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Radicalisation worrying, agree Xi, Modi



5-HR DISCUSSION ON TERROR, DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, TRADE AND INVESTMENT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping at Mamallapuram on Friday. PTI

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MAMALLAPURAM, OCTOBER 11
Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping spent nearly five hours discussing terrorism, trade, investment and their respective national visions during the first day of their second informal summit being held at the medieval-era port town here today.
A major topic on the table was the challenges faced by both countries from terrorism. Both leaders acknowledged that as both countries were large and diverse, radicalisation was a matter of concern for both. They resolved to work together so that terrorism did not affect their multi-religious, multi-ethnic multicultural national mosaic.
"Both leaders also spoke of

their development priorities, trade-related economic issues and tried to identify the areas where investments could be encouraged," Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale told mediapersons after the conclusion of a private dinner between the

leaders that stretched for two-and-a-half hours, well beyond the scheduled cut-off time. "Discussions were very open and cordial. This was quality time the two leaders spent one-on-one," noted Gokhale. There were detailed discussions on

their governance priorities and national vision. PM Modi informed Xi that his renewed mandate was for economic development and Xi responded, saying he was looking forward to working closely with PM Modi on all issues.

SLICE OF SOUTH'S HISTORY

TAMIL SONG INVOKES PEACE, GANDHI

A Tamil song hailing peace and Mahatma Gandhi was rendered to the accompaniment of traditional dance at a cultural event, hinting that India stands for peace. After a guided tour of monuments, including Arjuna's Penance, PM Modi and Xi arrived at the Shore Temple. Later, they attended a cultural show.

TRADITIONAL SOUTH INDIAN SPREAD FOR DIGNITARIES

A traditional South Indian spread, including sambhar, was part of the menu for Narendra Modi and Xi Jinping for dinner. 'Arachu vitta sambhar', prepared from grounded lentils, spices and coconut to make it that much tastier was touted to be the key attraction in the menu.

XI PREFERS CHINESE-MADE 'HONGQI' TO COPTER

The visiting dignitary opted to travel to Mamallapuram by road instead of a helicopter as Chinese leaders, as a matter of policy, shun travel by choppers. While Modi flew to Mamallapuram by a helicopter, Xi covered the 57-km journey from Chennai by road in a specially flown in "Hongqi" limousine.

SARTORIAL MAKEOVER MARKS INFORMAL MEET BACK PAGE

The leaders will discuss regional and international issues when they meet again on Saturday for another round of informal discussions. "This is a dialogue in progress," said the Foreign Secretary, declining to take

questions, including whether Kashmir was discussed. The two leaders will continue their talks on Saturday during which they will attempt to narrow down their differences on boundary dispute, trade deficit

Singh brothers sent to four-day custody

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A local court here today sent businessmen brothers Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh, arrested in an alleged fraud case, to four-day police custody, observing that their offence was of "very serious nature".

The Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) arrested Singh brothers, Fortis Healthcare ex-promoters, and three others for allegedly misappropriating funds of Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL), causing it losses of Rs 2,397 crore.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepak Sherawat said police custody was necessary to "trace the trail of the cheated amount and find out the role of other persons who might have participated in the conspiracy with the officials of RFL and REL (Religare Enterprises Limited)".

Malvinder (46) was detained in Ludhiana last night and arrested today morning while Shivinder (44), Sunil Godhwani (58), former RFL chairman and MD; Kavi Arora (48)



Shivinder Singh (top) and his brother Malvinder Singh, in New Delhi. PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

and Anil Saxena, who occupied key positions in REL and RFL, were arrested on Thursday for allegedly diverting money and investing in other companies. — TNS

NOBEL PEACE FOR ETHIOPIAN PM

ETHIOPIAN PM Abiy Ahmed won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday. The Nobel Committee said Abiy had won the prestigious prize for "efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea". It said the prize was meant to recognise "all stakeholders working for peace and reconciliation in Ethiopia..."
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ENDED BORDER CONFLICT

Unnao case: No murder charge against Sengar

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

The CBI on Friday dropped murder charges against former BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar and his aides in its first chargesheet in the Unnao rape victim accident case in which two aunts of the woman were killed, officials said.

In the first chargesheet filed in a special CBI court in Lucknow, the agency charged Sengar and other accused named in the FIR with criminal conspiracy and criminal intimidation. The woman, allegedly raped by Sengar in 2017 when she was a minor, battled for life after a truck rammed into the car she was travelling in with some family members and her lawyer in Rae Bareilly district on July 28. — PTI

Drone alert in 3 police dists

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GURDASPUR/PATHANKOT, OCT 11

A police operation is underway in the border police districts of Gurdaspur, Batala and Pathankot with 2,485 cops from the PAP asked to augment the force. An officer said they had inputs on the likelihood of more drones carrying arms entering the state. A letter by ADGP (Law and Order) has asked the police to "carry their own weapons, uniform and bedding" wherever sent during the operation "till October 13."

The Pathankot Civil Hospital has been asked to make arrangements "for any eventuality." The Emergency unit has been asked to stock blood and medicines and keep 20 beds vacant. Likewise, Gur-



GURDASPUR, BATALA, P'KOT COPS ON JOB

- 400 gunmen withdrawn by PAP asked to join duty forthwith
- Policemen told to carry their own 'weapons, uniform and bedding' wherever sent till October 13
- The Pathankot, Gurdaspur & Batala Civil Hospitals told to make arrangements 'for any eventuality'

daspur and Batala Civil Hospitals have been put on alert. The Army and Pathankot Air Force station are on high alert. Gurdaspur SSP Swaran-

deep Singh, who is coordinating the exercise in his area, called it a routine exercise but sources claimed otherwise. In the sensitive border village of Bamiyal, Pathankot SSP Deepak Hilori is in-charge. The three terrorists from across the border before laying siege to the Dinanagar police station on July 27, 2015, had made their way via Bamiyal. So had the four Jaish militants who attacked the Pathankot air base on January 1, 2016.

Batala SSP Opinderjit Singh Ghuman is coordinating activities in Dera Baba Nanak and Kalanaur. Both share boundary with Pakistan. Security near the Kartarpur corridor site as well as the under-construction ICP has been tightened.

500 ultras waiting to sneak in: Lt-Gen

BHADERWAH, OCTOBER 11

Infiltration is not confined to the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir. The militants are now using borders outside the state to do so. Northern Command chief Lt-Gen Ranbir Singh, talking to the media here, said: "There are reports of infiltrators using other routes. The counter-infiltration grid being strong, we have been able to thwart infiltration at the LoC." He said there were reports of infiltration into J&K through Lakhampur and other areas.

"In J&K, an estimated 200-300 terrorists are active while 500 militants at launch pads and terror camps across LoC are waiting to sneak in. Militants in J&K are short of weapons. That is why they are attacking police stations and fleeing with rifles snatched from SPOs," he said.

The Lt-Gen said there had been a significant improvement in the situation in the Valley with fewer incidents of stone-throwing and protests. "But the situation remains



DESIGNS THWARTED

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SOLDIER KILLED IN PAK SHELLING IN RAJOURI

Rajouri: Sepoy Subhash Thapa (34) was killed as Pakistan troops resorted to heavy mortar shelling in Kalal area of Nowshera sector on Friday. Two civilians were injured in the shelling in Rajouri and Poonch districts. A critically injured Thapa was airlifted to the Command Hospital at Udhampur where he died.

fragile owing to Pakistan's continued attempts to push in infiltrators," he added. — TNS

Govt may remit sentence of 15 Punjab cops

JUPINDERJIT SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 11
Punjab and the Union Government are mulling relief for 15 policemen convicted during the days of militancy. The list includes an SP, four DSPs, eight inspectors, a Sub-Inspector and an ASI convicted for killings, kidnapping or fake encounters. Documents accessed by The Tribune reveal that Punjab sent the names of 15 policemen to the Centre some days ago. The Union Home Ministry has reportedly sought more information on the convicts. Officials said relief to these persons had been agreed upon in principle.
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PGI-Chd 3rd cleanest Centre-run hospital

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, was again adjudged the cleanest central government hospital followed by JIPMER-Puducherry and PGI-Chandigarh, which took the second and the third ranks in the Kayakalp Awards presented today.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan gave away the top award of Rs 3 crore to AIIMS-Delhi, Rs 1.5 crore to JIPMER-Puducherry and Rs 50 lakh each to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, which won the com-

mendation award. In category B, the winner was VBCH-Silvassa winning Rs 2 crore, with AIIMS-Bhubaneswar as the runner-up winning Rs 1 crore.

NEIGRIHMS-Shillong, LGBRIMH-Tezpur and AIIMS-Bhopal each won Rs 50 lakh as commendation awards. Vardhan also felicitated the District Hospitals, primary health centres and community health centres wherein 29 hospitals won the first prize, 14 were awarded the second prize and the third prize was won by two hospitals. The Kayakalp scheme has been extended to private sector and 11 private facilities were felicitated today. — TNS



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PLAYING his career-best knock of 254 in the second Test against South Africa, Virat Kohli surpassed Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag scoring record seventh double-hundred, the highest in Indian cricket history. Virat, who now has 26 Test hundreds and 69 international tons, also went past Sir Don Bradman's Test tally of 6,996 runs.

CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS UP

- Till Oct 10, 2,317 violations along the 749-km LoC
- In 2018, 1,629 ceasefire violations and 860 in 2017
- This year, focus largely in south of Pir Panjal (Jammu region)
- 820 violations in Nowshera alone; also in Krishna Ghati, Bhimber Gali, 2 major routes used by infiltrators
- Till Oct 10, Army killed 147 ultras, but lost 31 of its men; last year, Army killed 254 ultras, lost 61 of its men

POST-PAID SERVICES IN VALLEY SHORTLY

Jammu: The administration is contemplating Internet access to government establishments and hotels across the Kashmir valley as well as to the print media. Internet access to hotels was under consideration as the authorities were hopeful of 'normal' footfall of tourists this winter. The MHA has decided to resume post-paid cellphones in the Valley shortly. TNS

Hry Cong vows farm loan waiver, quota in pvt jobs

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 11
The Congress today released its Haryana poll manifesto, promising a farm loan waiver within 24 hours of assuming power, reservation in private companies for local youth and a slew of benefits for women, including job quota, pension and free bus rides.

The poll document was released here in the presence of Congress' Haryana in-charge Ghulam Nabi Azad, former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana unit chief Kumari Selja and manifesto committee chairperson Kiran Choudhry.

With special emphasis on women empowerment, the Congress has promised 33 per cent reservation for them

HARYANA POLLS

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in government and private sector jobs, 50 per cent in local bodies and panchayats and 50 per cent rebate in

house tax for women-owned properties. There is also a promise of free transportation in Haryana Roadways buses and free education till the college level.

Widows, differently abled, divorced and unmarried women would be provided Rs 5,100 monthly pension and the same amount will be paid as old-age pension for those

aged 55 years and above. In addition, Rs 2,000 will be paid to below poverty line (BPL) women as 'chulha kharcha'.

For males, old-age pension of Rs 5,100 per month will start at 58 years—currently, the amount is Rs 2,000 for both males and females and starts at 60. The party promised a job each for every

Deol, Karishma let off in 22-yr-old case

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 11

A district court on Friday discharged actor-turned-politician Sunny Deol and actress Karishma Kapoor in a 22-year-old case. It was alleged that the actors, while shooting for 'Bajrang' in 1997, had pulled the chain of 2413-A Uplink Express, causing a delay of 25 minutes between the Phulera and Narena stations. Additional Sessions Judge



Pawan Kumar allowed their revision petition and discharged them, said counsel AK Jain. The ASJ held that there was no evidence against

the two. The Railway Magistrate, Jaipur, had on September 17 framed charges against the actors under Sections 141 (needlessly interfering with means of communication), 145 (nuisance), 146 (obstructing Railway servant in discharge of duties) and 147 (trespass) of the Railways Act. The then Assistant Station Master, Narena, Sitaram Malakar, had filed a complaint. — OC

Wanted for murders, gangster caught in Ropar

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ROPAR, OCTOBER 11

Notorious gangster Jhunna Pandit was arrested after an exchange of fire between him and a police team here today. Two pistols and eight bullets were seized from him. The police of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh (UP) had been looking for him in connection with nearly 20 cases of murder, extortion and abduction. Shree Parkash Mishra, alias Jhunna Pandit (24), who is known for using firearms with both hands simultane-

ously, entered the crime world at the age of 15 and committed his first murder at 16. He killed a differently abled shopkeeper in Varanasi last month.

Ropar SSP Swapan Sharma said at a press conference that Jhunna was returning on a motorcycle after paying obeisance at Chintupurni temple when cops, on a tip-off, cornered him at around 4 am near Una district, leading to exchange of fire.

Sharma said Jhunna, who carried a reward for Rs 1 lakh, was wanted in 10 cases of



The accused in police custody on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

murder, including a triple murder in Mirzapur, UP, with six cases under the UP Gang-

ster Act. He was operating a gang involved in over 20 cases of murder, extortion and

kidnapping in Delhi and UP, he added. Jhunna has faced juvenile jail twice for a period of three years each.

An initial investigation revealed that he even got three murders, involving kidnapping and extortion, executed when he was in jail. Interestingly, he used to travel by air whenever he was on run, added Sharma.

The SSP claimed that Jhunna had the patronage of many anti-social elements in Delhi, UP and Rajasthan. Pandit had reportedly been

on the run ever since he and his accomplices publicly killed one Dilip Patel in Varanasi in September. He had been hiding in safe houses in Delhi, Jaipur and Mount Abu, he added.

Jhunna is the 11th gangster nabbed by the Ropar police in the past one year, including Akash, alias Harjinder, of Nanded and accomplice of Dilpreet Singh Baba, Akshay Pehalwan of Sonapat, Mandeep, alias Manna, of Taran Taran and Kaka Bhelan of Nurgur, all A-category gangsters.

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Four arrested with arms, ammunition



Ludhiana DIG Ranbir Singh (seated right), along with other officials, addresses mediapersons in Khanna. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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CONTRABAND SEIZED

KHANNA, OCTOBER 11
The police claimed to have arrested a gangster along with three drug suppliers and recovered four firearms along with ammunition from their possession. The police also recovered 266 gm heroin from them. However, two of his accomplices are still at large.

The accused have contacts in Delhi from where they brought heroin and supplied it in state. Gangster Sukhwinder Singh Soni, alias Boxer, a national-level boxer, has links with another gangster, Harinder Singh Rinda of Maharashtra. He also had links with wanted terrorist Kashmir Singh Galwadi. A dozen cases, including recovery of 3-kg RDX, are pending against Boxer.

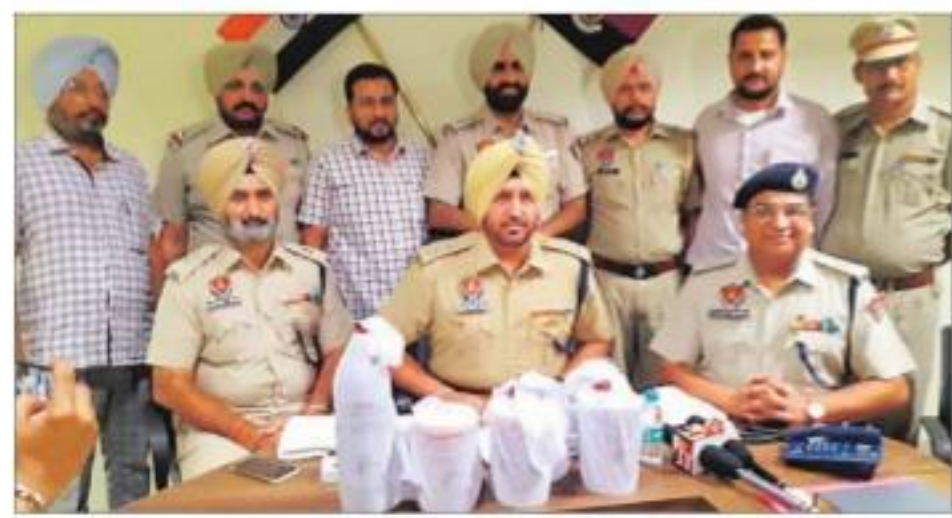
Ranbir Singh, DIG, Ludhiana Range, while addressing a press conference at the SSP Office, Khanna, said a police team was patrolling near the Doraha bus stand. They got a tip-off that some drug smugglers were coming in a car and were also carrying weapons. The police set up a naka near the Canal Bridge, Rampur, and intercepted a

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car and nabbed Boxer, Jasdeep Singh Koki and Vishal Kumar and recovered arms and ammunitions from them. During search, 260 gm heroin was also recovered from them. Another drug smuggler, Iqbalpreet Singh, was also arrested and 6 gm heroin was recovered from him. The police have constituted teams to arrest their accomplices — Bahadur Singh and Raman-deep Singh Bhuau.

The DIG said during investigation, it came to light that when Boxer was in Nabha jail, he came in contact with Galwadi. During the jail-break incident, Galwadi escaped with other gangsters and is still at large.

Boxer revealed that Rinda told him to buy an AK-47 after which he came in contact with a few J&K residents. The DIG said Boxer supplied heroin in the state.



Police officials with seized drugs in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

7-kg heroin seized

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FAZILKA, OCTOBER 11
The police have seized 7-kg heroin from various locations on the basis of confessions of a drug peddler, who was arrested recently.

Fazilka SSP Bhupinder Singh said Jagdish Kumar, incharge, CIA staff, Fazilka, received a tip-off that a local smuggler, having links with Pakistan-based peddlers, wanted to supply drugs through a route near the Gula-ba Bhaini border outpost.

The SSP said a special team was constituted which coordinated with BSF officials and launched a search drive during which 2.6-kg heroin worth more than Rs 5 crore was seized. It came to light that Mehal Singh of Mianwala vil-

lage, Jalalabad, smuggled the contraband from Pakistan.

The police nabbed Satnam Singh of Guruhsahai on October 8 and recovered 260 gm of heroin. Satnam is said to be Mehal Singh's close aid. He was produced in a local court that sent him to police custody. During interrogation, he confessed that Mehal hid heroin in a paddy field.

The SSP said cops took Satnam Singh along and found 4.2-kg heroin worth Rs 22 crore near Basti Ram Lal BOP in the Ferozepur sector on Thursday.

He said Satnam was in the Ferozepur Central Jail when he came in contact with Mehal Singh. After his release, Mehal contacted Satnam for drug smuggling. A search is on to nab Mehal Singh.

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Ror leader resigns from Cong after closed-door meet with CM

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KARNAL, OCTOBER 11 In another jolt to the Congress, Maratha Virender Verma, a prominent face of the Ror community, quit the party...



Manohar Lal Khattar with Maratha Virendra in Karnal on Friday.

He sent his resignation to party president Kumari Selja, blaming the Congress leadership of ignoring the Ror community while picking nominees for the Assembly elections...

“Nirmal Singh of Ambala and I have always raised issues of north Haryana, but the Congress has ignored us. It has not given ticket to the community, which wields influence on 16 Assembly and three parliamentary segments in Haryana. So, I decided to quit the Congress,” Verma said.

He is likely to join the BJP on Sunday in Assandh. “I will take a call after the consent from my supporters. I have called a meeting of my supporters in Assandh on October 13 to decide the future course of action,” Verma told The Tribune. He

admitted to have met the Chief Minister, but refused to divulge any details. Khattar, however, refused to comment on Verma joining the BJP. Verma has contested six elections — four to the Assembly and two to the Lok Sabha. After resigning as an

HCS officer, he had formed the Ekta Shakti in 2003. He has been a party-hopper. He first joined the BSP. In 2009, he unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha elections from Karnal on the BSP ticket. In 2012, he joined the BJP and was hopeful of a ticket

No place for those opposing party nominees: Nadda

RAVINDER SAINI TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

REWARI, OCTOBER 11 Taking a strong view of reports about division in the party following the candidature of Sunil Yadav Musespur from Rewari, BJP working president JP Nadda on Friday gave a clear message that there was no place for those resisting the party candidate in the elections.

“The BJP is a disciplined party and it is the responsibility of every leader and worker to respect the decision. The political career of those who go against the party ends. Whatever is going on in Rewari is inappropriate and not in the interests of the party,” he said. This was his first election meeting in the state. Claim-

ing that the BJP would achieve its target of more than 75 seats, Nadda said the BJP was the only party with clear intention and policy. “Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP government has made India a military power. Several steps have been taken to strengthen the Army. We have fulfilled the long-pending demand for one rank, one pension and taken the historic decision of scrapping Article 370 in Kashmir,” he added. Rao Inderjit Singh took a dig at Randhir Kapriwasi’s remarks that it was a contest between ‘real’ and ‘fake’ BJP. “We are real BJP workers and Musespur is the real candidate,” he said.



BJP working president JP Nadda (centre) and Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh at a poll rally in Rewari on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Ex-Dy Mayor quits INLD, joins BJP

KARNAL, OCTOBER 11

Giving a jolt to the INLD, former Deputy Mayor Manoj Wadhwa on Friday joined the BJP. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar welcomed him and assured him of respect in the party. Wadhwa contested the last Assembly elections against Khattar. His wife Asha Wadhwa contested the last mayoral election against Renu Bala Gupta and came second. Wadhwa lauded Khattar’s efforts for transparent and corruption-free governance. “I am impressed with Khattar’s working and development agenda for Karnal and Haryana. My aim is the development of Karnal so I have joined the BJP under the leadership of the Chief Minister,” he said. — TNS

Rania’s roads crying for attention

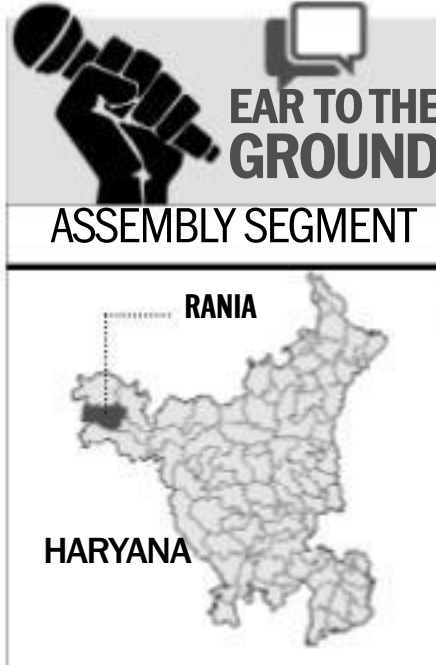
DEEPENDER DESWAL

ANIA Assembly segment located next to the Rajasthan border in Sirsa district is known for basmati rice and hockey players. The constituency was carved out in the 2009 delimitation exercise and has been won by the INLD in the previous two polls.

After the split in the INLD, sitting MLA Ram Chander Kamboj defected to the BJP which has nominated him as their candidate this time.

He has lost the previous two polls as Congress nominee here. Political experts say that Ranjit will get sympathy votes. The loyal vote bank of his father Devi Lal is also inclined towards him. Ranjit had been a prominent minister in the Devi Lal government in 1987 in Haryana.

The BJP candidate, Ram Chander Kamboj, who was elected on INLD ticket but switched sides two months ago, and Haryana Lokhit Party candidate Gobind



Segment in Sirsa district to witness multi-cornered contest

TOTAL VOTERS 1,79,920
95,348 Men
84,572 Women

Representativespeak

“The BJP government has carried out all-round development. The government has sanctioned the construction of CHC in Rania. Women’s college and stadium too have been sanctioned and the work will start soon.” Ram Chander Kamboj, WON AS INLD CANDIDATE, NOW WITH BJP

Oppositionspeak

“Rania segment has been neglected by the government. The roads are in tatters and the health facilities are missing. I will fight to bring basic facilities to the segment.” Ranjit Singh, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Kanda are also fighting it out from here.

The region is a good rice belt as farmers get better irrigation facility due to the Ghaggar river flowing in the region.

Similarly, the tradition of playing hockey has led to the emergence of many international players like former Indian hockey captain Sardara Singh of Sant Nagar. The people’s long-pending

Poll akhada fails to lure pehalwans this time

Say focusing on sport more rewarding than being hired by political leaders

SUNIT DHAWAN TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 11 Thanks to the recognition being given to sportspersons by the government, media and people, pehalwans of the state’s famous akharas, who used to be employed as musclemen by political leaders during the elections, now prefer to focus on their sport.

The craze and glamour of representing their state and country and a strong urge to win medals at prestigious national and international sporting events now drive the state’s wrestlers.

“The sportspersons get handsome cash rewards on winning medals in big sporting events. They also get preference in government jobs and respect in society. Media gives them good publicity and they become role models for



youth and budding sportspersons. Hence, they want to focus on excelling in the sport and refuse to get used as musclemen during elections,” says Ranbir Dhaka, a wrestling coach who trains pehalwans at Mehar Singh’s akhara in Rohtak. He points out that 170

wrestlers trained at the akhara have got jobs in the police force, Railways, Army, Navy, Air Force and other government departments/wings during the past 12 years by virtue of their outstanding performance in prestigious national and international sporting events.

“Sportspersons get handsome cash rewards on winning medals in big sporting events. They also get preference in government jobs and respect in society. Hence, they want to focus on excelling in the sport and refuse to get used as musclemen during elections.” Ranbir Dhaka, WRESTLING COACH IN ROHTAK

The wrestling guru admits that earlier political leaders used to employ pehalwans as musclemen during elections. “As of now, some wrestlers who are unable to make a mark in the sport work as bodyguards with politicians as well as other celebrities,” observes Dhaka.

The passion for wrestling and popularity of Haryana’s akharas can be gauged from the fact that more than 200 wrestlers from nearly a dozen states are undergoing training at the akhara.

Notably, none of them wants to work as bodyguards of politicians. “Many youths who escort politicians, especially during the elections, are paid well and get lucrative facilities. But the world of sports offers much more if one works hard and has patience,” asserts 21-year-old Bharat Vir of Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, who has recently won a bronze medal at the National Under-23 Championship and aims to represent India in World Championship. He has been training at an akhara in Rohtak for the last three years.

BRIEFLY



Bihar Governor Fagu Chauhan, CM Nitish Kumar and his Deputy Sushil Kumar Modi pay tribute to socialist leader Jaiprakash Narayan on his birth anniversary in Patna. PTI

India, Bangladesh Navies to participate in bilateral drill
New Delhi: The Navies of India and Bangladesh will conduct their first-ever bilateral exercise at Visakhapatnam on the east coast from Saturday. The five-day exercise (October 12 to 16) was preceded by a two-day (October 10-11) coordinated patrol in northern part of the Bay of Bengal. This was the second edition of Indian Navy-Bangladesh patrol in Bay of Bengal. INS Ranvijay, a guided-missile destroyer, and INS Kutnar, an ingeniously built missile Corvette, participated in the patrol along with BNS Ali Haider and BNS Shadinota of Bangladesh. TNS

IRS officer booked for forging documents for UPSC exam
New Delhi: The CBI has filed a case against an Indian Revenue Service officer for allegedly using the identity of another person, five-year junior to him, to appear in the UPSC examination in 2007, officials said on Friday. The agency has booked Navneet Kumar, a 2007-batch IRS officer of customs and central excise, for submitting fake date of birth and educational certificates to qualify in the UPSC examination in 2007, officials said on Friday. The agency has booked Navneet Kumar, a 2007-batch IRS officer of customs and central excise, for submitting fake date of birth and educational certificates to qualify in the UPSC examination in 2007 and used the identity of the former to qualify the civil services examination, they said. PTI

Tgana to ban single-use plastic
Hyderabad: Telangana CM K Chandrababhan Nara has announced that a ban will be imposed on single-use plastic in the state. A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting of the Department of Rural Development, where the CM also offered to give DCs ₹2 crore for development of villages, if they came up with a concrete plan. The move will be formalised in the next Cabinet meeting. TNS

₹5 cr seized in tax raids on 2 K'taka Cong men

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 11
 Around Rs 5 crore in cash was "seized" during raids by over 100 Income Tax (IT) Department sleuths on the premises of Karnataka Congress leaders G Parameshwara and RL Jalappa in Bengaluru and other places in the state, sources said here today.

TIGHTENING NOOSE
Search and seize operations at 25-30 premises of Parameshwara and Jalappa are continuing since Thursday
Raids being carried out for alleged tax evasion and non-disclosure of disproportionate assets from institutions they run with relatives and friend

"Search and seize operations at 25-30 premises of Parameshwara and Jalappa are continuing since Thursday, for alleged tax evasion and non-disclosure of disproportionate assets from educational institutions they run with relatives and friends," source said.

The Director-General of the investigation wing. "Till the exercise is completed and seizures are valued, we cannot disclose them, as it will hamper the investigations. We may issue a statement after the operation is completed," the official said.

About Rs 70 lakh in cash alone was reportedly found and seized from Parameshwara's residence in the city's upscale northwest suburb of Sadashivnagar. Parameshwara, 68, was the Deputy Chief Minister in the 14-month-old JD (S)-Congress coalition government and former president of the party's state unit for over six years.

Parameshwara and Jalappa, 93, together with their family and relatives, head a chain of higher education institutions, including medical, dental and engineering colleges in the state's southeast region.

An income tax official, however, declined to confirm the seizure of cash and documents as the search operation was continuing and a statement would be issued after the exercise by

"A team of sleuths has also questioned Parameshwara as regards documents seized during the search and on the basis of the affidavits he filed in his tax returns and to the Election Commission for contesting the 2018 Assembly poll," source said.

The Siddhartha group of institutions, run by Parameshwara and his family,

have huge campuses and colleges at Nelamangala and Tumakuru.

In Maharashtra, Shah slams Cong for Corbyn meet

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11
 Home Minister Amit Shah today hit out at the Congress for "discussing matters of national security with foreign leaders". Addressing a rally at Buldana in Maharashtra's Vidarbha region, Shah referred to a tweet by Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Opposition in British parliament, about a "very productive meeting" with a delegation of the Congress where Kashmir was reportedly discussed.



"Karnal Dhaliwal who is close to Rahul Gandhi met Jeremy Corbyn and said the situation is not normal in Kashmir. I want to ask Rahul Gandhi, what does your party want to do by discussing matters of country with foreign leaders," Amit Shah said at the rally. Shah said all along the Indi-

an Government stated that Kashmir was India's internal matter and it would tolerate no interference by foreign leaders. "For years we have been stating that we would not tolerate any kind of interference in Kashmir whether it was the American President or anybody else. Even PM Modi has said that Kashmir was our internal matter and told others not to interfere." — TNS

INX: ED moves Delhi court for PC's custody

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11
 The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today moved a Delhi court seeking custodial interrogation of senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case.

Chidambaram is in Tihar jail in connection with the INX Media corruption case lodged by the CBI and will be produced before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar on October 14 following the production warrant issued against him on the ED's plea.



Taking note of the plea, argued by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and special public prosecutor Amit Mahajan, the special court issued the warrant directing Tihar jail authorities to produce Chidambaram before it at 3 pm on Monday, when the probe agency can formally arrest and quiz him in custody.

The development assumes significance as Chidambaram has been denied bail by the Delhi HC and the SC in the case filed by the ED. — PTI

The raids were being conducted in connection with alleged irregularities in the accounts of the educational institutions, including the medical and engineering colleges by the trusts headed Parameshwara and Jalappa.

Senior Congress leader and former cabinet minister DK Shivakumar was arrested in New Delhi on September 4 and has been remanded in judicial custody in the capital's Tihar Jail in connection with an alleged money-laundering case and for tax evasion on properties worth crores amassed disproportionately to his known sources of income. — IANS

Now, three-month district posting mandatory for MD/MS students

Health policy-making body okays floating faculty proposal

ADITI TANDON
 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11
 Medical MD and MS students will have to undertake a compulsory district hospital posting as part of their postgraduate course from the next academic session.



30,000
 postgraduates India produces annually
32,158
 PG seats for academic session 2019-20

The landmark move which seeks to boost the availability of specialised health manpower across rural India was today endorsed at the meeting of the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare, the apex health policy-making body of the country which has health ministers of all states as members.

GOVT MOOTS INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICES

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Friday mooted the idea of the dedicated Indian Medical Services for the health sector on the lines of IAS, IFS and IRS and asked state health ministers to send their feedback.

The council passed 34 resolutions to push the country's momentum towards health for all. One of these resolutions was on mandatory three-month posting for MD/MS students during the second year of their course at district hospitals in the country from 2020.

"The concept of floating faculty, proposed for a long time, was approved by the council today. This means an assistant professor who meets MCI's eligibility conditions to be an associate professor, but can't become an associate professor due to absence of vacancies will be designated as associate professor and treated as such for salary, appointments and other practical purposes. Likewise an associate professor if eligible to be professor, but stagnating due to zero vacancy will be designated as professor," a top Health Ministry source said.

"The proposal was approved at the council. The aim is to ensure that medical postgraduates serve in a variety of settings, especially across district hospitals which take the maximum public health load of the hinterland," said a top source familiar with developments at the meeting.

Inmates clash in UP jail

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 11
 Two groups of prisoners clashed inside the Gorakhpur district jail on Friday, in a fight that was reportedly triggered over the quality of food served there.

Panel snubs appeal to hand over Ayodhya land


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LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 11
 Rejecting the proposal of a group of eminent Muslims to hand over the disputed 2.77 acres in Ayodhya to the Supreme Court as a goodwill gesture, All-India Babri Masjid Action Committee (AIBMAC) convener Zafaryab Jilani said they had no say in the matter.

Sources said some jail personnel, jailor, deputy jailor and three wardens, were also beaten by inmates when they tried to intervene. Inmates also damaged the CCTV camera, chairs and other jail properties. Heavy force has been rushed to the jail and the police had to deploy drones to monitor the situation. An uneasy peace was bro-

kered when the Additional District Magistrate assured the inmates of looking into their demands. According to the jail administration, two gangs of inmates of Koel Yadav and Govind Yadav had instigated their supporters to attack jailor Prem Sagar Shukla and deputy jailor Prabhakant Pandey. The inmates have also written to the District Magistrate to act against Circle Officer Praveen Singh who had allegedly thrashed some inmates last night for misbehaviour in the police van while returning from court. — TNS

will gesture? Does the larger Muslim population know anything about them? I wonder what their agenda is and I don't care what they have to say in the matter. Not even 0.1 per cent Muslims know about them."

The forum "Indian Muslims for Peace", which is a cross-section of Muslims, including retired bureaucrats, soldiers, lawyers, journalists, doctors and businessmen, on Thursday proposed an out-of-court settlement in the Babri Masjid-Ram Janambhoomi dispute maintaining that it was the

THE PARTY RECORD		
 ₹296 cr DONATIONS	₹217 cr SPENDING	198 days DELAY*
*75-DAY LIMIT TO SUBMIT SPEND DETAILS		

cheque/DD/RTGS to check the use of black money in elections. It recommended monitoring of political parties' expenditure by the EC's shadow observers.

and the Congress delayed the matter by 198 days, 197 days and 181 days, respectively. The INLD delayed it by 42 days whereas the SAD submitted it on time (both parties fought only in Haryana).

In a report made public on Monday, the ADR recommended heavy penalty on defaulters. It also wants declaration of details of all donors contributing to political parties for their election campaign, irrespective of the amount donated.

As per the ADR's study, total funds collected by the parties stood at Rs 464.55 crore while the expenditure was Rs 375.21 crore. The funds collected by parties at the central headquarters were Rs 233.76 crore and expenditure was Rs 204.10 crore. Maharashtra and Haryana state units spent Rs 136.69 crore and Rs 16.42 crore. The BJP collected the maxi-

imum Rs 296.74 crore, including Rs 174.159 crore at its central headquarters. Its Maharashtra and Haryana units collected Rs 122.28 crore and Rs 0.303 crore. The party cumulatively spent the most at Rs 217.68 crore, constituting Rs 151.37 by central headquarters and Rs 65.1 crore and 1.21 crore by Maharashtra and Haryana units.

The Congress collected Rs 84.37 crore, including Rs 62.74 crore and Rs 5.083 crore by Maharashtra and Haryana units. The party spent Rs 55.27 crore comprising Rs 8.27 crore by central headquarters and Rs 35.97 crore and Rs 11.03 crore by Maharashtra and Haryana. The INLD and the SAD, which only contested in Haryana, spent Rs 3.94 crore and Rs 0.0046 crore, respectively.



Guj court grants bail to Rahul in defamation case

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 11
 Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi today appeared in Ahmedabad courts in connection with two defamation cases and pleaded "not guilty" in both cases.

In a case filed by BJP corporator Krishnavadan Brahmbhatt for calling BJP president Amit Shah a 'murder accused' in a rally in Jabalpur, he was granted bail on a Rs-10,000 personal bond.

In another case related to Rahul's claim that Ahmedabad District Cooperative Bank was involved in a currency swapping scam post-demonetisation, the court refused to grant him permanent exemption from personal appearance and fixed the hearing on December 7.

On Thursday, a Surat court fixed the hearing on a similar plea on December 7 while granting him exemption from personal appearance in a case for allegedly defaming the Modi community by making sarcastic remarks as to "why all thieves share Modi surname." — OC

Radicalisation worrying, agree Xi, Modi

and China's growing support to Pakistan in Islamabad's contestation with Delhi. "The intention behind the summit is to move forward and chart a new pathway of development, despite differences between the two countries over these issues," officials said. PM Modi explained to Xi the historical significance of the monuments, wearing a white, full-sleeved shirt

tucked into black trousers, he narrated their historical links with China's Fujian province where the Chinese leader was once Governor. From Pancha Ratha, the two leaders visited the well-lit Shore temple, a symbol of the cultural heritage of the Pallava dynasty. They were then joined by select representatives from both sides to witness a cultural programme

by the Kalakshetra Society. The two leaders then departed for a private dinner at the done-up Shore temple complex. Eight delegates from each side sat at a separate venue for the dinner. Delicately selected authentic Tamil cuisines, including vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes, were served, from lobster cooked in Kerala spices to pea with tamarind and jaggery.

Govt may remit sentence of 15 Punjab cops

The government had asked for remission of their sentence on grounds of old age and ill-health. The oldest among them is 83

years old and the youngest 63. Once decorated officers, one of them was awarded the President's Police Medal. Eight of

the convicts are serving life term. The rest are out on bail. Most of them were lodged in Central Jail, Patiala.

In Hry, Cong vows farm loan waiver, quota in pvt jobs

household and 75 per cent reservation for Haryana youth in private sector companies. "We will also end the interview system for B-category jobs," said Hooda, taking cue from the incumbent BJP government, which had abolished the system for C and D-category jobs.

The Congress promised to raise the monthly unemployment allowance for graduates from Rs 1,500 to Rs 7,000 and for post-graduates from Rs 3,000 to Rs 10,000.

The manifesto mentions raising creamy layer reservation criterion for backward classes from existing Rs 6

lakh per annum to Rs 8 lakh, 27 per cent OBC reservation in class-I and class-II jobs, board for Kumhar caste, Rs 5,000 monthly risk allowance to workers cleaning sewerage lines and recruitment of 50,000 safai karamcharis.

And the other promises are rice and wheat for poor at Rs 2 per kg, one-day weekly holiday for police personnel and doing away with heavy penalties under the new motor vehicles Act.

The manifesto mentions raising creamy layer reservation criterion for backward classes from existing Rs 6

only solution that could make both Hindus and Muslims happy as no party would feel aggrieved. Accepting that they had no stake in the dispute, the

To curb mob lynching, the Congress pledges to bring in a strong legislation and would declare those proven guilty in such cases ineligible for government jobs. A minority commission has also been promised.

Wooring the state government employees, the party promised to raise the retirement age from 58 to 60 years

Interestingly, barring the promise of having four deputy CMs (one each from SC, OBC and Brahmin category), most of the announcements that Hooda made at his Rohtak rally on August 18 have found place in the manifesto. "It (four Deputy CMs) can't be part of the manifesto as it is the prerogative of the CM," said Azad.

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On the private track

New operators can make Railways pull up its socks

OVER four years after the Bibek Debroy Committee stated that liberalising the entry of new operators into railway operations was a viable option to encourage growth and improve services, the government has formed an empowered group to prepare a feasibility plan for upgrading 50 railway stations to world-class standards and allowing private players to operate 150 trains. The development follows the flag-off of India's 'first private semi-high speed train', the Lucknow-New Delhi Tejas Express. Tejas, run by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), offers facilities for rail passengers that were virtually unheard of earlier in the country — Rs 25-lakh travel insurance, luggage pick-up and drop, and monetary compensation in case of delays.

Railway unions are opposing the move to open the floodgates for private participation. They fear that lakhs of employees will become jobless or no longer have job security. The best way the government can allay these apprehensions is to establish the long-overdue railway regulatory authority. An independent regulator that can promote healthy competition and protect the interests of various stakeholders was mooted not only by the Debroy panel, but also by the Rakesh Mohan Committee (2001). The latter, set up by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government, had recommended corporatisation of the Railways. It had stirred up a hornets' nest by suggesting division of responsibility of functioning between three institutions — the proposed Indian Railway Corporation, the regulatory body and the Union Government. Predictably, the recommendation did not pass muster with the ministry's top brass as implementing it would have loosened the government's stranglehold on the Railways.

Government or private, the ownership of trains and railway stations is the least of the passengers' concerns. They want basic facilities — tout-free access to platforms, comfortable berths, safe and high-speed travel, good food, clean toilets — even if all this entails paying higher fares. It's potentially a win-win situation for the traveller, as long as the operator goes all out to woo him and is held accountable for any deficiency in services.

Transforming education

Public participation inspires change in govt schools

IN the absence of adequate government funds and facilities, giving a flip to education in Punjab government schools are members of the civil society. They are pitching in to ensure that the little ones get the best learning tools, as also proper meals for their all-round development. Heart-warming gestures of Good Samaritans rising to the occasion dot the state. It is believed that in 2018 alone, as many as 2,524 government schools in Punjab metamorphosed into exemplary complexes from dilapidated infrastructures. Driving the change was the coordinated efforts of the school staff along with NRIs, corporates and the public. The primary school in Moosa village of Mansa district has the proud distinction of weaning students from private schools ever since it revamped into a 'smart' one, thanks to donations by the village community supplementing government aid. As teachers volunteered to take extra classes after school hours and hone the children's talents, no parent felt the need to enroll them anywhere else. The school of Jeetsar, another village of Mansa, has made similar progress by making optimal use of its resources gathered from concerned citizens.

Equally edifying is the latest gesture of Ludhiana schoolteachers who have not let students go without the midday meals despite coffers running empty. They have pooled money to buy vegetables and taken other food items on credit. To ensure that children continue to be provided with nutrition in line with the Food Security Act, the Punjab Government must expedite the release of funds. In a related matter, it also needs to sympathetically look into the issue of raising the salaries of cooks, who have been protesting against the meagre amounts they receive.

To stem the fast exhaustion of funds, the government would do well to also adopt imaginative methods to cut expenditure. Setting up kitchen gardens for clusters of neighbouring schools can save money on costly vegetables as well as ensure wholesome, hygienic meals for kids. For, notwithstanding public participation, the primary responsibility of children's education and food, so that they become productive citizens, remains that of the government.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Do your duty and a little more and the future will take care of itself. — **Andrew Carnegie**

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The Punjab Enquiry and the Police.

AS will have been seen from the Press communique published in these columns, Sir Edward Maclagan has already moved in the matter of giving effect to the pledge recently given in the Imperial Legislative Council, that members of the public giving evidence before the Enquiry Committee shall not in any manner be harassed by the police. This is precisely what might have been expected. The action taken by His Honour is, however, only the first step in the process. If the assurance given by the Home members is to be given full effect to, the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners concerned must loyally co-operate with the head of the Government and must keep a vigilant eye upon the police, holding a prompt inquiry into all complaints and inflicting suitable punishments in all cases where the complaint is found to be well-founded.

Kasur Indemnity.

IT appears from a petition submitted by the inhabitants of Kasur to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that an indemnity amounting to about a lac and a half of rupee has been imposed on the residents of that locality. The grounds on which the petitioners pray for a withdrawal of the order demanding the indemnity are similar to those urged by the inhabitants of Gujranwala to whose case we referred in a recent issue. It is pointed out in both the petitions that the respective localities were notified as "declared areas" subsequent to the riots. It appears, therefore, that an important condition, which must be fulfilled before indemnity can be levied under section 15 (A) of the Police Act, has not been satisfied either in the case of Gujranwala or in that of Kasur. Apart from this aspect of the matter, there is the higher point of view of expediency.

Not in safe hands

Food regulator must champion public health and not be industry cheerleader



DINESH C SHARMA
SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

THE way the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is cosying up to the very food industry it is supposed to regulate, it would appear it has forgotten that it is not a promotional agency but a legally mandated regulator. The FSSAI is supposed to establish food safety standards and enforce them as per law, acting as the custodian of public health, just like the Food and Drug Administration in the US. For the promotion of food industry and business, the Centre has a dedicated wing — Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Food and drug regulation is divided between the FSSAI and the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). In both, the influence of powerful industrial and business lobbies has been a matter of concern. In 2012, the parliamentary committee on health had exposed the dubious nature of drug regulation, and reminded the DCGI that its job was to protect consumer interest and public health and not promote the interests of the pharmaceutical industry. Now, the FSSAI is going the same way.

The FSSAI came into existence as a result of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and started functioning a couple of years later. The food industry influence on the regulator was seen at the very genesis of the authority when it packed all its scientific panels with representatives of the industry it sought to regulate. The panels were supposed to formulate standards for various things such as levels of pesticide residue, food labelling, genetically modified content in food, food supplements, recall, fisheries products, etc. Appointing food industry executives on these panels was grossly unethical as



IN WHOSE INTEREST? The 2017 FSSAI-Nestle handshake was shameful, considering the company was still under the scanner.

The influence of powerful industrial lobbies is a matter of concern. An overhaul is needed to ensure transparency.

well as illegal. The law clearly lays down that members of scientific committees should be 'independent' experts. These committees were cleaned up following uproar in media and rebuke from the Supreme Court.

Within a few years, the industry — perhaps nudged by the regulators — invented a way to subvert these panels once again. Instead of nominating people directly from Coke, Pepsi, Cargill, ITC, Nestle, etc., as was done in 2008, the FSSAI stuffed its panels with so-called experts from industry-floated and industry-backed, dubious think tanks, associations and so-called private research institutes.

When this industry-regulator arrangement was exposed recently in international and national press, the FSSAI has come out with draft guidelines on 'working with the private sector'. These guidelines are nothing but poor justification of what has been going on in the authority in the past few years. It is now seeking to legitimise its cosy arrangement with the global and national food industry. The guidelines say that 'any candidate currently working/employed or associated

with private food businesses of their research centres cannot be considered for appointment' in any scientific panel. The authority will have to sack half the members and chairmen of its panels if the proposal is implemented honestly. The guidelines also justify the participation of CEO and other senior officials of the authority on panels of some vague food safety centres established by industry associations, as long as 'the work of such centres is fully aligned with the aims and objectives of FSSAI'. There is inherent conflict in this — the objective of private industry and food biggies is profit, while the FSSAI is supposed to protect public health and consumer interest. Where do the two sets of interests align? Why should the CEO of public-funded FSSAI rub shoulders with food companies who are answerable only to their shareholders?

Ironically, the present rot in food regulation follows a major food product recall by the FSSAI in 2015 — Nestle's Maggi noodles — for mislabelling. This recall had jolted global food giants. Here was a promising market for highly processed food products and a food

regulator which could bite. Food majors responded by unleashing high-pitch public relations and lobbying efforts through industry chambers, politicians, international associations and even World Bank. The goal was to make the FSSAI industry-friendly. Nestle floated a food safety research centre, Hindustan Lever got Confederation of Indian Industries to set up a centre for excellence in food safety, ITC gave the bait of training regulatory staff, and so on. In each of these activities, the FSSAI became an active partner and its top brass donned the cap of a champion of food industry, deviating from its legally mandated goal of protecting consumer health. The handshake of the FSSAI chief with Nestle in 2017 was a shameful act, given the fact that the company then was still under the scanner and was facing a class action suit. It continues to face trouble with other government agencies. In September 2019, two of its dubious research projects were ordered to be terminated by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for flouting regulations relating to marketing of baby foods. The DCGI has been asked to examine if ethical approvals were taken for the two clinical trials sponsored by Nestle. But ignoring this, the FSSAI wants to work with the likes of Nestle, as is clear from the latest guidelines on 'working with the private sector'.

Both the food and drug regulatory authorities should be above board if they have to win the confidence of consumers. Both must champion the cause of public health and consumer safety, and not become cheerleaders of the industry. Like the investigation by the parliamentary panel into the working of the DCGI, and recently into the working of another regulator — Medical Council of India — there should be one covering the functioning of the FSSAI. Knee-jerk reactions to occasional exposures into its working are not going to help. The authority needs an overhaul and a new system that ensures the highest levels of transparency. The blurring of lines between promotion and regulation is not in the interest of the public.

Dey is forgotten, Nehru's 'daughter' too

RANBIR SINGH

IT had been built by the muscles of refugees who had been uprooted from their homes as a result of the Partition and put in a camp commanded by the great visionary, SK Dey. He decided to construct Nilokheri as an agro-industrial township as well as a focal point for rural development by linking the adjoining villages with it. It could claim to be the first planned township of North India. The township had been divided into Kisan Basti and poultry, hospital and school area. Its Gole Market was based on the model of the Connaught Place of New Delhi.

An Integrated Industrial Training Centre had been set up by the Gov-

ernment of India at Nilokheri for training the youth in different trades. It is a different matter that today its building located on the GT Road has been lying unused for about two decades.

Dey had also set up the Orientation Training Centre in 1953 for converting the general administrators inherited from the colonial era into development administrators. However, it was relegated to the status of an extension training centre for the training of officials of the Development and Panchayats Department, and named it as the State Community Development Centre. Renaming it as Rajiv Gandhi State Institute of Panchayati Raj and Community Development has in no way

enhanced its status to the extent of matching the Orientation Training Centre, which used to be headed by ICS officers. Even the Haryana Institute of Rural Development, established in 1994, could not fill the wide gap created by the abolition of the Orientation Training Centre.

The Government Polytechnic at Nilokheri, the first such institution in north-west India, too, was set up by Dey. Students from J&K and undivided Punjab used to study there. It had acquired a great status. But now, it has lost its glory after the proliferation of government and private polytechnics. Even Government Engineering College, which came up in 2014, has not been able to acquire that status.

The Government of India Printing

Press, from where the Journal of Rural Development, Kurukshetra, used to be published, was also Dey's idea. The press has since been closed. Nilokheri was considered as a site for building the capital of Punjab in the 1950s. However, the proposal was sabotaged on the pretext that it was a flood-prone area.

Nehru had once declared Nilokheri as his daughter! He had also desired that at least 10,000 Nilokheris be built up in various parts of India. But the tragedy is that today nobody bothers about this orphan of Nehru. Dey has also been completely forgotten. No institution could be named after him, despite the strenuous efforts of his daughter, Purni Pandey, in 2006 — the centenary year of that great visionary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hold elections soon

Due to long years of terrorist violence, lack of infrastructure development, unemployment, social injustice, political corruption and misgovernance, the Kashmiris feel disgruntled, alienated and intimidated ('The Valley of fear'; *Nous Indica*, October 11). No doubt, the security forces have maintained peace post abrogation of Article 370, but the clampdown, arrest of political leaders and grassroot workers, and alleged rights violations have undermined the core values of democracy. For the restoration of normalcy, the Centre should let political activism take wings and hold elections to the state Assembly.

HARMOHIT SINGH, HOSHIARPUR

May good sense prevail

The detention of popular leaders in the Valley, being what it is, winning them round to back New Delhi once again may now be difficult. Pakistan is all out to disturb India's hold on the Valley. Entrusting the task of restoration of tranquillity to novices has its own pros and cons. Under the circumstances, ushering competitive politics is indeed imperative to restore peace. A common man, in the meantime, can only pray that good sense prevails all around!

KL NOATAY, BY MAIL

'Change' for the better

Refer to 'The Valley of fear' (*Nous Indica*; October 11); it is not moot that the detention of top leaders in Kashmir discredits Indian democracy, but the Abdullahs and others of their ilk considered J&K as their fiefdom, with loyalty to India subject to enjoying power. It is time the Valley opens up to new horizons to attract infrastructure development, educational avenues and employment generation. The Centre is on the right track and the 'change' will be tangible in not so distant future, paving the way for people's rule.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Some fraud!

Refer to 'Fortis ex-CMD held for Rs 740 crore fraud' (October 11); the arrest of a former CMD of a reputed company is a telling example of one's fall from grace — a who's who of Indian corporates to a fraudster. This case is not one-off. Siphoning off funds, taken as loan from banks, can happen only when the bank authorities look the other way. A major chunk of money in banks is the hard-earned money of the common people. The whole episode becomes murkier with the involvement of the name of the chief of a religious trust, with a

large following not only within the country, but also outside. It is sad to see higher-ups of society discarding integrity in their dealings for personal aggrandisement.

YOGINDER SINGHAL, LADWA

Mocking road safety

Apropos the middle 'The many Ching Fung-Lis on road' (October 11), 'Helmeta di koi parvaah nahi, tripping ch overspeed gaddi mai dauda layi' is from a song 'Dilli ke sardar boys', which mocks norms for road safety. The youth is being influenced by such content. They do not wear helmet as hair is more important than life. Using earphones while driving is 'cool' for them. The government must take special steps for two-wheelers.

SAURAV SHARMA, JAMMU

DA not bonanza

While announcing the DA by the Union government to its employees and pensioners, it has given a different nomenclature like bonanza and Diwali gift. It is neither. DA is compensatory part of wages. The sanction of DA is based on the six-monthly increase in the Consumer Price Index. The compensation for price rise is admissible twice a year — January and July. The government has announced the DA after three months. Thus it is neither dole nor

charity. Furthermore, many state governments have not given DA for the past couple of years. Punjab, too, has failed to give DA since 2017.

SK KHOSLA, CHANDIGARH

Those mushaira days...

It was 2006, when we decided to organise a *mushaira* to commemorate Republic Day. We have been organising All India *Mushaira* since 2001, but are unsure for how long, as funds are an issue. People can give a lot in the name of religion, but nothing for promotion of art and culture! The expenditure on poets' honorarium was about Rs 1.9 lakh. We met the then DGP, Punjab — a great lover of Urdu *shairi*. He assured us help from the Sufi Foundation India. The *mushaira* was a success and we were left with Rs 16,000 as two poets failed to make it. When we went to return the money, the DGP asked us to keep it for the organisation. We spent that money on the next *mushaira*. Years later, after his retirement, I told him that those were the days when we used to get Rs 2 lakh easily, but now even Rs 16,000 was difficult. He said: 'Log bade ho gaye hain par dil chhote ho gaye hain.' I recited him a couplet: 'Ab to itni nahi mayassar maikhane mein/Jitni hum kabhi chhod diya karte the paimane mein.'

NARESH RAJ, PATIALA

Living together as a nation is a moral choice



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ARE we a nation? Does the natural diversity of the Indian social landscape undermine Bharat, the *rashtra*? Do we need to homogenise to become a nation? Does being a nation undermine our diverse identities? Logic, common sense and the experience of living in India suggest these to be red herrings.

Diversity is natural to human existence. Only Indians, since the British pointed it out, make a fetish out of it and constantly talk either of nurturing diversity or of diversity being under threat. It requires an extraordinary kind of insularity to presume that diversity is unique to India. All people have it. Diversity exists in all nations. Even those that claim to be governed by a single religion, caste, tribe or language.

The defining feature of a nation — at least a civilised and caring nation — is the desire and ability of the people to live together rather than fighting with each other over the natural dissimilarity in belief patterns, religions, languages, food choices and preferences for conjugal living etc.

France has 25 regional languages, each regional language has many sub-groups. A report written for the French Government in 1999 identified 75 languages as regional or minority languages. China has eight main dialects, each of which has hundreds

of variations, not counting minority languages like Mongolian or Tibetan and their variations. The religious universe is equally diverse.

A Pew report of 2017 identified 13 countries, including the United Kingdom, where Christianity is the state religion. And yet, only 59 per cent of the people in the UK practice Christianity. Even fewer follow the Anglican denomination which is the one that is the 'state religion'. Islam, Judaism, Sikhism and Hinduism are the other minority religions. One-quarter of the UK said they did not practice any religion. None of this leads France, China or the United Kingdom or any other country, to wonder whether they are a nation or a nation-in-the-making.

In India, historically speaking, people revel in how unique they are and superior to others. An almost impermeable layer of superiority also makes them quite contemptuous, and unmindful of each other as they divide themselves into castes and sub-castes and sub-religions...the defining feature here is to create ever small, insular groups. Each of which group then asserts its presence, loudly if possible.

Outsiders frequently get overwhelmed by such insularity that marks the Indian society and culture. Various visitors who came to India in historical times noticed stark differences between Indians and the outside world. However, it was Babar, the invader from Kabul, who first noticed that such insularity was indicative of Indians being uncultured. He had decided to stay in India even while his generals insisted on leaving behind the heat and dust of India and return to the pleasant climes of Kabul. Writing his memoirs in the 16th century,



CIVILISED WAY: The defining feature of a nation is the ability of people to live together rather than fight with each other.

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he remarked that Indians did not have the ease of interacting with each other, unlike the people of Afghanistan and Uzbekistan who were comfortably cosmopolitan.

To this day, social division along innumerable fault-lines is a characteristic feature of India. Whether this is due to our innately strong sense of self or an inability to find common platforms, it hardly matters. Whether we like it or not, other countries do see us as one nation and have done so perhaps since the earliest days. Greek geographer Herodotus used the term 'India' in the fifth century BC.

In the modern world, existence is defined by citizenship. Rights flow from where you live. The right to do business, the terms of business, depend on that. No doubt, identity has multiple strands to it. Insular groups based on caste and religion are, by definition, a microcosm of reality and have limited relevance beyond that microcosm.

Attempts to project such insular

groups as the primary identity of an individual, important beyond all others, have only resulted in violence and bitterness. Kashmiri Pandits and Kanyakubj Brahmins have as little in common with each other as Mappila Muslims and Deobandis. The one secular, open-ended identity that is available to all, and which guarantees constitutional rights to the people, is that of belonging to a nation.

Asserting the identity of an insular group over and above everything else is liable to undermine any collective identity. Whether or not to live together as a nation is, in the end, a moral choice.

The Constitution makers of India made that moral choice for us when they chose to have the Constitution as the fundamental norm, from which flowed all other norms for the state and the people of India. They gave us a Constitution that was extraordinarily detailed. They also made the Constitution the device with which to transform the Indian society. The

grand project of the Constitution involved, among other things, a commitment to the ideas that were not, in 1947, a characteristic of India.

The Constitution talked of equality of status and opportunity for all citizens in a society that was extremely unequal in every possible way. It talked of the liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship for all citizens in a society that had just emerged out of a murderous partition of the country, because some people insisted on religion as their primary identity. There was a commitment to providing social, economic and political justice to the citizens.

Whether knowingly or unknowingly, the Constitution was also following an ancient Indic tradition: asserting the right of individual conscience and belief. A defining characteristic of India in the past has been a refusal to allow a monopoly of truth to any one belief system. Till the arrival of Islam at any rate, Saiva, Vaishnava, Srmana, Nirgrantha (Jaina) to name only the most well known; all these groups freely crossed over from one to the other, without social sanction against such crossings.

Finding all belief systems in one and the same family was a routine affair. In an earlier age, Chandragupta Maurya was a Jain, his son Bindusara a follower of the Ajivikas and grandson Asoka a Buddhist. Asoka's son Jalauka was a Saiva and his grandson Samprati a Jaina.

Making choices when faced with claims of competing identities is never easy. It might be difficult to balance the demands of individuality with the demands of being a member of the wider group called nation, but finding that balance is critical to survival as a nation. In the end, it is a moral choice that we must make.

Offensive action needed to detect drones



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Despite the limitations of low-cost drones in terms of any substantial load or weapon carriage, they can cause considerable damage, given the vulnerabilities of soft civilian targets as seen in Saudi Arabia. Also, dropping of AK-47s, RDX and the like affords non-state and other actors another effective means of waging a sub-conventional war.

THE media has been agog about weapons being dropped surreptitiously by Pakistani drones in Indian Punjab.

Whilst no technical details of the types of drones employed have emerged from the pictures shown in the media, they appear to be crude low-cost platforms. The recent drone/cruise missile strike carried out supposedly by Yemeni Houthi rebels against Saudi oil farms nearly had the entire world up in arms. The advent of unmanned aerial vehicle technologies has posed a unique challenge to the air campaigner. The limitations of low-cost drones notwithstanding, in terms of any substantial load or weapon carriage or war-waging capability, given the vulnerabilities of soft civilian targets as seen in Saudi Arabia, they can cause considerable damage. Also, dropping of AK-47s, RDX and the like affords the non-state and other actors a new effective means of waging a sub-conventional war.

If media reports are to be believed, neither the IAF nor the BSF/Army was able to detect the drone activity over the LoC/IB airspace in Punjab. Of course, air defence of the Indian air space and the tactical battle area is the responsibility of the IAF and I am sure action would be at hand to counter this threat. Even in the past, the IAF has addressed these issues effectively, employing suitable radar and weapon combines.

The problem with UAV neutralisa-



UAV NEUTRALISATION: A unique challenge to air defence.

tion is its low radar cross-section and low speed, which makes a tactical weapon solution challenging, especially at night. But there are enough options with the IAF/Army in terms of tactical radars AEW/AWACS/aerostats to provide timely drone detection over any given sector. And, as far as shooting it down is concerned, the use of attack helicopters, trainer aircraft such as the Kirans/Hawk or Pilatus class of aircraft could be considered as they would be more in sync with the UAV-operating regime, specially of speed and altitude. More so, when drones are used by the adversary to abet his terror campaign and drop small arms etc, the IAF needs to consider offensive action to target the

launch pads themselves.

Aggressive electronic interference with the UAV-operating frequency should also be attempted to lead the drones astray. There have been techniques evolved of using an aerial net system to snatch aerial drones in flight. The intention should be to deny the enemy the use of this platform, howsoever nuisance value their employment may have.

If the technology is used by the adversary to target VIPs or strategic targets, it would be a different ball game altogether and aerial or other counter action would become imperative. The use of assets such as 'Thrush 510 G' light-prop aircraft or 'Little Bird' helicopters for such counter-terror roles is

advisable. The advantage of employing such aircraft is essentially the low cost and compatibility with a UAV's operating spectrum. With suitable armour-plating, light aircraft such as the Thrush could well be armour-plated in IAF Base Repair Depots to be employed in Counter-Terror and Combat Search And Rescue (CSAR) roles.

It may be recalled that not having a proven CSAR capability or inventory contributed directly to the IAF's inability to recover Wing Commander Abhinandan before he was picked up by the Pak Army after ejection over their territory. The key challenge in CSAR is to keep enemy ground forces at bay, away from the downed pilot, and these special aircraft or others optimised for the role, such as the A-10 Warthog, make this possible.

Aerial warfare has been a continuous seesaw of offence and defence. Every offensive action elicits a novel defensive action. The use of low-speed counter-insurgency aircraft is another option to target the UAVs themselves or launch pads across the border. It is not as though drones would replace manned fighters in a hurry. Yes, UCAV (unmanned combat aerial vehicle) technology could open up interesting possibilities. But the entire spectrum of manned assets and electronic warfare spectrum needs to be exploited to counter the UAV threat. Cost-effectiveness would be an important consideration alright. Meaning, we may not like to deploy a Beyond Visual

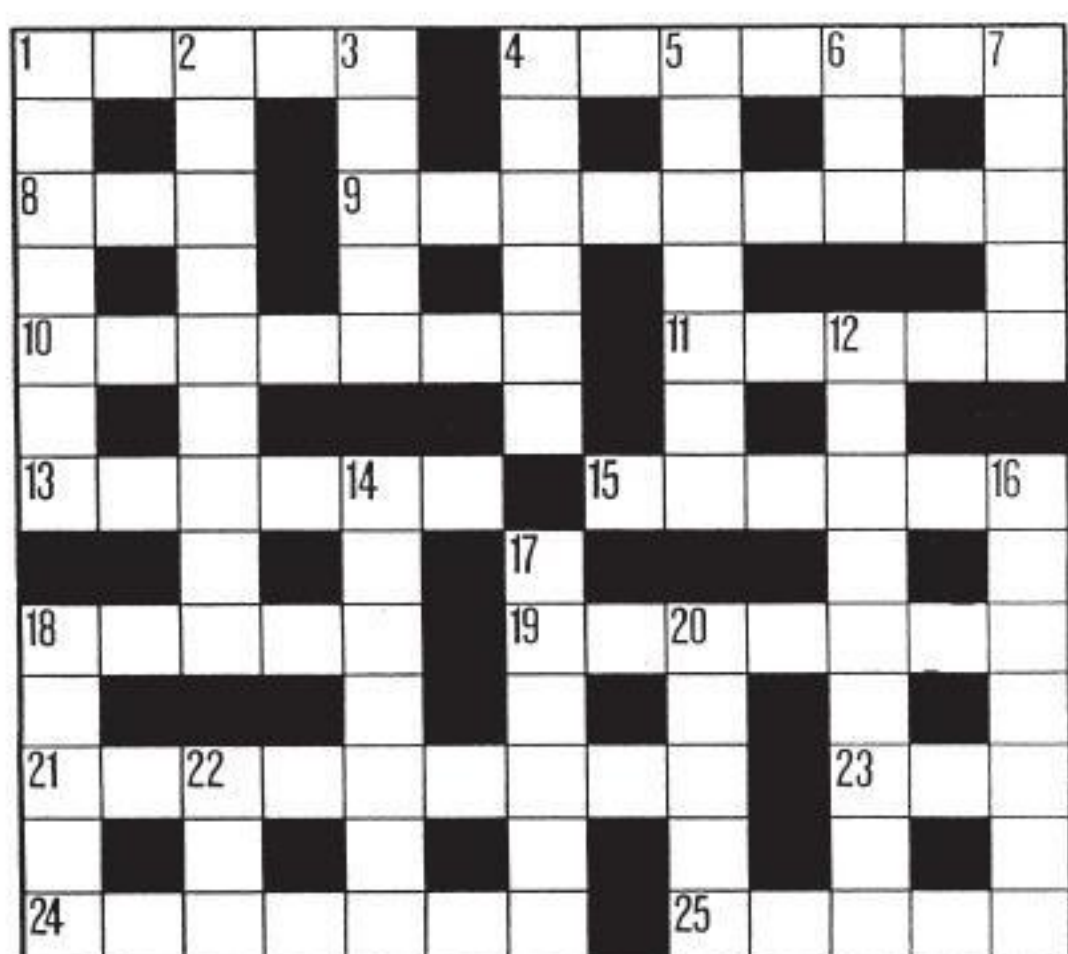
Range (BVR) class of aerial weapon against a low-cost UAV. Hence, the various options suggested.

Another important aspect for the planner is to discern what kind of targets could possibly be engaged by such UAVs. Arming a UAV had hitherto been a prowess monopolised by the US (whose Predator and Reaper drones have made a mark for themselves in Afghanistan and the Middle East). China and Pakistan are desperately attempting this weaponisation and so is India.

It's not only the technology to fire a missile from a UAV against a ground target and the mechanics involved in such a mission, but also to have a suitable missile of the Hellfire class which is used on the Predator/Reaper. The Indian Navy is known to be getting a Reaper class of UAV from the US for sea counter-terror missions. There's no gainsaying that such a capability would enable the much-wanted counter-terror targeting of national enemies, such as Hafiz Saeed and Dawood Ibrahim. As also possible military leadership targets of our western adversary!

Of course, technology by itself is of no use unless backed by political will. This appears to be aplenty in the present dispensation and, thus, we could open up an entirely new regime in our counter-terror campaign. Balakot could prove to be more than a milestone in India's proactive military strategy, including through aerial targeting and political signalling.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Keen (5)
- 4 Mixture (7)
- 8 Tear forcefully (3)
- 9 Failure to notice (9)
- 10 To augur (7)
- 11 Subsequently (5)
- 13 Ocean traffic lane (6)
- 15 Maintain (4,2)
- 18 Perfect (5)
- 19 Narrow in outlook (7)
- 21 Supplant (9)
- 23 Alcoholic beverage (3)
- 24 Put into words (7)
- 25 Abate (3,2)

DOWN

- 1 Concerning (7)
- 2 Capital letters (5,4)
- 3 Bring to mind (5)
- 4 Compensation (6)
- 5 To pardon (7)
- 6 Joke (3)
- 7 To drive by car (5)
- 12 Of the highest quality (3-6)
- 14 As a whole (2,5)
- 16 A root vegetable (7)
- 17 Arm muscle (6)
- 18 To distribute (5)
- 20 Hard outer covering (5)
- 22 Small fruit seed (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Earthquake, 8 Heavy, 9 Abolish, 10 Aviator, 11 Tutor, 12 Engage, 14 Nephew, 17 Sight, 19 Emperor, 21 Nemesis, 22 Award, 23 Starry-eyed.
Down: 2 Amazing, 3 Tryst, 4 Quarry, 5 Apostle, 6 Evict, 7 Third World, 8 Heaven-sent, 13 Go to sea, 15 Herbage, 16 Geyser, 18 Games, 20 Plane.

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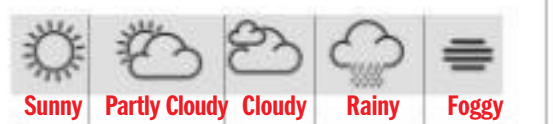
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- Ashwin Shaka 20
- Ashwin Parvishite 26
- Hijari 1441
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- Dhruv Yoga up to 4.12 am
- Uttarabhadrapad Nakshatra
- Moon in Pisces sign.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 17:55 HRS
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 06:23 HRS



CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	32	19
New Delhi	34	20

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

HARYANA		
Bhiwani	33	20
Hisar	34	18
Sirsa	32	20

HIMACHAL PRADESH		
Dharamsala	25	16
Manali	23	09
Shimla	24	14

JAMMU & KASHMIR		
Jammu	32	19
Leh	18	-01
Srinagar	26	06

UTTARAKHAND		
Dehradun	31	17
Mussoorie	21	12

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MATRIMONIALS BRIDES WANTED

Match for very handsome Brahmin boy 91 born 5-11, BE engineering high status business family...

Match for Brahmin tall, sober boy, B.Tech., working reputed Textile Company, 09.08.1990, 6', 11:58 p.m., Kangra. Simple educated family...

Match for very handsome Brahmin boy Nov. 91 born 9-9, well educated high status business family...

Match for B.Tech. MBA 5-10, 07.11.1990, 01:05PM at Ambala, vegetarian, AGM Package 19Lac...

Match for Brahmin boy 28/5-10, P.B.Pharma, 1991, well settled doctor, One Sister married...

Match for Brahmin boy 5-6-57, B.Tech in Computer Science, 25.01.1990, 06:07 am (Manglik), Hajipur (Punjab)...

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Gaur Brahmin pure vegetarian boy, Dec. 1991, 5-7", B.Tech. Thapar University, Patiala, MNC Bangalore, package 29 LPA. 98882-24759...

Saraswat Bhardwaj Govt. Class-I Officer, High Court, Chandigarh, 5-6", 11-10-1985, 5:52 pm, Kamal. Tricity Govt. employee referred. 97798-12236...

Very handsome 1988, 6-0", convent educated, BCA, 8 computer courses from Poland. Own business, boy's income 30 lakh yearly...

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SM4 Saraswat Brahmin boy 1987, 5-9", MSc. (IT), MCA, MA (Political Science), PGDCA. Working in MNC IT Park, Chandigarh...

Match for handsome Gaur divorcee Diploma Engineer Delhi 37/ 70,000 and M.Com. 34/ 50,000, 9468442975...

Match for Gaur Brahmin (Vashistha), handsome boy, 6", 5-11", working in a MNC at Mumbai, CTC 16 lakh B.Tech. and 2 Yr PGD...

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Handsome Labana Sikh boy, 5-8", cleanshaven, 11.2.1988, Accountant from family in California seeks professional, beautiful girl or 81465-87487, 84270-35348, (CL19092639)

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Demand for hand-made gifts goes up this festive season

Big retailers sourcing goods from small towns of region

VIJAY C ROY
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 11
Notwithstanding low capital and poor institutional framework, artisans in the northern region hope to make moolah this Diwali, courtesy increase in demand for handicrafts from corporates for gifting purpose.



The major items in demand are brass, aluminium and stoneware idols, handmade diyas and home furnishings etc. According to retailers, the demand for handicrafts and handmade gifts is witnessing a phenomenal growth with increased awareness and availability of multiple platforms to sell their products, making a win-win situation for both retailers as well as the artisans.

Earlier, I used to supply goods to government emporiums only, but now I am supplying to Walmart and Metro Cash & Carry as well. Besides increasing earnings of our artisans, we have managed to reach out to wider audience without any capital investment. Anil Mehta, DIRECTOR, AROOTI ANTIQUES PRIVATE LTD

the emergence of wholesale and retail stores and increased awareness has pushed the demand, especially for idols made of brass, aluminium and stoneware during Diwali season. Earlier, I used to supply goods to government emporiums but for the past around five years now, I am supplying my products to Walmart and Metro Cash & Carry. With this, not only earnings of artisans associated with us have increased but we have managed to reach out to wider audience through them without any capital investment," said Anil Mehta, director,

50 and few hundred rupees for a pack of 10 depending upon the design. Kundli-based Babita Gupta, a supplier of home furnishing items to Walmart India and Myntra, said the corporates go for uniqueness of the product. "We keep on getting orders from corporates through our partners. We have learnt that customers go for quality and value proposition." To cater to the consumers, the wholesale retailers are also taking initiatives. Krish Iyer, president & CEO, Walmart India, said, "We are working closely with MSMEs, local manufacturers and women-owned businesses this festival season to co-create differentiated merchandise, thereby supporting local manufacturers."

Auto sector crisis deepens

Car sales down 33.4% in Sept, passenger vehicles slip 24%

NEW DELHI/BENGALURU, OCT 11
Passenger vehicle sales slumped 23.7% in September, the 11th straight month of decline, prompting an industry body to flag more job cuts if sales failed to pick up soon. Passenger vehicle sales dropped to 2,23,317 units in September, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data showed, while passenger car sales dived 33.4% to 131,281 units. SIAM's data comes as the domestic automobile industry faces a crippling slowdown in demand that has led to production cuts and thousands of job losses. The industry is seeing longest-ever streak of sales decline. "We are preparing for best-case and worst-case scenarios... worst case there will be more production and job cuts," said SIAM president



IN REVERSE GEAR

Passenger vehicle sales dipped to 2,23,317 units in September while car sales dived 33.4% to 131,281 units. Car and auto component makers have cut thousands of jobs and halted some production as the industry grapples with various challenges amid a broader economic slowdown. Aggregate revenue for listed auto companies is estimated to have dropped by one-fourth in July-Sept, as per to Crisil

porate tax rate to boost manufacturing and lift growth. On Friday, SIAM's Wadhwa said it expected some improvement in the situation on the back of the festive season. However, Wadhwa refrained from giving out a forecast for future sales, saying SIAM would maintain a cautious stance until October performance numbers are in. Aggregate revenue for listed automobile companies is estimated to have dropped by one-fourth in July-September, Crisil, the Indian arm of S&P rating agency, said in a note on Thursday. The drop in auto sales is also expected to hit earnings for insurance companies such as New India Assurance and ICICI Lombard General Insurance in the September quarter. — Reuters

Rajan Wadhwa. Car and auto component makers have cut thousands of jobs and halted some production as the industry

Factory output at 7-year low, shrinks 1.1% in Aug

New Delhi: Signs of slowdown became more pronounced as the government data on Friday revealed factory output shrank by 1.1% in August, recording the poorest performance in seven years due to a sharp decline in production of capital goods and consumer durables. Industrial production growth for the first time in over two years has treaded into negative territory. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) had shown a growth of 4.8% in August 2018. The previous low in IIP was (-) 1.7% in November 2012. The manufacturing sector, which contributes over 77% to the IIP, contracted by 1.2%, the lowest in five years, as against a growth of 5.2% in the year-ago month, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The previous low in the manufacturing segment was recorded at (-) 1.8% in October 2014. Electricity generation growth too was in negative at (-) 0.9% as against an expansion of 7.6% in the year-ago month. PTI

Infosys Q2 profit falls 2.2% to ₹4,019 crore

Bengaluru: IT services company Infosys on Friday said its consolidated net profit has declined by 2.2% at Rs 4,019 crore for the July-September 2019 quarter. This is against a net profit of Rs 4,110 crore in the same period last fiscal, Infosys said in a regulatory filing. The city-based company saw its revenue rise by 9.8 per cent to Rs 22,629 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 20,609 crore in the year-ago period. In constant currency terms, this translates into a 11.4% increase. Infosys has raised the lower-end of its FY 20 revenue guidance and the revised forecast now stands at 9-10% growth in constant currency terms. At the beginning of the fiscal, the company had said it expected a revenue growth of 7.5-9.5% for FY 2019-20. Subsequently, while announcing its first quarter numbers, the company raised its revenue growth guidance for the fiscal to 8.5-10%. PTI

Airtel shuts 3G services in Haryana, users on 4G now

Chandigarh: Airtel on Friday said it has shut down its 3G network in Haryana and migrated customers to 4G services. The closure of 3G network is part of the company's plan to gradually phase out the third generation services across the country. "Airtel mobile broadband services in Haryana will now be available to customers on its high-speed 4G network along with HD quality VOLTE calling. Haryana is the second telecom circle after Kolkata to see the discontinuation of 3G services by Airtel," it said. All customers on Airtel 3G were duly notified and requested to upgrade their handsets and SIMs to continue on Airtel 4G, it added. Airtel, however, will continue to provide 2G services in Haryana to serve the connectivity needs of customers on feature phones. "The deployment and augmentation of 4G and re-farming of 3G spectrum is in line with our national strategy," Manu Sood, Hub CEO-Upper North, Airtel said. TNS

AMRITSAR IMPROVEMENT TRUST CORRIGENDUM
Due to administrative reasons tender NIT No. 6/E-Tender/ SE/ LG-T Amritsar/ 2018-19, Line no. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 14 has been extended.

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS) E-TENDER NOTICE No. G-433, DATED: 12.10.2019
PCMM/COFMOW, s Office invites e-Bids for the following STORES Tenders:

नीलामी सूचना
कार्यालय उप-निदेशक, पशु स्वास्थ्य/प्रजनन बिलासपुर, जिला बिलासपुर, हिमाचल प्रदेश
क्रमांक: एचएचए-बीएलपी-01/2019-VIII दिनांक: 10.10.2019

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, HIMACHAL PRADESH SHIMLA-9
No. HFV(ME)(G)(2)-10(MRI-PPP)-2019 Dated Shimla-9, the CORRIGENDUM
1. Reference to the Notice Inviting Tender vide No. HFV (ME) (G) (2)-10 (MRI-PPP)-2019-5042-44 dated Shimla-9, the 19th August, 2019 and subsequent corrigendum dated 5th September, 2019 and 21st September, 2019 published on e-tender portal http://hpetenders.gov.in

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT HIMACHAL PRADESH FORM-5 (See rule-8)
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF EXISTING LAND USE MAP
No. HIM/TP/PJT/DP-Bilaspur/2009/Vol-III/6564-78 Shimla Dated 11.10.2019
In exercise of the powers vested under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act, 1977 (Act No. 12 of 1977), Notice is hereby given that the Existing Land Use Map for the areas included in the Bilaspur Planning Area vide Notification No. TCP-F(5)-2/2016 dated 08.06.2016 has been prepared under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Act ibid and a copy thereof is available for inspection during office hours in the following offices:-

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, NIMSME, HYDERABAD
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post of Director General, National Institute for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Hyderabad on deputation/contract basis in the Pay Level 13A (7th CPC). Detailed conditions of appointment and application proforma are available on the Ministry's website: msme.gov.in.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE
No. :- 221-S/4/2/Whiting Jack/KLK/M-4 Dated: 07.10.2019
Sr. DME/O&F/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 221-S/4/2/Whiting Jack/KLK/M-4. Closing Date and Time 13.11.2019 up to 11:15 A.M. bidders will be able to submit their original revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice
Sr. DME/C&W/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites bids against tender no. 116-S/SC/02/MC-4/2019-20 closing date and time 07.11.2019 up to 12:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

ANNEXURE XIV
Format in which the Returning Officer may publish the information relating to government dues
(To be published in two newspapers having local circulation)
General Election from 40-Fatehabad Constituency
Public Notice
Information as furnished by the contesting candidates in their affidavits is in respect of Government dues is hereby published for information to all electors:-



FAST & SAFE WATER RIDE: An Uber boat anchored at Five Cowries terminal in Lagos, Nigeria, on Friday. REUTERS

Uber launches boat service in Nigeria's Lagos
LAGOS: Global ride-hailing firm Uber Technologies Inc on Friday launched a pilot test of a boat service in Nigeria's commercial capital Lagos to attract commuters seeking to avoid the megacity's notoriously congested roads. The waterway service, UberBOAT, is operated in partnership with local boat operator Texas Connection Ferries and the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), said the ride-hailing firm. Passengers will be charged a flat fare of 500 naira (\$1.39) per trip, compared with about 300 naira by minibus for a similar journey in the commercial hub of the West African country where most people live on less than \$2 a day. AFP

Researchers develop artificial human skin for robots
BERLIN: Researchers have developed a system combining artificial skin with control algorithms and used it to create the first autonomous humanoid robot with full-body artificial skin. The artificial skin developed by Professor Gordon Cheng and his team from Technical University of Munich in Germany, consists of hexagonal cells about the size of a two-euro coin. The H-1 robot is equipped with 1,260 cells on its upper body, arms, legs and even the soles of its feet. This gives it a new "bodily sensation". IANS

Alexei Leonov, first man to conduct spacewalk, dies
MOSCOW: Alexei Leonov (85), a Soviet-era cosmonaut who was the first man to conduct a spacewalk in 1965, died in Moscow on Friday. The Russian space agency Roscosmos said it was saddened to announce the death of "cosmonaut No. 11" who was twice decorated with the country's top honour, the Hero of the Soviet Union. Leonov was a close friend of Yuri Gagarin, who became the first human to go to outer space in 1961. Four years later Leonov made history when he left a spacecraft during the Voskhod 2 mission for a spacewalk that lasted 12 minutes and nine seconds. AFP



Ethiopia PM Abiy wins Nobel for mending ties with Eritrea

OSLO, OCTOBER 11
Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his peacemaking efforts which ended two decades of hostility with longtime enemy Eritrea. Abiy restored ties with Eritrea that had been frozen since a 1998-2000 border war.

"I am humbled and thrilled ... It is a prize given to Africa, given to Ethiopia," Abiy said in a phone call with the secretary of the award committee that was posted online.

The Nobel Committee said Abiy had won the prestigious prize for "efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea".



PM Abiy Ahmed at European Council headquarters in Brussels. AP

'HUMBLED & THRILLED'
■ "I am humbled and thrilled when I just heard the news," Ethiopia PM Abiy told the Nobel Committee
■ The Nobel Committee said Ethiopia PM Abiy won the prize for "efforts to achieve peace in particular for his initiative to resolve the border conflict with Eritrea"
■ The award consists of a gold medal, a diploma, and nine million Swedish kronor (US\$912,000)

"The prime minister also has to work on to improve the economy and drive down the cost of living," he added.
"The challenge now is internal for Abiy Ahmed, with Ethiopia needing to deal with the consequences of long-term violence, including three million displaced people and the need for continuing the political process."
"I have said often that

winds of hope are blowing ever stronger across Africa. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is one of the main reasons why," said United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres. — Reuters

5 stabbed at UK shopping centre

LONDON, OCTOBER 11
A mass stabbing at a busy shopping centre in Manchester on Friday left five people injured. Greater Manchester Police (GMP) said given the location and nature of the incident, specialist officers are continuing to probe after a man was arrested on suspicion of serious assault.

The shopping centre is in the vicinity of the Manchester Arena, which was the site of a terror attack by an Islamic State claimed suicide in 2017.
"We can confirm that five people have been stabbed and

Iran oil tanker hit by two projectiles

TEHRAN, OCTOBER 11
Suspected missile strikes hit an Iranian oil tanker off the Saudi coast on Friday, its owner said. The National Iranian Tanker Company, which owns the ship, said the hull of the Sabiti was hit by two separate explosions off the Saudi port of Jeddah, saying they were "probably caused by missile strikes".
Oil prices surged more than two percent on the news, which raised fresh supply concerns with tensions still high after last month's attacks on two Saudi crude facilities.
The International Energy



Smoke billows from Syrian town of Ras al-Ain on Friday. REUTERS

Turkey intensifies assault on Kurds

ISTANBUL, OCTOBER 11
Turkey stepped up its air and artillery strikes on Kurdish militia in north-east Syria on Friday, escalating an offensive that has drawn warnings of humanitarian catastrophe and turned Republican lawmakers against US President Donald Trump.

The incursion, launched after Trump withdrew US troops who had been fighting alongside Kurdish forces against Islamic State militants, has opened a new front in the eight-year-old Syrian civil war and drawn fierce international criticism.

In Washington, Trump suggested that Washington could mediate in the conflict, while also raising the possibility of imposing sanctions on Turkey.

On Friday, Turkish warplanes and artillery struck around Syria's Ras al Ain, one of the two border towns that have been the focus of the offensive. A convoy of 20 armoured vehicles carrying Turkish-allied Syrian rebels entered Syria from Ceylanpinar. Some 120 km to the west, Turkish howitzers resumed shelling near the Syrian town of Tel Abyad, a witness said.
"Tel Abyad is seeing the most intense battles in three days," said Marwan Qamishlo, a spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). "The whole border was on fire," he said.
Turkish forces have seized nine villages near Ras al Ain and Tel Abyad, said Rami Abdulrahman, director of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.
At least 32 fighters with the SDF and 34 Turkey-backed Syrian rebels have been killed in fighting, while 10 civilians have been killed, Abdulrahman said.
In Syria's al Bab, some 500 Turkish-backed Syrian fighters were set to head to Turkey to join the operation, CNN Turk reported. It broadcast video of them performing Muslim prayers in military fatigues. — Reuters

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice
Sr.DME/C&W/UMB acting on behalf of President of India invites bids against tender no. 116-SWC/03/MC4/2019-20 closing date and time 11.11.19 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet and can be seen/downloaded. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment toward tender document cost and earnest money against this tender through online payment modes like net banking/debit/credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through demand draft, bankers cheque, cash deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NIT No. 116-SWC/03/MC4/2019.

Name of Work	Improvement to quick Coach Watering arrangement on Platform 1 to 7 & 1A at Ambala Cantt Railway Station on CAMTECH pattern.
Appro. Cost	Rs. 1,19,59,508.57
Earnest Money	Rs. 2,09,800.00
Cost of tender document	Rs. 5,000.00
Period of completion	45 Days
Date of opening	11.11.2019

Note:-
1. Tenderer(s) are required to furnish all related documents with Tender document.
2. For detail Tender Notice/Tender Document, please log on Rly. website www.ireps.gov.in
No. 116-SWC/03/MC4/2019-20 Dated: 10.10.2019 3264/19
Serving Customers With A Smile

NORTHERN RAILWAY 1st Corrigendum
Dy.CSTE/Project/UMB/NR acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders in Two packet system from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria for the under noted work:

1. Name of work	Design, supply, installation, wiring, testing & commissioning with supply of materials for the Electronic interlocking of Yamunanagar Jagadhari, Katanaur & Pilakhani station and yard modification of Saharanpur station in connection with DFCCIL alignment on Ambala division of Northern Railway.
2. Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 16,91,27,017.37 (Rs. Sixteen Crore Ninety One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven hundred and Paise thirty seven only)
3. Earnest money	Rs. 9,95,600/- (Rs. Nine lakhs ninety five thousand and six hundred only)
4. Completion Period	Twelve Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter/telegrams.
5. Closing date	15.00 Hrs. on 30.10.19
6. Validity of offer	60 days from the date of opening of tender.

Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Bids are to be submitted online only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender, and any manual offer received shall be ignored.
The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum/ addendum, if required, would be posted on this web site only.
No. NR-SNTUMB-02 Dated: 11.10.19 3270/2019
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY Open E-Tender Notice
Sr.DME/O&F/UMB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 221-S/4/2/Cleaning of RR-UMB/M-4 closing date and time 06-11-2019 upto 11:15 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/downloaded. The Tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking/Debit/Credit Cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/ Offline mode of mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, cash deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Housekeeping and Mechanized cleaning of work of rooms, Kitchen, Toilets/Bathrooms, corridor, road area and circulating area, maintenance of lawn, cleaning of all drainage system leading to main septic tanks, drains channels and change of liners & Receptionist of Running Room & cleaning loco office and RDI's Ambala running room for the period of two years (731 days)
Tender Type	Open Bidding System Two Packet System
Tender Closing Date	06-11-2019 11:15 A.M.
Date Time of Uploading Tender	04/10/2019 16:53
Pre Bid required	No
Pre Bid query till date	N/A
Advertisement value	Rs. 5376184.32/- including GST
Tendering Section	O & F
Earnest Money	Rs. 107500/-
Validity of offer	60 days
Tender document cost	Rs. 5000/-
Period of Completion	Two Years
Bidding Start Date	23-10-2019
Tender Opening date	06/11/2019 11:30 AM

No. 221-S/4/2/Cleaning of RR-UMB/M-4 Dt.-7.10.2019 3269/19
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, Chandigarh Administration
U.T. Secretariat, Ground Floor, Sector 9, Chandigarh
Tel: 0172-2740056
Dated, the 12th October, 2019
Corrigendum for Extension of Tender Submission Date.
Tender Reference No. DPR/Tableaux/2019 dated 27.09.2019
Subject: Extension of date for submission of Tender for Conceptualizing, designing, fabricating and display of a Tableau of Chandigarh Administration for participating in the Republic Day Parade on 26.1.2020 at New Delhi on the theme 'Model Jail Burail, Chandigarh'.
Tender ID: 2019_CHD_51998_1

In continuation of the Tender Notice appeared in the newspapers on 27.09.2019 inviting technical and financial bids from interested Agencies/Organizations to conceptualise, design, fabricate and display a Tableau of Chandigarh Administration during Republic Day Parade at Rajpath in New Delhi on 26.01.2020 on the theme 'Model Jail Burail, Chandigarh'. It is hereby informed that the last date for submission of online bid has been extended as per schedule given below:-

	Existing	Modified/amended
Bid Submission end date and time	11.10.2019 at 12:30 p.m.	31.10.2019 at 12:30 p.m.
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Sd/- Director Public Relations, Chandigarh Administration.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE GOVT. INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY PRAGATINAGAR, DISTT. SHIMLA (HP) – 171202
Email: abvgiet.2011@gmail.com
Website: www.abvgiet.org
Phone No. 01783-253919
(Tender No. ABVGIEI/Store/Tender/2019-20-01)

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General Manager
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Ministry of HRD (MHRD), Gol invites applications for "MHRD Internship Scheme", 2019 from Indian Nationals/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI card holders) currently enrolled in Under Graduate/Integrated PG Studies in IITs/IIMs/NITs/IISERs/Institute of Eminence and Universities as per details available at www.mhrd.gov.in.
The applications are to be submitted online only on the Link available at "www.mhrd.gov.in" latest by 10th November, 2019. For more details/queries, if any, please visit MHRD website or mail at nksingh.edu@gov.in.
Sd/- (Ratnesh Kumar Gupta),
Under Secretary to the Government of India.
davp 21201/11/0013/1920

HIMACHAL PRADESH I&PH DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING OFFLINE TENDERS
The Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Hamirpur invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through offline Process:-

Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time of completion
A/R & M/O of FPW Sachuhi in Tehsil Suljanpur Distt. Hamirpur (SH- Survey & investigation to preparation of proposals providing flood protection work left bank of River Beas from village Beri to Palahi-II Phase alongwith tributary).	Rs. 410625/-	Rs. 8213/-	3 Months
A/R & M/O of LIS Nalti in Tehsil & Distt. Hamirpur (SH- Survey & investigation to preparation of proposal for providing flood protection work to Kunah Khad and various Nallah to protect the cultivated & Govt land as well as private properties in Tehsil and distt. Hamirpur.	Rs. 410625/-	Rs. 8213/-	3 Months.

Last date of sale of tender from divisional office 18.10.2019 upto 3.00 PM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website :- www.hiph.org or from office of Executive Engineer IPH Division Hamirpur upto date specified above.
Executive Engineer, IPH Division Hamirpur
DPR/HP/2438

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BRIEFLY

ROME
Shubhankar T-2nd with Justin Rose at Italian Open
Shubhankar Sharma found two birdies in his last three holes to card a 2-under 69 which placed him tied-2nd at the Italian Open, though the second round was yet to be completed. The 23-year-old is now 7-under though almost half the field was yet to finish their second round at the Olgiata Golf Club. Sharma had six birdies with two dropped shots and a double bogey for a 69. At 7-under he was two shy of the leader Joachim Hansen (67-66). SSP Chawrasia, who shot a 3-over 74 in the first round was fighting back and was 4-under through 10 holes. Gaganjeet Bhullar was likely to exit early as he was 3-over through nine holes in second round after a first round of 74 to get to a total of 6-over. Sharma was in some very high quality company in the shared second place alongside former US Open winner and Olympics gold medallist Justin Rose (66-69) and former World Cup winner Rory Sabbatini (66-70).

BRISBANE
Warner slams ton for NSW in Sheffield Shield
David Warner ended an extended run of poor form against the red ball with his 29th First-Class century on Day 2 of New South Wales' Sheffield Shield encounter against Queensland. Warner scored 125 off 221 balls, his innings laced with 18 fours before Marnus Labuschagne trapped him in front.
Brief Scores: Queensland: 153 (Labuschagne 69; Conway 5/17, Abbott 3/25); **New South Wales:** 288/9 (Warner 125, Bertus 53; Gannon 5/94, Nesar 2/56)

MELBOURNE
Kothari enters World Billiards finals
Defending champion Sourav Kothari continued his spectacular show to outperform multiple-time world champion Mike Russell of England in the semifinal and book his second consecutive World Billiards final. Such was Kothari's dominance in the game that with 45 minutes remaining on the clock in the four-hour semifinal, Russell conceded the match apparently due to not having enough time remaining for him to overcome the huge deficit of nearly 600 points. In the end, Kothari prevailed 1090-594 with breaks of 205, 195, 175, 128 and 103, whereas Russell made breaks of 247, 131 and 121.

NEW DELHI
Divij Sharan Asia's top-ranked doubles player
Divij Sharan has become not only India's No. 1 but also the top-ranked Asian in the ATP doubles list with a recent three-place jump that took him to No. 42 in the world. The 41 players above him are predominantly from Europe and USA, and a few are from South American countries like Brazil and Argentina.

KOLKATA
India firm favourites despite Jhingan's absence: Bangla
The absence of Sandesh Jhingan may have hurt India's defence but Bangladesh head coach Jamie Day said the Sunil Chhetri-led side will still start favourites in the World Cup qualifier on October 15. Jhingan suffered a left knee Anterior Cruciate Ligament tear during a 1-1 draw against NorthEast United. The defender will have to undergo a surgery that may rule him out for six months. — AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

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INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA
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India captain Virat Kohli hits 7th double ton, SA 36/3 after India declare at 601/5

DOUBLE MARCH



SCOREBOARD

INDIA 1ST INN (Overnight 273/3)
M Agarwal c de Plessis b Rabada 108
R Sharma c de Kock b Rabada 14
C Pujara c du Plessis b Rabada 58
V Kohli not out 254
A Rahane c de Kock b Maharaj 59
R Jadeja c de Bruyn b Muthusamy 91
Extras: (LB-6, NB-11) 17
Total: (5 wks dec; 156.3 overs) 601
FoW: 1-25, 2-163, 3-198, 4-376, 5-601

Bowling
Vernon Philander 26-6-66-0
Kagiso Rabada 30-3-93-3
Anrich Nortje 25-5-100-0
Keshav Maharaj 50-10-196-1
Senuran Muthusamy 19.3-1-97-1
Dean Elgar 4-0-26-0
Aiden Markram 2-0-17-0

South Africa 1ST INNINGS
D Elgar b Yadav 6
A Markram lbw b Yadav 0
T de Bruyn not out 20
T Bavuma c Saha b Shami 8
A Nortje not out 2
Extras: 0
Total: (3 wickets, 15 overs) 36
FoW: 1-2, 2-13, 3-33

Bowling
Ishant Sharma 4-0-17-0
Umesh Yadav 4-1-16-2
Ravindra Jadeja 4-4-0-0
Mohammed Shami 3-1-31-0

Changing gears

After reaching his 100 off 173 balls, Kohli took only 122 balls more to move past 200, hitting 12 fours in moving from 101 to 200. In the first session, a beautiful straight drive off Vernon Philander brought up the Indian captain's 26th Test century. This was his 69th international hundred, and his muted celebration suggested that he was focussed on getting a big score to put his team on top. The final boundary count in his innings was an enviable 33 fours and two sixes, off 336 balls. It was a marathon knock as he alone faced 56 off the 156.3 overs bowled by South Africa.

Kohli with his dependable vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (59) raised a 178-run stand for the fourth wicket. The partnership of 225 runs in 39.1 overs with Jadeja was like insult to the injury.

Careful start

In the first half of his innings, not once did Kohli seem in any sort of hurry, giving respect to the good deliveries, slowly trudging his way to the three-figure mark.

South Africa would be dejected, for their bowlers put up a good show even though the scoreboard suggested otherwise. For the second day in a row, pacemen Kagiso Rabada (3/93 in 26 overs) and Philander (0/66 in 26 overs) bowled a probing morning spell, albeit with little luck. But Kohli and Rahane

deserve credit for the manner in which they negotiated the first hour. Kohli, in particular, left everything that Rabada bowled on the off-stump channel for the first few overs. His only blemish was fishing at and edging an away-swinging from Philander, but a diving Quinton de Kock failed to latch on to the catch. Kohli was on 65 then.

Kohli's drive past the bowler came soon after, off Rabada, as the captain start-

ed to open up. Anrich Nortje again tried to bowl short but Kohli played his trademark short-arm pull in front of the wicket. Once the ball got old, the South African spinners had neither the guile nor the big heart needed in adverse conditions to trouble Kohli.

Keshav Maharaj did find the edge of his bat twice, in the 126th over, but both times the ball didn't go to a fielder and instead went for a four. — PTI

NUMBERS GAME

138 Innings taken by Virat Kohli to complete 7,000 Test runs. Only three batsmen have got there quicker: Wally Hammond (131 innings), Virender Sehwag (134) and Sachin Tendulkar (136). Garry Sobers and Kumar Sangakkara also took 138 innings to complete 7,000 runs

7 Double centuries for Kohli in 40 Tests, the most among Indian batsmen. He has gone past Tendulkar and Sehwag, who had six double tons each. Only Don Bradman (12), Sangakkara (11) and Brian Lara (9) have more double hundreds. Hammond and Mahela Jayawardene also made 7

6 Different teams against whom Kohli has hit double centuries — Bangladesh, England, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies. Only two others have done it against six teams: Sangakkara and Younis Khan. Kohli has not hit a double ton against Australia

5 Indian batsmen to score 250-plus in a Test innings. Kohli joined VVS Laxman, Sehwag, Rahul Dravid and Karun Nair. Sehwag made 4 250-plus scores while the others have made one each. Kohli is the first Indian to go past 250 in an innings.

19 Centuries by Kohli as captain, the same as former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting. Graeme Smith of South Africa holds the record for most 100s as captain with 25 100s

<<Virat Kohli hit 33 fours and two sixes in his knock of 254 runs. AFP

The manner in which Virat and Jadeja batted, it looked so easy from the outside. I don't think it's a 600-plus wicket, it's a 450-500 runs wicket. We (Virat and Rahane) communicate really well whenever we bat together. We knew we were one batsman short and we had to get that partnership going — Ajinkya Rahane

Mithali, Raut seal series against SA



MITHALI RAJ

VADODARA, OCTOBER 11
Skipper Mithali Raj and Punam Raut smashed impressive fifties to guide the Indian women's team to a series-clinching five-wicket win over South Africa in the second ODI.

India restricted South Africa to 247/6 after electing to field and then overhauled the target with two overs to spare to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Pacer Shikha Pandey (2/38), left-arm spinner Ekta Bist (2/45) and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav (2/42) picked up two wickets each to keep the visitors to a below-par score.

Chasing 248 to win the match, India lost openers Priya Punia (20) and Jemimah Rodrigues (18) early to slip to 66/2 in 12.5 overs. However, Punam (65) and Mithali (66) resurrected the chase by sharing a 129-run partnership for the third wicket.

Marizanne Kapp (1/29) broke the stand when she had Mithali caught by Laura Wolvaardt in the 40th over. In the next over, Punam holed out to Kapp off Ayabonga Khaka, leaving India at 196/4 in 40.1 overs. Harmanpreet Kaur then hit an unbeaten 27-ball 39, laced with five boundaries and a six, to take India home with 12 balls to spare.

The third and final ODI will be played on October 14.
Brief Scores: South Africa: 247/6 in 50 overs (L Wolvaardt 69, Mignon du Preez 44; S Pandey 2/38); **India:** 248/5 in 48 overs (P Raut 65, M Raj 66; A Khaka 3/69). — PTI

“I wanted to finish the match. Maybe the shot was unnecessary. But we needed runs at that point and I was beginning to cramp a little
— Punam Raut, PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Shanghai shock: Djokovic, Federer ousted

SHANGHAI, OCTOBER 11
Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas battled back from a set down to defeat top seed Novak Djokovic 3-6 7-5 6-3 in the Shanghai Masters quarterfinals for his first victory over a reigning world No. 1.

The 21-year-old came into the match having sealed his place in next month's season-ending ATP Finals and celebrated with his second career win over Djokovic in three meetings.

Tsitsipas has now recorded victories over all of tennis's



Roger Federer saved five match points to force a decider where he failed to keep his composure, receiving a rare point penalty for ball abuse. AFP

so called 'Big Three' this year, having beaten Roger

Federer at the Australian Open and Rafa Nadal in Madrid. Tsitsipas next faces Daniil Medvedev, who overcame Italy's Fabio Fognini 6-3 7-6(4). The Russian third seed's victory ensured Tsitsipas became the sixth player to qualify for next month's ATP Finals.

Djokovic, Nadal, Federer, Medvedev and Dominic Thiem have also booked their places in the Finals, with two spots still up for grabs for the tournament in London.

Zverev in semis

Roger Federer was given a point penalty as he followed Novak Djokovic out of the Shanghai Masters quarterfinals in a bad-tempered defeat to Alexander Zverev. The 22-year-old German won 6-3, 6-7 (7/9), 6-3 as the Swiss legend was penalised after twice hitting the ball out of the court in anger and rowing with the umpire.

In the semifinals, Zverev faces Matteo Berrettini who beat Dominic Thiem 7-6(8) 6-4. — Reuters

Belgium 1st to book Euro berth

PARIS, OCTOBER 11
Belgium became the first team to qualify for the 2020 European Championship finals as Romelu Lukaku scored twice in a 9-0 thrashing of San Marino in Brussels, while the Netherlands needed a late comeback to beat Northern Ireland.

Lukaku took his record Belgium international tally past 50 goals as Roberto Martinez's Group I leaders opened up an unassailable 11-point lead over third-placed Cyprus with three games remaining. The world No. 1 side booked their spot at next year's tournament, which will be played at 12 venues across Europe, after seven straight qualifying wins.

Russia appear set to take the second automatic slot from the group, after a 4-0

EURO QUALIFIERS

- Belgium 9-0 San Marino
- Croatia 3-0 Hungary
- Slovakia 1-1 Wales
- Russia 4-0 Scotland
- Netherlands 3-1 N Ireland
- Poland 3-0 Latvia

>>>Netherlands' Luuk de Jong and Memphis Depay celebrate. AFP



win over Scotland moved them eight points ahead of Cyprus. Their victory at the King Badouin Stadium matched their record winning margin of nine goals, having previously beaten Zambia and Gibraltar 9-0 in 1994 and 2017, respectively and hammered San Marino 10-1 in 2001.

Dutch break Northern Irish hearts

Memphis Depay's late brace rescued the Netherlands a 3-1 win over Northern Ireland which sent Ronald Koeman's men top of Group C. Russia sent Scotland tumbling to a fourth straight qualifying defeat. Croatia took control of Group E by

Focus is on Olympics, can't take a chance with injury: Chopra

KARAM PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, OCTOBER 11
Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, gold medallist at last year's Commonwealth and Asian Games, will not be competing in any tournament this year. There had been speculation that he would participate in the ongoing National Open Athletics Championship in Ranchi, and Chopra said he pulled out on the advice of his coaches.

Chopra has been eying a comeback following an elbow injury in May, but he does not want to take a chance with his injury. Currently training at the National Institute of Sports (NIS) here, Chopra told The Tribune that though he was fit to participate in Ranchi, his coaches suggested otherwise.

Talking about the last-minute withdrawal from the event, Chopra said: "If I can miss the World Championships and Diamond Leagues, the National Championship is not a major event that I can't miss. I was fit to participate, but I couldn't take a risk at this moment."

Chopra, who started training at NIS last month, disclosed that he had been throwing the javelin to

DUTEE BREAKS NATIONAL RECORD ON WAY TO GOLD

Ranchi: Dutee Chand smashed her own national record, clocking 11.22 seconds in the women's 100m semifinals on her way to the gold at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships. A fortnight after failing to reach 100m semis at the World Championships in Doha, the 23-year-old surpassed her previous best of 11.26s which she had set at the Asian Championships in April this year. While she had equalled Rachita Mistry's 11.26s effort at the Asian Championships, Dutee's time of 11.22s in the semifinals on Friday finally gave her the sole ownership of the national record. Dutee later clocked 11.25s in the final to claim the gold. At Doha, she had clocked 11.48s to finish a disappointing seventh in her heats. — PTI

"I need to beat fear of injury, won't participate in any event this year"

around 80 metres during practice after rehabilitation from his injury. However, he said he hadn't fully recovered in terms of mental preparedness. "I still fear that the injury might come again," he said. "In sports, an injury can happen any time... Therefore I don't want to risk my career to participate in an event."

Chopra's personal best is 88.06, achieved at last year's Asian Games.

"Dar hai abhi bhi (I still have a fear)," he said. "It will take time to get over this fear to get a good throw." He said if he got pumped up and aggressive in competition, he might suffer a jerk in his elbow, which could affect him very badly.

Olympics focus

Chopra's ultimate goal is to do well at the Olympics. "The Olympic Games are so near now... If I get an injury again, my Olympics dream will be over," Chopra said.

He said he would soon leave for a training stint in Europe to get to peak performance in the run-up to



Dutee Chand clocked 11.22s to set the women's 100m national record. PTI

BCCIAGM: State units to meet on Oct 13

PUNE, OCTOBER 11

All the affiliated units of BCCI will finalise the names of their new office-bearers in an "informal meeting" in Mumbai, which is also likely to be attended by former administrators.

The new office-bearers will take charge after the BCCI's Annual General Meeting on October 23. It is learnt that former BCCI president and current Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur's suggestions on deciding the names of the office-bearers will be taken up by the board members.

Five state units — Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur — are barred from the AGM as all but certain to move court. But the other units are keen to have the AGM as quickly as possible, in order to take over BCCI's functioning from the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators.

Some of the key faces for various posts will be Gujarat's Jay Shah (son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah), former India captain and Cricket Association of Bengal president Sourav Ganguly, and former Test player and Karnataka nominee Brijesh Patel. One of the younger faces in fray is Himachal Pradesh's Arun Dhimal, the younger brother of Anurag Thakur. — PTI

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Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh... Suitable match for Kabirpanthi... Suitable match for Jatav (Gotra Sirohiya)...

Ramdasia Sikh fair complexion handsome boy 38, 5'-8", Govt English Teacher... Suitable match for handsome Ramdasia BE...

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MISC. Suitable match for Kabirpanthi boy 31, B.Tech... Ramdasia Group-A GAZETTED Punjab Govt. employee...

Parjapat non-drinker boy 28/5'-8", Graduate... Match for Prapajath handsome boy, 13/09.1990...

Match for Prapajath handsome boy... MD/MS beautiful match for handsome Ramdasia boy (super specialist doctor)...

Suitable match for N.P. NAI boy, 5'-8", 05.02.1989 Kangra, B.Tech... Suitable match for handsome Kabirpanthi Brahmin boy...

Suitable match for handsome Kabirpanthi Brahmin boy... Suitable match for handsome Ramdasia Sikh... Suitable match for handsome Kabirpanthi Brahmin boy...

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I, Nirmala Pathania wife of Gurdev Singh Pathania, village Khajipon Kheh, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra (HP) declare that I have changed my name from Nirmal Pathania to Nirmala Pathania. (CL19096912)

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By the way...



ENTERING MONKHOOD: Thai children being ordained as Buddhist novice monks at Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhi Gaya on Friday. PTI

UK to issue coin in Mahatma Gandhi's honour

London: The UK government will issue a commemorative coin to mark the 150th birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, British Finance Minister Sajid Javid said. The Pakistani-origin minister said he had asked the UK's Royal Mint to work on the coin so that the world never forget what Gandhi taught it. Javid announced the plan on Thursday at the annual GG2 Leadership Awards event held here to celebrate the most influential members of UK's South Asian community. PTI

Saxophone exponent Gopalnath dies at 69

Mangaluru: Renowned saxophone exponent Kadri Gopalnath died at a private hospital here early on Friday, family sources said. Gopalnath, 69, had been ailing for some time. He leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter. Apart from the sobriquet "Saxophone Chakravarty" (Emperor of Saxophone), Gopalnath was conferred many awards. A Padma Shree awardee, he had the distinction of being the first Carnatic musician to be invited to the BBC Promenade concert in London in 1994. PTI

Minister questions SC's rationale to reject NJAC

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

Four years after the Supreme Court struck down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act and restored the collegium system under which judges appoint judges, the NDA government still appears uncomfortable with the verdict.

"I have very, very strong reservations at the flawed logic given in the judgment... The government has accepted and respects the judgment," said Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Friday at a book launch function here.

Criticising the Supreme Court's 2015 judgment striking down the NJAC Act that gave some say to the executive in appointment of judges in the higher judiciary, Prasad termed the logic given in the ver-

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dict "patently flawed".

The minister said even before the collegium system came into being in 1993 through a judicial verdict, good judges were appointed. Unlike the collegium, which has only judges on the selection panel, the NJAC Act was supposed to have in place a six-member body with the Chief Justice of India as its chairperson and two other senior-most judges of the top court, two eminent persons and the Union Law Minister as members.

But the SC had in October 2015 declared the NJAC Act unconstitutional, saying the presence of the Law Minister would compromise on the

independence of judiciary. He wondered if the Prime Minister could be trusted with nuclear arsenal and appointment of constitutional authorities such as the Chief Election Commissioner and the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, why his representative in the NJAC couldn't be trusted with appointing good judges.

Referring to illustrations of Lord Ram, Krishna and Hanuman in the original Constitution of India, he said these illustrations represented the cultural heritage of India. "Had the Constitution been framed today with these illustrations, what kind of storm it would have triggered," he wondered.

Kashmir is integral to Indian tradition, says Karan Singh

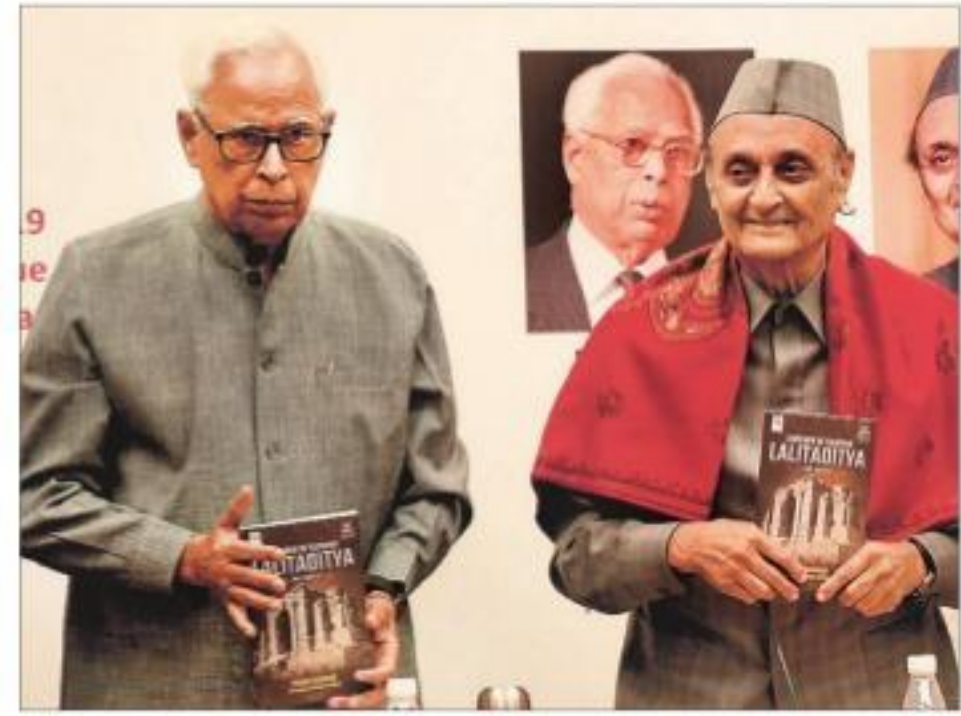
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Claiming that he had mixed feelings about the prevailing situation in Jammu & Kashmir, former Rajya Sabha member Karan Singh today said the talk of development in the state would be a reality "only if Dal Lake was restored to its original expanse".

Speaking as chief guest at a function for the release of a book, 'Emperor of Kashmir: Lalitaditya The Great', Singh insisted he would not speak on the current situation in the state as today's event was related to J&K's history.

Noting that Kashmir was an integral part of the Indian tradition, he said, "Emperor Lalitaditya is no less important than the greats of Chandragupta Maurya and Vikramaditya. It was due to his contribution that India's territory touched China." Singh



Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor NN Vohra (L) and former Rajya Sabha MP Karan Singh release a book by historian Sanjay Sonawani in New Delhi on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

exhorted historians to write about his ancestors, the Dogra dynasty, which ruled J&K for nearly 100 years.

Former J&K Governor NN Vohra, who presided over the function, said like others, he too "hoped and prayed that normalcy returned to the state as soon as possible".

Introducing the book, author Sanjay Sonawani said people knew little about the pre-Islamic Kashmir history. "To understand contemporary facts, we need to know the history of a particular region and the same is true in case of Kashmir, whose history goes beyond 1947," he noted.

US Senators, Rajnath talk ways to boost ties

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

US Senators Ted Cruz (Republican, Texas) and Maggie Hassan (Democrat, New Hampshire) called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi today with the two sides discussing ways to strengthen military ties.

Rajnath had yesterday returned from France after a two-day visit where he received the first Rafale jet and separately conducted talks with engine maker Safran.

At the meeting, Singh expressed satisfaction over the progress made in the

partnership between India and US, terming the latter as the world's oldest democracy and one of New Delhi's most important and trusted partners.

India and the US had in 2005 signed a strategic partnership deal, following which the US became second largest supplier of weapons and equipment after Russia.

Appreciating the role played by the US in countering terrorism, Rajnath reiterated India's commitment to work with the international community in combating the menace plaguing the world.

A slice of South's history and more

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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MAMALLAPURAM, OCTOBER 11

This ancient port town with its UNESCO sites not only demolishes the commonly-held belief that India's Look East policy began in the 1990s, but also how Xi Jinping was acquainted with only a slice of its rich history that helped in the diffusion of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam to South East Asia and China on the back of ships brimming with merchandise.

Xi was shown around the seventh-century Pallava dynasty monuments, many of these have remained in good shape because of the inherent civilisational ethos of the people and also because UNESCO took many of them under its wings thus preventing their degradation. But India's trade and cultural linkages with South East Asia and China go back to 300 BC or a full 1,000 years before temples, rock motifs and carvings that Xi will be touring with Modi came up.

The interaction, however, was



PM Narendra Modi and Chinese Prez Xi Jinping in Mamallapuram. PTI

most active 500 years on either side of the seventh century during the rule of the Pallavas.

It was during this time that the Chinese connection was established in the writings of Hiuen Tsang who visited Kanchipuram after landing at the port here. There is ample archaeological evidence and inscriptions to establish the extensive trade and cultural ties between the Chola Kings and Pallava Kings with China.

Hinduism sailed from here and established a foothold in South East Asia, the mythical

fault-line between Indian and Chinese cultures. It got overlaid by the Buddhist culture sailing out of these same parts of India. Islam passed through the Tamil and Malayalee descendants of Arab merchants who took it to South East Asia and the Chinese part of Sanya. The first pan-Indian empire of the Mughal empire slowed down the trade due to its preoccupation with western and northern neighbours, but is continued apace.

The body blow to India's cultural and commercial

links was dealt by the British, Portugese, French and the Dutch who forcibly reorganised the age-old supply chains by reorienting them to supply raw material to their home countries and in many cases ensuring that they were comprehensively disrupted so as not to pose a threat to their trade.

Post Independence, India was not alone culpable for the drop in engagements. There were the Cold War forces that did not allow either side to play an active role.

Of the several branches of historians, it is the Greater India Society school that puts India at the centre of all pre-British exchanges with South East and East Asia. Like all nationalists, this was an exaggeration. There was no mass movement of people and trade was not really sky-high. Both India and South East Asia were never as intertwined as Tagore romantically imagined was the case. In fact, both sides took a little of that was adaptable and ingrained it in their respective cultures.

Sartorial makeover marks informal meet

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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MAMALLAPURAM, OCTOBER 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping began their second informal summit here with a sartorial makeover. Xi abandoned his coat for a white full-sleeves shirt tucked into a black pant while PM Modi opted for the dress of the land — a Tamil version of the dhoti with an angvastaram draped over his left shoulder.

PM Modi landed in Chennai a couple of hours earlier and then rode a helicopter to Mamallapuram while Xi took the road option lined with AIADMK and BJP supporters, besides schoolchildren.

At 5 pm, PM Modi received Xi on the road skirting the monuments before kicking off their walkathon. He had earlier tweeted in three languages — English, Tamil and Mandarin — expressing

his happiness at Xi's arrival and wishing for further strengthening of bilateral ties.

The two leaders visited three monuments — Arjuna's Penance, Panch Ratha and Shore Temple — accompanied by two translators.

Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984, the 1,300-year-old Shore Temple is a cultural symbol of ancient Tamil architecture.

After a coconut water break that ended the 45-minute tour of the monuments, the two leaders sat down for a cultural performance against the backdrop of an illuminated Shore temple.

As the 20-minute dance performance ended, Modi invited Xi for a private dinner that included 16 guests, eight from each side, but seated a little away from the Modi-Xi duo. The menu was entirely local cuisine, including both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

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