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MANJU'S WORLD RUN ENDS WITH SILVER

Rohtak girl Manju Rani (19) won silver medal in her debut campaign in 48kg category at AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 on Sunday

Rani gave her all before going down 1-4 to second seed Ekaterina Paltoeva of Russia in the summit clash

With this, Indian pugilists finished with a rich haul of four medals, including 3 bronze, at the championships



IN BRIEF

10 arrested for 'cow slaughter' in UP's Gonda

Gonda: Ten persons have been arrested for alleged cow slaughter in UP's Gonda district and 50 kg meat seized, an official said on Sunday. A case has been filed. PTI

2 youths held for snatching handbag of PM Modi's niece

New Delhi: Two youths, have been arrested for allegedly snatching the handbag of PM's niece Damyanti Ben, the police said on Sunday. The bag contained Rs 56,000, two mobiles and some documents. PAGE 7

China lists 6 proposals to cement bilateral ties

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Chinese President Xi Jinping has listed six proposals to realise a scenario where the "dragon and the elephant dance" together. The Chinese Foreign Ministry quoted Xi as suggesting a 100-year plan to rejuvenate ties between the two countries during which differences should not "dim the overall situation of bilateral cooperation".

Xi's approach of a gradual and incremental approach in mending bilateral ties was evident from his first suggestion to "correctly view each other's development and enhance



PART OF 100-YR PLAN

- Strong endogenous impetus
- Strategic communication
- More military exchanges
- Pragmatic cooperation
- People-to-people ties
- Upholding UN's salient role

EDIT: A CLEAR VIEW OF GOALS

strategic mutual trust." The path, he emphasised, CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

Xi pledges \$500 million for Nepal

Kathmandu: Chinese President Xi Jinping has promised investments worth \$500m (Nepalese Rs 56 billion) over the next two years to help Nepal's development programmes as the two countries inked 20 agreements on Sunday to bolster their bilateral ties. On Sunday, Xi met PM KP Sharma Oli and held delegation-level talks. Xi said a feasibility study of trans-Himalayan railway would start soon and China would support construction of the Kerung-Kathmandu tunnel road. BACK PAGE

Ganguly set to be new BCCI chief

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13

In a dramatic turn of events, former captain Sourav Ganguly emerged as consensus candidate to be BCCI's new president after Brijesh Patel appeared to have grabbed the coveted post.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son Jay Shah will be the new secretary and Arun Dhimal the new treasurer. Dhimal is younger brother of MoS Anurag Thakur. PAGE 14

Fraudsters using toll free numbers to dupe clients

BHANU P LOHUMI

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SHIMLA, OCTOBER 13

Toll free number data is being used by fraudsters to commit cyber crime. The modus operandi is simple. They call up customers after the latter have registered a complaint with the toll free number, mostly outsourced, and procure the OTP and other details.

1,500 cases in HP so far

The possibility of employees at call centres sharing information cannot be ruled out, says SP Cyber Crime Sandeep Dhawal. "We have written to companies running toll free services to take adequate precaution and ensure the data on clients, employees and other CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

Mend ways or fall apart, Rajnath warns Pak

SUMEDHA SHARMA

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PATAUDI, OCTOBER 13

Reminding Pakistan of its fragmentation and creation of Bangladesh in 1971, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today asked the neighbouring country to mend its ways. He was in Pataudi to seek support for BJP candidate Satya Prakash Jaravata. He attacked Pakistan for raising the pitch on Kashmir and defending terrorism at international fora.

"With sternness but utter politeness, I suggest that Pakistan changes its mindset and pulls its act together or in no time Pakistan, which was divided into two parts earlier, will end up being a cluster of fragments. Kashmir is ours. So stop jabbering about it," said Rajnath amid a roaring applause. Calling Rafale the government's biggest strength, he advised Pakistan: "Change your stance on

"Kashmir is ours. Stop jabbering about it. Defence Minister



terrorism and accept brotherhood. Now, we won't have to carry out a surgical strike. Sitting in our land, we will bust your terror factories."

Calling CM Manohar Lal Khattar a "saint in politics", he said people could question

Khattar's policies but not his intent. He called zero tolerance to corruption as the CM's biggest strength. "Khattar occupied the chair not as a ruler, but a seer. Politics is about delivering what you owe

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BJP VOWS TO GIVE FARM LOAN FREE OF INTEREST

MANIFESTO AT A GLANCE

- Old-age pension to go up from ₹2,000 to ₹3,000
- Collateral-free loan to SCs
- Free education up to PG level to 2 girls from EWS families
- Free smartphones to those with family income less than ₹1.8L pa/up to 5 acres land
- Skill development for 25 lakh youth at cost of ₹500 crore
- Free Wi-Fi in varsities and colleges REPORT ON PAGE 11

<< Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at a public meeting in Assandh, Kamal, on Sunday. SAYEED AHMED

HARYANA POLLS

2019

SELJA TRASHES BJP MANIFESTO, CALLS IT ANOTHER SET OF JUMLAS INLD, JJP STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL ON HOME TURF SIRSA RAHUL RALLY IN NUH TODAY

45% rise in stubble fires in Punjab this year

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13

Air quality in several Punjab cities has deteriorated with farmers continuing to burn stubble despite government orders. In parts of Majha bordering Pakistan, residents are complaining of a burning sen-



DELHI AIR QUALITY DROPS TO 'VERY POOR' LEVEL

SANGRUR ADMN PLANS HAY BANK WITH NGO HELP P3

sation in eyes and difficulty in breathing owing to stubble-burning across the border.

As many as 117 incidents of stubble fires were detected by the Punjab Remote Sensing Centre (PRSC) on Sunday and 76 incidents a day earlier. Data with the Punjab CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

Army jawan killed in Pak firing in Uri

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 13

An Army jawan was killed today as Pakistan troops violated ceasefire along the LoC in the Uri sector, resorting to unprovoked firing, an Army official said. The jawan was rushed to a medical facility where he died. — PTI

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Akalis trying to scuttle govt efforts for joint festivities: CM

Says Badals misused Akal Takht, SGPC for petty political gains



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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13

In a stinging response to Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal's latest tirade against his government, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Sunday reminded the Akali leader that it was her SAD regime that had heaped humiliation on Akal Takht Jathedar in sharp contrast to his government, which had always treated the Sikh temporal seat with respect.

"For 10 years, the Akalis, including Harsimrat Kaur, had been totally drunk on power, sparing neither Akal Takht nor the people of Punjab from their tyrannical control," said Capt Amarinder, asking the Union Minister to stop indulging in such blatant "falsehoods for petty political gains".

“Everyone knows how you (Akalis) maliciously ill-treated Akal Takht Jathedars out of sheer arrogance and continue to abuse the SGPC by dictating terms to it
Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

MINISTERS TO MEET JATHEDAR TODAY

In yet another attempt to convince the SGPC for joint celebrations, Capt Amarinder will send Sukhjinder Randhawa and Charanjit Singh Channi to meet Akal Takht Jathedar on Monday. The ministers are likely to fly to Amritsar to handover a letter written by the Chief Minister to Akal Takht Jathedar.

"Everyone knows how you (Akalis) maliciously ill-treated Akal Takht Jathedars out of sheer arrogance and continue to abuse the SGPC by dictating terms to them," Capt Amarinder said, reacting to Harsimrat's allegations on his government over the issue of joint celebrations of 550th Parkash Purb.

"She has no scruples, none of the Akalis have," said the Chief Minister, pointing out that while Harsimrat was singing praises for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government, her husband Sukhbir Singh Badal, was going

around appealing for forfeiture of the BJP candidates' deposits in the campaign for the Haryana elections.

Their obnoxious double standards had long been exposed to the people of Punjab, who had rejected the Akali leadership time and again, since their absolute rout in the 2017 Assembly polls in the state, the Chief Minister said.

Pointing out that he had, for months, been personally engaging with the SGPC and appealing for a joint celebration for the 550th Gurburb, as befitting of the occasion, Capt Amarinder said it was the SAD which had been persistently scut-

MANPREET BLAMES SAD

Bathinda: Finance Minister Manpreet Badal on Sunday blamed the SAD for no joint Gurburb celebration. "Everyone knows who calls the shots in the SGPC. It is an open secret that the SAD does," he said. "How can we follow Guru Nanak's teachings, if we can't celebrate such a historic occasion together?" he asked. He termed it as 'misfortune' of Punjab. TNS

ting his efforts in their game of one-upmanship. While the Akalis had always exploited religion for political gains, he (Capt Amarinder) had expected them to show some decency in the case of the historic 550th Prakash Purb celebrations, said the Chief Minister, adding, "The Akalis evidently had no shame when it came to the promotion of their personal interests."

The manner in which they had been going to invite the Prime Minister and other Union Government leaders for the separate event of the SGPC clearly exposed their true intent, he added.



A man decorates a boat with ornamental flowers at the Golden Temple as part of decoration of the sanctum sanctorum to celebrate the 485th birth anniversary of Guru Ram Das in Amritsar on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

Deori renovation work begins

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AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 13

The renovation of the decrepit 'darshani deori' (entrance) at the Golden Temple complex near the Akal Takht, which was damaged during Operation Bluestar in 1984. The original bullet marks on its facade and sidewalls, identical to the ones on the historic Teja Singh Samundri Hall, are still there and due care will be taken to preserve them.

ence of Golden Temple head priest Giani Jagtar Singh, SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal and chief secretary Roop Singh.

This was one of the structures in the shrine complex which got damaged during Operation Bluestar in 1984. The original bullet marks on its facade and sidewalls, identical to the ones on the historic Teja Singh Samundri Hall, are still there and due care will be taken to preserve them.

This rickety structure was shown to President Ram Nath Kovind during his visit.

Roop Singh said the renovation of 'darshani deori' would be completed in three months. "Steel frames studied with special glass will be fixed on the bullet-riddled portion of the facade to have a clear view of the damage done to the wall of the darshani deori. This will also prevent moisture and will last long," he added.

Five Akali Dal men join AAP

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 13

Five SAD workers joined AAP at Palahi village in presence of Bhagwant Mann in Phagwara today. Those who joined the party, include Santokh Singh, Rashpal Singh, Gurjant Singh, Ranjodh Singh, Pradeep Singh and Baba Gian Singh. Taking a dig at the PDA, Mann said, "It is personal democratic alliance. There is an ego problem." — TNS

Will implement quota in promotions, says minister

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 13

Ahead of the bypoll in four Assembly segments, Forest and Social Justice Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot today announced that the Congress government would implement the 85th amendment to the Constitution to facilitate reservation in promotions.

In a gathering of leaders from the Dalit community during an event to celebrate Valmiki Jayanti today, the minister went all out to woo the community.

The Forest and Social Justice Minister said earlier in the presence of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh he had announced that if he couldn't implement the 85th amendment, no one could.

He said, "There are some forces are among us, who indulge in doublespeak and don't want to see the Dalits empowered. They seek votes from them, but when the time comes for payback, they backtrack."

Dharamsot said, "The decision to implement the 85th amendment was taken by the



Dalit leaders honour Forest and Social Justice Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and MP Chaudhary Santokh Singh during a Valmiki Jayanti event in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

CM in the Assembly."

Projecting the Congress as champion of the Dalit community, Dharamsot said, "Under the Congress government in the country, Dr BR Ambedkar was empowered to embolden the Dalit community through constitutional provisions. Without 25 per cent reservation implemented by Dr Ambedkar, no one would have allowed you to sit on chairs."

The minister also said that the state government was preparing a comprehensive plan for the development of Sri Valmiki Tirath in Amritsar. He said a water treatment plant would also be installed at the sacred sarovar at this place.

Dharamsot also announced a grant of Rs 21 lakh for the construction of Valmiki community hall in Jalandhar West Assembly segment.

Govt staff plan stir in poll-bound segments

ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

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CHANDIGARH/FAZILKA, OCT 13

As the poll process in the four Assembly constituencies is reaching its peak, state government employees have decided to intensify their stir in these constituencies against the non-fulfillment of their demands.

While the Pensioners Association of Punjab with the support of Employees Forum of Punjab and UT will be holding a protest rally at Mukerian tomorrow, the forum will also be protesting at Dakha on October 16. They are demanding the release of their dearness allowance instalments and arrears, besides early finalisation of the sixth pay commission for employees and pensioners.

On the other hand, Revenue Patwar Union of Punjab, will be holding a protest at Phagwara on October 15, where patwaris from neighbouring districts will protest against the government decision to recruit retired patwaris to fill vacancies, and the



Anganwadi workers burn state government's effigy; and unemployed ETT/TET teachers show black flags in Jalalabad. TRIBUNE PHOTOS



JALALABAD CONSTITUENCY ROCKED BY MULTIPLE PROTESTS

During a protest by the MGNREGA Employees' Union, Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot persuaded them to end their indefinite hunger strike as he reinstated two employees who were suspended last year for

'misappropriation of funds'. Patwaris from six districts of the state held a huge rally over pay anomalies and other demands. Nursing students of Baba Farid University, Faridkot, protested outside the

Jalalabad civil hospital, demanding filling of vacant posts. The Berozgar ETT/TET Pass Adhaya-pak Union pressed for accepting of its demand for jobs. CPI activists demonstrated over illegal mining.

inability of the government to remove anomalies in pay scales of patwaris recruited between January 1986 and December 1995.

Meanwhile, the high-profile Jalalabad constituency has turned into a rallying point for agitating employees as bigwigs of all major political parties are busy campaigning here. Employees feel that it is the right time to highlight their long-pending demands which otherwise remain

unnoticed by those who are at the helm of affairs.

Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot persuaded activists of the MGNREGA Employees' Union to end their indefinite hunger strike on Saturday. He pacified them by getting two suspended employees reinstated. The two employees had been sacked by the Fazilka administration last year on the allegation of misappropriation of funds.

Patwaris from six districts staged a rally in Jalalabad on Saturday over pay anomalies and other demands.

Nursing students of Baba Farid University, Faridkot, staged a protest outside the Jalalabad civil hospital on Saturday, demand recruitment to fill vacant posts.

The Berozgar ETT/TET Pass Adhaya-pak Union also staged a protest for a couple of days, seeking jobs. The ETT/BED Teachers'

Joint Forum also took out a procession on Saturday for not relieving the teachers from Tarn Taran. The teachers had been transferred under the rationalisation policy by the Education Department about two months ago.

The Anganwadi Workers' and Helpers' Union staged an indefinite strike but ended it after the intervention of Dharamsot on October 11.

CPI activists protested against "illegal sand mining."

No wheat seed disbursement, farmers livid

APARNA BANERJI

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 13

The free of cost wheat seed disbursement in 13 villages of Kapurthala has been hit due to the election code of conduct for the Phagwara bypolls. The government's decision to disburse wheat seed to flood-affected villagers from October 21 (after the Phagwara bypolls) has earned them farming community's ire.

Right after the floods, the state government had promised free of cost seeds and fertilisers to farmers. However, the process was stalled due to the elections.

Farmers say their fields will be ready for sowing in a week or 10 days and the government should ensure early disbursement of wheat seed keeping in view the bypoll. They said seed disbursement after October 21 will considerably delay wheat sowing putting farmers in the flood-hit areas in a fix.

Paramjit Singh from Chan-

BYPOLL DERAILS PROCESS TO PROCURE PADDY

Phagwara: Though government agencies started paddy purchase in the state on October 7, the procurement has been tardy in Phagwara as the official machinery busy with bypoll-related assignments. More than 1.30 lakh bags of paddy are lying in the open. Arthiya Association, Phagwara, president Kulwant Pabbi said only one sheller owner had purchased around 10,000 bags of paddy till now. Government agencies were purchasing, but not lifting paddy. Heaps of paddy are lying in the open in mandis.



nvindi village said, "The ideal time to sow wheat crop is till October 25. After that it will be too late. The electoral process and other works have taken precedence over farmers' needs. By the time the government is planning to start seed disbursement, farmers will be forced to make arrangements for wheat seeds and manure/fertilisers on their own. So far only the Khalsa Aid has given us free manure for the sowing season." He added that the NGO had begun disbursing

free manure and also promised free seeds.

Sukhpreet Singh from Passan Kadeem village in Sultanpur Lodhi said, "Farmers need seeds at this time. The provision of seeds after October 21 will be too late and will hit wheat sowing. It is a time-consuming process and neither lists have been made nor any communication made to farmers' societies regarding provision of seeds. Farmers can't wait that long. When even girdawari

hasn't been received yet, how can we believe the government will provide seeds in a time-bound manner after October 21."

Sarwan Singh from Baupur village said, "We have raised these demand several times, but to no avail. After incurring huge losses in the foods, farmers will now be forced to shell Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 per acre on wheat sowing."

Ashwini Kumar Rambani, Agricultural Officer, Kapurthala, said, "Due to the code of conduct in place because of the bypolls, the seed disbursement shall be started after the polls. We have sent the demand to the government. The seeds shall readily be distributed among farmers if need be from October 21 in the evening itself after the bypolls. The time formally designated by the government for wheat sowing is from October 21 to November 15. Right now it is too early to sow wheat due to the heat."

Cong expels rebel leader Kamboj

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 13

Congress rebel Jagdeep Goldy Kamboj, a former general secretary of All-India Youth Congress, has been expelled from the Congress for anti-party activities.

PPCC president Sunil Jakhar, in a letter dispatched on October 11, stated that Kamboj was expelled from the Congress for contesting the Assembly byelection from Jalalabad against the official candidate.

Notably, Goldy in his letter written to BV Srinivas, president, Indian Youth Congress, on September 24 had announced to quit the post and the party. He had resigned in protest against giving party ticket to an "outsider", Raminder Singh Awla, who hails from neighbouring Guruaharsah village segment.

Later, Kamboj decided to enter the poll fray as an Independent candidate. — OC

Two Cong workers booked for assault

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 13

A case was registered against two Congress workers after they "assaulted" members of the rival faction in Dakha on Saturday. Congress workers Gursewak Singh Gora and Tarandeep Singh, both residents of Baddowal, were booked on the complaint of Zila Parishad member Kuldeep Singh and Baddowal ex-sarpanch Amarjot Singh.

Kuldeep alleged that he and Amarjot were standing outside the office of Congress candidate Capt Sandeep Sandhu when Gursewak and Tarandeep assaulted them.

"They blamed me for interfering in politics at Baddowal village. The duo then started thrashing me badly. When Amrjot tried to save me, Gursewak snatched Amrjot's mobile phone. Tarandeep also took away my gold chain.

ZP member Kuldeep Singh and ex-sarpanch Amarjot Singh say they were attacked by rival faction members

When we raised an alarm, party workers gathered on the spot and the duo escaped," the complainant alleged.

Sudagar Singh, Gursewak's father, said the police had registered a fake case against his son at the behest of a minister. ASI Hardeep Singh said Gursewak had been arrested while the second accused was still at large.

Notably, SAD candidate Manpreet Ayali also went live on Facebook last night, alleging that a Congress minister had tossed the turban of a Congress worker. The minister, Ashu, had denied the allegations.

SAD alleges code violation

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 13

The SAD today filed a complaint with the Chief Election Commissioner, Punjab, alleging violation of model code of conduct in Jalalabad.

Charanjit Brar, SAD spokesperson, alleged in a letter that the Congress representatives had been collecting electricity bills from villagers on the pretext of depositing these and giving receipts, claiming the government had waived their bills.

It has been alleged that one Sunil Kumar had been allowed to sit in the office of the electricity board, who collected the bills and telephone numbers of the consumer concerned. Later, the consumers were being informed by messages and telephone calls that their bills had been deposited.

He alleged that it was a violation of the model code of conduct. The SAD has demanded to cancel the candidature of Congress candidate Raminder Singh Awla and register an FIR in this regard. — OC

23 years on, no appointment of regular lecturers in state

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 13

It has been 23 years since the recruitment of regular lecturers was done in government colleges across the state. There are 1,873 posts in the state out of which only 473 are permanent while the remaining 1,400 are either guest or part-time faculty.

The Punjab government has failed to make recruitments since the Punjab and Haryana High Court imposed a stay in 2003 after the surfacing of an infamous scam involving Ravi Sidhu, former chairperson, Punjab Public Service Commission. The scam was unearthed in 2002, but all the recommendations sent by the PPSC from 1996 onwards were not approved by the government and hence no recruitment has been done since 1996. Left with no other option, the colleges are now either appointing guest or part-time faculty.

In Ludhiana district, there are five government colleges having 286 regular



SCD Government College has 130 sanctioned posts of which only 37 are regular, 18 part-time while the rest are guest faculty.

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<p>“The government failed to recruit lecturers due to the High Court stay, taking its toll on the standard of education.”</p> <p>Dr Gurjant Singh, GEN SECY, PUNJAB GOVERNMENT COLLEGE TEACHER ASSOCIATION</p>		<p>“The appointment of guest and part-time faculty is taking toll on the studies. Nearly 50% of the part-time or guest faculty are non-qualified.”</p> <p>A REGULAR LECTURER</p>

posts, but only 81 are regular lecturers. SCD Government College, which is celebrating its centenary this year, has 130 sanctioned posts out of which only 37 are regular, 18 part-time while the rest are

guest faculty. At Government College, Karamsar Rara Sahib, there are 23 posts of which three are regular while two are part-time and 18 guest faculty. At BSSG Government

College, Sidhsar College, there are 7 sanctioned posts out of which one is regular, four are part-time while two are guest faculty.

Dr Gurjant Singh, General Secretary of the Punjab Government College Teacher Association, said the government failed to recruit lecturers due to the High Court stay, taking its toll on the standard of education.

A regular lecturer, seeking anonymity, said the appointment of guest and part-time faculty was taking toll on the studies. “Nearly 50% of the part-time or guest faculty are non-qualified. It is mandatory for the lecturers teaching in higher education institutes to clear National Eligibility Test (NET) or hold a degree of Phd. For assistant professors, both NET and Phd are compulsory, but these conditions are overlooked during the appointment of guest and part-time faculty,” he said.

The guest faculty are appointed by college committees while part-time lecturers are appointed by committee headed by DPI, Colleges.

Mother ends life after bid to drown kids

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, OCTOBER 13

A woman allegedly dropped her two children in a water tank and then hanged herself from the ceiling fan of her house in the Kesarisringhpur segment of Sriganaganagar on Saturday. The children were rescued by their uncle who returned in the evening from job.

The police was told that when Gurmeet Singh entered the house in Ward-7, he heard children's cry coming from the water tank. Gurmeet removed the water tank cover and rescued his four-year-old niece who was carrying her two-year-old brother on her lap.

The body of their mother Jaspreet Kaur was found hanging in the bedroom. He informed his elder brother Lovepreet Singh who was working in the grain market.

Preliminary inquiry indicated that the couple were married about five years ago and were having strained relationship.

Punjab Diary



Fatehgarh Sahib SHO GS Sikand aboard a 50-seater bus carrying 90 students.

Overcrowded buses, who cares?

Fatehgarh Sahib: Private schools charge hefty fees and transport charges from parents, but they hardly bother for the safety of schoolchildren. The district administration has launched a campaign against the school managements by challenging overcrowded buses. Deputy Commissioner Parshant Goyal and SSP Amneet Kondal have formed a joint committee to check this menace and deputed GS Sikand, SHO, Fatehgarh Sahib, to rein in the menace. The SHO found that one of the buses was carrying 90 students against the seating capacity of 50. Unfortunately, most of the institutions do not pay heed about the safety measures for schoolchildren, which is the most important factor, the SHO said.

Hooked on social media

Bathinda: Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal has been quite active on social media. There has been hardly a day when she doesn't post anything on her Facebook and Twitter account. She makes it a point to send across a message on days of importance. For instance, she posted on the International Day of Girl Child, “For the last decade and even before, I have worked for the cause of equal rights for girls through Nanhi Chaan, my humble effort of love for daughters of the soil. On International Day of the Girl Child, I urge you to give little girls a world they can live in freely and joyfully.” On World Mental Health Day, she posted, “I call upon everyone to be more compassionate, listen to those who need to talk and be the shoulder to those who need to weep. Let's be there for each other.”

Politics over corridor

Gurdaspur: Kartarpur corridor is attracting politicians like moths to a flame. Days after some Congress politicians paid a visit, the high profile and politically suave troika of Sukhbir Singh Badal, Harsimrat Kaur Badal

and Bikram Majithia arrived. After holding confabulations with officials of the LPAI and NHAI, it was time to hold the customary press conference. However, there was a problem. Local SAD leaders did not care to select a venue where these leaders could hold the briefing. Sukhbir then looked towards the Pakistanis side and spotted a raised platform having an olive green tin roof barely 20 m away from the international border. Backing his intuition, he instantly knew it was being managed by the Army and the next thing he did was to ask scores of reporters and photographers accompanying him to reach the newly found venue. Once there, the three squeezed themselves on a wooden bench while the reporters were asked to sit in front. As the saying goes, trust your instincts because good instincts usually tell you what to do before your head has figured it out.



Former ICAR official Gajendra Singh honours scientists in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Limited means no hindrance

Abohar: Even as the Abohar campus of the Central Institute of Post Harvesting Engineering and Technologies was not provided sufficient funds by the successive Central governments, it made good progress in research and extension activities. About three decades ago, the then CM Beant Singh and former Union Agriculture Minister Balram Jakhar pinned hopes, at its inauguration function, on bringing revolution in agriculture and horticulture, but adequate budget for the institution was not earmarked by the Centre. Yet it made strides in research. At a function recently, Prof Gajendra Singh, former DDG, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), honoured Dr Bhushan Bibwe and Dr Kirti Jalgaonkar of the institute with Best Technology Award for development of green pea shelling machine. Dalu Ram, technical assistant, workshop, was also honoured with Best Technical Staff Award.

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‘Shamlat’ land auction row refuses to die down

Dalits accuse landlords of making bids via proxies

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SANGRUR, OCTOBER 13

The controversy over the auction of shamlat land in several villages to “dummy” candidates refuses to die down as Dalit organisations are in no mood to relent.

Members of the Zameen Prapti Sangharsh Committee (ZPSC) and Krantikari Pendu Mazdoor Union (KPMU), who have been demanding 33% reserved land for Dalits for 33 years on annual lease, have announced to continue with their protest till the cancellation of auctions to “dummy” bidders.

Mukesh Malaud, president of the ZPSC, said, “The police and civil officials are playing into the hands of influential landlords, who have taken possession of reserved pieces of land through their servants in many villages.” In the past, clashes have been witnessed in many villages, including Jhaloor, Balad Kalan and Tolewal, over the same issue. Dalits say the authorities concerned haven't learnt any lesson.



Dalits stage a protest at Meemsa village. TRIBUNE PHOTO

‘OFFICIALS HAND IN GLOVE’

Dalit organisations have been alleging that during auctions of “shamlat” land in several villages, landlords send their servants to make bids. They say landlords, in connivance with higher-ups, get cancelled auctions in many villages repeatedly when their dummy bidders fail to get land as Dalits oppose them. Several villages have witnessed clashes over the issue in the past.

“Landlords, in connivance with higher-ups, have got cancelled auctions in many villages repeatedly when their dummy bidders failed to get land as Dalits opposed them,” Malaud said.

On July 1 this year, around 15 persons suffered injuries during a clash between two groups in Tolewal village over

the auction of reserved land. A Dalit woman, Gurdev Kaur, died in November 2016 during a clash in Jhaloor over possession of a piece of reserved land.

Ghanshyam Thori, DC, said the matter had been sorted out in most of the villages. “If anyone is still facing problems, he can contact our senior officials,” he said.

Sikhya providers demand regular jobs, meet Singla

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 13

After a meeting with members of 3,807 Trained Sikhya Providers (TSP) Union at his Sangrur residence, Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla fixed another meeting with Education Department authorities in Chandigarh on Monday to discuss their demands.

“We have been working as TSPs since 2006 and have all required experience and other qualifications. We want our recruitment as ETT teachers. Presently, we are getting a monthly salary of Rs 11,000,” said Gurmeet Kaur, convener of the union.

On October 12, to protest against the government for not accepting their long pending demand to regularise their services, the Trained Sikhya Providers had announced to hold a protest in Dakha against Congress candidate

“We need clearance from the Finance Department and their case for regularisation is already under consideration. They have put another demand on Sunday and I have fixed their meeting with the senior authorities.”



Sandeep Sandhu on October 15. The minister placated them during the meeting and assured them to look into demands.

“We need clearance from the Finance Department and their case for regularisation is already under consideration. They have put another demand today and I have fixed their meeting with senior authorities,” said Singla.

SGPC gives memo to J&K Gov's Adviser

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AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 13

The SGPC submitted a memorandum to Farooq Khan, Adviser to J&K Governor, regarding the problems being faced by the Sikhs in J&K.

SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal said they requested that the Sikhs, being in minority, should be given facilities and reservation in jobs in J&K.

Longowal said various programmes had been scheduled in J&K to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak.

With the post-paid mobile telephony set to be restored in Jammu and Kashmir from Monday, Farooq Khan has expressed hope that it would help achieve normalisation in the Valley.

Farooq Khan, who was here to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple today, said the defence forces were well-equipped to deal terror activities and the prevailing situation in the state.

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Farooq Khan, ADVISER TO J&K GOVERNOR

“The situation is under control and peace is prevailing in the state. We hope to revive the post-paid phone services from Monday,” he said. Over political detentions, he said they (the leaders) would be released according to the situation and when the administration felt that their release would not hamper peace and tranquillity.

As a part of preventive strategy under the Public Safety Act, over 3,600 persons have either been detained or arrested in the state. These include 240 political leaders and lower-rung workers and over 120 separatist leaders. In the past week, over 2,800 people have been released.

Caught between border and river, farmers to get seven new boats

ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 13

“Fenced-in” between the right bank of the Sutlej and the Radcliffe Line, farmers belonging to villages along the Indo-Pakistan border will soon get seven new boats to commute to their fields along the zero line.

These villagers have been living on the edge as daily they have to put their lives at risk to reach their fields after wading through the river.

Over the years, the only mode of transport available to them had been the indigenous ‘beras’ (boats).

However, over the years, the condition of the boats had deteriorated, but the villagers did not have enough funds to get these repaired.

Coming to their rescue, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh recently sanctioned Rs 40 lakh for new boats. Parminder Singh Pinki, MLA, Ferozepur (Urban), said in the aftermath of recent floods, he had taken up the plight of the villagers



A wooden ‘bera’ meant for the use of border residents under fabrication in Ferozepur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

LIVING ON THE EDGE

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with the Chief Minister who sanctioned Rs 40 lakh for new boats. “We are getting seven new boats constructed with the amount,” said Pinki, adding that these

would be rugged and safe. Pertinently, three youths had died in June this year when their boat capsized near Gatti Rahim Ke village. A few years ago, six villagers

“Residents belonging to several villages, including Bhakra, Hazarasingh Wala, Gatti Rajjoke, Tindiwala, Kamalewala, Khunder, Kaluwala, Basti Ramlal, will benefit by the new boats, which are being built locally.”

Parminder Singh Pinki, MLA, FEROZEPUR (URBAN)

of Bhakra had died after their boat had overturned in the Sutlej. Mukhtiar Singh of Chandiwala said several such incidents had happened in the past also.

38 Ropar stone crushers in dock

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, OCTOBER 13

At least 38 stone crushers are in a trouble for operating within 50 metre of a riverbed. Deputy Commissioner Sumit Jarangal said action had been initiated against the offenders for violation of norms.

The DC said all crusher owners would be given a chance to explain their case. “If they fail to give a genuine reason for setting up units near the riverbed, then proceedings will begin to shut the crushers,” he said.

A majority of crushers have been in operation even before the policy barring the setting up of units within 50 metre of the riverbed was notified by the government in 2013.

The district administration stumbled upon the violation when the owner of Dhillon Stone Crusher and Screening Plant at Diwari village sought permission to restart his unit. He informed the DC that he

“All crusher owners will be given a chance to explain their case. If they fail to give a genuine reason for setting up units near the riverbed, then proceedings will begin to shut the crushers.”

Sumit Jarangal, DC

was forced to shut his crusher after a report prepared by the Site Appraisal Committee wrongly included his unit in the list of crushers falling within 50 metre of the riverbed.

An inquiry, conducted on the directions of the DC, found that the Site Appraisal Committee had wrongly listed the crusher as it was located 150 metre away from the riverbed.

Following this, the DC ordered a fresh survey of riverbeds, which revealed that 38 crushers were set up on the banks of rivers in violation of rules.

POLL BUZZ

BJP, Cong skip Swaminathan proposals from manifestoes

Implementation of report long-standing demand of farmers in the state

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13 The Swaminathan report which offers suggestions to address the problems faced by farmers appears to have been dumped by both the BJP and the Congress, since the election manifesto of both parties doesn't mention this promise.

The National Commission on Farmers headed by MS Swaminathan was constituted on November 18, 2004, and it submitted four reports on December 2004, August 2005, December 2005 and April 2006.

The report had recommended among other things 50 per cent margin over input costs of the farmers, and farmers' bodies have been demanding its implementation for long.

The BJP had included implementation of the report in its manifesto in 2014, but when the Narendra Modi government announced the formula for calculation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops after coming to power, it stopped short of Swaminathan recommendations and came with a formula that the party claimed would give

Given much more: Agriculture Minister



Agriculture Minister **OP Dhankar** said the party had given much more than what Swaminathan recommended. "The first 32 points of our manifesto are dedicated to farmers. They include doubling farmers' income by 2022, waiver of interest on total crop loan worth Rs 5,000 crore, pension of Rs 3,000 per month to 14 lakh farmers."

Many proposals adopted by Cong: Hooda



Bhopinder Singh Hooda claimed that the Congress had already implemented many of the recommendations when he was in power till 2014. "After Swaminathan submitted his report... the interest on farm loans in cooperative banks was reduced to 4 per cent. In Haryana, the interest was made zero per cent if farmers paid their amount in time."

50 per cent profits to farmers on their input costs.

However, the Congress has been attacking the BJP for its "failure to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan report in their letter and spirit" all these years, though Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister OP Dhankar, who was chairman of the manifesto drafting committee for the BJP's sankalp patra, maintains that all major points of the report stand implemented.

Former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda had alleged after the announcement of the MSP formula that the government's claims on MSP were completely false.

"In its election manifesto, the BJP had promised to calculate farmers' profits for fixing the MSP by the C2 formula, but now the government has been calculating it by A2 plus FL method. The C2 formula means the comprehensive cost and it includes imputed costs of family labour

(FL), imputed rent of owned land and imputed interest on owned capital. On the other hand, the A2 costs are the costs the farmer actually pays out of his pocket for buying various inputs ranging from seeds to fertilisers to pesticides to hired labour to hired machinery or even land taken on lease," Hooda had alleged with a promise to implement the cost calculation formula correctly once the Congress came to power in the state.

Now, when the Congress unveiled its manifesto in Chandigarh on Friday, the document had no mention of the Swaminathan report.

When contacted for his comments today, Hooda claimed that the Congress had already implemented many of the recommendations when he was in power till 2014.

"After Swaminathan submitted his report, a committee of Chief Ministers was constituted under me. The interest on farm loans in cooperative banks across the country was reduced to 4 per cent. In Haryana, the interest was made zero per cent if the farmers paid their due amount in time," said Hooda.

'Another jumla': Selja writes off saffron sankalp patra

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 13 Unleashing a scathing attack on the BJP government, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Kumari Selja has asked people not to get misled by the "jumlas" again and elect a government that could put an end to their "sufferings".

Addressing a public meeting in support of party candidate Lalit Nagar in Tigaon constituency here today, Selja came down heavily on the sankalp patra (manifesto) of the ruling BJP. Terming it as a bundle of lies, she asked how could the party make tall promises again when it had "failed to honour the promises made in 2014". "The BJP's manifesto is only a jumla (fake promise) to mislead the people," she said.

"The Congress alone is capable of carrying out development as it does not believe in deceptive politics," she said while claiming that the party would honour each and every promise.

She said her party had promised a job to every household while unemployment bonus would be given to each educated unemployed youth. "We will also take care that deserving youth get jobs



Congress state chief Kumari Selja in Faridabad. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Rakes up rise in crime

Criticising the government over the failure of the law and order machinery, Selja said the crime graph in Haryana had gone up multifold, exposing the incompetency of the present regime, which "only knows how to coin slogans". "The Congress will put an end to the crime, if it returns to power," she announced.

according to their qualifications and not on the pattern adopted by the BJP in which highly educated youth were made to run from pillar to post for even a class D job."

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"Besides giving reservation to women in government

jobs, we will put an end to the crime, if the Congress returns to power," she announced.

Scoffing at the Smart City projects and cleanliness drive, Selja claimed that no impact was visible on the ground despite hundreds of crores of rupees having been spent on the two initiatives and the innumerable claims and photo sessions by BJP leaders.

Selja also addressed a similar meeting in Palwa district in support of the Congress candidate from Prithla segment.

Over 6K ballot papers through web portal

Sonepat: A total of 6,585 ballot papers have been sent through the web portal, electronically transmitted postal ballot system, to service voters registered in six Assembly segments of the district. According to DC Anshaj Singh, after receiving these in their units, they can exercise their vote through electronic voting. TNS

THE DAY AHEAD

Modi rally in Faridabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a rally at Ballabhgarh on Monday for 16 BJP candidates from four districts. BJP president Amit Shah will also address three rallies in the state.

Cong biggies debut today

Rahul rally in Nuh to be first by party star campaigner

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13 While BJP heavyweights are criss-crossing Haryana as they campaign for party candidates in 90 Assembly segments, the Congress will open its account of biggies on Monday, with Rahul Gandhi set to address his first and probably only rally in Nuh.

Into the last week of campaigning in Haryana for the Assembly elections slated for October 21, campaigning throughout the state for the Congress has essentially been limited to the new team of state president Kumari Selja and Congress Legislature Party leader Bhopinder Singh Hooda while other leaders, despite their own election, are campaigning in neighbouring constituencies.

Though the Congress drew up a list of 40 star campaigners for the party right after the filing of nominations was over, none of the big names in the



list campaigned in the state so far. The list included the names of Congress president Sonia Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, general secretary incharge Ghulam Nabi Azad, senior leaders Anand Sharma, Salman Khurshid, Rajiv Shukla and Raj Babbar and young leaders Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sachin Pilot.

The party and candidates have essentially limited themselves to local leaders who exercise influence in their respective areas and there is hardly any demand

for big leaders from the candidates themselves.

Maintaining that this direct contest between the Congress and BJP will be more about personal contact and connect with voters, a candidate has explained that organising a rally for a big leader at this point will mean having to devote precious time to the programme, which they can ill-afford.

Further, simultaneous elections in Maharashtra is being seen as another reason for top names failing to make it to Haryana. Though big names in the list of star campaigners have stayed away so far, party leaders maintain that post manifesto release, these leaders will visit various Assembly segments and campaign for candidates.

The chairman of the campaign committee, Capt Ajay Yadav, said the demand for programmes of Congress leaders by candidates was being made to Kumari Selja, who was coordinating the campaigning as well.

INLD, JJP struggle for survival on home turf Sirsa

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SIRSA, OCTOBER 13 For the first time in the past three decades, the INLD as well as its offshoot JJP, both headed by members of the Chautala clan, are struggling for survival in their home district Sirsa.

Except for former Leader of Opposition Abhay Singh Chautala who is locked in a triangular contest with BJP's Pawan Beniwal and Congress' Bharat Singh Beniwal at Ellenabad, no other contestant of the INLD or the JJP looks in the main contest in the other four Assembly segments of the district - Sirsa, Rania, Kalanwali and Dabwali.

In the last Assembly elections held in 2014, the INLD had won all five seats in Sirsa district - Ellenabad, Rania, Dabwali and Sirsa on its own symbol and Kalanwali seat on its alliance partner Shiromani Akali Dal's account.

However, much water has flowed through the Ghag-



Abhay Chautala addresses an election meeting. FILE PHOTO

Chautala clan losing hold

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gar in the district in the past five years and the split in the Chautala clan which led to formation of the JJP headed by Dushyant Chautala in December 2018 has

weakened the mass base of the clan in its own district considerably.

In the Lok Sabha poll held in May this year, the BJP candidate Sunita Dug-

gal got a lead of 1.33 lakh over her nearest rival Ashok Tanwar in the five Assembly segments.

The lead was 41,389 in Sirsa, 34,659 in Ellenabad, 27,309 in Rania, 20,990 in Kalanwali and 8,662 in Dabwali Assembly segment of the district.

However, the condition of the INLD as well as the JJP was very poor in the entire district as their candidates could manage less than 1 lakh votes each in all nine Assembly segments coming under Sirsa Lok Sabha seat.

In Sirsa Assembly seat, the main contest is between the BJP's Pradeep Ratusaria and Haryana Lokhit Party's Gopal Kanda while Gokul Setia, an Independent, is trying to make the contest triangular this time.

The INLD has not been able to field its candidate and has extended support to Setia while the JJP has given ticket to Rajinder Ganeriwala, but he has not been able to make any impact.

In Kalanwali and Dabwali

Assembly seats, the main fight is between the Congress and the BJP, says a shopkeeper in the grain market of the town.

Shish Pal Kehwarwala of the Congress and Balkaur Singh of the BJP are fighting it out in Kalanwali, though in the Sikh-dominated villages of the Assembly segment, Rajinder Desu Jodha of the SAD-INLD combine is vying with the BJP nominee for supremacy.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today addressed a rally for the BJP candidate.

Amit Sihag of the Congress is pitted against Aditya Devi Lal of the BJP in Dabwali though INLD's Sita Ram and JJP's Sarabjit Singh Masitan are also in the fray.

Rania seat is likely to witness a tough contest between Independent Ranjeet Singh and HLP's Gobind Kanda while the BJP candidate Ram Chander Kamboj is facing opposition from villagers for defecting from the INLD to the BJP.

Surjewala attacks ex-MLA

Kaithal: Congress leader Randeep Surjewala on Sunday hit out at BJP candidate Leela Ram. He spoke on the law and order when Leela Ram was INLD MLA from 2000 to 2005. He quoted cases of kidnapping and murder during that period. oc

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Versus
Sandeep Kaur & ors.
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Versus
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...Respondents
CNR No. PBM001-001413-2019
Next Date: 05.11.2019
Application U/S 372 of Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of succession certificate
Notice to: General Public
In above titled Succession application, the respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 05.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.
For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=hoshiarpur
Dated, this day of 09.10.2019.
Sd/-
Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL19098365 Hoshiarpur.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Deepak Kumar Chaudhary, Additional District and Sessions Judge-V, Amritsar.
Pb. and Sind Bank Versus Daizi Chawla
CNR No. PBA01-015040-2018
Next Date: 06.11.2019
Publication issued to: Daizi Chawla, R/o 397A, Ranjit Avenue, Asr.
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 06.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.
For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=amritsar
Dated, this day of 27.09.2019.
Sd/-
Additional District and Sessions Judge-V, CL19098366 Amritsar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

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COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Ms. Daljit Kaur, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Moga
Daljit Kaur Versus Parampreet Kaur
CNR No. PBM002-000311-2019
Next Date: 30.10.19
Publication issued to:
1. Parampreet Kaur d/o Late S. Kulraj Singh son of Jagan Singh alias Shri Jaimal Singh resident 82, Ascort Gardens South-hall Middlesex, UBI, 25A England through her General attorney Jaswinder Kaur, Village Rajiana The Baghapurana, Distt. Moga. 2. Avtar Singh 3. Jagtar Singh both sons of Jagan Singh alias Jaimal Singh resident of Village Chupkitti alias Sandhanwala, Teh. and distt. Moga. 4. Tarlochan Singh son of Avtar Singh son of Jagan Singh resident of Chupkitti alias Sandhanwala, Teh. and Distt. Moga. 5. Ajaib Singh 6. Gurdeep Singh 7. Jora Singh all sons of Ghamanda Singh son Mewa Singh all residents of Village Chupkitti alias Sandhanwala, Teh. and Distt. Moga. 10. Tej Kaur widow of Bakhtawar Singh 11. Gurdeep Kaur d/o Bakhtawar Singh 12. Baldev Singh 13. Sukhdev Singh 14. Kuldeep Singh all sons of Bakhtawar Singh son Sahawa Singh all resident of Village Chupkitti.
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 30.10.19 at 10:00 a.m.
For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=moga
Dated, this day of 11.10.2019
Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Moga. CL19098369

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Vishav Gupta, Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana.
Dheeraj Behal Versus General Public
CNR No. PBLD02-004321-2019
Next Date: 29.10.2019
Publication issued to: General Public
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For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana
Dated, this day of 10.10.2019.
Sd/-
Vishav Gupta Civil Judge (Junior Division), CL19098372 Ludhiana.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

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Layer of haze lingers in Delhi as air quality remains 'poor'

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

A layer of haze lingered over the Capital on Sunday as air quality in several parts of the city plunged to the "very poor" category, days before strict measures to fight air pollution come into force under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Anand Vihar, Wazirpur, Vivek Vihar, Mundka, Bawana, Jahangirpuri was 327, 323, 317, 309, 302 and 300 respectively, according to Central Pollution Control Board data.

The overall AQI deteriorated further and touched the 268 mark, which falls in the poor category. The air quality in neighbouring Ghaziabad (320) and Noida (310) in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana's Alipur Khalsa (351) and Panipat (339) also turned "very poor" by 4.30 pm.

Faridabad, Greater Noida, Baghpat, Murthal recorded an AQI at 290, 233, 280, 259



Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari distributes anti-pollution masks in Connaught Place in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Distributing pollution masks to awaken govt: Tiwari

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari on Sunday distributed anti-pollution masks among people at Central Park in Connaught Place, alleging Kejriwal government has failed to check air pollution in the city as it "works in advertisements". Tiwari also charged that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is seeking credit abroad for bringing down pollution whereas Modi government has done ground level works for this.

and 245 respectively. An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

Perturbed by the situation, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted, "All the gains achieved so far on pollution front will be

80% crimes involve illegal immigrants in Delhi: Tiwari

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari on Sunday held illegal immigrants responsible for 80 per cent crimes in the Capital, referring to the incident of chain snatching with PM Narendra Modi's niece in the city.

Tiwari said his demand for national register for citizens (NRC) exercise in Delhi is for identifying and evicting such illegal immigrants involved in crimes. "As many as 80 per cent

BJP INDULGING IN DIRTY POLITICS: AAP

The AAP on Sunday accused the BJP of indulging in "dirty politics" over the law and order situation in Delhi, saying the Centre needs to direct the police to catch the perpetrators of crime and punish them, regardless of who committed it.

crimes involve illegal immigrants in Delhi. That's why I have been demanding NRC but, whenever I do so,

Man beaten to death by wife in Narela

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

A 35-year-old man was beaten to death allegedly by his wife in outer Delhi's Narela following a quarrel over his drinking habits, the police said on Sunday. Javed (35) was a drunkard and his wife Salma used to fight with him often over his drinking habits, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said.

On Saturday, Javed returned home in drunken state and had a quarrel with his wife who then beat him up, Sharma said. He went to bed afterwards and was found dead the next day at around 6 am, he added. Ajim (25), the younger brother of Javed, blamed the killing on Salma, the DCP said. On the basis of Ajim's statement, a case of murder was registered against Salma and she was arrested, the police said. — PTI

Will bear expense of Valmiki community students: Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday announced his government decision to meet the entire expenditure on education of Valmiki community children after class XII while accusing previous governments of keeping Valmiki community bereft of developmental opportunities.

He also alleged that various political parties wanted the Valmiki community children to become only cleaners and sanitation workers. Kejriwal made the allegations while addressing the community members at a Valmiki Jayanti celebration function at Lal Quila here and claimed it was his government only which worked for ameliorating the community's plight. Kejriwal said all the previous governments had deliberately allowed worsening of the government

Man found dead at Deer Park, 1 held

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

The body of an 18-year-old man, with his limbs tied up, was found inside the Deer Park in Shahdara on Sunday, following which one person was arrested in connection with the killing over monetary dispute, the police said.

The man, identified as Kalender Colony resident Sahil, was killed on Saturday night and his body spotted by some passerby on Sunday morning, they said.

The accused, Arshad (22), a resident of Shaheed Nagar in Ghaziabad, was known to Sahil and had borrowed ₹50K from his family which he failed to return, a senior police official said.

A passerby had informed a police patrolling team after spotting the body having deep cuts on head and neck, the police official said. On Saturday night, the two went to the Deer Park where the accused killed him using a blade and a brick, the officer said. The blade used in commission of crime has been recovered, said the police. — PTI

Valmiki Rath Yatra



Congress president Sonia Gandhi being presented a portrait during the inauguration of Valmiki Rath Yatra on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti in New Delhi on Sunday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Modi dares Oppn to promise reversal of 370 in manifesto

Says Kashmir crown of India, not just a plot of land

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13 Prime Minister Narendra Modi today challenged the Opposition parties to promise reversal of the Article 370 in their manifestos if they had the courage to do so.

Addressing an election rally in Maharashtra's Jalgaon today, Modi hit out at the Opposition parties for their criticism of the government on the abrogation of the Article 370. "Do you think they have the courage to bring back Article 370? Will they be able to survive in politics if they dare to do so? If you have the courage, come forward and tell us in your manifesto that you will bring back Article 370 and Article 35 (a)," Modi asked the rally.

The PM, who addressed his first rally in Maharashtra ahead of the Assembly elections here, said Kashmir was not just a plot of land. "Kashmir is the crown of India... it won't take more than four months for things to become



PM Narendra Modi waves at supporters during a rally in Maharashtra's Bhandara district. PTI

normal in J&K," he said.

Criticising the Congress and the NCP, Modi accused them of parroting Pakistan's lines. "Look at the statements made by Congress, NCP... They are speaking the lines of our neighbour," Modi said.

The PM added that the poor, women and the Dalits of Kashmir did not see any development since the Independence. "Members

of the Valmiki did not even enjoy basic human rights in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh," he said.

He further pointed out that his government fulfilled the promise made to Muslim women on triple talaq. "I kept the promise made to our Muslim mothers and sisters regarding triple talaq. I challenged the Opposition to bring back the practice of triple talaq," he said.

“Do you think they have the courage to bring back Article 370? Will they be able to survive in politics if they dare to do so? If you have the courage, come forward and tell us in your manifesto that you will bring back Article 370 and Article 35 (a)”

— Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

PM, Shah distracting people from core issues, says Rahul

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13 Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are busy distracting people from core issues like lack of jobs and the agrarian crisis across the country, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said today.

Addressing an election rally at Ausa in Latur this afternoon, Gandhi also accused the media of downplaying major issues affecting the country.

"The media, Modi and Shah are busy diverting the people's attention from core issues. The media is silent on farmers' distress and lack of jobs. The media is mum on waiver of loans for rich people as it is owned by them," Rahul Gandhi said.

The former Congress president also referred to the failed Chandrayaan moon landing mission by ISRO. "When the youth ask for jobs, the government tells them to watch the moon. The government talks of Article 370 and the moon but is silent on the



Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at a Congress-NCP rally ahead of Maharashtra Assembly elections in Mumbai on Sunday. PTI

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Rahul Gandhi, FORMER CONGRESS PRESIDENT

country's problems," Rahul Gandhi said.

On the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese leader Xi Jinping, Gandhi wondered whether the Indian PM asked his counterpart about the incursion into Doklam by the troops of the neighbouring country. "When the Prime Minister was having tea and snacks with the Chinese leader, did he

ask him about Doklam?" Gandhi asked.

Regarding the loan restructuring programmes for companies, the Congress leader said Rs 5.5 lakh-crore debt of "15 rich people" has been waived by the Modi government. Gandhi further said the government under guise of demonetisation and the GST took money from the pockets of the poor and gave it to the rich.

Another Pawar kin enters fray

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13 Despite a grandnephew failing to make his mark in the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has fielded his another kin for the Assembly elections.

Rohit, grandson of Sharad Pawar's brother Appasaheb, has been fielded from the Karjat-Jamkhed Assembly constituency in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district. According to NCP leaders, Rohit has been active in the local bodies for the past several years and has been preparing to make his political debut for the past few years.

Parth, son of Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar, lost the Maval Lok Sabha seat recently despite the Pawar clan pulling out all stops for him.

"Rohit has learnt politics at the feet of Sharad Pawar for many years. He cut his teeth in zilla parishad politics and has done a lot of work during drought in Maharashtra," says NCP's chief spokesman Nawab Malik.

Rohit is taking on BJP Minister Ram Shinde who is seeking a third-term from this seat.

Shah dig at Oppn: Man with '56-inch chest' did what other PMs couldn't

Targets Rahul, Sharad Pawar for questioning abrogation of Article 370

KOLHAPUR, OCTOBER 13

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for abrogating Article 370, saying the previous governments never had the courage shown by the "man with 56-inch chest" in integrating Jammu and Kashmir with India's mainstream.

Addressing an election rally in Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, he said people should ask Congress and NCP leaders, when they come to seek votes, whether they support the NDA government's decision to abrogate the provisions that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

He targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and



Home Minister Amit Shah at a rally in Karad, Maharashtra, on Sunday. PTI

“Several governments came and went, several prime ministers came and went, no one had the courage to abrogate Article 370. But, the man with the 56-inch chest scrapped it in one go”

Amit Shah, HOME MINISTER

NCP chief Sharad Pawar for questioning the government's move to abrogate Article 370.

"After people of the country and Maharashtra voted him for the second term, Modiji did something for which the entire country was waiting for 70 years...he abrogated

Article 370 on August 5 and joined Jammu and Kashmir with the country's mainstream," Shah said.

Shah said since the days of Jan Sangh, they have been hearing that there cannot be two prime ministers, there cannot be two symbols and two constitu-

tions, but "it was the Congress which, by imposing Article 370, stopped the process of integrating Jammu and Kashmir with India for several years".

"As a result, thousands of our people lost their lives due to terrorism, but still there was no intention of any party to remove Article 370," he said.

"Several governments came and went, several prime ministers came and went, no one had the courage to abrogate Article 370. But, the man with the 56-inch chest scrapped it in one go," Shah said.

He said during the UPA rule, terrorists from Pakistan used to infiltrate and kill Indian soldiers. — PTI

Protracted Ayodhya case hearing in apex court enters final leg today

October 17 revised deadline for wrapping up proceedings

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

The protracted hearing in the politically sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute at Ayodhya will enter into the crucial final leg on Monday when the Supreme Court resumes proceedings on the 38th day after the week-long Dasehra break.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, which started the day-to-day proceedings on August 6 after mediation proceedings failed to find an amicable solution to the vexatious dispute, has revised the deadline for wrapping up the proceedings and has fixed it on October 17.

Fourteen appeals have been filed in the apex court against the 2010 Allahabad

JUDGMENT TO BE PRONOUNCED BY NOV 17

■ The Constitution Bench of the SC had said the Muslim side would complete the arguments on October 14 and thereafter, two days would be granted to the Hindu parties to sum up their rejoinders by October 16

■ The judgment in the matter is to be pronounced by November 17, the day the Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi will demit the office



High Court judgment, delivered in four civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land in Ayodhya be partitioned equally among the three parties — the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara

and Ram Lalla.

Initially, as many as five lawsuits were filed in the lower court. The first one was filed by Gopal Singh Visharad, a devotee of 'Ram Lalla', in 1950 to seek

enforcement of the right to worship of Hindus at the disputed site.

In the same year, the Paramahansa Ramachandra Das had also filed the lawsuit for continuation of worship and keeping the idols under the central dome of the now-demolished disputed structure. The plea was later withdrawn.

Later, the Nirmohi Akhara also moved the trial court in 1959 seeking management and 'shebaiti' (devotee) rights over the 2.77-acre disputed land.

Then came the lawsuit of the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Wakf Board which moved the court in 1961, claiming title right over the disputed property. — PTI

2 held for snatching bag of Modi's niece



Gaurav, alias Nonu, one of the two accused, in police custody at Civil Lines in New Delhi on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Two men were arrested for allegedly snatching the handbag of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's niece Damayanti Ben Modi, the police said on Sunday.

Two men had wrenched the handbag from Damayanti Ben's grasp when she was alighting from an auto-rickshaw on Saturday in North Delhi's Civil Lines area. The bag contained Rs 56,000, two mobile phones, some documents and other valuables. Based on a complaint by her, the police registered a case and later identified the two snatchers.

Gaurav alias Nonu (21) was arrested from Sonapat in Haryana where he was staying at a relative's house, while Badal (22) was arrested from Sultanpuri here later in

the evening, Deputy Commissioner of Police (North) Monika Bhardwaj said.

Gaurav is a resident of Sadar Bazar, but sometimes stayed in Nabi Karim, Pahargang, while Badal stayed in Sultanpuri, the police said.

The snatching incident had taken place soon after Damayanti Ben reached Delhi from Amritsar around 7 am at the Gujrati Samaj Bhawan in the Civil Lines area, a senior police officer said. She had a flight to Ahmedabad in the evening.

The stolen items, including Rs 56,000, wristwatch and documents, have been recovered, the officer said, adding that the scooter was seized from the house of Gaurav's aunt where he had gone after the incident. — PTI

Nominee mere custodian, bound to transfer property to legal heirs

Q. Please advise me on the following points:

I am a senior citizen and have a joint FD account in a bank with my wife (2nd holder). I have also made a nomination in favour of my daughter. Kindly clarify:

a) In case of my death, my wife (2nd joint holder) would be the sole claimant of the amount or other legal heirs can also claim their share in the amount.

b) In case of death of both the account holders, the nominee would be the only claimant of the amount or other legal heirs can also claim their share in the amount.

c) Also advise how the 2nd joint holder or nominee can be the only claimant for the amount without the claim of other legal heirs in above two situations? How the interest income on the FDs would be treated.

— Narinder Kumar

A. Your queries are replied hereunder:

a) In case of your death, your wife would be the holder of account and she will be able to operate the said account. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, she would be accountable to the legal heir(s) in respect of the amount which stood deposited at the time of your death meaning thereby that such an amount would be considered as part



of your estate which would be divisible among all the legal heirs in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

b) In case of death of both the account holders, the nominee would be entitled to receive the amount which stood deposited in the bank account as on the date of death of both the account holders. However, he/she will also be accountable to the legal heirs for the amount which stood deposited as on the date of death of both the account holders.

c) In case you desire that your wife or the nominee should become the persons entitled to the amount standing in your bank account, it would be advisable for you to make a Will specifying the manner in which the fixed deposit and any other property, if any, will be inherited by your legal heirs so that no

TAX ADVICE

SC VASUDEVA

Q. I am a super senior citizen of 84 years. My wife is also above 80 years. We hold a joint bank account. I have been allotted a 100 sq yd plot under land pooling scheme by GMADA, Mohali, against my land which was acquired by the GMADA in 2011. Now I want to sell the plot (letter of intent issued in 2013) and gift the sale amount to my wife from our joint account. Will this gift amount be liable to income tax to me? Or income tax on interest after close of the financial year will be borne by my wife, who is a housewife and does not file income tax return. Please advise.

— Mohinder Singh

A. Section 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (The Act) provides that in computing the total income of an assessee, there shall be included all such income as arising directly or indirectly to such individual from assets transferred directly or indi-

rectly to the spouse by such individual otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart. According to the facts given in the query, transfer of any gift of an amount out of the sale consideration accruing on the sale of the plot of land to your wife would attract the above provision of the Act and therefore any income accruing to your wife from the amount so gifted shall be included in your taxable income.

Q. Thanks for your valuable reply published in these columns on 12.8.2019. If I gift Rs 5 lakh to my cousin after paying long-term capital gain tax on proceeds from selling my property, will he be liable to pay tax on Rs 4,50,000 (considering Rs 50,000 as gift) on lump sum amount or the tax will be calculated on the amount so received as interest from the bank on the deposit of Rs 4,50,000.

— SVS

A. According to the provisions of Section 56 of the Act, your cousin would be liable to pay tax on the entire amount of Rs 5 lakh received from you. The provisions of the aforesaid section do not provide that only the interest on the gifted amount would be chargeable to tax.

UP Cong to test fresh talent, says Prasada

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The Uttar Pradesh Congress under Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is opening up party positions to fresh talent who could not make the cut earlier due to the "stranglehold of a few", party leader Jitin Prasada said today as he hailed the revamp of the state unit for being a "mix of the old and new".

Prasada said the Congress hopes to be a party of UP's future and is looking at transforming the politics in the state by giving chances to people who could not make it into politics due to family background or financial constraints.

In an interview, he said the road ahead for the Congress in UP was very "long and tough", but the party would remain unfazed by "short-term" setbacks as it was confident of winning back the people's confidence eventually.

The Congress on Monday appointed Ajay Kumar Lal as its Uttar Pradesh president, replacing Raj Babbar, and revamped the state unit, bringing in four vice-presidents, 12 general secretaries and 24 secretaries.

The party set up an advisory council to the general secretary comprising senior leaders such as Mohsina Kidwai, PL Punia and RPN Singh.

“I am sure the Congress (in UP) under Priyanka Gandhi is going to be the instrument of giving space, place, position and chance to those who could not make it because of a 'stranglehold of a few’”

Jitin Prasada, CONGRESS LEADER

It also named an eight-member working group for strategy and planning.

Prasada, who was named as a member of the working group for strategy and planning, said Priyanka Gandhi as general secretary is giving direction to the party cadre which is determined to expose the forces who have gained people's support due to a false narrative.

"Priyanka Gandhi is very firm on the view that the Congress worker is paramount. The approach will be 'bottom up' and the views of the party cadre will be taken in every decision," the former Union Minister said.

"This has already begun and the Congress has gone ahead with the change in its Uttar Pradesh president and a new team that has been put in place," the 45-year-old leader said. — PTI

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The Mamallapuram summit

A clear view of goals like never before

EXTENDED meetings such as the one at Mamallapuram are rare in a packed diplomatic calendar of two extremely busy world leaders. As the world watched, PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping picked up the threads of their previous leisurely interaction at Wuhan. At Mamallapuram, they logged six hours of one-on-one talks, making it 16 hours of direct talks. Though they have signalled the will to talk through the differences, it seems strange that J&K never came up for discussion. China has more than passing interest in India's top national security priority. It controls two slabs of territory and has huge strategic stake in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir by virtue of its Belt and Road Initiative. Its sharp posturing on J&K was ample proof of that.

The public at large will never come to know most of what transpired between the two, but the tea leaves left behind in the Sino-Indian cup tell a tale of limited success. Since the UPA's rule, India has tried hard to pry open the Chinese market. At Mamallapuram, India's grievance of a grave trade imbalance produced the promise of a high-level ministerial panel. The defence side friction will be addressed by an invite to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while additional steps to maintain tranquillity on the border await an Ajit Doval-Wang Yi interaction. The two leaders' credibility will be dented if despite spending so much quality time together, the end result is that they have merely managed to avoid the traps of conflict and confrontation.

Xi and Modi have ample time in the saddle to rise above mundane tinkering with the elements of statecraft. Traces of discord and distrust will persist: having met Imran Khan before emplaning for Mamallapuram, Xi's next stop was Nepal to boost defence and connectivity. Moreover, all bets will be off if violence erupts in the Kashmir Valley. But their decision to hold a third informal summit suggests a burning resolve to turn the tide. Xi's 100-year plan for cooperation is hyperbole, but the two have formed a clearer view of goals and ideas for furthering partnership like no Indian and Chinese leaders before.

Mary's golden bronze

Her eighth Worlds medal should be celebrated

CHUNGNEJANG Mary Kom Hmangte must simply do away with the negativity, the despair — she should be nothing but proud of her latest feat, winning a bronze medal at boxing's World Championships. Her eighth medal in the event's history has made Mary the most successful boxer ever — male or female — in the World Championships. Eighteen years after she won her first World Championships medal, a silver, Mary has trumped Cuban legend Felix Savon, who has seven Worlds medals. However, on Saturday, Mary was visibly shocked when her opponent, Busenaz Cakiroglu, was declared the winner in the semifinals — Mary believed that she had done enough to win the bout.

Immediately after she lost, Mary said that bad/biased scoring had robbed her of a chance to fight for gold. Upon reflection, however, Mary probably realised that Busenaz was a strong fighter, and that for herself to secure a bronze in the 51kg category, that too at the age of 36, is worthy of celebration. Mary's seven other World Championships medals were won in up to 48kg weight classes. Her natural weight class is 48kg, commensurate with her 5ft-2in height. But there's no 48kg weight division in the Olympic Games, so every few years, to prepare for the Olympics, she gains 3kg to get used to boxing in the 51kg class. It's tough going for her in that category, for there she faces taller boxers who are natural in that division. The previous two times she fought in the 51kg division in the World Championships, she lost in the quarterfinals. Thus, with only nine months to go for the Tokyo Olympics, her first Worlds medal in the 51kg class is very good news.

Mary's desire to excel and go on and on, after over 20 years of bruising fights and knocks, is inspirational. Being lionised by India — immortalised in the movies, nominated to the Rajya Sabha — has not dimmed her ambition and enthusiasm; nor has becoming a mother to three sons. She is a prime example of the importance of women role models for every society, especially a gender-unequal one like ours.

Economic heft matters

Successful foreign policy needs strong, vibrant foundation



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THE Indian economy is decelerating and the gap between its growth potential and actual performance is growing. Unless this trend is reversed, there will be major political, social and foreign policy implications. As a practitioner of diplomacy, I am acutely aware of the strong link between economic performance and international perceptions of India. During 2003-7, it was India's rapid growth rate of 8-9% per annum, the steady globalisation of its economy and the attraction of its expanding market which also expanded its diplomatic space. India's economy was still relatively small compared to China's but India was seen as narrowing this gap. This led to India being projected as the next China but by contrast emerging as a stable, successful and vibrant plural democracy. It was against this backdrop that India was successful in concluding a landmark nuclear deal with the US, obtaining a waiver from the NSG to enable resuming international civil nuclear cooperation which had been suspended since India's first N-test in 1974. India was able to leverage the enhancement of its relations with one major power to upgrade its relations with another.

It was the prospect of stronger Indo-US partnership and India's growing economic stature which enabled it to persuade China, in 2005, to conclude the historic Guiding Principles and Political Parameters for Resolving the Border Issue and convey its formal recognition of Sikkim as a state of the Indian Union. India-Pakistan hyphenation gave way to the 'Chindia' phenomenon. Whether on multilateral trade issues or climate change, India's



CHASM: The gap vis-à-vis China is growing. This asymmetry affects India's credibility as a countervailing power even in Asia.

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footprint became more salient. These foreign policy gains are threatened by some subsequent policy missteps but, more significantly, by the discouraging performance of the Indian economy ever since the global financial and economic crisis erupted in 2008-9. The major constraint India faces in managing the China challenge is the stark reality of China's GDP of \$14 trillion outstripping India's meagre figure of \$3 trillion presently. But more importantly, the gap is growing, unlike in the period of 2003-7. This asymmetry also affects India's credibility as a countervailing power even in Asia.

If the economy is the key to the fulfilment of India's destiny as a great power, what choices must be made to reverse the current deceleration? One, political leadership must restore the broad consensus that globalisation of economy has been good for the country and we need more, not less, globalisation. Creating protectionist walls around the economy will reduce the competitive strength of industry, sacrifice quality and retard technological upgrade. There is a sense of déjà vu in current arguments justifying a virtual return to an already discredited

import substitution strategy. They echo what one used to hear in 1991-92 against the economic reform and liberalisation strategy of the Narasimha Rao government, and which paid rich dividends in subsequent years. India should join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), because keeping out of it will push India to the margins.

Two, while public policy must continue to deliver welfare and support to the disadvantaged sections of society, there must be an explicit recognition that the pie has to grow if such support is to be sustainable. This implies that the role of business and industry and entrepreneurship in creating wealth must be acknowledged and an ecosystem which incentivises wealth creation must be put in place. Whether it is the regulatory regime or the taxation system, the key principle should be promotion of business activity rather than focused mainly on preventing possible delinquency and evasion of rules. It is legitimate for a government to seek to expand its revenue through stricter compliance. However, if the premise on which this is pursued is that every businessman

is a crook unless proven otherwise, it should come as no surprise that business sentiment will turn negative, as it has at this time. On this basis, the GST regime needs to be reviewed, so that it is a business-enhancing measure rather than putting another additional cost of doing business.

Three, it is good that the government has been open about inviting foreign investment and improving the ease of doing business. However, it must recognise that the most effective promotion of foreign investment is the perception of business environment. In 1991-92, the credibility about India's economic liberalisation was underscored by the reinforcing message being conveyed by Indian business to its counterparts abroad. Today, the fact that domestic industry is not investing in India speaks louder than government roadshows abroad. Therefore, let priority be given to regaining the confidence of the domestic industry.

Four, there is a sense among policy makers that there are such significant commercial opportunities and market scale that investors would have no option but to come to India on its own terms. This is arrogant and illusory. Potential investors have many alternatives and India has to compete with other destinations to get a share of the cake. Labour-intensive manufacturing, which is moving out of China because of higher wages, is migrating to countries like Vietnam and Indonesia, and in textiles, Bangladesh is a more favoured target. Having a large cohort of working age population will be an asset only if it is better educated and skilled. Infrastructure infirmities continue to reduce the competitiveness of manufacturing.

Once India has regained a high-growth trajectory, it is seen as shrinking the economic asymmetry with China, and expanding rather than shrinking its engagement with the global economy, its foreign policy options will increase, its management of difficult and complex relations with China will become easier and its role as an emerging great power acquire more substance.

A debt of ₹50 remains unpaid

JBS NANDA

THE tale of my alma mater, Government College, Ludhiana, in which I studied from 1960-66, remains incomplete if I do not touch upon the splendid personality of my canteen contractor, popularly called 'Santa Singh canteenwala'. The canteen was the only place in the adjoining area, known for its delicious sweets, which fulfilled mainly the needs of the students and employees. Moreover, refreshments for the NCC cadets was served from the canteen. For most people residing in the Civil Lines area, it remained the place of choice for relishing the sweets.

I was a shy, unassuming and ordinary student. I would cherish visiting

the canteen for its delicious *rasgulla*, *rasmalai*, *samosa*, *barfi*, *jalebi*, etc. Burger, pizza, hot dogs, noodles etc, were unheard of at that time.

Santa Singh was tall, well-built and well-dressed, always donning a *salwar-kameez* in the West Punjab style and a white turban. He was firm in his conversation but soft in his dealings. He spoke Multani and was ever eager to help his workers in any crisis.

He belonged to that generation which had sad memories of Pakistan. It was said he had lost his young son in the riots. After the Partition, Government College, Lahore, shifted to Ludhiana. Santa Singh, the canteen contractor in Lahore, shifted too. He would become emotional whenever he spoke about Lahore and the stu-

dents of the college, including Khushwant Singh, actor Balraj Sahni and the brothers — Chetan Anand and Dev Anand — who made a name for themselves in the film world.

At that time, Government College was known for its literary and artistic activities. The memories of Sahir Ludhianvi, an alumnus of the college, who was later expelled, were fresh in the minds of the people associated with the college. Participants in seminars, debates and youth festivals would assemble in the canteen after the function. Santa Singh would also join in, if he found that the poets gathered there were well-versed in Urdu.

There was a rule then — in order to get the roll number for the university exams, it was necessary to get a clearance from Santa Singh. When I

approached him, he refused to accept the amount of Rs 50 in spite of my insistence. He hugged me, saying, 'You are just like my son. You are leaving the college. When you return as a lecturer, pay me the amount.'

After many years, I got a government job as a lecturer, and subsequently, was transferred to my alma mater. After signing the joining report, I virtually ran to the canteen to meet him, have a cup of tea and pay the Rs 50 I owed him. I was wonderstruck — the whole structure had changed. On enquiring, the new contractor told me that he had died a few years ago in an accident.

My eyes welled up. I could not stand a minute longer. Without tea, I returned home, the debt I owed him, now a lifelong treasure.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

— William Shakespeare

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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The Jallianwala Bagh Incident.

WE have already examined some of the statements and observations made by the Hon. Mr. Thompson in his recent speech in the Indian Legislative Council. It would be both futile and undesirable to examine every single passage in the speech which is open to criticism, or in regard to which the Indian public holds strong views. There are one or two parts of the speech, however, that cannot be allowed to pass entirely unnoticed. One of these is the part in which Mr. Thompson attempted a reply to the Pandit's allegations about the Jallianwala Bagh incident. Mr. Thompson wisely avoided dwelling at length on this extremely painful incident, and confined himself to making certain remarks regarding the number of casualties. To these remarks we shall presently refer, but they were preceded by an admission which deserves passing notice. "I dare say," said the Hon. Member, "we shall never know the exact number of persons who met their deaths in the garden." The admission, it is obvious, cuts both ways. If we shall never know the exact number, the Sewa Samiti workers have, prima facie, the same right to believe in the approximate correctness of their figures that the authorities have to believe in theirs. But this is the least important part of the matter. The real question is, why can we never know the exact number? Is it because too long a time has elapsed since the incident took place? If so, who is responsible for the delay? Why were not prompt steps taken by the authorities, whether civil or military, at the very time the incident took place, to ascertain the actual casualties? Admittedly at that time or immediately after the authorities had the situation completely in hand, and surely nothing would have been easier than for them to obtain correct figures if they had tried. Why was no adequate effort made in this direction?

Economy in a mess

The economy is facing a slowdown on three important aspects — employment, GDP and price control. The government is taking numerous steps to improve the economy, but in the present scenario of pollution, bank scams and failures like that of PMC Bank, foreign institutions will think twice before investing in India. The RBI has failed to monitor banks and other NBFCs, as accepted by the FM. Reputed auditors have been found to be either sleeping or colluding with fraudsters. It will not be wrong to say, 'Barbaad gulistan karme ko ek hi ullu kaafi tha, har shakh pe ullu baita hai, anjaam-e-gulistan kya hoga'.

NPS SOHAL, CHANDIGARH

Huge fine makes sense

The stiff penalties prescribed under the new Motor Vehicles Act bear a healthy similarity with western countries, but it is hard to understand why some states, including Punjab, have decided to keep the Act in abeyance (middle 'The many Ching Fung-Lis on our road', October 11). Unfortunately, the infrastructure that is presumed in such fines is absent in India, and much of the noise against the Act emanates from

those who take pride in flouting rules. Inevitability of penalty, regardless of the quantum, is the best solution. A serious note should now also be taken regarding the use of pressure horns and overloaded vehicles and agricultural machinery on roads.

MOHAN SINGH, AMRITSAR

Offensive against Kurds

Reference to "Turkey launches Syria offensive" (October 10); living in one homogenous landmass with the same language, culture and ethnicity, the Kurd nations remain divided into four nationalities, since the times of Greco-Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and Persian empires. These valiant people have played a crucial role in moulding the history of the Middle East. But their aspiration to unite into one sovereign 'Kurdistan' has always been ruthlessly crushed. Now, Turkey has launched an all-out offensive against the Kurds of north Syria. The human rights formations and the UN owe moral responsibility to stop the genocide of Kurds.

SS BENIWAL, BY MAIL

To what end?

Refer to the arrest of Fortis former CMD; the Singh brothers were

respected for their healthcare services to humanity. It is disappointing how their maternal uncle, who heads a famous dera, fooled one of the brothers and derived all his wealth by showing dreams of salvation and service. Indeed, a sad state of affairs.

RL BANSAL, KURUKSHETRA

All should feel free

'The Valley of fear' (*Nous Indica*, October 11) highlights the importance of established leaders in mainstream politics. Every household must feel that they are living in a democracy and their fundamental rights are well protected. While scrapping Article 370 may go a long way in the development of Kashmir, the existing local leadership should be convinced, so that Kashmiris feel that they are a part of Indian democracy.

VINAY KUMAR SINGAL, JAGRAON

Why plastic straws?

This refers to the front-page photograph of PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping (October 12). On the one hand, the government is discouraging the use of one-time plastic items, including straws, but on the other, both leaders are seen sipping coconut water with plastic straws. Aren't the curbs applicable

to PMs and Presidents?

RK KAPOOR, CHANDIGARH

Targeting RSS

Apropos the middle 'Gandhi and the final trigger' (October 10), Gandhi is globally seen as a proponent of peace and humanity, but at the same time, his ideological differences with prominent leaders like Ambedkar and Savarkar can't be ignored. His influence on the masses was unfathomable, yet he failed to take Jinnah and his coterie into confidence. Many Gandhians habitually flay the RSS for creating a communal division during Independence, but they never utter a word against the Muslim League and its evil deeds.

ISHAN CHAUHAN, JALANDHAR CANTT

Column helpful

'What Our Readers Say' column is playing an important role in exposing public issues which are not usually raised by the media. It may be encroachment on roads, stubble burning, stray cattle menace, potholed roads, etc. It would be even better if these issues can be forwarded to the department concerned through these columns for an early resolution of the problems.

HARWINDER LONGOWAL, KURUKSHETRA

Putin's note of caution to Modi on Quad



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HERE is a deafening silence in Delhi following the first meeting of the Quadrilateral Dialogue (Quad) forum since its upgrade to the foreign ministers' level in New York on September 27. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's participation at the meeting, doubtless carried PM Narendra Modi's imprimatur. There was full-court Indian attendance at the Quad meet, with the incumbent and future foreign secretaries also present. Typically, there is no joint Quad statement, while participants gave their own accounts. This time around, however, the MEA website is silent. The silence presumably signals that India wants to keep its head below the parapet. But Washington has gone to town, celebrating the upgrade. The State Department said that the New York meeting served "to discuss collective efforts to advance a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific." It added, "The four countries (US, Japan, Australia and India) reaffirmed their shared commitment to close cooperation on maritime security, quality infrastructure and regional connectivity in support of a rules-

based order that promotes stability, growth and economic prosperity." At a subsequent 'bilateral' between the External Affairs Minister and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Quad again figured. The US readout said that they "discussed plans to advance our complementary visions of a free and open Indo-Pacific region following the successful Quadrilateral Consultations on the margins of the UN General Assembly last week." The Quad serves a unique purpose for Washington, as its European allies (or the western alliance system) or the ASEAN will have nothing to do with the US agenda to 'contain' China.

Jaishankar since began tweeting to downplay the significance of the Quad's upgrade. Perhaps, the Americans jumped the gun with the disclosure about Quad's institutionalisation in their anxiety to grab the slippery Indian eel, which makes a great meal. The fact of the matter is that the international furor over the Kashmir question puts Indian diplomacy on the defensive and when the US proposed the Quad upgrade, it became a godfatherly offer that India simply couldn't afford to refuse. The US has ordered Delhi to take 'rapid action' to roll back the draconian measures in J&K and respect human rights; mainstream American media has been lambasting the Modi government; top Democratic presidential candidates speak up on the J&K situation; the House of Representatives plans to hold a hearing on October 22 in Washington, DC; and President Trump's



FRIENDLY ADVICE: Putin has acknowledged that he had India on his mind while making the remarks on the Quadrilateral Dialogue.

mediation offer lies on the table. Washington staged a diplomatic coup by upgrading and institutionalising the Quad at a juncture when Delhi is simply not in a position to resist. Delhi has downplayed the upgrade, but regionally across Asia — and internationally — the perception has grown that the US-led Quad chariot is getting habitation and a name finally, with India coming on board at a watershed event to take it in a direction that Washington was raring to go — an Asian NATO. Expediency may form part of diplomacy, but not when core interests are at stake. This is one such defining moment. China is a hugely conse-

quential relationship, China's rise is irreversible and India needs to come to terms with it. But Indian policies are zigzag, while step by step it is getting drawn into the US containment strategy against China. Each baby step is followed by prevarication that nothing much has happened to compromise India's independent foreign policies. But things add up. In a fit of cholera, India turned its back on the Belt and Road Initiative, which seriously curbs engagement with China. The Quad will now degrade the quality of India's strategic communication with China. Modi should heed his friend Vladimir Putin's advice. On October 3, a week

Putin underscored that given the 'centrality' of the ASEAN in the Asia-Pacific and the 'network structure' existing around that grouping, a 'bloc-based organisation' like Quad doesn't make sense. He said it is 'un-Asian' if someone were to 'create some kind of a bloc-based organisation... that is at odds with the current state of affairs in Asia.'

after the New York event, President Putin made his most extensive remarks on the Quad. Importantly, Putin acknowledged that he had India on his mind while making the remarks. He underscored that given the "centrality" of the ASEAN in the Asia-Pacific (which, by the way, Delhi too repeatedly affirms) and the "network structure" existing around that grouping, a "bloc-based organisation" like Quad doesn't make sense. Putin asserted that it is "un-Asian" if someone were to "create some kind of a bloc-based organisation... (that) is at odds with the current state of affairs in Asia." Interestingly, he added that he knows for a fact that the Asian countries themselves seek to "create a net-

work of cooperation... move forward together taking into account each other's interests and seeking and finding compromises" instead of getting involved in "confrontation between any states" or being part of any bloc. Then came the punchline. Putin stated that the containment of China is "impossible by definition" and "anyone trying to do so will realise it is impossible, and will certainly only hurt himself in the course of such an attempt." Therefore, Putin invited India, "which is one of the countries closest to us in the world and especially in Asia", to work with Russia by joining the efforts to create "an environment of friendly cooperation and to search for common security systems" in the Asia-Pacific region instead of identifying with a scenario that will inevitably turn out to be "destructive and harmful." Putin made the above prognosis against the backdrop of the recent upgrade of Quad and rising tensions in US-China relations only two days after Beijing displayed its thermonuclear capability to destroy the US. Curiously, Putin used the occasion to also disclose that Moscow is transferring to China the missile attack warning system technology of such advanced nature that only Russia and the US possess, which would prevent any hostile power from delivering a disarming first strike against China — thereby enhancing "global strategic stability". A tunnel vision that ignores these historic shifts in the geopolitics of Asia-Pacific will imperil India's long-term interests.

Another 'sonrise', Aaditya is Shiv Sena's CM face



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Today, the Shiv Sena is a pale shadow of its former self when Bal Thackeray was at the helm. Much has happened since the exit of the Sena-BJP government in 1999. In the changed scenario, the Sena is gasping as it has been left far behind by the BJP since Modi and Amit Shah took over. The Sena would have to at best settle for the Deputy CM's post.

AADITYA Thackeray's entry into electoral politics marks a new phase in the journey of the Shiv Sena. His is the latest 'sonrise' on the country's political horizon where dynasties are dime a dozen despite the trend being frowned upon. Like the politics of the country, the dynasty is a complex phenomenon. It is seen in almost all the parties, including the BJP, but the Congress is a much-maligned lot due to its 'first family'. The omissions and commissions of the regional parties on the score are generally overlooked because their relevance is not important nationally. At the same time, it is equally true that these parties have failed to grow much due to the hold of the leader and his family. Barring the Left parties, the dynasty syndrome is being witnessed all over the political spectrum where the belief is that if the son of a *halwai* does not become a *halwai*, what will he become? Wily politicians all over have exploited this belief for furthering their interests, Sonia Gandhi included.

Now, the 29-year-old Aaditya is the first Thackeray to contest an election and the Sena is projecting it as if he would straightaway fly from Worli to the sixth floor of the Mantralaya to become the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra. It is an undeclared coronation for Aaditya at a time when the issues of Marathi *Manus* and Hindutva have been put on the backburner and the party has willy-nilly become an appendage to the Modi-Shah bandwagon. An arts and law graduate, Aaditya is a poet-turned-photographer-turned-youth leader of the Shiv Sena. He has taken up green causes and had focused on education and employment as Yuva Sena chief. Ever since the Shiv Sena was founded by the late



DYNASTIC POLITICS: Uddhav Thackeray (R) has made systematic efforts to ensure greater involvement of his son Aaditya in the Sena's affairs.

Bal Thackeray in 1966 on the 'son of the soil' issue, no member of the family had either contested an election or held a constitutional post. Ambition makes the man. That is why it is good that the young leader has big dreams. But detractors of the Sena wonder as to how Aaditya could become the CM when his party was contesting just 124 of the 288 seats in the Maharashtra Assembly, well short of the halfway mark. Therein lies the rub. The fact is that the Sena has been forced to accept the junior partner's status with the BJP. By pitching Aaditya as the CM face, the Sena wants to charge up its cadre to go the extra mile for the best result possible at a time when the BJP led by CM Deven-

dra Fadnavis is the hot favourite. The 49-year-old Fadnavis is a canny politician who has ensured that there is an alliance with the Sena. This is despite the fact that a powerful section in the party, including some central leaders of the BJP, were pitching for a 'go-it-alone' strategy to further marginalise the Sena. Now, the Sena is a pale shadow of its former self when Bal Thackeray was at the helm and used to declare that he was the 'remote control' of the Sena-BJP government. That was way back in 1995. Much has happened since the exit of the Sena-BJP government in 1999. The contribution of Uddhav is that he steadied the Sena ship in the choppy waters after the death of his father

Bal Thackeray who was long referred to as the 'Hindu Hriday Samrat'. Modi got the title much later. Thackeray's hold was such that within hours, he could effect a total Mumbai bandh. Maharashtra has generally remained with the national mainstream as no regional party had ever been able to come to power on its own. Neither the Sena could come to power on its own nor Sharad Pawar's NCP. The Progressive Democratic Front government formed by Pawar in 1978 was an alliance government which included the breakaway Congress faction headed by him along with the then undivided Janata Party which was then ruling at the Centre. Till May 2014 when Narendra Modi became the PM, securing absolute majority for the BJP, Maharashtra was known as a Congress-minded state. In 1999, the bastion suffered cracks when Pawar parted ways on the issue of Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin and since then, it has been a downhill journey. In the changed scenario, the Sena is gasping as it has been left far behind by the BJP since Modi and Amit Shah took over. The projection of Aaditya as the CM candidate by the Sena is also a signal that in the days to come, the young leader will shoulder more responsibilities of the organisation. Uddhav had undergone angioplasty a few years back and since then, he has made systematic efforts to ensure the greater involvement of Aaditya in the party affairs. The Sena's influence in Mumbai is going down and the last Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation elections showed that the BJP has caught up with the Sena there. The Sena has had a hold over the BMC for over three decades,

with the BJP as its junior partner. A political observer even cautioned that the next time, Aaditya could face defeat in Worli if the party failed to take steps to stop the migration of Marathi-speaking people from the megapolis to outside Mumbai. Given the fact that the BJP had secured 122 out of a total of 288 seats in the Maharashtra Assembly last time, it remains the hot favourite now. The Sena and its leader would have to at best settle for the Deputy Chief Minister's post. The BJP has been projecting Fadnavis as its CM candidate. In a setback to Fadnavis ahead of the Assembly polls, the Supreme Court recently revived a criminal complaint against the BJP leader, alleging that he had failed to furnish details of two pending criminal cases in his 2014 poll affidavit and asked the trial court to consider the case afresh. The Opposition NCP has demanded that Fadnavis resign and renounce politics while the Congress has said the Maharashtra CM has no moral right to continue. The BJP has announced that Fadnavis would be contesting from his pocket borough of Nagpur city. The BJP is not perturbed. It is even preparing for the merger of Narayan Rane's Maharashtra Swabhimani Paksh with it, unmindful of the Sena's reservations. Rane is a friend-turned-foe of the Sena and was the Sena CM of the state 20 years back. The possible development is a signal by the BJP to show as to who is the 'boss' in Maharashtra. Aaditya had once remarked, "I think both politics and art come naturally to me." The coming days and months would be an acid test as he embarks on his journey in the rough and tumble of electoral politics.

QUICK CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
 1 Ungainly stooping gait (6)
 4 Stupid (8)
 9 Stay in hiding (3,3)
 10 Dependable and loyal (8)
 12 Accepted standard (4)
 13 Extreme excitement (5)
 14 Aspersions (4)
 17 Permanent (12)
 20 Beach assault vessel (7,5)
 23 Supporter (4)
 24 Wounding jibe (5)
 25 Travel permit (4)
 28 Enjoy oneself flamboyantly (4,2,2)
 29 Wheedle (6)
 30 Hang over dangerously (8)
 31 At some future time (3,3)
- DOWN**
 1 Magnificent (8)
 2 Supersede (8)
 3 Unenthusiastic (4)
 5 Having a chance to win (2,3,7)
 6 Slow to learn (4)
 7 Make possible (6)
 8 Sixth planet from the Sun (6)
 11 Instinctive habit or skill (6,6)
 15 Attempt (5)
 16 Dogged courage (5)
 18 Numerous (8)
 19 A long-term plan (8)
 21 Small village (6)
 22 Ingenious (6)
 26 Capital of Peru (4)
 27 Farm storage building (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION
Across: 1 Acute, 4 Amalgam, 8 Rip, 9 Oversight, 10 Portend, 11 Later, 13 Seaway, 15 Keep up, 18 Ideal, 19 Insular, 21 Supersede, 23 Gin, 24 Express, 25 Let up.
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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 14, 2019, MONDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 22
- Ashwin Parvishte 28
- Hijari 1441
- Krishan Paksh Tithi 1, up to 4.21 am
- Harsh Yoga up to 4.58 am
- Revti Nakshatra up to 10.20 am
- Moon enters Aries sign 10.20 am
- Panchak ended 10.20 am.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

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SUNRISE: TUESDAY 06:24 HRS

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Paramilitary personnel check a vehicle at Budshah Bridge in Srinagar after the suspected militant attack on street vendors at Hari Singh High Street. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: AMIN WAR

Day after attack, security tightened in Srinagar

Market wears a deserted look, vendors scared

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 13

A day after the grenade attack, the Hari Singh High Street wore a deserted look. However, the security has been tightened across the city.

Vendors, who till Saturday dotted every stretch of the street, were nowhere to be seen on Sunday despite the fact that the security in the market has been stepped up following the blast by suspected militants, in which eight persons were injured and two cars damaged.

Though shops and other establishments in the market used to open for just a couple of hours in the morning since August 5, vendors used to dot the street throughout the day. Those selling second-hand merchandise on cheap rates used to draw huge crowd, particularly on Sunday.

But following the grenade blast on Saturday afternoon, the mood in the street was subdued with most of the vendors missing.

However, security person-

Polo View functions normally

- Despite threats, the Sunday market at Polo View, which now functions throughout the week, was bustling with activity
- Hundreds of vendors had set up their carts from the TRC ground right up to Regal Chowk
- The police on Sunday increased the personnel to secure the Sunday flea market on both ends
- On Thursday, the government had carried full-page ads in local newspapers, urging shopkeepers to end shutdown

Got concrete leads: Police

The police on Sunday claimed to have received important leads into the grenade attack that took place at Hari Singh High Street in Srinagar on Saturday. A senior police officer privy to the investigations told *The Tribune* that they had managed to get some concrete leads about people responsible for the attack.

nel were seen patrolling the street. A couple of armored police vehicles were stationed for the security of vendors.

"As you can see, the security has been enhanced today in the market but vendors have not set up their stalls out of fear," a havildar of the J&K Police posted in the street said, while pointing at ITBP personnel armed with riot gear and tear-smoke shells deployed in the street.

The Hari Singh High Street,

one of the oldest markets of the city, is famous for its jewellery shops and stretches from the Amarakadal bridge right up to the HDFC Bank on the other end, where it then merges into the Jahangir Chowk area. Meanwhile, weekly flea market at Lal Chowk, commonly known as Sunday flea market, remained unfazed and shoppers lined up to make purchases. It was crowded with shoppers that included young men and women.

Mobile restoration an opportunity for residents



ON THE FRONTLINE
ARUN JOSHI

THE opening of mobile services in Kashmir on Monday is an opportunity for the people of the Valley to put themselves on the track to normalcy, for that can pave the way for more opportunities coming their way. That should also enable the Centre to fulfil all promises that it has made to the people of J&K, especially to those in the Valley, where each household has a story of hardships to tell.

The mantra now is simple: "Sooner the normalcy returns, the doors of opportunities will open wider." The restoration of the mobile connectivity is not an end in itself. There are many more things to happen, and those can hap-

Two months of 'suffering'

Kashmiris have suffered immensely in the absence of mobile connectivity for over two months. They were living in an island, where the world's modern devices and means of communication were rendered useless. How can one forget that Kashmiris' hardships multiplied when they found themselves out of touch with the world? In the modern-day world, the communications and instant connectivity serve as a means to maintain relations, attend to emergencies and conduct trade and business. It is a human necessity of the modern-day world.

pen only when this opening is seen as an opportunity. A burnout would be suicidal.

It is time to realise that the government, as Principal Secretary Planning, and government spokesperson Rohit Kansal, pointed out at his press conference in Srinagar on Saturday, that the decision to restore mobile connectivity should be read as a continuation of the previous decisions, starting with the opening of schools, restoration of land line services, lifting of travel advisory for tourists, setting up of internet kiosks at tourist places. The combined effect should help bring normalcy.

More than 80 per cent of the grievances, he claimed, had been addressed, with the opening of mobile services. Kashmiris have suffered immensely in the absence of mobile connectivity for over two months. They were living in an island, where the world's modern devices and means of communication were rendered useless. How can one forget that Kashmiris' hardships multiplied when they found themselves out of touch with the world? In the modern-day world, communication and instant connectivity serve as a means to maintain relations, attend

to emergencies and conduct trade and business. It is a human necessity of the modern-day world.

The next step should be to look at the restoration of the internet services to complete the circle of full communication that was ripped apart on August 4-5 midnight. Everything went off. Keyboards started gathering dust.

Nothing was in sight on the blank screens of the mobile phones. Landlines went lifeless. Lease lines were shut. The communication channels in all their forms and manifestations were ordered shut.

The government had its own reasons for doing so. There was a widespread fear of eruption of furious and violent reaction to the scrapping of Article 370 that granted special status to J&K. It had been apprehended that a virulent and terror-triggering campaign from across the border on social media, calling the youth to protest, could result in a series of carnages. The

fears were not unfounded. The speeches and actions of Pakistan in the post August 5 era have proven that. A question was repeated endlessly, "Is a phone call important or the call to graves?" It was a genuine question. But equally genuine concern was, "How do we attend to emergencies?" Both views had their valid reasoning. The extraordinary patience of people after the "big bang" August 5 announcements - demise of the special status of J&K, its statehood and bifurcation into Union Territories - are recorded in the Kashmiri mind.

The government has offered opportunity by lifting restrictions on mobile connectivity, and it can earn the confidence and deliver on its promises only when newspapers are published with latest news from the nation and the world around, traders can exchange notes unhindered. For that, it is necessary to shed the captivity to orthodoxies. It applies to all.

Facing terror threat, 60 Valley BJP leaders to fight as Independents

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 13

Notwithstanding the claims of BJP leaders to field candidates on 280 seats of the Block Development Council (BDC), 60 candidates in the Valley have preferred not to fight the elections on the party symbol due to terror threats.

On October 5, the BJP had announced to field candidates on 280 seats of the total 310, for which the elections will be held on October 24. The party had announced to support the Independents on the remaining 30 seats across Jammu, Kashmir and

BDC ELECTIONS

"A large number of candidates have refused to contest the elections on the party symbol due to terror threats."

A senior BJP leader

Ladakh divisions.

As per official data, of the total 137 BDC seats of Kashmir division, the BJP has fielded only 60 candidates, who are fighting the elections on the party symbol.

NC, Cong follow suit in Doda Even as the top leadership of National Conference (NC) is still behind bars, a

few party leaders at grassroots level here in Doda district are contesting the BDC elections.

These leaders are not contesting on party mandate, as the NC has announced the boycott of these elections and have jumped into the election as independents.

One such candidate is Choudhary Muhammad Hanief of Dhadkai panchayat of Bhalessa block, who is a three-time sarpanch and holds the post of NC block president Gandoh. Same is case with Congress, whose leaders are contesting the BDC elections as independent candidates.

Fearing delay in return, KPs reach out to Sikhs, Muslims

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 13

Even as the earlier plan of 413 migrant Pandits returning to the Valley has hit a roadblock post the abrogation of Article 370, members of the community are now attempting to build bonds with Kashmiri Sikhs and Muslims in New Delhi.

The Hurriyat and the displaced Pandits had formed a joint committee here earlier this year to talk to a cross-section of people in the Valley in an attempt to find a way for the return and rehabilitation of the community. And since the displaced community members were unable to visit the Valley after August 5, they have now

"The wait for the return of Pandits is getting longer as we were not given permission to visit Kashmir. Now, we are organising a get-together and a brainstorming session on the current situation in Kashmir and way forward in Delhi on October 20. We have invited the members of the Kashmiri Muslim and Sikh communities, too, to chalk out our future course of action."

Satish Mahaldar, COORDINATOR FOR REHABILITATION TEAM FOR MIGRANTS

invited the Kashmiri Sikhs and Muslims to New Delhi to chalk out their strategy.

Koirala's tale of grit, Shabana's tribute to father draw curtain on Kasauli Literary Festival

GURNAAZ
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KASAU LI, OCTOBER 13

The last day of Khushwant Singh Literary Festival at the Kasauli Club started on a positive note with Manisha Koirala sharing her journey of conquering cancer.

In conversation with Sathya Saran, the actress narrated anecdotes from the three years that in the beginning meant despair and later turned out to be the most spiritual experience. "I used to go to spiritual places for meditation, but this phase really made me delve into who I am and what I want to be; how important spirituality is to me," the actress said.

Titled "Healed", her cancer memoir, is about finding signs of hope and believing all will be fine. "I was sure that I will be fine, live a healthy life and leave behind the illness. There was a time when I asked doctors to give me a guarantee and as some months passed, I made peace with fear and death. That's what taught me to



Manisha Koirala with Sathya Saran; and (right) Sudeep Sen, Shabana Azmi (Centre) and Dr Saif Mahmood at the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival at the Kasauli Club on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: PRADEEP TEWARI

make the most of all I have, living in the moment and it has now become an extension of my personality."

Being careless about health and well-being, not listening to the signs that body shows is what Manisha did. She insisted that no one should take his/her health lightly. "I learnt to give importance to my health and that's something I tell others to do as well."

After her endearing story, followed a powerful session to celebrate the centenary year of Kaifi Azmi with his proud daughter Shabana Azmi there

to narrate his unconventional and extraordinary tales. The occasion also saw the launch of Kaifi Azmi: Poems/Nazms, an English translation of his poems by Sudeep Sen and other poets. Moderated by Dr Saif Mahmood, an hour was dedicated to Shabana, Sudeep Sen and Saif reminiscing their experiences of the great Urdu poet and the layers of meaning in his rebellious words.

"Being here was important to me because what Rahul Singh is doing for Khushwant Singh, I am



doing for Kaifi. So, it was important for me to come here," Shabana said and continued: "A poet is a euphemism for someone who does no work. And because I never saw him wear a coat or a tie and go to work. He would wear a kurta-pyjama all the time at home. I really did come to believe he has nothing to do." Recollecting her childhood, the times when eight families, including hers, stayed at the commune, terms like gender empowerment, equality were a given. "My mother

back then had to work at a radio station and later theatre. My parents did a role reversal as and when required. There were no tags like women stay at home to cook and bring up kids and men earn a living. Everyone did everything and it was the most natural thing for us."

It was much later when she had a brush with life beyond her house and she realised that gender equality, social justice and embracing India's diversity were real issues the country was dealing with.

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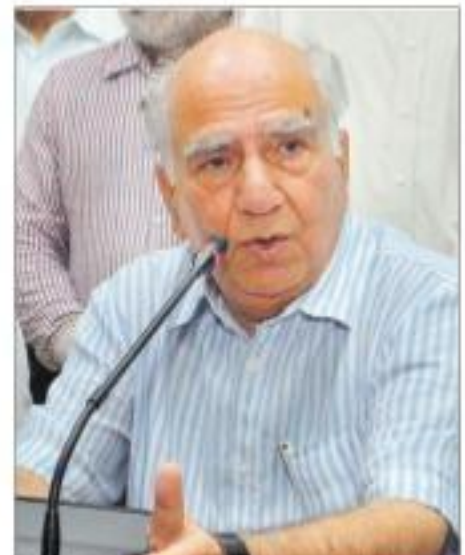
DHARAMSALA, OCTOBER 13

Former chief ministers Shanta Kumar and PK Dhumal will join the BJP campaign in Dharamsala by election.

Shanta Kumar will campaign tomorrow while Dhumal will do it on October 16. Both BJP stalwarts have stayed away from the campaigning so far.

Sources here said both leaders were not happy with the selection of candidates. However, it was being expected that the presence of both would help boost the party campaign. Union Minister for State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur has also stayed away from the campaigning so far. BJP MP from Kangra Kishan Kapoor joined the campaign only with Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in the last two days. Party leaders in charge of the campaign have also not made much effort to convince Kishan Kapoor to take to active campaigning.

The BJP campaign is being held under the charge of Minister for Health Vipin Parmar and



While veteran BJP leader Shanta Kumar will campaign on Monday, seasoned politician PK Dhumal will canvass on October 16.



Bharmour MLA to pacify villagers

- Dharamsala has not seen much development in the last two years and it was admitted even by the Chief Minister during his recent visit to the area but he shifted the blame on the Congress
- People of villages in upper Dharamsala announced boycott as there were no link roads to their villages
- The residents of upper Dharamsala have been suffering at the hands of the MC as their maps and building completion certificates are not being cleared by the local body.
- The BJP has appointed Jia Lal, party MLA from Bharmour and Gaddi leader, to pacify the community in upper Dharamsala.

Minister for Industries Bikram Thakur. BJP MLA from Nurpur has been holding the reigns in the Chamun-

da region. Besides, the Chief Minister campaigned in Dharamsala for two days on October 12 and 13.

'Devdhun' by over 2,200 bajantris enters records book in Kullu

KULLU, OCTOBER 13

Around 2,200 bajantris accompanying 278 deities visiting Kullu Dasehra festival played 'Devdhun' at Rath ground here today.

'Devdhun' is the sound that resonates after playing instruments when deities move out of their temples to join local festivals. The event

is organised to promote deity culture in the district and a prayer meeting was also held.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur attended the event and was presented a medal and certificate by representatives of the India Book of Records as 'Devdhun' has entered the book with a record 2,200 bajantris play-

ing the musical instruments simultaneously.

The Chief Minister said it was a great honour for the people that 'Devdhun' had entered the India Book of Records. The efforts of the musicians were laudable. He announced Rs 5 lakh from his discretionary fund for the bajantris. — OC

Pine trees drying up in Hamirpur, probe ordered

DINESH KANWAR

HAMIRPUR, OCTOBER 13

The forests in Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Una districts are facing a serious threat as hundreds of pine trees in the area have dried up.

"It has been observed that only trees that bear fruit (pine cones) have dried up. Seeds are procured from these cones to further expand forests," said a Hamirpur resident.



"We have observed that pine trees are drying up in Hamirpur and Una. Frequent forest fires are to be blamed for the loss but we can't rule out other reasons as well. We have requested the Forest Research Institute to investigate the causes"

Anil Joshi, Forest Conservator

The maximum damage has been reported in Chabutra, Sastar, Bijhri, Badsar, Chakmoh in Hamirpur and parts of Swarghat, Namhol and Kotkehlloor in Bilaspur.

Forest Conservator Anil Joshi said: "We have observed that pine trees are drying up in Hamirpur and Una. Frequent forest fires are to be blamed for the loss but we cannot rule out other reasons as well. We have requested the

state Forest Research Institute to investigate the causes". The pine forests in the region support the economy and add revenue to the state exchequer. The revenue is generated in two ways — by selling pinewood and resin extracted from pine trees. It has been estimated that the state government generated over ₹27 crore from the annual produce of 4,164 tonnes of resin extract.



BJP national working president JP Nadda, Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar (L), party's state president Subhash Barala (R) at release of poll manifesto in Chandigarh on Sunday. RAVI KUMAR

BJP woos Hry farmers with interest-free loan

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13 Staying clear of competitive populism vis-a-vis Opposition parties, the ruling BJP today released its "realistic" election manifesto focusing on farmers, youth, women, underprivileged, health care and industry in a bid to regain power in poll-bound Haryana.

Terming the manifesto as "sankalp patra" (commitment paper), BJP working president JP Nadda said it was a pragmatic and practical document prepared keeping in mind every section of society.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the "sankalp patra" was based on the principles of "Ram Rajya" and underlined a vision for the next five years. "We have deliberately kept the promises realistic, focusing on points that could be fulfilled," he said adding that the promises would cost the state exchequer about Rs 32,000 crore.

Major promises in the manifesto included Rs 3,000 old-age pension,

“The 'sankalp patra' is based on the principles of 'Ram Rajya' and underlines vision for the next five years. We have deliberately kept the promises realistic, focusing on points that can be fulfilled. The promises will cost the state exchequer about ₹32,000 crore

Manohar Lal Khattar, HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER

interest-free crop loan of Rs 3 lakh to farmers, collateral-free loan of up to Rs 3 lakh to SCs, free education up to postgraduate level to two girl students of families having annual income up to Rs 1.8 lakh/up to 5 acres of land, free smart phones to digitally literate persons whose family income is less than Rs 1.8 lakh per annum or landholding is less than 5 acres.

Doubling of farmers' income by 2022, Rs 1,000 crore for the Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, skill development of 25 lakh youths at a cost of Rs 500 crore, DC rates for outsourced employees, special incentives for industries providing more than 95 per cent employment to Haryanavis, pink bus service for girl students, doorstep delivery of

central and state government services, free WiFi in universities and colleges and setting up of 2,000 health and wellness centres and 1,000 sports nurseries.

The party also promised the start of Haryana Start-up Mission and Digital Literacy Mission. A sustained campaign to make Haryana anaemia-free and TB-free was also outlined in the manifesto.

Chairman of the manifesto drafting committee and Agriculture Minister OP Dhankar said over 1.7 lakh suggestions were received from public for the manifesto of which over 200 were included in the 32-page document. The manifesto termed as "Mhare sapno ka Haryana" (Haryana of our dreams) has 15 chapters.

Gandhi 'suicide' poser stumps Guj students

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 13

A question in a school exam on how Mahatma Gandhi committed suicide has shocked the Gujarat education authorities, prompting them to initiate an inquiry into it. Another question about boot-legging in dry Gujarat has also irked the education officials.

"How did Gandhiji commit suicide?" was the question asked in Gujarati to class 9 students during an internal assessment examination of schools run under the banner of 'Sufalam Shala Vikas Sankul', an official said.

The Sufalam Shala Vikas Sankul is an organisation of some self-financed schools and educational institutions getting government grants in Gandhinagar.

Besides, another question in an exam paper of Class 12 students was about "writing a letter to district police chief complaining about the rise in sale of liquor in your area and nuisance created by bootleggers".

"These questions are highly objectionable, and we have initiated an inquiry. Action will be taken after the report comes in," said Gandhinagar's district education officer Bharat Vadhre. —PTI

Report indicts Centre, states for info panel vacancies, pendency

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

As India celebrates 14 years of the Right to Information Act on Friday, a report prepared by NGOs on the functioning of Central and state information commissions has indicted the Centre and state governments for their failure to timely fill vacancies of information commissioners.

Jointly prepared by the Satark Nagrik Sangathan and the Centre for Equity Studies, "Report Card of Information Commissions in India 2018-19" said several information commissions were either non-functional or functioning at reduced strength as posts of information commissioners remained vacant.

"At the time of report publication, there was no functional State Information Commission (SIC) in Tripura (since May 2019), while the Andhra Pradesh SIC was not functional for 17 months (from May 2017 to October 2018). The SICs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra

OVER 2 LAKH APPEALS PENDING

- Maharashtra has been functioning with just five information commissioners since early 2019 with 46,000 appeals and complaints pending as of March 31, 2019
- There were only three information commissioners in Odisha where more than 11,500 appeals and complaints were pending as of March 31, 2019
- The number of appeals and complaints pending on March 31, 2019, in the 26 information commissions stood at 2,18,347

Pradesh and Rajasthan were functioning without a chief," the report released to the media on Saturday stated.

The Central Information Commission, which was in December 2018 functioning with just three information commissioners with eight vacant posts, including that of the chief, currently has four vacancies even as the pendency has risen to 33,000, it said.

The report examined the performance of all 29 commissions in India in terms of the number of appeals and complaints registered and disposed, pending cases, estimated waiting time for the disposal of an

appeal/complaint, frequency of violations penalised by commissions and transparency in their working.

According to the report, the SIC of Maharashtra has been functioning with just five information commissioners since early 2019 with nearly 46,000 appeals and complaints pending as of March 31, 2019. Similarly, there were only three commissioners in SIC of Odisha where more than 11,500 appeals and complaints were pending as of March 31, 2019.

The number of appeals and complaints pending on March 31, 2019, in the 26 information commissions—from which data was obtained—stood at

2,18,347 with Uttar Pradesh (52,326) topping the list followed by Maharashtra (45,796) and CIC (29,995).

The comparative data for these three commissions showed the number of cases pending increased 20 per cent between March 31, 2018, and March 31, 2019. The information commissions of Bihar, Karnataka and Uttarakhand did not provide requisite information on the backlog of appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. The information was also not available on their websites.

Going by the present rate of disposal, an RTI applicant would have to wait for 18 years to get the information sought in Andhra Pradesh if the matter was heard by the state information commission, the report stated.

Similarly, in West Bengal, it could be heard in seven years and five months, while for Odisha the waiting period would be four years and three months and two years and three months in Kerala, the report stated.

M'rashtiversity revokes expulsion of six students

NAGPUR, OCTOBER 13

The expulsion of six students of a Wardha-based university for organising a function without permission on campus and writing to PM Narendra Modi over contentious issues like mob lynching and rape cases against political leaders was revoked on Sunday. The students from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya were expelled on October 9. —PTI

Trolled, Prasad withdraws box office remark

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Facing flak after he cited Rs 120 crore business done by three movies on a single day to rebut suggestions of an economic slump in the country, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today withdrew his comments.

Prasad's comments in Mumbai on Saturday coupled with his criticism of an NSSO report on high unemployment rate and IMF's report of a slowdown in India had attracted flak and the senior



“It was a factually correct statement. I had stated this as I was in Mumbai, the film capital of India... I regret that one part of statement has been twisted out of context. Being a sensitive person, I withdraw this comment.”

Ravi Shankar Prasad, UNION MINISTER



“It is sad that when lakhs of people are losing jobs... govt is not worried about their problems. People are not bothered about the profits of the films. Minister sir, come out of the film life and do not shy away from the reality.”

Priyanka Gandhi, CONGRESS LEADER

BJP leader was also trolled.

In a statement today, Prasad claimed one part of his statement had been "completely twisted out of context", and said "being a sensitive person, I withdraw this comment".

Prasad yesterday said three Bollywood movies generating business of Rs 120 crore on the October 2 holiday suggested a "sound economy" even as he dubbed "wrong" the NSSO report. —TNS

Despite ban, 45% hike in stubble fires in Punjab

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Pollution Control Board (PPCB) shows a 45 per cent rise in incidents of farm fires. Compared to 435 incidents detected till October 11 last year, 630 incidents have been reported in the corresponding period this year.

Dr Brijendra Pateriya, Director, PRSC, Ludhiana, says despite the government efforts to curtail the menace, farmer unions are lending no cooperation. They are demanding additional cash subsidy to either plough the stubble back into the fields or use mechanised means to lift it. Capt. Amarinder Singh government provided 28,000 implements to farmers and coop societies last year. This year, already 15,000 (of 23,000 to be provided this year) have been made available. KS Pannu, Secretary, Agriculture, says: "The real picture will emerge only by November. I am sure awareness campaigns will help curb the practice."

China lists 6 proposals to cement bilateral ties

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lay through "gradually" improving understanding.

"We must hold the rudder and steer the course of China-India relations, map out a 100-year plan for the relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, inject a strong endogenous impetus into bilateral relations, and work together to realise the two great civilisations," he said.

Second, Xi urged "timely and effective strategic communication" to dispel suspicion and doubt, and properly handle differences and sensitive issues. Once again indicating that the turnaround will not be instantaneous, he said both countries should properly manage and control problems that cannot be

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Xi Jinping, CHINESE PRESIDENT

resolved at the moment.

Third, the two countries should "effectively improve" exchanges of military and security personnel to dispel doubts. Xi's fourth stress was on "pragmatic cooperation and tight ties of interests" by a high-level economic and trade dialogue mechanism headed on the Indian side by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. This mechanism would discuss joint manu-

facturing and alignment of economic development strategies with Xi making a special mention of Indian pharmaceutical and information technology companies being recently given a greater business latitude in China.

The fifth was greater people-to-people ties, an aspect mentioned in detail during separate briefings at Mamallapuram by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale and Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Luo Zhaoxun.

The sixth aspect, in international and regional affairs, was discussed in detail by Xi and Modi on the second day of their summit. Xi wanted both to uphold the salient role of the UN and WTO, besides coordinating better at G20, BRICS, SCO and RIC.

14 years on, RTI Act remains a beacon of hope for transparency



OBITER DICTA
BY SATYA PRAKASH

INFORMATION is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire; it wafts across the electrified borders. This statement of former US President Ronald Regan sums up the importance of information in modern times.

Unfortunately, this oxygen became available to Indians 58 years after Independence. Often touted as the most popular law in India, the Right to Information (RTI) Act has completed 14 years. It was on October 12, 2005, that the transparency law came into force, empowering ordinary citizens who were forced to run from pillar to post for a simple piece of information they were legitimately entitled to.

The Act is a paradigm shift in many ways as it changes the basic premises of relationship between the State and citizens.

First, irrespective of ideology and the form of government, secrecy has been the norm and transparency exception in any state in any part of the world, India included. But the RTI Act has turned this premise on its head by making transparency the norm and secrecy exception.

Section 4 of the Act makes it obligatory for every public authority to ensure that records are computerised within a reasonable timeframe and connected through a network



A PARADIGM SHIFT

- From secrecy being the norm and transparency exception to transparency being the norm and secrecy exception
- From 'top down' approach in law making to 'bottom up' phenomenon where people demanded a law
- It sets a trend for laws being enacted following a civil society movement
- People acted as catalyst for change and disturbed status quo represented by bureaucracy and political class

all over the country on different systems so that access to such records is facilitated. It mandates them to proactively publish within 120 days from the enactment of the Act all information they can.

In case the information sought is denied, the information officer concerned has to justify his/her decision in terms of exceptions mentioned in Section 8(1) or Section 24, read with Second Schedule, of the RTI Act.

Government officials who once used to question the common man as to the purpose of seeking information are forced to explain their decision in denying information sought and are penalised for unjustified delay in parting with information.

Second, law making is known to be a "top down" phenomenon. Only the top policymakers are involved in drafting any law, leaving little chance for common people or civil society to take part in it.

But the RTI Act is an example of "bottom up" phenomenon as the very demand for such a law came from grassroots level after a movement that originated in Rajasthan.

Third, it was perhaps the first law the enactment of which was preceded by a civil society movement. After the RTI Act, there have been several laws, Lokpal Act being the most prominent example, that have been enacted following civil society movement.

It's a welcome change as generally the society remains static needing a push for positive change from the policymakers and legislators. But the RTI Act alludes to a reversal of role as common people acted as catalysts for change to disturb the status quo represented by bureaucracy and the political class.

Implementation of the law, however, remains an area of concern as many posts of information commissioner in the Central Information

Commission and state information commissions remain vacant even as the number of cases pending in these forums keeps rising.

According to a report released by the Satark Nagrik Sangathan and the Centre for Equity Studies, there was no functional state information commission (SIC) in Tripura since May 2019 while the Andhra Pradesh SIC was not functional for 17 months between May 2017 and October 2018. The SICs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan were functioning without a chief. The Central Information Commission (CIC) is functioning with four vacancies even as its pendency has risen to 33,000. This is despite the Supreme Court's reminders for timely filling of vacancies.

Going by the present disposal rate, an RTI applicant will have to wait for 18 years to get information sought in Andhra Pradesh if the matter is heard by the SIC. In West Bengal, the estimated waiting period will be seven years and five months, while in Odisha it will be four years and three months, the report says.

Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday rightly said a large number of RTI applications did not represent government's success. He said, "We want to introduce a system where people do not feel the need to file an RTI application to get information."

His statement is in tune with Section 4 of the RTI Act that mandates public authorities to put out information on their websites without waiting for any RTI application. The sooner it's implemented, the better it is, for the RTI Act remains a beacon of hope for transparency in India.

Fraudsters using toll free numbers to dupe clients

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persons concerned is protected", he says. Over 1,500 complaints of cyber crime have been reported in the state this year so far, the maximum pertaining to debit card frauds. "Investigations have revealed that fake websites of banks are being used to dupe gullible customers. The criminals use these fake websites (phishing) to seek information on password, account/credit card/debit card and other personal details," says the SP.



ments, say experts. "It is imperative for any organisation or corporate body to take preventive measures and initiate legal action in case a crime is committed", says the officer.

Section 43A of the IT Act provides that whenever a corporate body possesses or deals with any sensitive personal data or information,

and is negligent in maintaining a reasonable security to protect such data or information, which thereby causes wrongful loss or wrongful gain to any person, then such body corporate shall be liable to pay damages to the person(s) so affected.

Further, Section 72A provides for the punishment for disclosure of information in breach of lawful contract and any person may be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or with a fine not exceeding up to five lakh rupees, or with both in case disclosure of information is made in breach of lawful contract.

Mend ways or be fragmented, Rajnath to Pak

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to the people. I am here to seek votes for Khattar because I have complete faith in his ability to deliver," he said. The rally apparently gave a boost to local candidate Jaravata, who has been fighting internal resistance, with Rajnath describing him as Khattar's shadow.

"I have met him for the first time but am bowled over by his humble demeanour," Rajnath told the cheering crowd.

Referring to India getting the Rafale jets, he said, "We don't have to enter their (Pakistan's) territory to wipe out terrorists, now sitting here in India we can do 'Jai Shri Ram.'" But, he reiterated, the fighters were meant only for self-defence and not for aggression.

Keeping the herd together

Gaushalas as self-sustaining institutions can help to curb stray cattle menace, say Ajmer Singh and ML Kamboj

THE stray cattle menace has attained alarming proportions and acquired political dimensions in recent years. The population of stray cattle in the country is estimated to be 40-50 lakh. The unwanted males and the infertile, old and infirm female cattle with little alternative utility and no market value to the farmers are abandoned clandestinely by their owners. The problem has worsened with the tightening of the noose around illegal trade and the closure of unauthorised abattoirs, especially in northern and central Indian states.



Grants given to the gaushalas should be decided on a per-animal basis and their distribution should be regular.

The Delhi High Court recently ruled that the menace was a violation of the city dwellers' right to live, guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution. With no proper mechanism for the disposal of these creatures, religious charities came forward and established cow protection shelters — what we today call *gaushalas*. Many *gaushalas* served their purpose fairly well and some of them developed in size and diversified and became institutions in their own right. Some of them got the support of local communities; while many others remained marginalised with scarce resources. In recent times, with the heavy influx of stray cattle, most of these *gaushalas* are overcrowded, lack sufficient space, monetary, manpower and other facilities/resources for proper upkeep and sustenance of these animals. The Central and state governments are now strengthening the existing *gaushalas* and helping in setting up many more. With *gaushalas* being animal welfare entities, it is imperative to examine their functioning, resources, endowments and whether they have the potential to turn themselves into self-sustaining centres/institutions.

Haryana has been the pioneer in establishing and maintaining *gaushalas*. The first one was established at Rewari in 1879 by Swami Dayanand. The state is home to 513 *gaushalas*, housing about 3.6 lakh head of cattle (about 20 per cent of the total population of 18 lakh). In addition, the state has around 4 lakh stray cattle, as per news reports. The cattle population dynamics of the state show that from 2007 to 2012, the number of indigenous cattle decreased by 17.6 per cent whereas that of crossbred/exotic cattle increased by 75.9 per cent. This is distressing news for the indigenous varieties which have tremendous genetic importance in terms of resistance to diseases, climatic resilience and acclimatisation capacity to the local conditions. *Gaushalas* have been used to preserve these indigenous animals. In Haryana, of these indigenous cattle, 44.5 per cent are maintained by the *gaushalas* (Haryana Gaushala Sangh, 2015).

The Haryana Government's protection and preservation efforts for this animal have been spelt out in its recent efforts. It has passed the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015, replacing The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955. The state has taken initiatives like the scheme for the establishment of 40 Gau Abhayaranyas, setting up of the Gau Seva Aayog, the Nandi Gram for cattle conservation and promotion, especially male cattle, the scheme for opening Gau Chikitsalyas. There is also a plan to open *gaushalas* on the jail premises for proper utilisation of space.

A study was conducted on a sample of 21 *gaushalas* spread across the state, selecting a reputed one from each district. Only those *gaushalas* were included which had a good historical standing and which maintained financial and animal record and were ready to cooperate in this endeavour. They were categorised as small, medium and large with the average number of animals being 1,306, 3,003 and 5,208, respectively (the number of animals maintained ranged from 350 to 6,306). They were also divided into two categories: Type-A, those which had financial backing by village communities primarily for animal welfare with no commercial interests, and Type-B, which included other *gaushalas*. All these had executive committees to regularise their functioning. These were all registered under a society or a trust.

Financial endowments

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), Nagar Nigams and the Haryana Gau Seva Aayog are the major agencies providing grants to *gaushalas*. The availability of grants was, however, found to be irregular and incomprehensive. The Gau Seva Aayog supports the *gaushalas* for the purchase of fodder and celebrating Gopashtami. Of the total receipts, donations and charity contributed up to 74.2 per cent, grants from different sources up to 6.5 per cent, sales contributed about 14.5 per cent and the miscellaneous income was only up to 4.8 per cent of the total receipts. The expenditure was worked out to be Rs 1.73 crore per year, while the receipts totalled Rs 1.79 crore.

The net receipts per animal of the Type-A *gaushala* were Rs 570, mainly due to the higher amounts of grants and charity they receive, where these were Rs 279 in the case of Type-B *gaushalas*, which have lesser expenditure component. The sales component was better for Type-B. Generally, it is believed that a larger-

sized *gaushala* is uneconomical. But this study shows that all economic indicators are better for larger *gaushalas* as compared to the smaller ones. Larger ones attract greater charity mainly because of their reputation and credibility among the local people which has been established over the years by their devotion to cow welfare and protection.

Looking at the revenue components of the *gaushalas*, we find that the largest share (60.15 per cent) is from the sale of milk, followed by dung and compost (23.35 per cent), other sales (15.6 per cent) and urine and its products which contribute only 0.9 per cent. Overall, the revenue generation in these *gaushalas* is meagre. But this is the factor which has the potential to raise the sustainability level.

Animal welfare

The level of animal welfare in selected *gaushalas* was assessed on a 20-point welfare indicator-based scale developed by the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal. The scale encompasses an integrated assessment of two resource-based welfare components (housing and other facilities; availability of feeds and fodder) and one animal-based welfare component (animal health, performance and behaviour) with a weightage of 30, 30 and 40, respectively, and aggregated into an overall welfare index with a total score of 100. The *gaushalas* scoring more than 80 points on the scale were ranked as very good; those scoring between 60 and 79 as good; between 40 to 59 average; and those with a score less than 40 were categorised as poor.

Contrary to the popular perception, cattle welfare was good in an overwhelming majority of the selected *gaushalas* (71 per cent) and average in about one fifth (19 per cent). Only a small percentage were in the poor category (5 per cent) and an equal proportion 'very good'. The larger *gaushalas* fared better with an average

score of 77, followed by medium (70) and small (61). The larger *gaushalas* being older and well entrenched in rural settings had better basic infrastructure in terms of animal housing facilities, better availability of feeds and fodder, health-care facilities and thus were in a position to ensure better animal husbandry, healthcare, animal performance etc. Furthermore, Type-A *gaushalas*, the bedrock of the *gaushala* system of cattle-keeping, performed better on the animal welfare front with an average score of 72; Type-B *gaushalas* scored 65 as they fared marginally poorly on resource-based indicators. If a welfare score of 60 is considered acceptable, two resource-based indicators — microclimate protection measures and feeding & watering space availability — and four animal-based indicators — cow productivity, their body condition scores, breeding practices and reproductive efficiency — were the most compromised indicators which need improvement.

Sustainability at stake

The running of a *gaushala* on a continuous basis depends upon its ability to sustain its operations. Overall sustainability was evaluated through the calculation of composite sustainability index for each selected *gaushala*. The sustainability concept is considered to be composed of three dimensions: (A) Economic sustainability, (B) Social sustainability, and (C) Environmental sustainability.

To arrive at the weighted value of the variable and to develop the index, normalisation was done on all variables. Combining these three indices and taking their weighted average, the composite sustainability index was developed for each *gaushala*. Then these were categorised based on the sustainability levels.

Surprisingly, the net receipts per standard animal unit (SAU) in a year and employment generation were significantly greater in Type-A *gaushalas* which are backed by village communi-

ties and where there is no commercial orientation. It was also higher among large *gaushalas*, which are situated mostly in rural areas and supported largely by the village communities. The operating ratio was of a similar fashion. The proportion of productive animals and autonomy, an important variable for sustainability, were in reverse order. It was less in larger and Type-A *gaushalas*.

From the point of view of social sustainability, too, Type-A and larger *gaushalas* have better score of variables like cattle protection, contribution to rural development and community relations. There was a clear-cut dispensation of these social variables in favour of village community *gaushalas* which are also larger in size.

Environmental sustainability indicators offer a mixed bag. Some variables are better among large *gaushalas* like biopesticides and vermicompost production and better utilisation of dung.

Indices that matter

The level of their sustainability has been assessed by constructing indices for the *gaushala*. The economic sustainability index was weak (0.38) in Type-A *gaushala* and higher (0.42) in other ones, but the social sustainability was found to be better in Type-A (index 0.52) compared to others (0.34). Environmental sustainability was also better in Type-A *gaushalas*. The index value was 0.34 against 0.24 for others. The overall sustainability index value was higher (0.42) for Type-A *gaushala* compared to Type-B (0.35).

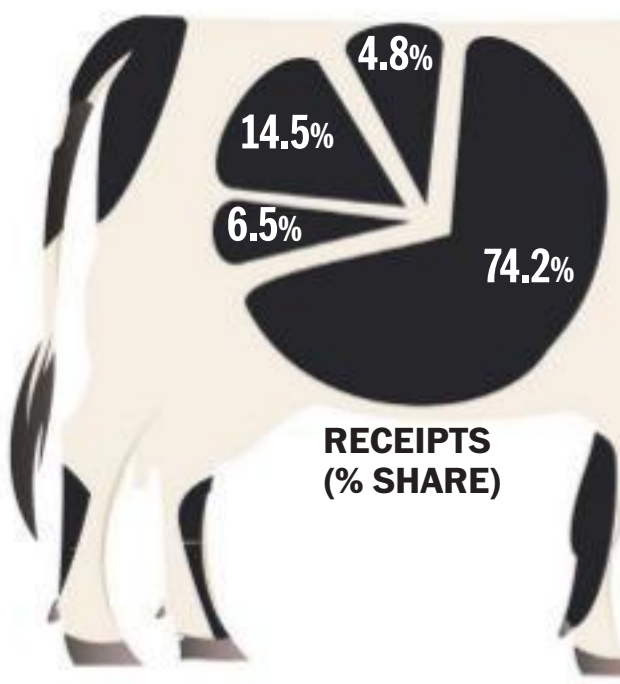
The sustainability level assessed over size groups also shows this trend in favour of the Type-A variety. From sustainability indices formed on the basis of economic, social and environmental variables, we found that large and Type-A *gaushalas* are better managed and are more sustainable.

Applying the cumulative square-root frequency method on the composite sustainability index of the *gaushalas*, they are again categorised as lowly, medium and highly sustainable. The cut-off level for lowly sustainable *gaushalas* was found to be 0.31 and for the medium ones, it was 0.52. The *gaushalas* in the category of lowly sustainable were 62 per cent, those falling under the medium category were 24 per cent and the highly sustainable ones were only 14 per cent of the selected sample.

Based on this study, we can infer that:

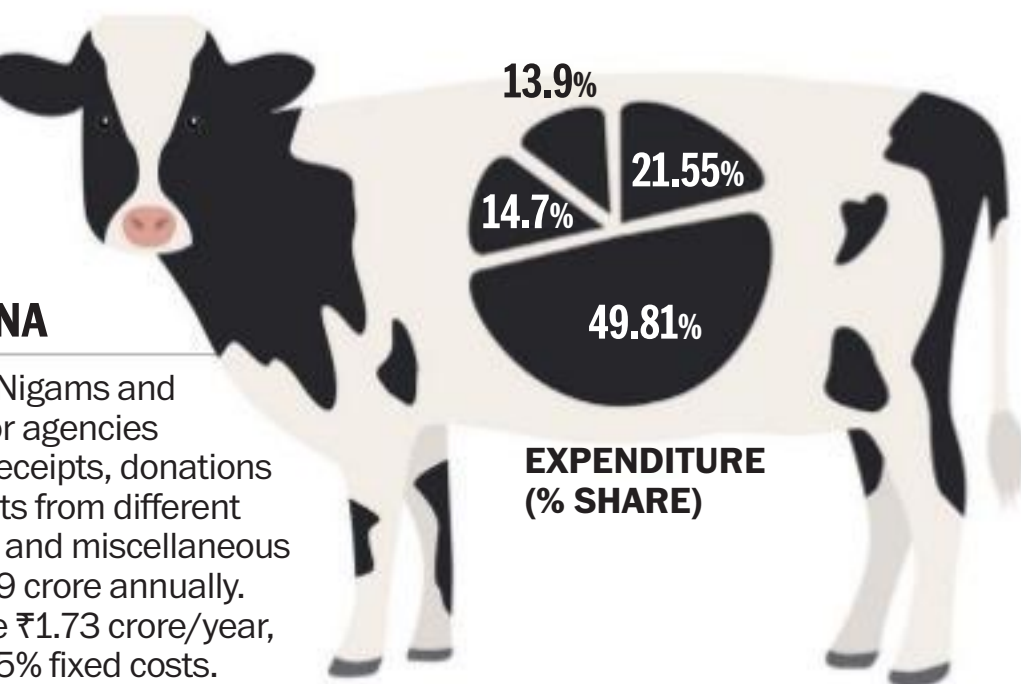
- Miscellaneous income, which includes rent, equipment hire charges, bull service, processing charges, sale of scrap etc. and other sales, which includes sale of heifers, cows, dead animals and grains etc. has a strong impact on the sustainability of *gaushalas*.
- Grants given to the *gaushalas* should be decided on a per-animal basis and their distribution should be regular, though all these needs to be increased significantly, as desired by the *gaushalas'* management.
- Involvement of *gaushalas* in community development programmes like training etc. and production of bio products should be encouraged.
- Animal welfare should be one of the criteria while deciding the quantum of grants.

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FLOW OF FUNDS IN HARYANA

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Net receipts (₹) per animal

Variable	Gaushala type		Gaushala size		
	Type-A	Type-B	Small	Medium	Large
Grants & charity	8,032.50	7,016.01	7,081	7,447	10,379
Returns	1,779	1,818	1,828	1,791	1,793
Total receipts	9,811.75	8,834.78	8,909	9,238	12,172
Total expenditure	9,241.51	8,555.65	8,733	8,895	8,897
Net receipts/year	570.24	279.13	175	342	3,275

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Selected indicators of sustainability

Indicator	Type-A	Type-B	Small	Medium	Large
Net receipts (₹)/SAU/year	570.24	279.13	175	342	3,275
Productive animals (%)	4.44	10.87	12	7.74	5.69
Employment generation (MAN-DAYS/DAY)	44.6	16.18	9.27	23.33	60
Autonomy (%)	18.13	20.58	20.51	19.39	14.73

SAU: STANDARD ANIMAL UNIT

Welfare parameters

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Gaushala	Housing & other facilities	Feed & fodder	Health & behaviour	Total
Maximum points	30	30	40	100
Small	18.64	18.73	23.73	61.09
Medium	21.5	23.17	25.33	70
Large	24.75	24.25	28	77
Type-A	23	23.6	25.8	72.4
Type-B	20.06	20.45	24.81	65.32



GLOBE TROT



PARODY RACE: Goats participate in 'Royal Ascot Goat' race in Uganda on Sunday. The charity goat race event started in 1993 as a parody of UK's famous 'Royal Ascot Horse' race. AFP

California bans animal fur products

SAN FRANCISCO: California has become the first US state to ban manufacturing and sale of animal fur. Residents will no longer be able to sell or make clothing, shoes or handbags from fur as of 2023, reports the BBC. Governor Gavin Newsom also signed a Bill banning most animals from circus shows, except cats, dogs and horses. It does not apply to rodeos. "California is a leader when it comes to animal welfare and today that leadership includes banning the sale of fur," said Newsom. Violators could face a fine of \$500 or in repeat cases, \$1,000. IANS

Doctors link bladder pill to retinal damage

SAN FRANCISCO: A team of Indian-origin doctors in the US has found that a drug widely prescribed for a bladder condition for decades globally, now appears to be toxic to retina. After an initial report last year that Elmiron may be associated with retinal damage, three ophthalmologists, including Robin A Vora, Amar P Patel, and Ronald Melles conducted a review of patients. They found that about one-quarter of patients with significant exposure to Elmiron showed definite signs of eye damage. — IANS

Prince William to honour mother Diana in Pakistan

LONDON: UK's Prince William is expected to honour his mother Princess Diana's charity work in Pakistan during his official five-day tour of the country starting on Monday. Diana, Princess of Wales, was a close friend of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan through his former wife Jemima Goldsmith and had visited the country a number of times. Her last visit to the country was in 1997, shortly before her death in Paris, to help raise funds for a cancer centre Khan built in Lahore. PTI



785 'Daesh elements' have fled Syrian camp, say Kurds

Turkey takes control of key M4 highway | Advances 30 km into Syria

BEIRUT, OCTOBER 13
The Kurdish-led administration in northern Syria said 785 foreigners affiliated with Islamic State managed to escape a camp where they were being held following Turkish shelling on Sunday. In an apparent reference to Turkish-backed Syrian rebels, the administration said in a statement that "mercenaries" had attacked a camp near Ain Issa where "Daesh elements" - a reference to Islamic State (IS) - in turn attacked camp guards and opened the gates. The number of locals fleeing the Turkish assault soared to 1,30,000.

Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday that Turkey's military and its Syrian rebel allies will advance 30-35 km into Syrian territory in their offensive against Kurdish militia and they have already seized control of the town of Ras al-Ain. Speaking at a news conference in Istanbul, Erdogan said the Turkish-led forces had also besieged the Syrian border town of Tel Abyad.

Turkish forces have taken control of the key M4 highway in northern Syria. "Following successful operations as part of Operation Peace Spring, the M4 highway has been brought under control after a 30-35 km-deep incursion," the ministry announced on Twitter.

Fighting raged along the border on the fifth day of an offensive that has provoked an international outcry and left dozens of civilians and



A Turkish-backed fighter fires during clashes in Ras al-Ain. AFP

Merkel urges Erdogan to end Syria offensive

German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to halt Turkey's offensive in northern Syria immediately, warning it could spark further destabilisation of the region and a resurgence of the IS jihadist group

fighters dead. Kurdish authorities and foreign powers have warned repeatedly that the hostilities could undermine the fight against the Islamic State group (IS) and allow jihadists to break out of captivity. Fighting has engulfed the area since Wednesday when Ankara launched a long-threatened offensive against the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), who it considers "terrorists" linked to insurgents inside Turkey.

US President Donald Trump has been accused of abandoning a loyal ally in the fight against IS after ordering American troops to pull back from the border. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor

reported on Sunday that 14 more civilians had been killed in fighting. More than 50 civilians have now died on the Syrian side, with Turkish reports putting the number of civilians dead from Kurdish shelling inside Turkey at 18. The Observatory said pro-Ankara fighters "executed" at least nine civilians on Saturday near the Syrian town of Tal Abyad. The Kurds said a female Kurdish party official and her driver were among those killed. Aid groups have warned of another humanitarian disaster in Syria's eight-year-old war if the offensive is not halted. The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said the exodus sparked by the

WILL WITHDRAW EVERY TROOP FROM SYRIA: US

The United States is poised to evacuate about 1,000 US troops from northern Syria, Defence Secretary Mark Esper said on Sunday. The withdrawal of troops from the region comes after US President Donald Trump abruptly shifted policy and withdrew some US soldiers deployed to support Kurdish forces in the fight against Islamic State. "In the last 24 hours, we learned that the Turkey is likely intend to extend their attack further south than originally planned," he said

Justin Trudeau wears protective vest after unspecified threat



Canadian PM Justin Trudeau campaigns in Ontario. REUTERS

TORONTO, OCTOBER 13

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau donned a bulletproof vest for an election campaign rally on Saturday, a Reuters eyewitness said, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation cited sources saying a security threat had been received. Pictures taken by Reuters photographer Stephane Mahe at the event in the Ontario city of Mississauga outside Toronto showed Trudeau wearing bulky protection under his shirt. Police wearing backpacks surrounded Trudeau on the stage for the first time since the start of a six-week election campaign leading up to what polls suggest will be a closely contested vote on October 21. CBC cited unnamed sources inside Trudeau's Liberal Party as saying he donned the bulletproof vest after the campaign received a threat. Liberal spokeswoman Zita Astravas declined to comment on Trudeau's security

Populist political wave penetrates Canada

On October 3, PM Justin Trudeau said Quebec has every right to test the immigrants who want to settle in the French-speaking province. Conservative leader Maxime Bernier proposes to limit the number of immigrants to between 100,000 and 150,000 a year, less than half of what the country currently receives, and accept only those who prove they have "Canadian values"

arrangements. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police declined to comment. Trudeau, who often plunges into crowds to shake hands and pose for photos, did the same as he was leaving the event, but this time he was closely surrounded by security, said Mahe. Unlike the United States, where four presidents have been assassinated since 1865, there is almost no history of serious political violence in Canada. — Reuters

Typhoon leaves trail of destruction in Japan

26 killed, over 1 lakh homes without electricity



Japanese defence personnel take part in a relief operation in Miyagi prefecture on Sunday. AFP

TOKYO, OCTOBER 13

Japan has launched a huge operation to provide humanitarian assistance and assess the damage brought by typhoon Hagibis. High-velocity winds and torrential rain killed at least 26 people and sparked major flooding. At least 26 people are known to have died in the storm and 18 people are still missing in central, eastern and northern areas of the main Honshu island while another 175 were injured, Efe news reported.

In Nagano prefecture, one of the worst affected by the storm, torrential rains caused the Chikuma river to overflow and flood nearby localities, carrying away vehicles in its torrent. In Sano, Tochigi prefecture, the overflowing Akiyama river flooded a residential area and rescue teams were evacuating locals. The Central Government has deployed around 27,000 soldiers of the Self-Defence Forces (military) to take part in the rescue efforts, local news agency Kyodo reported.

The country's road network was also affected and the flooding of some of them

left some areas isolated. In Kawagoe, some 260 people from a nursing home got stranded while taking shelter in a neighbouring building after the Oppe river overflowed. They were later rescued by emergency teams using boats. In Tokyo, water of the Tama river was flowing above the limit and the lower floors of some buildings, including a hospital, had been flooded. Local firefighters were trying to ascertain if everybody had evacuated successfully, while one man was found dead, NHK reported.

The area close to the river is often inhabited by homeless people and search and rescue efforts continued as water levels started to recede. Two of the 12 crew members of a cargo ship flying the Panamanian flag was killed and six others were missing after the weather conditions caused by Hagibis sank the vessel, which had been anchored in the Tokyo bay. The heavy rainfall brought by Hagibis prompted the Japanese Meteorological Agency to issue an unusual maximum alert for adverse weather and urged the pop-

ulation to take refuge in the upper floors of buildings. Evacuation orders and recommendations affected 10 million people. In the prefectures of Tohoku, north east Japan, and Kanto, which includes Tokyo the rain recorded on Saturday amounted to 30-40 per cent of the annual rainfall in the region, NHK reported.

The companies in charge of some dams authorised the release of water as an emergency measure to prevent a possible collapse. Around 50 landslides of varying size had been registered across the country and reportedly buried many houses in rural areas, with casualties reported but not yet specified. More than 1,00,000 homes were still without power, according to the Tokyo Electric Power Company. The passage of Hagibis, the 19th typhoon of the season in the Pacific and one of the most powerful to hit Japan in decades had on Saturday completely paralysed transport. Although services were being restored gradually, more than 800 flights remain cancelled on Sunday. — AFP

HK police nab protesters, clashes erupt

HONG KONG, OCTOBER 13

Hong Kong riot police spent much of Sunday afternoon skirmishing with groups of masked pro-democracy protesters who held flashmob gatherings in various areas. Rallies erupted in multiple neighbourhoods with some protesters blocking roads, throwing objects onto train tracks as well as spraying graffiti and smashing the windows of some pro-China businesses.

The police made dozens of arrests as they rushed to intercept activists but the clashes were less sustained than earlier this month when the city was virtually shut down by the most intense unrest of the four month protest movement.

In the district of Mongkok, riot police burst from an unmarked van that had screeched up to a blockade made of bamboo scaffolding poles and quickly chased down multiple protesters who were pinned to the ground and detained. Later an AFP reporter in the same neighbourhood saw crowds of protesters beat a middle aged woman because she had helped police clear barricades. The woman was struck with fists and umbrellas and also had her face smeared with mud. The police said tear gas was fired in two districts and brief clashes were witnessed in at least four locations. — AFP



Migrants raise their hands as they walk past national guards in Chiapas on Sunday. REUTERS

2K migrants detained in Mexico

MEXICO, OCTOBER 13

Mexican officials broke up a caravan of around 2,000 migrants that had set out from southern Mexico Saturday in the hopes of reaching the United States, amid increasing difficulty obtaining permission to pass through Mexico. Many of the migrants who departed from Tapachula, Chiapas early in the morning had been held up in this city just north of Guatemala for weeks or months, awaiting residency or transit papers from Mexican authorities. The migrants are originally from Central America, Africa and the Caribbean. They left their countries because of violence or simply in search of a better life.

"I want to pass through Mexico, I don't want to live here," said Amado Ramirez, a migrant from Honduras who said he had been living on the streets of Tapachula with his young children and wife, hoping for a transit visa from Mexican officials. The group trudged about 40 km northwest along a highway under the supervision of human rights officials before the federal police and national guardsmen blocked their path. An Associated Press photographer saw hundreds of men, women and children running to escape the security forces encircling them in Huixtla, Chiapas. They were rounded up and placed in vans. Officials

refused to say where they were transporting the migrants. Hundreds of African migrants, in particular, have been stuck for months in Tapachula, where they say immigration authorities have stalled on giving them residency or transit papers. Almost all of them want to seek asylum in the United States, rather than stay in Mexico. Maureen Meyer, director for Mexico and migrant rights at the Washington Office on Latin America, said enforcement around Tapachula has made it very difficult for migrants to head north undetected. "What you had were thousands of people that were feeling very much trapped in Tapachula," she said. — AP

Pak PM Imran visits Tehran for Iran-Saudi talks

TEHRAN, OCTOBER 13

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Iran on Sunday on a mission to act as a "facilitator" between Tehran and Riyadh and try to defuse rising tensions in the Gulf. Khan landed in Tehran around midday and met with President Hassan Rouhani at the presidential palace. He was also scheduled to hold talks with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, before travelling to Riyadh on Tuesday.

"The reason for this trip is that we do not want a conflict between Saudi Arabia and Iran," Khan told reporters as he stood alongside Rouhani. "Whatever it takes we must never allow this conflict to take place, because we know, Mr President, that there is a vested interest that wants this to take place," Khan told Rouhani. Khan warned that any conflict between Iran and Saudi Arabia would "cause poverty in the world". Rouhani said he had expressed Iran's concern about Gulf security, a "missile attack" on an Iranian vessel off the Saudi coast. "We expressed our concerns to the prime minister about the incidents happening to oil tankers, especially the Iranian oil tanker in the Red Sea on Friday," he said. — AFP

Dubai-based Indian donates \$140,756 to alma mater

DUBAI, OCTOBER 13

A Dubai-based Indian businessman has donated \$140,756 to his alma mater NIT, Warangal, to help set up a state-of-the-art innovation and incubation centre. Sudhakar R Rao, THE founder and chairman of Gemini Group, made the generous contribution during NIT, Warangal's, dia-



mond jubilee celebrations recently, reports Gulf News. A native of Tamil Nadu, Rao is an alumnus of NIT, Warangal, and pursued his degree in electrical engi-

neering in the batch of 1977-82. "Innovation, technology and disruption is at the core of every business making in big in today's world. I am convinced there is an abundance of skill in terms of innovative thinking and technical know-how at NIT, Warangal. The challenge is to harness this potential to

solve meaningful, real world problems," Gulf News quoted Rao as saying. "With my humble contribution to set up this innovation and incubation centre, I urge every student to utilise this unique facility and ecosystem to realise their dreams and create a lasting impact on the society," he added. — IANS

BRIEFLY

JOHOR BAHRU

India thrash Kiwis 8-2 in Sultan Johor Cup

Sanjay struck twice in the Indian junior men's hockey team's dominating 8-2 win over New Zealand in Sultan of Johor Cup. Apart from Sanjay (17th, 22nd minutes), Dilpreet Singh (6th), Shilananand Lakra (14th), Mandeep Mor (22nd), Suman Beck (45th), Pratap Lakra (50th) and Sudeep Chirmako (51st) scored for India. Dylan Thomas (28th, 44th) notched up two goals for New Zealand. It was India's second win in the tournament and they face Japan in their next round robin league-stage match on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI

I-League, ISL clubs and AIFF to meet AFC officials

A roadmap of the country's domestic football structure will be discussed in a meeting of the I-League and Indian Super League clubs with the officials of the All India Football Federation and the Asian Football Confederation in Kuala Lumpur here tomorrow. AIFF has invited the clubs of the country's two domestic leagues to a meeting at AFC headquarters to discuss the future of the game in the country. The officials of FSD, the organisers of the ISL, will also be present in the meeting. Officials of Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, ATK and Minerva Punjab have reached the Malaysian capital for the meeting.

ALMERE (THE NETHERLANDS)

Lakshya Sen wins Dutch Open

Shuttler Lakshya Sen (*in pic*) clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men's singles title after beating Yusuke Onodera of Japan in the summit clash. The 18-year-old Indian rallied from one game down to defeat the world No. 160 15-21 21-14 21-15 in 63 minutes. — AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

THIRD WOMEN'S ODI
INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA
STAR SPORTS 8:50AM

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM



The Indian team celebrates after beating South Africa by an innings and 137 runs on Day 4 of the second Test in Pune on Sunday. PTI

SA unable to put up a fight, India romp to record 11th consecutive series win at home

PUNE, OCTOBER 13

The Indian juggernaut continued to roll as the hosts humiliated South Africa by an innings and 137 runs in the second Test to clinch a record 11th consecutive series victory at home.

After being asked to follow on in the morning, the struggling South Africa batsmen surrendered yet again against the dominant Indian bowlers.

The win, coming on the fourth day, has consolidated India's top position in the World Test Championship table. India now have 200 points, 140 more than second-placed New Zealand. Virat Kohli secured his 30th win as Test captain, out of the 50 he has led India in.

South Africa lasted 67.2 overs in their second innings, bowled out for 189 just after the tea break. The five-pronged Indian bowling unit did a great job, with comeback man Umesh Yadav claiming 3 for 22. Ravindra Jadeja (3/52), Ravichandran Ashwin (2/45), Mohammed Shami (1/34) and Ishant Sharma (1/17) played their part in the win, too.

As in the first innings, Vernon Philander (37) and Maharaj (22) frustrated India, delaying the inevitable by adding 56 runs for the eighth wicket in 21.2 overs. Once

JUST TOO EASY



“Most of the boys in this set-up, at least seven-eight, have played 40-plus Tests. So when the youngsters who are coming up see the kind of hard yards seniors are putting in, it's not easy for them. They know that they need to get better than us to be in the side. — Umesh Yadav

Philander was caught down the leg-side by Wriddhiman Saha, the resistance was over in a flash.

Elgar fights

After Kohli asked the visitors to follow on in the morning,

Dean Elgar (48 off 72 balls) put up a stiff resistance before Ravichandran Ashwin (2/45) snuffed him out in what was a decisive blow to the Proteas.

After going wicketless in the first innings, Ishant Sharma (1/17) struck with the very

SCOREBOARD

INDIA 1ST INN 601/5 Decl

S AFRICA 1ST INN 275

S AFRICA 2ND INN (Following on)

A Markram lbw b I Sharma 0
D Elgar c Yadav b Ashwin 48
T de Bruyn c Saha b Yadav 8
F du Plessis c Saha b Ashwin 5
T Bavuma c Rahane b Jadeja 38
Q de Kock b Jadeja 5
S Muthusamy c R Sharma b Shami 9
V Philander c Saha b Yadav 37
K Maharaj lbw b Jadeja 22
K Rabada c R Sharma b Yadav 4
A Nortje not out 0
Extras: (B-8, LB-3, W-2) 13
Total: (All out, 67.2 overs) 189
FoW: 1-0, 2-21, 3-70, 4-71, 5-79, 6-125, 7-129, 8-185, 9-189

Bowling

Ishant Sharma 5-2-17-1
Umesh Yadav 8-3-22-3
Mohammed Shami 9-2-34-1
Ravichandran Ashwin 21-6-45-2
Ravindra Jadeja 21.2-4-52-3
Rohit Sharma 2-0-4-0
Virat Kohli 1-0-4-0
Result: India win by innings & 137 runs
Man of the Match: Virat Kohli

ball was missing the leg-stump.

For the second time in the match, Theunis de Bruyn (8) fell to a spectacular catch by Saha — as the batsman glanced Yadav fine and looked back, to his horror he saw a flying Saha pulling off a stunning catch.

Elgar and skipper Faf du Plessis (5 off 54 balls) added 49 runs for the third wicket, with du Plessis batting with extreme patience, presenting a dead bat to practically every ball. However, the ultra-defensive tactic didn't work for a long period as the captain fell trying to drive an Ashwin off-break. Saha's sharp reflexes were again on show as he pounced the catch on the fourth attempt.

After perhaps losing his concentration, Elgar tried to play a lofted shot but could not clear Yadav, who ran back from mid-off position to take a fine running catch. Quinton de Kock was the next to go after he tried to slog Jadeja, only to be bowled, reducing the visitors to 79/5. Temba Bavuma did well to get 38 off 63 balls, including a six, before he fell to Jadeja. Senuran Muthusamy was removed by Shami, and at 129/7, the end was near. It was delayed by Maharaj and Philander, but not for very long. — PTI

Captaincy boosted my run-scoring Kohli

PUNE, OCTOBER 13

India captain Virat Kohli believes his mindset as a batsman changed after being handed the captaincy and the extra responsibility is the reason for his imperious run-scoring ability. “It's getting the responsibility of being captain,” Kohli said at the presentation ceremony.

“If you go out planning a double hundred you will not get it but if you just go out planning to play five sessions for your team you invariably cross that 200 mark as well. The mindset is always to help the team as much as possible, play at a tempo the team requires you to and in that process big scores come. The mindset change is the only reason behind getting the big scores,” he added.

Kohli was handed the Test captaincy in abrupt fashion at the start of 2015 when long-serving skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni retired from Test cricket midway through a series in Australia. Kohli already has more Test wins than Dhoni while leading the side in fewer matches. His unbeaten 254 in India's only innings is Kohli's personal best in Test cricket, while he also has an astounding 43 centuries in the 50-overs format. “I am at a stage in my career now where I am just happy to be playing the way I am and



Wriddhiman Saha dives to take a catch to dismiss Faf du Plessis. PTI

“I think it's purely a case of inexperience. I said before this Test series, your best Test teams are the teams with the most experience.

When it comes to this Indian team, there's a lot of experience in that dressing room — Faf du Plessis, SOUTH AFRICA CAPTAIN

contributing for my team,” he said. “Putting the team in a commanding position is the only goal and that's the only thing I strive for. I love scoring runs but if they come in a winning cause that's the most important thing.”

Left-arm spinner George Linde will replace the injured Keshav Maharaj in South Africa's squad for the third and final Test against India in Ranchi. — Reuters

NUMBERS GAME

200 Points for India in the World Test Championship table. They are 140 points ahead of their nearest rival, New Zealand

11 Consecutive Test series wins for India at home — the longest streak for any side. The previous best was 10, with Australia achieving it twice: 1994 to 2001 and then between 2004 and 2008. India's success streak began with the 4-0 win in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in 2012-13

0 Bigger Test wins for India vs South Africa than the victory by an innings and 137 runs in Pune. The previous biggest was by an innings and 57 runs at Eden Gardens in 2009-10. This was the second innings defeat for South Africa in this decade and both have come against India

1 India skipper — Kohli — to enforce the follow-on against SA. England were the last side to enforce the follow-on against the Proteas, in July 2008 at Lord's

30 Wins for India under Kohli's captaincy, in 50 Tests. Only two captains have had more wins than Kohli in their first 50 Tests in charge. Steve Waugh had won 37 Tests while Ricky Ponting won 35. Kohli has 17 wins in 23 home games and 13 in 27 away Tests

54.08 The difference in averages of fast bowlers of India and SA in this series. While India's pacers have averaged 21.75, the visiting pacemen have an average of 75.84 runs per wicket

35.80 Average of South Africa's bottom five partnerships in this series, including 5 50-plus stands. The top-5 batsmen have averaged just 18.50, with just one partnership of over 50

Dutee wins 200m gold, best athlete award

RANCHI, OCTOBER 13

Dutee Chand completed a sprint double in the season-ending 59th National Open Athletics Championships, clocking the fastest time in the 200m event by an Indian this year with a 23.17s burst.

Having set the national record in the 100m, Dutee added the 200m gold to her collection, showing her challenger Archana Suseendran (23.41s) a clean pair of heels. The Odisha athlete not only topped Archana's time of 23.18s, clocked in the AFI Grand Prix in Patiala on August 16, but also came up with her own second-fastest time behind the 23.00s in the Asian Games last year.

Dutee was adjudged the best female athlete while shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor, who broke his own national record, was named the best athlete in the men's category.

In the triple jump event, Abdulla Aboobacker challenged his Services teammate Karthik Unnikrishnan till the very last jump in an event that saw the top-6 competitors cross the 16m mark. Unnikrishnan leapt 16.78m in his final attempt to win the gold. Chinta Yadav emerged winner in the women's 3000m steeplechase, outpacing her Railways teammate

OPEN NATIONALS



Dutee Chand clocked the fastest time in 200m by an Indian this year with a 23.17s burst. FILE

Parul Chaudhary in a time of 10 minutes, 11.70 seconds.

Railways bagged the overall title leaving behind Services on the second spot while Haryana finished third.

Neeraj, Hima in national camp till Olympics

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, quartermiler Hima Das and sprinter Dutee Chand figured in the list of national campers named by the Athletics Federation of India for the period up to the Tokyo Olympics next year. Dutee was named as part of a nine-member women's 4x100m relay team to be based at NIS Patiala. — PTI

Ganguly to be BCCI prez, Jay Shah secretary

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13

In a dramatic turn of events, former India captain Sourav Ganguly emerged as a consensus candidate for the post of BCCI president after Brijesh Patel appeared to have grabbed the coveted post.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son Jay Shah will be the new secretary while Arun Dhimal will be the new treasurer.

Dhimal is the younger brother of MoS Finance and former BCCI president Anurag Thakur. Monday is the last day to file nominations but no election will be held since all the candidates have emerged unopposed. The 47-year-old Ganguly, who is currently the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal, will have to demit his post in September 2020 as he will go into a compulsory cooling-off period.

Gaekwad ICA representative

Former India coach Anshuman Gaekwad beat Kirti Azad to be elected as the male representative to the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA) on BCCI's Apex Council. Shanta Rangaswamy was earlier elected unopposed as the female ICA representative. — PTI

Manju gets silver in maiden Worlds

ULAN-UDE (RUSSIA), OCTOBER 13

Boxer Manju Rani's stupendous debut run at the women's World Championships ended with a silver medal after she lost the light flyweight (48kg) final to Russia's Ekaterina Paltceva here. The Rohtak boxer, who was seeded sixth, went down 1-4 to the second-seeded local favourite in the first final of the day.

Manju, who turns 20 next Saturday, was the lone Indian to make the finals after MC Mary Kom (51kg), Jamuna Boro (54kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) settled for bronze yesterday. There was very little

WORLD BOXING C'SHIPS

INDIAN MEDALLISTS

- Manju Rani (48kg) Silver
- Mary Kom (51kg) Bronze
- Jamuna Boro (54kg) Bronze
- Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) Bronze

seemed to have an upper hand over the crowd favourite. The proceedings slowed down in the last three minutes when both the boxers adopted a cautious approach. There was quite a bit of holding, requiring the referee's intervention quite a few times. However, at the end of it the Russian emerged victorious, perhaps for her sharper reflexes. However, the Indian contingent was visibly upset after Paltceva's hand was raised as the victor.

The youngster lost her father, a Border Security Force officer, to cancer in 2010. — PTI



Manju Rani looks on as her opponent Ekaterina Paltceva of Russia is declared the winner. PTI

May appear for Olympics trials in Mary's category

GAURAV KANTHWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 13 Nineteen-year-old Rithal girl Manju Rani made the final of the women's World Championships to become the first Indian in 18 years to do so in her maiden appearance at the event. In 2001, MC Mary Kom qualified for the Worlds final on her debut.

Both faced initial hardships before claiming their first medal at the World Championships but with the Olympics less than a year away, the two are likely to cross each other's path in the trials for the Tokyo Olympics.

Mary Kom won the bronze in the 51kg category at the World Championships while Manju Rani secured the 48kg silver in the premier event. But in the Tokyo Olympics, there's no 48kg category and the women's competition begins from 51kg category onwards. For Manju to stake her claim in the 51kg category at the Tokyo Olympics, she will have to face Mary Kom in the trials. “Manju has done exceptionally well in the World Cham-

ALL IN A YEAR

- World Championships: SILVER
- National Championships: GOLD
- Strandja Memorial Cup: SILVER
- India Open: BRONZE
- Thailand Open: BRONZE

pionships, she should stake her claim in the 51kg category for the Tokyo Olympics,” said Sube Singh Beniwal, Manju's childhood coach.

Ironically, the silver medalist at the World Championships could not make it to the state team, Haryana, this year and had to shift to Punjab to compete in the boxing nationals. “She had to take admission in B.Sc 1st year in Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, after she was denied a chance in Haryana. Manju won the gold in the 48kg category for Punjab in the third Elite Women's National Boxing Championships in Vijayanagara to make it to the national camp,” Beniwal said.

22-year-old wins record 25th medal, overtakes Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo tally of 23

ONE OF A KIND

STUTTGART, OCTOBER 13
American Simone Biles became the most decorated gymnast in World Championships history today when she won the beam and floor finals to take her career tally to 25 medals.

Soon after securing a convincing victory on the beam in Stuttgart to overtake Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record tally of 23 Worlds medals, the 22-year-old Biles successfully defended her floor title to win medal No. 25.

The four-time Olympics champion is now the owner of 19 gold medals across four Championships against 12 for Scherbo, who competed in five Worlds events between 1991 and 1996.

Making her final appearance of the week in front of a raucous crowd, Biles wasted no time as she landed a superb triple-twisting double back flip — known as the Biles II — on her first pass.

Biles's double layout with a half turn — another skill named after her — put her out of bounds for a 0.1 penalty but she did enough to post a winning score of 15.133.

The Americans took a one-two finish as Sunisa Lee finished with 14.133 for the silver medal, while Russian Angelina Melnikova came third.



USA's Simone Biles posted a score of 15.133 to win the floor event during the apparatus finals. AFP



“This is really the best Worlds performance I have ever put out and to go out there and nail the routine, it felt really good” Simone Biles

19 Gold medals for Biles across four Championships against 12 for Vitaly Scherbo, who competed in five Worlds events between 1991 and 1996

5 A record fifth all-around gold also helped the US to a fifth straight world team title

5 Biles capped her campaign in the Stuttgart Worlds with five gold medals from six events

around final at the Worlds. But she has regained her swagger this week, under

the watchful eyes of balance beam coach Cecile Landi, and posted top scores in all four attempts — qualifying, the team and all-around finals and Sunday's apparatus final.

Last year's winner Liu Tingting of China took silver with 14.433, while teammate Li Shijia won the bronze. Biles finished her campaign in Stuttgart with five gold medals from six events to mark ideal preparations for next year's Tokyo Olympics. "Honestly, I just couldn't move. I was so tired," Biles said of her final pose on the stage. — Reuters

Unstoppable Bottas leads Mercedes to 6th title double



Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas celebrates after winning the Japanese Grand Prix. AFP

SUZUKA, OCTOBER 13
Valtteri Bottas swept to victory in today's Japanese Grand Prix as Mercedes clinched the Formula One constructors' championship and guaranteed themselves an unprecedented sixth consecutive title double.

The Finn crossed the line 11.3sec ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who made a hesitant start from pole position and had to fend off a charging Lewis Hamilton in the closing laps.

The result moved Mercedes 177 points clear of Ferrari, allowing them to wrap up a record-equalling sixth consecutive constructors' crown, with a maximum 176 points from four races still to be won. It also assured Mercedes of the drivers' title with only Bottas now capable of challenging five-time world champion Hamilton, whose lead is now narrowed to 64 points.

Mercedes have now equalled Ferrari's record six constructors' titles in a row between 1999-2004. The Italian team won five successive drivers' crowns with

JAPANESE GRAND PRIX RESULT

- 1 Valtteri Bottas (Finland) Mercedes 1:21:46.755
- 2 Sebastian Vettel (Germany) Ferrari +13.343s
- 3 Lewis Hamilton (Britain) Ferrari +13.858s
- 4 Alexander Albon (Thailand) Mercedes +59.537s
- 5 Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren) McLaren +69.101s

DRIVER STANDINGS

DRIVER	PTS
Lewis Hamilton	338
Valtteri Bottas	274
Charles Leclerc	221
Max Verstappen	212
Sebastian Vettel	212

CONSTRUCTOR STANDINGS

CONSTRUCTOR	PTS
Mercedes	612
Ferrari	433
Red Bull Racing Honda	323

6TH successive constructors' title for Mercedes — from 2014 to 2019 — equals Ferrari's record set between 1999-2004

Michael Schumacher from 2000-04.

"Starting third is never easy here but there's no point giving up," said Bottas after his third win of the season and first since the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in April.

"I had a really nice car and Sebastian had an issue, so it was good to get the lead. Really proud of the team, a sixth title in a row is so impressive." Ferrari looked like they might delay the title celebrations after locking out the front row in a qualifying session held this morning, after being postponed from its traditional Saturday slot due to Typhoon Hagibis.

But both Vettel and teammate Charles Leclerc ran into trouble at the start.

Vettel launched off his grid spot a fraction too soon and slammed on the brakes before moving again. He was investigated for a false start but let off without a sanction because his car had not crossed the line.

The momentary hesitation was enough to allow Bottas to sweep around the outside and into the lead. — Reuters

BRIEFLY

THIMPHU (BHUTAN)
Bangladesh hold India to 1-1 draw in SAFF U-15 C'ship

India were held to a 1-1 draw by Bangladesh in their penultimate group stage match of the SAFF U-15 Women's Championship here on Sunday. Amisha Baxla scored in the 24th minute to put India ahead. However, the lead was short-lived as Sapna Rani equalised for Bangladesh two-minutes later. Both the teams now have seven points in the group stage. However, India finished atop by virtue of better goal difference.

SAO PAULO
Neymar limps out of Brazil friendly against Nigeria

Striker Neymar limped out of Brazil's friendly against Nigeria in Singapore on Sunday after only 12 minutes of play. The match ended in a 1-1 draw as Midfielder John Aribio scored for Nigeria in the 35th minute, but Casemiro brought the Brazilians back on level terms in the 48th minute.

CHICAGO
Kenya's Kosgei shatters world marathon record

Kenyan Brigid Kosgei broke Paula Radcliffe's women's marathon world record when she ran two hours, 14 minutes, four seconds at the Chicago Marathon on Sunday. Kosgei set a blistering pace from the start to shatter the previous record of 2:15:25 which Briton Radcliffe set in 2003. Kenyan Lawrence Cherono sprinted past Ethiopian Dejene Debela to win the men's race. Cherono clocked an unofficial two hours, five minutes, 45 seconds to add to his Boston Marathon title.

SANTIAGO
Sanchez injured in Chile's, draw against Colombia

Chile forward Alexis Sanchez injured tendons in his left ankle during their 0-0 draw with Colombia and is returning to his club Inter Milan for further tests, the Chilean Football Federation said on Sunday. He will miss Chile's friendly against Guinea on Tuesday. The 0-0 draw was Chile's fifth game without a win under coach Reinaldo Rueda. AGENCIES

Master Medvedev eclipses Zverev to win Shanghai title

SHANGHAI, OCTOBER 13
Daniil Medvedev won his fourth title of a spectacular year with a thumping 6-4 6-1 victory over Alexander Zverev in the Shanghai Masters final today.

Victory for the 23-year-old Russian, contesting a sixth final in a row, was evident of the fact that he is the prime contender to join the "Big Three" of Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

The US Open finalist has finally beaten the German Zverev, another young contender at 22, in his fifth attempt and the world No. 4 needed just 74 minutes to seal the crown.

"I think the stadium was full today and you guys are amazing support, starting from my first match," Medvedev told the crowd.

Zverev, long touted as the best of the new generation of men's tennis stars, was error-prone, but had no complaints.

"As I said yesterday, you are probably the best player in the world right now," the



Daniil Medvedev beat Alexander Zverev 6-4 6-1 in the final. REUTERS

COCO BEATS OSTAPENKO FOR FIRST WTA TITLE

Linz (Austria): American teenager Coco Gauff won her first WTA title by beating Jelena Ostapenko 6-3 1-6 6-2 to capture the Upper Austria Ladies today. The 15-year-old, who reached the fourth round at the Wimbledon and third round at the US Open, bounced back after losing a one-sided second set to win comfortably.

Gauff had earlier called Linz "my little lucky place" and its charm held for the teenager throughout the final despite a late wobble. After racing out to a 5-0 lead in the deciding set, Gauff dropped two late games to before closing out the match. AFP

sent down an ace to finally get a foothold in the match and then broke back for 3-2.

The duo went with serve until Zverev conceded the set with two calamitous double faults on the trot, the last of which he transpired to gift with a horribly mishit second serve that drew a few giggles from the crowd. — Reuters

world No. 6 told Medvedev. "How you are playing is unbelievable," the German added. Medvedev made a fast start, winning his service game and then breaking Zverev's for an early 2-0 lead. Under a closed stadium roof because of rain, Zverev was suffocating, down 3-0 after 11 minutes. But the German

greatest shock in rugby history. This time, having already beaten Ireland three weeks ago, it did not even feel like a real surprise. They were faster, sharper, more inventive and, roared on by the vast majority of the delirious red-clad 72,000 crowd, absolutely relentless in everything they did as they became the first tier-two team to reach the last-8 since Fiji in 2007. Having won all four of their matches to top Pool A, they will face the Springboks again in the quarterfinals and the twice-champions will be taking absolutely nothing for granted. The result also meant that Ireland, though as runners-up, will

Italy book Euro berth, Spain in line

PARIS, OCTOBER 13
Italy became the second team to qualify for Euro 2020 after a 2-0 win over Greece, while three-time champions Spain edged closer to the finals despite conceding a stoppage-time equaliser away to Norway.

Chelsea midfielder Jorginho dispatched a second-half penalty as Italy, wearing green kits for just the second time in history, registered a seventh straight win in Group J on Saturday.

The Azzurri added a second in Rome on 78 minutes through a deflected strike from Juventus forward Federico Bernardeschi. Roberto Mancini's side joined Belgium in the draw for next year's finals, where Italy will play their first two group games at the Stadio Olimpico.

Bosnia and Herzegovina reignited their qualification hopes with a 4-1 win over second-placed Finland. A brace from Juventus midfielder Miralem Pjanic and goals from Izet Hajrovic and Armin Hodzic pushed Bosnia to within two points of Finland.



Italy players celebrate after beating Greece 2-0 on Saturday in Rome. AFP

Spain held
Spain dropped their first points in Group F as Joshua King converted a 94th-minute spot-kick to rescue a 1-1 draw for Norway following a foul by goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga on Omar Elabdellaoui.

Sergio Ramos broke the Spanish international appearances record as he won his 168th cap in Oslo to overtake Iker Casillas. The visitors led when Saul Niguez slammed home from

168 International appearances for Sergio Ramos overshadows Iker Casillas' making him the Spain's most capped player of all time

20 yards moments after half-time but Spain were denied a seventh win in a row as King's equaliser kept Norway in the running.

Sebastian Larsson netted two spot-kicks as Sweden cruised to a 4-0 rout of Malta to reclaim second place

behind Spain. Romania remain a point behind Sweden following a 3-0 win in the Faroe Islands.

Schmeichel denies Swiss win
Kasper Schmeichel produced a series of excellent saves as Denmark defeated Switzerland 1-0 to pull level with the Republic of Ireland in Group D. Leicester City goalkeeper Schmeichel pulled off superb stops before Yussuf Poulsen grabbed an 84th-minute winner in Copenhagen. — AFP

Japan reach Rugby World Cup quarters for first time

YOKOHAMA, OCTOBER 13
Japan produced a scintillating display of attacking rugby by then withheld a spirited Scottish fightback to triumph 28-21 on a memorable night in Yokohama and reach the Rugby World Cup quarterfinals for the first time.

Wing Kenki Fukuoka led the way with two tries, while Kotaro Matsushima and Keita Inagaki also scored as the hosts held off a fierce second-half assault from a team they had lost against in all seven of their previous meetings.

When Japan beat South Africa four years ago — having won only one of their previous 24 World Cup matches — it was considered the

greatest shock in rugby history. This time, having already beaten Ireland three weeks ago, it did not even feel like a real surprise. They were faster, sharper, more inventive and, roared on by the vast majority of the delirious red-clad 72,000 crowd, absolutely relentless in everything they did as they became the first tier-two team to reach the last-8 since Fiji in 2007. Having won all four of their matches to top Pool A, they will face the Springboks again in the quarterfinals and the twice-champions will be taking absolutely nothing for granted. The result also meant that Ireland, though as runners-up, will



Japan's Keita Inagaki scores a try against Scotland. Hosts beat Scotland 28-21. AFP

play New Zealand.

Tongans topple US
Osaka: Tonga gave captain

Siale Piutau the parting gift of a first victory with a 31-19 win over the United States today that left the Eagles

pointless at the end of their campaign.

Piutau, who was celebrating his 34th birthday in his

43rd and final test at his third World Cup, scored a try and kicked the last conversion at Hanazono Rugby Stadium as the Tongans finished off their tournament in style.

Tongan prop Siegfried Fisi'hoi opened the scoring and centre Malietoa Hingano crossed to give the Pacific islanders the lead around the hour mark, with fullback Telusa Veainu adding the fourth try after the final gong.

Wales overcome Uruguay
Kumamoto: A scrappy Wales were made to work hard for victory against Uruguay but prevailed with a bonus point 35-13 win in Kumamoto today to top Pool D and set up

a World Cup quarterfinal with three-time finalists France.

Wales clung to an eight-point lead with seven minutes left until a strong carry by Leigh Halfpenny scattered the Uruguayan defence and opened up a hole for Tomos Williams to settle the matter with the bonus-point try. Wales also scored tries from Nicky Smith, Josh Adams, Gareth Davies and a penalty try but coach Warren Gatland was a picture of discontent for much of the evening. His team were denied four tries, including two from forward passes, and committed a slew of handling errors on a perfect night for rugby. — Reuters

Xi pledges \$500m investment in Nepal

ECONOMIC BOUNTY Two countries ink 20 agreements to bolster bilateral ties

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13 China failed to achieve its political aim of signing an extradition treaty with Nepal, but made major economic inroads during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Kathmandu.

In a meeting with Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, Xi promised investments worth \$500 million (Nepalese Rs 56 billion) in two years, bulk of it for a highway connecting both countries which was badly damaged in the 2015 Gorkha earthquake. The transit point between Nepal and China was as a result opened only this year, but still requires extensive repairs.

A statement issued by the Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not mention the extradition treaty that would have enabled China to get back



China's President Xi Jinping shakes hands with his Nepal counterpart Bidhya Devi Bhandari as he wraps up his visit on Sunday. REUTERS



Tibetans transiting through Nepal on the way to India.

The issue of a China-Hong Kong extradition treaty had flared up the ongoing civil unrest and is also opposed by a large section of the Nepalese society.

The two sides nevertheless signed 20 agreements during the first visit by a Chinese President in two decades in areas such as connectivity, security, border management, trade, tourism and education.

A deal that evoked great interest and commentary was feasibility study of a China-Nepal cross-border railway project. The project has been on the drawing board for a couple of years amid concerns over its extraordinarily high cost and low revenue earning potential.

In fact, a railway into Nepal will take time since China's

railway currently ends 35 km from the border. India is already engaged in extending railway lines into Nepal on plain terrain and in a more populous area which translates into commercial viability of the projects. India has also activated an oil pipeline to Nepal thus ensuring against a similar Chinese project from the other side of the border.

Xi's visit also brings the promise of greater tourism to Nepal as Beijing has designated it as an approved destination for Chinese tourists.

"We want to support Nepal in realising its dream to become a land-linked country from the landlocked country," the Chinese President said.

Xi also held talks with Nepal Communist Party's co-chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and the two leaders agreed to reinforce inter-party exchanges.

Jammu-Srinagar highway reopens

JAMMU, OCTOBER 13 The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was reopened for traffic on Sunday after two days of closure due to massive

landslide at Ramban district. Hundreds of vehicles, including trucks loaded with essential commodities that were stranded on the highway,

were allowed to ply from both Jammu and Srinagar around 9.30 am after getting clearance from the agencies responsible for its maintenance. — OC

Was carrying acupressure roller while plogging: PM

Tweets poem penned during visit to TN beach

VIBHA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13 Even since Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his video "plogging"—picking up plastic litter and other waste—during his morning walk at the Mamallapuram beach in Tamil Nadu, the interest about the activity has only grown.

A day he also sought to address people's curiosity about the stick-like object he was holding while "plogging". It was an acupressure roller that he often uses, he explained while tweeting a poem about his "samvad"

Plogging is picking litter while jogging/walking. The man who initiated the movement in India, Ripu Daman Bevli, says he is feeling extremely humbled for the attention the movement has got

(conversation) with the "sagar" (ocean) while on the beach.

Picking litter while jogging/walking is what "plogging" is all about and the man who initiated the movement in India, Ripu Daman Bevli, says he is "feeling extremely humbled and full of gratitude" for the attention the movement has got with the PM talking and

leading on it from the front.

"He talked about it in his 'maan ki baat. The video of him plogging has given the movement added attention. More and more people are expressing their wish to join," he says. Bevli started the activity with his running group in Delhi around mid-2017. Later, he took it to other parts of the country.

Pope canonises Kerala nun Mariam Thresia

VATICAN CITY, OCTOBER 13

Indian nun Mariam Thresia and four others were declared Saints by Pope Francis at a grand ceremony at the Vatican City on Sunday. Mariam Thresia, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Thrissur in May 1914, was raised to the highest posi-

tion within the centuries-old institution during the ceremony at the St Peter's Square.

The nun from Kerala was canonised along with English Cardinal John Henry Newman, Swiss laywoman Marguerite Bays, Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes and Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini. — PTI

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