased threat perception to Nadda, they said, adding the new security architecture around him would be on all-India basis. TNS

Roadways strike illegal, says Telangana HC

Hyderabad: In what can be termed as a major setback to the unions of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC), a Vacation Bench of the Telangana High Court has declared the ongoing indefinite strike by employees as "illegal", but at the same time the court has directed the Telangana Government to file a detailed reply by October 15 about the alternative arrangements made for commuters in view of the strike. The deadlock between the state and the agitating employees continues with the strike entering the sixth day. TNS

SJM to hold nationwide protest against RCEP

New Delhi: The RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (SJM), which has been criticising the government "push" to include the Automatic Trigger Safeguard Mechanism in RCEP trade negotiations, will launch a nationwide protest against the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) from October 20 in all district centres. The SJM will submit a memorandum to PM Narendra Modi through the District Magistrate in each district, said Ashwani Mahajan of the SJM in a statement, calling upon all affiliated and like-minded organisations and individuals to join the protest. TNS

In Surat, Rahul pleads 'not guilty' in defamation case

Set to campaign for Haryana, Maharashtra Assembly elections

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Back from holiday, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi today appeared in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate in Surat and pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal defamation.

He is facing a case at the hands of BJP's Surat (West) MLA Purnesh Modi who has taken him to court for his comments made during a pre-Lok Sabha election rally. "Why do all the thieves have a common surname of Modi?" Gandhi said at a rally in Karnataka in April.

The court had in a previous hearing exempted Rahul from personal appearance asking him to come today.

Rahul tweeted thanks for support by party workers and appeared in the court pleading not guilty. His lawyers also moved an application seeking exemption for him from personal appearance during future hearings. The court said it would take up the request in December.

Rahul will also appear in a court in DescriptionAhmedabad tomorrow in a similar case. Importantly Rahul Gandhi, who had refused to take



Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at the district and sessions court in Surat on Thursday. PTI

HARYANA RALLY ON OCT 14

- Rahul Gandhi's office said he would address a poll rally in Haryana on October 14 and the final schedule would be released after security clearances
- Will campaign in Maharashtra on October 13 and 15
- Congress leaders saw the release of his campaign dates as a signal of his willingness to return to the helm

back his resignation as party chief in the wake of Congress' dismal performance in LS poll, will again hit the election campaign circuit from October 13.

His office said he would campaign in Maharashtra on October 13 and 15 and in

Haryana on October 14. Congress leaders saw the release of his campaign dates as a signal of his willingness to return to the helm.

Already several Rahul Gandhi loyalists have quit the party after he gave up Congress pres-

idency, among them former Haryana Congress chief Ashok Tanwar and former chiefs of Congress units in Jharkhand and Tripura.—Ajoy Kumar and Pradyot Debbarman.

"Rahul Gandhi's campaigns are a signal that he is going to return to active party affairs," said a leader.

His campaign plans were released by his office just a day after senior Congress leaders Salman Khurshid and Jyotiraditya Scindia said he should never have quit and should have stayed and helped the party introspect and resurrect.

BJP, Cong in war of words over Corbyn's Kashmir remarks

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WHAT HE TWEETED

UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn tweeted, "A very productive meeting with UK representatives from the Indian Congress Party where we discussed the human rights situation in Kashmir. There must be a de-escalation and an end to the cycle of violence and fear which has plagued the region for so long."

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10 Embarrassed over a tweet by UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, who said he discussed human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir with UK representatives of the Indian National Congress, the Congress today officially distanced itself from the matter saying they would write to Corbyn to convey the party's official line on J&K.

"We disown any statement on J&K made by anyone abroad. No one expects the Congress here is authorised to comment on policy matters and the Congress position on J&K is clearly articulated in a Congress Working Committee resolution. No other entity abroad is authorised to speak on policy matters on behalf of the Congress. I will write to Corbyn and Labour Party's foreign affairs cell leader to clarify Congress position on J&K which is an internal matter of India," Congress foreign affairs cell chairman Anand Sharma said after the BJP attacked the Congress following the news that the Kamal Dhaliwal-led Indian Overseas Congress UK delegation met Corbyn and discussed J&K.

Meanwhile, Dhaliwal's images with former Congress

president Rahul Gandhi offering him sweets and Patiala MP Premeet Kaur standing in the backdrop went viral on the social media. As a political controversy broke out here on the eve of Haryana and Maharashtra elections, Indian Overseas Congress UK later clarified they had met Corbyn to condemn the Labour Party Resolution on J&K.

"Our meeting with @jeremycorbyn was held to condemn the Kashmir resolution passed by his party and to reiterate that J&K is an internal matter and outside intervention will not be accepted. @BJP4India's malicious statements are another attempt to distract people from their failures," IOC UK branch tweeted today as the BJP attacked Congress for raising "human rights in J&K with foreign leaders".

Revolt jolts Shiv Sena

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 10

Differences between Shiv Sena and BJP workers boiled over with 26 councillors belonging to the Sena in Kalyan and Ulhasnagar civic bodies quitting the party.

The corporators, along with over 300 workers of the Shiv Sena, are backing a rebel candidate Dhananjay Bodare against two-time sitting MLA Ganpat Gaikwad of the BJP.

"Gaikwad has done nothing for the constituency during his two terms and the people are angry with him," Bodare told reporters at the Kalyan (East) constituency.

While 16 corporators belong to the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC), the remaining belong to the neighbouring Ulhasnagar municipal corporation.

Relations between the BJP and the Shiv Sena are acrimonious at the ground level in both these townships on the outskirts of Mumbai.

According to Bodare, the Shiv Sainiks here were hoping they would get the Kalyan (East) seat during seat-sharing talks. "We thought Uddhav Thackeray would bargain hard with the BJP and get us this seat," he added.

According to Shiv Sena sources, attempts by Thackeray and his key aides to get the rebels return to their party fold failed on Wednesday.

BJP slams Mamata govt for 'murder' of RSS worker, kin

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 10

The BJP has reacted strongly to the murder of a RSS worker and child in West Bengal's Muslim majority Murshidabad district.

The bodies of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) worker Prakash Pal (35), his wife Beauty (30) and their son Angan (8) were found on Tuesday afternoon. While the two adults were hacked to death, the child was strangulated with a scarf.

Pal was last seen around 11 am on Tuesday when he was returning from market. Their absence at the Vijaydashami celebrations alerted neighbours. Some of them went to their home and discovered the tragedy.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra posted a video of the house where the mutilated bodies of Pal family mem-

bers were lying in a pool of blood. Patra wrote, "RSS worker Prakash Pal, his eight months' pregnant wife & his kid were brutally slaughtered in West Bengal. Not a word by the liberals. Not a letter by 59 liberals to Mamata. Nauseating selectivism."

Kailash Vijayvargiya, BJP general secretary and in-charge of the West Bengal unit of the party, also expressed concern about the incident. "What can be more terrible than this incident? Vijayvargiya tweeted while

posting a picture of the Pal family taken in happier times. Abu Taher Khan, TMC MP from Murshidabad, however, ruled out that the murder had anything to do with Pal's association with the RSS. He claimed that Pal, who had shifted to the area to work as a primary school teacher, was hardly known in locality. "There cannot be a communal angle in the murders because the family lived in a Hindu neighbourhood only," Khan said and added that the police were exploring various angle, including feud over property, behind the murders.

"We have registered a murder case and working to establish the motive of the murders. We are talking with the relatives of the deceased and other persons known to them," Barun Baidya, sub-divisional police officer, who is investigating the case, said.

I-T sleuths raid K'taka former DyCM's house

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 10

In coordinated raids, more than 300 income tax sleuths swooped down on premises linked to two prominent Congress leaders in Karnataka — former Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara and former MP RL Jalappa's son J Rajendra.

Parameshwara's family runs the Siddhartha Group of Institutions, established by his father HM Gangadhariah 58 years ago. Besides raiding the office, residence and institutions belonging to Parameshwara, the IT officials also searched the residence of his brother G Shivaprasad and personal assistant Ramesh.

Rajendra runs the RL Jalappa Institute of Technology at Doddaballapura and Kolar. The raids at premises belonging to Parameshwara and others are in connection with a multi-crore tax evasion case linked to the NEET exams, officials said. A total of 30 premises are being covered in the raids. — PTI

Experts flag social media's adverse impact on poll

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Experts on Thursday flagged concerns on increasing negative role and adverse impact of social media on elections in the country and underlined the need for a legal framework to make those accountable who abuse their platform.

Taking part in the "Forum on General Election 2019: Issues and challenges" organised by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Dr Nasim Zaidi said the election panel must have a social media policy instrument to regulate them and penalise the abusers.

"A framework is required to monitor them effectively. The Indian government like governments of other countries is grappling with regard to formulation of framework,"



The election panel must have a social media policy instrument to regulate and penalise abusers, says former Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi

said Zaidi, who was a keynote speaker on the theme relating to social media and related electoral issues.

Social media is an emerging phenomenon and its possible negative impact on General Elections of 2014 and 2019 is yet to be ascertained.

The social media has been categorised as "electronic" media by the Union Government and the poll panel treats them accordingly, even though their nature is different.

For the first time a "Voluntary Code of Ethics" was evolved in 2013 by the Asso-

ciation of Internet and Mobile Associations consisting of service providers and users regarding their conduct for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. "Honestly, the EC was not equipped to monitor implementation of the code," Zaidi said.

The code was critiqued by experts for its inadequacy, including its silence on third party users of data and election propaganda, including cost incurred on advertisements on social platforms, by friends of political parties and candidates.

Muslim group favours giving Ayodhya land to Hindus for peace

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LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 10

As a goodwill gesture for peace and harmony in the country, a group of eminent Muslims on Thursday expressed the desire to hand over the land owned by the Muslims to the Supreme Court which may give it to the Central government.

Under the aegis of the Indian Muslims for Peace, a cross-section of Muslims, including retired bureaucrats, army men, lawyers, journalists, doctors and businessmen, deliber-

ated that an out-of-court settlement in the protracted Babri Masjid-Ram Janam Bhoomi dispute was the only solution that could make both Hindus and Muslims happy as no party would feel aggrieved.

Chief guest Lt Gen Zamir Uddin Shah (retd) said after 40 years in the Army he had come to the conclusion that war could never offer any solution.

He said the Muslim community should realise that even if the court order was in their favour they would not be able to construct a masjid on the spot.

“After 40 years in the Army, I have come to a conclusion that war can never offer any solution. Mediation alone will bring about a permanent solution to the problem in which Hindustan will win Lt Gen Zamir Uddin Shah (retd)



"In such a situation for lasting peace and saving the country from communal holocausts, the Muslims should hand over the land to the GoI to be handed over to the Hindus," said Lt Gen Shah.

Demanding a determined clear-cut judgment from the apex court, Lt Gen Shah said he and his associates had made the suggestion for mediation as they had their "ear to the ground".

"What we are saying is the voice of crores of peace-loving citizens of the country. Mediation alone will bring

about a permanent solution to the problem in which Hindustan will win," he added.

Retired IAS Anis Ansari said the Indian Muslims for Peace was making an effort under the Supreme Court's directions to keep the mediation process on. He said the group had already met senior advocate Sriram Panchu, member of the Supreme Court-appointed Justice FMI Kallifullah mediation committee.

He said, "Among the proposals placed before the committee which has been forwarded to the apex court, is

the suggestion to hand over the 2.78 acres with the Sunni Central Waqf Board to the Government of India."

The committee has also demanded expediting the cases for the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, including the cases of criminal conspiracy.

Lt Gen Shah said till date they had not engaged with either the Nirmohi Akhara or Ram Lalla Virajman. Sunni Central Waqf Board chairperson Zafar Ahmad Farooqui was supportive of the proposal for mediation, said Ansari.

Media delegation meets Gangwar on wage board

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Media organisations today met Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar, seeking wage boards for media employees and registering protest on the move to repeal Working Journalist Act.

Representatives of PTI Employees Unions, Indian Federation of Working Journalists, IJU, All-India Newspapers Employees Federation, NUJ (India), Confederation of Newspaper and News Agency Employees Federation were part of the delegation. — TNS

Security man of Majithia killed

(RJ 13 GB 1957). The local police later impounded the truck, while its driver fled the scene. Majithia, travelling in another vehicle, continued his journey apparently unaware of the mishap. He returned a few hours later and took the injured personnel to DMC Hospital.

The police have registered a case against the truck driver for rash driving. Further investigations were on. — TNS

Against Kashmir backdrop, Modi-Xi talks begin

envoy in Pakistan on Kashmir. Despite the divergence on Kashmir, both sides have made it clear they will not allow their bilateral ties to be circumscribed by this factor alone. Government sources say terrorism, trade and border management will dominate discussions between both leaders.

In terms of tangibles, the two leaders are likely to green light the addition of more confidence building meas-

ures (CBMs) to manage the border peacefully. "Situation can be handled by technologies that were not available earlier. We certainly need more CBMs and this meeting will be part of this," said government sources.

Another area up for discussions will be the Indo-Pacific where China and India appear ranged on opposite sides. "The Prime Minister has said China is an impor-

tant part of the Indo-Pacific. This will be among the subjects covered," said the sources while admitting to time constraints that may prevent several topics from being discussed in depth.

India has been encouraged by China's attitude to its exports but feels much ground remains to be covered before its huge trade deficit is pared to reasonable level. At the same time, government sources cau-

tion against expectations of declaratory statements or agreements after the visit since this is not how informal summits are structured.

However, with Beijing choosing to take its time in confirming the visit and India standing its ground on Kashmir, it will be a challenge for both leaders to build substantially at Mamallapuram the opening provided by the Xi-Modi informal exchanges in Wuhan.

Business sinks in mandis of Lohian; farmers, arhtiyas hit

arrived at the Gidderpindi mandi. This time the number was just 2,000. At the Nahl mandi, compared to the 1,60,000 bags received last year, the commission agents expect less than 50,000.

There are a total of seven mandis in the Lohian block — Gidderpindi, Nahl, Kang Khurd, Mehrajwala,

Kamalpur, Turna and Lohian. The Tribune team that visited these mandis saw most labourers sitting idle. One of them at the Lohian mandi said, "It has been 15 days, but we are yet to get work. It will be difficult for us to feed our families in such a scenario." A commission agent said he had

already paid a contractor for hiring 30 labourers. "It now seems only 10 will be required," he said.

Another worried commission agent, Surinder Gupta, observed: "Last year, 6.5 lakh bags had arrived at the two Lohian mandis. This year, we expect 50-60 per cent less."

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Make in India

Self-reliance in defence sector a distant dream

It took plain-speaking from Olivier Andries, the CEO of the French engine manufacturer associated with the Rafale fighter jet, to drive home the point that the ambitious Make in India initiative — launched with fanfare in 2014 — has a long way to go in the defence sector. Andries, who heads multinational Safran, the maker of M88 state-of-the-art engines, told Defence Minister Rajnath Singh that the company planned to invest about \$150 million in India towards training and maintenance, but was apprehensive of the country's tax and customs 'terrorism'. He sought support on easing tax norms for a business-friendly environment. Rajnath had to assure him that India was committed to providing the right climate for investments. The issues red-flagged by the Safran chief prompted the Defence Minister to later tell a delegation of CEOs representing France's defence industry majors that India was open to 'any further tax rationalisation' that may be required to encourage Make in India in this sector.

Even though India has significantly improved its global Ease of Doing Business ranking from 142 to 77 in the past over four years, it is still way behind other Asian nations like Singapore, South Korea (both in the top five), UAE (11), Japan (39) and China (46). In her Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that since defence modernisation and upgrade was a national priority, the import of equipment not being manufactured in India was being exempted from basic customs duty. Many more such confidence-building measures are needed to attract foreign investors.

The transfer of technology is a must for achieving the lofty goal of self-reliance in the defence sector. Last year, the government had unveiled the strategic partnership model, which envisages a long-term tie-up of Indian entities with global Original Equipment Manufacturers to set up domestic manufacturing infrastructure and supply chains. Amid the mixed response to this policy, the private sector has been demanding a level playing field and a transparent bidding process. Unless the bottlenecks are removed, India — now the fourth largest defence spender in the world — will continue to depend heavily on imports in the high-stakes military arena.

Sedition case withdrawn

Govt acts after charges found baseless

It is ironic that a place that was the seat of the Licchavis in ancient India, where the first signs of democracy were evident during the time of the Mahajanpadas, should become a centre for the filing of cases against eminent personalities that are ultimately found to be baseless. The police in Muzaffarpur town of Bihar have finally recommended closure of the case against 49 eminent personalities for writing a letter to PM Narendra Modi over the rising incidents of lynching in the country for lack of evidence.

The place has been in news for the filing of cases against persons of reputation. Earlier this year, a case was filed against actor Anupam Kher for trying to malign the image of former PM Manmohan Singh, for the way he was depicted in the film *The Accidental Prime Minister*, and in 2013, a case was filed challenging the selection of cricketer Sachin Tendulkar for Bharat Ratna, making Deputy CM Sushil Modi remark that it was the work of a serial litigant. The decision to close the sedition case comes a day after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat expressed his disapproval over lynching incidents in the country and the reassurance that fringe elements would be kept at bay, especially with the MM Kalburgi and Gauri Lankesh incidents serving as a backdrop.

CM Nitish Kumar has managed to assure that he can hold out on his own and not cave in to sectarian or frivolous elements. It will also come as a reprieve for his government that has been under fire for its delayed response to the deluge in the capital Patna. That it took three days to rescue the Deputy CM from his house pointed to the severity of the problem. It reminded of the 1975 floods when the then CM, Dr Jagannath Mishra, also had to be rescued. It is said Gautam Buddha visited Pataliputra when it was being built and predicted that it would face threat from three things: water, fire and intrigues. Governance and development, indeed, hinge on managing resources — natural and man-made.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it. — **George Bernard Shaw**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1919

Lessons of the Railway Strike.

It will have been seen that Mr. Lloyd George in the speech he delivered on the occasion of the conferment of the Freedom of the City of London on Lord Allenby, the hero of Jerusalem, dwelt on the recent railway crisis and its lessons. It is too early to sum up the lessons. Two things, however, are clear. The first is, as the *Daily Chronicle* has pointed out, that the strike, as a weapon, is effective against individual employers, but is unsuited for employment against the State. The second is that Bolshevism has no chance in England. The dictatorship of the proletariat is the last thing that she will tolerate. Her peers would trundle trolleys of milk-churns and peeresses would unload potatoes, her admirals, colonels and M.Ps. would act as engine-drivers, stokers, signalmen, lamp-lighters and stablemen rather than allow the community to be held to ransom by any one section. This loyalty to the social organisation which manifested itself in the participation of the public in helping the State in the organisation of emergency services and its cheerful acquiescence in the serious inconvenience arising out of the strike, may be trusted to protect England against any cataclysmic disaster in the future.

The Pre-censorship Order.

MR. Thompson's speech in the Indian Legislative Council relates to the order prohibiting the publication of uncensored account of the recent deplorable occurrences. It goes: "The order was passed requiring any newspaper, whether English or Indian, to submit any accounts which it proposed to publish of the events which had taken place for pre-censorship before publication. There was nothing to prevent any newspaper, which desired honestly and for the public good to publish true information, from publishing it."

The Valley of fear

Detention of top leaders in Kashmir discredits Indian democracy



NOUS INDICA
RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN

No visit is ever pleasant when Srinagar is under the shadow of the gun. This time around, after two months of the lockdown, there was an eerie normalcy in the Valley. It was indeed 'abnormally normal', as a senior officer put it while talking about the bustling Sunday market last week. J&K as a whole and the Valley in particular are in the throes of transformation. But unlike in the past, there are only a few visible signs of this transition. There are no protests, no restrictions on movement, at least in Srinagar city, and life appears to run its calm, serene course. But the glowing autumn sun doesn't deceive the sense of defeat in the air.

Most Kashmiris are yet to give expression to their response to the abrogation of Article 370 and the decision to turn the state into a UT. Ordinary folks say they are still in shock, separatists want weapons to fight the Indian State, even more radical ones are looking at the possibility of an Indo-Pak war — but they all believe that there is no point in pelting stones to invite bullets. This, in a way, is a turning point in the lives of the Kashmiris. There is, probably for the first time, a feeling of futility in inviting repression and a great fear of the unknown, which has triggered the technique of protest by shopkeepers to open their shops early, shut them during the official working hours, and open them, if needed, again in the evening. A lot of shopkeepers have taken their wares to the pavements to the Sunday market, which is now almost a week-long affair in the capital city.

Is it a spontaneous shutdown by



WAY FORWARD: Competitive politics is the only antidote to extremist violence. The sooner it is rung in, the better for all.

It seems counterproductive to create new leaders by marginalising those who championed the Indian State.

shopkeepers or are they being threatened by overground workers of militant groups? Well, the truth in the Valley is always somewhere in between. There are reports of overground militants identifying certain shops by putting a mark on them, and also a whisper campaign about the 'advisory' of timings to open and shut the shops. But the people are also willing to sacrifice a portion of their income to make a statement. There are orchard owners and apple farmers, even among cops, who are willing to let their apples rot to register their passive protest. There is unreserved, popular anger over the communications clampdown. When the most basic need to remain connected with the rest of the world is hit so completely, that too in the era of OTPs (one-time passwords) and mobile authentication for any kind of transaction, there is no debate on Article 370; there is only angst and anxiety over getting punished by New Delhi. That to a large extent explains the queer quietude.

The worst aspect of the lockdown is

that this fear has gripped everyone, including the huge pro-India constituency. The detention of former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, the greatest champions of the Indian State, has deepened the despair among those who have fought the separatists all through — serving and retired officials and political activists. The Abdullahs' detention has made their position untenable and uncertain. And some of the so-called grassroots workers who are now being projected as the next line of political leadership — after being picked up from the panchayats — are allegedly holed up in hotels in Srinagar, scared of returning to their villages. These panchayat-level, hand-picked novices cannot fill the political vacuum. And every passing day of detention of the top political leaders of the state is a day lost in repairing the umbilical cord and assuaging the hurt of the Kashmiris.

Thus, the greatest threat to the Indian State now is the possibility of losing its most important constituency in the

Valley and it seems counterproductive to create new leaders, marginalising or attacking the legitimate ones. The very approach of slamming this leadership as corrupt or status-quoist, which has to be wholly unproved, appears terribly misconceived. They have been the elected representatives of the Kashmiris for a very long time and their detention only discredits mainstream politics and Indian democracy.

From the security point of view, the detentions, transfer of inmates to jails outside the state, massive deployment of forces and the proactive approach on the LoC to neutralise infiltrators pushed across by Pakistan have yielded spectacular results, with this summer being one of the calmest in recent times. The security forces have done their best to ensure that violence doesn't erupt, but this calm could be deceptive as there is widespread apprehension of escalation of violence amongst Srinagar's residents. This thinking is partly promoted by the separatists and their handlers across the borders, but is also the result of a vacuum in political activism.

A two-year-long delimitation process without an elected government — if it happens, as people fear — will be a godsend for the Pakistan deep state and the Islamist secessionists. Every day without a legitimate, elected government is an open invitation to the militants to dominate the mindscape of the people. It further gives the Islamists an opportunity to convince the people that the entire exercise of scrapping Article 370 was to do away with Article 35-A and thereby turn Kashmir into a Muslim-minority region. The retelling of these fears will assume proportions of a new sub-national narrative, which will eat into the innards of sanity, leaving society crippled against the criminals within. Competitive, mainstream politics is the only antidote to extremist violence and the sooner it is rung in, the better for all stakeholders. Till then, the Kashmiris should not be blamed if they don't feel they too are Indian citizens.

The many Ching Fung-Lis on road

SURINDERJIT SINGH SANDHU

Road safety week functions, like several other ceremonial oath-taking the year round, have not yielded any fruitful transformation. Punjab is among some states that have decided to put on hold the amended Motor Vehicles Act.

I have been hearing for the past over half a century that magician Ching Fung-Li could drive a motorcycle in busy areas completely blindfolded. I thought he could do this because he possessed clairvoyant powers. But these days, hundreds of such magicians are visible on roads, driving all sorts of vehicles while using mobile phones.

Sometimes, six people can be seen on a scooter. Even cyclists, rickshaw-pullers and pedestrians

are on mobile calls, oblivious of the dangers of such activity.

I remember an incident that happened about 15 years ago. My friend's son, an engineering student, often indulged in odd behaviour. He would drive his car in the high-security residential colony, where ministers and bureaucrats lived. He was passing near the house of an ADGP when he hit a stationary police vehicle. The driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries. Before the youngster could reveal his identity, he was given a beating and handed over to the nearby police station, where with great efforts, he was eventually released. It was later revealed that he would read a book while driving!

A person who does any other work while driving is akin to a blind person. Should the government give a dri-

ver's licence to the visually challenged too? Some use only one hand while driving. My colleague, a district transport officer, told me once that a man with only one hand, that too with two digits missing, had applied for licence. He had also procured a fitness certificate. His case was rejected twice, but he urged my friend to take his driving test in the most difficult area. He did so, and found that the less-abled drove the vehicle better than most able-bodied people. He got the licence. However, after about three months, while driving in the hills, he met with an accident as he could not negotiate a sharp curve. My friend had to appear before the claims tribunal for his dangerously innovative work. After burning his fingers, he was convinced that physical, and even mental fitness, was essential for a licence.

During my tenure as a district transport officer, I came across many drivers, particularly truck drivers, who would keep five licences with them. If one was impounded, they would use another. Called 'Lahori licences', these could be procured from any part of the country.

The fear of law is missing. Earlier, the most dangerous aspect was drunk driving, but the use of phones has become more lethal. In 2014, the government wanted to bring about revolutionary legislative changes for safe traffic/transport. Nothing came of it. The state government has also abolished the posts of district transport officer. The number of Ching Fung-Lis is growing alarmingly. The enactment of laws without logistic support and implementation is similar to building castles of sand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summit crucial

Reference to the editorial 'Timing it right' (October 10); the summit is crucial at a time when both countries have problems of their own and a few are beyond each one's control. If India has terrorism and economic woes to grapple with, China has sovereignty and trade issues to contend with. President Xi Jinping might not be as assertive as he was in Wuhan, given the debilitating trade war with the US and its dilemma over Hong Kong crisis. Its vast currency reserves may cushion the impact, but for how long?

SRISHTI MATHUR, UJJAIN

Savings not safe

People park their savings in banks in the form of FDs, not with a view to fetching good returns, but the belief that the return of money is more important than the returns ('No longer bankable'; October 10). Deposits are considered safe as you can get your money back at a moment's notice. But the way things are unfolding in the banking sector, one can't be sure one's savings are safe. A prudent, cautious and pragmatic strategy must be devised to avert the precipitation of any such crisis.

ROSHAN LAL GOEL, LADWA

Don't fix number

Though the announcement by the Punjab CM to free 550 prisoners on the occasion of the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations is laudable, and has humane touch, the rules to ascertain eligibility for remission should not be overlooked. Instead of fixing the figure at 550 prisoners, the announcement should be for only eligible prisoners. Else it will set an unhealthy precedent. It would therefore be appropriate not to fix any number, in the best interest of law and order in society.

RAVI BHUSHAN, KURUKSHETRA

Mob madness

Mob violence has no logic ('Uneasy over lynchings'; October 10). It has become the need of the hour that leaders of parties based on religious ideology refrain from making provocative statements. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks are not proper at this crucial time, when mob violence is increasing. Action must be taken against hate-mongers like Pragya Thakur and Sakshi Maharaj.

JBS NANDA, LUDHIANA

Make stand clear

Mohan Bhagwat's remark seems like an attempt to deflect attention from the real problem. What differ-

ence does it make how we phrase these incidents of mob violence? Miscrants have the upper hand because of leaders like him, who choose to equivocate on these communal issues, rather than strongly disavowing such acts, out of fear of losing their vote bank.

VARUN DAS, ZIRAKPUR

Appeasement policy

Refer to the middle 'Gandhi and the last trigger' (October 10); there is some truth in the belief that the appeasement policy of Mahatma Gandhi towards Muslims led to his assassination. The present situation the Congress finds itself in is also due to its appeasement policy towards Muslims and the neglect of Hindus and Sikhs. The party should think about it. Even a man in the street understands this.

MOHINDER SINGH, PATIALA

Soft on Pakistan

The middle 'Gandhi and the final trigger' (October 10) made a first-hand revelation. Gandhi's soft approach to Pakistan's insistence on a 10-mile corridor to link its East and West wings was not relished by many in India due to its far-reaching implications.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Stubble trouble

Refer to the news report 'Govt staff to face music for burning straw' (October 10); about 2.5 million farmers in India grow wheat and rice crops, which leave post-harvest residue. The easy alternative is to burn it, which is undoubtedly a major reason for smog, and air pollution. The government has issued strict instructions to the administration to take action against offenders. Farmers defy the ban due to lack of knowledge and alternatives that are feasible and affordable. They should be made aware through kisan melas and field visits by the agriculture department. They should not be penalised like criminals.

GURWINDER SINGH, BY MAIL

Drive against poly-bags

Reference to the seizure of poly-bags; plastic degrades the environment, and the much-awaited decision by the Punjab Government is commendable. But there is a pressing need to implement it with defined parameters among various sections of society. It is an extensive challenge which needs specific strategies with a pragmatic approach to formulate these campaigns among poly-bag consumers.

VIJAYATA SHARMA, JALANDHAR

What leaving the IAS portends for steel frame



AMITABHA BHATTACHARYA
FORMER BUREAUCRAT

through politics than the civil service was rather evident, the case of the latest ones was rather sudden. What could be the real cause of their action?

When candidates, after a stiff competition, join the IAS and other high civil services, they are broadly aware of the challenges and opportunities, as also the limits of freedom — in speech and action — that lie ahead. The conduct rules, oath of secrecy and the like impose reasonable restrictions on their work and conduct. They also know the political environment under which their mettle will be tested. In the training academy at Mussoorie, the IAS motto *Yogah Karmasu Kaushalam* (proficiency in action is yoga) reminds them continuously of the path they are to follow.

IAS officers have in the past left their jobs for a variety of reasons — better financial prospects in intergovernmental bodies like the World Bank or multinational private organisations, lure of lifelong social service through NGOs, teaching and research in universities (mostly in the West), heady attraction of active politics, or to avoid facing disciplinary action by the government. There have also been instances where officers felt humiliated on being transferred to a remote place or to a posting perceived as beneath their stature.

Exceptions apart, such decisions are often taken after a cool cost-benefit analysis, in monetised term or otherwise. Tears are hardly shed for such resignations.

However, it is a matter of national



YOGAH KARMASU KAUSHALAM: IAS motto at the training academy in Mussoorie.

It is a matter of national concern if the higher bureaucracy feels slighted or believes that the space for independent thinking and action — within the reasonable limits — is getting shrunk. Is that the case here? No doubt, life is getting increasingly difficult for non-performers and the corrupt elements.

concern if the higher bureaucracy feels slighted or believes that the space for independent thinking and action — within the reasonable limits — is getting shrunk. Is that the case here? No doubt, life is getting increasingly difficult for non-performers and the corrupt elements.

As per newspaper reports, while Gopinath (electrical engineer from BIT, Mesra) and Senthil (electrical engineer from REC, Tiruchirappalli) alluded, directly and indirectly, to the recent action in J&K and to how “the fundamental building blocks of our diverse

democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented way”, Kashish Mittal (computer engineer from IIT, Delhi) was not happy to be transferred from Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh. All three are engineers from reputed institutions and, being rather young with a good service background, may not find it difficult to pursue an alternative career, if their resignations are accepted. However, the real reason or motive behind their action requires to be ascertained by the government authorities.

While the citizenry that includes all thinking members of the higher echelons of the civil service is entitled to their opinion about any state action, the linking of resignations to that cause raises questions. Did the officers find it difficult to work where they were posted? Didn't the IAS provide them enough opportunity to serve the underprivileged, improving the delivery systems of health, education and social justice to millions of people?

The IAS tradition has been enriched by many illustrious members who added immense value to their jobs wherever they worked and made a substantial difference to the lives of the disadvantaged, sometimes under the most adverse political circumstances. SR Sankaran, BN Yugandhar, BD Sharma, NC Saxena and many others served tirelessly within the fold of the IAS, refining and expanding the sphere of action in areas they held dear to their heart.

Understandably, one should leave the service if one thinks that the decision would provide one with a greater

sense of satisfaction and actualisation of one's potential. But couching such decisions under lofty moral or ethical principles can be problematic. There are umpteen cases where officers had to suffer in their career for ‘writing truth on files’ or for disagreeing with the superior, political or bureaucratic. But they rarely contemplated resignation as a way out. For it is possible, though not easy, to tread a fair path, remain loyal to the Constitution and committed to public service, while remaining a respected member of the IAS.

David C Potter quoted the famous administrator LP Singh, ICS, addressing the IAS trainees in 1971: “...many of the grievances of the civil servant about the functioning of our political system arise from too idealistic a view of public affairs and in non-recognition of the fact that, after all, politics is concerned with power.” Singh also lamented that bemoaning of political interference by thousands of civil servants tended to deflect them from going more deeply into what he broadly described as the professional problems (*India's Political Administrators 1919-1983*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1986). The situation does not appear to have changed much.

In a young democracy like ours, it has always been difficult for a civil servant to pursue excellence in action on a sustained basis under adverse conditions. Does a resignation provide any key to addressing this systematic challenge? Does it serve any major purpose? Only time will tell.

Criminal law amendments need a direction



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IN pursuance of the recent statement by Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, the revision of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and some other laws has been entrusted to the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPRD). Criminal law reforms of the sort envisaged are rather uncommon as reforms and revisions in laws in this country have usually been preceded by certain crisis and urgencies requiring amendments. These limited amendments on earlier occasions, were based on specific needs and contexts, like the amendment of rape law provisions following the Mathura and Nirbhaya cases. Resultantly, the code has never been comprehensively revised.

Arguably, the state's decision to make wide-ranging changes in criminal laws is intriguing, if not surprising. And the mandate this time is not restricted to any particular aspect of the IPC and CrPC. Rather, these laws are kept fully open for amendments. Prof Barry Wright dealt with the issue of the revision of the IPC on its 150th anniversary and found the task of updating the IPC to be difficult and the aim of perfecting it in accordance with the original principles to be highly complex. The thought of revising the IPC is an acknowledgement of the influence of extra-legal factors affecting the operation of the code. It is also about looking at those provisions that are irrelevant in the modern context.

Admittedly, the IPC has both structural imbalances and fundamental infirmities. The principles on which the IPC is based are free will, contractual premises and constitutional underpinnings. The robustness of the IPC requires substantive revisions to be based on these principles. The original premises and provisions of the IPC



ENVISAGED: Revision of the IPC and CrPC following Amit Shah's statement.

were differently oriented since the Constitution came much later than the code itself and, therefore, lacks its principled approach. The ensuing amendments spurred by the recommendations of the Law Commission of India and reports of other committees on criminal justice reforms influenced the amendments in the IPC by aligning them with the constitutional principles to some extent. Even so, a contentious mismatch between legal provisions and constitutional aspirations is visible at multiple places in the IPC.

Presently, the IPC contains 22 chapters and 511 sections. More than 40 per cent of the offences that are registered under various sections pertain to the chapters on ‘offences affecting human body’ and ‘offences against property.’ Surprisingly, even in today's context, the offences relating to public order, sexual act and economic crime constituted only 3, 4.7 and 5 per cent, respectively, in 2016. This skewed distribution is a function of classificatory anomalies

in the IPC which need reconsideration in the modern context.

The distribution of the number of provisions and the number of crimes registered under them also presents a definite picture about the direction and the nature of changes and revision needed in the IPC. One-third of all sections of the IPC pertain to only two categories of offences — against human body and property. The skew in the code can be gauged from the fact that out of 511 sections, 270 account for a mere 14.6 per cent offences. This data poses a question about the usefulness and unenforceability of such sections which relate to offences against the state, public tranquility, offences relating to coin and stamps, public health, document, public authority, false evidences, weights and measures etc. It is not my case that these sections are redundant, but that they require rephrasing to make them concise and relevant.

Such precision and relevance can be achieved only after much debate.

Amending laws does not mean mere addition, subtraction or revision of the existing provisos. It is as much about fundamental alterations as may be relevant in the fresh contexts; in revision of classification schemes; reordering of provisions and chapters; and rethinking of governing principles.

The IPC is a statement of criminal policy and, therefore, needs to spell out the way the state deals with the wrongdoing of people as well as the state through its officials. It includes the determination of the extent and type of behaviour to be criminalised. It also covers the penal policy of the state under which official sanctions are imposed in varying degrees and mannerisms of punishment, depending upon the penal policy of retribution, deterrence, restoration or alternative reactions to offences. Any change in the IPC, therefore, must be in conformity to the stated requirements.

Though the IPC was considered to be the major law of the land, the same is no longer the case. Major chunks of offences now form a part of special and local laws (SLL). These SLLs cover several types of offences, such as corruption, money-laundering, organised crime, drugs, domestic violence, sexual assault against children, offence against Dalits etc. These offences were once part of the IPC in some form or the other. Whereas on the one hand, branching them out to these SLLs has lowered the significance of the IPC, and on the other, it has created sharper processes and mechanisms to deal with them.

The trend of enacting specialised criminal laws has limited the scope of the IPC, raising pertinent questions, such as — ‘what is the future of IPC if this trend persists?’ and, ‘do we need to expand the IPC or continue to branch out special

offences through SLLs?’

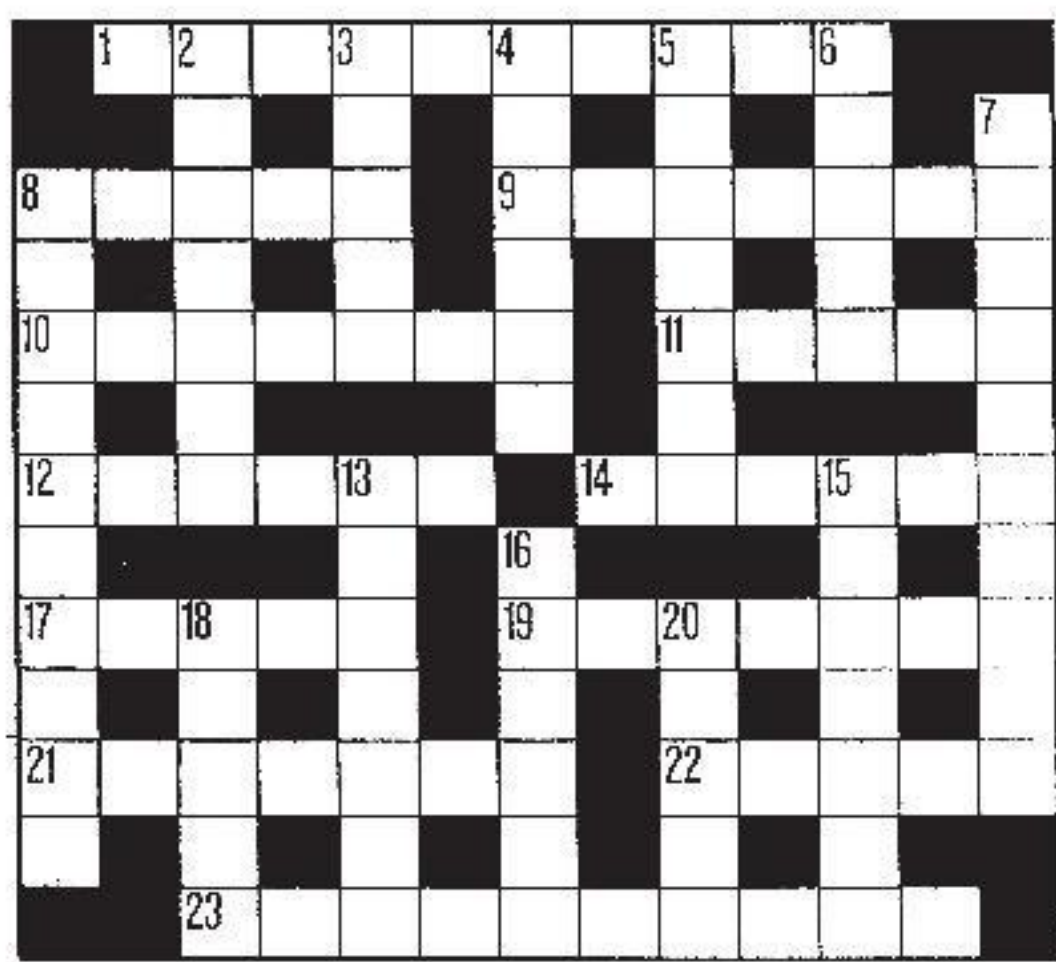
Another issue in the IPC is that of sexual offences. In the past two decades, sexual offences have received considerable attention. New offences, including stalking and voyeurism, have been created and the definition of rape has been widened. Even so, sexual offences under the IPC are located in the chapter on offences against human body as the code does not have any chapter on sexual offences. Such a specialised chapter is not only important in terms of its contextual significance but also because it covers a wide variety of offences within its ambit.

Victims of crime in India have been marginalised in the 150-year-long history of criminal law. Barring sporadic changes, the Indian criminal laws too have failed to keep up with the developments in the international victimology. The challenge for the IPC at this stage is to mainstream crime victims while developing the definitional understanding of offences even as the consideration for punishment must take into account the impact suffered by the victims as a consequence of the commission of a crime.

In a nutshell, any attempt to revise the IPC will have to focus on the following: principles like free will, general exception, penal philosophy, determination of punishment, including its quantum, would need to be considered; debate is required on the reorganisation of chapters, including further classification; the identification of offences, including their redefinition or decriminalisation; there is a need to prominently include the victim in the construction of offences; there is a need to revise the fine structure; and simplification of illustrations and language is required.

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QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Great upheaval (10)
 - Weighty (5)
 - Do away with (7)
 - Flier (7)
 - To coach (5)
 - To hire (6)
 - A brother's son (6)
 - Visual range (5)
 - A monarch (7)
 - Retributive justice (7)
 - Give as prize (5)
 - Naively idealistic (6-4)

- DOWN**
- Marvellous (7)
 - Assniation (5)
 - Prey (6)
 - Ardent advocate of reform (7)
 - Expel from property (5)
 - The developing countries (5,5)
 - Providential (6-4)
 - Embark on nautical career (2,2,3)
 - Vegetation on pasture land (7)
 - Hot spring (6)
 - Athletic sports (5)
 - Carpentry tool (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
Across: 1 Defect, 4 Bright, 9 Fall out, 10 Blunt, 11 Steep, 12 In touch, 13 Every second, 18 Scratch, 20 Logic, 22 Amity, 23 Neutral, 24 Lather, 25 Recess.
Down: 1 Defuse, 2 False, 3 Chopper, 5 Rebut, 6 Gauquin, 7 Tetchy, 8 At first hand, 14 Verdict, 15 Collude, 16 Assail, 17 Scales, 19 Thyme, 21 Gorge.

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OCTOBER 11, 2019, FRIDAY

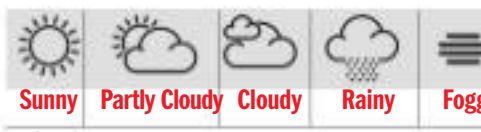
- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 19
- Ashwin Parvishte 25
- Hijari 1441
- Shukla Paksh Tithi 13, up to 10.20 pm
- Virdhi Yoga up to 3:30 am
- Purvabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 5.10 am
- Moon enters Pisces sign 10.26 pm
- Pardonsh Vrat

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:56 HRS
SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:22 HRS



CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	32	19
New Delhi	33	21

PUNJAB		
Amritsar	33	18
Bathinda	33	18
Jalandhar	33	17
Ludhiana	32	19

HARYANA		
Bhiwani	34	20
Hisar	35	17
Sirsa	34	19

HIMACHAL PRADESH		
Dharamsala	23	15
Manali	19	03
Shimla	23	12

JAMMU & KASHMIR		
Jammu	32	18
Leh	—	—
Srinagar	25	06

UTTARAKHAND		
Dehradun	32	17
Mussoorie	22	11

TEMPERATURE IN °C



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NSE
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GOLD
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Mumbai

SILVER
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Haryana sees two-fold rise in realty projects in small cities

Reason: Increased demand for affordable housing

VIJAY C ROY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10
Call it rising awareness among buyers or increased demand for housing, the number of RERA-registered projects, especially in tier-II and tier-III cities (except Gurugram) of Haryana, has witnessed over two-fold increase in the past six months. Fuelled by more affordable housing projects, the number of projects has gone up to 309 from 148.

According to real estate consultants, there is a paradigm shift in the approach towards residential real estate as many developers are now moving towards smaller cities such as Jhajjar, Jind, Mewat, Palwal and Rewari, which are much more affordable than Gurugram.

"In terms of overall projects registered with RERA, Gurugram has more number of projects as compared to all real estate projects put together across the state. However, fuelled by affordable housing projects, we have witnessed a two-fold increase in the registration from 148 projects to 309 housing projects in the past six months," said Rajan Gupta, chairman, HRERA, Panchkula.

According to the developers, there is a demand of affordable housing in many small cities of the

state. Further, with RERA becoming tough on erring builders, many developers in the affordable housing category are registering their projects.

The biggest challenge for affordable housing is the price of land and since it is too costly in Gurugram, the developers are eyeing smaller cities.

The major cities where real estate projects are coming up include Sonapat, Rohtak, Rewari, Palwal, Mewat, Kurukshetra, Jhajjar, Jind and Faridabad among others.

According to the Economic Survey of Haryana 2018-19, construction industry started improving in FY18 and recorded a growth of only 5.3% in FY19. Due to this, many developers have already

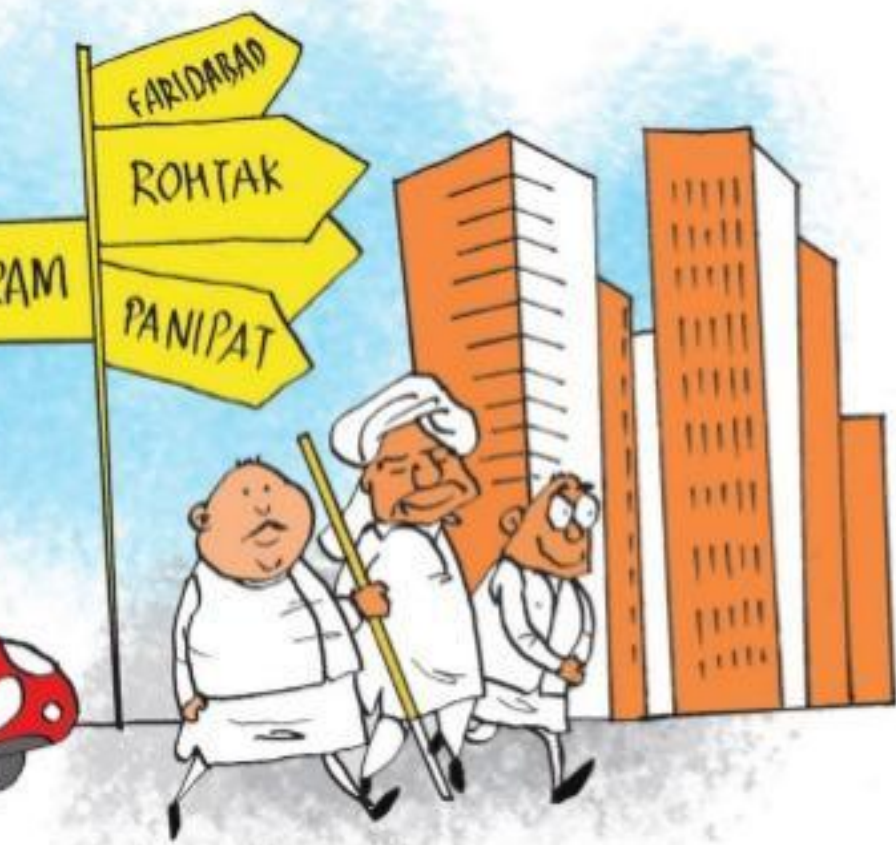


ILLUSTRATION: SANDEEP JOSHI

registered their projects or are in the process of registration.

Haryana has two Registers of Real Estate Regulatory Authority — one at Gurugram and another at Panchkula. Gurugram, which falls under the National Capital Region, comes under Gurugram bench and has a lion's share of RERA-registered real estate projects numbering 346. The HRERA-Panchkula, which covers all districts of the state, except Gurugram, has 309 projects registered with it. So, Gurugram is leading the state in real estate development.

The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 and the Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Develop-

ment) Rules 2017 make it mandatory for the incomplete projects to be registered with the state realty regulatory authority.

The developers said since the government has raised the limit of deduction on home loan interest to Rs 3.5 lakh from Rs 2 lakh earlier, in this year's Budget, it has fuelled the demand. This will be applicable for loans sanctioned during this financial year and homes priced up to Rs 45 lakh.

However, they complained that the GST Council recently took a decision that affordable housing be taxed at the rate of 1%. "This will be unviable for the builders and they will try to pass on the burden to customers," he said.

Moody's cuts GDP growth forecast to 5.8% for FY20

Says Indian economy experiencing pronounced slowdown

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Moody's Investors Service today slashed its 2019-20 GDP growth forecast for India to 5.8% from 6.2% earlier, saying the economy was experiencing a pronounced slowdown which is partly related to long-lasting factors. The projection is lower than 6.1% that the RBI had forecast just last week.

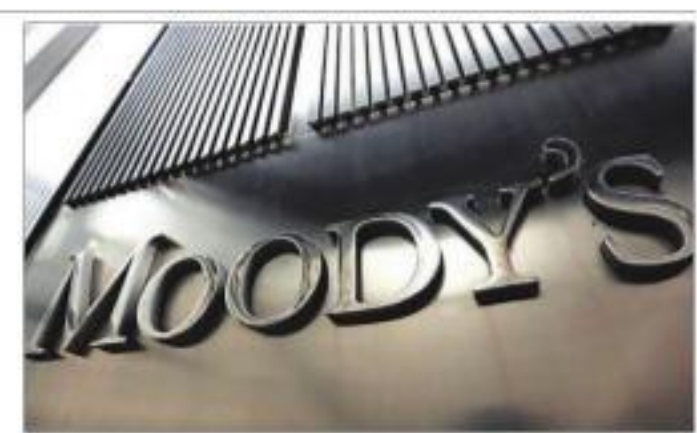
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"The drivers of the deceleration are multiple, mainly domestic and in part long-lasting," Moody's said in a report. It expected the growth to pick up to 6.6% in 2020-21 and to around 7% over the medium term.

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PROJECTION LOWER THAN RBI ESTIMATES

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Although we expect a moderate pick-up in real GDP growth and inflation in the next two years, we have revised down our projections for both. Compared with two years ago, the probability of sustained real GDP growth at or above 8% has significantly diminished — Moody's Investors Service

cast for India by 50 basis points and 1.3 percentage points to 6.5% and 5.9%, respectively.

Last week, the RBI also slashed its growth projection for the economy to 6.1% from an earlier estimate of 6.9%. Rating agency Standard & Poor's has also lowered its India growth forecast to 6.3% from 7.1%.

In June, Fitch cut India's

growth forecast for the current fiscal for a second time in a row to 6.6%. It had earlier in March lowered the growth estimate for 2019-20 to 6.8%, from 7% projected earlier, on weak momentum of the economy.

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"What was an investment-led slowdown has broadened into consumption, driven by financial stress among rural households and weak job creation," it said adding a credit crunch among non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), major providers of retail loans in recent years, has compounded the problem. — PTI

TCS September quarter profit rises to ₹8,042 cr

Mumbai: Country's largest IT services firm TCS on Thursday reported 1.8% rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 8,042 crore for the quarter ended September 30. It had posted a net profit of Rs 7,901 crore in the year-ago period, TCS said in a BSE filing. Revenue of the Mumbai-based firm grew 5.8% to Rs 38,977 crore in the July-September quarter as compared to Rs 36,854 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal, it added. TCS, whose results kick off the earnings season for tech companies, also said its Board has declared a second interim dividend of Rs 5 and a special dividend of Rs 40 per equity share of Re 1 each of the company. PTI

Chinese vendors get DoT approval for 5G demo

New Delhi: Chinese telecom gear makers Huawei and ZTE have been granted permission by the Telecom Department to proceed with 5G 'use cases' demos at upcoming India Mobile Congress (IMC), according to official sources. Welcoming the nod for IMC, Huawei said the green signal sends a "positive message" and will bolster industry's confidence to work with the company. The company remains confident that it will also be given permission to participate in 5G trials in India, Huawei stated. The IMC will be held between October 14 and 16. PTI

Haldiram sole bidder to buy Kwality for ₹130 cr

New Delhi: Haldiram group has emerged as the sole bidder for acquiring debt-ridden dairy firm Kwality for around Rs 130 crore in the ongoing insolvency process, sources said. The lenders are likely to vote on Haldiram's bid later this month, they added. Shailendra Ajmera, who is part of consultancy firm EY, has been appointed as the resolution professional to conduct the insolvency proceedings, which started in December 2018 following an order of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Global private equity player KKR had filed insolvency plea against Kwality. In 2016, Kwality had raised Rs 300 crore from KKR India Financial Services and got additional commitment of Rs 220 crore. PTI

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEE/GFZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.irops.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Bid closing Date/Time - 25/10/2019 15:00 hrs.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost (in Rs.)	Cost of tender form (in Rs.)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
22	Electrical work in c/w Repair, Maintenance Improvement & Special maintenance of Electrical assets for proposed GM inspection from Bhatinda - Kotkapura - Fazilka - Firozpur section (Bhatinda excluding)	91,40,850.71/-	5,000/-	Up to 25.10.2019 15:00 Hrs.	1,82,800/-	120 days	25.10.2019 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.irops.gov.in

251-Elect/T Notice No. 22-Elect/2019-20 Dated : 10.10.2019 3245/2019
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MISSING

The General Public is hereby informed that a person named Sushil Kashyap S/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Lal Kashyap R/o # 34, Housing Board Colony, Phase-1, Sai Road Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, age about 32 years, Height 5'-8", fair complexion, wearing light green blue klapree & white sleeper, has been reported to be missing from PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh since 23.09.2019. In this regard, a DDR No. 32, dated 23.09.2019 has been lodged in Police Post PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh. The photograph of missing person is given above.

In case of any clue about said missing person, please inform to Police Post PGI, Sector-12, Chandigarh on Ph. No. 0172-2760004, SHO Police Station Sector-11, Chandigarh on Ph. No. 9779580911, 0172-2760002, 2747066, and Chandigarh Police Control Room Ph. No. 0172-2749194 or 112, 100.

Chandigarh Police

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ERECTION OF GERMAN HANGER FOR HOLDING EXHIBITION ON THE EVE OF 550TH PRAKASH PURAB CELEBRATIONS OF SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI AT SULTANPUR LODHI, DISTT. KAPURTHALA, PUNJAB FROM NOVEMBER 05, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2019

On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-IV, PSIEC, Chandigarh invites online bids for Holding exhibition in German Hanger at New Dana Mandi, Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab on the eve of celebration of 550th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji from November 05, 2019 to November 15, 2019.

Conditions:

- Eligible/Interested bidders shall have to deposit online EMD of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakhs Only) and tender fee Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only). Earnest Money of the unsuccessful bidders shall be released after finalization/allotment of bid.

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	Financial Bid
10.10.2019	14.10.2019 up to 11:00 a.m.	14.10.2019 at 11.30 a.m.	To be intimated later on

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to website <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
 The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0181-2602888 (PSIEG) and No. 0172-2791226 (NIC).
 Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> only.

Executive Engineer-IV

PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES & EXPORT CORPORATION LTD. (A STATE GOVT. UNDERTAKING)

18, HIMALAYA MARG, UDYOG BHAWAN, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH — 160017
PHONE: 2702301-305, FAX: 2702039, Email: psiec_chd@yahoo.co.in DPR/Pb/C4240

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No. ETENDER/PWSSB/HOSHIARPUR/EE/2019/57 of 2019 Date 10.10.2019 <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, PWSSB, Chandigarh, The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur re-invite the bids due to non-submission of bids from the eligible bidders for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Document/ Tender Processing Fee	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the work
1	Prov. & Lay. W/S & Sew. Line in Gali No. 1 Mohalla Partap Nagar, Naloiyan Chowk & Gali No. 10, Shivalk Avenue (from the House of Dilbag Singh to the House of Randhir Singh), at Hoshiarpur Town, (MP LAD).	Rs. 5200/-	100/590	Two Months	Rs. 2.60 Lac

2. Important dates are as under:-
 i) Period of availability of tender online shall be : From 10.10.2019 to 24.10.2019 up to 5:00 p.m.
 ii) Last date & time for online submission of bid shall be : 24.10.2019 up to 5:00 p.m.
 iii) Date & time of opening of Technical Bid : 25.10.2019 at 01:00 p.m.

Note: (i) The dates given above are for eligible L & C Societies.
 (ii) For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
 (iii) If any corrigendum issued will be loaded & seen at website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Hoshiarpur. DPR/Pb/C6872

STATION HEADQUARTERS CHANDIMANDIR / CHANDIGARH MILITARY STATION

Shop for Beverage, Snacks and Photostat facilities is required to be opened at ECHS Polyclinic Sector - 47, Chandigarh. Applications be forwarded to:- Station Commander Station Headquarters, Chandimandir District - Panchkula (Haryana) PIN-134107 Last date of accepting applications : 30 Oct 2019.

Terms and conditions

- The shop of minimum size 8'x8' will be constructed by the allottee.
- Safety and security will be the responsibility of shopkeeper.
- Timings for opening/closing of the shop will be one hour before and after the ECHS functioning timings.
- Rebate, rent and allied charges will be applicable as per policy on the subject.

Note:-
 1. Only applications of war widows/widows of defence personnel killed while on duty/disabled soldier/Ex-servicemen and spouses/widows of Ex-serviceman will be accepted.
 2. Bidder must comply with the latest rules, policies, guidelines, which are in vogue in their particular area of enterprise and even may be issued subsequent to the date of allotment of shops.
 3. All bidders should have requisite technical and financial competence and capability to run the particular regimental shop that they are bidding for.
 4. Format of application, terms and conditions (Ministry of Defence guidelines) and any other details as desired by the applicant are to be collected from Station Headquarters Chandimandir by the applicant.
 5. Decision of management committee will be final.

HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVT. RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online item rate bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, RDD MANDI, HP, on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved and eligible contractors/firms of appropriate class registered with HPPWD for the following work(s) through e tendering mode:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money	Cost of tender form	Time
1	Construction of Block Development Office Building at Banjar Distt. Kullu, HP (SH:- C/O Civil works, water supply and sanitary installation etc.)	19468319	227200	5000/- (Non-refundable)	Eighteen MONTHS
2	Construction of Mukhya Mantri Lok Bhawan at Baga Changi Development Block Seraj at Janjehli Distt. Mandi HP (SH:- C/O Civil works, water supply and sanitary installation etc.)	2529840	45500	1500/- (Non-refundable)	Nine MONTHS
3	Repair of Assistant Engineer (Development) Residence at Kullu Distt. Kullu HP (SH:-Civil works, water supply and Sanitary etc.)	448470	9000	350/- (Non-refundable)	Six MONTHS

* Last date of filling/uploading the tender is 21.10.2019 up to 5:00 PM
 * Tender document and other detailed instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual.

Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, Mandi Distt. Mandi H.P. DPR/Pb/2392

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE- EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF COMML. PUBLICITY

For and on behalf of President of India Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt invite open E-tender through railway website www.irops.gov.in for display of four Vinyl Stickers (Two on each side of every coach) maximum each size 8x2" (total 64 sq. ft. per coach) on outer panel of the trains as per following details:-

1. Tender No. & Date	As per table - 1
2. E-tender website	www.irops.gov.in
3. Pre-Bid Conference Date & Time	21.10.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
4. Place of Pre-Bid Conference Date & Time	Office of the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Commercial Branch, DRM Office, Ambala Division.
5. Tender Closing Date & Time	As per Table-1
6. Tender Opening Date & Time	After 15 hrs on tender closing date
7. Others	Please log into website www.irops.gov.in for details regarding Tender Cost, Earnest Money, Contract Period & other terms and conditions of e-tender

S. No.	Train No.	No. of Rakes	Reserve Price for 1st year	E-tender No.	Earnest Money	Tender Form Cost (Including 18% GST)	Tender Closing/Date/Time
1	14553/54	Three	Rs. 10,30,824/-	UMB-PUB-T-14553-12-19	Rs. 1,09,500/-	Rs. 5900/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
2	22457/58	One	Rs. 3,43,608/-	UMB-PUB-T-22457-13-19	Rs. 36,500/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
3	14545/46	One	Rs. 3,43,608/-	UMB-PUB-T-14545-14-19	Rs. 36,500/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/ 15:00 hrs
4	14521/22	One	Rs. 3,43,608/-	UMB-PUB-T-14521-15-19	Rs. 36,500/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
5	14511/12	Three	Rs. 10,30,824/-	UMB-PUB-T-14511-16-19	Rs. 1,09,500/-	Rs. 5900/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
6	54531/32 54539/40 54541/42	Three	Rs. 6,23,700/-	UMB-PUB-T-54531-17-19	Rs. 66,300/-	Rs. 3540/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
7	54561/64	Three	Rs. 3,39,840/-	UMB-PUB-T-54561-18-19	Rs. 36,100/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
8	54551/52	Four	Rs. 4,53,120/-	UMB-PUB-T-54551-19-19	Rs. 48,200/-	Rs.3540/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
9	14503/04	One	Rs. 3,43,608/-	UMB-PUB-T-14503-20-19	Rs. 36,500/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs
10	14505/06	One	Rs. 3,43,608/-	UMB-PUB-T-14505-21-19	Rs. 36,500/-	Rs. 2360/-	05.11.2019/15:00 hrs

No. : 52/PUB-TRAINS/UMB/2011, Dated : 10.10.2019 3249/19

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE DIVISION, GURDASPUR E-TENDER NOTICE No. 16 of 2019-20

<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, P. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, P. W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur invites bids from eligible bidders for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Description of work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the work
1.	Providing and installing of Centralized sodium Hypochlorite facility including FRP Tank of capacity of 10000 ltr. & Providing and installing & commissioning of CCTV Camera, Cable, Wi-Fi Connection and all other works contingent thereto at Gurdaspur.	@ 2% DNIT cost Rs. 14460/-	Rs. 100/- As per website	1 Month	Rs. 7.23 lacs

Important dates are as under:
 Period of availability of tender online shall be : From 11.10.2019 from 2:00 p.m.
 Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : 31.10.2019 up to 5:00 p.m.
 Date and time of opening of Technical Bid : 1.11.2019 at 2.00 p.m.

Note:- The dates given above for tenders are for L & C Societies, for detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur. DPR/Pb/C4222

ROPEWAYS AND RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION H.P. LIMITED (RTDC) NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Chief General Manager, RTDC on behalf of Governor of HP invites the bids on item rate tender in two cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (INR)	EMD (INR)	Cost of tender (INR)	Eligible class of contractor	Time for completion
1	Construction of Sheep Shed (240 sheep capacity) with associated structures in ram centre at Sheep Development Farm Nagwa Distt. Mandi (SH:- C/o Approach road, Sheep Shed, Chaff Shed, Shearing Shed, Grass Shed and site development etc.)	112.36 lacs	1.50 lacs	5000/-	A	6 Months

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available on website <https://himachal.nic.in/transport>. The interested bidders may download the bid documents from Transport Department Himachal Pradesh website <https://himachal.nic.in/transport> and submit their bids offline in the C/O Chief General Manager Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation H.P. Limited US, Club, Shimla-171001 as per following schedule:-

Key Dates:

Document Download Date	14.10.2019
Bid Submission Date and Time	Up to 04.11.2019. 11.00 AM
Date of Technicar Bid opening	04.11.2019. 3.00 PM
Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated separately

Bid document downloaded should not be tampered and if any such tampering is detected before or after the opening of bids by the bidder, he shall be penalized and his tender will be rejected/cancelled. Other terms and conditions shall remain same as per bid document.

Sd/- Er. Ajay Sharma
 Chief General Manager,
 Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation H.P. Ltd., Shimla
 Email: cgmrtdehp@gmail.com
 DI-95749

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Himanshu son of Ajit Singh resident of VPO Matanhail, Jhajjar, have changed my name to Himanshu Vashisht. (CL19095302)

I, Sangeta Jaitely alias Sangeta w/o Krishan Kumar r/o 1059-L T2 Sector-1, Talwara T/ship Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Sangeta Jaitely to Rama Rani. (CL19095506)
I, Maghar Singh Sran S/o Nihal Singh R/o Mansa, Teh. & Distt. Mansa have changed my name Maghar Singh. (CL19095522)
I, Gurdayal S/o Shri Shiv Ram R/o Village Malkumajra P/O Bhud, Tehsil Baddi, District Solan, HP. have changed my name from Gurdayal to Gurdayal Singh. (CL19095524)

It is notified for the information that my Matriculation original Certificate Year 2011-13, Roll No. 2250449 goes out from CBSE Delhi has been actually lost. Kiran Verma D/o Rajeev Verma R/o Verma Nivas, Lower Cemetery, Flood, Sanjalva, Shimla 171006. (CL19095724)

I, Madan Lal s/o Sh. Suram Singh r/o VPO. Chattara, Teh. & Distt. Unnao-174306 (H.P.), have changed my name to Madan Lal Rana. (CL19095785)
I, Raj Rani w/o Jagdeep Singh R/o Amirpur Jattan, P.O. Tanda Rna Sahai, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Raj to Raj Rani. (CL19095807)
I, No. JC-431242X Sub Lal Singh s/o Late Jeet Singh r/o VPO Kuriala, Tehsil & Distt. Unnao (HP) declare that the correct DoB of my wife Sukhwinder Kaur is 18.10.1970 and wrongly entered as 18.10.1972 in my Army service record. It may be corrected. All concerned may note. (CL19095811)
I, Rohit S/o Tejal R/o 154/02 Sodagan Mohalla, Jhansa Road, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, have changed my name Rohit to Rohit Kumar. Please all concerned note. (CL19095840)

I, Surinder Kaur w/o Gurjant Singh # Z-5/ 07424, Mata Jivi Nagar, Bathinda, have changed my name to Surinder Kaur Dhir. (CL19095857)
I, Poonam Rani W/o Kuldeep Singh, Village Musahibpur, Teh. Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Poonam Rani to Punam Rani. Concerned note. (CL19095862)
I, Vinod Kumar S/o Mohan Lal permanent residence of House no.407, type-3, Nuhon Colony, GGSSTP Ropar (Punjab) India, presently staying at 21 Ailsa Avenue, Blacktown, Sydney, Australia declare that my son Ashish Kumar and his wife Heena Parmar are out of my control. I therefore disown and debar them from all my moveable / immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her own risk and responsibilities. I will not be responsible and liable for any of their activities. (CL19095510)

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Ms Harsimranjit Kaur, Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Gurdaspur CNR No. PBGD03-000066-2019 Next date: 25.11.2019
Navjot Kaur Versus **Lakhhir Singh**
 Publication issued to: Lakhhir Singh son of Nirmal Singh, Village Haruwal, P.O. Talwandi Lal Singh, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.
 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.
 For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=gurdaspur
 Dated, this day of 10.10.2019.
 Sd/- Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, CL19083340 Gurdaspur, epaper.tribuneindia.com

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COURT NOTICES

State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Haryana.
 Bays No. 3-6, Sector-4, Panchkula. No. SCDR/C/AI/2018
 Complaint No. 447 of 2018
 Laith Ahluwalia Complainant(s) Versus Skoda Auto India Pvt. Ltd. Opposite Party (Parties)
 Notice of the complainant(s)/ Opposite party (parties)
 To
 1. Skoda Auto India Private Limited, Plot No. A1/1, Shendra Fivestar Industrial Area Midc Aurangabad Maharashtra 431201, India.
 2. Skoda Auto As, TR, Vaclavaklementa 869, Mlada Boleslav, 29301, Czech Republic.
 4. Giriraj Motors, A Division of JSB Auto Pvt. Ltd. Opp. JMD Pacific Square, near 32nd Milestone, Chander Nagar, Sector-15, Part 2, Gurugram-122001, Haryana India. Also at: Regd. Office 38 Rama Road/Model Nagar, New Delhi-110015.

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Commission that the respondent(s) above noted cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation is hereby issued against respondent(s) named above to appear either personally or through their Counsel or duly authorized representative on 19.11.2019 at 10.30 a.m. and also bring with your all the documents/evidence upon which you intend to reply, failing which proceedings shall be taken against them in their absence.
 Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 23rd day of July 2019.
 Sd/- CL19095309 Superintendent.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) (Succession Case)
 In the Court of **Sh. Abhishek Phutela,** Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Chandigarh.
Kailash Devi or **Kailasho** Versus **General Public**
For the Grant of Succession Certificate CNR No.: CHCH02-003204-2019
 Next Date: 13.11.2019
 Notice 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 13.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.
 For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=chandigarh
 Dated, this day of 09.09.2019.
 Sd/- Abhishek Phutela Addl. Civil Judge, (Senior Division), CL19095495 Chandigarh.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of **Sh Saurabh Gupta,** Additional Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Panchkula.
CNR No. HRPK02-000351-2019 Next date: 06.11.2019
Shanti Devi Versus **General Public & others**
Suit for declaration
Notice 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 06.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.
 For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=panchkula
 Dated, this day of 30.09.2019.
 Sd/- Additional Civil Judge, (Senior Division), CL19095891 Panchkula.

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF FIRMS FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Chandigarh Region invites applications for Registration of Firms/Suppliers/Service Providers for Watch & Wards, Cleanliness. The Registration Form can be downloaded from the website i.e. https://rochandigarh.kvs.gov.in/ or collect from this office.
 Applications may be submitted to this Office before 21.10.2019 of publication of this notice in the prescribed format along with registration of PAN/TAN/ST/VAT/GST Number etc. and testimonials for minimum 03 years of experience. Labour/Service providers should mention EPS/ESI Number also, failing which Registration will be rejected.
 Sd/-(Dr. P. Devakumar), Deputy Commissioner.
 DI-95804

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT No.-PGI/Engg./Civil-1/2019/56)
 The Hospital Engineer (Civil-I), PGMIMER Chandigarh on behalf of the Director PGMIMER, Chandigarh invites online percentage rate bids from the specialized agencies/enlisted contractors in appropriate class of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/ State PWD'S/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in similar type of work (Similar work shall mean cleaning of tanks and allied works) on two bid system (Eligibility & Financial Bid) for the following work:-
 NIT No.: PGI/Engg./Civil-I/2019/56. Name of work:- Cleaning of Overhead & underground RCC and PVC water storage tanks in Sector-12 Campus and Sector 24, PGI Colony, PGMIMER, Chandigarh, Estimated Cost:- Rs. 22.36 Lakh, Earnest Money:- Rs. 44,725/-, Period of Completion:- Five Months, Last date and time of submission of bid:- 22.10.2019 up to 4.00 p.m., Last date and time of submission of Original EMD:- 23.10.2019 up to 4.00 p.m., Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid:- 24.10.2019 at 11.30 a.m.
 The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of Hospital Engineer (Civil-I) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid.
 The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/PGMIMER, and official website of the PGMIMER www.pgmimer.edu.in, Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. The contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website www.tenderwizard.com/PGMIMER, for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk No. for registration-09252209340, 08054623821).
 For any technical information contact (0172-2755860, 7087008869).
 DI-95816 **Hospital Engineer (Civil-I)**

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates who have applied in response to advertisement No. 2/2018 published on 31.07.2018 in various newspapers for the posts of **Audit Officer Cooperative Societies (Group-B) in Cooperation Department Haryana** that the Commission has finalized the syllabus for the Recruitment Test for the aforesaid posts and the same is available on Commission's website i.e. http://hpsc.gov.in. Candidates are advised to download the syllabus from the Commission's website. Further the Commission has decided that:-
 (i) The question paper of recruitment test will be of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) based on the syllabus and the same will be in English language only.
 (ii) The duration of the paper will be 2 hours with maximum marks 100.
 (iii) There will be no negative marking in the recruitment test.
 (iv) The candidates to the extent of three times of the number of posts advertised in each subject will be passed in recruitment test in addition to the bracketed candidates, if any.
Note: This announcement is also available on the Commission's website i.e. http://hpsc.gov.in.
Dated: 03.10.2019 Sd/- Deputy Secretary, Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula.
 PRDH/79281

SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE CONTROLLER OF STORES DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES, UDYOG BHAWAN, BEMLOE, SHIMLA-171001

E-TENDER NOTICE NUMBER: 04/2019-2020(SP)
Official Website: www.emerginghimachal.hp.gov.in
TELE/FAX No. 0177-2652637, 2812613
E-mail ID: tenders-ind-hp@nic.in

RFP/Tenders bids are electronically invited for engaging the event management agencies/firms as per following schedule. If the opening date happens to be a closed day then the tenders will be opened on the next working day.
 The descriptions given below are in brief. The complete details including RFP/Tender form, tender schedules (referred in e-tendering as Bill of Quantity) and terms & conditions will be available for downloading from 14.10.2019 at 05.00 PM onwards on website https://hptenders.gov.in. The bid shall be filled in electronic format on the schedule-"A" (BOQ) of the concerned item on the website https://hptenders.gov.in. The cost of tender form is Rs. 500/- per set which is non-refundable and Earnest money deposit of Rs. 2,00,000 is payable in favour of Additional Controller of Stores, H.P., Shimla-171001 in shape of Demand Draft, which shall be submitted by post/in person duly authorized before the opening of tenders.

Name of Tender	Date & time of opening of tenders.
Engaging Event Management Agency/ Firm for India International Trade Fair, 2019 in New Delhi	21.10.2019 at 11:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The bids will be uploaded in electronic format on the website https://hptenders.gov.in from 14.10.2019 at 05.00 P.M. onwards upto 10.30 a.m. on the date of opening of tenders.
 - The complete bidding process will be online.
 - A clarification session/meeting will be held on 18.10.2019 at 11.00 AM to 2.00 P.M. in the office of Controller of Stores, H.P., Shimla-171001 to clarify the issues and to answer questions related to the event.
 - Instructions to Bidders regarding e-tendering process:-**
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate" (Class-III) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. **Bidders can get above mentioned Digital Signature Certificates. Bidders, who already possess valid Digital Signature Certificates, need not procure new Digital Signature Certificates.**
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signatures. No proposal will be accepted in physical form.
 - The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
 - Bidders should get ready with the scanned copies of documents for cover information including cost of documents & EMD as specified in the tender documents. The original documents in respect of cost of tender form, EMD and additional documents if required shall be submitted in favour of Additional Controller of Stores, H.P. before the date of opening of tenders.
 - No proposal/tender will be accepted on the basis of Hard copies/manual tender in physical form. **Online submission of documents is mandatory.**
 - The tender documents shall be uploaded in two covers. Each cover shall contain separately the **"TECHNICAL BID"** and the **"FINANCIAL BID"**.
 - Cover-1** shall be "TECHNICAL BID" containing scanned copies of required documents as mentioned in the Terms & Conditions of tender. The "TECHNICAL BID" shall be opened on the date of opening of tender(s).
 - Cover-2** shall be "FINANCIAL BID" containing BOQ (Bill of Quantity) of rates. After the evaluation and approval of the technical proposal including the presentation, the "FINANCIAL BID" shall be opened of the technically qualified/accepted bids only. The bidders who do not qualify in the technical bids, their financial bids shall not be considered.
 - The tender will be rejected, if any changes/tampering is found in the BOQ (Bill of Quantity).
 - The Controller of Stores/Additional Controller of Stores may reject such tenders received with incomplete documents or non-receipt of requisite documents within stipulated period.
 - The Controller of Stores/Additional Controller of Stores, Himachal Pradesh reserves the right of rejection/approval of all or any of the tender without assigning any reasons therefor.
 - Please contact this office for any kind of technical assistance/guidance.
- Additional Controller of Stores, Himachal Pradesh.**
 DPR/HP/2410

Will send Syrian refugees to Europe, warns Turkish Prez

'Peace Spring' Erdogan lambasts critics of military incursion into Syria

ANKARA, OCTOBER 10
 Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned the European Union (EU) that he would let millions of Syrian refugees cross into the bloc if it criticised the military operations in Syria, launched by him aimed at pushing the Kurdish forces away from its border, entered its second day on Thursday.
 Erdogan also claimed the Turkish army had killed 109 Kurdish fighters on the first day of the country's invasion of northern Syria. The operation dubbed 'Peace Spring' by the Turkish government began Wednesday around 4 pm local time with air raids and shelling while a ground offensive, involving Turkish soldiers and allied Syrian rebels, began at 11.30 pm, Efe news reported.

Addressing his AKP party, Erdogan said Turkish troops had killed 109 "terrorists" and had captured several YPG fighters. The YPG, a Kurdish militia known officially as the People's Protection Units, had been a key US ally in the fight against the Islamic State in northern Syria but Ankara views them as indistinguishable from its more habitual enemies, the Kurdistan's Workers Party (PKK), which has fought a decades-long insurgency in southeast Turkey.
 The Turkish government refers to the YPG as a terror group. "We will bring peace and security to wherever we want to go," Erdogan told party members in a televised

BATTLE FOR A 'SAFE ZONE'

4,50,000 persons live within 5km of the Syria-Turkey border and are at risk if all sides do not exercise maximum restraint

60,000 persons have fled since the offensive began. Towns of Ras al-Ain and Darbasiya have been largely deserted as a result of the attack

109 militants had been killed so far in the two days of fighting, while Kurds said they were resisting assault

Women along with kids run to take cover due to Syrian shelling that left five dead in Akcakale, Turkey. AP/PTI

'AIM IS TO DESTROY TERROR CORRIDOR'

Turkey considers the biggest militia in the Kurdish-led alliance a terrorist group. It says it is an extension of a Kurdish rebel group fighting in Turkey. Turkish President says its aim is to "destroy the terror corridor formed on our southern border"

The President wants a 32-km deep "safe zone" along the Syrian side of the border clear of Kurdish fighters. He also hopes to resettle up to 2 million Syrian refugees currently living in Turkey

The Kurdish-led alliance says it will defend its territory. It accused the US of "leaving the area to turn into a war zone" and risking the re-emergence of Islamic State

TALKING TO 'BOTH SIDES'

"I am trying to end the ENDLESS WARS. Talking to both sides. I say hit Turkey very hard financially & with sanctions if they don't play by the rules! I am watching closely."

Donald Trump, US PRESIDENT

speech. "The operation continues in the region of Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn," he added, in reference to two of the cities where the Turkish forces began their operations on Wednesday.
 The military invasion of northern Syria, which came after US President Donald Trump decided to withdraw

American troops from the region, has been met with criticism. Erdogan reacted to this with a pointed threatening to the EU: "I say it again. If you try to label this operation as an invasion, it's very simple, we will open the gates and send 3.6 million refugees your way."
 Turkish authorities want

the "safe zone" to extend 32 km into northern Syria, stretching from the Euphrates River to the Iraqi border. Turkish forces on Thursday were shelling several YPG positions near Tal Aybad and conducted airstrikes near Qamishiqli, which is on the border. — Agencies

IS-linked couple stabs Indonesian security minister

JAKARTA, OCTOBER 10
 Two members of an IS-linked terror network stabbed Indonesia's chief security minister Wiranto on Thursday, the intelligence head said, as the powerful politician underwent emergency surgery for his wounds.
 The suspects were identified as Syahril Alamsyah, 31, and Fitri Andriana, 21 — a married couple. They were members of Jamaah Ansharut Daulah, a group responsible for suicide bombings at churches in Surabaya last year. — AFP

Wasn't blackmailed, says Zelenskiy

KIEV, OCTOBER 10
 Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on Thursday that US President Donald Trump did not seek to blackmail him during a phone call in July or a meeting in September.
 Zelenskiy said he had not known that US military aid to Ukraine had been blocked at the time of the call. Having been made aware of this by his defence minister later, he raised the issue during a separate meeting in September in Poland with Vice President Mike Pence.
 The US House of Representatives has launched an



Ukraine Prez Volodymyr Zelenskiy

improper dealings in Ukraine. Biden's son Hunter was on the board of Ukrainian gas company Burisma.
 Zelenskiy said his aim in having a phone call with Trump was to arrange a subsequent meeting and that he had asked the White House to change its rhetoric on Ukraine. He said Kiev was open to a joint investigation into Biden but added that Ukraine was an independent country with independent law enforcement agencies that he could not influence. "There was no blackmail. This was not the subject of our conversation," Zelenskiy said. — Reuters

INDIA-BORN TYCOONS

Ajay, Atul, (in pic) and Rajesh Gupta immigrated to South Africa (from Uttar Pradesh) in the 1990s, and due in large part to their generous donations to a political party and their reportedly close relationship with former South African President Jacob Zuma, their business interests expanded.

S Africa's Guptas face US curbs over 'graft'

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 10
 The US on Thursday announced sanctions against South Africa's high-profile Indian-origin Gupta family for running a "significant corruption network" that leveraged its political connections to engage in bribery, capture government contracts and misappropriate state assets.
 Among those specifically named in the US Treasury Department's designation include Ajay Gupta, Atul Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, and their associate Salim Essa for their involvement in corruption in South Africa.
 The Gupta family has relocated to Dubai amid corruption charges against them in South Africa.
 Ajay is the family patriarch who formulated the family's corrupt business strategies and controlled its finances. Atul is widely known to have overseen the Gupta family's outreach to corrupt government officials, and Rajesh cultivated important relationships with the sons of powerful South African politicians and led efforts to pursue business and relationships in a South African province where corruption was rampant, the Treasury said.
 Salim Essa, a business associate of the Gupta family, has materially assisted, spon-



INDIA-BORN TYCOONS

sored, or provided financial, material, technological support in the corruption network, the Treasury alleged.
 The sanctions announcement demonstrates the US government's unwavering commitment to supporting the rule of law and accountability in South Africa, the Treasury said. "Treasury's designation targets the Guptas' pay-to-play political patronage, which was orchestrated at the expense of the South African people," said Sigal Mandelker, Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. — PTI

GLOBE TROT



NO TO 'TRAIN STREET' CAFES: Authorities are clamping down on the cafes that line one of Vietnam's capital Hanoi's most famous roads, 'train street', citing overtourism and safety concerns. The juxtaposition of rail tracks and housing has made it popular among travellers. The government has ordered that cafes along the tracks to close by October 12. AFP

A first: Singapore to ban ads for sugary drinks

SINGAPORE: Singapore will become the first country in the world to ban ads for the most unhealthy sugary drinks in its latest move to combat rising diabetes rates, the health ministry said. Products deemed "less healthy" must now display labels grading their nutritional and sugar content, with those considered to be most unhealthy banned from appearing in ads across all media platforms, including broadcast, print and online channels. "This aims to reduce the influence of such advertisements on consumer preferences," the ministry said. AFP

Zuckerberg to testify before US Congress over Libra

SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will testify before the US House of Representatives on October 23 to discuss concerns over his ambitious digital currency 'Libra' that has run into rough weather. Zuckerberg will be grilled by lawmakers and regulators at the US House Financial Services Committee. US lawmakers have attacked Facebook on its Libra project, calling it "delusional" and "dangerous". IANS



BRIEFLY

ROME
Shubhankar tied-2nd after first round
 Shubhankar Sharma made a superb start with a 5-under 66 to lie tied-2nd on the first day of the Italian Open. Sharma had four birdies, an eagle and a bogey on his card. It was Sharma's third card of 66 in last six week starts besides four 67s and two 68s. Gaganjeet Bhullar and SSP Chawrasia were languishing way down in 110th place following cards of 3-over 74 each. Tapio Puulkkanen set a blistering pace with a 64. His bogey-free effort moved him to 7-under, two clear of American Kurt Kitayama and Dutchman Joost Luiten, and three ahead of England's Matthew Fitzpatrick and Andrew Johnston.

VADODARA
HP beat Haryana by 84 runs in Hazare Trophy
 Himachal Pradesh put up a comprehensive effort to thrash Haryana by 84 runs in their Group B encounter of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.
Brief Scores: Himachal Pradesh: 214/8in 50 overs (Amit Kumar 47; Yuzvendra Chahal 2/31); **Haryana:** 130 all out in 38.2 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 37; Mayank Dagar 4/19)

MUMBAI
Attending meet in honorary capacity no conflict: Kapil
 Former India captain Kapil Dev, who resigned from the Cricket Advisory Committee after allegations of conflict of interest were levelled against him, said performing a role in honorary capacity cannot be conflicted with a professional cricketing job. "What is conflict of interest? It is a conflict if you have a permanent job, if you are called for a meeting then it does not amount to conflict. If you are on payrolls, then it is a conflict. If you do an honorary job for one meeting that cannot be conflict..." Kapil said when asked about the contentious issue.

RANCHI
Javelin thrower Annu Rani wins gold as Neeraj pulls out
 Annu Rani bagged the gold in the women's javelin throw event at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships. Annu secured the title with a 58.60m throw. Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra said he decided not to take part in the championships on the advice of his coach. — AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

SECOND TEST
INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA
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Opener hits second ton in a row, India post 273/3 after winning toss

AGARWAL SHOWS THE DRIVE



PUNE, OCTOBER 10
 Opener Mayank Agarwal stamped his authority on a struggling South African attack with a second successive hundred as India cruised to 273/3 on the opening day of the second Test. Play was stopped in the 86th over due to fading light.
 The 28-year-old Agarwal's rich vein of form continued as he looked in complete command for his 108 off 195 balls, having made a sublime 215 in the series-opener in Visakhapatnam last week. The first day of the second Test panned out the way of the first Test as India, leading 1-0 in the series, looked to bat out the visitor on a good surface. Along with Cheteshwar Pujara (58), Agarwal added 138 runs for the second wicket with minimum fuss, despite India losing Rohit Sharma's (14) wicket in the first hour itself. In the final session, skipper Virat Kohli (63*) completed yet another

Test half-century and added 75 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket partnership with Ajinkya Rahane (18*). Kohli hit some flowing drives during the final hour and had 10 fours to his credit.

87 to 103
 The highlight of the day, however, was Agarwal's knock comprising 16 fours and two sixes. The opener raced to his second Test hundred in impressive fashion — he moved from 87 to 99 when he hit left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj down the ground for consecutive sixes in the 56th over of the day. Next over, he played an intentional back out off Vernon Philander to complete the coveted milestone off 183 balls.

Agarwal got 74 runs off 18 balls in boundaries, while the remaining 34 runs came off 177 balls. Kagiso Rabada (3/48) hit better lengths during the course of the day and was easily the most



potent bowler.

Edged, taken
 Rabada got Rohit early with a beautiful delivery that pitched on a length and moved only a shade to kiss the outside edge of Rohit's bat before going into wicket-keeper Quinton de Kock's gloves. Rabada was unlucky to miss out on a second wicket — of Pujara — when Temba Bavuma, at short leg, missed a reflex catch. The batsman was yet to get off the mark at that stage. Rabada finally had Pujara caught at first slip, but not before the India No. 3 had scored his

22nd Test half-century. During the first hour, Agarwal was all caution against Philander and Rabada, who bowled a probing first spell. Agarwal was smart enough to wait for the third seamer, rookie Anrich Nortje, to be introduced into the attack. Nortje was guilty of bowling fuller deliveries at a drivable length outside the off-stump and finished the day with figures of 0/60 in 13 overs.

Driven out
 Dale Steyn used Twitter to advise Nortje to "use that short leg", meaning the bowler should bowl shorter. In

NUMBERS GAME

3 Innings into the series and Mayank Agarwal has notched up 330 runs and 2 tons at an average of 110.00

36 Of Agarwal's 63 runs against pace came via the cover drive, the cut and the off drive

2ND Ton for Agarwal in the series after he notched up his maiden Test century (215) in the first innings of the first Test in Visakhapatnam

138 Runs added by Agarwal and Pujara for the second wicket after the early fall of Rohit Sharma. Virat Kohli then took over to stroll to a half-century

2ND Indian opener — Agarwal — after Virender Sehwag (2009-10) to score centuries against South Africa in back-to-back Tests. Rohit Sharma remains the only Indian opener to slam centuries in both innings of a Test against South Africa

16 Fours and 2 sixes for Agarwal en route his 108 before Kagiso Rabada induced an outside edge off the opener that was caught by Faf du Plessis in the slip cordon

<< Mayank Agarwal plays a shot on Day 1; **BELOW** Agarwal celebrates his ton with captain Virat Kohli. AFP

“450-500 should be a good score to put pressure on South Africa... Don't know if we need to bat a second time — Mayank Agarwal

Long-distance runs, meditation helped me improve: Agarwal

PUNE, OCTOBER 10

Centurion Mayank Agarwal underlined his mental discipline after his 108 helped India reach 273/3 at stumps on Day 1. "I'm very happy that I could get back-to-back hundreds, that's a good feeling," Agarwal said. "The team is in a good position... Winning the toss, batting first and with one batsman short, it's a good thing to make runs. There were periods when runs weren't coming easily, they bowled some tight spells and didn't let us score."

On his approach towards batting and the work that went behind it, Agarwal said: "Plenty of long-distance running, meditation and working on my game... It was always about mental discipline."

Rabada tried to sledge but I was in my zone: Pujara
 South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada tried to disturb Cheteshwar Pujara's concentration today by sledging, but the tactic hardly bothered the senior India batsman. Rabada said a few words to Pujara after dismissing him for 58, perhaps

“I thought Rabada bowled well in Visakhapatnam as well. Today, there were a lot of signs that he is getting to the top — Vincent Barnes, SA BOWLING COACH

letting a bit of his frustration out as he was unlucky not to get him out on zero due to a dropped catch.

Asked what exactly Rabada had said, Pujara replied: "I can't remember what he said. But he (Rabada) is someone who always likes to say something to the batsmen. As a batsman, I always know that he (Rabada) will try to disturb my concentration, not just him but any bowler who passes a comment, so I try and avoid listening to what they say."

"If you are in your zone, you hardly hear what they are trying to say as you are too much focussed on what you want to do as a batsman. So when you are in your own zone, you miss out what they are saying," Pujara said, avoiding any controversy. — Agencies



Kagiso Rabada celebrates after taking the wicket of Cheteshwar Pujara on Day 1. AFP

Haryana, TN, UP among 8 units barred from BCCI AGM

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10
 Eight state units out of the 38 were barred from attending the BCCI Annual General Meeting in Mumbai on October 23 because their amended constitutions do not comply with the Lodha Committee recommendations.
 The scenario about who would attend the AGM became clear after BCCI electoral officer N Gopalaswami released the final electoral roll. Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Maharashtra, Railways, Services and Association of Indian Universities will not have any voting rights in case

there is an election during the AGM. The three government institutions were barred as they failed to form a players' association.

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly is the nominated representative of Bengal, of which he is the president. Mohammad Azharuddin, another former India captain, will be representing the Hyderabad Cricket Association. Rajat Sharma (Delhi), Jay Shah (Saurashtra), Arun Singh Dhumal (Himachal Pradesh) and Brijesh Patel (Karnataka) are among the other nomi-

nated representatives. Most of the barred state units are likely to challenge the decision in court and that could put the AGM in jeopardy.

ICA elections: Azad, Gaekwad main contenders
New Delhi: Former Indian women's cricket team captain Shantha Rangaswamy is set to become part of the all-powerful BCCI Apex Council as she is in line to be elected unopposed from the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA) following polls that begin on Friday.
 Rangaswamy is the sole candidate to be the ICA rep-



representative nominee to the nine-member BCCI Apex Council. With the ICA president and representative nominee to the IPL Governing Council, respectively, Ashu Dani and Hitesh Majumdar are running for the secretary's post while Kishore Kumar and V Krishnaswamy contest the election to become the treasurer. — PTI

Sakshi's coach goes AWOL over pay dispute

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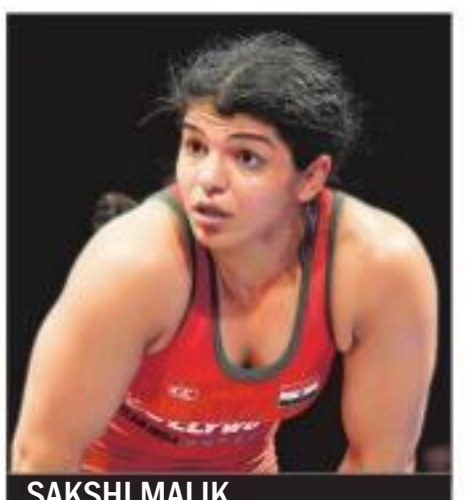
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10
 Fanel Carp, the wrestling coach attached with Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik and Pooja Dhandha, has returned to his native France over a pay dispute.

Carp, who was roped in to work with Indian wrestlers earlier this year, left for Paris last Monday after failing to get any explanation about why he wasn't being paid since June, when he had signed the contract.

Carp has been paid only \$5300 as salary for August and September. It is understood that he is willing to come back but wants an assurance that his "problem" would be solved once for all.

Carp was offered a contract in June when he was in the country on a tourist visa. He was then told to get a work visa, and also to get registered with the Foreigner Regional Registration Office. He then returned to Paris to get his paperwork in order.

But all this while he was still attached with the two wrestlers and also helped out during the team's training stints across Europe. Carp attended a training camp in Italy and a competition in Madrid, besides being present during the ranking series in Istanbul and a tournament in Minsk. According to sources, Carp's view is that he should have been paid since the time he put his signature on the contract as he was helping out the girls.



SAKSHI MALIK

In June, Carp was told that he would get a salary of \$3,000, plus an additional \$1,000 for expenses such as house rent. But the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) got the Sports Ministry through its Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) to cover the extra sum of \$1,000.

Carp tried to get through to the federation to seek an explanation about the break-up of his salary but left the country after he felt ignored. He was to be employed by sports non-profit company JSW Sports, but WFI insisted that they would hand over the contract to him through their principal sponsors, TATA Motors.

Negotiations

Though the negotiations are still on, it is highly unlikely that the coach would return to India. A decision about this would be taken soon. Earlier, WFI had sacked Hossein Karimi, the Iranian coach attached to the men's freestyle team, for "failing to integrate with the team" and his "over the top demands".

Mary in eighth heaven, 3 others also ensure medals

ULAN-UDE (RUSSIA), OCTOBER 10
 MC Mary Kom (51kg) surpassed herself as the most successful boxer in the Women's World Championship history by securing an unprecedented eighth medal before three of her compatriots also entered the semifinals.

Manju Rani (48kg), Jamuna Boro (54kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) made the medal rounds alongside Mary Kom to ensure that India equalled their last edition's performance in terms of the number of medals won.

The third-seeded Mary Kom defeated a spirited rival in Colombia's Valencia Victoria, fetching a unanimous 5-0 verdict to make the last-4 stage. Rani stunned top seed Kim Hyang Mi of South Korea 4-1 while Boro, an Assam Rifles employee, got the better of Germany's Ursula Gottlob by a similar margin after draining showdowns.



Mary Kom (51kg) beat Colombia's Valencia Victoria 5-0 to advance to the semifinals. PTI

Borgohain pulled off a facile 4-1 triumph over Poland's sixth-seeded Karolina Koszewska.

Eighth world medal
 "I am very happy to have secured a medal but I would be looking to make it better

by reaching the finals," said 36-year-old Mary Kom said. "It was a good bout for me and I will now try to improve

WORLD BOXING C'SHIPS

8 Mary Kom is the only boxer, man or woman, to have won 8 World Championships medals. Cuban legend Felix Savon is next on the list with 7 medals

on this performance in the semifinals." Awaiting Mary Kom in the semifinals on Saturday is second-seeded Turk Busenaz Cakiroglu, who is the reigning European Championships and European Games gold medallist. Cakiroglu defeated China's Cai Zongju in her quarterfinal bout.

Rani's next opponent is Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat, who upstaged fifth seed Yuliyanova Asenova. Boro will take on top seed Huang Hsiao-Wen of Chinese Taipei. Borgohain's opponent in the semifinals would be China's Yang Liu, who shocked top seed Chen Nien-Chin in the quarterfinals. However, Kavi-

ta Chahal (+81kg) bowed out after a 0-5 loss to Belarus' Katsiaryna Kavaleva.

Waiting game

Mary Kom waited for her chances and defended sharply to ensure that Victoria's plan to impress the judges by throwing in more punches didn't yield results. The Indian's huge reservoir of experience came in handy as she swung her right arm masterfully to connect well-placed hooks. Her straight punches were as effective and regularly pierced through Victoria's reasonably strong defence.

Entering this edition of the event, Mary Kom had six gold and one silver in her kitty. However, they were all in lower categories, and this is the first time that she has secured a world medal in the 51kg category. She had finished as a quarterfinalist in this division in the past. — PTI

A show of strength

Federer overcomes Goffin to reach quarters; Djokovic, Zverev join him

SHANGHAI, OCTOBER 10 Roger Federer said that his devoted band of Chinese supporters helped pull him through a tough first set and into the Shanghai Masters quarterfinals today.

The Swiss defeated David Goffin 7-6(9) 6-4 after the Belgian squandered five set points in the first set. The 38-year-old Federer plays either Germany's Alexander Zverev in the last-8 who beat Andre Rublev 6-0 7-6(7).

"I never really felt like I had the upper hand against David today," said the 20-time Grand Slam winner, who looked unusually flustered at times. Federer was left shaking his head in the first set and he suffered a rare inelegant moment in the 12th game, slipping on his own sweat — "a bit embarrassing", he said. The Swiss fell awkwardly and was then broken by Goffin, 14th in the world.

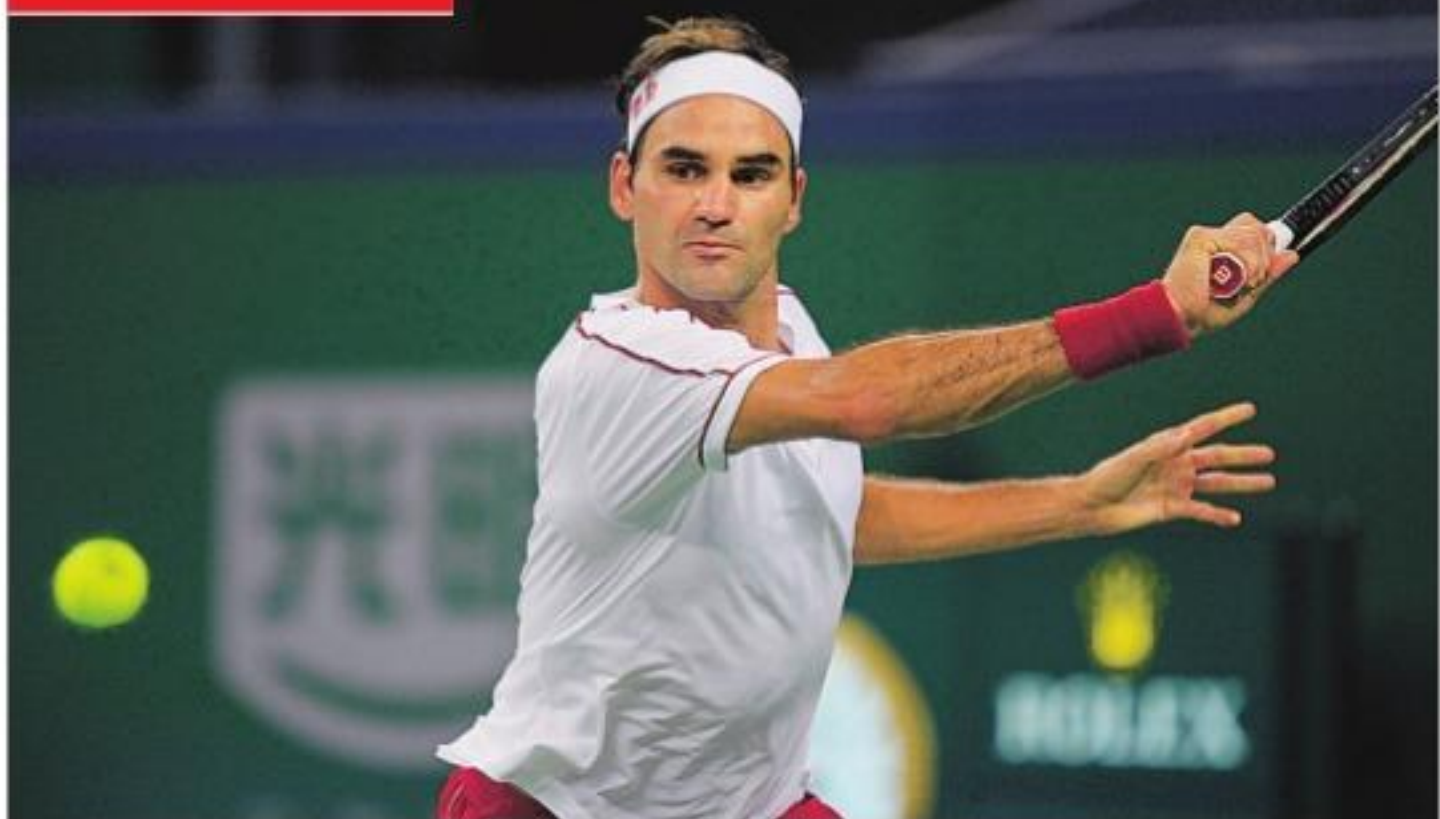
But the Belgian lost his nerve despite going 3-1 up in the first-tie break, and Federer roared back to turn the momentum in his favour.

Perfect Djokovic

World No. 1 Novak Djokovic made light work of American John Isner winning 7-5 6-3 in 74 minutes after taming Isner's booming serve.

The Serbian now plays the

SHANGHAI MASTERS



Roger Federer hits a backhand return to David Goffin, below: Novak Djokovic celebrates after beating John Isner 7-5 6-3. AFP



Osaka to represent Japan at Tokyo Oly

Tokyo: Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka says she intends to represent Japan at next year's Tokyo Olympics. The Olympic Channel says Osaka, who plays under a Japanese flag in WTA events and in the Fed Cup, has told national broadcaster NHK that she has started proceedings to choose Japanese citizenship. Osaka holds dual nationality with Japan and the United States. AFP

promising 21-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas who overcame Hubert Hurkacz 7-5 3-6 7-6(7). "It's always a big challenge returning the serve of Isner," said Djokovic.

Also joining him in the last-8 will be colourful Italian Fabio Fognini who beat Karen Khachanov 6-3 7-5. He faces Daniil Medvedev. The fourth-ranked Medvedev was forced to sweat after being 5-2 down in the first set to Canadian qualifier Vasek Pospisil. However, the Russian eventually squeezed through 7-6(9) 7-5. —AFP

AIFF zeroes in on Dennerby to coach U-17 girls

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) is keen to appoint Sweden's Thomas Dennerby as coach of India's U-17 women's team. Dennerby, currently the head coach of the Nigerian national women's team, was interviewed by AIFF's technical committee along with other potential candidates early this week.

AIFF has now asked the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to schedule a Skype interview with the selection committee on October 17. The Swede currently draws \$16,000 as a monthly salary. AIFF had advertised for the post on its website, as per the guidelines of the Sports Ministry and SAI.

Dennerby, 60, took Nigeria to the Round of 16 in this year's Women's World Cup, the team's best performance in the event since 1999. Nigeria also defended their Women's Africa Cup of Nations title last year. Dennerby has had a falling out with the Nigeria Football Federation and his responsibilities have been taken up by the country's U-20 coach, Christopher Dajuma.

When he coached his native Sweden from 2005 to 2012, the team won a bronze at the 2011 Women's World Cup, and reached the quarterfinal at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.



Thomas Dennerby took Nigeria to the Round of 16 in this year's Women's World Cup. FIA

Iranian women fans witness Cambodia's 14-0 drubbing

TEHRAN, OCTOBER 10

Iranian women watched the country's national soccer team for the first time in 40 years today, celebrating their long-awaited access to the national stadium but also paying tribute to the 'Blue Girl' fan who died last month.

Iran, one of the traditional powerhouses of Asian football with a passionate fanbase, won their World Cup qualifying match against Cambodia 14-0 but the one-sided game will be remembered much more for the scenes in the stands. Waving flags, blowing vuvuzela plastic horns and displaying the team colours of red, green and white, over 3,000 women watched from a special women-only section in the Azadi Stadium.

It took just five minutes for Ahmad Nourollahi to put Marc Wilmots's side in front when his shot from distance clipped the underside of Keo Soksela's crossbar before crossing the line. By the middle of the second half, Iran was leading with a blowout of 9-0.

Germans held by Argentina Dortmund

Dortmund: An experimental Germany team leaked two second-half goals as a weakened Argentina side, minus superstar Lionel Messi, earned a 2-2 draw in a friendly in Dortmund.

Germany flew into a 2-0 lead thanks to first-half goals by Serge Gnabry and Kai Havertz, but Lucas Alario turned the game in the second-half when he came on for Argentina on Wednesday. The Leverkusen striker pulled a goal back and then set up Lucas Ocampos for the late equaliser against a German side which included four debutants.



Iranian women cheer for their team during the match. AFP

Neymar becomes youngest to 100 Brazil caps



Neymar during a press conference on the eve of Brazil vs Senegal friendly match. AFP

Singapore: Neymar became the youngest player to make 100 appearances for Brazil today but the Paris Saint-Germain forward had to settle for a 1-1 draw as he failed to score in a friendly with Senegal here. He has scored 61 goals for the Selecao, making him the third highest scorer in the history of his national team. Neymar is one behind Ronaldo but needs 16 to catch Pele who only played 92 matches. He has also provided 41 assists and has won an Olympics gold medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 but has experienced many disappointments for his national team, particularly at the World Cup. AFP

Brazil draw Senegal

Singapore: Brazil drew 1-1 with Senegal in a friendly in Singapore today as their run without a win stretched to three games. Roberto Firmo opened the scoring for Brazil but Senegal levelled with a penalty by Famara Diedhiou on the stroke of half-time.

appears assured thanks to a prolific forward line that has plundered 19 goals in just four qualifiers.

The Three Lions will be confident of maintaining their 100 percent record in qualifying when they visit the Czech Republic tomorrow and can even mathematically secure qualification by the time they travel to Bulgaria four days later. At 26 and 24, Harry Kane and Raheem Sterling are the older heads of a thrilling forward line. — Agencies

England eye Euro berth

Prague: Halfway through qualifying for Euro 2020, England's place at next year's finals already

BRIEFLY

STUTTGART Biles claims 16th world gymnastics title

American Simone Biles became the first woman to win five all-around titles at the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart on Thursday. Biles scored 14.400 points to finish with an overall score of 58.999 — beating China's Tang Xijing by a huge margin of 2.100. Russia's Angelina Melnikova took the bronze with 56.399. The 22-year-old American is now just one short of Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record haul of 23 medals.

TOKYO

Rugby World Cup games called-off due to typhoon

Rugby World Cup organisers were forced to call off matches for the first time in the tournament's 32-year history on Thursday — eliminating Italy as a result — saying the risk from Typhoon Hagibis made hosting them an impossibility on safety grounds. Japan would advance to the quarterfinals for the first time if their game in Yokohama is called off. Cancelled games are ruled a 0-0 draw, with two points going to each team. AGENCIES

Decision on typhoon-hit Japan GP qualifying today

Suzuka (Japan): Japanese Grand Prix organisers will decide at noon Friday if the race weekend timetable, including Saturday qualifying, can go ahead as Super Typhoon Hagibis threatens the Suzuka circuit. A spokesperson for the governing body FIA told AFP Thursday that any decision to change the weekend programme rested with the local authorities in consultation with the FIA and Formula One. Two minor support races scheduled for Saturday at Suzuka have already been scrapped as a precaution. Saturday's third free practice session and qualifying are likely to follow suit. AFP

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Applications are invited for the following posts in Central Silk Board:

Name of the Post	Method of Recruitment	No. of Posts	Classification	Scale of Pay
Director	Direct Recruitment falling which by deputation	1(UR)	Group-A	Level-13
Scientist-C	Direct Recruitment	1(UR)	Group-A	Level-11
Scientist-B	Direct Recruitment	7 (4 UR, 1 OBC, 1 SC, 1 PWD (HH))	Group-A	Level-10
Deputy Director (Admn. & Accts.)	Deputation	1(UR)	Group-A	Level-11

For details, refer CSB website www.csb.gov.in.
Online applications should be submitted through website for the posts of Director, Scientist-C and Scientist-B followed by submission of signed hard copy of applications. Application for the post of Deputy Director (Admn. & Accts.) should be submitted in hard copy as per format.
Hard copy of the application (in respect of all the above 4 cadres) along with relevant documents may be sent to the Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, CSB Complex, B.T.M. Layout, Madivala, Bengaluru-560 068 so as to reach on or before 22.11.2019 (06.12.2019 for specified areas by post only).
dadv /41109/11/0003/1920 MEMBER SECRETARY

Government of Punjab
Tender/RFP Reference No. 34/WSSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2019-20
The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Department Punjab invites online bids for the work of PROVIDING AND FIXING MACHINERY CONTROL PANEL BOARD, REPAIR OF PUMP CHAMBER, OHSR AND WATER WORKS, NEW HOUSE CONNECTION, AUTOMATED WATER CONTROLLER, CHLORINATOR, P & L PIPE LINE, P & F SLUICE VALVE, HAUDI AND PAINTING OF SIGN BOARD AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME KALYAN OF BLOCK MALERKOTLA-2 DISTRICT SANGRUR (PRWSSIP) Component 2a(ii)
Closing date & time: 29.10.2019 at 17:00 Hours
For details logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.
Sd/- Chairman, G.P.W.S.C. KALYAN
DPR/Pb/D6879

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ਨੰਬਰ 2573 ਮਿਤੀ: 10.10.19
ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਦੀ ਹਦੂਦ ਅੰਦਰ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ/ਰਿਹਾਇਸ਼ੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟਾਂ/ਕਲੋਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਬਿਲਡਰਾਂ/ਕਲੋਨੀਅਲਜ਼ਾਂ/ਡਿਵੈਲਪਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਦੀ ਹਦੂਦ ਅੰਦਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੇ ਆਪਣੇ-ਆਪਣੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟਾਂ/ਕਲੋਨੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੋਰ ਆਪੀਨ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਲਾਜ਼ਮੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਰੋਹ ਆਪੀਨ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ, ਉਹ ਜਲਦ ਤੋਂ ਜਲਦ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਰਵਾ ਕੇ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟਾਂ/ਕਲੋਨੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਗਲੂਪ ਹਉਠਿਸਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ ਜਾਂ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ ਦੀ ਉਸਾਰੀ/ਕਲੋਨੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਕੰਪਲੀਟ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਗ਼ੈਰਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਅਤੇ ਨੈਗੇਟਿਵ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਆਓਰਡਰ ਨਾਲ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਲੋ-ਆਊਟ ਪਲੇਨ ਦੀ ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਡਰਾਇੰਗ ਨੈੱਕ ਐੱਸ.ਐੱਸ. ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ-2312/ਬੀ.ਐੱਸ., ਮਿਤੀ 10.09.2019 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਵਾਈਟਲ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸ਼ਾਹਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਸ ਨਿਨਕਮਤਾਬਦ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਰਕਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਦੀ ਡਰਾਇੰਗ ਬੁਝ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦੇਖ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮਿੱਥੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ/ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸ਼ਾਹਦੀ ਆਦਿ 'ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।
ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ।
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ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ।
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PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(O/o CE/TS, B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala)
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Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
OPEN e-tender Notice
Online tenders are invited for the supply of the following material as per Tender Specification No. 196/2019 of PSPCL:-

Item No.	Description	Qty. Kg.	Enquiry No./Year	Last date & time for downloading of tenders
1	SF ₆ GAS	650 Kg. (10 Kg each in 65 Nos. cylinders)	196/2019	10.11.19 11.00 AM

Last date & time for bid submission: 11.11.19 11.00 AM
Date & time of opening of bids: 11.11.19 11.30 AM
EMD Rs. 16000/-
Min EMD Rs. 10000/-
Detailed NIT and Specification may be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website <https://pspccl.abcpocure.com>
Contact detail of e-tendering agency in case of difficulty Mr Mohit Sharma +91-9904406200.
It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason. NO CORRIGENDUM will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL website www.pspcl.in and www.pspcl.abcpocure.com
Sd/- Dy. CE/Sub-Station Design PSPCL, Patiala.
DPR/Pb/C7429

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ਮੁੱਖਆਫ਼ਿਸ਼ਰ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਾਲ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਯੂਨਿਟ, ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਈ.ਜੀ.ਸੀ.ਐੱਸ. ਦੀ ਤਰਫ਼ੋਂ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਬੋਲੀ ਮੰਗਣ ਦੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਨਿਮਨ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ <http://nawanshahr.nic.in> ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਲਵੋ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅੰਤਿਮ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ 25.10.2019, ਸ਼ਾਮ 5 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਹੈ। ਸੋਧ ਜੋਰਕ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰੀ, ਵੇਰਵੇ ਵੇਖਵਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
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ਨੰਬਰ: 2572 ਮਿਤੀ: 10.10.19
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By the way...



BIG B@77 A sand sculpture of Amitabh Bachchan created by artist Sudarsan Patnaik on the eve of the Bollywood actor's 77th birthday, in Puri on Thursday. PTI

Special 'Karwa Chauth' train cancelled

New Delhi: The Railways plan for a special 'Karwa Chauth' express has come a cropper with only two couples signing up for the train having 78 seats, sources said. The result: The Majestic Rajasthan Deluxe stood cancelled, officials said. The train, only for married couples, came with special touches like a shower cubicle and foot massage, though the IRCTC had made arrangements for children too. The officials said low turnout could be due to ₹1,02,960 per couple fare in AC first tier and ₹90,090 in AC 2 Tier for the five-day tour. PTI

World's first cloned cow dies in Japan

Tokyo: World's first cloned cow, Kaga, has died due to natural causes aged 21 years at the same research centre in Japan where it was born, government sources said. Kaga was born at the Ishikawa prefectural livestock research centre as part of a joint research project with Kinki University — now known as the Kindai University — using the same technology used to clone British sheep Dolly two years earlier. Twin cows Kaga and Noto were born as a result of Japanese research on bovine cloning, with the latter having died in May 2018. IANS

Mumbai dabbawalas fight fakes in fraternity

Mumbai: The famed Mumbai dabbawalas have launched an all-out war to weed out a section of alleged fakes who have infiltrated the fraternity to exploit their name for their own vested interests. Taking the initiative, the Nutan Mumbai Tiffin Box Suppliers Charity Trust (NMTBSC), registered in 1955, and the Mumbai Jevan Dabe Vahuk Mandal (MJDVM), registered in 1970, hit out on Thursday at least at a dozen-odd masquerading as the 'asal' (original) Dabbawalas, ostensibly for both glory and gratification. PTI

UNICEF now accepting bitcoin donations

San Francisco: The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has now started accepting donations in cryptocurrencies ether and bitcoin through its newly-established UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund. The first contributions to the UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund will be received from the Ethereum Foundation and will benefit three grantees of its Innovation Fund and a project coordinated by the GIGA Initiative to connect schools across the world to the Internet. IANS

Olga, Handke win Literature Nobel

Polish writer bags 2018 prize, delayed due to harassment scandal; 2019 title for Austrian novelist

STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 10

Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk on Thursday won the 2018 Nobel Literature Prize, which was delayed over a sexual harassment scandal, while Austrian novelist and playwright Peter Handke took the 2019 award, the Swedish Academy said.

Tokarczuk's books portray a polychromatic world perpetually in motion, with characters' traits intermingled and language that is both precise and poetic. Tokarczuk's first novel, "The Journey of the People of the Book," released in 1993, chronicles a failed expedition to find a mysterious book. The daughter of a school librarian, she won the Booker International Prize along with her translator Jennifer Croft for her 2007 novel "Flights", whose English version came out in 2017.

Her 900-page "The Books of Jacob", which the Swedish

Academy hailed as her "magnum opus", spans seven countries, three religions and five languages, tracing the little-known history of Frankim, a Jewish messianic sect that sprang up in Poland in the 18th century.

Released in 2014, its pages are numbered in reverse in the style of Hebrew books. The Academy called it a "remarkably rich panorama of an almost neglected chapter in European history."

Handke had, in 2014, called for the Nobel Literature Prize to be abolished, saying it brought its winner "false canonisation". The son of a German soldier he only met in adulthood, Handke "has established himself as one of the most influential writers in Europe after the Second World War," the Academy said.

Handke also stoked controversy when he attended former Serbian president Slobodan



OLGA TOKARCZUK

Aged 57, she is considered the most talented Polish novelist of her generation, was honoured "for a narrative imagination that with encyclopaedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life"



PETER HANDKE

Aged 76, he was honoured for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience. Each will take home a cheque worth \$912,000 (828,000 euros)

dan Milosevic's funeral in 2006, and expressed sympathy for the Serbs in the 1990s Yugoslav wars. His works are filled with a strong desire to

discover and to make his discoveries come to life by finding new literary expressions for them, it added.

Notable works include



PRESIDENT'S COLOURS TO AVIATION CORPS

The Army Aviation Corps, raised 32 years ago, was on Thursday awarded the President's Colours at a ceremonial parade in Nashik

President Ram Nath Kovind presented the colours, which were received by Combat Army Aviation Training School on behalf of the Army Aviation Corps

The corps is youngest in the Army and has proved its mettle in various ops

Immediately after its raising in 1986, the corps proved its combat credentials during 'Operation Pawan' in Sri Lanka

The Siachen Glacier has been the ultimate operational frontier for the Corps since 1984

Kovind lauded the Army Aviation Corps for their immense contribution towards nation-building. TNS

More CCTV surveillance at North Block

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has stepped up surveillance in North Block by installing a number of additional CCTV cameras at critical places on the first floor of the building that houses the offices of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, two junior ministers, Home Secretary, CBI director, IB chief and joint secretaries.

As the cameras have been installed above all junction points of the corridors of the North Block, they are in addition to the CCTVs monitored by CISF personnel, who guard the parameter of government buildings, including the MHA. The CISF also uses body cameras, X-ray machine and metal door detectors for surveillance activities. — TNS

India, Pakistan differ on Turkey military action

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

India and Pakistan took diametrically opposite stand on Turkey's offensive against Kurds on its border with Syria.

India, usually reticent in its statements on the Syrian civil war, expressed deep concern over the military offensive by Turkey in north-east Syria, but Pakistan said it recognises Turkey's legitimate security concerns.

The genesis for the divergence may have its roots in the

Kashmir issue where Turkey has sided with Pakistan, eliciting sharp statements from India. India went on to term Turkey's military action "unilateral" which is what Turkey said about the change in J&K status. India feared that Turkey's step could undermine stability in region and take focus off the fight against terrorism. "The action also has potential for causing humanitarian and civilian distress," said Indian statement. — TNS

Man behind celeb sedition case files 'protest petition'

MUZAFFARPUR (BIHAR), OCT 10

After the Bihar police ordered closure of the sedition case filed against 49 personalities, who had signed an open letter to PM Modi over rising incidents of mob lynching, the complainant on Thursday filed a "protest petition" against the police.

Advocate Sudhir Kumar Ojha, in the fresh petition filed before CJM Surya Kant Tiwari, alleged the police acted "under political pressure" and urged the court to monitor the case or hand it over to the CBI. "The FIR was lodged on my complaint. The date of hearing for my protest petition has been fixed as November 11." — PTI

BSF takes steps to counter drones

VIJAY MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

With Pakistan drone activity in border areas increasing, the BSF has stepped up vigil and is devising various counter-measures to deal with the threat.

Most types of drones being used are much smaller than conventional aircraft and since their minuscule radar cross-section and low altitude makes them difficult to track electronically, ground forces have to rely primarily on visual sightings and audio signature to detect them.

"Personnel manning border outposts have been directed to enhance vigil and scan skies regularly with high-powered binoculars. Electronic optical surveillance

devices are also being put in place," a BSF officer said.

"Since visual sightings are an issue at night, more listening posts are being set up or are being relocated for better reception of audio signatures. Some of our operating procedures are also being reviewed and fine-tuned," he added.

Security agencies are also banking on radio communication emissions and signal intercepts to detect the location of drone control stations as well as the launch and flight of the drones.

"Given the size of a drone, they can be launched from anywhere and at any time, without early warning," the officer said.

Drones are used for tactical surveillance in border areas and more recently are reported

MEASURES ADOPTED

- Security personnel told to scan skies with high-powered binoculars
- Electronic optical surveillance devices being put in place
- More listening posts being set up for better reception of audio signatures
- Some operating procedures being reviewed, fine-tuned
- Border populace being sensitised about enemy drones and threat they pose

to have been used to smuggle arms and ammunition across the border into Punjab.

The BSF has also taken to sensitising the populace residing along the border about drones and the threat they pose. Villagers can provide inputs to security

agencies about the operation of hostile drones in their respective areas, acting as a force multiplier and filling in possible gaps in border surveillance.

There is growing concern about the use of drones by adversary nation states as well as terrorists and anti-national elements to launch strikes against high-value targets or crowded public places, disrupt air traffic in the vicinity of airports, interfere with communication signals or carry out surveillance.

In May, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had claimed of busting an international racket involving smugglers from Pakistan, China, Myanmar and India to import high-end drones into the country.

Kapurthala, Y'nagar see high blindness rate

Among top 10 districts with people over 50 facing serious vision problems, shows survey

ADITI TANDON

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Punjab's Kapurthala and Haryana's Yamunanagar feature among the top 10 districts with the highest rates of blindness among 50 years plus people across the country.

The National Blindness Survey of the government, which covered 93,108 individuals over 50 years in 31 sample districts, puts the estimated prevalence of blindness in this group at a high of 1.99 per cent. Severe visual impairment, a shade below blindness, was found to be at a high of 1.96 pc in this group. The survey coinciding with the World Sight Day (October 10) found the prevalence of blindness and visual impairment to be the low-

PREVALENCE DOWN IN TWO DECADES

Occurrence of blindness among 50-plus people is down from 5.3% in 2001 to 3.6% in 2007 and 1.99% currently

AFFECTED CATEGORIES

AGE GROUP	PREVALENCE
80-plus	11.6%
70-79	4.1%
60-69	1.6%
50-59	0.5%

4.4% IN 0-49 GROUP

- Of 18,000 surveyed in six sample districts, prevalence of visual impairment in 0-49 age bracket was 4.43 per thousand
- The blindness rate stood at 0.52 per thousand
- 0.36% is the overall blindness rate in India



WHO IS BLIND?

A letter which a normal person can read from a distance of 60 metres, a person with estimated blindness can only read from three metres or less with his better eye.

est in Thrissur district of Kerala and Thoubal district of Manipur, respectively. Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh has

the highest prevalence of both blindness and visual impairment anywhere in India at 3.67 pc and above.

The corresponding rate of blindness in people over 50 years were 2.21 pc for Kapurthala and 2.18 pc for Yamunanagar, which are in the top 10 districts with blindness rate, higher than the national average of 1.99 pc in the stated age bracket.

Other districts among top 10 with blindness rates over 2 pc are Warangal, Nalbari, Guna, Sikar, Sirahi, Ambekar Nagar and Banda. Importantly, Kapurthala was also found to be among the top four districts with the highest rates of diabetic retinopathy (over 20 pc) in India, others being Thrissur, North Goa and Virudhunagar.

Blindness was higher among illiterates (3.23 pc) compared to literate population and it was only 0.43 pc among 10th pass and above. Also, blindness was more

prevalent in rural population compared to urban population—2.14 pc against 1.80 pc.

Conducted by Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, the national survey shows that cataract is the principal cause of blindness (66.2 pc) and severe visual impairment (80.7 pc).

Uncorrected refractive error was the most important cause of visual impairment and second important cause of blindness in the 2001 survey, but the current survey shows corneal blindness has emerged as the second important cause of blindness, putting refractive error behind.

In an important revelation, the survey says, "The proportion of blindness due to complications of cataract surgery has also increased."

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड

Securities and Exchange Board of India

NOTICE

Securities and Exchange Board of India has appointed Ms. Sangeeta Rathod as Adjudicating Officer in the matter of Sheen Agro & Plantation Ltd. (Notice: Sohan Singh). Show Cause Notice (SCN) was issued to Noticee in the aforesaid matters, however, SCN issued to the Noticee mentioned in the table below could not be delivered at his last known address. Such SCN is available on SEBI Website (www.sebi.gov.in) under the head Enforcement -> Unserved Summons/Notices for the information of the Noticee. The Noticee is advised to submit his reply within 15 days from the date of this publication to Ms. Sangeeta Rathod at the address Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan II, 4th Floor, Plot No. C-7, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051 as well as, through email at sangeetar@sebi.gov.in and preetipa@sebi.gov.in. In addition, the Noticee is granted an opportunity of personal hearing on October 23, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan II, 4th Floor, Plot No. C-7, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051

Hearing Notices (HNs)

Details of Hearing Notice	Name of the person/Noticee and last known address
SEBI/ HO/EAD/AO-SR/SJ/32413/10 Dated November 27, 2018	Sohan Singh Village & P.O. Deogram, Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh - 176061

It may be noted that in case the Noticee fail to submit his reply to the aforesaid SCNs and/or do not avail the opportunity of personal hearing at the above mentioned date and time, SEBI shall proceed further in the matter on the basis of material available on record.

Date: 01.10.2019
Place: Mumbai

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J&K TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

TOURIST RECEPTION CENTRE SRINAGAR

FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-Notice No. 05 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (JKTDC), e-tenders are invited by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (JKTDC) by e-tendering mode on item rate basis (in Double Cover System) separately for Technical and Financial bid on item rate basis from the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or its joint venture or authorized dealer of OEM for the following items:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earliest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of tender document (in Rs)	Time for completion	Class of contract	Major Head
1	Supply & commissioning of following items at River Jehlum 1. LIFE BOAT FOR RESCUE 2. 2 EXCURSION PONTOON BOAT 3. WATER BUS BOAT	213.00	4.26 Lacs	10000.00	90 days	Original Equipment Manufacturer or Joint venture or Authorized Dealer of OEM	Swadesh

Position of funds: Demanded.

- The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications drawings, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in, www.jktcd.co.in as per schedule of dates below:-

1. Period of downloading of bidding document	From 11.10.2019, 10.00 a.m.
2. Bid Submission Start Date	11.10.2019 from 03.00 p.m.
3. Bid Submission End Date	22.10.2019 from 04.00 p.m.
4. Deadline for receiving the Hard Copies of all relevant documents as per ENIT	23.10.2019 up to 04.00 p.m. in the office of Managing Director, JKTDC at General Manager, Srinagar.
5. Date & time of opening of Technical Bid	24.10.2019 at 11.00 a.m. in the office of General Manager, JKTDC at TRC, Srinagar.
6. Date and time for opening of Financial Bid	To be notified later on

NIT No.: JKTDC/M&W/EE/837-43
Dated: 10.10.2019

Sd/- Executive Engineer, JKTDC, Srinagar.

DIPK-576/NB/M