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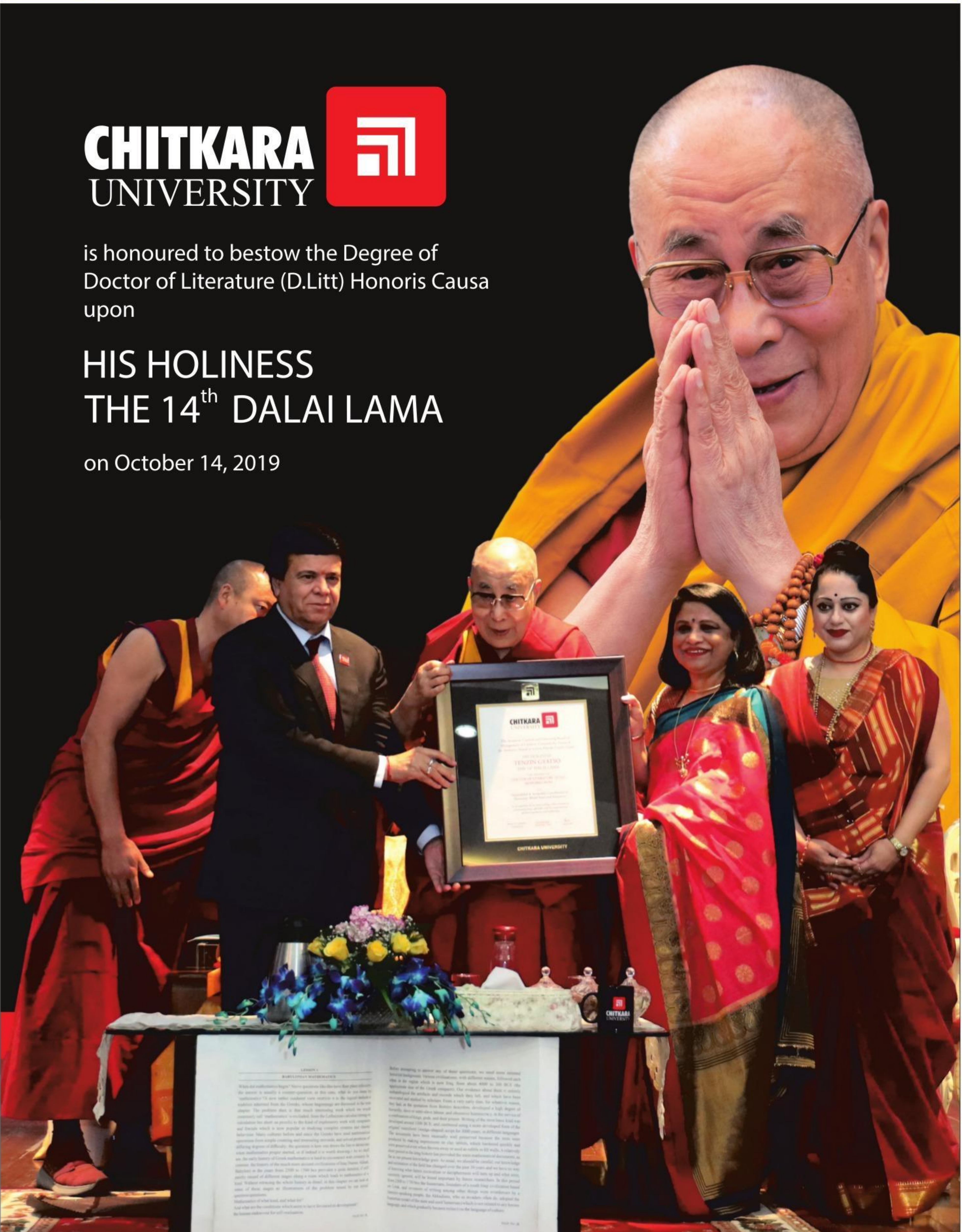
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### HIS HOLINESS THE 14<sup>th</sup> DALAI LAMA

on October 14, 2019



**LETTERS**

**WORLDWIDE WATERWAYS**

It has been a long time since I have seen the Dalai Lama. He is a great man and a great leader. He has a great heart and a great mind. He is a great teacher and a great friend. He is a great role model for all of us. He is a great inspiration for all of us. He is a great source of strength and courage for all of us. He is a great source of hope and faith for all of us. He is a great source of love and compassion for all of us. He is a great source of wisdom and knowledge for all of us. He is a great source of peace and harmony for all of us. He is a great source of joy and happiness for all of us. He is a great source of life and vitality for all of us. He is a great source of meaning and purpose for all of us. He is a great source of love and compassion for all of us. He is a great source of wisdom and knowledge for all of us. He is a great source of peace and harmony for all of us. He is a great source of joy and happiness for all of us. He is a great source of life and vitality for all of us. He is a great source of meaning and purpose for all of us.



# Economics Nobel for Indian-American

Abhijit Banerjee shares top honour with wife Esther Duflo, Harvard Prof Michael Kremer

STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 14  
Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee, his wife Esther Duflo and another economist Michael Kremer jointly won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize today “for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty”.

million Indian children have benefitted from effective programmes of remedial tutoring in schools. Another example is the heavy subsidies for preventive healthcare that have been introduced in many countries, it added.

Duflo said receiving the prize was “incredibly humbling”. Banerjee, 58, was educated at the University of Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Harvard University, where he received his PhD in 1988. He is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, according to his profile on the MIT website.

Duflo, born in 1972, is the Abdul Latif Jameel Professor of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics in the Department of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a co-founder and co-director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL).

Banerjee supervised Duflo's PhD with Joshua Angrist in 1990. The duo got married in 2015 and their co-authored book ‘Good Economics in Hard Times’ will hit the stands this week.

Kremer, 54, is a development economist, who is currently the Gates Professor of Developing Societies at Harvard University. — PTI

## ABHIJIT BANERJEE

**Born:** February 21, 1961 (58), Kolkata  
**Nationality:** American  
**Spouse:** Arundhati Tuli Banerjee (divorced) Esther Duflo (married in 2015-present)  
**Institution:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Field:** Development Economics  
**Alma mater:** South Point School, Calcutta Presidency University, Calcutta (1981) Jawaharlal Nehru University (1983) Harvard University (1988)  
**Doctoral adviser:** Eric Maskin  
**Doctoral student:** Esther Duflo



“Indian economy is on a shaky ground. The data currently available do not hold any assurance for the country's economic revival anytime soon.” Abhijit Banerjee

## HARVARD PASSOUT NOW TEACHES AT MIT

**1** Banerjee is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after he had taught at Harvard University and Princeton University

**2** His work focuses on development economics. Together with Esther Duflo, Michael Kremer, John A List and Sendhil Mullainathan, he has proposed field experiments as an important methodology to discover causal relationships in economics

**3** He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004

**4** Was honoured with the Infosys Prize 2009 in the social sciences category of economics. He is also the recipient of the inaugural Infosys Prize in the category of social sciences

**5** In 2012, he shared the Gerald Loeb Award Honorable Mention for Business Book with co-author Esther Duflo for their book Poor Economics

**6** In 2013, he was named by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to a panel of experts tasked with updating the Millennium Development Goals after 2015



**MICHAEL KREMER** (54) is a development economist, who is currently the Gates Professor of Developing Societies at Harvard University.

**French-American ESTHER DUFLO** (46), former adviser to ex-US president Barack Obama, is the second woman and the youngest ever to win this prize.

## HAS MADE NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION: PM

“Congratulations to Abhijit Banerjee on being conferred the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. He has made notable contributions to the field of poverty alleviation

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

## VERY VERY HAPPY AND DELIGHTED: SEN

I am very very happy and delighted over Abhijit Binayak Banerjee jointly winning the Nobel in Economics. I think that the prize has been given to the most competent persons

Amartya Sen, NOBEL LAUREATE



# Pioneer in work on poverty eradication

SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN

ABHIJIT BANERJEE, co-winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics, recently caught public eye in India because of his reported advice to Rahul Gandhi to launch a minimum income-guarantee scheme before the elections.

Banerjee, however, has been at the global high table for economics for much longer, along with his French spouse Esther Duflo and colleague Michael Kremer who also won the Nobel, for their radically new approach to poverty alleviation in developing countries.

The randomised control trials used routinely by the pharmaceutical industry to evaluate impact of drugs was transposed by them onto studies to determine which policies would really help the poor.

The path-breaking book ‘Poor Economics’ by Banerjee and Duflo gave simple answers to complex policy issues plaguing many emerging economies. The answers were based on hard evidence learnt through RCT in many developing countries. Their research led to insights into the behavioural patterns of poor families with the oft-quoted case of the Moroccan farmer who preferred to buy a TV rather than food simply because, like all of us, he was bored. Or the fact that a small incentive would lead Kenyan families to buy bed nets with mosquito repel-

lents, dramatically reducing malaria deaths in that country. India has also benefited from Banerjee and Duflo's research.

A presentation at the World Economic Forum by Duflo on the impact of de-worming on children's health led to the creation of ‘Deworm the World’ initiative to support global de-worming efforts.

## For India, it is the second Nobel Prize winner in economics after Amartya Sen

DiW, with which I was associated for a while as a media consultant, supported mass de-worming in several Indian states, including Bihar and Rajasthan. It was then converted into a fully government-funded nationwide programme in 2015, in recognition of its significant impact on long-term health of children.

Remedial learning programmes in this country have also been a direct result of research outcomes by Banerjee and his partners. My linkage with the de-worming initiative became my introduction to the evidence-based work of Banerjee and Duflo. They founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-Pal), which conducted numerous RCT projects all over the world to provide the evidence needed to answer many questions over how to use policy to eradicate poverty.



“I am very happy and proud of his achievements. I am yet to speak to him.... He was always a brilliant and a disciplined student”  
Nirmala Patankar, BANERJEE'S MOTHER

# Kolkata basks in its prodigal son's glory

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 14  
Amid the ongoing political rigmarole in West Bengal, the news of Kolkata's Abhijit getting the Nobel Prize for Economics has given the Bengalis something to cheer. “To look for heroes, we have to go back to ‘Bengal renaissance’ and take recourse to people who were product of the renaissance. After Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen and cricketer Saurav Ganguly, Abhijit Banerjee fills the huge void that exists

in Bengal of having internationally recognised icons,” says Achintya Biswas, former vice-chancellor of Gaur Banga University, Malda.

“We are very happy that Abhijit has been awarded the prestigious award. He is absolutely brilliant,” says Avirup Sarkar, Professor of Economics at the Indian Statistical Institute. Complimenting Abhijit, Sarkar also pays tribute to late Dipak Banerjee, Abhijit's father.

Dipak Banerjee, who studied at the London School of Economics (LSE), and later

taught at Kolkata's Presidency College, was a legend in his own right. Dipak, who passed away in 2007, enjoyed a lot of respect among students.

Dipak was married to Nirmala Patankar, also an LSE graduate. Abhijit, who was born in Mumbai, carries middle name Binayak, showing his Maharashtra connect from the mother's side. Abhijit's grandfather was a school headmaster.

He studied in Kolkata's South Point School, where the “bhadralok” (gentlefolk) Bengalis living in the snooty Ballygunge area and its neighbour-

hood send their children to.

In 1981, her completed his BSc from Presidency College (now a university), which boasts of producing stalwarts in the field of economics such as Amartya Sen and late Sukhamoy Chakraborty.

After his Class XII, he initially took admission in the B Stat programme at the famed Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, but left it midway to study economics at Presidency College as ISI was far from his home. Banerjee completed his postgraduation from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

# He conceptualised NYAY: Rahul

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14  
Former PM Manmohan Singh led the salutations for economist Abhijit Banerjee who today received the Nobel Prize in Economics.

Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and former party chief Rahul Gandhi also joined Singh in lauding the economist. Manmohan Singh in a personally signed letter to Banerjee said, “It gives me immense pleasure and pride to know that you are now the second Indian to receive a Nobel Prize in Eco-

“Abhijit helped conceptualise NYAY that had the power to destroy poverty. Instead we now have Modinomics, that's destroying the economy

Rahul Gandhi, FORMER CONG CHIEF

nomics, after my dear friend Prof Amartya Sen.”

Singh said he was delighted that Banerjee's wife has also received the award. While he confined his congratulatory message to Banerjee's body of work, Rahul drew the link between Congress' LS election

manifesto promise of NYAY — minimum income guarantee scheme — and Banerjee.

Gandhi took swipes at PM in his praise for Banerjee and wrote, “Abhijit helped conceptualise NYAY that had the power to destroy poverty and boost Indian economy. Instead we now have Modinomics, that's destroying the economy and boosting poverty.”

Sonia said, “Apart from making the nation of his origin proud, Banerjee's and his fellow recipient's work has helped millions across the globe come out of poverty.”

## INDIAN, INDIAN-ORIGIN LAUREATES

Year	Name	Field
1913	Rabindranath Tagore	Literature
1930	CV Raman	Physics
1938	Har Gobind Khorana	Physiology/Medicine
1979	Mother Teresa	Peace
1983	Subramanyam Chandrasekhar	Physics
1993	Amartya Sen	Economic Sciences
2009	Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Chemistry
2014	Kailash Satyarthi	Peace
2019	Abhijit Banerjee	Economics

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## CBI moves SC ahead of PC's bail plea hearing

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14  
Ahead of Tuesday's hearing of bail plea of P Chidambaram, the CBI on Monday moved the SC against the former minister in the INX Media case.

The probe agency has contested the Delhi High Court's finding that Chidambaram was not a flight risk. The high court had rejected his bail plea on the ground that he might influence witnesses. Meanwhile, a Delhi court reserved its orders on the Enforcement Directorate's plea seeking to arrest and interrogate him in the INX case. — TNS



Rescue operation under way at the site of building collapse following a blast in Mau district of Uttar Pradesh on Monday. PTI

# 13 die, 15 injured in LPG cylinder blast

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 14  
A double-storey house collapsed under the impact of an LPG cylinder blast in Mau district this morning, killing at least 13 persons and leaving 15 others injured.

While 10 persons died on the spot, others succumbed to injuries at the Azamgarh district hospital, where the injured were taken for treatment.

District Magistrate Gyan Prakash Tripathi apprehended that the death toll could rise as more persons were believed to be trapped under the debris. While the fire brigade and local police were handling the rescue operation,

a team of the State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) had been requisitioned from Gorakhpur to join the rescue operations.

According to eyewitnesses, the blast occurred in the kitchen of a house belonging to Chotu Badhai and the fire spread rapidly. People from a nearby tea stall rushed for help but were trapped inside. Within no time, the house collapsed, trapping several persons, including six women from Badhai's family. JCB machines were pressed into service to remove the debris.

Yogi Adityanath, CM, has expressed condolences to the family of the deceased. — TNS

# SC seeks govt reply on filing RTI pleas online

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14  
The Supreme Court today asked the Centre and states to respond in two weeks to a PIL demanding setting up of a web portal for filing RTI applications online.

A Bench headed by Justice NV Ramana gave two weeks to the Centre and states to file their replies after senior advocate Sanjay Hegde submitted on behalf of the petitioner that only 10 states had responded.

The Bench, which had on August 26 issued notices to the Centre and states on a PIL filed by Pravasi Legal Cell, also gave two weeks to the petitioner for filing its rejoinder and posted the matter for hearing after four weeks.

The Centre has established an online RTI portal in which any citizen, including NRIs, can apply for information under the RTI Act with the desired ministry or department. The Centre had in 2013 requested state governments to explore the feasibility of implementing online RTI but only Maharashtra and Delhi

## PIL on linking Aadhaar to social media rejected

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a PIL seeking a direction to the Centre to introduce measures to link social media accounts with Aadhaar to check fake news and paid news, saying everything didn't need to come to it. Noting that the issue was already pending before the Madras High Court, a Bench headed by Justice Deepak Gupta gave liberty to the petitioner, Delhi BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, to approach the high court. ms

had executed it so far, and in most states, RTI applications were filed through hand-written applications.

The NGO said it had approached the authorities concerned with a representation in March this year but no response was received. “A person seeking information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act from any department of the state government, at present has to make a physical application and cannot do so through any electronic means,” the petition

submitted. It said “online web portal will only help the Indian citizens, including the NRIs, by speedy dissemination of information requested”.

## Seeks report on stubble fires

As Delhi's air quality deteriorated to “very poor”, the Supreme Court on Monday sought a status report from the Environment Ministry in two weeks on the recommendations of a task force on prevention of stubble-burning in Punjab, Haryana and western UP. Senior advocate Aparajita Singh — who has been amicus curiae in pollution-related cases — told a Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change should be asked to file a status report on the problem.

The amicus curiae drew the court's attention to the January 29, 2018, order of the court passed after perusing a report of a sub-committee of the high-level task force on prevention of stubble-burning in these three states was accepted.

# Four hockey players killed in MP mishap

HOSHANGABAD, OCTOBER 14  
Four hockey players, heading for a Dhyan Chand Trophy match, were killed and three others injured on Monday when their car overturned after hitting a tree in Madhya Pradesh's Hoshangabad district.

The accident occurred around 7 am near Raisalpur village on National Highway 69, about 12 km from the district headquarters, Hoshangabad Dehat police station incharge Ashish Pawar said.

While trying to avoid collision with a vehicle coming from the opposite direction, the car driver lost control over the vehicle which hit a tree and overturned, he said.

The players were returning from Itarsi after celebrating birthday of a friend and were heading to Hoshangabad for the Dhyan Chand Trophy match scheduled on Monday, he said.

The deceased, all in the age group of 18 to 22 years, were identified as Shahnawaz Hussain (Indore), Adarsh Hardua (Itarsi), Ashish Lal (Jabalpur) and Aniket Varun (Gwalior).

The injured players — Shan Gladwin (Itarsi), Sahil Choure



Mangled remains of a car in Hoshangabad on Monday. PTI

## The victims were heading to Hoshangabad for the Dhyan Chand Trophy

(Itarsi) and Akshay Awasthi (Gwalior) — were admitted to Narmada Apna Hospital in Hoshangabad, he added.

All players, except Gladwin who was driving the car, were enrolled at Bhopal's MP Hockey Academy.

Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath expressed grief over the deaths. The CM declared financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh each to the family members of the deceased from his discretionary fund. These families will also get Rs 5 lakh as the players were insured by the state's sports department.

Niraj Rai Bahotra of Dhyan Chand Hockey Academy said they had cancelled the event due to the tragedy. — PTI



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## Plan ₹1 cr relief for slain cops' kin: Guv

Backs communication curbs, says citizens' safety first

JAMMU/KATHUA, OCTOBER 14  
With mobile services restored in the Kashmir valley, Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik yet again defended the communication blockade, saying "the safety of the common man is more important than telephone services".

"We stopped mobile services because terrorists used it for their activities. For us, the life of a Kashmiri is more important than cellphones. We have been able to save several lives (since revocation of Article 370)," he said at a function in Kathua.

The Governor said now that normalcy had returned and tourists had started to arrive in Kashmir, Internet services would also be restored soon. Announcing that his administration was working on a proposal to enhance compensation for the next of kin of police officers killed in the line of duty up to Rs 1 crore, he said: "The matter was taken up with then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. It



A woman talks on a mobile phone in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

### DRIVER KILLED IN SHOPIAN, TRUCK SET ABLAZE

Anantnag: A driver was killed as miscreants set ablaze a truck carrying apples in Shopian district, the police said. The truck, with a Rajasthan-registration number, was set ablaze on way to Jammu. The body was found inside the truck. oc

was requested that the Centre's share be hiked by Rs 25 lakh and that the state would contribute likewise. But this could not be achieved because of bureaucratic issues. It is my wish to enhance this amount to Rs 1 crore and this will be done before I leave J&K,"

Malik told police personnel at Kathua. On September 25 last year, J&K had hiked ex gratia to Rs 70 lakh from Rs 48 lakh for police officers and from Rs 14.50 lakh to Rs 30 lakh for Special Police Officers (SPOs). "We will stand by our policemen," Malik said. — TNS

## Postpaid mobiles active in Valley, no Net for now

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14  
After 70 days of communication blockade, postpaid mobile services were restored in the Valley today. People were seen calling up friends and relatives as the service was reactivated around 11.45 am.

"I finally managed to call my sister in Delhi after 70 days. She broke down on hearing my voice," said Imtiyaz Ahmad, a local.

Chaos was witnessed at offices of mobile operators where people queued up for new connections or clearing bills. On October 12, government spokesperson Rohit Kansal had said services would resume on Monday noon, adding there were 40 lakh postpaid subscribers.

There is, however, no word on restoration of prepaid services. The Internet blockade imposed on August 5 remains.

## Pak facing FATF heat to rein in terror: Doval

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Noting that Pakistan has been under tremendous pressure at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to rein in terror groups operating from its soil, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval today asked top security and investigative agencies officials to work diligently in "perception management" as it is a key to fighting terrorism. He also asked them to adopt a transparent media policy.

Doval, addressing ATS chiefs at a conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), said without publicity, terrorism could not sustain for long. No country could afford to go for a war as financial and human costs were huge, he said. NIA chief



Jamaat looking to spread tentacles across India, says NIA chief

YC Modi said the Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was trying to spread tentacles across India and a list of 125 suspects had been shared with states. — TNS

### ISLAMABAD MUST TRY LeT LEADERS: US

Washington: Pakistan must prevent militant groups from operating on its soil and prosecute top Lashkar-e-Toiba operatives along with its leader Hafiz Saeed, the US has said ahead of the FATF's decision on whether to blacklist the country. "The victims of LeT's vicious attacks deserve to see these individuals prosecuted now, along with LeT leader Hafiz Saeed," tweeted Alice Wells, head of US state department's South and Central Asian bureau, while welcoming Thursday's arrest of four leaders of LeT and JuD. PTI

## KLF plotting to create trouble in Punjab: NIA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Amid reports of ISI attempts to revive Sikh militancy in Punjab, the NIA today said Khalistan Liberation Front (KLF) was conspiring to disrupt communal harmony in the state with support from across the border.

Speaking at a conference of the chiefs of Anti-Terror Squads, NIA Inspector-General Alok Mittal said the attempts were being funded by Khalistan sympathisers in the UK, Canada, Australia and France. He said a list of 130 terror suspects had been shared with states for necessary action. On jihadi activities, Mittal said 127 persons had been arrested for IS links and most had confessed to being influenced by speeches of preacher Zakir Naik. — TNS

## SC orders security for wakf board chief

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The Supreme Court today ordered the UP Government to provide security "forthwith" to the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Wakf Board Chairperson Zafar Ahmed Farooqui after he expressed apprehension about threat to his life.

The direction was issued just before the five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi rose after the 38th day of hearing.

Farooqui had recently sought resumption of mediation to solve the vexed Ram Jambhoomi-Babri Masjid

**AYODHYA CASE**  
"Your Lordship didn't ask questions to the other side. All questions have been asked to us only. Of course, we are answering them." Rajeev Dhavan, SENIOR ADVOCATE



dispute at Ayodhya. The Bench, which also comprised Justices SA Bobde, DY

Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, passed the order on the basis of a communication sent to it by senior advocate Sriram Panchu, a member of the mediation committee. Farooqui had informed the mediation panel member about the threat to his life.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, representing Muslim parties, alleged Farooqui might be facing threat from the state government itself, but the Bench chose to ignore his comments.

During the day, Dhavan alleged that questions were

asked only from them and not from the Hindu side. "Your Lordship didn't ask question to the other side. All questions have been asked to us only. Of course, we are answering them," he told the Bench.

As Dhavan made submissions, senior advocate CS Vaideyanathan, representing "Ram Lalla" said, "This is totally unwarranted."

Dhavan is likely to conclude his arguments in the pre-lunch session on Tuesday. The Hindu side will make its final submissions in the post-lunch session tomorrow. — TNS

## FM's husband calls for adopting Singh model

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A scathing article on the state of economy by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's husband has left the BJP red-faced. Sitharaman's husband Parakala Prabhakar, in the article, has suggested that the BJP has been unable to propose any economic framework of its own.

If that "wasn't an embarrassment enough" for a government that has seen enough indicators of slowdown, including a lowered GDP projection, Prabhakar advised the Narendra Modi government to "embrace" his predecessors' — former Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and PV Narasimha Rao — economic model.

Prabhakar, an economist, comes from a political family

### BJP RED-FACED

"At the end of the day, Dr Manmohan Singh's reform model continues to be the ultimate benchmark of development for the economy." Somen Mitra, CONGRESS

and both his parents were Andhra legislators. The family was associated with Rao. He has been part of 'Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development', something very close to the Gandhis, which he resigned from later.

In a no-holds-barred attack on the Modi government, Prabhakar said: "In economic policy, the party mainly adopted 'Neti, Neti' (not this, not this), without articulating what was its own Niti (policy)." — IANS

## Centre orders release of five Punjab cops

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

The Centre today ordered the release of five Punjab Police personnel, undergoing sentence in connection with cases pertaining to terrorism days, on humanitarian grounds. The move has been welcomed by CM Capt Amarinder Singh.

A communication by the Home Ministry said, "The Government of India has accepted the request of the Government of Punjab for the grant of special remission and release of five Punjab Police personnel undergoing sentence in different jails for offences committed during militancy period in Punjab."

The state government had earlier pushed for relief for 15 convicted cops in an apparent bid to balance out the move to release some terrorists. — TNS

### IN BRIEF

#### Chinmayanand extortion case hearing adjourned to Oct 26

Shahjahanpur (UP): A magisterial court prosecuting a woman law student and her three male friends for allegedly trying to extort money from Chinmayanand, BJP leader accused of sexually exploiting the woman, on Monday adjourned the hearing to October 26 after briefly taking it up through video conferencing. PTI

#### Serving judge Mendiratta new Union Law Secretary

New Delhi: In a first, a serving district and sessions judge was on Monday appointed as Union Law Secretary. Anoop Kumar Mendiratta has been appointed new Law Secretary (Secretary, Legal Affairs) in the Union Law Ministry, according to a Personnel Ministry order. Mendiratta is at present the District and Sessions Judge, North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi. PTI



JJP nominee Dushyant Chautala flanked by supporters while campaigning in Uchana Kalan.

## 'Mother of all battles' at Uchana

SUSHIL MANAV  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

UCHANA KALAN, OCTOBER 14  
A group of five-six persons seated on chairs outside a house in Gheso Khurd village of Uchana Kalan Assembly segment in Jind are engaged in an animated discussion on the upcoming polls. The Tribune asks them as to who would be the winner. The response is fiercely divided.

In Uchana Kalan, the land of 'Bangar', Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) convener Dushyant Chautala is pitted against Rajya Sabha member Birender Singh's wife Prem Lata of the BJP. It is believed the seat will witness the "mother of all electoral battles" with other candidates, including those of the Congress and the INLD, rendered inconsequential. The constituency has been the stronghold of Sir Chhotu Ram's grandson Birender Singh, who won this seat five



Prem Lata with CM ML Khattar.

### HARYANA POLLS

2019  
BIGWIGS ON THE GO  
YOGESHWAR READY FOR BOUT  
SURJEWALA LOCKED IN KEEN  
CONTEST WITH BJP'S GUJJAR

times on the Congress ticket since 1977 when he entered electoral politics as a youth leader. His wife Prem Lata won the seat in 2014 as BJP nominee. But in 2009, former CM Om Prakash Chautala trounced Birender Singh by a little over 600 votes. Pitted against Prem Lata in 2014, Dushyant was defeated

by a margin of over 7,000 votes. In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls contested by Dushyant from Hisar, Uchana Kalan gave him a huge lead of 50,000 votes against Kuldeep Bishnoi of the BJP-HJC, while in 2019 Birender Singh's son managed a lead of over 8,000 votes.

"Dushyant will surely win this time. He is very popular, particularly among the youth and women. He is young and has a lot of fresh ideas for generating employment," say youngsters in Karsindhu village. "We always backed the Chautalas. But the expulsion of Dushyant and his brother Digvijay from the INLD has hurt us. The people will now stand by them," says an elderly woman at Gheso Khurd village. Raj Pal and Ramesh Jangra from the same village, however, differ. "Dushyant is popular only among Jat youth and women.

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## We're stronger post 370 scrapping: PM

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BALLABGARH, OCTOBER 14  
Abolition of Article 370 has made India stronger not only within but also globally, sending out the message that India stood united, PM Narendra Modi said at a rally here today. Modi spoke at length on revocation of Article 370. "It has saved Jammu and Kashmir of political turbulence," he said. "Only five months into the second term, our government has already taken big and bold decisions. I dare the Opposition to revoke this decision (abolition of Article 370)," the PM said, pointing out that thousands of jawans from Haryana had lost their lives while fighting terrorism. He said two lakh ex-service-



PM Narendra Modi at Ballabgarh.

### Thousands of jawans from Haryana died fighting terror: Modi

men in the state had benefited from "one rank, one pension". On the Rafale deal, the PM said efforts by certain leaders to get the deal cancelled had failed.

## Modi 'loudspeaker' of Adani, Ambani: Rahul

NUH, OCTOBER 14

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi today described PM Narendra Modi as "loudspeaker" for Ambani and Adani and accused the BJP of following Britishers' policy of divide and rule.

Addressing a rally here for Congress candidates, he said the BJP and RSS were creating a divide between Hindus and Muslims, rich and poor and people from Maharashtra and Haryana. "The economy has shattered... He brought demonetisation, which he said was a fight against black money. But who stood in line? Did you see Ambani, Adani there? He put money in pocket of businessmen. He then brought the Gabbar tax" he told the crowds. — TNS



Rahul Gandhi at Nuh.

### CM CALLS SONIA 'CHUHIYA'

At Kharkhoda near Sonapat, CM ML Khattar mocked the Congress effort at finding a replacement for Rahul Gandhi with the party ending up picking someone from the Gandhi family again. "Khoda pahar, niklee chuhiya," he remarked. PTI

## Push to eco-tourism, bids for 15 sites invited

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 14  
To promote eco-tourism, the Forest Department in Himachal Pradesh has invited bids for 15 new sites.

As per the new policy, the promoter will have to seek clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Prior to that, the department had leased out sites without any clearance, to which the Cen-

### FIVE IN PVT HANDS

- Projects being run at five sites, all leased out to private players
- These include Ala Fort Rest House, Dalhousie; the camping sites at Shoghi, Barog and Chewa and Moti Kunah Hill Top camping
- The state earns a revenue of ₹98.75 lakh/per annum from these sites



Their lease period has expired but lease amount not raised

was reduced to Rs 50 lakh and the application amount of Rs 5,000 too waived off.

The private players will have to seek clearance from the Centre for use of forest land for non-forest commercial activity. They will have to pay the net present value (NPV) for a hectare of land at Rs 7 lakh besides undertaking mandatory compensatory plantation on two hectares.

The Forest Department is running 31 eco-tourism sites

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## Study Guru's visit to Nepal, CM tells varsity

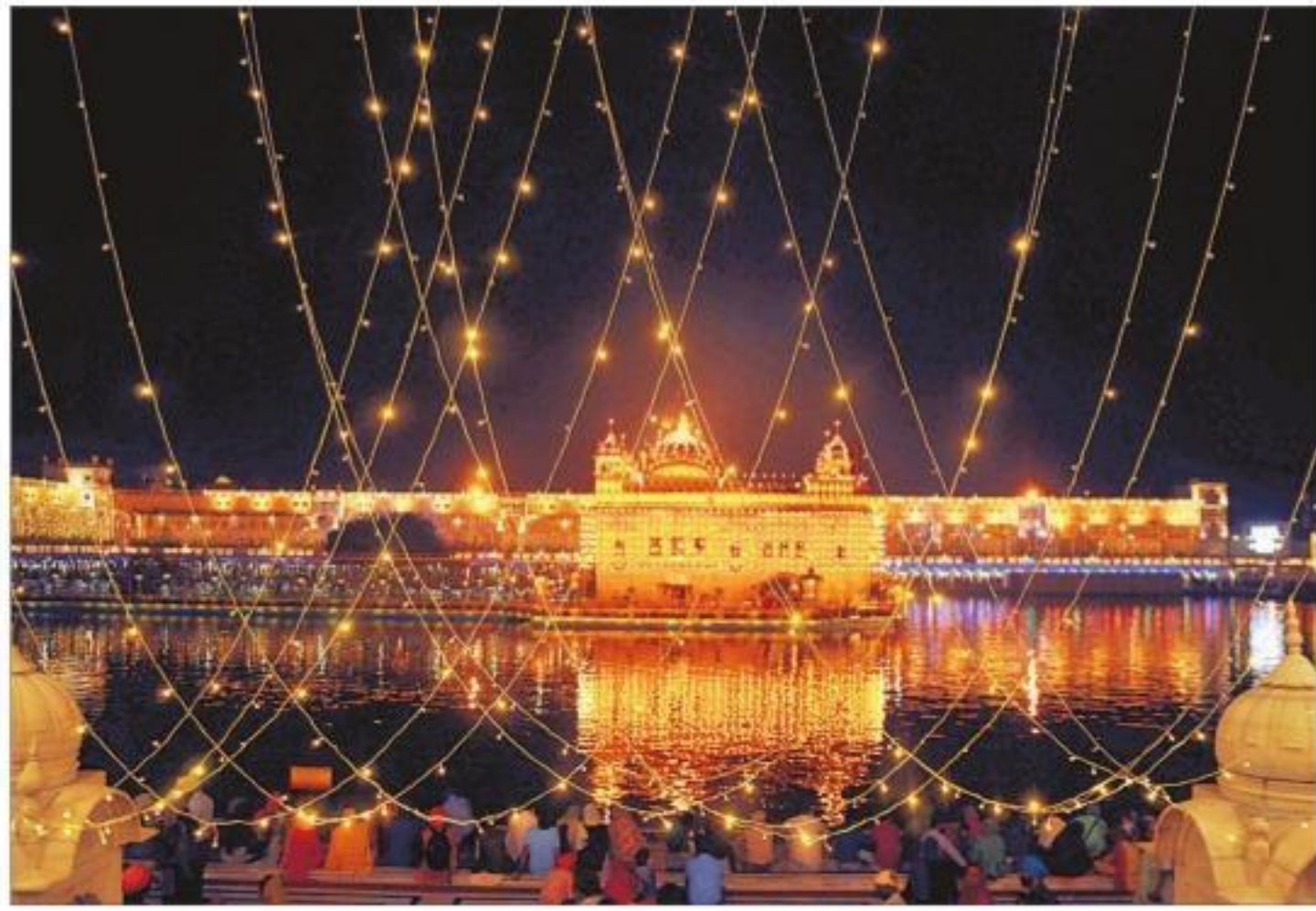
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14 Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today asked Punjabi University, Patiala, to undertake an extensive research on the holy journey ('udasi') of Guru Nanak Dev to Nepal.

Addressing a gathering of Sikh intellectuals, academicians and scholars during a presentation on Sikh heritage of Nepal at Punjab Bhawan here, the CM said Nepal had a strong Sikh connect. Guru Nanak had blessed the holy land during his 'udasi', aimed at redeeming mankind from suffering and pain, he said. The Chief Minister suggested that research on the subject would go a long way in exploring new dimensions to Guru Nanak's visit to Nepal. He extended an invite to the Punjabi diaspora settled in Nepal to attend the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations at Sultanpur Lodhi. — TNS

## Floating show to begin in Ropar from Oct 17

ROPAR, OCTOBER 14 A two-day floating light and sound show commemorating 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak will start here on the waters of Sutlej on October 17. The venue will be the backside of Ropar headworks office, near the canal rest house. While static digital light and sound shows dedicated to the 550th Gurpurb of Guru Nanak are scheduled to be held at 26 places all over the state, the floating light and sound shows starting from Ropar will be held at various places on Sutlej and Beas rivers in Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Gurdaspur, Moga, Kapurthla, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh.

While preparation to float a set on the river waters is in full swing, Deputy Commissioner Sumeet Jarangal said there would be two floating light and sound shows both days. — TNS



An illuminated Golden Temple on the eve of the birth anniversary of Guru Ram Das on Monday. VISHAL KUMAR

## Stalemate continues, Channi fails to meet Takht Jathedar

**JOINT EVENT** Minister to deliver CM's message today

GS PAUL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 14 There is no end to differences between the state government and the SGPC over a joint programme on the occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev at Sultanpur Lodhi on November 12.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had sent a message for Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh through Cabinet Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, who is also government's representative in the coordination committee, but the message could not be delivered due to non-availability of the Jathedar.

Channi claimed that Giani Harpreet Singh could not keep the appointment that was fixed for 9.30 am. The Jathedar, on the other hand, claimed that no time slot was fixed for the meeting.

"No meeting was scheduled with Channi today. I returned from Bathinda to initiate the nagar kirtan to mark the Parkash Purb of Guru Ram Das here. Channi could have met me after the programme. I would be available at Akal

"I have sought another time slot and whenever Jathedar permits, I will meet him. We will keep making efforts to break the deadlock over joint celebrations.

Charanjit Singh Channi, CABINET MINISTER



"Efforts are on that instead of separate programmes, a joint event is held. If need be, Akal Takht may call both sides to break the ice over the issue.

Giani Harpreet Singh, AKAL TAKHT JATHEDAR

Takht secretariat till noon on Tuesday. He is welcome to meet me and discuss the government's viewpoint over the event," he said.

Alleging that the SGPC was playing into the hands of the SAD, Channi said he had no problem in meeting Giani Harpreet Singh again. While the SGPC has planned to hold celebrations at Guru Nanak Stadium, the government has erected a huge pandal by spending Rs 50 crore behind the historic Gurdwara Ber Sahib in Sultanpur Lodhi. The two sides are yet to decide on a common stage which is expected to be graced by the President, the PM, CMs of var-

ious states and dignitaries from across the world.

"The CM's message is in a sealed envelope. It is surely in context of holding joint celebrations on November 12. I came here to deliver this message to Giani Harpreet Singh, but he could not turn up apparently due to his occupancy in Gurmat programmes," he said.

When asked if he made efforts to meet SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal, he said, "The CM's message is meant for the Jathedar. I was told that he would be available in the afternoon, but I had to return due to my prior commitments," he said.

## Only 50% work completed, corridor to breach deadline

Will be inaugurated with makeshift arrangements as scheduled

RAVI DHALIWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DERA BABA NANAK, OCTOBER 14 Putting to rest speculation whether the Kartarpur corridor project will be completed before the October 31 deadline, the consensus that emerged at a high-level meeting held between various stakeholders at the zero-line today was that the venture might not see the light of day by then and that it will be an incomplete corridor that will be thrown open to the public with makeshift facilities.

The corridor comprises of two parts, the road and the ICP. The 4.6-km stretch of road being built by a Ludhiana-based firm contracted by the NHAI is almost complete. However, what is ranking officials is the construction of the multi-storied ICP. The Land Ports Authority of India, tasked with its construction, has contracted Mumbai-based Shapoorji Palonji Group for the job.

Despite the fact that 2,000 labourers are working in three shifts, the ICP is just halfway mark. The project has been delayed after land acquisition



Officials admit that going by the tardy pace of work, the corridor may not meet the deadline. TRIBUNE PHOTO



### LAND ACQUISITION CAUSED DELAY

The corridor comprises of two parts, the road and the ICP. Despite the fact that 2,000 labourers are working in three shifts, the ICP is just halfway mark. Officials are thinking of operationalising it with temporary immigration and security checking facilities. The project has been delayed after land acquisition took a long time.

took a long time. Later, the supply of sand and gravel was disrupted, bringing construction to a halt. The state government was represented by Cabinet minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, CM's Chief Principal Secretary and Special Principal Secretary, Suresh Kumar

and Gurkeerat Kirpal Singh, Secretary (PWD) Hussan Lal and DGP Dinkar Gupta.

The Union Government was represented by Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, LPAI Chairman and Director Govind Mohan and Raman Sharma respectively, Member (planning and

development) Akhil Saxena and vice president of Ceigall India Ltd Jeetendra Singh.

Sources said Govind Mohan and Bhalla, after visiting the site, admitted that going by the tardy pace of work the corridor could not meet its deadline.

## Cong sees Sukhbir's role in SGPC tender

MLAs say several firms offered to do same work for ₹2 crore

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SULTANPUR LODHI, OCTOBER 14 Congress MLAs Navtej Singh Cheema and Harminder Singh Gill today said the SGPC had allotted the ₹11-crore tender for the 550th Parkash Purb celebrations to a "non-deserving company on the recommendations of SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal to loot Guru Di Golak."

Addressing a press conference here at the PWD rest house, both alleged, "It was Sukhbir Badal who ordered the SGPC to scuttle the

efforts of the Punjab government for joint celebrations as the SGPC floated the tender for functions on September 13. While doing so, he even ignored the fact that a meeting of the joint committee had been fixed on September 17 on the directions of Jathedar, Akal Takht."

They alleged that the SGPC had allotted the tender to a Noida-based company, which had a meagre capital share worth Rs 5 lakh and 20 employees. Raising questions, both MLAs alleged that the company submitted its bid on September 23

and the tender was allotted to it just two days later. "The SGPC has also paid them 50 per cent of the amount in advance, which has never happened earlier," they alleged.

They said that on the directions of its political masters, the SGPC even ignored that many of the applicants even offered to organise the function for Rs 2 crore.

Reminding SAD leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal about the organisation of functions during the 300 years of Khalsa Installation Day at Anandpur Sahib during the SAD tenure,

both Congress leaders said at that time the main stage was arranged by late Cabinet Minister Capt Kamaljeet Singh where late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee was also present.

Both MLAs urged the Jathedar of Akal Takht Sahib, Amritsar, to order the SGPC to cancel the tender to save the money of the Sikh sangat.

SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal rubbished the allegations. "The state government should refrain from indulging in such politics and let the Sikh body hold religious functions," he said.



Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama at Chitkara University near Rajpura on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## May visit China, Tibet: Dalai Lama

RAVNEET SINGH

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PATIALA, OCTOBER 14

Over 60 years after he came to India, the Dalai Lama today said there was a possibility of him visiting China and Tibet in near future.

"It is very possible. Within the next two or three years," the religious leader of Tibetans said, adding that India would remain his permanent place of residence as it offered freedom while there was 'no freedom' in China.

Speaking to mediapersons, after he was conferred with a honorary doctorate of literature at Chitkara University in Rajpura, the Dalai Lama said he could visit China and Tibet in the next two or three years. He said, "India is a democratic country while China is governed by the party (Communist Party of China). There is no proper rule of law. But I love China, particularly the Buddhists there, and I want to visit and help them."

Referring to the message of

non-violence of Mahatma Gandhi, he said India could lead in spreading the message of 'ahimsa' (non-violence) and 'karuna' (mercy). He said, "Dependence on military forces is outdated and the present generation needs to spread the message of non-violence and peace. In India, people of all religions live together." The Dalai Lama also called for efforts towards the global warming issue. "We should plant more trees, rather than killing each other," he said.

## Enough promises, time to act: Dakha women

Raise voice against drug menace, unemployment; form groups to get themselves heard

HARSHRAJ SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 14

Though no woman candidate is contesting the Dakha byelection, they are no longer confining themselves to the four walls. Many women in the constituency are raising voice on various issues, including drug menace and unemployment. They are even forming groups to get their voice heard.

On such group is seen making appeal to the voters not to cast vote for drugs. Besides demanding employment for the rural youth, they want complete eradication of drugs. Youth in several areas in the constituency are hooked on to 'chitta' and intoxicating pills. The menace has affected a large number of families. The women don't even want liquor vends in their villages.

Eleven candidates are in the fray and all are men. Gurinder Kaur, president, Janwadi Istri Sabha, said, "Unemployment and drugs



Women of Gujjarwal village take a vow to stay united in fight against drug menace. TRIBUNE PHOTO

are major issues. We don't want any more family to get ruined by drugs. A number of youngsters are hooked on to 'chitta' and pills. The supply of such drugs should be stopped. There shouldn't even be liquor vends in villages. We will hold a rally to create awareness. If any candidate or his supporter is found distributing drugs for seeking votes, we will openly oppose them."

"Youth are not getting jobs



even after higher education. It is the responsibility of the government to create jobs. Many women in villages would like to work if enough job opportunities are created. Before every poll, candidates make umpteen prom-

ises, but forget these soon after winning," she added. Daljit Kaur of Gujjarwal village said, "During the election, NRIs come to the villages and demand votes for a candidate of their choice. After elections, they go back where they are based, but we keep waiting for the promises to get fulfilled. We will strongly oppose any kind of distribution of drugs. The elected representatives must make efforts to

### EC NOD TO SHIFT DAKHA SHO

Chandigarh: The Election Commission has given approval for transfer of Dakha SHO. In a press release, Dr S Karana Raju said the State Election Commission had received complaints against the SHO. The complaints were forwarded to the Election Commission of India which gave approval to transfer the said SHO. The commission has also asked for a panel of SHOs to replace him. TNS

open a multi-specialty government hospital here." A group of women at Gujjarwal said the government must ensure safety and security of women. "The government must also open a multi-specialty hospital here. Medicines are generally not available at government dispensaries. Besides, sports activities must be organised for the women at village level," they said.

## Campaigning goes full throttle in Mukerian

SANJIV KUMAR BAKSHI

MUKERIAN, OCTOBER 14

It was an eventful day for the Mukerian Assembly constituency on Monday. On one hand top Congress and AAP leaders campaigned for their respective candidates, while on the other, employee and farmer organisations held dharnas and protest marches at several places. PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar,

party MLAs and ministers campaigned separately in favour of Indu Bala.

Jakhar held a rally at Changadawan village under the Talwara block. He said there was a big difference between the words and actions of the SAD-BJP leaders. He said, "SAD president Sukhbir Badal sings paeans to Centre's policies in Punjab, but in Haryana, he is seen condemning the 'deadly' policies of BJP-led

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government," he said.

More such rallies were organised at Taggad Kalan and Khanpur villages. Former CM Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, Jail Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, and MLAs Tarsem

Singh and Sangat Singh Gilzian were among several other leaders who campaigned in the constituency.

State AAP convener Bhagwant Mann held meetings at various villages, besides Bagawal,

Pota and Dhamiyan in favour of party candidate Prof GS Multani.

He alleged that the Congress and Akalis were taking turns to loot Punjab. They showed big dreams to the people, but did not fulfil any promise made to them.

He urged the people not to delay the battle of this revolution of change and make AAP candidates victorious.

Meanwhile, a large number of pensioners, led by the Pun-

jab State Pensioners Confederation and state chairman of Punjab UT Mulajim Manch Mahinder Singh Parwana, gathered at Mansar ground and flayed the government for not implementing their demands.

They raised black flags and held a protest march in the town. Raising slogans against the government, they blocked road at Maharana Pratap Chowk in front of the civil hospital.

## Cong blocking Central schemes: Harsimrat

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 14

Union Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal today said the Congress government was putting obstacles in the way of implementation of Central projects such as AIIMS in Bathinda and Ladhawal Mega Food Park in Ludhiana. Campaigning for SAD candidate Raj Singh Dobbipura in Jalalabad, Harsimrat said the government was dis-

criminating against all sections of society.

Harsimrat said instead of eradicating drugs in four weeks, the state had seen an unprecedented increase in its trafficking. There had been around 600 drug-related deaths, she said.

She alleged that the Jalalabad constituency had been denied funds for the past two years under the Congress rule. — OC



## No link with PMC, says co-op bank

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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14**  
The scam-ridden Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC) has sent the rumour mills running in the state with people panicking and confusing it with the Punjab State Cooperative Bank (PSCB).  
As the state cooperative bank here faced numerous inquiries from their depositors after the PMC scam hit depositors in Maharashtra, the government today chose to clarify that there was no linkage whatsoever between the Maharashtra-based bank and state cooperative banks. SK Batish, managing director of PSCB, today clarified that the scam-ridden Maharashtra bank had nothing to do with the Punjab bank as well as the district central cooperative banks.

## 3 commits suicide in Moga district

**MOGA, OCTOBER 14**  
Three persons committed suicide during the past 24 hours, the police said today.  
Parminder Pal Singh Puri (51) allegedly ended his life at his house on Charik road yesterday. He shot himself with his licensed revolver. The reason behind the suicide was not known.  
In another incident, Sukhdeep Singh (38) of Chand Purana village died after jumping in front of a train at Dargu village. In the third incident, Vijay Kumar allegedly committed suicide at Akalsar road here. — TNS



Panthic leaders honour a relative of a victim killed in police firing at Behbal Kalan four years ago.

## Parallel events mark anniv of Behbal Kalan firing incident

**BALWANT GARG**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
**BARGARI (FARIDKOT), OCT 14**  
On the fourth anniversary of the Behbal Kalan police firing incident that claimed the lives of two Sikh protesters, Panthic leaders remained a divided house as they held three parallel programmes to pay homage to the victims and seek justice for them.  
Last year, these leaders had assembled under the banner of Insaaf Morcha and made Bargari a rallying point by carrying out a 192-day-long protest dharna. On December 10, 2018, the dharna was lifted following an assurance by the state government that justice would be delivered.  
This caused rift among leaders. The differences still persist as was evident from the fact that they held three programmes in the district.  
In one such event at Bargari, parallel jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal, Sukhpal Singh Khaira of Punjab

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Ekta Party, Dal Khalsa president Harpal Singh Cheema and many others aired their views against the decision to lift the last year's morcha.  
Daduwal said, "The decision was lapsided and it derailed our agitation for justice." SAD(A) president Simranjit Singh Mann and parallel Akal Takht acting jathedar Dhian Singh Mand had entered into a pact with the government.  
In another programme, Mann and Mand sought justice in the case.

The third event-cum-protest was held at Kotkapura in which Harjinder Singh Majhi of Darbar-e-Khalsa and Kotkapura MLA Kultar Singh participated. While the organisers of the programme at Bargari gave a call to observe October 14-21 as "black week", the protesters at Kotkapura issued a 5-page letter, calling it a long list of "misdeeds" of the Badals.  
Accusing Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and the Badal family of conniving with each other to confuse the Sikh community on the sacrilege issue, Khaira said four of the five STI members were working in the favour of the Akalis, making all efforts to derail the investigation.  
Cheema said with the denial of justice in the sacrilege and police firing cases, there was an apprehension of youth picking the arms to avenge the sacrilege on their own. He warned the political establishment to not to play with the justice system for political gains.

## To tackle UAV threat, BSF to buy anti-drone system

Tenders for equipment that will detect multiple drones soon

ANIRUDH GUPTA

**FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 14**  
In order to combat the threat posed by unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) from across the border, the BSF will soon purchase a ground-based anti-drone system with a 360-degree surveillance mode equipped with radio frequency receiver, electronic-optical sensor and a jammer.  
Sources said the tenders for the system would be floated soon. The easily deployable anti-drone equipment will be able to work day and night and able to detect multiple drones simultaneously.  
In addition to procuring the state-of-the-art system, the BSF has also stepped up vigil and devised several other counter measures to deal with air intrusions in future.  
"We had fired on the drones when these were sighted last time. Since then, no drone has been seen," said a BSF official, adding that the troops manning the border had been directed to scan the skies regularly.



Rubbishing recent reports of the force 'getting a nod' to bring down the drones, the official said the option of opening fire in any such exigency was already available to them and was being exercised.  
The sources said in places like Ferozepur and Amritsar where the cantonment was located close to the border, the drones were also used for tactical surveillance.  
Apart from boosting its technological prowess, the BSF has also started sensi-

tising the border residents about the need to identify drones or flying objects.  
According to information, the Central and state security and intelligence agencies have also evolved a joint strategy to deal with any such misadventure along the border.  
Though there have been no sightings of drones in the past few days, the security agencies are working out a strategy to prevent any possibility of arms and drug smuggling through the UAVs.

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Last week, Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta had also convened a meeting of various security establishments, including the Air Force, Military Intelligence, BSF, Intelligence Bureau, NIA besides other intelligence agencies.  
The meeting was called following the seizure of a huge cache of arms, satellite phones and grenades from the modules backed by Pakistan-based handlers of Khalistan Zindabad Force which were dropped by drones.

## Justice Kumar takes oath

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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14**  
Justice PV Sanjay Kumar was today administered oath as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court by Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha at a simple, but impressive ceremony. A senior judge of the Telangana High Court, Justice Kumar was transferred here earlier this month.  
The Supreme Court Collegium, in its resolution of August 28, had resolved to recommend Justice Kumar's transfer in the "interest of better administration of justice". The total number of judges in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, with the joining of Justice Kumar at number 12 in the order of seniority, has gone up to 49 against the sanctioned strength of 85.  
At the ceremony attended by sitting and retired judges,



Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha (left) administers oath to Justice PV Sanjay Kumar in Chandigarh on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

bureaucrats, relatives and advocates, Justice Kumar swore to "bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution as by law established".  
Justice Kumar also swore to "uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India" and "duly and faithfully and to the best of ability, knowledge and judgment, perform the duties of the office

without fear or favour, affection and ill will".  
Justice Kumar's transfer from Telangana had reportedly led to a protest. The Telangana High Court Advocates Association had reportedly demanded that Justice Kumar should continue in Hyderabad till he was appointed as the Chief Justice or acting Chief Justice of a high court.

## False security alert over 'suspicious' car

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**PATIALA, OCTOBER 14**  
Security agencies were spooked by reports of "suspicious men in Army fatigues" entering Patiala in a UP registered car on Monday only to find later that the men were actually Army officials after the car was tracked down.  
An alert was sounded in Patiala after four men wearing Army uniform were spotted moving in a Ford Figo car early Monday morning.  
Police sources said some residents spotted a car bearing Uttar Pradesh registration number moving under suspicious circumstances. The car was first seen entering Patiala in the morning at the National Highway toll barrier in Bahadurgarh. Thereafter, the police sounded an alert after many

**WILD-GOOSE CHASE**  
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After almost three-hour search operation, the police tracked the car. The occupants were found to be Army men who had come to Patiala to rejoin duty.  
people informed the police control room about suspicious new car with some Army men sitting in it and making rounds of the city.  
However, after almost three hours search operation, the Patiala police tracked down the car in the Army area of Tarapore. Patiala SSP Mandeep Singh Sidhu said the occupants were found to be Army men who had come to Patiala to rejoin duty.

## 38 dengue cases in Fazilka district

**FAZILKA, OCTOBER 14**  
As many as 38 dengue cases have been detected in Fazilka district. Official sources said 13 cases had been found in Fazilka city alone.  
Three of a family residing on the Gausshala road in the town tested positive for dengue. Health Department Mass Media Officer Anil Dhamu said coolers at their house were found filled with water which became breeding ground for mosquitoes. He said dengue larvae were detected in the coolers.  
Besides, three members of another family tested positive for the disease. They had been admitted in different hospitals.  
He claimed that the situation was under control for the last few days. He said the Health Department had conducted fogging in the town. The department has been sensitising the affected areas. — OC

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Bid Closing Date/Time 01.11.2019 11:00 hrs

S.N.	Tender Number	Details of Tender
1	128/2019-20 DRM-FZR	<b>Name of Work :-</b> Provision of Washable Apron at Platform no. 3 at Firozpur Cantt Railway Station under ADEN-IFZR. <b>Advertised Value</b> 1,71,99,047.20/- <b>Tender Cost</b> 5,000/- <b>Earnest Money</b> 2,36,000.00/- <b>Validity of Offer</b> 45 days <b>Period of Completion</b> 04 Months <b>Similar Nature of Work:</b> Any civil work involving concreting work.
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Sr. No.	Description	DNIT Amount (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Limit
1.	Repair of 1 Lac gallons capacity OHSR at IFF, Derabassi.	2.61 Lakh	5200/-	Two Months

Notes: 1. The interested agency may submit its offer in two envelope system i.e. for Earnest Money and Technical bid in one envelope and Financial bid in another.  
2. The Earnest Money should be accompanied with the tender in the shape of Bank Draft of any scheduled Bank drawn in favour of Executive Engineer-II, PSIEC, Chandigarh.  
3. The Corporation reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.  
4. The DNIT can be seen in the office of undersigned on any working day between 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule	Opening of Technical Bid
1.	Operation and running of tertiary treated water network including UGRs under the charge of SDE, MCHP Sub Division No 7, Chandigarh for period of 12 months (Ch to: Revenue Head) Est Cost: 45,87,600/-, EMD: 91,800/-, Time Limit: 12 Months	15.10.2019 to 22.10.2019 upto 6.55 PM	23.10.2019 9.00 AM
2.	Providing assistance in smooth operation and preventive/routine maintenance of pumping machinery and allied appurtenances of HSPV Pump House at Water Works, Sector-39 Chandigarh for period, of 12 months under the charge of SDE, MCHP Sub Division No 2, Chandigarh. (Ch. to: HSPV, Panchkula Haryana) Est Cost: 34,12,620/-, EMD: 68,255/-, Time Limit: 12 Months	15.10.2019 to 22.10.2019 upto 6.55 PM	23.10.2019 9.00 AM
3.	Providing assistance in smooth operation and preventive/routine maintenance of pumping machinery and allied appurtenances of MES Pump House, Sector-39, Chandigarh and rising main to Chandimandir for period of 12 months under the charge of SDE, MCHP Sub Division No 2, Chandigarh (Ch to: MES Authority as Deposit Work) Est Cost: 32,11,320/-, EMD: 64,250/-, Time Limit: 12 Months	15.10.2019 to 22.10.2019 upto 6.55 PM	23.10.2019 9.00 AM
4.	Operation and running of tertiary treated water network including UGRs under the charge of SDE, MCHP Sub Division No 3, Chandigarh for period of 12 months (Ch to: Revenue Head) Est Cost: 27,52,560/-, EMD: 55,100/-, Time Limit: 12 Months	15.10.2019 to 22.10.2019 upto 6.55 PM	23.10.2019 9.00 AM
5.	Providing assistance in smooth operation and preventive/routine maintenance of pumping machinery and allied appurtenances of Water Works, Sector-12, 26 and 32 Chandigarh for period of 12 months under the charge of SDE, MCHP Sub Division No 4, Chandigarh (Ch to: Revenue Head) Est Cost: 25,23,180/-, EMD: 50,500/-, Time Limit: 12 Months	15.10.2019 to 22.10.2019 upto 6.55 PM	23.10.2019 9.00 AM

All terms & conditions of the DNITs are uploaded on the website <https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicegp/app>.  
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**SJVN Limited**  
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India and Govt. of H.P.)  
A Mini Ratna & Schedule 'A' PSU. CIN: L40101HP1988GOI008409  
Reg. Office: Shakti Sadan, SJVN Corporate Office Complex, Shanan, Shimla-171006 (H.P.)  
**NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF TARIFF**

1. The applicant above named has made applications before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for approval of generation tariff of Rampur Hydro Power Station (6 x 68.67 MW), Distt. Shimla/Kullu, Himachal Pradesh for the period 2014-19 (Truing up Petition) & 2019-24.  
2. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:

Sl. No.	Name of Beneficiary	Share (%)
A	Haryana Power Purchase Centre, Panchkula	G
B	Department of MPP & Power, Govt. of H.P., Shimla	H
C	H.P. State Electricity Board Ltd. Shimla	I
D	Power Development Department, Govt. of J&K, Jammu	J
E	Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Patiala	K
F	Engineering Deptt., UT Secretariat, Chandigarh	L

3. Capacity of the generating Station (MW) : 412 (6 x 68.67)  
4. Approved Capital Cost of the Project (Rs. in Lakh) : Rs 204705 Lakh (March 2006 Price level)  
Cost to Completion: Yet to be approved  
Rs. 423231 Lakh (Cost to completion) recommended by PIB, Yet to be approved by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.  
5. Authority, which has approved the capital cost : Ministry of Power, Govt. of India  
6. Scheduled date of Commercial Operation : June, 2014  
7. Actual Date of Commercial Operation : U#1-13.05.2014, U#2-13.05.2014  
U#3-08.08.2014, U#4-18.06.2014  
U#5-13.05.2014, U#6-16.12.2014  
8. Capital cost on the date of commercial operation : Rs. 373140.49 Lakh  
9. Details of Tariff: In terms of Regulation 8 of CERC Tariff Regulations, 2014, truing up tariff petition of RHPS for the period 2014-19 and tariff petition for the period 2019-24 under Regulation 9 of CERC Tariff Regulations, 2019 is filed.

Period wise Tariff sought to be determined (Rs. in Lakh)	
Period	13.05.14 to 31.03.15
	01.04.15 to 31.03.16
	01.04.16 to 31.03.17
	01.04.17 to 31.03.18
	01.04.18 to 31.03.19
Tentative Annual Fixed Charges	47,140.02
	66,278.12
	71,212.32
	71,654.34
	75,099.96
Period	01.04.19 to 31.03.20
	01.04.20 to 31.03.21
	01.04.21 to 31.03.22
	01.04.22 to 31.03.23
	01.04.23 to 31.03.24
Tentative Annual Fixed Charges	71,454.33
	72,568.60
	73,459.45
	74,172.49
	75,554.95
Primary Energy Charges	50% of Tentative Annual Fixed Charges

10. Copies of the application filed for determination of tariff are posted on the website ([www.sjvn.nic.in](http://www.sjvn.nic.in)).  
11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the applications be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chandernagore Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
Chief General Manager (C&SO)

# Paddy growers flock to Haryana mandis

## Allege poor arrangements, tardy lifting in mandis

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 14

Apparently dejected with the alleged poor arrangements for procurement, a section of farmers from Mansa district are heading to Haryana for selling paddy these days.

Talking to The Tribune, BKU Ekta Ugrahan's Mansa district chief Ram Singh Bhainibagha alleged that there was hardly any arrangement for paddy purchase in areas like Bareta and Budhlada, forcing the farmers to look towards Haryana. He, however, felt that the move was not only putting financial burden on farmers, but also denying the revenue to the state exchequer.

On the other hand, rice shell owners and arhtiyas from Haryana are cashing in on the trend and persuading more farmers to cross over to their state for selling paddy. The farmers too feel that they aren't facing any hurdles from the authorities in

“There is hardly any arrangement for paddy purchase in areas like Bareta and Budhlada, which is forcing farmers to look towards Haryana.”  
Ram Bhainibagha, LEADER, BKU EKTA UGRAHAN

“It is incompetence of the state procurement agencies and it is costing dear to the state in form of tax loss. The state should identify errant officials.”  
Farmer activists

Haryana, as the state is going to the polls next week.

According to sources, arhtiyas from Haryana are even sending in their vehicles for transporting paddy of Punjab's farmers to grain markets at Bahmaniwala, Ratia, Haddawala Nangal, Tohana, Jakkhal, Rori, Fatehabad, Sikanderpura, Bhanari and Sirsa in Haryana.

A number of farmers from Punjab's procurement centres have sold their produce in the neighbouring state.

Farmer leaders Sukhjeet Singh Samao and Darshan Singh Gurne alleged that it was sheer incompetence of the procurement agencies in Punjab and it was costing dear to the state in the form of tax loss. They said it was also hurting the interests of local labourers, truck unions, arhtiyas and market committees. They demanded action against such officials responsible for this trend.

Though Mansa Deputy Commissioner (DC) Apneet Riyait could not be contacted, sources said the district administration had constituted special teams to ensure that the farmers did not face any problem in selling their produce. These teams are regularly visiting the markets and submitting their report to the top officials on a daily basis.



A combine being impounded by agriculture officials at Bughipura village in Moga district on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Combine seized for not using straw tool

KULWINDER SANDHU

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, OCTOBER 14

Agriculture officials today impounded a combine, which was being used to harvest paddy without using super straw management system (SSMS) at Bughipura village on the outskirts of Moga city.

Chief Agriculture Officer Dr Balwinder Singh and Plant Protection Officer Dr Jaswinder Singh Brar said the district administration had constituted special teams to check paddy harvesting by combines without SSMS and burning of stubble.

On Monday, the teams visited many villages of the district for surprise checking. At Bughipura village, a combine harvester bearing registration number PJN-7355, owned by a local farmer, Prem Singh, was spotted working without SSMS despite the fact that the machine was installed on it.

Officials said the machine was impounded as per the directions of the state government and prohibitory orders issued by the district magistrate. “We will take further legal action as per the law,” they said.

Moga District Magistrate (DM) Sandeep Hans, while exercising powers vested under Section 144 of the CrPC, has ordered a complete ban on paddy harvesting combines without functional SSMS. He also ordered to impound the errants' machines.

The SSMS is a machine attached with a combine which cuts the standing paddy straw into small pieces and spread it uniformly in the field after which the farmers are not required to burn paddy straw before sowing wheat.

Meanwhile, the DM has also prohibited the harvesting of paddy using combines from 7 pm to 10 am.

# CM meets farmers, motivates them

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

Describing progressive farmers, who have refrained from burning paddy stubble, as pioneers of change, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday called upon them to join the state government in launching a campaign to persuade the entire farming community to give up this practice in the interest of environmental protection

for future generations.

Addressing a group of such farmers, the CM said these agents of change had done yeoman service to humanity by helping create a pollution-free environment. He said their experiences and expertise must be replicated by one and all to save the fertility of soil on the one hand and prevent environmental pollution on the other hand.

Emphasising the need to

make judicious use of groundwater, which was swiftly depleting, the Chief Minister said it was the duty of the farming community to save water for future generations or else the state would soon become a desert and the entire agriculture economy would be devastated. He said crop diversification coupled with techniques like drip irrigation was the only answer to water depletion issue. — TNS

# Debt-ridden Moga farmer kills himself

MOGA, OCT 14

A 55-year-old debt-ridden farmer allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself with from a tree at Burj Hamira village, the police said today.

The deceased has been identified as Gurnam Singh alias Goga. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The victim owned just 2 acres of land. In the past few years, he raised a loan of Rs 11 lakh from banks and local moneylenders, which he could not repay.

Since his paddy crop was ready to harvest, the lenders were pressuring him repay their money. He was depressed over the fact that he would not be able to repay his debt.

His family members told the police that his body was found hanging from a tree on the outskirts of the village. A police team sent the body for a post-mortem examination and later handed it over to the family. — TNS



Members of the Akhil Bharatiya Jeev Raksha Bishnoi Sabha during a protest outside the SDM office in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Blue bulls' killing triggers protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**SDM for filling veterinary surgeons' posts**

The protesters met SDM Poonam Singh, who asked Forest Range Officer Malkiat Singh to write to state headquarters to fill vacancies of veterinary surgeons. She directed Naib Tehsildar and incharge of the Sadar police station to launch a drive to register FIRs against cobra wire users.

surgeon here,” they said.

The SDM asked Forest Range Officer Malkiat Singh to write to state headquarters to fill vacancies of veterinary surgeons. She also asked him to prepare a plan to provide rescue centres in Seetogunno and Daulatpura village which will be processed through the Deputy Commissioner. She directed Naib Tehsildar and incharge of the Sadar police station to launch a drive to register FIRs against cobra wire users.

targeted by stray dogs in the past one month. A few of them sustained injuries as they got stuck in the cobra wire installed by many farmers in the area spread over 17 villages in violation of the ban orders issued by the

Deputy Commissioner.

The protesters said many farmers had connected their fence with electricity supply. “The open sanctuary is spread over 18,650 hectares but the state government provides only one veterinary

# MP Sadiq brushes off youth's job demand

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 14

A video clip of Congress MP Mohammed Sadiq dismissing the demand of youth for jobs by claiming that the government did not even have funds to pay salaries has gone viral. The Faridkot MP made this remark while responding to the demand of youth during campaigning at Simrewala village in the Jalalabad segment on Sunday.

When the youth reminded the MP of the party's promise to provide jobs, Sadiq replied, “What to talk of jobs, the government did not even have funds to pay salaries.”

Claiming that “tali te saron kade nahi jamdi” (Rome was not built in a day), he alleged that SAD leader and former Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal

**FUND CRUNCH**

“What to talk of jobs, the government doesn't even have funds to pay salaries.”  
Mohammad Sadiq, CONG MP

had returned Rs 34,000 crore lying with the state exchequer to the Centre at the time of Congress government formation in the state. When the altercation took a serious turn, Sadiq left the site.

When contacted, Sadiq said all promises would be fulfilled one by one. “The government has waived loans of almost all farmers. Besides this, the government has created 8-10 lakh jobs for youth in the private sector,” he said, adding that government jobs would be offered to youth on merit basis.

# Drugpeddler accuses Delhi cops of bribery

PATIALA, OCTOBER 14

A Bathinda-based drug peddler, Shubham Bansal, has accused Delhi cops of taking Rs 2 lakh as bribe from him and illegally confining him in Delhi recently. He said he somehow “managed to escape from Delhi cops' clutches.”

Shubham, alias Rahul, was arrested along with four accomplices — Karamjit Singh, Amandeep Singh, Manjit Kaur and Shinda Singh in Rajpura.

Sources said initial interrogation of Shubham revealed that he used to supply drugs to peddlers in Punjab. He had gone to Delhi two days ago to buy heroin from his African link where he was caught. Patiala SSP Mandeep Singh Sidhu said, “Only after quizzing him, we will be able to comment on his claims.” — TNS

# e-toll collection soon

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

State PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla today said the government is fully geared up to implement the national electronic toll collection (NETC) programme on all state highway toll plazas as per the guidelines unveiled by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The move is aimed at removing bottlenecks and to ensure seamless movement and collection of user fee as per the notified rates, using radio fre-

quency identification (RFID) technology.

Singla was in Delhi to participate in a conference on “one nation one tag — FASTag”. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari was also present.

“These technical advancements would cut the waiting time at toll plazas. The authorities concerned and officials were already on the job to install necessary equipment and technology for proper implementation of this new system,” the state PWD Minister added.

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## POLL BUZZ

### Publicity campaign sans loudspeakers

**Sonepat:** In contrast to earlier Assembly elections, candidates this time are hardly using loudspeakers in their publicity campaign. Hardly any rickshaw or auto-rickshaw has been hired for campaigning through loudspeakers. Posters and hoardings are almost missing from the poll scene. **OC**

### Show ink mark, get rebate on books, fee

**Karnal:** To encourage students to cast vote on October 21, DAV PG College here has decided to give rebate on fee on showing the inked finger. College principal Rampal Saini said the college would offer discount to student on books and college fee after showing the inked finger. He appealed to students to cast their vote. **TNS**

## THE DAY AHEAD

### Modi to woo voters in Dadri, K'shetra

PM Narendra Modi will address two rallies for BJP candidates on Tuesday. Modi will address his first rally at Dadri where the BJP has fielded 'Dangal' fame wrestler Babita Phogat while the second rally will be held at Kurukshetra. BJP's Subhash Sudha is facing a tough challenge from Ashok Arora of the Congress.

# Bigwigs on the go, pick national issues coated with local flavour

Modi takes pride in good governance, implementing OROP | Rahul harps on joblessness

**PRADEEP SHARMA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14** It was political bigwigs' day out in Haryana with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Congress president Rahul Gandhi today hitting the campaign trail and taking potshots at each other.

Both leaders tried to flag the issues pertaining to Haryana in a bid to woo the voters for the October 21 state Assembly elections.

Modi, who was in Ballabgarh in Faridabad district, talked of Article 370, triple talaq talk, one rank one pension (OROP), transparent governance, corruption and Opposition parties' dynastic politics.

Rahul, on the other hand, flayed BJP's "diversionary tactics" which sought to take away the focus from pressing issues like the sorry state of economy, unemployment and farm distress.

In fact, Modi, who had been in charge of the BJP affairs for Haryana in the 1990s patted his confidant and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on the back for providing a "transparent and corruption-free" government over the last five years.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an election rally at Ballabgarh in Faridabad; Rahul Gandhi waves to supporters in Nuh on Monday. **PTI**

Modi claimed that Haryana's notorious 'kharchi and parchi' (bribe and recommendation) were now a thing of the past with meritorious candidates getting government jobs under Khattar's transparent regime. He did not fail to mention that certain politicians (read former CM Om Prakash Chautala) were behind bars for indulging in corruption in the recruitment for government jobs.

However, Rahul hit back at the Khattar government, asserting that the slowdown in the Indian economy had hit the youth hard with unem-

## POLITICAL SLUGFEST

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Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

“Modiji and Khattarji both make false promises again and again. They are taking money away from poor people and filling the coffers of their rich friends.”

Rahul Gandhi, EX-CONGRESS CHIEF

employment highest in Haryana even as the BJP government had preferred to look the other way. “Modiji and Khattarji

of their rich friends,” Rahul alleged.

Giving the BJP's nationalist narrative on abrogation of Article 370 a local perspective, Modi said: “The Congress should explain to the mothers who have lost their sons and to our daughters who have lost their husbands in Jammu and Kashmir trying to protect the integrity of the country.”

With every 10th soldier from Haryana, Modi was quick claim credit for the implementation of the OROP, saying that over 2 lakh ex-servicemen from Haryana had benefited to the tune of hundreds of crores of rupees.

## Ex-MLA Sangwan joins Congress



**Karnal:** Almost two weeks after quitting Janta Party (JJP), former MLA from Gharanda Narinder Sangwan on Monday joined the Congress along with his supporters. The Congress candidate from Gharanda welcomed him in the party. Sangwan was elected an MLA on INLD ticket from Gharanda in 2009, but lost the contest in 2014. He quit the INLD with the formation of the JJP. **TNS**

## Oust jumla govt, says Rawat



**Faridabad:** Former Uttarakhand CM Harish Rawat has lashed out at the ML Khattar government, saying that the BJP government, formed on the basis of “lies and jumlas”, does not deserve to return as it has failed the masses. Addressing a public meeting for the Congress candidate from Tigaon, in Sector 91 on Sunday night, he accused the BJP of indulging in the politics of divide and rule. Rawat said the BJP rule had given only slogans (jumlas) to mislead the masses. **TNS**

# Surjewala, Gujjar locked in keen contest

A worry for Cong is the huge lead BJP got in Kaithal during LS poll

**SUSHIL MANAV**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**KAITHAL, OCTOBER 14** Saffron flags of the BJP flutter atop a large number of houses as one enters Keorak, the first village of the Kaithal Assembly segment when one comes from the Ambala side. Keorak is a big village with a population of 14,051 as per the 2011 census.

“The Kaithal seat will witness a tough fight between BJP nominee Lila Ram Gujjar and Congress leader Randeep Surjewala. In our village, the BJP has an edge,” says a villager. Ujana, the next village, is again a big habitation on the Ambala-Kaithal road. Being the native village of Gujjar, the BJP's dominance can be felt distinctly.

“Lila Ram is our local candidate while Surjewala shifted his base here from Narwana in Jind district. He chose Kaithal only after Narwana was reserved for Scheduled Castes in the delimitation exercise,” says a villager. But the moment you enter Kaithal town, the tag of outsider for Surjewala isn't seen anywhere. Congress flags can be



A woman applies tilak to Randeep Surjewala in Kaithal. **TRIBUNE PHOTO**

## CONG LEADER BATTLING IT OUT ALONE

■ To mobilise support for BJP candidate Lila Ram Gujjar, Amit Shah has addressed a rally; ML Khattar, Krishan Pal Gurjar and Narendra Tomar have also campaigned.

■ In contrast, Randeep Surjewala has been fighting the electoral battle on his own. Even the hoardings installed by Surjewala don't have pictures of former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda or state Congress president Kumari Selja.

seen almost on all shops on the Park Road where Surjewala is on a door-to-door campaign. Identical garlands of marigold flowers can be seen lying on the counters of each shop in the market. As Surjewala enters a shop with folded hands, the shopkeeper

garlands him and the two pose for a picture clicked by photographers accompanying the Congress leader.

“The entire market is with us. Surjewala has done a lot of development for Kaithal when he was a minister in the Bhupinder

Singh Hooda Cabinet. A new hospital, the MC building and the widened roads are all due to him,” claims a Congress supporter.

Om Parkash, a cigarette shop owner near the MC building, says that business has been hit badly ever since the BJP has come to power in the state. “I used to have a daily sale of Rs 4,000 or more, but now I hardly sell goods worth Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,500. People don't have the money to buy things,” he says.

In the grain market, traders complain of the online system of procurement introduced by the BJP government. However, the biggest worry of the Congress camp is that in the Lok Sabha poll held just five months back, the BJP candidate got an overwhelming lead of over 56,000 votes from Kaithal.

“CM Manohar Lal Khattar has changed the way governments functioned in the past. Go to any village of Kaithal, you will find 15 to 20 youth have got government jobs, all on merit,” says a BJP supporter in the town.

# District status a distant dream

**NITIN JAIN**

**DISTRICT** status remains a distant dream for Naraingarh. This subdivision, known for sugarcane farming and stone crushing industry, is part of Ambala district.

Though this Assembly segment has not been a citadel of any political party, the Congress has won from here four times while the ruling BJP registered its maiden victory in 2014. Besides, this constituency has been represented by all other major parties - INLD, BSP, HVP and even an Independent candidate. The first-time BJP MLA from here Nayab Saini is no more a legislator as he was elected MP from Kurukshetra in the recently held Lok Sabha election.

With Saini entering the Lok Sabha and vacating the Vidhan Sabha seat, he managed to get the BJP ticket from here for his confidant and Ambala zila parishad chairman Surrender Singh. While



**TOTAL VOTERS 1,77,403** 94,646 Men | 82,756 Women | 1 Third gender

several local leaders were eyeing the ticket, the MP was earlier seeking nomination for his wife Suman Saini, who is the district vice-president of the BJP. But after the party decided not to allot ticket to the kin of MPs and MLAs, he brought in Surrender.

Residents of the segment have expressed dissatisfaction over the civic amenities

## Representativespeak



“Our work speaks louder than words. We have delivered all we promised. People had put a stamp of approval on my work by electing me to the Lok Sabha. I will continue to look after Naraingarh in the future and will strive to further develop it.” **Nayab Saini, BJP**

## Oppositionspeak



“The BJP made false promises to people and now they will have to pay the price for it. Every section of society is fed up. The major issues of health and educational facilities besides unemployment due to non-industrialisation remain unsolved.” **Shalley, CONGRESS**

and infrastructure. “A railway line from Yamunanagar to Chandigarh via Naraingarh had been passed in the 2013 Railway Budget but no work has yet started on the project during the last 5 years of the BJP regime,” lamented a local trader, Sudarshan Kumar.

A sugarcane farmer, Kaka Singh, said the private sugar mill in Naraingarh owed

crores of rupees to farmers, while a cab driver, Ashok Sagar, rued that “illegal mining is a major problem here and the local authorities have turned a blind eye towards the racket for obvious reasons.”

A homemaker, Sujata, said the local civil hospital was a mere referral hospital with even pregnant women getting referred to Ambala for delivery.

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

One vacancy of Assistant Manager-cum-Accountant in Station Canteen Doraha is available. Applications with Bio-data & Experience Certificates are called for from retired JCOs, so as to reach at Station Headquarters, Dholewal Military Complex, Ludhiana by 04 Nov 2019. Employment will be purely on contractual basis. Knowledge of Computer and Accounts, is must. **DI-98506**

### NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

Online e-tender on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the Contractor/Firm of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh I&PH Department.

Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of tender
Work No. 1:- Flood Protection work to Sourav Ban Vihar in Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra, H.P. SH:- Construction of wire grate from RD 0 to 190, 230 to 260 and 335 to 450 = 335 running meter & reinforcement cement concrete wall from RD 190 to 230 & 260 to 335 = 115 running meter.	Rs. 3,28,36,757/-	Rs. 3,60,870/-	Rs. 1500/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 4/11/2019 up to 11.00 a.m. and the same will be opened on 4/11/2019 at 11.30 a.m. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org) and [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). **DPR/HP/2443**

### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-I, Northern Railway, Chandigarh, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

No.	Name of work and Location	Description
1.	Up keeping & development of circulating area of Officer rest House including various suites, dining hall, Kitchen on both sides of station (Division side and Construction office side) and Subordinate Rest House, Dy.CE/C-ICDG office, SSE/W/CHQ/CDG office, SSE/W/ICDG office & SSE/W/ICDG office under the jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer/Const. N.Rly. Chandigarh.	
2.	Completion period of the work	36 (Thirty Six) Months.
3.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 130.41 Lacs
4.	Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 2,15,200/-
5.	Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded up to 11:30 hrs. on 15.11.2019 date on IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 15.11.2019.
6.	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. <a href="http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in">www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in</a> and tender document is available <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> . Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> from 01.11.2019 to 15.11.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice can also be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No.: 2-W/C/CDG/259/House Keeping Dated: 11.10.2019. **3287/2019**  
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# Yogeshwar ready for bout, sure of big win in Cong bastion

**BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**GOHANA, OCTOBER 14** Olympic medallist Yogeshwar Dutt aka 'Pehalwan' is ready to take on veteran Shri Krishan Hooda in his first electoral bout in Baroda constituency. Both have declared each other as their main opponent.

“BJP candidate Yogeshwar is a kid. He plays wrestling as a sport. He has no experience in politics,” said Shri Krishan, 74, who is contesting his seventh Assembly elections with just one defeat in his career that too in 1991. He had won the last two elections from the Jat-dominated Baroda constituency and brought it in the Congress-fold first time after 37 years in 2009. Yogeshwar, 36, is drawing crowds in villages. Besides addressing from village chaupals, visiting houses of prominent ones for ‘chai-panni’, being a chief guest in local kabaddi match and posing for selfies, he is giving a personal touch to his campaign.

“I have come to take your blessings. I will be with you round the clock. The BJP is winning. Increase my margin. Jai Hind, Jai Bharat,” he told a crowd at Dhurana village in his speech lasting a few minutes.

“There is no need to say anything against the opponents. I am on my own... I am ready for the challenge.”

“I am ready for the challenge. My first medal came in the Doha Asian Games in 2006 at the back of my father's death and despite a knee injury. In 2009, I had two major surgeries. But the medals continued to come,” said Yogeshwar. On Jat vs non-Jat divide, he said, “People are intelligent. They are fed up of this kind of politics.”

Varinder Singh, a resident of Dhurana village, said, “Pehalwan is winning. This

Saffron party has never made it from Baroda



Yogeshwar Dutt campaigns.

“There is no need to say anything against the opponents. I am on my own... I am ready for the challenge.”

Yogeshwar Dutt, BJP CANDIDATE

village is voting for the BJP.” On the other hand, Shri Krishan's strategy is to make the contest as Khattar vs Bhupinder. He is all praise for the former CM, whom he once defeated in 1987. Later, he also left Garhi-Sampla Kilo seat for him in 2005 when he became the CM.

“There is no Modi-wave here. Every house has a BA or MA child. They know that this government has been doing. The crime rate and unemployment has risen. Farmers and government employees are unhappy. People haven't seen such a ruler earlier,” he said, while sitting with his supporters at his house in Gohana.

The former CM, who draws substantial crowd in the area, also referred to him as his elder brother in a rally at Ahulana village. Jitendar Malik, a farmer and resident of Ahulana, said, “Bhupinder Malik of JJP is not a weak candidate. He is in the fight too.”

### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

DEN-HQ-FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (original/irps.gov.in) against below titled tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

**Bid Closing Date/Time- 04.11.2019, 11:00 hrs**

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Advertised Value	Tender Cost	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of completion
1	130/2019-20-DRM-FZR	Out sourcing of work for effectively monitoring of track inspection/patrolling activity of keyman/patrolman by GPS based personal tracking system including provision of complete hardware, software, generation of reports, manpower and other allied services etc. over Firozpur Division.	1,08,42,509/-	5,000/-	2,04,200/-	45 days	24 Months

Before bidding, bidders shall check for any corrigendum issued against tender. **3290/2019**  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

### NOTICE ON SHORT TERM BASIS FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, I&PH Division No. II Kullu at Bhunter invites tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion (Months)	Cost of Form
1	Providing LWSS to Phatti Peej, Phatti Kharahal, Phatti Balh, Barahar and Khadihar, Tehsil & Distt Kullu (SH:- C/O RCC Storage tanks of various capacity, Sanitary fitting, electrical fittings septic tank, laying jointing & testing of rising main distribution system and providing & erection of pumping machinery) Job-I	17844181/-	210942/-	12 Months	1500/-
2	Lift Irrigation scheme Balagad Chether Khabal in Tehsil Banjar, Distt Kullu (SH:- C/o thrust block and supply & erection pumping machinery) Job-I	34299324/-	375493/-	18 Months	2500/-
3	Providing LWSS to Group of Village Bhami Nallah in GP Narash Hurla Diyar in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/O embankment, C/O intake structure C/O main pump house & Chowkidar quarter, C/O toilet and septic tanks and clear water tank, C/O sump well and C/O delivery tank)	2617238/-	46758/-	12 Months	400/-
4	Providing Lift Irrigation Scheme Bhami Nallah in GP Narash Hurla Diyar in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/O embankment, C/O intake structure C/O main pump house & Chowkidar quarter, C/O toilet and septic tanks and clear water tank, C/O sump well and C/O delivery tank)	7205946/-	104560/-	12 Months	800/-
5	Augmentation of WSS Banjar Town in Tehsil Banjar, Distt Kullu (SH:- A.E. residence and J.E. residence.)	1700670/-	33010/-	12 Months	800/-

Last date submission of tender:- 26.10.2019 up to 5:00 p.m. and opened on 28.10.2019 up to 2:30 p.m.

The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org) or from office of the Executive Engineer up to date specified above.

(**Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma**), Executive Engineer, I&PH Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter.  
**DPR/HP/2441 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**



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CL19098525

## LOST &amp; FOUND

I, Rajiv Kant s/o Ami Chand r/o 40-A, Kirti Nagar, Ambala Cantt, declare that I have lost the original registry No. 4556/1 dated 16.08.1988 of plot bearing Khaska No. 17/6/11, Bhoomi Rakha 222 sq. ft. in the name of Rajesh Kumar Jindal s/o Nihal Chand r/o Purana Cinema, Barnala (Punjab), somewhere in Mahesh Nagar, Ambala Cantt. I am the custodian of this plot. If anybody found please contact: 89291-02030. (CL19098448)

It is notified for information that my original qualifying examination certificate of Main Secondary Examination of year 2005 Roll No. 2131189 and Senior Secondary Examination of year 2007 Roll No. 2600849 issued by CBSE has been actually lost candidate: Twisha Sharma d/o Sourabh Sharma r/o 7, New Kailash Nagar, Model Town, Ambala City. 98969-42805. (CL19098499)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Poonam w/o Dal Singh, 514, near H.D.F.C. Bank, Gohana (Sonapat), have changed my name from Poonam Devi to Poonam for all future references. (CL19098383)

I, Harvinder Singh s/o Karnail Singh Vill. Akalgarh (Patiala) have changed my name Harvinder Singh. (CL19098415)

I, Sanjeet Kumar S/o Des Raj R/o Village Nawanganr, PO Saroya, Teh. Balachour, (SBS Nagar), Punjab, have changed my name from Sanjeet Kumar to Sanjeet Singh Bhatia. (CL19098426)

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination Certificate of main Secondary Examination of year 2014-2016 and Roll No. 2316498 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Arjun Kumar # 522 A, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh. Mob: 62835-70229. (CL19098449)

I, Paramjit Kaur w/o Mohinder Singh r/o # 155, Vahava Ram Colony, Panipat, have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur. Concerned note. (CL19098452)

I, Achhri Rani w/o Om Parkash r/o VPO Jamsheer Khas Tehsil, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Prem Salopal after marriage. (CL19098471)

I, Sunil Kumar s/o Dharam Pal r/o 207, Model Town, Ratta 125051, have changed/ bifurcated my above given name to 'Sunil' (Give name) and 'Kumar' (Surname) for all purposes. (CL19098483)

I, Parvesh Rani w/o Ramesh Kumar r/o Village Hathlana, Distt. Karnal, have changed my minor daughter's name Tanishka to Tanishka Choudhary. (CL19098488)

I, Parvesh Rani w/o Ramesh Kumar r/o Village Hathlana, Distt. Karnal, have changed my minor daughter's name Anushka to Anushka Choudhary. (CL19098489)

I, Asha Rani widow of No. 2682698P, Ex Nk Rajinder Singh s/o Sh. Gurbaksh r/o Village Chuha Ka Talab, PO Rehan, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra HP declare that in my late husband's Army service record name & DoB of my daughter wrongly entered as Gurmit Kaur, 11.06.1996 whereas her correct name and DoB is Gurmeet Kaur, 11.05.1996. Concerned note. (CL19098502)

I, Prem Chand s/o Ram Sarup Saini r/o 37, Prabhu Prem Puram Ambala Cantt., disown my son Harsh Saini from my moveable/ immovable properties as he is out of my control. Anybody deals him at own risk. Concerned note. (CL19098517)

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I, Shameem Ahmed s/o Mohd. Ilyas r/o Village Badli, Tehsil Punhana, District Nuh, I have changed my name from Shameem Ahmed to Molvi Shameem Ahmed s/o Mohd. Ilyas for all future purposes. (CL19098519)

We, Satyawan s/o Hoshiyar Singh and Sunita w/o Satyawan r/o Village Silani Pana Keso, Teh. & Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana) declare that our son Sunni is out of our control. We disown him from all our moveable/immovable property. We shall not be responsible for any of his acts and anybody dealing with him shall do so at their own risk. (CL19098522)

## COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Ms. Jagdeep Kaur Virk,  
Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Moga.  
Kuljinder Kaur  
Versus  
Jagmohan Singh  
CNR No.:  
PBMO01-000789-2019  
Next Date: 07.11.2019  
Publication issued to:  
Jagmohan Singh s/o Charan Singh r/o Gali No. 1, Mudki Road near Pritam Nurse Baghapurana Distt. Moga.  
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 07.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.  
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https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=moga

Dated, this day of 30.09.2019.  
Sd/  
Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Moga.  
CL19091646

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Sh. Vijay Singh Additional District Judge, Chandigarh  
M/s Golden Offset Printers  
Vs.  
Hindustan Paper Corp. Ltd.  
CNR No.:  
CHCH01-010419-2017  
Next Date: 29.10.2019  
Publication issued to:  
Hindustan Paper Corp. Ltd.  
Other:-  
Having its registered office at 4th floor, South Tower, Scope Minar, Laxmi Nagar, District Centre, Delhi-92 and Branch office at SCO No. 2461-62, Sec. 22-C, Chandigarh.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.10.2019 at 10:00 a.m.  
For details logon to:  
https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=chandigarh  
Dated, this day of 02.09.2019.  
Sd/  
Additional District Judge,  
CL19094242 Chandigarh.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Mrs Sonali Singh  
Additional Civil Judge,  
(Senior Division),  
Khamanon  
CNR No.  
PBFGB0-000250-2018  
Next Date: 31.10.2019  
Ravinderpal Singh  
Versus  
Surmukh Singh  
The plaintiff prays that Will dated.....executed.....be declare inexecutable/invalid/improperly executed/ void or obtained by fraud, undue influence, coercion, mistake etc.  
Publication issued to: Surmukh Singh  
Singh deceased through his LRs  
1. Harvinder Kaur wife of Gurdial Singh Village Ballan, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, Distt. Ropar. 2. Sohanjit Kaur w/o Malkit Singh r/o Village Chandpurana, District Moga.  
In above titled case the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 31.10.2019 at 10.00 a.m.  
Dated, this day of 05.09.2019.  
For details logon to  
https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=fatehgarhsahib  
Sd/ Additional Civil Judge,  
(Senior Division),  
CL19098438 Khamanon

## Punjabminister campaignsfor Rao Narendra

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MAHENDRAGARH, OCTOBER 14

Punjab Cabinet Minister Vijay Inder Singla on Monday addressed a poll meeting at the new grain market in Narnaul, seeking votes for Congress candidate Rao Narendra.

Addressing the gathering, Singla termed the BJP government a "jumla" and called upon the people to bring the Congress back to power.

Castigating the state government, he said the Congress government lifted every grain from the mandis during its tenure and took several measures for at the welfare of farmers and business community "The condition of farmers has reached its lowest ebb during BJP's misrule," he added.

## COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Sh. Jaginder Singh  
Civil Judge  
Junior Division-2,  
Phagwara.  
Ranjit Singh  
Versus  
Shingara Singh & Ors.  
CNR No.:  
PBKPA0-000345-2018  
Next Date: 06.11.2019  
Suit for Partition and suit for permanent injunction  
Publication issued to:  
6. Jhalman Singh s/o Munshi deceased through LRs:-  
(a) Jaspal Singh,  
(b) Kuldeep Singh,  
(c) Sukhwinder Singh all sons of Late Jhalman Singh s/o Munshi, all r/o Village Bhabiana, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

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=kapurthala  
Dated, this day of 04.11.2019.  
Sd/ Sh. Jaginder Singh  
Civil Judge  
Junior Division-2,  
Phagwara.  
CL19098490

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Preeti Sahni  
Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Jalandhar.  
Harpreet Singh relative of  
Satnam Singh  
Address: Village Luhar Nangal,  
District Jalandhar.  
Baljit Kaur relative of  
Lakhbri Singh  
Address: Rashidbin Khuljan  
Rashid, Rasbi Zarah, Oman  
Masqat.  
Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce.  
CNR No.  
PBKJ01-018727-2018  
Next Date: 11.12.2019  
Publication issued to:  
Baljit Kaur  
Father:- Lakhbri Singh  
Rashidbin Khuljan Rashid, Rasbi Zarah, Oman Masqat.  
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 11.12.2019 at 10:00 a.m.  
For details logon to  
https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=jalandhar  
Dated, this day of 09.10.2019.  
Sd/ Principal Judge,  
Family Court, Jalandhar.  
CL19098513

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
In the Court of  
Dr. Ajit Atri  
Additional District Judge,  
Chandigarh.  
Harman Mehta  
Versus  
Harish Mehta  
CNR No.:  
CHCH01-001614-2017  
Next Date: 26.11.2019  
Publication issued to:  
1. Anita Jain d/o Late Hem Raj r/o H.No. 132B, Sector 48, Chandigarh.  
2. Kaplesh Mehta son of Late Sh. Madan Mohan Mehta r/o H.No. 157, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh.  
3. Monika Sharma d/o Sh. Devinder Sharma r/o B-11, Rajha Garden New Delhi.  
4. Devinder Sharma, Archana Sachdeva and Madhur Sharma sons/daughters of Devinder Sharma, r/o H.No. 116, Aman City Ext. Kharar, Punjab.  
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 26.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.  
For details logon to  
https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=chandigarh  
Dated, this day of 23.09.2019.  
Sd/  
Additional District Judge,  
CL19098523 Chandigarh.

## Not easy to make inroads into my bastion: Hooda

RAWINDER SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, OCTOBER 14

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda today boosted the election campaign of former minister and Congress candidate Geeta Bhukkal by addressing a poll rally at Ladayan village in the Jhajjar Assembly segment.

Hooda said Bhukkal was a brave leader who had raised public issues prominently in the Vidhan Sabha. Every vote polled to her in the election would strengthen him and the Congress. He also announced to make Bhukkal Cabinet Minister if the party is voted to power.

"The BJP's claim of getting more than 75 seats in the Assembly polls will prove hollow as the Congress is coming back to power. The BJP made 154 promises in the 2014 Assembly elections but did not fulfil even one," said Hooda.

Hitting back at the BJP leaders for their statements about making the lotus bloom in the Deswali belt comprising Rohtak, Jhajjar and Sonepat, Hooda said "It is not easy for the BJP to demolish my citadel. It has been made by the people who are ready to teach a lesson to the BJP government for its misdeed and mis-governance in the past five years."

He accused the BJP government of pushing farm-



Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda addresses a rally in Jhajjar's Ladayan village on Monday.

“The BJP's claim of winning more than 75 seats will prove hollow as the Congress is coming back to power. The electorate is ready to vote for change.”  
Bhupinder Singh Hooda, CLP LEADER

ers and other sections of the society on the path of devastation by implementing erroneous policies. "Haryana was number-one in terms of development in 2014 but Khattar government has made the state number-one in unemployment rate and crime rate," said Hooda, adding that the BJP had worked to burn the state thrice and to vitiate the social harmony to serve its political interest.

## No new projects in past 5 years: Ex-CM

SONEPAT, OCTOBER 14

Congress Legislature Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda today said the BJP government was seeking votes despite the fact that developmental activities remained neglected and hardly any new project was completed in the past five years.

Addressing election meetings in a number of villages in the Gannaur Assembly constituency in the district, Hooda claimed that during the Congress rule, Haryana used to be on the top position in the country for all-round development, promotion of education facilities and in providing job opportunities.

"However, these days, Haryana is known for unemployment, crime against women and unnecessary harassment of people seeking benefits of the welfare schemes introduced during the Congress rule," Hooda said, pointing out that the beneficiaries were being forced to spend their time and money in visiting the government offices frequently to get their records updated.

Termining the BJP's manifesto a bundle of lies, Hooda cautioned that it will too meet the same fate like that of the party's last manifesto if it returned to power. — OC

## Leadership crisis, AAP fails to strike chord in Kejri's state

SUNIT DHAWAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 14

Unlike Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has failed to enthuse the Haryana electors despite the state's proximity to Delhi, which has an AAP government in power, and despite the fact that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal belongs to Haryana.

Political observers feel that the AAP had emerged as a viable alternative in national politics, but the party leadership has neither been able to attract credible leaders nor build a network of workers or supporters in Haryana.

They point out that intellectual leaders having a clean image such as Yogendra Yadav, DR Chaudhry, Dr Ram Kanwar, Surinder Pal Singh and Yudhvir Khalya, who had joined the AAP in recent years, have left the party.

Moreover, members of the intelligentsia, including university professors, doctors, lawyers, writers and journalists, many of whom had become AAP sympathisers, have also distanced them-



AAP leaders Naveen Jaihind, Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia. FILE

selves from the party.

"The AAP central leadership has failed to install a credible leadership in the party organisation of Haryana, owing to which it has not been able to build a base in the state," observes Dr Ram Kanwar, a political analyst who has been a sympathiser of the party.

When contacted, state AAP president Naveen Jaihind conceded the party had not got a substantial response from voters in Haryana.

"The BJP government in Haryana has divided the state into Jat and non-Jat categories. The caste-based polarisation is so

strong that it is difficult to convince voters to vote on the basis of their concerns," he said.

He further states that the party does not have the resources required to get its presence felt in the state strongly, which is another limiting factor.

Kejriwal has not come to campaign for the party candidates contesting the Assembly elections in Haryana.

The apparent dilemma before the party leadership is that the elections to the Delhi Assembly are also likely to be announced soon and it primarily wants to focus on Delhi.

## Cong protests CM's remarks on Sonia

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The women's wing of the Delhi Congress on Monday held a protest against Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for his "deplorable" remarks against party president Sonia Gandhi and demanded an unconditional apology.

Raising slogans against Khattar, hundreds of workers of Delhi Pradesh Mahila Congress (DPMC) participated in the protest here and burnt an effigy of the Haryana CM. Sharmistha Mukherjee, Congress' national spokesperson and Delhi Mahila Congress president, called Khattar's remarks "dis-

graceful and shameful".

"Gandhi is not only the national president of Indian National Congress but also a highly respected woman leader of the country. The way he has spoken about her is highly condemnable and this is not first time that Khattar has given anti-women statements," she said, adding "he has made many statements which clearly indicates his misogynist attitude towards women."

During Khattar's tenure, she claimed incidents of rape and kidnapping of women have increased by 45 and 100 per cent respectively in Haryana under the BJP rule. — PTI



Congress workers burn an effigy of CM Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

## Assandh segment set for close fight, again

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ASSANDH (KARNAL), OCTOBER 14

Famous for close contests, the Assandh Assembly segment is once again set for a close contest.

Sitting MLA and BJP candidate Bakhshish Singh Virk is pitted against Shamsheer Singh Gogi of the Congress, Brij Sharma of Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), Narinder Rana of the BSP, Dharamvir Padha of the INLD, Congress rebel Zile Ram Sharma and BJP rebel Sanjay Mehla, among others.

About 2.24 lakh voters in the constituency will decide their fate on October



21. In 2014, Virk had won the seat, defeating his nearest rival Maratha Virender Verma by 4,608 votes. Political analyst Dr Ramji

## Contest over the years

Year	Winner	Margin
2014	Bakhshish Virk (BJP)	4,608
2009	Zile Ram Sharma (JJP)	3,540
2005	Raj Rani (Congress)	12,545
2000	Krishan Lal (INLD)	23,242
1996	Krishan Lal (SAP)	2,493
1991	Krishan Lal (Janata Party)	8,114

Congress' Shamsheer Singh Gogi campaigns in Assandh, on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

almost equal share in votes. It is difficult to guess a winner. It can be anybody's game." The BJP and Congress have fielded Jat Sikhs, while

## Unwell, Shah skips rallies

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HISAR, OCTOBER 14

Facing a tough contest on their respective home turfs, the campaign of BJP state president Subhash Barala and Finance Minister Capt Abhimanyu suffered a setback today as the BJP national president Amit Shah skipped the scheduled rallies in the state due to some health problem.

Barala is a candidate from Tohana Assembly segment while Capt Abhimanyu is seeking re-election from Narnaul segment in Hisar district. The two leaders belonging to Jat community are projected as the prominent Jat faces in the Haryana BJP.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar, accompanied by Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh, addressed the rallies in both the segments. Tomar clarified that Shah could not address the meetings due to health problem.



## Talking point

The absence of Amit Shah from the rallies has become a talking point in Narnaul and Tohana as opponents are trying to give a negative colour to it. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar, accompanied by Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh, addressed the rallies in both the segments.

Notwithstanding the anti-accumbency, Virk is hopeful of his win. "I am sure the people of Assandh will elect me again as they are happy with the government's performance," he said.



# As phones ring, Kashmir crawls towards normalcy

Restoration of service being seen as major confidence-building measure

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**SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14** After more than two months of uncertainty that has led to daytime shutdown of markets in the Kashmir valley, signs are emerging that the region is steadily and slowly moving towards the restoration of normalcy.



Roadside vendors use phones in Srinagar on Monday. AMIN WAR

Mobile phones ringed on Monday noon across Kashmir for the first time since August 4 midnight, when a communication blockade was imposed hours ahead of the abrogation of Article 370.

While the restoration was limited to postpaid phones, hundreds of prepaid users queued outside telecom offices to purchase a post-paid connection.

The restoration of the mobile phones is a major confidence-building measure that is likely to help break the bottleneck. "The restoration of phones has

given a sense that things will get normal soon," said Zeeshan Ahmad, a Srinagar resident and a private sector employee.

An employee of a telecom company said the rush of people to purchase postpaid mobile phone connections was unprecedented and people began to assemble outside telecom offices within minutes of the restoration.

"It seems the restoration of phones has made people forget about everything," the telecom company employee said.

An unprecedented communication blockade which included suspension of internet services had discouraged people from resuming normal schedule of life in Kash-

mir as people struggled to get real-time updates amid an air of rumours.

In recent weeks, the volume of traffic has increased manifold even as public transport remains shut and daytime shutdown has meant closure of markets and shops across the region.

The inter-district cab services, even though limited in number, have also been restored which ply from Srinagar to districts of north Kashmir and also to less volatile districts of south Kashmir.

The state administration has also launched a major reach-out programme through newspaper advertisements in which it is urging people to resume normal work and open shops.

The sporadic incidents of protests that took place in the initial weeks since the abrogation have also drastically dropped in intensity and spread.

# No Internet, recharging phones becomes headache for customers

Mobile offices see rush for new connections, bill payment

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**SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14** With postpaid mobile services restored in Kashmir after 70 days, the payment of mobile bills is proving to be the biggest headache for residents.

Hundreds of people, with smart phones in their hands, could be seen thronging the BSNL, Airtel and Jio head offices in Srinagar to restore their phones as most of them were not able to recharge their Jio phone numbers in August or pay their Airtel and BSNL bills as the Internet services and telecommunication networks were snapped abruptly on August 4 across the state.

"As soon as the phones started ringing this afternoon, I got a call from Airtel asking me to pay my bill to avoid disruption of services. However, the problem is that I won't be able to pay it as the Internet services are still not available," Mohsin Malik, a resident from the Hyderpora locality who was waiting in a

## 44 LAKH POSTPAID CONNECTIONS

- Of the total 66 lakh mobile subscribers, 44 lakh are postpaid numbers in Kashmir
- Airtel has over 20 lakh mobile customers in the Valley, followed by Jio, which has already crossed the 17-lakh mark
- BSNL has a total of 80,000 postpaid mobile subscribers in Kashmir

long queue outside the Airtel head office, said.

Similar long lines of customers were seen outside the corporate office of Jio in the Jahangir Chowk area, where hundreds of people were eager to recharge their phones.

"My phone was not working as I had not paid the bill. I came all the way from Hyderpora to recharge my Jio number to avoid disconnection so that I am able to talk to my friends and relatives," said Hummaiya, who was lucky enough to

recharge his phone.

Akhter Hussain, who had been waiting for his turn outside the Jio office for at least an hour, said he had a post-paid number but his plan had already expired. "First I will check my bill and then accordingly, choose an appropriate postpaid connection," Akhter said as he yelled at another person for jumping the queue. He demanded restoration of the Internet services also so that people were also able to pay their mobile and other utility bills.

A Jio employee, who had been deputed by the company with a handset to help people search their bills and repay and recharge their plans, told The Tribune that since noon, when postpaid mobiles started ringing in Kashmir, he and other of his colleagues had recharged thousands of Jio numbers.

"Right now, we are accepting hard cash as the Internet service is not available. Payment through credit or debit card right now is futile in the absence of the internet," he said.

# Army pays tribute to Uri martyr

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

The Army today paid a befitting tribute to late Signalman Santosh Gope, who was killed on the Line of Control in a ceasefire violation in the Rampur-Uri sector of Baramulla District.

In a solemn ceremony at BB Cantt, Lt Gen KJS Dhillion, Chinara Corps Commander, and all ranks, paid homage to the slain soldier on behalf of the nation. "In a show of solidarity, representatives from other security agencies also joined in to pay their last respects to the martyr," an Army statement said.

Late Signalman Santosh Gope, who was manning a forward post, sustained splinter injuries during unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan in the Rampur sector on October 12. The soldier was provided immediate first aid and evacuated to a medical inspection room at Rampur, but unfortunately, he succumbed to the injuries. Gope was 26 years old and had joined the Army in 2013. He belonged to Jharkhand, and is survived by his parents. — TNS

# Ganderbal op: Two guides held for aiding infiltration

MAJID JAHANGIR

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**SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14** Security forces achieved a major breakthrough when they arrested two "guides" who spilled the beans about the recent infiltration that led to the one of the longest anti-militancy operations in Kashmir in the past 15 months.

The guides, Chandi Khatana and Wajid Ali Khatana, both residents of Jandiwada, Rajouri, were arrested from the

Naranag Kangan area on Saturday morning during an ongoing anti-militancy operation which began on September 27.

"The arrest of the two is a part of the ongoing operations that are taking place in the upper reaches of Ganderbal. The two were guides and arrested on Saturday morning along with two AK rifles, few magazines and four grenades," Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal, Khalil Poswal told

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*The Tribune.* "They have so far revealed that the group of five militants infiltrated around September 22 through the Gurez sector," he added. The duo, he said, revealed that that two of

the members of the group had got killed while as two others had gone back to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

They said one of the infiltrators was missing after the gunfight.

"From the questioning of the two, it has come to the fore that the ISI is pushing militants to Kashmir from PoK," Poswal said.

The Army and elite para-commandoes for the past 18 days have been combing around 25 square km in the steep mountains at Trumkhal Gangbal in Ganderbal district to flush out freshly infiltrated militants. In the operation, two militants believed to be foreigners, have been killed.

The combing in the Army is still going on as the Army fears more infiltrators might be still hiding in area. During the operation, para commandoes were also airdropped at strategic locations to trace the militants.

The police said Ghulam Hassan War, a resident of Warpora, Sopore, had approached them saying one of the slain was his son Kamar-ud-Din, who had gone to Pakistan in 2018.

# Call for shutdown over Sarore toll plaza

SARORE (SAMBA), OCTOBER 14

Amid the growing clamour for closure of new toll plaza at Sarore in Samba district, the intimidation and harassment of commuters by the bouncers deployed at the toll collecting centre have turned out to be a major cause of concern on the highway, making situation more problematic and tricky.

On Monday, transporters in Samba and Kathua have given a shutdown call

demanding rollback of toll and what they alleged "unilateral decision of the government to impose taxes on the people." Four days after the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) made the toll plaza operational on the Jammu-Pathankot highway, there is simmering discontent among the people living in three southern districts — Jammu, Samba and Kathua. — TNS

# Gambling racket busted, 58 held

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Fifty-eight people involved in a gambling racket were arrested from a hotel in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj, the police said on Monday.

The arrests were made on Sunday during a raid conducted at the hotel on the Mehrauli-Gurgaon road following a tip-off, they said.

"During the raid, 58 people, found to be involved in gambling activities, were arrested

from the spot and cash worth ₹11 lakh was recovered," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Devender Arya, adding that more than 6,000 tokens used in gambling were also seized.

During investigation, it was revealed that the racket was being run by three people — Jagjit, Dinesh and Sajid, he added. The DCP said Jagjit was the mastermind of the racket. — PTI

# Dengue stings: 185 cases reported

Malaria incidents rise to 459 | Govt makes efforts to raise awareness

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Cases of dengue have spiked in the Capital with at least 111 of those being reported in the last one week, taking the total number of people affected by the vector-borne disease this year in Delhi to 467, according to a municipal report released on Monday. The number of malaria cases recorded till October 12 has also risen to 459, it said.

October alone has seen 185 cases of dengue while 190 cases were reported in September. However, 91 cases of malaria have been recorded this month till October 12 while September saw 214 cases. Till October 5, the city had recorded 356 cases of dengue, marking a rise of 111 fresh cases in the past one week, according to civic authorities.

Of the total 467 dengue cases, August recorded 52 cases, July recorded 18, June witnessed 11 cases and the rest was registered between January and May,



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia at a press conference in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

## DENGUE CASES REDUCED TO HALF IN 2019: KEJRI

CM Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said that his government's anti-dengue drive had resulted in a reduction in the number of dengue cases to 467 till now, as compared to 830 cases last year. Kejriwal underlined that the ongoing dengue prevention awareness campaign '10 Hafte, 10 Baje, 10 Minute' has been showing excellent results.

according to the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which tabulates the data on vector-borne diseases in the city.

As many as 56 malaria cases were recorded in August, 54 in July, 35 in June, eight

in May and one in April, it said.

Malaria cases had outstripped those of dengue in Delhi for the past several weeks, but dengue has once again eclipsed malaria as far as the infection count is

concerned in Delhi.

According to the report, at least 118 cases of chikungunya have also been reported this year. Last year, 2,798 dengue cases and four deaths were recorded by the SDMC. It had also reported 473 cases of malaria and 165 cases of chikungunya.

Both the Delhi Government and local bodies have been making efforts to raise awareness on precautions to ensure that there is no breeding of mosquito larvae.

Cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November, but the period may stretch to mid-December. Meanwhile, mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 1,55,921 households and 1,24,589 legal notices have been issued this year.

Dengue mosquito larvae breed in clear, standing water while those of malaria mosquito thrive even in dirty water. — PTI

# Cabinet approval to skill university

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The Delhi Cabinet on Monday gave its approval for a new skill and entrepreneurship development university with an initial capacity of 50,000 students.

The proposal will require clearance from the Lt Governor before its approval by the Assembly, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

The new Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship (DSE) University will focus on imparting the skills and knowhow to the youth that will equip them for employment, he said, adding that different courses, ranging between six months to two years, will be made available for students from class X to the graduate and post graduate levels. The courses will also have high level of flexibility in terms of redesigning for the requirements, he said.

The proposed varsity's initial intake will be 50,000 students, who will be enrolled in regular and part-time courses

## ABOUT DSE VARSITY

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es in various streams. Students who complete class X, class XII, and graduation can join the University for courses ranging from durations like six months, one year, two years and so on.

"The university will provide a guarantee for jobs to the students who graduate from here," said Kejriwal.

On the framework of the University, he said: "All ITIs, polytechnic institutes and skill centres will be merged into this University. We will collaborate with many foreign countries and universities." — IANS

**GORRIGENDUM**  
Smt. Krishna Rani W/o Sh. Ajmer Singh Bawa, was the co-owner of the subject led property House No. 352, Sector-30, Faridabad. Ajmer Singh Bawa S/o Late Sh. Sain Dass Bawa R/o H.No. 352, Sector-30, Faridabad (HR.) has informed that the Date of Death 16.01.2016 was published in Public Notice in the Tribune dt. 02.09.2019, by mistake. But Actual Date of Death is 17.01.2016. Legal Heir: Ajmer Singh Bawa

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# GRAP from today as Delhi-NCR brace for deteriorating air quality

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The Graded Response Action Plan to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR will come into force on Tuesday, proactively rolling out stricter measures depending on the situation to discourage private vehicles on roads, stop use of diesel generators, close brick kilns and stone crushers.

The air quality in Delhi has begun deteriorating ahead of the winter season. On Sunday, it turned turned "very poor" with the overall Air Quality



THE ACTION PLAN

Prepared by the CPCB, the GRAP lists measures to curb air pollution according to the severity of the situation

Index going beyond 300 mark.

On Monday, however, it improved by around 50 points but the situation has continued

to oscillate between poor and very poor for the last 24 hours.

Prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and first implemented in Delhi-NCR in 2017, the Graded Response Action Plan lists measures to curb air pollution according to the severity of the situation.

GRAP measures include increasing bus and metro services, hiking parking fees and stopping use of diesel gen-sets when the air quality turns "poor". — PTI

# 4 arrested for dacoity

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Four persons have been arrested by the police in connection with a dacoity they recently committed in Rohini's Begampur area, officials said on Monday.

The accused have been identified as Kamruddin (22), Karan (23), Intkab (22) and Harsh (23), they said.

On Saturday night, when Vishal Kumar, a resident of Uttam Nagar, who deals in sale-purchase of old cars was returning home in his car after dropping his friend in Begampur, he stopped on the way to relieve himself near

1 revolver, 2 live cartridges, three knives recovered

Helipad road, the police said.

A case was registered and based on the description of assailants given by Kumar, Kamruddin was identified as the probable culprit involved in the crime, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) SD Mishra said.

One revolver, two live cartridges, three knives along with four play was suspected. An foul BK, a first-year student of Master of Arts (Psychology), hailed from Kerala, they said. His roommates were away at the time of incident. — PTI

# Jamia Islamia student kills self

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A 22-year-old student of Jamia Millia Islamia University allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan at his rented accommodation in South-East Delhi's Okhla Vihar on Monday, said the police. However, no suicide note was found, said the police, adding that no foul play was suspected.

The student, a first-year student of Master of Arts (Psychology), hailed from Kerala, they said. His roommates were away at the time of incident. — PTI



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## Contrasting manifestos

BJP treads warily in Haryana, rivals make lofty promises

WITH barely a week to go for the Haryana Assembly elections, major political parties have released their manifestos, giving the electorate a fair idea of what to expect from them. The ruling BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' lists promises that seem, by and large, feasible: interest-free crop loan of up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers, collateral-free loan of up to Rs 3 lakh to applicants from the Scheduled Castes and a target of Rs 5,000 crore for interest and penalty waiver on crop loans taken from cooperative banks. Desperate to regain ground, the Congress and the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) are going all out to woo farmers, women and youngsters. They have promised farm loan waiver, 33 per cent quota for women in government jobs and 75 per cent reservation for the state's youth in jobs offered by private companies.

CM Manohar Lal Khattar claims that of the 150-odd poll promises made in 2014, 'only 10-11 could not be fulfilled as these involved litigation', but the Opposition says the BJP has let down all categories of voters in the past five years. According to the CM, the Congress would need Rs 1.26 lakh crore to fulfil its promises, while the BJP would require far less (Rs 32,000 crore) to do the needful. The saffron party's manifesto does look rooted in practicality, resisting the temptation of making outlandish commitments that could force the government to live beyond its means.

The farm loan write-off had proved to be the trump card for the Congress in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh late last year. However, months after doling out the mega freebie, the party was routed in these states in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The factionalism-hit Congress had also drawn a blank in Haryana, even as the BJP swept all 10 parliamentary seats. The INLD, too, is down in the dumps, especially after Dushyant Chautala broke ranks to form the Jannayak Janata Party. Making grand promises to attract the voters' attention might be an electoral compulsion for the Opposition parties, but unless they provide a credible alternative, it would only be an exercise in futility.

## Ganguly to be BCCI president

But politicians, businessmen keep control, too

THE nomination of Sourav Ganguly, the former India captain, to be the next president of the Indian cricket board (BCCI) is a welcome development, though the 'election' process had several worrying aspects. One, the election was done through negotiations rather than voting — this means that there was a lot of give and take among the politicians, businessmen and power-brokers who control BCCI. Two top officials were elected on the basis of their blood ties with ministers in the Union Government, not on the basis of their affinity with and services to cricket. Finally, Ganguly's elevation could end up being ineffectual and merely symbolic because he would be president for less than one year before demitting office and undergoing a compulsory three-year cooling-off period.

Jay Shah, the son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is set to be BCCI secretary, while Arun Singh Dhumal, brother of Minister of State Anurag Thakur, will be the treasurer. These appointments are significant for they show that politicians have not lost interest in running cricket, and that cricketers might well be used as pawns in efforts to keep control of the influential and super-rich BCCI. As in old India, the inheritance of power remains hereditary in new India. The ideal of cricketers running BCCI by hiring professional managers — as is done in international golf or tennis, for instance — remains out of reach.

Yet, the symbolism of a former top cricketer, who led the Indian team with distinction, becoming BCCI president is very strong indeed. It's a departure from the past when princes, businessmen and politicians held the position. Another very important development is the formation of a cricketers' association and election of two of its members to the BCCI's apex council. Thus, finally, player representatives will sit in BCCI meetings and have a say in how the game is run. If they remain united and committed to cricket rather than power and their personal interests, cricketers might well succeed in edging out politicians and businessmen, who would do well to focus on the much more critical job of running the country and its economy.

# Four 'Cs' of Chennai summit

Competition, cooperation, conflict and containment need to be managed wisely



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SUMMITS and hyperbole are not an unusual combination. And so it was in Chennai, where Modi came up with a Chennai Connect, and Xi went a step further and spoke about the need to 'hold the rudder and steer the course' of Sino-Indian relations to 'a 100-year plan'.

According to a report in Xinhua, this was broken down in six items. First, said Xi, there was need to 'correctly view each other's development and enhance strategic mutual trust'. In other words, they should not allow third parties to distort their views of each other and that the two sides needed to work on reinforcing positive views of each other through policies, joint endeavours and cooperation in global forums.

Second, he urged China and India to have 'timely and effective strategic communication' which would 'dispel suspicions and doubts, and properly handle differences and sensitive issues'. Both should 'prudently deal' with each other's core interests and issues that cannot be resolved should be 'properly managed and controlled'.

Direct and frequent meetings like the informal summits were the best way of achieving the goals of item one. India should not allow issues connected to the Sino-Pak relationship to derail the positive tenor of its relations, or get too worked up over the periodic Chinese incursions across the Line of Actual Control, or for that matter use the so-called 'Tibet card'.

Third, and this really flows from the Doklam incident, 'the two countries should effectively improve military and security exchanges and cooperation'. The Chinese are aware that sus-



TRUST ISSUES: Since there is always a suspicion of motives, it is vital that both nations do not let third parties distort their views of each other.

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picious of their motives run deep in the military hierarchy in India. They are therefore keen to directly develop professional relations at all levels of the Indian military through exchanges and joint training activity.

Fourth, having dealt with the issues that cannot be easily resolved and must be managed to the lowest level of conflict and contention, Xi said, that his country was keen on developing 'pragmatic cooperation and tightening ties of interests'. This obviously relates to the economic and trade investment issues. In the one clear outcome of the Chennai summit, India and China have created a new economic and trade development mechanism headed by Vice-Premier Hu Chunhua and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to align their economic development strategies and 'build a partnership in manufacturing industry'. Xi asked the Indian pharma and IT companies, in particular, to invest in China.

Fifth, the two sides should buttress their new relationship by greater peo-

ple-to-people exchanges. China sent abroad 127 million tourists in 2018. A significant number of them being directed towards India could boost many local economies.

Sixth, Xi called for India and China to enhance cooperation in international and regional affairs. Besides the United Nations, there was need to step up cooperation in the WTO to protect the interests and rights of developing countries. Xi also saw a positive benefit of Sino-Indian cooperation in multilateral forums like the SCO, Russia-China-India trilateral and called for a 'China-India plus' approach of joint cooperation in South, Southeast Asia and Africa. Without mentioning the Belt and Road Initiative, he said such cooperation should lead to better regional connectivity. In addition, the two should help push for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) as early as possible.

The Chinese view of international relations is largely hierarchical, emphasising relations with powerful and large countries over those of the smaller. For

the present, Beijing understands that there is a vast difference between the comprehensive national power (CNP) of India and China, with the latter's GDP now nearly five times that of India and its military spending at \$250 billion, while India's remains at \$55 billion.

A country like India has the geographical size, economic potential and the population to match, and even overtake, China in the coming decades. In fact, till 1987, the GDP of both countries was almost equal. Given our common, if disputed border, and India's salience in the Indian Ocean, Beijing cannot but take India seriously. So, besides managing conflict, it feels compelled to develop 'pragmatic cooperation'.

Prudence demands that the three 'Cs' of the relationship—competition, cooperation and conflict—be managed, so as not to affect China's growth as an economic and military power. This has become all the more important in view of the intensification of the Sino-US competition.

So far, Beijing has kept India engaged, without compromising on its support to Pakistan or giving any concession on its border claims. Its one recent gesture—agreeing to naming Masood Azhar in the 1267 Committee came at the last minute, when it became clear that Modi was surging in the May general election.

China wants to ensure that the fourth 'C'—containment—is kept at bay. It does not want India to become a formal part of the US-led system which is now gearing itself to slow down, if not block China's economic and military growth. It knows well that the US-led system in Asia will only have heft and credibility if India participates in it.

So far, New Delhi has insisted that it will maintain a posture of strategic autonomy. Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale's briefing noted, 'both President Xi and Prime Minister emphasised the importance of both countries having independent and autonomous foreign policy'. But if the gap between the CNP of India and China increases even more, New Delhi may have no option but to revise its outlook.

# Books, like humans, age too

JASPREET SINGH

FOR God's sake and for your benefit, please don't tear pages' and 'Please don't tear the pages, God is watching your deeds'. I found these messages scribbled on books at the Panjab University library. My joy knew no bounds when I found books that could help me in my assignment, but it was short-lived. As I went through old books, I was taken aback seeing their condition.

Another message caught my attention, 'A book is a living thing, like a human being. It has a body, style and soul. Disfiguring a book is like disfiguring a body.' Did anybody read this message? I think not. Books are companions on our journey through life and age with us. Some people keep

their books close to their heart. I have a rare collection securely kept in my book rack. Every book has memories attached to it. Some were given on prize distribution functions. Some were given by spiritual masters. As people age, the pages of books also turn yellow, while some poor-quality paper is ruined by termite.

People don't know how to read books in a library. They leave markers, which look like scars on a body. The ravages of time spare none. What will happen to my books? The question often comes to my mind. The priceless books, written by timeless authors, cannot brave natural and man-made atrocities. Their shelf life decreases, the sheen diminishes. Wrinkled pages, blended edges and faded ink are signs of decaying books. Humans go

through similar changes — wrinkled face, grey hair, memory loss, weak vision and ill health. Old books, like aged humans, have a worth that can't be measured in monetary or other forms. We need to preserve their teachings, because only teachings can be immemorial, and can be passed on from one generation to next.

You might have read a book again and again, and each time you must have found something diverse and varied to ponder upon. This is the power of books, they push you to go beyond what is, and persuade you to think. Some old books contain chits and paper notes that bring back memories. The date of publishing, the number of times it was issued and the number of times it was printed, tell us about its history. The history of the book adds to its biog-

raphy. People were perhaps reading the same book when you were not even born. Thinking about this makes me feel good — this is real knowledge that our forefathers have gained, and we are getting the same information.

It is our responsibility to pass on the knowledge in the form of these wonderful books in libraries. Share photocopied versions with avid readers and value them. These books are treasure troves, sometimes donated by learned men and women who left their wisdom and kindness in the form of these books. I am sad to witness the torn pages, but am happy to read the messages of safekeeping. We can delay the ageing process of books and humans, only if timely care is taken, and if duties and responsibilities are remembered.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who does not trust enough, will not be trusted.

— Lao Tzu

## ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1919

## Extravagant Praise for Sir Michael O'Dwyer.

THAT notoriously anti-Indian journal, the *Morning Post* of London, has in a recent issue given a certificate to Sir Michael O'Dwyer, the extravagance of which will, we feel sure, make Sir Michael himself blush. The judgement of the paper upon the former Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab is summed up in one sentence. He, we are told, saved British rule in India. We are anxious not to enter into a controversy with anyone at this stage, as regards the precise meaning, significance and character of the recent deplorable events in the Punjab, but it will probably be as much a news to Sir O'Dwyer himself as it is to most of us that British rule in India was in danger on account of, those events, as he dealt with them he actually saved that rule. We never believed that British rule in India, by which we mean the rule of the King-Emperor in Parliament, is based upon so weak a foundation that disturbances like what took place in certain places in the Punjab, taking them at their very worst, could shake it in any manner or degree.

## A Reactionary Element in England.

SIR Abbas Ali Baig, lately an Indian member in the Secretary of State's Council, has on his return to Bombay, given expression to his views on political prospects, in the *Times of India*. Regarding the relationship between India and England, he says India's participation in the war and her achievements have helped to create in England a feeling in favour of a full measure of autonomy being given to India. But he says, "there is an influential minority, especially in the House of Lords, which refuses to recognise that the days of aggressive domination of the Prussian type, based on racial lines, with power and privileges on one side and debasement and disabilities on the other, are past."

## Modi's rhetoric begins

Refer to 'Modi dares Oppn on 370 reversal' (October 14); elections are around the corner in Maharashtra and Haryana. Naturally, PM Modi's 'maximum rhetoric, minimum governance' is in the forefront when he dares the Opposition to declare to bring back Article 370 in its manifesto. Is this Article relevant to Maharashtra and Haryana? Modi should own responsibility for the current scenario in the country, particularly, when the World Bank has cut India's growth forecast from 7.5% to 6%. The Modi-Shah duo only rants about what the Congress could not do in 70 years. What has the Modi government done in 64 months?

BIDYUT KUMAR CHATTERJEE, FARIDABAD

## Build trust

Apropos the editorial 'The Mamallapuram summit' (October 14), it is an extremely important development that despite having boundary, trade and strategic differences, the two countries have agreed to enhance their trade and defence ties through informal summit. However, China still sees India in the prism of US interests whereas India feels reluctant to move with China because of its pro-Pakistan stance. Therefore, the two nations need to do further homework to strengthen their bilat-

eral ties, so that they can come together as giants of economy.

HARVINDER SINGH CHUGH, JALANDHAR

## Can't hope for much

This refers to 'The Mamallapuram summit' (October 14). Due to enormous economic and strategic interest of China in Pakistan, it may not do much in the fields of defence, security and terror in India's favour. So, the bottlenecks in these sectors will continue. Expansion of China's trade in India is its primary priority. Our export to China is merely 25% as compared to our imports of 75%. This vast difference should be bridged in India's favour. Some respectable balance can be achieved if our traders, businessmen, industrialists and entrepreneurs work towards this aim. Otherwise, much should not be expected from China.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

## RBI failure as watchdog

The RBI has failed as a watchdog. There is something intrinsically amiss, if despite the monthly and yearly statutory statements, and the balance sheet in its possession, the RBI was unable to detect any wrongdoing at PMC Bank. It can be blamed for gross negligence, dereliction of duty, and unconscionable behaviour towards the depositors of the bank.

The government should act against RBI officials responsible for monitoring the PMC bank's functioning.

SC DHALL, ZIRAKPUR

## Corridor of peace

The 'Passage to Kartarpur' (October 13) is not only well written, but also informative. It covers the journey of the birth of an idea and how it grew and took a concrete shape. If despite hostility between the two countries, the project is still on schedule, it means victory of faith over doubt. Guru Nanak is bridging the gap between the two countries. War has never solved any problem. I hope the corridor will herald a new era of peace in the subcontinent. It will be a fitting tribute to the Guru.

ARUN HASTIR, GURDASPUR

## Who remembers Shastri?

The birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri fell on October 2. No piece on the former PM appeared in *The Tribune*. Even a small photograph of this great son of India was not published. Only a homage notice of the Punjab Government, vowing to emulate his ideology of 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' was there. Shastri was an intensely God-fearing and religious man, committed to noble ideals. Humility was his hallmark. Favouritism and nepotism were unknown to him. To him noth-

ing was politically good, which was morally bad. Nehru specially despatched him to Srinagar to set at rest the turmoil caused by the theft of *Moo-e-Muqaddis* (sacred hair of the Prophet). The whole nation, particularly the Muslim fraternity, was all praise for him for successfully handling the ticklish affair. He would not stick to the ministerial *gaddi* against the voice of his conscience. Accepting moral responsibility for a train accident, he tendered his resignation as the railway minister.

BHAGWAN SINGH, QADIAN

## No mercy for Rajoana

The decision to commute the death sentence of Balwant Singh Rajoana defies logic. It is not in public interest. It is a short-sighted step, and will encourage unscrupulous elements and vested interests. It is gross injustice to the dependents of 17 persons who were killed in a matter of minutes. Rajoana, who did not plead guilty and did not show any repentance for such a heinous crime, does not deserve clemency. When many a veteran leader and administrator had thrown in the towel, it was Beant Singh, then CM, who caught the bull by the horns and succeeded in restoring law and order in Punjab.

RK SHARMA, KURUKSHETRA



# Tackling terror with smart, seamless grid



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**GLARING LAPSE:** The failure to collate intelligence or act on intelligence inputs characterises numerous terror attacks in India.

NATGRID has acquired some of the latest data mining and other essential technology to provide intelligence tracking and collation. When fully functional, it will link 10 user agencies and 21 service providers. A select group of agencies will have access to the database. This enables agencies one-point access to data which is otherwise widely spread out.

access to data which is otherwise widely spread out and held by different government and law enforcement departments.

David Headley's movements in and out of the country and his visits to reconnoitre the Mumbai targets were available with various immigration and police agencies. But the lack of a seamless grid to provide real-time information ultimately led to a failure to connect the dots.

NATGRID will be crucial to intelligence gathering and use of information to arrive at a collated intelligence picture and help in the identification of any emerging threats. Counter-terror operations agencies can, thereafter, analyse and prioritise multiple threats that emerge.

A single centre for the control and coordination of all anti-terror efforts, like the proposed NCTC, could be the next logical step. The decision to take overt or covert action against such emerging threats has to be taken by the executive who will now be given the facts duly collated and analysed by a single agency.

A comprehensive but national approach to tackle terror must transcend political and interagency rivalry and turf guarding. A centralised approach, mostly synonymous with slow and monolithic responses, has to make way for collaborative Centre-state intelligence sharing, with quick decision-making and prioritisation of threats. If not, terror planners and crime-terror syndicates will only be emboldened and strike with impunity, safe in the knowledge that it is business as usual. An armed response across the borders into another country's territory is probably not the smartest way to combat terror — it puts troops at risk, triggers escalation and, in the end, is a reactive strategy.

The recent actions taken to finalise and resuscitate the NATGRID lead one to hope for the establishment of smart structures to combating terror.

NATIONAL Security Adviser Ajit Doval's statement that Pakistan is under immense pressure from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to rein in terror groups operating from its soil comes weeks after Home Minister Amit Shah announced the resurrection of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID). The establishment of the long-delayed National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) was pushed for by successive governments as an overarching body to handle terror. However, politics and turf-guarding have held up the creation of smart structures despite the sanctioning of Rs 5,400-crore budget. Inter-agency rivalry and distrust were primarily responsible for creating fissures about staffing and control of the central agency and the NCTC as well as NAT-GRID were kept on hold.

After the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the NCTC was conceived as a single agency to counter terrorist actions and it was initially based on the US model and was meant to handle the functions of joint intelligence and joint operations.

The NCTC was to be superimposed on the existing multi-agency centres (MAC) and was to have sweeping powers to arrest and carry out operations across the country. In addition to complementing the NCTC, a national computerised information-sharing network, known as NAT-GRID, was proposed as a unified database of national stature to combine intelligence inputs.

The overriding principle in tackling terror is to be able to forecast terror threats by intelligence analysis and neutralising them before they cause casualties and damage to the humans, materials and national pride. In fact, the failure to collate intelligence or to act on intelligence inputs characterises the numerous terror incidents that have unfolded in India. The inability to separate intelligence activities and armed response has been amply highlighted by the disjointed responses witnessed in various terror acts, from the 2008 Mumbai attacks to the 2019 Pulwama carnage.

The political quagmire over the formation of a Central anti-terror agency stems from the ambiguity in the responsibility for security. Security is a state subject and the police forces are controlled by the state governments, thereby giving the states the exclusive power to legislate with respect to the police system and exercise full administrative control over the police.

The police are adept at handling crime and law and order situations. However, at present, there is no Central agency to coordinate action against organised criminal syndicates, let alone terrorism. The Mumbai and Pathankot attacks proved the glaring inadequacies of the local police forces in combating orchestrated terrorist actions.

In the haste and shock of 26/11, many attempts were made to revamp India's internal security architecture and most of the proposals failed to materialise. A look at the architecture of the existing counter-terror mechanism brings the disjoint in the construct of the structure sharply into focus.

The Intelligence Bureau (IB), India's main intelligence agency, is controlled by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and is responsible for internal security and intelligence. The IB is considered the nodal agency and works closely with the state police and the Central paramilitary forces on counterterrorism intelligence. However, it cannot

fully execute this function because it has no legal authority to investigate an offence, arrest anyone or prosecute them in court.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is presently the central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency. Such an agency without appropriate anti-terror intelligence and analysis, at best, can follow leads to register cases and probe terror attacks because investigation, by nature, is a post-event activity and cannot be confused with the activity of seeking intelligence and collating inputs that lead to actionable analysis to forecast events.

The Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks & System (CCTNS) was envisaged to seamlessly link India's police stations, to allow for better information sharing and replicates some of the features proposed in NATGRID. Towards the end of 2018, it was announced that 14,749 out of the 15,655 police stations in the country have been connected with the 18 CCTNS. Their

efficacy, however, is up for debate as reviews indicate slackness in delivery of tangible results. Basic ground-level grassroots intelligence functions also need to be honed and used to feed data from across the states for an efficient tracking and monitoring system.

The recent report of NATGRID becoming functional within a year is a positive and well-considered development in the country's attempt to form a stable and robust mechanism supported by institutional mechanisms to forecast, analyse and counter the existential terror threat. NATGRID has acquired some of the latest data mining and other essential technology to provide intelligence tracking and collation.

When fully functional, NATGRID will link 10 user agencies and 21 service providers. A select group of agencies will have access to the data base which comprises mobile numbers, vehicle numbers, passport details and, in later phases, train and air ticketing details. This enables agencies a one-point, real-time

# Amend sedition law to check its misuse



**AYUSH SARNA**  
ASSISTANT ADVOCATE GENERAL, PUNJAB

SINGING from the same song-book is not a benchmark of patriotism in a democracy. People should be at liberty to show their affection towards their country of their own free will. This is what the Law Commission said in its Consultation Paper released in 2018. It implies that dissent is the lifeblood of democracy, which has no meaning without freedom.

However, there has been a disturbing trend in recent times, wherein misguided people or dissenting opinions have been termed as 'anti-national'. A Bihar court recently directed the filing of an FIR under Section 124-A (sedition) of the IPC and other charges against 49 eminent persons who had expressed concern over lynching incidents in an open letter to the Prime Minister (the charges were later dropped).

Section 124-A says, "Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India, shall be punished for sedition."

The law on sedition is a hangover from India's colonial past. Its origin lies in 17th-century England, where it was deemed necessary to protect the monarchy and protect the country from instability. It was inserted in the Indian



**DRACONIAN:** In 2012, residents of an entire village in Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu, had sedition cases slapped against them for opposing a nuclear power project.

Penal Code (IPC) in 1870 as Section 124-A. This provision was first used on Bal Gangadhar Tilak in 1897, then on Gandhi (for writing an article in *Young India*) and on other freedom fighters, such as Bhagat Singh, who were prosecuted under this provision.

Ironically, the same draconian law has become a tool that the country is now using against its own people. In 2012, residents of an entire village in Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu, had sedition cases slapped against them for resisting a nuclear power project. In the same year, cartoonist Aseem Trivedi was booked for sedition for a cartoon that highlighted corruption. In 2014, these charges were slapped against stu-

dents in Meerut for supporting Pakistan during a cricket match. In the same year, *adivasis* of Jharkhand, who were resisting displacement, were slapped with sedition charges. Kanhaiya Kumar was charged with sedition for allegedly inciting people to shout 'Bharat tere tukde hongey.'

Going through the numbers that the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) puts out every year, it is clear that despite the rise in sedition cases, conviction happens in barely a few cases. It implies that due to the broad scope and vague terms like 'hatred', 'contempt' and 'disaffection', this sedition law is open to different interpretations and is being increasingly

used to stifle criticism and dissent that goes against what the state perceives as nationalism or patriotism and also on political opponents of the government.

This puts a chilling effect on democracy by violating Articles 19 and 21, which talk about the right to free speech and the right to have a decent life. The continuance of this disturbing trend of putting sedition charges on dissenting opinion might result in people getting swayed towards Naxalism, insurgency and terrorist activities and away from democratic beliefs.

The conundrum arises as the constitutional validity of the sedition law was upheld by the Supreme Court (SC) in *Kedar Nath vs State of Bihar* (1962), with the condition that the sedition Section can be invoked only in cases of public disorder or disturbance of public peace and actual incitement to violence. In *Balwant Singh vs State of Punjab* (1995), the SC said that raising some slogan (e.g. 'Khalistan Zindabad'), which neither evoked any response nor any reaction from the public, could not attract such punishment. Though with these liberal judgments, the sedition law has been watered down, misuse of this provision has become the law of land.

Being a colonial era relic which even the UK has repealed, the sedition law in its present form has absolutely no place in a modern democracy where power

ultimately rests with the people, who must ask questions and criticise, as a method to ensuring accountability. Any constructive criticism of the government should be welcomed to uphold the very fabric of democracy. All speech-related offences should be made bailable offences. It would lessen the harmful impact of using arrest and custody as a way of harassing anyone exercising his right of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a).

This sedition law, as interpreted by the SC, needs to be applied with caution. Only then can it act as a bulwark around the integrity of the nation and discourage elements which seek to incite violence to cause public disorder and overthrow an elected government. In balancing free speech with ensuring the security of the nation, this provision must be replaced with a set of laws specifying what stands for sedition, leaving no scope for misinterpretation by the authorities susceptible to political pressures.

This will go a long way in ensuring that a clear distinction is made between a 'cartoonist' drawing a cartoon and a 'terrorist' plotting against the Indian state. Clearly, the law on sedition is like a cannon that ought not to be used to shoot a mouse, but the arsenal also demands the possession of the cannon, mostly as a deterrent, and occasionally for shooting.

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# Big TVs Punjabis' new fad

Driving force: Flamboyant lifestyle, high disposable income

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

Living life king size has always been the style of Punjabis. This is often reflected in their buying behaviour, especially when it comes to owning luxury cars, bungalows, luxury watches and gold items. But these days they are splurging on 4K or ultra-high definition premium LED and OLED televisions that range between 43 inches and 75 inches. This segment is unperturbed by slowdown and is growing by 100%.

According to manufacturers, besides high per capita income, Netflix and Amazon have pushed 4K content greatly on their streaming platforms and this gave fillip to the demand for larger screens. According to a senior official working with leading manufacturer, in Punjab, people prefer to live in bungalows instead of flats and so they prefer larger screens in TVs as the bigger screen intensifies the entire viewing experience. "Punjab is one of the most potential markets for us as people are quality conscious here and willing to spend. It contributes around 5% to the overall premium segment LEDs sales in the country. In the current season, we have set a target of 100% growth in premium television segment and



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"Punjab is one of the most potential markets for us as people are quality conscious here and willing to spend. It contributes around 5% to the overall premium segment LEDs sales in the country. In the current season, we have set a target of 100% growth in premium television segment and we expect the Punjab market will grow in line with nation," said Sunil Nayyar, managing director, Sony India.

The structural shift in premium segment emphasises the increasing relevance of digital economy and rise in emerging middle-class consumers. Better connectivity in the state has fuelled unprecedented aspiration and access to information.

Also, with consumers upgrading from small to mid-and-large screens, the shift has led to an increase in sales of smart televisions and ultra-high definition televisions above 43 inches. The overall television market is pegged at around 1.10 crore sets annually. Out of this, the premium segment contributes 10% to the total market. The 32-inch category dominates the market with a share of around 60%.

According to Yogesh Bhatia, MD, Detel, Punjab has a huge potential for big screen TVs such as 40-inch and above. The per capita income of the people of Punjab is also higher as compared to many other states in India. "We are also foraying into Punjab market

aggressively into large distribution. We are geared up not just with our range of televisions but also with our home theatres as Punjab is the biggest non-film music market in the world," he said.

To have bigger pie of the premium segment market, almost every manufacturer is eyeing this segment with new launches. Sony has already launched models in this segment. Premium TVs are also a major area of focus for Samsung as the company believes that customers upgrading to bigger TVs to improve their viewing experience will drive growth.

As consumers' preference for larger TVs is increasing, Samsung is also targeting significant market share in TVs that are sized 75 inches and above.

Sunil Nayyar, MANAGING DIRECTOR, SONY INDIA

# French energy giant Total to buy 37.4% stake in Adani Gas

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A year after stitching an alliance with billionaire Gautam Adani for foray into lucrative Indian market, French energy giant Total SA on Monday announced buying a 37.4% stake in Adani Gas Ltd — the firm that retails gas to automobiles and households, for an estimated Rs 5,700 crore.

Total, which in August 2018 exited a JV with Royal Dutch Shell in a 5 million tonne liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal at Hazira in Gujarat, had in October last formed a 50:50 JV for two LNG import terminals of Adani on the east and west coast of India as well as for setting up of 1,500 petrol pumps in the country over 10 years.

Adani Group in a separate statement said city gas distribution is a natural extension

## ₹5,700-CRORE DEAL

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The partnership will derive significant synergies between Adani's capabilities of developing world-class assets and Total's global best practices as well as leveraging business synergies across LNG, fuel retail and city gas distribution. — Gautam Adani, ADANI GROUP CHAIRMAN

of the plans of both partners to invest in infrastructure and assets worth over \$1 billion, which span LNG infrastructure and marketing and fuel retail business, announced in October 2018.

The French firm is the latest energy major seeking to expand its presence in India,

which is the world's third-largest and the fastest-growing energy consumer. In August, Reliance Industries said Saudi Arabian Oil Co will buy 20% of its oil-to-chemical business at an enterprise value of \$75 billion.

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# ₹82,000 crore disbursed during 9-day loan mela

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Public sector banks disbursed around Rs 82,000 crore, including Rs 34,342 crore in new term loans, during the first phase of the nine-day loan mela in 226 districts that ended on October 7.

After meeting CEOs of PSBs today, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the outreach programme to boost retail credit and banks witnessed a robust demand.

This was Sitharaman's second meeting with the CEOs of public sector banks in less than a month.

The minister said the CEA made a presentation based on data on credit flows from the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee to get a better idea about credit flows and places where it was congested. Sitharaman was satisfied with the ongoing process of merging public sector banks and said the bank boards were taking the necessary steps.

# IRCTC makes stellar debut, closes at ₹728

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14

In a boost to the divestment process, the shares of Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) today made a stellar debut on the bourses, zooming 127% to close at Rs 728.60 over the issue price of Rs 320.

This is the first listing of a government-owned entity this fiscal and the IPO received 112 times oversubscription for an issue of Rs 645 crore — the second best in decades.

The mini-ratna firm, a subsidiary of the Railways, made a dream stock market debut listing at Rs 644, a jump of 101.25%, rallied to Rs 743.80 to close at Rs 728.60 on the BSE. The stock did not trade below Rs 625 during the trade. On the NSE, it skyrocketed 95.62% to Rs 626 in opening trade.

This is the best IPO show and also arguably the best debut after Salasar Engineering in July 2017. — PTI



## The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

### Draw of flats for Lok Awas Housing Project on Oct 25

The draw for flats of Lok Awas Housing Project, Sector 74-A, Mohali, will be held on October 25. Bookings can be made till October 15. The project is located on 200 feet main road and the construction work is in full swing. Bookings can also be made online at lokawas.com. The project has been awarded "Affordable Housing of the Year" award by Remax India. The award was received by Sandeep Arora, sales head, Vera Developers Pvt Ltd.



### Chandigarh-based Henson Info expands in over 20 countries

In less than a year, Chandigarh-based Henson Info Solutions Pvt Ltd has expanded its global footprint to more than 20 countries. Local entrepreneur Abheek Dutta is leading the Indian arm of US-based Henson Group, a Microsoft licensing, consulting and managed services provider to global corporations. Abheek is a certified Microsoft trainer.



### SCOPE pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) recently paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi. On this occasion, Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE, garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and also planted saplings at SCOPE headquarters.



### NFL pays ₹28.22-crore dividend to government

NFL has paid a dividend of Rs 28.22 crore to the Government of India for the year 2018-19. Manoj Mishra, CMD, NFL, recently presented the cheque of Rs 28.22 crore to Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers DV Sadananda Gowda in the presence of Secretary (Fertilizers) Chhabilendra Roul and other senior officials. NFL has presented a cumulative dividend of Rs 1,156.97 crore to the government till date against paid-up equity of Rs 490.58 crore.



### PK Gupta takes over as CMD of NBCC

PK Gupta has taken over as the chairman and managing director of NBCC (India) Ltd. Before taking over the charge of CMD, NBCC, he was executive director (Regional Projects) in RITES Limited, also a CPSE under the Ministry of Railways. Shri Gupta holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NIT, Kurukshetra, and an M Tech from IIT Delhi.



### Jaypee varsity holds annual sports fest 'Parakram 6.0'

Jaypee University of Information Technology, Solan, recently conducted 'Parakram 6.0' - a two-day annual sports fest. It was organised by Sports Club, JYC. The event was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) Vinod Kumar, Registrar Major General (retd) Rakesh Bassi, JYC faculty in charge Dr Amit Srivastava, Prof Ashok Gupta and other dignitaries. Around 250 students from various colleges across the country participated in the tournament.



### Dr Sumita Sofat awarded by Oxford, England

Infertility specialist Dr Sumita Sofat of Test Tube Baby Center, Ludhiana, has been awarded the Honorary Professor of Academic Union from the Oxford, England. She is the only Indian doctor to receive this honour. The award was given to her for her remarkable contribution in the field of infertility treatment for the past 24 years.



### Oriental Bank of Commerce cuts MCLR by 5-10 bps

Oriental Bank of Commerce has slashed its lending rates based on Marginal Cost of Fund based Lending rate (MCLR) by 5-10 bps across various tenors. The new rates are effective from October 10.

### Tata Motors' customer dialogue, service campaign

Tata Motors is organising 'Grahak Samvaad' campaign, exclusively for commercial vehicle customers from October 10 to 21. During the campaign, the company's employees will engage with customers and

fleet owners to update them on the various initiatives taken by them for the enhancement of customer experience. The team will also collect feedback from customers on their experience and expectations.

### 'Omexe Chowk' to showcase glorious past of Chandni Chowk

Omexe's commercial project - Omexe Chowk - will be the first major commercial development in Delhi's Chandni Chowk after 300 years. As part of the government's redevelopment plan, Omexe in PPP mode with North MCD, is developing a multi-level parking-cum-commercial centre at Gandhi Maidan. It will increase the parking capacity to over 2,100 cars and 81 buses. It will also have two floors reserved for retail and one floor for F&B space designed to offer and showcase glorious past of the Chandni Chowk and its delicacies.



### Fortis Hospital launches unique cab, ambulance service

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Fortis Hospital, Mohali, has launched a unique cab and ambulance service. It is different from normal cab service as it is customised service for the elderly and wheelchair-bound patients to reach the hospital. Ashish Bhatia, chief operating officer, and Abhijit Singh, zonal director, Fortis Hospital, Mohali, were present on the occasion. The drivers and staff have been trained in life support at Fortis Hospital, Mohali.



### Airtel Payments Bank, ICICI Prudential Life in pact

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has signed an agreement with Airtel Payments Bank. Airtel Payments Bank customers will now have easy access to life insurance and savings plans, enabling them to provide financial security to their families and build long-term savings.

### Saraswati Agro Life Science unveils new products

Saraswati Agro Life Science (India) Pvt Ltd has introduced new products such as SA-Grovit 80, SA-Glazer Pro, SA-Target 70 and SA-Chloroplus to enhance the productivity of farmers. While SA-Grovit 80 is a contact fungicide,



SA-Glazer Pro is an insecticide to be used on crops such as cotton, sugarcane, paddy and groundnut. SA-Target 70 is a herbicide used on crops such as sugarcane, potato, tomato and soyabean while SA-Chloroplus is an insecticide used for cotton and paddy.

### British Council to hold workshop for storytellers

British Council will soon conduct a workshop called "Share your stories" for teachers, trainers and aspiring storytellers of the city. To be conducted by renowned storyteller Vergine Gulbenkian from the UK, participants can explore varied styles of storytelling and retell traditional stories by learning a range of exercises at the workshop. Entry to the workshop is free and is open for all (7 years and above) at British Council, Elante Office block premises.

### Lakmé launches trendy line-up of collection

Lakmé has launched a trendy line-up of collections and stunning beauty looks perfect for the festive season. This season also saw the launch of the lightest matte lipstick and Matte Revolution, which added to the glamorous beauty looks. Namrata Soni, Lakmé Make Up expert for the Lakmé Fashion Week, said statement blouses and floral prints are the new trends. Quirky sari draping is another new trend to look out for at the latest season of Lakmé Fashion Week.



### Whistling Woods International unveils new programmes

Whistling Woods International (WWI) has launched the enhanced version of the WWI Virtual Academy, a pioneering e-learning platform. The new programmes will enable the academy to educate film and media aspirants through pre-recorded video and theory-based modules. These online sessions will enable students and professionals, alike, to discover their potential in various domains of filmmaking.

### InsuranceDekho opens first branch office in Punjab

InsuranceDekho, an insurance venture by CarDekho group, has opened its first branch office in Ludhiana. With focus on expanding distribution in tier II and tier III cities, InsuranceDekho has plans to open over 15 branches in the next three months across the country. It has tied up with more than 20 insurance companies to provide insurance distribution services in health and motor insurance.

### PGI, Chandigarh, holds CME on intervention cardiology

The Department of Cardiology, PGI, Chandigarh, in association with US-based C3 Interventional Academy, recently organised a CME on 'Intervention Cardiology' wherein nearly 100 doctors of the region participated. Dr Rajesh Vijayvergiya, organising secretary, said the purpose of the CME was to share the knowledge, challenges and achievements in the field.



### HDFC Bank launches 'Festive Treats' dhamaka

HDFC Bank has launched 'Festive Treats' - India's largest financial services dhamaka. Customers will get special offers on all banking products from loans to bank accounts, as well as major discounts on over 1,000+ brands. For the very first time, special festive offers will be available across the entire spectrum of financial solutions for retail consumers and business customers with discounts on processing fee on loans, reduced EMIs, gift vouchers and other benefits.

### VR Punjab kicks off Diwali shopping fiesta

VR Punjab has kicked off a month-long Diwali shopping fiesta. During the extravaganza, which will continue till November 12, customers who spend Rs 5,000 or more on shopping or dining at any of the outlets can register themselves for the raffle draw by producing the bills, thereby getting a chance to win attractive prizes on a weekly and daily basis.



### Hyundai Motor Foundation renovates two govt schools

Hyundai Motor India Foundation (HMIF), a philanthropic arm of the Hyundai Motor India, has taken yet another social initiative to promote 'Education for All' by renovating two government schools in Sukhrali village in Gurugram. HMIF contributed Rs 1.2 crore in the renovation and development of these schools.







GLOBE TROT

# Spain apex court jails 9 Catalan separatist leaders for sedition

Sentenced for nine to 13 years | Protests erupt, streets blocked

MADRID, OCTOBER 14 Spain's Supreme Court on Monday sentenced nine separatist leaders from Catalonia between nine and 13 years in prison for sedition over their role in a failed independence bid, triggering protests across the region.

Three other defendants who were also on trial for their involvement in the October 2017 referendum held in spite of a ban and a short-lived independence declaration, were found guilty only of disobedience and not sentenced to prison.

All defendants were acquitted of the gravest charge, rebellion, but leading separatists were quick to condemn the court's decision and the jailed men sent out messages of defiance, urging people to take to the streets.

Former head of Catalonia's regional government, Carles Puigdemont, said the prison sentences were an "atrocity", and the head of the regional parliament Roger Torrent called them an "attack on democracy".

In Barcelona, three main streets were blocked by protesters holding signs calling for "Freedom for political prisoners". Outside the pro-independence Omnium Cultural headquarters in Barcelona, a crowd chanted "We'll do it again" - a slogan used by separatist supporters who want to hold another referendum.

Protesters in Tarragona blocked the A7 highway to Barcelona and several regional roads across Catalonia, officials at the Catalan road traf-



Students protest at Plaza Universidad in Barcelona. REUTERS

### Police charge at protesters at Barcelona airport

Spanish police charged at Catalan pro-independence protesters at Barcelona international airport. Video footage showed cops using batons on some of the demonstrators

fic agency said. An earlier disruption to the regional train network outside the town of Girona, a separatist stronghold, had ended.

Much is at stake in how the court's decision will be received, both for Spain and for its wealthiest region.

Catalonia's independence drive attracted worldwide attention and triggered Spain's biggest political crisis in decades and unnerved financial markets.

Spanish authorities are keen to avoid any condemnation from abroad of the sentence as too draconian, and the separatist movement will have to decide how to react to the ruling.

The jailed separatists said via social media that they would carry on their fight. "Nine years in prison won't end my optimism. Catalonia

### ARREST WARRANT FOR EX-REGIONAL CHIEF

Spain's Supreme Court issued a European arrest warrant for former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont, following the sentencing of nine other separatist leaders

Puigdemont was the head of Spanish region during its failed 2017 bid to break away from Spain. At present, he lives in self-imposed exile in Belgium

In July 2018, the Spanish Supreme court had dropped a warrant after Germany refused to extradite Puigdemont

regional government Oriol Junqueras.

The court convicted Junqueras and eight other leaders on charges of sedition and four of them of misuse of public funds.

"What happened on October 1 was not just a demonstration or a massive act of citizen protest. If that had been the case, there would have been no criminal sentencing. It was a tumultuous uprising encouraged by the accused, among many others," the Madrid court said in its ruling, delivered in writing rather than in an open session.

The CDR grassroots movement said, "It's time to rise up against the authoritarian fascism of the Spanish state and its accomplices. It is time for the #RevoltaPopular." — Reuters



Turkey-backed rebel fighters in Syrian town Tel Abyad. REUTERS

# Syrian forces move towards Turkey border

BEIRUT/ANKARA, OCTOBER 14

Russia-backed Syrian forces wasted no time in taking advantage of an abrupt US retreat from Syria on Monday, deploying deep inside Kurdish-held territory south of the Turkish frontier less than 24 hours after Washington announced a full withdrawal.

Washington's Kurdish former allies said they invited the government troops as an "emergency measure" to help fend off an assault by Turkey, launched last week with "a green light" from President Donald Trump that the Kurds describe as a betrayal.

Under their deal with Kurds, the government forces are poised to move into border areas from the town of Manbij in the west to Derik.

Syrian state media reported that troops had already entered Tel Tamer, a town on the strategically important M4 highway that runs east-west around 30 km south of the frontier with Turkey.

"After the US abandoned the region and gave the green

### Trump: Kurds may have released IS militants

US President Donald Trump said Kurdish-led forces in northeast Syria may have released captive Islamic State militants to lure the US soldiers back to the area

"Kurds may be releasing some to get us involved. Easily recaptured by Turkey or European Nations from where many came, but they should move quickly," Trump said

light for the Turkish attack, we were forced to explore another option, which is talks with Damascus and Moscow to thwart Turkish attacks," senior Kurdish official Badran Jia Kurd said.

He described new arrangement with Assad as a "preliminary military agreement", and said political aspects would be discussed later. Another Kurd politician Aldar Xelil termed the pact "an emergency measure". — Reuters

### SAILING WITH WIND: Boats sail past 'Victory Lighthouse' during the 51st Barcolana regatta in Gulf of Trieste on Monday. AFP

**Film pulled off in Hanoi over South China Sea map**  
HANOI: Vietnam has pulled the animated film "Abominable" from theatres over a scene featuring a map of the South China Sea showing Beijing's claims in the flashpoint waterway. China has long used its so-called nine-dash line to justify its jurisdiction over most of the resource-rich sea. The U-shaped line appears on a map of the South China Sea in a scene in the film released as "Everest: The Little Snowman" in Vietnam, which is about a Chinese teenager helping a yeti return to his home on Mount Everest. State media said the movie would no longer be shown in Vietnam. AFP

**Afghanistan museum restores Buddhist artifacts**  
KABUL: Restoring Afghanistan's Buddhist artifacts that were destroyed by the Taliban 18 years ago is like working on a 1,500-year-old jigsaw puzzle, say conservators working on the restoration project. The militants in 2001 destroyed artifacts dating from the third century, including two towering Buddha statues in Bamyan province and scores of smaller ones excavated from monasteries. "It is very important (work) because it is actually restoration of our heritage, our identity, our past," said Mohammad Fahim Rahimi, director of the 100-year-old National Museum of Afghanistan. REUTERS

**K-pop star Sulli found dead in Seoul**  
SEOUL: Sulli, a 25-year-old K-pop star, was found dead at her residence near Seoul, South Korea, police said on Monday. The police told the BBC that the singer's manager found her dead at her home and were investigating the cause of her death. The star, whose real name is Choi Jin-ri and had more than five million followers on Instagram. There were reports that said the artist suspended her work after struggling with the abuse she got online. IANS

# Brexit on Oct 31 a 'priority' for UK government: Queen

LONDON, OCTOBER 14 British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday set out his government's priorities at a parliamentary ceremony full of pomp and pageantry attended by Queen Elizabeth II.

But with time running out for an amicable divorce deal before EU leaders meet later this week, few of the proposals look likely to be enacted, with predictions of a snap election.

The queen announced in a speech to lawmakers a list of 26 new Bills ranging from implementing a yet-to-be finalised EU divorce agreement to criminal sentencing and the environment.

"My government's priority has always been to secure the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union on October 31," said 93-year-old monarch, delivering words written by government officials.



Queen Elizabeth II reads the speech in the House of Lords. AFP

### 'Fair' visa norms at heart of government agenda

"An immigration bill, ending free movement, will lay the foundation for a fair, modern and global immigration system," the Queen said during her speech in the House of Lords

"My government intends to work towards a new partnership with the European Union, based on free trade and friendly cooperation." The raft of policies outlined included plans for an EU Withdrawal Agreement Bill

to enshrine in British law a deal that Johnson is still racing to agree with Brussels, before the scheduled end-of-month departure date.

The Conservative leader has repeatedly said Brexit must happen this month. — AFP

### Manila drug war chief quits amid narcotics scandal

MANILA, OCTOBER 14

The Philippines' top policeman, who leads the nation's deadly drugs crackdown, quit on Monday as he faces allegations of protecting officers accused of selling a huge haul of seized narcotics.

Though the scandal dates from before Oscar Albayalde's time as national police chief, it has raised fresh criticism of President Rodrigo Duterte's signature anti-narcotics campaign, which is key to his massive popularity among Filipinos.

As part of Duterte's internationally condemned initiative, police have killed thousands of alleged dealers and users since mid-2016.

Albayalde's resignation comes days after two former police officials implicated him in a 2013 raid in which officers in a province near Manila allegedly seized and then sold parts of a large methamphetamine haul. — AFP

### Saied set to be Tunisia prez



TUNIS, OCTOBER 14

Kais Saied, a political outsider who is backed by leftists and Islamists and wants to remake national politics, is set to become Tunisia's president after his opponent conceded defeat in Sunday's election.

Saied's victory is a stinging rebuke for a governing elite that has failed to improve living standards in the African country that ushered in the "Arab Spring".

Saied, a 61-year-old retired law professor, has no political party and wants to introduce an experimental form of direct democracy. — Reuters

# HK protesters plead for US help

HONG KONG, OCTOBER 14

Tens of thousands of mostly young pro-democracy activists rallied in Hong Kong on Monday in the first legal protest since the introduction of colonial-era emergency laws and pleaded for help from the United States.

They chanted "Fight for Freedom, Fight for Hong Kong" as they gathered peacefully near central government offices in the Admiralty district of the Chinese-ruled city only hours after police said violent protests had escalated to a "life-threatening level".

A small bomb exploded and a policeman was stabbed on Sunday night, the latest violence in four months of unrest in which police have responded to petrol bombs and rocks with tear gas, rubber bullets, water cannon and sometimes live rounds.



Protesters take part in an anti-government demonstration. REUTERS

Emergency laws introduced on October 5 banning face masks at rallies and carrying a maximum penalty of one year in jail sparked some of the worst violence. Speakers urged the US to pass a Hong Kong Human Rights Act to ensure democracy. "Make Hong Kong Great

Again", read one poster. Some protesters waved the US flag and carried "Uncle Sam" recruitment posters.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam is due to deliver her annual Policy Address on Wednesday amid pressure to restore confidence in the government. — Reuters

**SECTION-1**  
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE**  
**CHANDIGARH ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT**  
**Chandigarh Administration**

The Executive Engineer, Electy. 'OP' Division No.1, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India invites percentage rate Tenders are hereby invited online from appropriate class Electrical Contractor/Labour and Construction Societies registered with the Chandigarh Administration and Electricity Boards and Contractors registered with C.P.W.D., M.E.S, Railways or other Govt. Organization/State Electricity Boards and Corporation & experienced firms dealing with execution of atleast 66KV transmission line work, for the following work. All the Contractors/Firms are to be registered in the state portal and must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III for E-Tendering. The website for online bidding is [www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app](http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app).

- 1) Tender No. **Op-1/31/2019-20**
- Name of Work:- DNIT for providing 66KV tower for Raising the height of 66 KV O/H line from 66KV G/S/Stn. Sec-12 to 1 Near Gate No. 2, Vikas Nagar, Nayagaon (Pb) towards Patiala ki Rao Choe, U.T., Chandigarh.**
- 2) Estimated Cost: **Rs. 7,71,711/-**
- 3) Earnest Money: **Rs. 15,450/-**
- 4) Period of Completion: **120 Days**
- 5) Last time and date of submission of bid **21.10.2019 at 11:00 a.m.** The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website [www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app](http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app).
- 6) Bid Opening **21.10.19 at 3:00 p.m.**

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## BRIEFLY

**DUBAI**  
Kohli closes in on Smith in ICC Test rankings



Virat Kohli (in pic) reached within one point of top-ranked Steve Smith in the Test batsmen rankings. Opener Mayank Agarwal also rose in the rankings, breaking into the top-20. His innings of 108 in the second Test against South Africa helped him progress eight places to reach the 17th position. Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane, at fourth and ninth places, respectively, are the other two Indian batsmen in the top-10. Ravichandran Ashwin also jumped three spots to No. 7 while Jasprit Bumrah continued to remain third in the bowlers' rankings. Among the all-rounders, Ravindra Jadeja is at No. 2 behind Jason Holder.

**AHMEDABAD**  
Bengaluru edge out UP to enter PKL semifinals

Pawan Sehrawat did the star turn as defending champions Bengaluru Bulls outwitted UP Yodha 48-45 in the first eliminator to qualify for the semifinals of the Pro Kabaddi League. Haryana Steelers fought hard but went down 38-46 against U Mumbai in the second eliminator.

**DUBAI**  
ICC readmits Zimbabwe, Nepal as members

ICC decided to readmit Zimbabwe and Nepal as its members following the conclusion of the board meetings. Zimbabwe and Nepal were suspended in July this year following government interference in the running of the board.

**PARIS**  
European Tour announces mixed gender event in Sweden

The first European Tour golf tournament featuring men and women competing against each other on the same course for the same prize will take place in Sweden next year. The inaugural Scandinavian mixed event, hosted by Swedish Major winners Henrik Stenson and Annika Sorenstam, will be held in June 2020, with 78 men and 78 women battling it out for a \$1.66 million prize. — AGENCIES

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# 'My focus is welfare of First-Class cricketers'

No one told me to campaign for BJP in 2021 Assembly polls: Ganguly

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14**

Sourav Ganguly, set to be the new BCCI president, said that "it's a great opportunity for him to do something good" as he is taking over the reins of the board at a time when its image has got a serious beating.

Ganguly pipped Brijesh Patel in a see-saw battle and is expected to be the only presidential nominee. "You need to wait till 3pm in the afternoon," Ganguly said during an interaction. "Obviously, it's a great feeling as I have played for the country and captained the country. And I am taking over at a time when BCCI has not been in greatest of position for the last three years. Its image has got hampered quite a lot. It's a great opportunity for me to do something good," said the former India captain, who will have to demit president's office in July next year, to comply with the compulsory cooling-off rule in BCCI's new constitution.

Ganguly also said his first priority in his short tenure would be to look after First-Class cricketers. The 47-year-old plans to meet all the stakeholders in Indian cricket and wants to do something that Committee of Administrators (CoA) didn't do for 33 months. "We will speak to everyone first as we take a decision but my biggest priority will be to look after First-Class cricketers. I had requested that to the CoA for three years and they didn't listen. That's the first thing I will do, look after the financial health of our First-Class cricketers," said Ganguly.

### Big responsibility

Being selected unopposed is a big responsibility, he admitted. "Whether unopposed or not, there has to be responsibility as it is the biggest organisation in world cricket. Financially, India is a cricket-



Former India captain Sourav Ganguly, along with Niranjana Shah, N Srinivasan and Rajeesh Shukla, arrives at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai to file his nomination for the post of BCCI president. PTI

"We will speak to everyone first as we take a decision but my biggest priority will be to look after First-Class cricketers — Sourav Ganguly, FORMER INDIA CAPTAIN



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BRIJESH PATEL



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### NOMINATIONS

- Sourav Ganguly: President
- Jay Shah: Secretary
- Mahim Verma: Vice-president
- Arun Dhimal: Treasurer
- Brijesh Patel: IPL GC Member
- Jayesh George: Jt. secretary
- Khairul Jamil Majumdar: Governing Council member
- Prabhjot Singh Bhatia: Councillor

ing powerhouse, so it will be a challenge," he said.

Does he regret that the term will be for only nine months? "Yes, that's the rule and we will deal with it," he said.

Despite his long association with cricket, and leading India to several glorious wins on the field, Ganguly is new to how boardroom politics worked in BCCI. "I didn't know I would be the president when I came down (last night)," he said. "You (reporters) asked me and I told you it's Brijesh... And then I went up and I came to

know it has changed. I have never been in a BCCI election and I never knew it worked like this." Ganguly had a meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday and when asked whether he would have to campaign for BJP in West Bengal, he answered in the negative. "No, nothing of that sort. Nobody told me anything," Ganguly said.

### 'Nothing beats captaining India'

The late Jagmohan Dalmiya had pulled off

some amazing boardroom coups in his time, and talking about him, Ganguly got emotional. "I have never imagined that I will be in shoes of late Jagmohan Dalmiya," he said. "He has been like a father to me. There have been some great presidents of BCCI, Mr Srinivasan, Anurag, who have done a great job."

So will it be different from captaining India? Ganguly answered, "Nothing can beat being an India captain." — PTI

## Srini, Shah by his side, Ganguly files papers

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14**

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly and Jay Shah filed their nominations papers for the post of president and secretary, respectively, ahead of the BCCI elections on October 23 where all office-bearers are expected to be elected unopposed.

Flanked by former BCCI president N Srinivasan, former secretary and Saurashtra stalwart Niranjana Shah and Uttar Pradesh strongman Rajiv Shukla, Ganguly entered the BCCI headquarters to submit his nomination papers to the electoral officer.

Later, Shukla informed reporters that eight nominations were filed. Apart from Ganguly and Shah, those who filed their nominations included Mahim Verma (vice-president), Arun Singh Dhimal (treasurer), Brijesh Patel (IPL GC Member), Jayesh George (joint-secretary), Khairul Jamil Majumdar (governing council member) and Prabhjot Singh Bhatia (councillor).

All the candidates are expected to be elected unopposed at the board's Annual General Meeting on October 23. Ganguly and George will have to demit office as the chiefs of Cricket Association of Bengal and Kerala Cricket Association, respectively, after they take charge at BCCI.

### Hands nomination papers to legal team

Ganguly and his team were in for a shock when they entered the BCCI headquarters to file the nominations for the various posts of office-bearers as Electoral Officer N Gopalaswami was absent. He was not in the office till 3pm, forcing the team to hand over the nomination papers to the legal team of BCCI.

One of the newly-picked office-bearers confirmed the same and said that even the board executives were unaware of the reason behind the delay. — Agencies

## Conflict of interest big concern: Ganguly

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14**

Sourav Ganguly has said conflict of interest is one of the biggest issues facing Indian cricket since the contentious clause is discouraging the best of cricketers from getting into the game's administration.

Ganguly himself faced the heat after allegations of conflict of interest were levelled against him for his dual role as the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and mentor of IPL franchise Delhi Capitals.

While he has quit the Delhi Capitals mentorship already, he will relinquish his post as CAB president on October 23 after officially taking charge as BCCI chief. "Conflict of interest is an issue. And I am not sure whether we will get the services of the best cricketers in the system, because they will have other options to avail," Ganguly said after filing his nomination.

Ganguly made it clear that the present rule of 'one person, one post' will prevent most of the former greats to get into cricket administration as they need to earn their livelihood too.

"Because if they come into the system and not get to do what is their livelihood, it is very difficult for them to be part of this system and make a difference," said Ganguly.

Ganguly gave examples of how this clause created confusion. "If you look at all the appointments that have happened in various forms — whether it is the NCA, CAC, the appointment of batting, fielding coaches — there has been issue with everything. This needs to be sorted as it is another very serious issue in Indian cricket," he said.

Over the past few years under the CoA regime, India lost its position of power in the ICC and its revenue has also been curtailed after the Big Three (India, England and Australia getting bulk of revenue) concept was done away with.

"That's one area we will have to take care of, because in the last 3-4 years, we have not received the kind of money that we deserve," the former India captain said.



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The last Indian Test cricketer to become the BCCI president was Maharajkumar Vizanagaram who led the side during three-Test series in England in 1936. He was the president from 1954 to 1956. Shivalal Yadav and Sunil Gavaskar were the interim presidents in 2014

"India generates 75-80 per cent of the global cricket revenue, so that is going to be one of the big agendas. We need to find a solution as it is not leading anywhere."

### New selection committee

He also said after the BCCI AGM, new sub-committees will be formed, including the all-important selection committee. "Yes, we will have a new selection committee," he said. It is understood that the current committee under the chairmanship of MSK Prasad will be selecting the team for the Bangladesh series by next week and that will be its final assignment. — PTI

## ICC tweaks Super Over rule, boundary count scrapped

**DUBAI, OCTOBER 14**

The ICC tweaked the Super Over rule for all its major events following the uproar over the outcome of the men's World Cup final in July when England were declared winners against New Zealand on boundary count. Following that nerve-racking final, the ICC faced the wrath of fans and former

players over the controversial rule. Now it has finally made changes to the rule and in case a situation arises where both teams are tied even after the Super Over in a final or semifinal, the Super Over will be repeated until there is a clear winner.

"Following on from a recommendation from the ICC Cricket Committee, the Chief

"There is one change to the Super Over regulation in keeping with the basic principle of scoring more runs than the opponent to win, the Super Over will be repeated until one team has more runs than the other — ICC

Executives' Committee agreed that use of the Super Over as a way to decide results at ICC events will be retained. Both the Cricket Committee and CEC agreed it was an exciting and engaging conclusion to the game and will remain in place covering all games at both ODI and T20I World Cups," the ICC said after its board

meeting here. "In group stages, if the Super Over is tied the match will be tied. In semifinals and finals, there is one change to the Super Over regulation in keeping with the basic principle of scoring more runs than the opponent to win, the Super Over will be repeated until one team has more runs than the other." — PTI

### MEDIA RIGHTS WAR: ICC WANTS FLAGSHIP EVENT EVERY YEAR, BCCI SAYS NO

Mumbai: The new BCCI regime could soon be engaged in a bitter turf battle with the ICC since the world governing body's proposed Futures Tours Programme could significantly hit Indian cricket board's revenue stream. The new proposal calls for the World T20 to be held every year and the 50-overs World Cup every three years, which is being perceived as ICC's plan to enter the global media rights markets for the 2023-2028 period before BCCI and exhaust the lion's share of revenues from potential broadcasters such as Star Sports. This will be one of the major challenges the Sourav Ganguly-Jay Shah regime will face immediately after assuming office. — PTI

## Delhi beat Punjab by 5 runs, HP lose

**VADODARA, OCTOBER 14**

Lalit Yadav led the lower middle-order fightback with an unbeaten half-century before spinners joined the party as Delhi managed to upstage Punjab by five runs in their Group B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Coming in to bat at 115/5, Yadav emerged as the top-scorer for Delhi with an unbeaten 53-ball 54 as he steered the team to a respectable 220/8 in their stipulated 50 overs.

Chasing the total, Anmolpreet Singh (73) kept Punjab in the hunt but the team eventually managed 215/9. Navdeep Saini rocked the top-order, removing openers Abhishek Sharma (36) and Sanvir Singh (1), before the spin trio of Pawan Negi (2/40), Nitish Rana (2/34) and Lalit Yadav (2/22) produced regular breakthroughs to derail Punjab's chase. Manan Sharma (1/38) also scalped one wicket.

Earlier, Siddarth Kaul produced a superb five-wicket

### VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

haul as he removed openers Shikhar Dhawan (10) and K Bidhuri (8) and then returned to dismiss three more lower-order batsmen.

Baroda eked out a two-wicket win over Himachal Pradesh in a low-scoring match. Put in to bat, HP were bundled out for 161 in 44 overs. Baroda overhauled the target, scoring 165/8 in 34.5 overs, courtesy an unbeaten 85-ball 66 by Swapnil Singh.

**Brief Scores: (Match 1): Delhi:** 220/8 in 50 overs (L Yadav 54; S Kaul 5/48); **Punjab:** 215/9 in 50 overs (A Singh 73; L Yadav 2/22); **(Match 2): HP:** 161 all out in 44 overs (N Gangta 46; B Bhatt 3/24); **Baroda:** 165/8 in 34.5 overs (S Singh 66; A Bedi 3/43); **(Match 3): J&K:** 279/8 in 50 overs (A Samad 68, S Khajuria 66, P Rasool 49; R Kalaria 2/34); **Gujarat:** 282/2 in 37.3 overs (P Panchal 135\*, B Merai 70\*, P Patel 63) — PTI

## Spinners help India whitewash SA 3-0

Third ODI: Ekta scalps 3, Rajeshwari, Deepti bag 2 as India beat SA by 6 runs

**VADODARA, OCTOBER 14**

Spinners helped India pull off a thrilling six-run win over South Africa in a low-scoring third women's ODI and complete a 3-0 series whitewash here today. India were able to defend a modest 146 by bowling out South Africa for 140 in 48 overs. Spinners Ekta Bisht (3/32 in 10 overs), Deepti Sharma (2/24 in 10 over) and Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/22 in 10 overs) were the architects of the win.

It seemed South Africa would get their first win of the series when they bundled out India in 45.5 overs. India made a disastrous start after winning the toss, losing openers Priya Punia and Jemimah Rodrigues in the second over.

### Harmanpreet steady

With the hosts reeling at 55/5, T20 skipper Harmanpreet Kaur steadied the innings with a 76-ball 38 with the other valuable contribution coming from Shikha Pandey (35 off 40).



Ekta Bisht exults after taking out South Africa's Trisha Chetty in the third ODI. ICC

Most of the batters, including captain Mithali Raj (11 off 46), failed to shift gears after getting settled.

### Indian fightback

South Africa were on course for a comfortable win at 103/5 in the 30th over. However, India fought back

through their spinners and even part-timers Harmanpreet and Jemimah did their bit. Jemimah took the final wicket of the game — her first scalp in international cricket — to spark off the celebrations.

India had won the first two matches by eight and

six wickets, respectively.

**Brief Scores: India Women:** 146 all out in 45.5 overs (Harmanpreet 38, Pandey 35; Kapp 3/20, Ismail 2/18, Khaka 2/33); **South Africa Women:** 140 all out in 48 overs (Kapp 29; Bisht 3/32, Gayakwad 2/22, Sharma 2/24) — PTI

## Kings XI Punjab to retain Ashwin

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14**

Kings XI Punjab co-owner Ness Wadia said the franchise decided not to trade Ravichandran Ashwin with the Delhi Capitals following a "rethink" by the board.

It has been learnt that the newly-appointed head coach Anil Kumble was also keen to retain Ashwin, who captained the side in the previous two editions. "The KXIP board had a rethink and it realised that Ashwin is an integral part of the team. There were discussions with Delhi Capitals but those discussions never came off. The way he plays his cricket and his performances speak for him," Wadia said.

Under Ashwin's leadership, KXIP showed a lot of promise in the first-half of the past two seasons before losing momentum in the second-half. They finished seventh in 2018 and sixth in 2019. The off-spinner, who plays only one format for India, has been



"The KXIP board had a rethink and it realised that Ashwin is an integral part of the team. There were discussions with the Delhi Capitals but those discussions never came off — Ness Wadia, KXIP CO-OWNER

in fine form in the ongoing Test series against South Africa. Now with Kumble on board, the franchise is aiming to end its title drought. The former India captain has been handed a three-year contract. — PTI



BRIEFLY

**BENGALURU**  
**Fouaad wins gold at Olympics qualifying event**  
 India's double Asian Games silver medalist Fouaad Mirza bagged the top honours at an Olympics qualifying equestrian event in Strzegom, Poland. Mirza is currently the highest-ranked individual in Group G for Asia Pacific Zone, with 34 points on one horse, Fernhill Facetime, 30 points on the second horse, Touchingwood, and at present qualifying his third horse, Dajara. Mirza started the week with a solid dressage score of 26.8 which placed him second. This was followed by the showjumping event, in which Mirza maintained the second position with a clear round. He finished the deciding cross-country round in four seconds over time, leading him to the gold.

**LOS ANGELES**  
**US boxer extremely critical after devastating knockout**  
 American boxer Patrick Day was fighting for his life in critical condition in hospital on Sunday night after lapsing into a coma following a vicious knockout by Charles Conwell the night before in a super welterweight bout. The 27-year-old suffered a "traumatic injury" and underwent emergency brain surgery Saturday night.



**PARIS**  
**Neymar sidelined for four weeks, confirm PSG**  
 Neymar (*in pic*) will be out for four weeks with a hamstring injury he suffered playing for Brazil in a friendly against Nigeria, French club PSG said today. He had limped off in the 12th minute on Sunday.

**LAUSANNE**  
**Court sets date for Chinese swimming champ Sun Yang**  
 The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has given Chinese Olympics and world champion swimmer Sun Yang, accused of smashing a doping test sample with a hammer, a November court date, swimming's governing body said Monday.

**PARIS**  
**Teenager Gauff climbs to 71 after maiden win in Linz**  
 American prodigy Coco Gauff continued her rise up the ranks of women's tennis on Monday when the WTA rankings showed a climb of 39 places to No. 71 in the world. AGENCIES

# Blue Tigers ready to pounce

After fighting draw against Qatar, India take on lower-ranked Bangladesh

**KOLKATA, OCTOBER 14**  
 Buoyed by their goalless draw against Asian champions Qatar, India would be looking to register their first win in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers when they take on Bangladesh in a Group E second round match here tomorrow. India put a gritty performance against an attacking Qatar to earn their first point of the qualifiers after suffering a heart-breaking loss in the opening match against Oman.

The euphoria around the match has been immense with a mad rush for tickets. The Saltlake Stadium is set to witness a packed house, giving the Igor Stimac-coached side a perfect stage to grab three points.

The absence of defender Sandesh Jhingan due to an ACL tear on his left knee is a big blow to the hosts. Stimac will be forced to rejig his central defence, with Anas Edathodika likely to pair up with Adil Khan.

**Chhetri back**  
 But the return of talismanic captain Sunil Chhetri, who missed the last game, will lift the team's spirit. In his last appearance, Chhetri scored his 72nd international goal as India put up a dominating first-half display only to go down 1-2 after conceding late goals against Oman in Guwa-



India captain Sunil Chhetri during a training session. PTI

**Banerjee waiting for ticket**

**KOLKATA:** Legendary footballer PK Banerjee today lamented that AIFF is yet to invite him to watch the India-Bangladesh match.

Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu took the charge in Chhetri's absence and thwarted a barrage of

attacks from Qatar, making 11 saves in a heroic display to snatch a point from the 2022 World Cup hosts.

While discipline in defence was the highlight of their match against Qatar, the focus against Bangladesh, who are ranked 83 places below India, would be on the strikers. Chhetri will remain

**Not dependent on me**  
 It was never about me, it will be never about me. It's always about India versus Bangladesh. I'm just one of the 23 players. We are one and we are going to play like one... This is a very good change in our team right now. He (Stimac) has come with no prejudice. He keeps you on your toes and whoever does well in training, plays. Sunil Chhetri, INDIA CAPTAIN

**Won't underestimate**  
 They have some very talented youngsters, just like us. Don't make it worse and harder by underestimating them. Let's go into this game by being respectful to the Bangladeshi team. Bangladesh did a very good job against Qatar. They created more chances. Igor Stimac, INDIA COACH

**Break Indian hearts**  
 The pressure is on India. I am going to tell my boys to give their best. But yes India are favourites. I am going to break Indian hearts tomorrow. Jamal Bhuyan, BANGLADESH CAPTAIN

# ISL is India's top league

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14**  
 It is official. The Indian Super League (ISL) has been recognised as the top league of the country. The decision to this effect came at a meeting held in Kuala Lumpur by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and attended by ISL and I-League clubs.

As per the "roadmap", the winner of ISL will get to play in the AFC Champions League playoff, while the I-League champions will participate in the AFC Cup playoff. AFC general secretary Dato Windsor John said it was the best solution.

"We have informed AIFF that 10-12 teams are not enough for the top League—it must be bigger," John said.

The roadmap also opens the doors to ISL for two I-League teams — Mohun Bagan and East Bengal — after the 2020-21 season. There will be no promotion and relegation in ISL till 2023-24. The two-league system will come to an end in 2024-25.

**'It is a victory'**  
 Minerva Punjab FC co-owner Ranjit Bajaj said: "We are happy that our main concern of sporting merit is brought in and four clubs are being promoted by four years and then promotion and relegation will start. I consider this a victory even at the cost of losing the AFC Champions League spot." — TNS

# Russia, Poland qualify for Euro

**PARIS, OCTOBER 14**  
 Poland and Russia secured their places at Euro 2020 on Sunday with victories over North Macedonia and Cyprus, respectively, while Germany and the Netherlands boosted their hopes of reaching the finals.

Russia eased to a 5-0 thrashing of 10-man Cyprus, with Poland joining them, Belgium and Italy in qualifying this week by seeing off North Macedonia 2-0. Russia will now attempt to overtake Belgium, who beat Kazakhstan 2-0, at the summit when they host the world's No. 1 side on November 16.

**Dutch see off Belarus**  
 Ronald Koeman's Netherlands remained at the top of Group C ahead of Germany on head-to-head record with a nervy 2-1 win over Belarus



Wales' Gareth Bale celebrates scoring against Croatia. REUTERS

in Minsk. The Dutch lead third-placed Northern Ireland by three points.

Victory in Belfast over the Northern Irish next month would secure the Oranje a first appearance at a major

tournament since finishing third at the 2014 World Cup.

Germany eased to a 3-0 victory in Estonia despite seeing Emre Can sent off in the 14th minute. Joachim Loew's side host Northern Ireland in their final game, which could decide the second place in the group standings.

**Wales hold Croatia**  
 Croatia were made to wait to qualify, as Gareth Bale's strike in first-half injury time proved enough to grab a 1-1 draw for Wales in Cardiff. Last year's World Cup runners-up Croatia will qualify if they avoid defeat against Slovakia in their final match on November 16, while Euro 2016 semifinalists Wales could join them with two closing wins, as long as Slovaks do not beat the Croatians. — AFP

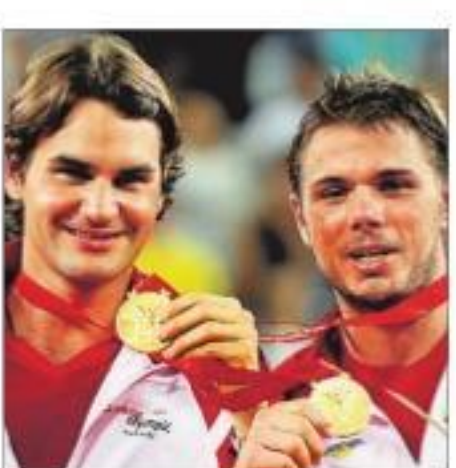
# Federer to go for elusive Olympics singles gold

**TOKYO, OCTOBER 14**  
 Roger Federer confirmed his participation in next year's Olympic Games in Tokyo and said today that he had listened to his heart before making the decision.

The Swiss 38-year-old competed in the first of four Olympic Games at Sydney in 2000 and won the doubles gold partnering Stan Wawrinka in 2008 and a silver in singles in 2012. He missed the 2016 Olympics due to a knee injury. "At the end of the day my heart decided I would love to play the Olympic Games again," Federer said.

Federer will attempt to win a singles gold medal at the Games, the only major prize that the 20-time Grand Slam champion has yet to win.

"I've been debating with my team for a few weeks now, months actually, what I should do in the summer after Wimbledon and before the US Open (in 2020)," Federer, who will turn 39 during the Games, added. "I carried



Roger Federer won the doubles gold partnering Stan Wawrinka in 2008. AFP FILE

the flag twice for Switzerland in Athens and Beijing, I've got a gold and a silver, and I would love to play again so I'm very excited."

Federer will require an exemption to compete in Tokyo as he is yet to play in the Davis Cup for Switzerland in the current Olympics cycle. To fulfil the ITF participation requirements, a player must be part of a Davis Cup or Fed Cup team and present at the tie on at least three occasions in the Olympics cycle, provided one of those ties is in 2019 or 2020. — Reuters

# Sharma finishes T-7

**ROME, OCTOBER 14**  
 Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma rounded off the week with a 3-under 68 for a total of 9-under 275 to finish tied-7th at the Italian Open here. It was Sharma's first top-10 finish outside India since the tied-sixth finish in Hong Kong more than 11 months ago.



Shubhankar Sharma ended the week with a 3-under 68. FILE

India's other player in the field, SSP Chawrasia, shot his second 68 this week to finish at 1-over and tied-57th. Gaganjeet Bhullar missed the cut.

Bernd Wiesberger claimed his second Rolex Series title of 2019 and third European Tour win as he rallied from three shots behind overnight leader Matthew Fitzpatrick. The Austrian carded a bogey-free final round of 65 to finish one shot clear of the Englishman at 1-over.

Willy Wilcox. The move paid off as the pair became a successful team and Griffin was able to replenish his savings and continue his dream of playing full-time on the PGA Tour. Fast forward to Sunday as the 31-year-old Griffin claimed his maiden PGA title, two-putting 18 to close with a 3-under 69 and win the Houston Open by one stroke.

Griffin told his mother that he would buy her a new car if he won this week — and after earning \$1.3 million in first-place prize money, he will make good on that promise. — Agencies

**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned from the enlisted contractor/firms under appropriate class/category of Punjab PWD, Chandigarh Administration/IES/Railways/MC and Central PWD for Chandigarh for the following works up to 01:00 p.m. on 29.10.2019. The tender forms may be obtained from the office of the undersigned up to 03:30 p.m. on 29.10.2019 on payment of Rs. 2000/- (Rs. Two Thousand only) + GST @18% for each tender. The tenders, along with valid Enlistment, EPF, PAN, GST No. and other relevant documents, shall be received in the office of the undersigned up to 03:30 p.m. on 29.10.2019 and opened in the presence of contractors/representatives on the same day at 04:00 p.m.

Sr. No.	Description	DNIT Amount (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Limit
1.	Filling up of Pot holes at Industrial Focal Point, Chanalon.	4.90 Lakh	10,000/-	One Month

**Notes:**  
 1. The interested agency may submit its offer in two envelope system i.e. For Earnest Money and Technical bid in one envelope and Financial bid in another.  
 2. The Earnest Money should be accompanied with the tender in the shape of Bank Draft of any scheduled Bank drawn in favour of Executive Engineer-II, PSIEC, Chandigarh.  
 3. The Corporation reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.  
 4. The DNIT can be seen in the office of undersigned on any working day between 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
 5. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on our website i.e. www.psiec.in only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-II

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{Provision Section}  
**Amendment/Addendum**

As a follow up of pre bid meeting, following amendments proposed by the Technical Committee are issued in NIT No. 69 of 2019 dated 30.08.2019 floated by Police Hqs J&K to procure UAV, Drone System Category-3:-

- Launch and recovery:** Vertical take off and landing (VTOL) within the area of 5x5 meter.
- Aural signature:** <40db@50m AGL (Above Ground Level).
- Electro Optical (EO) Daylight payload:** Resolution: 1280x 1080 pixels or better.
- Thermal Imager (TI) Night payload:** Thermal Imager (TI) not required. The requirement for TI to be considered deleted.
- Data link:**
  - Should have jamming resistant communication during flight.
  - Should operate on S-band or C-band frequency for uplink and downlink preferably on license free band i.e. 2.4 GHz or 5.8 GHz.
- Sensing System:** Omnidirectional collision avoidance.
- GCS Application Software:**
  - Switchable between 2D/3D views (the clause is removed).
  - Capability to tilt and rotate 3D maps (the clause is removed).

Meanwhile last date for online tender submission is extended up to 05.11.2019 whereas Technical bids will be opened on 07.11.2019. Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-procurement portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/- (Mubassir Latifi) JKPS, AIG (Provision/Transport)  
 For Director General of Police, J&K Srinagar.

No. Prov-II/Sec-66/2019-20-61431-45 Dated: 11.10.2019 DIPIK-0604/NB/M

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 (To be published in two newspapers having local circulation)  
**General Election to Legislative Assembly from 42-Kalanwali (SC) Constituency Public Notice**

Information as furnished by the contesting candidates in their affidavits in respect of Government dues is hereby published for information to all electors:-

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation, if any	Government dues to accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Tele-phones	Government Transport (including Aircrafts and Helicopters)	Other Government dues, if any
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Karnail Singh Odhan	Bahujan Samaj Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Balkaur Singh	Bharatiya Janata Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Shishpal Singh	Indian National Congress	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4	Nirmal Singh Malri	Jannayak Janta Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Pargat Singh Bihwan	Haryana Lokhit Party	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Rajinder Singh Desujodha	Shiromani Akali Dal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Kashmir Chand Oad	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
8	Virender Singh	Independent	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Sd/- (Nirmal Nagar, H.C.S.)  
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**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Due to Administrative reasons, the date for inviting sealed tender from Registered Labour Supply Mates of appropriate category for felling, conversion and carriage of timber, Truck Transportation upto Himkashth Sale Depot of Govt. experimental silviculture felling programme 2018-19 of following lot of FWD Nahan is hereby fixed as under :-

Name of FWD	Lot No.	Date of Tender
Nahan	17/ 2019-20 (Paonta) Silviculture	25-10-2019 11:30 AM

Other terms and conditions of tender will remain un-changed.  
**Director (South)**

**OFFICE OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE TO INHABITANTS OF COLONY NO. 4**  
 The revised guidelines have been issued by Chandigarh Administration regarding the eligibility criteria of Chandigarh Small Flat Scheme-2006 which are reproduced as under:  
 "Provided that any person whose name appeared in biometric survey but does not appear in the voter list as on 1st January, 2006, shall also be eligible for allotment of flat under the Scheme if his name appears in the voter list as on 1st January, 2004 or 1st January, 2005 and 1st January, 2007 or 1st January, 2008 or the documents issued under any of the Statute such as Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Passport Act, 1967 as a proof of residence between the 2004 to 2008."  
 Therefore, in view of the changed circumstances, as mentioned above, there is a need to revisit the eligibility criteria of these inhabitants who have previously attended the camp from 11.07.2019 to 16.07.2019. Therefore, in the interest of justice, a last and final opportunity has been granted to the inhabitants of Colony No. 4, U.T., Chandigarh to prove their eligibility as per provisions of the Chandigarh Small Flat Scheme-2006.  
 Accordingly, a special camp is going to be held at the office of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (East), Industrial Area, Phase-I, U.T., Chandigarh on 15.10.2019 & 16.10.2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.**

**MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI**  
 On behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Bogie & Wheel, MCF/RBL is inviting open tender based on Single packet system with Tender Notice No. MCF/RBL/Machining of Bogie components/2019-20/C327 Date:- 10.10.2019, through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work: Description of work: Machining of Bogie components (Sideframe lower web, Sideframe outer web, Sideframe inner web, Bolster side web, Bolster upper web & Bolster lower web) as per scope of work. Approx. Value: ₹ 28,58,221.00 EMD: ₹ 1,85,200.00 Cost of Tender document: ₹ 5,000.00 only Quantity of work: 250 Coach Set (5000 Nos.) Completion period of work: 04 months or earlier. Period of submission of tender document: From 17.10.2019 to 31.10.2019. Date & time of closing of tender: 31.10.2019 at 11:45 hrs. Date & time of opening of tender: 31.10.2019 at 12:00 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in in tender document. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Bogie & Wheel

**E-Tender Notice No. ELECT-PS-20524** Date: 05.10.2019  
 On behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer(PS), Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open e-tender based on single packet system from capable & experienced tenderers through Indian Railways portal www.ireps.gov.in for the under mentioned work: Details:- 1. Name of work: Provision of High mast lighting in MCF Raebareli. 2. Place of work: Modern Coach Factory Lalgani, Distt. Raebareli. 3. Approx cost: ₹ 6464913.00 ( Sixty four lac Sixty four thousand nine hundred thirty three only). 4. Cost of tender: ₹ 5,000.00 ( Five thousand only) 5. Earnest Money: ₹ 123300.00 ( One lac Twenty three thousand three hundred only) 6. Date & Time of closing of tender: 14.11.2019 at 15:30 hrs. 7. Term & Condition: Other details, terms & conditions are available in tender documents on www.ireps.gov.in Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/PS

Open tender based on Single packet system Tender Notice No. MCF/RBL/Tender/Fabrication of Front Part/2019-20/C411 Date:- 11.10.2019 is invited by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell, MCF/RBL through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for and on behalf of President of India for the following work: Description of work: Fabrication of Front Part on Robotic Under Frame line as per scope of work. Approx. Value: ₹ 49,97,300.00 EMD: ₹ 1,00,000.00 Cost of Tender document: ₹ 3,000.00 only Quantity of work: 121 nos. Completion period of work: 12 months or earlier. Period of submission of tender document: From 21.10.2019 to 04.11.2019. Date & time of closing of tender: 04.11.2019 at 11:45 hrs. Date & time of opening of tender: 04.11.2019 at 12:00 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in in tender document. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Notice no. MMDTS 19015 Rev-02 dated 11.10.2019**  
 Chief Design Engineer/Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting Expression of interest (EOI) for: Design, development, onsite support in prototype manufacturing, testing & final commissioning of Articulated Bogie for Broad gauge coaches at speed of 200 KMPH. Firms interested to participate in this project may visit the website www.mcf.indianrailways.gov.in for all relevant details about technical/commercial requirements. EOI complete in all respects should be submitted to Mechanical Design Office, Administrative Building, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli, on or before 21.10.2019 by 14:45 hrs. at MCF.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Notice no. MMDTS 19033 Rev-01 dated 10.10.2019**  
 Chief Design Engineer/Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting Expression of interest (EOI) for: "Development of vendors for Flexible load bearing Polyurethane Foam Cushions conforming to EN 45545 H3 Passenger Coaches as per specification MMDTS 19020 Rev-02" Firms, interested, to participate in this project may visit the website www.mcf.indianrailways.gov.in for all relevant details about technical/commercial requirements. EOI complete in all respects should be submitted on 21.10.2019 by 14:55 hrs to Office of Chief Design Engineer, Mechanical Design Office, Administrative Building, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Notice no. MMDTS 19034 Rev-Null dated 11.10.2019**  
 Chief Design Engineer/Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting Expression of interest (EOI) for: "Development of vendors for Fire barrier cloth for Seats and Berths meeting FST (Fire smoke and Toxicity) properties to EN 45545 H3 For Passenger Coaches as per specification MMDTS 19021 Rev-01" Firms, interested, to participate in this project may visit the website www.mcf.indianrailways.gov.in for all relevant details about technical/commercial requirements. EOI complete in all respects should be submitted on 21.10.2019 by 14:55 hrs to Office of Chief Design Engineer, Mechanical Design Office, Administrative Building, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli.

**E-Tender Notice No. ELECT-PS-20525** Date: 11.10.2019  
 On behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer(PS), Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open e-tender based on single packet system from capable & experienced tenderers through Indian Railways portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work: Details:- 1. Name of work: Electrical works for additional hall & kitchen in workers guest house at MCF township area. 2. Place of work: Modern Coach Factory Lalgani, Distt. Raebareli. 3. Approx cost: ₹ 627623.00 ( Six lac twenty seven thousand six hundred twenty three only). 4. Cost of tender: ₹ 2,000.00 ( Two thousand only) 5. Earnest Money: ₹ 12600.00 ( Twelve thousand six hundred only) 6. Date & Time of closing of tender: 14.11.2019 at 15:30 hrs. 7. Term & Condition: Other details, terms & conditions are available in tender documents on www.ireps.gov.in Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/PS

For and on behalf of the President of India open e-tender based on 20 packet system E-Tender Notice No. 300-G-MC/FORM/PMELKO19-02. 12.10.2019 is invited by Dy. General Manager (G), Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli MCF/RBL on Indian Railways portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work: Description of work: Housekeeping & maintenance of Officers' Rest House (ORH) & Supervisor's Rest House (SRH) at PME office near Langda Fatak, Talikatora Road Lucknow for a period of 03 years (1095 Days) as per scope of work. Approx. Value: ₹ 1,79,94,083.87 EMD: ₹ 2,40,000.00 Cost of Tender document: ₹ 5,000.00 only Quantity of work: Three Years (1095 days) Completion period of work: 36 months. Period of submission of tender document: From 25.10.2019 to 08.11.2019 Till 15:00 Hrs. Date & time of closing of tender: 08.11.2019 at 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening of tender: 08.11.2019 at 15:30 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at Indian Railways IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in in tender document. Dy. General Manager (G)



## By the way...



**TECH CHECK:** Union Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at the Indian Mobile Congress in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

### Lanka markets to soon drape C'garh sarees

New Delhi: Chhattisgarh's world famous Kosa silk sarees will soon be available in Sri Lankan markets as the island nation has signed a pact with the state to facilitate trade and business, an official said. Women in Sri Lanka have been showing their keen interest in Kosa silk sarees, said Lanka's Department of Co-operative Development Assistant Commissioner Nilanga D Somapala. Besides Kosa, Chhattisgarh's Tussar silk, Gheecha silk, linen, Raw silk, Aari silk, Matka silk among others are women's favourite in Sri Lanka due to their uniqueness. PTI

### Doc prescribes pregnancy test to two men!

Ranchi: A doctor in Jharkhand allegedly prescribed pregnancy test to two young men in Chatra district after they complained of stomach pain. Besides pregnancy test, Mukesh Kumar, a government hospital doctor, also asked the men to undergo tests for HIV and haemoglobin. "A probe has been ordered," said Civil Surgeon Arun Kumar Paswan. The doctor, however, has denied the allegation. In July, another doctor in East Singhbhum district had prescribed condoms to a woman who had complained of stomach pain. IANS

### Visually impaired IAS officer takes charge

Thiruvananthapuram: "Never be defeated, never give up," said Pranjali Patil, the country's first visually impaired woman IAS officer, as she assumed charge as Sub-Collector of Thiruvananthapuram here on Monday. "With our efforts, all of us will get that one breakthrough which we want," the 30-year old Kerala cadre officer said. Patil, who hails from Ulhasnagar in Maharashtra, had lost her vision when she was just six years old. She cracked the UPSC examination in 2016 with 773rd rank and improved her ranking to 124 the next year. PTI



# Many from region find place in new NMC

PGI Director, VCs of medical varsities of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal selected to panel replacing MCI

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

PGI-Chandigarh Director Jagat Ram and Vice-Chancellors of the medical universities of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh have made it to India's new apex medical education body, the National Medical Commission (NMC), which will replace Medical Council of India (MCI).

The VC of Baba Farid University of Health Science, Faridkot, Raj Bahadur; VC of Atal Medical and Research University, Himachal Pradesh, Suresh Kashyap and VC of Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak, OP Kalra are among the 10 VCs selected today to be members of the NMC as part-time members for two years after

which a rotation will happen to ensure VCs of other states are represented.

The NMC Act provides for a 33-member commission consisting of full-time members with four-year tenure and part-time members with a two-year term by rotation. NMC's full time members are — the chairperson, four presidents of autonomous boards (UG education, PG education, medical assessment and medical ethics); three non-medical experts, Director General Health Services; DG, Indian Council of Medical Research and a Health Ministry representative (Additional Secretary Arun Singhal).

Among part-time members are 10 VCs of state medical universities to be selected from among 36 nominations

### HUNT ON FOR REMAINING EIGHT MEMBERS

- Govt has, after Monday's exercise, named 25 of the NMC's 33 members
- Health Minister Vardhan said they had received 284 applications for the pending 8 positions — last date for applying is Oct 18

"After this, the search panel will sit and select the eight full-time NMC members," the minister said, adding the government was much ahead of nine-month deadline to get the NMC up and running

### MEDICAL COUNCIL EMPLOYEES TO LOSE JOBS

Once the NMC is formed, the jobs of Medical Council of India's existing 100 employees will be terminated. Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the government will absorb some of the employees and ensure three-month salary plus advance to others to mitigate hardship.



sent by states and nine state medical council representatives to be selected from among 29 nominations sent by all SMCs. One director from among the existing AIIMS-like institutions and two out of the heads of India's

five top tertiary institutions that include PGI Chandigarh, JIPMER, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, and Tata Memorial are also provided to be members

of the NMC. In the last category, the government today named AIIMS-New Delhi Director Randeep Gulera as member along with PGI-Chandigarh Director Jagat Ram and Tata Memorial Director Rajendra Badwe.

A draw of lots was also held as per the NMC Act to select 10 VCs and nine state medical council representatives as NMC members. VCs of medical universities of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Gujarat, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Dadra and Nagar Haveli made the cut. SMC members from Uttarakhand, UP, Sikkim, Kerala, Karnataka, Arunachal, Maharashtra, Bihar and Manipur made it. Uttarakhand Medical Council's Ajay Kumar

Khanna also cleared the draw held to select one SMC representative to sit in the selection committee that will search eight full-time members, including NMC chairperson. This seven-member search committee will be headed by the Union Cabinet Secretary.

From among nine SMC members, another draw of lots happened to select four nominees each to four autonomous boards. The following were selected — Tripura's JK Dev Verma for UG Education Board; J&K Medical Council's Vijay Gupta for PG Education Board; Nagaland's Sedevi Angami for Medical Assessment and Rating Board and Madhya Pradesh Medical Council's Nishant Warwada for Medical Ethics Board.



### DUTCH ROYALS LAUNCH 'CLEAN YAMUNA' PART-II

Second phase of an Indo-Dutch project that seeks to treat dirty water of Barapullah drain before it flows into Yamuna was launched in New Delhi on Monday in the presence of Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima (in pic, left)

The royal couple, who arrived in New Delhi on Sunday night, visited the water treatment lab on Monday and also interacted with some of the researchers working on the project

PM Narendra Modi (left) held talks with King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima with a focus on enhancing bilateral, cultural and economic ties between the two countries

TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

## BIS to rank capitals, smart cities for tap water quality

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) will rank state capitals and 100 smart cities over the next three months for quality of tap water. Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan has said.

The BIS will also test quality of tap water at district level in the next six months. The ministry has written to state governments to make BIS standard mandatory on drinking water.

"The BIS has begun the process of collecting tap water samples from state capitals and smart cities," Paswan said at an event

organised to commemorate the World Standards Day. After testing the samples, the BIS would rank state capitals and 100 smart cities for quality water in the next three months, he said. The initiative would be taken to district level in next six months.

The BIS is the national body that frames quality norms for products and services and works under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. It has been asked to test tap water in other parts of the country after a probe showed samples from 11 areas in Delhi did not comply with BIS standard. — TNS

## Post 'protests' BSF may get nod to participate in R-Day parade

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Following "protests" by the Border Security Force (BSF) against non-inclusion of its marching contingent in the Republic Day parade event next year, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today indicated it was re-considering its order.

Sources said the MHA, in its order earlier this month, had said that only the marching and band contingents of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Delhi Police would be part of the Republic Day parade next year. It asked the BSF to send only its camel contingent and camel-mounted band team.

Sources in the MHA said after the order was issued, the BSF took up the matter



Participating in R-Day parade is a matter of pride for the forces

with the ministry, "which was now being reviewed".

Sources in the BSF said despite all preparations, the force's marching contingent was not given a slot in this year's parade too. The Republic Day parade is an esteemed event and troops and officers of various uniformed forces take pride in showcasing their ceremonial best at the event that show-

cases the defence, security, development and cultural prowess of the country. The about 2.5 lakh personnel strong BSF is tasked to guard India's border and infiltration-prone border with Pakistan, the crime-sensitive frontier with Bangladesh and is also deployed to render a number of tasks in the internal security domain of the country. — TNS

## 100 Indo-British bodies slam Corbyn's K-stance

LONDON, OCTOBER 14

Over 100 British-Indian professional and community organisations on Monday wrote to the UK Opposition Leader, Jeremy Corbyn, to condemn the Labour Party's stance on Kashmir in the wake of the Indian government revoking J&K's special status.

The Labour Party on September 25 passed an emergency motion on Kashmir calling



JEREMY CORBYN  
UK Oppn leader

for party leader Corbyn to seek international observers to "enter" the region and demand the right of self-determination for its people, drawing criticism from Indian diaspora representatives who described it as "ill conceived" and "misinformed". A cross-section of British-Indian bodies, including the Indian Professionals Forum,

Indian National Students Association, Hindu Council UK as well as temple bodies and community representatives, added their name to a joint letter which accuses Corbyn of bringing an India-Pakistan bilateral affair into the domestic politics of the UK by adopting a "divisive" emergency motion that calls for international inter-

vention in the region. "We are writing collectively, as British-Indian community organisations, to express our deep dismay that Her Majesty's Opposition has abandoned a long-standing cross-party position on Kashmir as a strictly bilateral matter between India and Pakistan, and in doing so, sown the seeds of community disharmony in the UK," the letter notes. — PTI

## HCL's Nadar tops givers list, Mukesh Ambani 3rd

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani, the richest Indian, comes third among philanthropists, in a list that is led by Shiv Nadar of the technology company HCL. Azim Premji, who created headlines by announcing a USD 21 billion commitment to charity, is second in the Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019.

Corporate families had championing social causes for long, but the Companies Act 2013 made it mandatory for entities above a certain threshold to devote 2 per cent of their profit to CSR. The overall philanthropic contri-

### TOP PHILANTHROPISTS

Honcho	Firm	Donation
Shiv Nadar	HCL	₹826 cr
Azim Premji	Wipro	₹453 cr
M Ambani	Rel	₹402 cr

**72 INDIANS** gave over ₹5 cr for social causes, almost the double of 38 in 2018

butions also nearly doubled to Rs 4,391 crore, with nearly half of the contributions having come in individual donations, while the rest have come from companies. There has been an uptick in the percentage of wealth that has been parted with by the rich families, shows the list. — PTI

## Govt push to eco-tourism, bids for 15 sites invited

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under public, private partnership (PPP). Besides this, projects are being run at five sites, all leased out to private players. These include Ala Fort Rest House, Dalhousie; Shoghi camping site, Barog camping site and Chewa camping site near Barog and Moti Kunah Hill Top camping.

The state government gets a revenue of Rs 98.75 lakh annually from these sites which were neither re-advertised nor any enhancement made in the lease amount, resulting in a loss to the exchequer. The lease period of the sites expired earlier this year. The Forest Department has more than 100 rest houses located at picturesque sites. Efforts are afoot to raise funds to give a facelift to these rest houses, some of which are in a rather poor shape.

## 'Mother of all battles'

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The OBCs, Dalits, Brahmins, Punjabis and Agarwals will largely vote for the BJP," they say. "In a tactical move, Dushyant has fielded Ram Kumar Gautam, a Brahmin, from neighbouring Narvaund against Finance Minister Capt Abhimanyu in order to woo voters of the community in Uchana Kalan. But Randhir Dheera, also a Brahmin, is likely to upset Dushyant's calculations," claims Jangra.

Kuldeep with the Haryana Beej Nigam at Ghogrian says people are happy with the Modi government at the Centre and the Khattar government in Haryana, "but not all are happy with the local MLA." Vijay Kumar, a medical store owner at Uchana Kalan, elaborates, "Procurement of crops was never a problem in Haryana as it has been during the present BJP government. Online procurement has made things only complicated. I had to transport mustard crop to the mandi four times

before it was procured. Each time officials would reject the crop on the pretext of high moisture content."

At Birender Singh's Doomarkhan village, voters appear firmly with Prem Lata. "Birender Singh is a big leader. His wife is sure to win," says Hari Ram, smoking hookah at his store on the Narwana-Jind road.

While Dushyant seems on a strong footing in Khatkar, Karsindhu, Ghogrian, Chhatar, Thuan, Baroda and Makrand villages, Prem Lata has the edge in Doomarkhan, Kharak, Jheel and Pulwan besides Uchana Kalan. Dushyant claims people are eager to dislodge the Khattar government but Prem Lata's nephew Sanjeev is certain the BJP will win by an even bigger margin this time.

Throwing his weight behind Prem Lata, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday addressed a rally at Uchana Kalan. He accused Dushyant of spreading lies on data on jobs.

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
e-Tender Notice No. PED/2019-20/14

Name of work	EMD (Rs.)	Tender document fees (Rs.)	Date of start of downloading E-tender document	Last Date & time for submission of E-bids	Date & time of opening of Techno-commercial bids
Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of centralized On-Grid & Off-Grid Solar Power Plants along with LED based 7 watt 220AC Street Lights.	Rs. 2 Lac	Rs. 5,000/-	15.10.2019	30.10.2019 upto 5:00 PM	31.10.2019 at 11:30 AM

Cost of Tender Document: Non-refundable Tender Document fee Rs. 5,000/- through online Mode only.  
Earnest Money Deposit: Earnest Money as mentioned above shall be deposited through online mode or through Bank Guarantee.

- Eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions for the works are given in the Tender Document which can be downloaded from [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in).
- Bidders shall have to get themselves registered with [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) and get user ID and Password. Class- 2/3 Digital Signature, mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact at 0172-2663328, 2663382 or 0172-2970263, 2970284.
- Corrigendum / Addendum / Corrections, if any will be published on the e-tender website and no separate notices shall be issued
- PEDA reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**GENERAL MANAGER**

**एसजेवीएन लिमिटेड**  
(आरजेन सरकारी एवं निजीकरण प्रकल्पों का प्रमुख उपकरण)  
**SJVN Limited**  
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India and Govt. of H.P.)  
A Mini Ratna & Schedule 'A' PSU. CIN: L40101HP1986G01008499  
Reg. Office: Shakti Sadan, SJVN Corporate Office Complex, Shanan, Shimla- 171006 (H.P.)

**NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF TARIFF**

- The applicant above named has made applications before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for approval of generation tariff of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (6x250 MW), Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for the period 2014-19 (Truing up Petition) & 2019-24.
- The beneficiaries of the generating station are:

A	Haryana Power Purchase Centre, Panchkula	I	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd., Lucknow
B	Department of MPP & Power, Govt. of HP, Shimla	J	Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., Dehradun
C	H.P.State Electricity Board Ltd. Shimla	K	Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jaipur
D	Power Development Department, Govt. of J&K, Jammu	L	Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jaipur
E	Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd, New Delhi	M	Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jaipur
F	BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi	N	Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Patiala
G	BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, New Delhi	O	Engineering Deptt., UT Secretariat, Chandigarh
H	M.P. Power Management Company Ltd, Jabalpur		

- Capacity of the generating Station (MW) : 1500 (6 x 250)
- Approved Capital Cost of the Project (Rs. In Lakh) : Rs.857528.3 Lakh
- Authority, which has approved the capital cost : Ministry of Power, Govt. of India
- Scheduled date of Commercial Operation : May, 2004
- Actual Date of Commercial Operation : U#1-06.10.2003, U#2-02.01.2004  
U#3-30.03.2004, U#4-31.03.2004  
U#5-06.05.2004, U#6-18.05.2004
- Capital cost on the date of commercial operation : Rs. 753888.47 Lakh
- Details of Tariff: In terms of Regulation 8 of 2019 CER Tariff Regulations, 2014, truing up tariff petition of NJHPS for the period 2014-19 and tariff petition for the period 2019-24 under Regulation 9 of CER Tariff Regulations, 2019 is filed.

Period wise Tariff sought to be determined (Rs. in Lakh)					
Period	01.04.14 to 31.03.15	01.04.15 to 31.03.16	01.04.16 to 31.03.17	01.04.17 to 31.03.18	01.04.18 to 31.03.19
Tentative Annual Fixed Charges	1,66,654.53	1,67,843.40	1,71,077.48	1,37,761.82	1,41,195.05

Period wise Tariff sought to be determined (Rs. in Lakh)					
Period	01.04.19 to 31.03.20	01.04.20 to 31.03.21	01.04.21 to 31.03.22	01.04.22 to 31.03.23	01.04.23 to 31.03.24
Tentative Annual Fixed Charges	1,43,607.17	1,41,210.36	1,45,451.61	1,43,885.99	1,49,351.29

Primary Energy Charges : 50% of Tentative Annual Fixed Charges

- Copies of the application filed for determination of tariff are posted on the website ([www.sjvn.nic.in](http://www.sjvn.nic.in)).
- The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the applications are filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chandernagore Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.

**Chief General Manager (C&S)**

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