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## Protesting Farooq sister, daughter detained

Oppose abrogation of Article 370, house arrest of J&K political leaders

**SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15**  
National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter were among several high-profile women detained today as they attempted to hold a demonstration in central city against abrogation of Article 370 and detention of political leaders.



Member of Parliament Farooq Abdullah's sister Suraiya Mattoo (L) and daughter Safiya Abdullah (R) protest the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of J&K in Srinagar on Tuesday. PTI

**SECURITY DOWNGRADE: RENDERING OPPN LEADERS 'POLITICALLY INACTIVE' PAGE 10**

Abdullah's sister Suraiya Mattoo and his daughter Safiya Abdullah Khan, who is also the sister of ex-CM Omar Abdullah, were among those detained.

Suraiya carried a placard that read "Release all detainees", while Safiya held a placard reading "Why downgrade Jammu & Kashmir state" as they were detained by police and paramilitary personnel.

The NC in a statement said the detentions reflected "sad state of affairs". Wearing black arm bands and holding placards, the women protesters were not allowed by the security personnel to assemble and asked to disperse peacefully. However, the protesters refused to disperse

and tried to stage a sit-in. A contingent of women CRPF personnel along with the personnel of the state police detained the protesters. The protest was held even as Section 144, prohibiting unauthorised gathering of four or more persons, remained imposed in Srinagar.

**WOMAN DIES IN SHELLING**

**Rajouri:** A 24-year-old woman was killed while her 18-day-old son had a miraculous escape in heavy shelling by the Pakistan army, targeting villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. **PAGE 10**

## Ban on SMS hrs after postpaid service resumes

**SRINAGAR OCTOBER 15**  
Hours after restoring postpaid mobile phone services in Kashmir, the government blocked the short message service (SMS) fearing it could help miscreants organise protests.

The government directive to telecom operators in this regard came on Monday late evening. "The government asked us to block the SMS services immediately, citing security concerns," a senior officer in the BSNL told *The Tribune*.

Mobile phones in Kashmir buzzed back to life on Monday, breaking the silence of a 72-day communication clampdown and reconnecting 40 lakh postpaid connections, but without any Internet facility. "The SMS ban is a precautionary measure and we will review the decision in coming days," said a senior police official. Around 26 lakh prepaid phone and Internet services remain blocked for now. —TNS

## Oppn trying to spread rumours on 370: Modi

PM promises more water for Haryana farmers

**DEEPENDER DESWAL**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**HISAR, OCTOBER 15**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today hit out at the Congress for criticising scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and accused the party of trying to spread baseless rumours, urging the people to punish it suitably in the ensuing Haryana Assembly elections.



PM Narendra Modi receives a memento from Haryana Chief Minister ML Khattar at an election rally in Kurukshetra on Tuesday. PTI

Addressing a public rally in Dadri, from where the BJP has fielded wrestler Babita Phogat of the 'Dangal' fame, Modi claimed his government had freed J&K from the fetters that kept it bound because of Article 370.

"The entire country stands by the people of J&K and Ladakh but some Congress leaders are spreading rumours. Abuse Modi as much as you want, even import investives from Bangkok, Thailand and Vietnam... I have no problem if you speak against Modi. But stop backstabbing India..." he said, daring the Congress to re-invoke the provision for special status on J&K. To strike a chord, the PM

## On 40 seats, BJP, Cong locked in close contest

**SUSHIL MANAV**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15**  
With just four days of campaigning left for the Assembly poll in Haryana, the parties' prospects on all 90 seats of the state is becoming clearer by the day.

During an extensive travel across the length and breadth of the state by *The Tribune*, it has come to light that candidates of the ruling BJP are facing a stiff challenge from the

BATTLE FOR 90	
BJP-CONG TIGHT FIGHT	40
BJP HAS EDGE	20
MULTI-CORNERED CONTEST	18
BJP-JJP TIGHT FIGHT	7
CONG HAS EDGE	4
BSP IN MAIN CONTEST	1

## PMC depositor ends life, heart attack kills another

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15**

A depositor of scam-hit PMC Bank allegedly committed suicide here, while another died of a heart attack a few hours after taking part in a protest by bank customers seeking their money back.

Dr Nivedita Bijlani (39), who allegedly ended life last evening, and Sanjay Gulati (51) who died of a heart attack the same day, had deposits of over Rs 90 lakh each with the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank. The bank has been put under restrictions by the RBI following the discovery of Rs 4,355-crore scam. Bijlani, a postgraduate in medicine, allegedly ended life by sleeping pill overdose at her residence late Monday



evening, police said, adding she had deposits of over Rs 1 crore with the bank.

Gulati had lost his job with Jet Airways after the airline was grounded in April. He has a specially-abled son whose treatment requires over Rs 25,000 a month, and they were struggling to pay his tuition fee, family said. —PTI

**MUMBAI SIKHS OPTIMISTIC P16**

## ED allowed to quiz PC in Tihar

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15**

After spending 55 days in CBI and judicial custody in the INX Media corruption case, former Finance Minister P Chidambaram now faces the prospect of arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) after a city court allowed his interrogation in Tihar jail here on Wednesday in a related money-laundering matter.



P Chidambaram at a Delhi court.

The order by Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar today comes two days before the judicial custody of the 74-year-old Congress veteran was set to expire in the corruption case filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Since his arrest on August 21, Chidambaram has till Tuesday spent 55 days in custody, in the CBI as well as judicial, in nine spells.

The judge allowed the ED to interrogate Chidambaram in Tihar jail on Wednesday, and arrest him, if necessary, in connection with the INX Media money-laundering case. He said three ED officials can interrogate him after 8.30 am and asked the jail superintendent to make necessary arrangements. —PTI

## Praful summoned over Mirchi link, denies charge

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15**

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned former Civil Aviation Minister and NCP leader Praful Patel for questioning on October 18 over his alleged links with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's aide Iqbal Mirchi.

ED documents suggest Millennium Developers, a firm promoted by Patel and wife, constructed a 15-storey building on a plot allegedly owned by Mirchi. Patel, however, rubbished as "mere speculation" reports about his alleged deal with Mirchi, saying there wasn't even "single paisa worth property transaction". —TNS

## 5 engineers to face action for poor NH work

**PRATIBHA CHAUHAN**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, OCTOBER 15**

Five engineers, including a Chief Engineer, will face departmental action for overlooking substandard work on the Himachal's Kandror-Hamirpur National Highway.

Show-cause notices will be issued to the five — Chief Engineer and Superintendent of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Executive Engineer, Sub-Divisional Officer and Junior



KANDROR-HAMIRPUR NH	
PROJECT COST	₹243 CR
DEADLINE	APRIL 2020
TOTAL BRIDGES	11

"Gross discrepancies have been detected in the work on NH. There can be no compromise with quality" Sanjay Kundu, PRINCIPAL SECY TO CM

Engineer — associated with the work. The officers will have to reply to the notice, to

be issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, within 15 days.

A decision will then be taken on future course of action against the officers.

"Gross discrepancies have been detected in the work on the Kandror-Hamirpur National Highway. Orders have been issued to initiate departmental action against them as there can be no compromise with quality," said Sanjay Kundu, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and head of Quality Control Cell. The Quality Control Cell has been set up to

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## Amritsar almost as polluted as Delhi

**AMAN SOOD**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PATIALA, OCTOBER 15**

Even as Punjab claims not to be solely responsible for Delhi's poor air quality, the situation in its Amritsar and Mandi Gobindgarh districts is almost equivalent to that in Delhi. The air quality in these districts ranges from "moderate" to "poor" with more deterioration likely in coming days.

The state has recorded 45 per cent increase in stubble-burning cases till October 14 and the air quality in most of its districts has deteriorated by three to four times over the past 14 days. Data comparison by *The*

**AQI METER (OCT 14)**

DELHI	252
AMRITSAR	225
MANDI GOBINDGARH	192
JALANDHAR	187
LUDHIANA	122
PATIALA	117
KHANNA	114

**BURNING ISSUE**

- The state pollution control board has "no mechanism to record AQI and get real-time data in villages"
- Majority of villages witness "poor to very poor" quality of air in winters when the wind speed is slow
- The state depends on air-monitoring stations set up in six cities, whereas stubble-burning generally takes place in villages



*Tribune* shows the average air quality index (AQI) in the state was 58 on October 1,

which worsened to 159 by October 14. Amritsar recorded the worst AQI of 225 on

October 14, as against 54 on October 1. Delhi recorded AQI of 252 on Monday.

With majority of the Malwa belt yet to go full throttle on stubble burning, the situation is expected to deteriorate further over the next 15 days.

On October 14, the AQI in Mandi Gobindgarh stood at 192 as against 27 on October 1, followed by Jalandhar 187 (53 on October 1), Ludhiana 122 (82 on October 1), Patiala 117 (42 on October 1) and Khanna 114 (48 on October 1). "This clearly shows the impact of farm fires on Punjab air quality.

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EDIT: AIR QUALITY CONCERNS

## IN BRIEF

**UP takes U-turn after sack orders for 25K Home Guards**

**Lucknow:** The UP Government on Tuesday announced it was doing away with 25,000 Home Guards as the state could not afford the new allowances the Supreme Court has asked it to pay, only to reverse the decision hours later. The daily allowance was raised to ₹672 from ₹500 earlier and would have cost the state an extra ₹10 to ₹12 crore every month. Home Guard Minister Chetan Chauhan later said: "No one will be removed. I have talked to the police department and asked them not to remove anyone. They might reduce their working days." PTI

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## Tender norms followed: SGPC

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 15  
Terming the allegations made by Congress MLAs Navtej Cheema and Harminder Gill against the SGPC of allotting works for Parkash Purb to a non-deserving company as frivolous, Sikh body's Dharam Parchar Committee secretary Mahinder Singh Ahali today said there was an attempt to mislead the sangat. He said the entire process was started after issuing tenders in newspapers and a transparent procedure was followed. The conditions were put up on the website and 10 firms sent their quotations, of which many quoted rates for pandal only, but the SGPC had sought rates for all works, he said. "There is no violation in issuing any tender to the Noida-based company," he said. — TNS

## Envoys to attend Gurburb event

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 15  
Union Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal today said nearly 100 heads of missions (HoMs) from different countries would visit Darbar Sahib on October 22 to commemorate the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak Dev. She was campaigning for SAD candidate Raj Singh Dibbipuria in Jalalabad. — OC

# CM wants Akal Takht to take command, talks to Jathedar

Offers proposal for joint programme sans role of political parties

**GURU'S 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

In another initiative to break deadlock over the main event to celebrate the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak Dev, the Captain Amarinder Singh-led government on Tuesday offered to hold the function at Sultanpur Lodhi on November 12 under the patronage of Akal Takht and with the support of the SGPC. The CM spoke to Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh over the phone, while his Cabinet colleagues Charanjit Channi and Sukhjinder Randhawa met him to convey the message.

The ministers said they urged Giani Harpreet Singh to direct the SGPC to support official events and not waste Rs 12-15 crore of public money on setting up a separate stage, especially when the state had already raised the



Cabinet ministers Charanjit Singh Channi and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa give CM Capt Amarinder Singh's letter to Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh in Amritsar on Tuesday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

required infrastructure for key programmes. Channi said the donation money could be utilised in furthering the cause of the religion, which was one of the prime objectives of the SGPC. Moreover, two separate events would confuse the devotees, he said.

As per the proposal, no political speeches would be allowed at the main function and only Jathedars of the five Takhts, head granthi of Darbar Sahib, Prime Minister or senior representative of the

Union Government, former PM Dr Manmohan Singh, CM and SGPC president would be present on the stage.

Giani Harpreet Singh said he would convene a meeting of all five jathedars next week to finalise the programme for the main functions, slated to be held on November 11-12 at Sultanpur Lodhi where devotees from across the globe were expected to converge.

The ministers told the Jathedar that the state government felt that in keeping

with the importance of the historic occasion, the Sikh community should stand together for the celebrations.

Capt Amarinder has suggested the community to bow before Akal Takht and come together under its aegis for the event. No Sikh should have any problem in celebrating the Prakash Purb under Akal Takht. The state had no issues with the SGPC conducting related events separately within the gurdwara premises, the ministers said.

# No visa, but passport must to visit Kartarpur via corridor

Centre may allow pilgrims only one trip a year

RAVI DHALIWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DERA BABA NANAK, OCTOBER 15

After weeks of confusion, clarity has finally emerged on the subject of passport and visa for pilgrims desirous of visiting Kartarpur through the corridor with government officials stating that a passport will definitely be needed, but it will not be stamped with Pakistani visas.

This decision was keenly awaited because it is common knowledge that if a person's passport has a Pakistani visa, his or her visa application to the US, Australia and European countries is compromised.

Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, who visited the site today, said the Pakistan government had recently conveyed this decision to Indian officials.

"This was confirmed by Ajay Bhalla, Union Home Secretary, after a meeting held with him and other Central officials at the zero-line yesterday. A passport will be needed just for identification purposes. There was a lot of uncertainty on this issue because under normal circumstances, a person travelling to Pakistan by air, sea or road needs to



PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla at the corridor site on Tuesday.

Foreign embassies view a passport with a Pakistani visa with a lot of suspicion because of terror activities that normally take place in that country. Official

have a visa stamped from the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi. However, if anybody wants to use the corridor, he will not be requiring a visa," said Randhawa.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh has been a strong votary of the corridor being both passport and visa-free. He had also taken up the issue with the ministers concerned in Delhi, but met with partial success because the government still insists upon having a passport.

Randhawa said to ensure a level-playing field, the Centre was mulling over a proposal to allow a pilgrim to cross over not more than one time a year.

"Repeated visits by those who can financially afford to go will mar the chances of other devotees. Such a rule should be put in place at least for the first year of the corridor's inception," he said.

Meanwhile, the CM dispatched PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla to the corridor site today. "All four roads leading to the ICP are being recarpeted and widened. The government has already sanctioned grants. The passages which are being strengthened are the ones leading to Dera Baba Nanak from Fatehgarh Churian, Ramdas, Batala and Gurdaspur," said Singla.

# False statement an offence if made to influence poll: HC

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that an offence on false statement in connection with an election would be considered to have been committed only when it was made with intent to affect the poll result. The Bench was interpreting the provisions of "Section 171-G of the IPC.

Section 171-G states: "Whoever with intent to affect the result of an election makes or publishes any statement purporting to be a statement of fact which is false and which he either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true, in relation to the personal character or conduct of any candidate shall be punished with fine."

Justice Anil Kshetarpal asserted mens rea (intention or knowledge) and motive were essential for prosecuting an accused. Section 171-G of IPC clearly prescribed that the offence was deemed to have been committed only when the false statement in connection with election was with intent to affect the result.

The ruling came on a peti-

tion filed by former minister Tikshan Sood. He was summoned by a Hoshiarpur court to face trial on a complaint alleging filing of a false affidavit under the provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act and the Indian Penal Code.

Justice Kshetarpal has already set aside the complaint as well as summoning order and quashed criminal prosecution against Sood. In the copy of the judgment now available, Justice Kshetarpal also referred to Section 125-A of the Representation of Peoples Act dealing with the penalty for filing a false affidavit.

He made it clear that prosecution under the provisions could be launched only when false information was given by the candidate, who knew or had reasons to believe the information to be false.

Describing the summoning of an accused as a serious matter, Justice Kshetarpal added: "The court before summoning an accused must after due application of mind carefully scrutinise the evidence and then only pass an order if the offence was prima facie found to have been committed by the accused".

# SAD, BJP headed for split, says Capt

Kicks off roadshow from Dakha; says party banking on development

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CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 15

Giving impetus to the Congress campaign for October 21 bypoll, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today started his roadshows from the Dakha Assembly segment from where Capt Sandeep Sandhu, political secretary to the Chief Minister, is in the fray.

Facing heat from SAD candidate Manpreet Singh Ayali, who has been active in the constituency for long, Sandhu is hopeful that CM's roadshow would give him the much needed push to outdo his rival. The seat was previously represented by former AAP leader HS Phoolka.

Describing SAD as an "unprincipled party", he pointed out their "double standards" on ties with the BJP, against which they were fighting "tooth and nail" in Haryana on one hand, while on the other, seeking votes for its candidates in Punjab.

"This kind of petty politics has alienated the Akalis from the people and reduced them to a non-entity," he alleged, adding that given the current scenario, he did not see SAD and BJP being on one



CM Capt Amarinder Singh during a roadshow in support of Dakha candidate. HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

**ASSEMBLY BYPOLL**

plank in the 2022 state Assembly elections.

Speaking in favour of Capt Sandhu, whom he described as a "committed worker with the welfare of the people close to his heart", the CM said the mood was in favour of the Congress as the people wanted development, which his government was delivering to them.

Accompanied by AICC general secretary Asha Kumari, Cabinet Ministers Sukh Sarkaria and Bharat Bhushan Ashu and

## FREAK MISHAP DURING ROADSHOW

Capt Amarinder's turban accidentally fell after he came in contact with a rope during the roadshow. The CM along with Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu and party candidate Sandeep Sandhu were on a special bus for election campaign. Bittu immediately gave a cover to the CM. To give height clearance to the CM on the elevated platform, no security personnel was by his side when the incident took place.

Ludhiana MP Ravneet Bittu, along with several MLAs and party leaders from the area, the Chief Minister's convoy went through the crowded bazaars and areas of Allwal, Sidhwan Bet, Madarpura, Gorsian Makhhan, Talwandi Kalan and Mullanpur city.

The Chief Minister would hold the roadshow in Jalalabad on Wednesday, where Raminder Amla is the party candidate, followed by Phagwara and Mukerian on October 17 and October 18.

## LIP workers protest

Lok Insaaf Party workers staged a protest against the government when the roadshow passed through Chak Kalan village. They blamed the government for not taking action against the accused in sacrilege cases and failing to curb drug menace.

# Youth jobless, can't blame them for addiction: Mann

SHIVANI BHAKOO  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 15

State AAP convener and Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann today addressed public rallies in favour of party candidate Amandeep Singh Mohi at Chaminda and Ballawal villages of Dakha.

Mann said he would not blame youngsters for hooking on to "chitta" since they were unemployed. "We need to snatch injections (drugs) from them and provide tiffin in their hands and a respectable job," he said, adding that the trend of youth migrating to Canada and other countries suited the government. "If the youth here are jobless, they will question the government what has it done for their betterment?" said Mann.

Targeting the Badals, he alleged that from just eight buses, they had a fleet of 2,000 buses today. "Only they can do such wonders. No one has the power or the brains for such things. The way the Badals have laid foundation stones in Punjab, if we use the bricks of these wastes, I think we will be able to construct 10 colleges in the state. However, they must not forget what



AAP MP Bhagwant Mann campaigns for party candidate at a village in Dakha.

"If the youth here are jobless, they will question the government what has it done for their betterment?" Bhagwant Mann, MP

happened to Chatalas in Haryana. They used to play with gold biscuits and today they are making atta biscuits in jail," he remarked.

The MP said he was not happy with the byelections as a huge amount of public money would be spent. He said HS Phoolka would have served for the purpose without resigning from his seat.

# Bagha banks on PM for votes, Dhaliwal flaunts local connect

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 15

Clad in a pink, khadi kurta pyjama with a lotus brooch tagged on it, BJP candidate Rajesh Bagha, 46, addressed a small gathering in a house at Rampur Khalian village in the Phagwara Assembly seat.

Surrounded by rural folk, he began his speech with "Sat Sri Akal". He told them that the party chose him as it wanted to field a younger candidate this time. During his speech, he sought vote in the name of PM Narendra Modi and Union MoS Som Parkash, who has been accompanying him throughout the campaign.

In less than two minutes, he wound up with "Jai Bheem, Jai Bharat" slogan. Not mingling with villagers

or stopping for chit-chat, he headed to the next village. This way, he intends to cover all 91 villages of his constituency in the remaining five days of campaign.

Like Bagha, Congress candidate Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal too is a fresher in politics. An ex-bureaucrat, he has retained his shirt-trouser attire. His meetings at Palahi and Wahid villages were held in an organised manner under tents. Rather than any salutation, he addressed the gathering, making sure that he read names of all prominent people participating in the rally. Though he too is somewhat stone-faced, his speeches are little longer wherein he calls himself a local and refers to the days when he served as an SDM in the town.



Congress candidate Balwinder Dhaliwal campaigns in Phagwara; and (right) BJP's Rajesh Bagha with party leaders. TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Attacking his BJP rival calling him an outsider from Jalandhar, he reminded everyone that his party still had 2.5-year term in the state and they should bank upon him for getting all pending works done.

While Bagha is banking upon Som Parkash, Dhali-

al is relying on Industries Minister Sunder Sham Arora for campaigning. Arora has been camping in Phagwara since the elections were announced.

The campaign is also being seen as a more of a contest between Som Parkash and Arora.

## Caste equations

Of the five main candidates, those of the BJP, BSP, Aam Aadmi Party and Lok Insaaf Party are from the dominant Ravidassia community (38 pc) and hence the votes in this community are set to split. The Congress candidate is a Mazhbi Sikh

and the community has just about 9,000 voters. The BSP's repeated attempt to rake up the issue of demolition of Guru Ravidass Temple in Tughlaqabad too can hit the Congress.

The villages have a mixed Sikh and Dalit population while the city is largely

dominated by the Hindus. The BJP believes that it has the support of Hindu voters and has been reminding them of the abrogation of Article 370 in J&K. The Congress too has specifically chosen minister Sunder Sham Arora to consolidate Hindu votebank in its favour. The defection of five MC councillors (who were ex-MoS Vijay Sampla's loyalists) to the Congress too may give an additional edge to the party in urban areas.

Likewise, the BJP today attempted to keep its Purvanchal votebank of about 20,000 residents from Onkar Nagar intact by holding a performance of Bhojpuri singer Khushboo Tiwari. Som Parkash has support from this community as he got converted the slums into a developed colony.

# ECl assures SAD of fair poll

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

Acting on a representation submitted by the SAD, the Election Commission of India has ordered that adequate number of Central paramilitary forces and micro-observers have been deployed.

In a letter written to SAD senior vice president Daljit Singh Cheema, ECI's secretary Rahul Sharma said the concerns raised in the representation by the SAD had already been taken care of by the commission.

He said for conduct of a free and fair election, adequate number of forces had been deployed, besides videography coverage of polling booths and web casting had also been planned.

# Govt okays remission for cops out on bail

One convict never been in jail, others stayed for less than a month | Old age, ailments cited in most cases

JUPINDERJIT SINGH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15  
For the Punjab Government, a convicted cop, who has not spent even a single day in jail or has been incarcerated for even one month in jail, is eligible for pardon or special remission for immediate release.

Even poor financial condition, diseases like cancer and heart ailments, besides age-related health problems have been cited as reasons for seeking remission. This has come up after a perusal of official documents regarding names and case details of 15 policemen, convicted of offences

related to terrorism days and whose cases were sent for pardon/remission to the Union Home Ministry. Seven of the cops have not even completed one year of their sentence in jail. They were convicted of offences during the terrorism era between 1980 and 1993.

This is in a sharp contrast to the usual cases of criminals or terrorists who have spent years in jails.

Surprisingly, one of the cops recommended for release was convicted last year only. He is an 83-year-old former Inspector who was given a life sentence in September last year for kidnapping and murdering a

youth in 1992. He has spent 11 months in jail so far. Most interesting case is of a 63-year-old Assistant Sub-Inspector who was sentenced to three-year imprisonment in March 2009 for kidnapping a youth in 1998. He has not been jailed ever and is on bail since then. As per the

## CURIOUS CASE OF CONVICTED COPS

■ Most interesting case is of a 63-year-old Assistant Sub-Inspector who was sentenced to three-year imprisonment in March 2009 for kidnapping a youth in 1998. He has not been jailed ever and is out on bail since then.

■ An ex-DSP, sentenced to three-year term in March 2013 for kidnapping, has spent just one month in jail. The 69-year-old has remained on bail. The government recommendation says he is suffering from age-related health problems.

government recommendation, he should be released due to old-age problems and poor financial condition.

An ex-DSP, sentenced to three-year term in March 2013 for kidnapping, has spent just one month in jail. The 69-year-old has remained on bail. The gov-

ernment recommendation says he is suffering from age-related health problems.

Another case is of a retired Inspector who was convicted in December 2016 and sentenced to seven-year rigorous imprisonment for criminal conspiracy in kidnapping and disappearance of a youth in October 1992. He has remained in jail for two months and four days only. He is presently on bail. The government recommended the release of 68-year-old cop due to poor financial condition.

Similar is the case of an ex-DSP sentenced to seven-year term. He has remained in jail for five

months only. Two Inspectors convicted together for life in a November 1992 case have been recommended for release after spending five and ten months, respectively. The government reasoned that one of them aged 75 was suffering from cancer (final stage) while the other, aged 73, had a heart ailment.

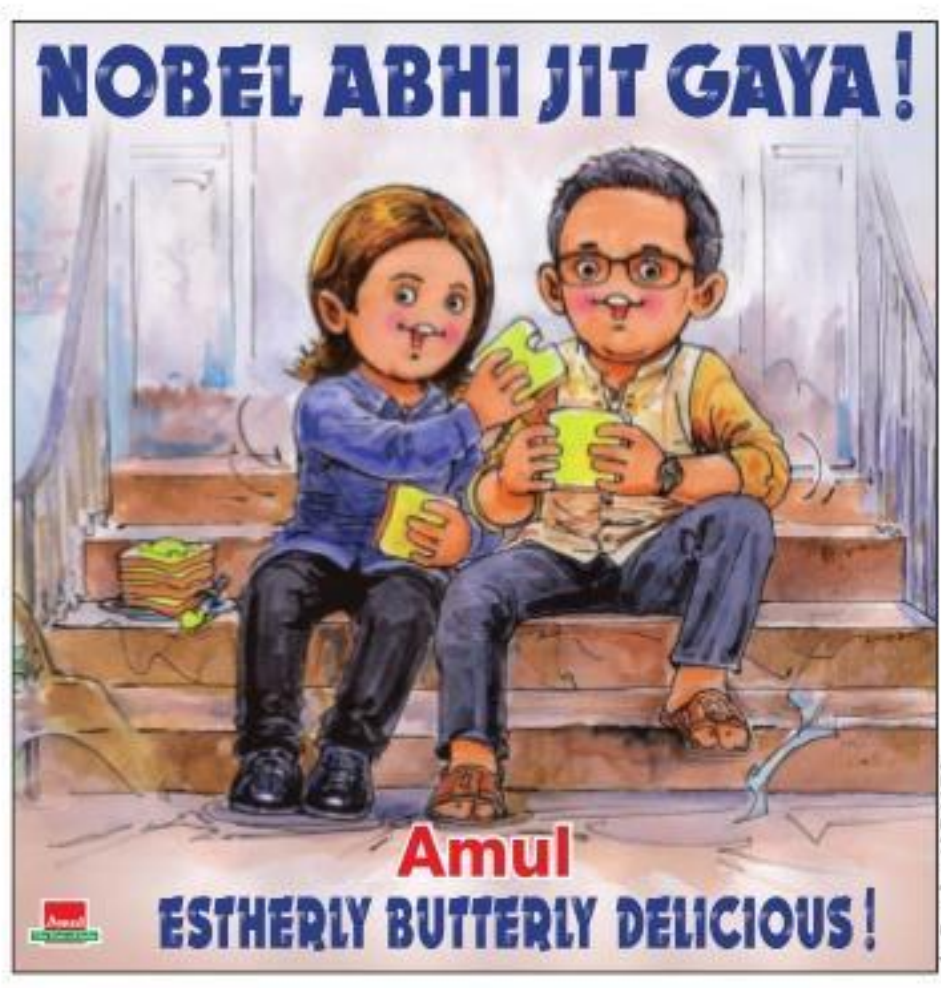
Officials of the state Jails, Police and the Home Department which handled the remission applications at different levels refused to comment on the subject.

Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said he was not aware of the details of the cases.

months only. Two Inspectors convicted together for life in a November 1992 case have been recommended for release after spending five and ten months, respectively. The government reasoned that one of them aged 75 was suffering from cancer (final stage) while the other, aged 73, had a heart ailment.

Officials of the state Jails, Police and the Home Department which handled the remission applications at different levels refused to comment on the subject.

Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said he was not aware of the details of the cases.



# Official suspended over procurement fraud

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The Secretary, Market Committee, Batala, has been placed under suspension following irregularities in procurement of paddy. The action was taken on the basis of checking of record in Market Committee Batala, where unaccounted purchase of paddy was found during inspection by the special team.

A spokesperson of Mandi Board said the board had constituted special teams for inspection of mandis to ensure hassle-free procurement of paddy. He said any

lapse or irregularity in the purchase of paddy would not be tolerated.

He said the teams had thoroughly checked the records of Market Committee, Batala, and Gehri in Jandiála Guru, Amritsar. It was found that arhtiyas (commission agents) in connivance with the staff of market committee purchased paddy from farmers at low rates and sold it to procurement agencies at MSP rate.

The entire record in this regard has been seized and the paddy procured on low rates had been dispatched to various shellers.

# DC: Farmers burning stubble to lose subsidy

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, OCTOBER 15

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sandeep Hans today said the district administration, upon coming across stubble-burning, would deprive the errants of farm subsidies. He said administration officials will mark a 'red entry' in the girdawari of the errants' agricultural land.

The DC presided over a meeting with sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs), including Narinder Singh Dhaliwal (Moga and Dharamkot), Swarnanjit Kaur (Baghapurana) and Ram Singh (Nihal Singh Wala), Plant Protection Officer Dr Jaswinder Singh Brar and other offi-

cial regarding stubble-burning prohibition.

According to the DC, once a red entry is marked in land records, the farmer concerned won't be able to get any benefit of subsidies.

The DC directed the Agriculture Department and Punjab Pollution Control Board officials to keep a hawk's eye on farmers using combines without functional super straw management system (SSMS) to harvest paddy and take legal action.

The harvesting combines without SSMS have been banned in the district and if anyone found violating the prohibitory order, the combine will be impounded.

# Farm fire damages 30 trees, villagers livid

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 15

At a time when the state government has been repeatedly warning farmers against stubble-burning and launched a massive campaign to plant saplings to celebrate 550th Parkash Purb, stubble fire has burnt roadside trees at Kanoi village.

The former sarpanch of the village has submitted a complaint to Sangrur SDM in this regard.

Former Sarpanch Deep Singh said in his complaint that during his tenure as a sarpanch, they had planted saplings along roadside of a link road that connected the village with the Sangrur-Sunam road.



A burnt tree at Kanoi village.

He alleged that last evening, a few farmers burnt their paddy stubble that damaged 30 trees causing resentment among villagers.

"Since the planting of saplings, the villagers have been taking care. But the stubble fire has damaged 30 trees. I have submitted my

## RALLY ON OCTOBER 18

Chandigarh: On the directives Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, students of government schools will participate in awareness rallies against the menace of stubble-burning. The students in rural areas will participate in the awareness rallies on October 18 to apprise farmers about the ill-effects of stubble-burning.

complaint to the SDM seeking action against farmers," said Deep Singh. A few other farmers standing near the burnt trees also demanded action.

"I am at a meeting. We will take action after going through the complaint," said Babbandeep Singh Walia, SDM, Sangrur.

However, the BKU (Ugrahan) has announced to support farmers and oppose anyone who tries to take action.

"Farmers do not want to damage the environment, but they do not have any alternative. We will gherao officials if they try to take action against farmers for burning stubble. Farmers will stop burning stubble if the government starts giving us bonus to manage stubble without burning," said Dharminder Pashore, block president, BKU (Ugrahan) Lehragaga.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Sangrur, Jaswinderpal Singh Grewal said he would send his teams.

"After collecting land details, we will take legal action," he said.

# Debt relief likely for flood-hit farmers

Govt proposes revision of loan repayment schedule in 794 villages

RUCHIKA M KHANNA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The state government is mulling deferment of repayment of crop loans availed by farmers in flood-hit villages of Doaba and Malwa region by three years.

According to a proposal, farmers in 14 districts (794 villages) of the state, whose standing crops were damaged in the floods that occurred in August, would be able to repay the crop loans that they took in April this year within the next three years. Farmers were supposed to deposit the entire loan amount with interest to the banks by end of October.

As much as Rs 9,700 crore worth of crop loan was disbursed by cooperative banks in Punjab in April to 7.50 lakh farmers. While marginal



Officials inspect the crop in flood-affected areas in Moga. FILE PHOTO

farmers (having up to 2.5 acres) got Rs 57,000 per acre as loan, small farmers (having up to 5 acres) got Rs 78,000 per acre as crop loan. Large farmers get up to Rs 27,000 per acre as crop loan. Since a majority of farmers in the flood-ravaged districts are small and marginal farmers, they have suffered huge losses as the floodwaters

destroyed their standing crop.

According to estimates prepared by the Revenue Department, which conducted a special girdawari to assess the crop losses, paddy worth Rs 507 crore on 51,364 hectares, maize on 5,553 hectares and sugarcane on 863 hectares, besides fruits and vegetables on 1,304 on 1,306 hectares was damaged

in the floods.

Official sources in the government told *The Tribune* that since the rescheduling of the loan had been approved in principle, farmers would be eligible to avail fresh crop loans. "We have decided to speed up the process of deferment of loan instalments so that farmers can avail fresh loans for the next wheat crop and not look at non-institutional sources of finance," said a senior officer in the Cooperation Department.

"The process is already on to send the report of special girdawari to the cooperative societies and the district central cooperative banks, who will make a list of total amount whose repayment is to be deferred and loan accounts where the deferment is applicable," he said.

# Majithia: Book Ashu for assaulting youth

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 15

Former Akali minister Bikram Singh Majithia today demanded immediate arrest of Cabinet Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu for allegedly thrashing a Sikh youth after tossing his turban.

A Congress worker, Gursewak Singh alias Gora Baddowal, had accused Ashu of thrashing him and tossing his turban in a viral video. Majithia said disrespect of turban would never be tolerated.

Presenting Tarandeep Singh, one of the two youths who blamed Ashu and his men, to the media, Majithia alleged that Ashu was a habitual offender and he was creating an atmosphere of fear among the voters. He said the SAD would provide every possible help to these youths to get justice.

He said the incident would be taken up with the Election



Former minister Bikram Singh Majithia at a rally.

Commission and the court would be approached. Majithia demanded that Congress candidate Capt Sandeep Sandhu must clarify why was he shielding the minister and his men.

Two groups of Congress from village Baddowal had clashed outside the party office at Mullanpur Dakha recently. In a viral video, Gursewak Singh alias Gora had alleged that he was thrashed by Ashu.

# Aujla seeks action for disruption in kirtan

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 15

Congress MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla has demanded Akal Takht's intervention over the telecast of Shromani Akali Dal's political rally, while disrupting regular "kirtan" programme from Golden Temple being telecast on a private Punjabi TV channel today.

Denying it, an official of the channel said it happened due to technical failure, but was amended within a few minutes. "Both the Golden Temple 'kirtan' and the rally were being telecast live. Due to a mismatch in frequency, the rally interrupted the kirtan, but just for a while," he said. Aujla alleged that the SAD, which commanded influence over the channel, had got the live "kirtan" stopped midway only to telecast its political rally in favour of its

## 'TECHNICAL GLITCH'

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Dakha candidate.

"On one hand, the SAD brags about being a Panthic party, and on the other, it leaves no chance to gain political mileage. It happened at 1.49 pm when the SAD rally was being held at Jandi village," he said. Aujla has appealed to Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh to initiate action against the SAD leaders for violating Sikh "maryada".

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www.psrc.gov.in

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

Two separate Sealed Tenders are invited from Annual Management & Maintenance Service (AMC) Providers on Two Bid System (Technical and Commercial) by 6.11.2019 up to 4.00 p.m. for providing Facilities Management Services for IT Equipment.

Detailed tender document containing terms & conditions may be downloaded by 4th November, 2019 (up to 4.00 p.m.) from website www.psrc.gov.in.

The Bidders(s) may check the quantum of works to be performed at Punjab Remote Sensing Centre, Ludhiana on any working day from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. before submitting their bid.

DPR/Pb/D6923 Sd/- Director.

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Tender Enquiry No. QW-281/PO-W Dated 14.10.2019  
Tender Notice for Manufacture and supply of following items as per PSPCL's specification QW-281/PO-W dated 14.10.2019

- Top Hampers for 11 Mtrs Poles = 18000 Nos.

Last date & Time for

1. Downloading of Specifications : 13.11.2019 up to 12.30 Hrs.
2. Receipt of tenders (online) : 14.11.2019 up to 11.30 Hrs.
3. Opening of tenders (online) : 14.11.2019 at 12.30 Hrs.
4. Cost of Specifications : NIL

Tender specification can only be downloaded from website https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com Details regarding E-Tendering is available on website www.pspcl.in. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com and get conversant with the process of online submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in the due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.

NOTE:- It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in News Papers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website www.pspcl.in

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NO. HPPTCL/P&A/E-1(C)/2019-8709-10 Dated:-11.10.2019

Window Advertisement for availing services of retired officers of the Sr. Manager/Executive Engineer (E-6) and above levels.

HPPTCL invites applications from retired officers of the rank of Sr. Manager/Executive Engineer (E-6) & above levels on last pay drawn (-) minus Pension/EPF basis in the HPPTCL initially for a period of one year in following disciplines -

Sr. No.	Description of post	Eligibility criteria	Age as on 1st day of the month of Advertisement
01.	Dy. General Manager (P&A) 01 No. (E-7 level)	The person should have worked at E-7 level for atleast one year in Govt./PSU/Private sector and overall experience of 20-25 years in the relevant field.	Should not be more than 60 years at the time of employment.
02.	Sr. Manager (Elect) 04 Nos. (E-6 level)	The person shall be B.Tech/Diploma from recognised College/University and should have worked at E-6 level for at least two years and overall experience of 20-25 years in the field having execution of work of transmission lines/Sub Station etc.	Should not be more than 60 years at the time of employment.

The complete details are available at HPPTCL portal www.hpptcl.com. Applications should reach in the office of undersigned by 01.11.2019 till 5.00 P.M. Applications received after due date shall not be entertained in any case and shall be rejected straightway without assigning any reason.

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**Recruitment Notice — Extension in Last date**

With reference to Recruitment Advt. No. PB/TI/2019/PS/02 published in newspapers on 21.09.2019 for the posts of Maintenance Engineer, Assistant Scientific Officer and Scientific Assistant. The last date for submission of applications is hereby extended up to 24th October 2019.

DPR/Pb/D6937 Admn. cum Fin. & Accounts Officer

**PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED**  
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CIN U51219CH1966SGC002630

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sh. Jagjit Singh, Storeman (under suspension), P. No. 11423, PAIC (on deputation with PAFIC), Gurdaspur was issued a charge-sheet vide letter bearing endst. No. PAIC/Pers./2019/11418 dated 16.08.2019 for causing loss of Rs. 5,09,61,585/- on account of embezzlement of 54067.147 qtls. rice of crop 2011-12 by M/s Khosla International Rice Millers and Exporters, Batala, District Gurdaspur. The said charge-sheet was sent at his residential address through registered post which was returned by postal authorities with remarks that 'ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤਕਰਤਾ ਇਥੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਫਾਰਨਕੋਟਰੀ ਸਿਮਾ ਹੈ, ਵਾਪਸ ਜਾਏ'. He is directed to submit his reply within fifteen days from the publication of this Public Notice failing which further action will be taken against him as per rules.

DPR/Pb/C7491 Managing Director.

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**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW CAUSE**  
[SCR, Order XXII]  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) No. 9425 OF 2018  
WITH

**1. A. No. 14856/2018 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.**  
KARAN SINGH(D) .....Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)  
THROUGH LRS

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS**  
.....Respondent(s)

To,

1. PARVEN MALIK S/O TEK RAM, PID: 244956/2019  
R/o VILLAGE JAGSI, FOR R[8] IN  
AT PRESENT GALI NO. 7, SLP(CRL)  
PATAUDI CHOWK, NO. 9425/2018  
DISTRICT-GURGAON, HARYANA (SEC II-B)

Whereas the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Criminal) above-mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. PARTHA SIL, Advocate on-record on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named, was listed for hearing before the Court on 26th October, 2018 and the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Delay condoned.  
Issue notice."

Since the service of show cause notice could not be effected Respondent No. 8 and the matter along with application for substituted service was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 05th September, 2019. When the following order was passed:-

"Opportunity to respondent No. 1 to file counter affidavit has already been declined.  
Respondent Nos. 2 to 6 have filed counter affidavit.  
Respondent Nos. 7 and 11 are granted four weeks time as last opportunity for filing counter affidavit.  
Service is complete on respondent Nos. 9, 10 and 12 but none has entered appearance.  
Application for substituted service in respect of respondent No. 8 is allowed. Proof of publication be filed within four weeks time.  
List again on 22.10.2019."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above matter(s) will be posted for hearing before the Court in due course when you may appear before this Court either in person or through an advocate-on-record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within thirty days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why special leave as prayed for, be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 16th September, 2019  
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

**Note:**  
[1] "LEGAL AID: Legal service of an advocate is provided by the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and the Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society to eligible Litigants.  
For further information, please contact the Secretary, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee or the Member Secretary, Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, 107-108, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block-Near Post Office, Supreme Court compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi – 110201 (Tel. No. 011-23388313, 23388597).  
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## Capt reviews paddy procurement in Moga

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**MOGA, OCTOBER 15**  
To ensure hassle-free, smooth and speedy procurement of paddy, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh reviewed procurement arrangements of paddy at Killi Chahal village on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by local Congress MLA Dr Harjot Kamal, Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans and SSP Amarjit Singh Bajwa, besides other officials of the district administration.

While addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister reiterated government's commitment to lift every single grain of farmers' produce from the grain markets in a smooth, prompt and hassle-free manner, while adhering to the prescribed norms of timely payment.

He directed officials to ensure timely lifting of paddy from the grain markets. Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans apprised the CM that necessary arrangements for the smooth procurement of paddy had been made

“Till Monday evening, 15,397 tonnes of paddy arrived in Moga grain markets, of which 13,378 tonnes was purchased. Of this, about 5,232 tonnes was lifted.”

Sandeep Hans, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

in all grain markets of the district. He also assured that the paddy crop arriving in the grain markets was being procured and lifted within the time period of 72 hours fixed by the state government.

The DC said till Monday evening, 15,397 MT of paddy crop had arrived in the grain markets of Moga district, out of which 13,378 MT had been purchased by agencies. He said of the total purchased crop, about 5,232 MT of crop had been lifted from markets by rice millers.

ADC Anita Darshi; ADC, Development, Subash Chandar; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Narinder Singh Dhaliwal and District Food and Supply Controller Major Gurpreet Singh Kang were present.

## Fazilka farmers see red over CCI's cotton purchase delay

Farmers say private buyers are fleecing them, offering prices below MSP

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL  
OUR CORRESPONDENT

**FAZILKA, OCTOBER 15**  
Resentment is brewing among farmers as the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has not entered the Fazilka market for purchasing cotton crop. Official sources say 26,570 quintals of cotton have arrived in the Fazilka market alone, which is one of the biggest quality cotton producing belts of the region. Out of the total arrival, the CCI made a purchase of only 12 quintals that too on October 11, the opening day of procurement.

Since then, CCI officials have not entered the market as a result farmers are forced to sell their produce at a price low than the minimum support price (MSP) for Rs 5,450 per quintal (with 8% moisture content) and Rs 5,232 per quintal (with 12% moisture). Notably, the CCI doesn't buy cotton having more than 12



With the CCI staying away, private traders are purchasing cotton, but offering low prices to farmers in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

per cent moisture content.

Sources in the market committee said cotton was being purchased by private traders on Tuesday at a maximum rate of Rs 4,990 per quintal in Fazilka cotton yard, causing financial loss to farmers. “Generally, cotton is purchased for below Rs 5,000 per quintal by private buyers,” alleged Pargat Singh Chackpakhi, president, Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta-Sidhupura), Fazilka unit.

A deputation of farmers, led

by Chackpakhi, met Market Committee secretary Jagroop Singh today in this regard. He alleged that the officials concerned and private traders were hand in glove and had been fleecing farmers. He further alleged that farmers were suffering a loss of Rs 400-500 per quintal. They have demanded commencement of cotton purchase by the CCI immediately.

When contacted, Rajiv Sharma, Senior Commercial Offi-

STAFF SHORTAGE

“The Cotton Corporation of India faces staff shortage so it is not able to purchase cotton from Fazilka market. We have requested Mandi Board authorities to make arrangements to ensure purchase, but to no avail.”

Rajiv Sharma, SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER, CCI

cer, CCI, Fazilka, said the corporation had staff shortage and they had to manage with only two purchasers. Out of them, one is busy in Malout and the other in Abohar buying cotton. Thus the CCI is not able to purchase cotton from Fazilka market, he said, adding that they had requested Mandi Board authorities to make arrangements to ensure purchase in the evening in Fazilka grain market but the matter continued to hang fire.

## Cop found at 'fault' for SSP's affidavit

PLEA AGAINST RADHEY MAHA

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The Punjab Police have found a head constable at fault for an affidavit submitted before the Punjab and Haryana High Court by an SSP. Faced with the situation, state counsel has told the HC that the matter would be again looked into by an “appropriate authority” to pinpoint the fault.

The directions came on a contempt petition alleging that Kapurthala SSP was purposely not initiating action as “highly placed” political leaders were backing “Radhey Maha” alias Sukhvinder Kaur, a spiritual leader.

Earlier, the HC had directed the DGP to submit a report after inquiring into the allegations of submission of a false affidavit. Petitioner Surinder Mittal's counsel Krishan Singh Dadwal had submitted that an attempt to mislead the court was made by Kapurthala's former SSP, who claimed that an HC order was not

received. Dadwal told the Bench that the officer had received the order through email from the High Court as well as from their side.

As the case came up for resumed hearing, Justice Avneesh Jhingan observed that the court had, on December 18 last year, directed that in case the averments made in Kapurthala SSP Sandeep Kumar Sharma's affidavit dated November 3, 2017 were found incorrect, necessary action would be taken. The counsel submitted that the DGP had looked into the matter and a head constable was found at fault. But she stated that the matter would be again looked into after it was pointed out that the affidavit filed by the SSP was neither finalised, nor signed by the head constable.

Justice Jhingan fixed the case for October third week after state counsel sought time to inform “what action against which responsible officer/official is proposed to be taken”.

Sukhwinder Kaur has been accused of posing herself as incarnation of a Hindu goddess.

## RSS out to harm peace in country, claims Jathedar

**AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 15**  
The officiating Jathedar of the Akal Takht, Giani Harpreet Singh, has called for banning of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) activities. He said the RSS activities of emphasising on Hindu rashtra (nation) would end

up creating a division among the citizens.

The Jathedar's statement was in context of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's speech on Vijayadashami in which he termed India a Hindu rashtra.

“People of all religions and faiths live in India. This is the beauty of India. The

statements being made by RSS leaders are not in the country's interest,” he said.

On RSS' plan to hold events to celebrate the 550th Gurburb, he said, “There is no objection over it, but the Sikh maryada can't be compromised by any community.” — TNS

## Man held with poppy husk

ABOHAR, OCTOBER 15

The Rajasthan police on Tuesday foiled an attempt to smuggle 125-kg poppy husk into Punjab.

Cops said truck driver Dilbagh Singh Vicky of Uppal Kheri village in Sangrur district was arrested under the NDPS Act as he had stacked poppy husk bags in his cabin.

The police in Abohar seized 9,500 sedative tablets by intercepting a car at the Alamgarh bypass. Raj Kumar of Saharanpura, Surya Parkash of Muklawa and Rajesh Kumar of Sadhuwali village in Rajasthan were held under the NDPS Act.

According to the police, an eye is being kept on suspicious activities, especially on peddlers to eliminate the menace of drugs. — OC

## Divine glory



Devotees pay obeisance at the Golden Temple to celebrate Guru Ram Das' birth anniversary on Tuesday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTRE, SOLAN**

**INVITES SEALED BIDS**

For the allotment of Industrial Plot/Shed, Industrial Estate Dharampur, Tehsil Kasauli, District Solan HP, on lease hold basis for a period of 95/45 years.

Location	Plot/Shed No.	Area in sq mtr	Reserve Price	Authority to whom bids are to be addressed
1. I.E. Dharampur	-	1825	6387500	GM DIC SOLAN HP
-do-	8	55.76	350000	-do-

The sealed bids may be addressed to the authority as mentioned at Sr. No. 5 and should be accompanied with details of intended activity proposed, in sealed envelop superscribed on it "bid for Plot/shed No. ---". The bid should reach in the office of the above mentioned authority on or before 14/11/2019 (before 3PM) which will be opened on the same day. The bid must be accompanied by a bank draft of any nationalized bank amounting to 10000/- as earnest money drawn in favour of GM, DIC Solan alongwith signed terms and conditions in token of acceptance. Bids without earnest money, unsigned terms and conditions will not be considered at all. Only manufacturing activities are allowed.

The bid will be opened by the committee constituted on the same day at 3:00 PM in the presence of the bidder or their authorised representatives. The copies of the terms & conditions of allotment to be submitted by the bidder may be obtained from the office of GM, DIC Solan at Chambaghat on any working day.

The General Manager reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof and put the above plot/shed to auction after opening the bids, as well as right to negotiate for a better price.

General Manager,  
District Industries Center, Solan-HP  
Ph. No. 01792-230528

**TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

Online tenders on percentage basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned works are invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria of the SBD.

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Tender Processing Fee	Period of Completion
1	Development of remaining internal roads of Sector 78, S.A.S Nagar	Rs. 31.72 Lacs	Rs. 64,000/-	Rs. 3743/-	3 months
2	Construction of speed table on PR-7 road & approach roads to PR-7 road, S.A.S. Nagar	Rs. 79.99 Lacs	Rs. 1,60,000/-	Rs. 5900/-	3 months

Sr. No.	Online availability of tender for bidding		Last date and time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tenders in O/o Superintending Engineer (C-1), Room No. 445, 4th Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S Nagar	
	From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	11.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	21.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	21.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	22.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	Should be intimated after evaluation of Technical bids
2	14.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	29.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	29.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	30.10.2019 3:00 P.M.	Should be intimated after evaluation of Technical bids

1. For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
2. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact on **0172-2970263, 2970284.**

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DPR/Pb/C7466

**HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION CUM PH DEPARTMENT CORRIGENDUM**

The following Amendments/Corrections in tender documents is hereby made for the Online bid invited vide this office NIT No. EE-IPH-Thunag-E-Tender/2019- 5866-5950 dated 3/10/2019 to be opened on 25/10/2019 for the work "Augmentation of various water supply scheme of GP Tandi, Saroa, Tharjoun, Mushrani, Bassi, Devdhar, Kharsi and KotlaKhanula in Gohar Block Tehsil Chachyot District Mandi (HP) (SH- Construction of Jack well type river intake, 2.40 MLD Water Treatment Plants (16 hours capacity), Providing, Laying, Jointing and Testing of Gravity Mains, Rising mains and distribution system, Pump houses Stage I, II & III at various locations, S/E of pumping machinery, MBRs and SRs at various locations including train run period for three months (ninety days) on full designed water requirement with defect liability period for six months".

S. N.	Tender Document	Item	Already uploaded	Amendment/Correction
1	NIT	Pre Bid Meeting date	16/10/2019 at 3:00 PM	16/10/2018 at 12:00 Noon venue remains unchanged.
2	Form-6	Page No. 3 Eligibility criteria	Division mentioned Mandi	May be read as IPH Division Thunag.
		Point No. 2	2(ii) Similar works means providing, Laying and jointing of piping network and construction of Water Treatment Plant/Sewerage Treatment Plant/RCC water retaining structure	May be read as Similar works means providing, Laying and jointing of piping network and construction of Water Treatment Plant/ RCC water retaining structure
3	Section 2 Form-12	Page No. 34 point 7.1	Contact Person mentioned as Executive Engineer IPH Division Mandi, Tehsil and District Mandi (H.P.), PIN Code 175001 and Telephone Shown as 01905-22130	May be read as Executive Engineer IPH Division Thunag Tehsil Thunag and PIN Code 175048. Telephone: 01907-257845
4	Technical specification and data sheet	Page No. 5	Division mentioned IPH Division Mandi	May be read as IPH Division Thunag.
5		Page No. 109 Serial No. 16	Site of Work location written as Tarna at Mandi	May be read as various locations at IPH Sub Division Kelodhar

Note: Other terms and conditions of these documents remain unchanged.

**HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**  
Executive Engineer,  
I&PH Division, Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP).

## MLA for VB probe into broken roads



Officials inspect a road in Fatehgarh Sahib. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SURINDER BHARDWAJ

FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCTOBER 15

Several roads constructed in the town barely a month ago have developed potholes. MLA Kuljit Singh Nagra, CM's Adviser, has said he will get it probed by the Vigilance Bureau.

Residents accuse PWD officials of being “hand in glove with contractors that's why quality is not being ensured.”

The stretches from Gurdwara Jyoti Swarup Sahib to Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Sirhind Mandi to Sirhind City, Mandofal road and the link roads of the rural areas were constructed about a month ago. Now, several potholes have surfaced.

Meanwhile, a team of officials inspected the newly constructed road from Gurdwara Jyoti Swarup Sahib to Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib.

CM's Adviser Kuljit Singh Nagra said that after putting great efforts, he got Rs 190 crore sanctioned from the Chief Minister for strengthening of roads. He said that, he had asked higher officials to check the quality work.

“Those indulging in corrupt practices and are negligent will be taken to task. I will ask the Vigilance Bureau to probe the matter thoroughly.”

Kuljit Singh Nagra, CM'S ADVISER

“Those indulged indulged in corrupt activities and negligence will be taken to task,” he said while urging the residents to keep an eye on the works going in their respective areas and report to him in case they come across usage of substandard material. He said he would further ask the Vigilance Bureau to probe the matter.

When contacted, PWD XEN Balwinder Singh said he would ensure that the quality is maintained. “If any discrepancy is found, the contractor will be held responsible. The road level can't be maintained at certain points due to sewer board's discrepancies,” he said.

While rubbing the allegations regarding collusion of officials with contractors, he said he would inspect the roads.

## Hawara's blast case hearing today

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 15

Additional Sessions Judge Atul Kasana on Tuesday adjourned the hearing in Bomb blast case near Clock Tower here, involving extremist Jagtar Singh Hawara, for a day. The blast had occurred in 1995.

The case was fixed for recording statement under Section 313 Cr.PC, but it could not be recorded since long. The defence lawyer insisted that there was no need of recording such statement as nothing incriminating has come on record against accused. — OC

## Smuggled liquor recovered in Moga

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, OCTOBER 15

The district police have recovered 190 boxes of liquor of various brands near Daala village in the district. An FIR under Sections 61, 1 and 14 of the Excise Act has been registered against liquor smuggler Kulwant Singh of Landeke village and his aide at Mehna police station.

Investigation officer Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), said following a tip-off, a police team laid a special “naka” near Daala village on the

Moga-Barnala road.

When a Bolero Camper jeep bearing registration number PB-04-7899 arrived, the police signaled to stop it. After stopping the vehicle, the two liquor smugglers fled the spot. One of them was identified as Kulwant Singh of Landeke village. His accomplice was yet to be identified.

During a search, at least 190 boxes of liquor were recovered from the jeep.

The police had taken the jeep and smuggled liquor into custody. Efforts were on to nab the liquor smugglers, the IO said.

## Row over Ram Siya Ke set for resolution, says High Court

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15

The controversy regarding exhibition of TV serial “Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush” has apparently been resolved. As a petition challenging the “suspension of exhibition” came up for resumed hearing before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the state counsel submitted that the impugned order would be open to revocation.

The statement came with a rider. The state counsel added this would be in case one of the petitioners, Swastik Productions Pvt Ltd, was ready and willing to furnish an undertaking to adhere to

“corrective measures that have already been taken as regards the previous episodes and even for future telecast.”

The counsel also sought a day's time to furnish a format of the undertaking to be signed by the petitioners. Taking a note of the developments, Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa observed, “Apparently the issue appears to have been resolved.”

The High Court was earlier told that representative of Colours TV channel had apologised and agreed that they required to study proper facts about ‘Bhagwan Valmiki’ before making a TV serial as it was deeply related with the sentiments of the Valmiki

community.

The channel's representative had also asked for suggestions from the representatives of the community so that all mistakes could be rectified. The note on the minutes of a meeting added it was also decided that representatives of the community would constitute a committee to discuss the issue in detail and would frame a set of guidelines and reliable references, which would be provided to the channel.

The developments took place on a petition challenging the suspension of exhibition of TV serial ‘Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush’. The ban was imposed on CM's directions.

## POLL BUZZ

### Dushyant gets threat on phone

Chandigarh: JJP leader Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday said he had

received a threat over telephone, following which a complaint was lodged with the Jind police. "I was engaged in a political event on Monday when my assistant received a call on the other end gave his name as Pawan and said he was calling from Dubai," he wrote in a communication to Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora. "The caller told my assistant in a threatening manner to advise me not to speak much in election rallies lest I face dire consequences. He told my assistant that he belonged to a gang operating under the name of Pablo Escobar," he wrote. The letter was marked to the Ministry of Home Affairs. TNS

### No cavassing at Sonepat rail station

Sonepat: The local Railway authorities have banned political parties to campaign at railway stations, fearing that anti-social elements may create trouble during campaigning by party activists. There have been a couple of instances of Congress and BJP workers campaigning at the local railway station. "All political parties have been informed of the restrictions," said PN Goswamy, SHO, Railway Protection Force, Sonepat. oc

# PM: Got chance to rectify seven-decade-old failures

Expresses happiness that Kartarpur project nearing completion

NITISH SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KURUKSHETRA, OCTOBER 15 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the entire country was preparing to celebrate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. He said he was happy that the Kartarpur corridor project was about to be completed soon.

Addressing a rally in Thanesar, he said, "We are fortunate to get a chance to rectify to some extent the political and strategic failures that happened seven decades back."

"India received its first Rafale jet on Dasehra and it was a proud moment for all of us. I do not know what happens to Congress leaders whenever the country is happy. This is not limited to Rafale. Whenever the country is honoured at the world level, the attitude of Congress men is always negative," he said.

Referring to statements of Congress leaders regarding abrogation of Article 370, he said, "Pakistan is using the statements of Congress leaders to target India. Elections come and go, but national security remains top priority. How long will the country continue to see terrorism in Jammu and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar with other party leaders at a Vijay Sankalp Rally in Kurukshetra on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED

Kashmir and mothers continue to lose brave sons?"

Continuing the attack, he said, "I want to ask Congress men to evoke their humanity. When a mother in Kashmir requests her son to give up terrorism and come back and offers prayers to get her son back, I want to ask Congress men whether that mother should get her son back. The trend of separatists must end and the backward and Dalits must get their rights."

"We will continue to take decisions for the welfare of people. Not only policy making, governments must pay more focus on the last mile delivery as well. Beneficiaries must get the benefits of policies," he said.

He praised the Haryana Government for giving jobs on merit and bringing in transparency in jobs. He said road and rail connectivity had strengthened. He said Manohar Lal Khattar government had ended the transfer industry.

He said before 2014, the government to have its eyes on votes and land of farmers. He pointed out that old policies related to purchase of land had been changed.

"Efforts are being made to promote Kurukshetra as a major tourist destination. We want Kurukshetra to be on the list of top 15 tourist destinations in the country," he said. He called upon voters to give a bigger mandate to the BJP.

### 'Police inaction' plaint

A Yamunanagar resident showed his resentment over police inaction in a molestation case by throwing copies of his complaint. He alleged that his daughter was molested by a schoolteacher last year and no action was taken. He reached the venue with his brother and two minor children. He was taken away by security personnel.

### Unwell Vij skips event

The rally was organised to canvass for candidates from 17 Assembly constituencies. Ambala Cantonment candidate Anil Vij failed to attend the rally due to throat infection.

# After son's defeat, Bishnoi out to woo back Adampur

BJP's Sonali determined to upset Cong's calculations

SUSHIL MANAV & DEEPENDER DESWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ADAMPUR, OCTOBER 14 After his son Bhavya Bishnoi's defeat in the Lok Sabha poll, senior Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi is leaving no stone unturned to regain his father Bhajan Lal's political legacy in Adampur in the Assembly elections.

Facing TikTok sensation Sonali Phogat of the BJP, Bishnoi is busy reviving old relations of his father and cajoling the old supporters who have switched loyalties due to some reasons.

Ever since Bishnoi's father, former CM Bhajan Lal, adopted this seat in 1968, the seat has gone to his family on all 13 occasions to date. Bhajan Lal won the Adampur seat on nine occasions, his wife Jasma Devi once, Kuldeep Bishnoi twice and his wife Renuka Bishnoi on one occasion.

However, when Bhavya Bishnoi was badly defeated by the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll from Hisar — he came third after Bijendra Singh (BJP) and Dushyant Chautala (JJP) — Adampur Assembly segment, which is part of the Hisar parliamentary seat, also gave him 23,500 votes less than the BJP candidate.

Bishnoi is determined to recapture the lost ground in



Bishnoi has never been in touch with people after winning an election. Till now, people were voting for him because of Chaudhary Bhajan Lal's influence on them. Sonali Phogat

In the Lok Sabha elections, people voted for Modi and not for Brijendra Singh. But this time, I will win the seat by a handsome margin. Kuldeep Bishnoi

this election now and he is depending on personal contacts to achieve the target. As his cavalcade enters Ghursal village in the constituency on Monday afternoon, a group of villagers greet him with garlands of marigold flowers.

"In the Lok Sabha elections, people voted for Modi and not for Brijendra Singh. But this time, I will win the seat by a handsome margin," Bishnoi claims.

He says that Sonali Phogat doesn't even know the names

of villages under the Adampur segment. "We have 56 villages in Adampur. If you ask her to name five, she will not be able to answer," he claims.

Bishnoi's opponent Sonali Phogat is, however, confident that she would defeat the Congress leader.

"Drinking water as well as irrigation water remain the biggest problems. In some villages, the erratic supply of electricity is also an issue. These issues will be my priority," she promises.

# Why Rahul chose Nuh to canvass, asks Shazia

SUNIT DHAWAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 15 Shazia IImi, BJP spokesperson, has asked the Congress leadership to clarify its stance on the abrogation of Article 370. "If the Congress believes that the BJP government has taken a wrong step, why didn't it declare in its manifesto that if the party returned to power it would revoke the decision," she said at a press conference here on Tuesday.

Imi claimed the BJP never framed its policies on the basis of caste or religion. She questioned Rahul for choosing Nuh (Mewat) for his rally. "His intention was clear. He wanted to please only the minorities. Rahul and his party are trying to divide people on the basis of caste and religion."

The BJP leader alleged that



the "irresponsible" statements by Rahul and Omar Abdullah created controversies about India all over the world.

"It seems they want to support Pakistan. In a recent case, certain statements by Rahul and Omar were used by Pakistan at the a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) for launching a diplomatic attack on India," she said. The BJP leader castigated the Congress leadership for "not uttering a word on the revolutionary step of banning triple talaq".

# 80% job quota for state youth, promises Saini

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GOHANA, OCTOBER 15 The Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP) has promised 80 per cent reservation in government jobs for Haryana residents, ₹50,000 debt waiver to auto-rickshaw drivers and "rehriwalas" (hawkers), free electricity up to 200 units and monthly pension of ₹5,000 under social security schemes.

All this and more are part of the LSP's manifesto released by party supremo Raj Kumar Saini at a press conference here on Tuesday.

"The BJP and Congress have ignored farmers and employees in their manifestoes. In 2014, the BJP had come to power, promising the implementation of the Swaminathan Commis-



sion report and welfare schemes for Backward Classes. Five years hence, it has failed to deliver on its promises," he alleged.

The former MP promised that after coming to power, the LSP would implement the policy of "Hum do hamare do" to control the population which would help in solving the problem of unemployment.

"Reservation will be given to all castes on the basis of their proportion in state's population," he added.

# Kiran counting on Bansilal's legacy, her connect with Tosham residents

PRADEEP SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TOSHAM (BHIWANI), OCTOBER 15 Senior Congress leader Kiran Choudhry is banking heavily on the legacy of her father-in-law, widely considered as the architect of Haryana and former Chief Minister Bansilal, and her performance in the last about 15 years to defy the "saffron surge" to enter the Vidhan Sabha for the fourth time from the Tosham Assembly segment in Bhiwani district.

Choudhry, who is pitted against Shashi Ranjan Parmar of the BJP, Kanta Rani of the INLD and Sita Ram of the JJP, is using her "personal connect" with the people to the hilt to capitalise on "anti-incumbency" against the BJP government and neutralise any impact of rampant factionalism in the Congress.

The BJP, however, is hoping to cash in on "Modi wave" and polarisation of Jat and non-Jat votes placing its bet on Parmar, who is a Rajput, to replicate the success of the 2019 Lok Sabha poll. Dharambir Singh, BJP candidate, had led by over 34,000



Kiran Choudhry reaches out to voters. FILE PHOTO

"The family lineage gives you a platform in the initial stages, but you have to prove your worth to stay in the race in the long run. Kiran Choudhry, CONGRESS LEADER

votes over Shruti Choudhry, Kiran's daughter, in the Tosham segment of the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh parliamentary segment.

Unlike other Congress candidates, Choudhry is not relying on any star campaigners

to win her seat. "The people of Tosham are a family to me and they are fighting my elections. The very fact that the BJP has brought in its big-wigs, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the election campaign shows that

the party is jittery and not sure of the vote-catching abilities of the state leadership," Choudhry said while taking a dig at Modi's rally in neighbouring Dadri today.

Tosham has been a pocket borough of the Bansilal clan with larger-than-life image of the former CM looming large over the constituencies falling in Bhiwani district, especially Tosham. "Bansilal brought development to the arid and infertile land. In fact, Kiran Choudhry has inherited his progressive approach and has been with us through thick and thin," claimed Mahavir Singh, a resident Thilod village on Tosham's periphery.

Despite Bansilal's legacy paying rich dividends to the family, Choudhry, however, told *The Tribune* during the course of her election campaign that over the last 15 years she had carved a niche for herself in people's hearts through development in the region. "The family lineage gives you a platform in the initial stages, but you have to prove your worth to stay in the race in the long run," she asserted.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER: Registrar, IIT RoPar invites on behalf of Board of Governors of IIT (No. IITRPR/ET/19/192) RoPar sealed percentage rate tender from the following work:

Name of work: Providing and fixing mild steel grills on the ground floor in Chenab hostel and Beas hostel.  
Estimated Cost: 1020429/- | EMD: 20409/- | Time of completion: 30 days  
Last time and date of submission of bid 3:00 PM on 23.10.2019. The bid form and other details can be downloaded from the website www.iitrpr.ac.in/tenders Registrar

**NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE**

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter. S. No.: 1. Open Tender No.: 30-Elect/TRD/T-26/2018-19-4 Name of Work: Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 25KV AC 50 Hz OHE in connection with OHE Modification work at SIR station yard due to DFCCIL lines over Ambala Division. Date of closing / opening: 07.11.2019. Approx. Cost: Rs. 2.72 Cr. Earnest Money: Rs. 2,56,400/- Completion Period: 06 Months. Validity period: 45 days. Cost of tender form: Rs. 10,000/- 2. Open Tender No.: ETRU-24-35-2017-18-3 Name of Work: Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 25KV AC 50 Hz OHE in connection with OHE Modification work at RPJ station yard due to DFCCIL lines over Ambala Division. Date of closing / opening: 07.11.2019. Approx. Cost: Rs. 1.09 Cr. Earnest Money: Rs. 2,04,500/- Completion Period: 06 Months. Validity period: 45 days. Cost of tender form: Rs. 5,000/- 3. Open Tender No.: ETRU-24-4-2019-20 Name of Work: Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 25KV AC 50 Hz OHE in connection with Additional OHE Modification work at DOA station, yard Km 353.31 due to DFCCIL lines over Ambala Division. Date of closing / opening: 07.11.2019. Approx. Cost: Rs. 87.36 Lac. Earnest Money: Rs. 1,74,700/- Completion Period: 06 Months. Validity period: 45 days. Cost of tender form: Rs. 5,000/- NOTE:- 1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender document cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15:00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOWCC, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule. 4. The condition of "Similar Nature Work" is applicable for all three works at S. N. (1), (2) & (3) and the Similar Nature Work is "Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 50 Hz, Single phase 25 KV AC OHE." 5. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in No.-30-Elect/TRD/Notice/T-26-2018-19-4, ETRU24-35-2017-18-3 & ETRU-24-4-2019-20 Dated: 14.10.2019 3298/2019  
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**PRESS NOTICE ('e' Procurement System)**

Executive Engineer-IV on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board re-invites sealed Percentage Rate Tenders through e-Procurement process from the enlisted Agencies/Firms/Contractors/Tenderer having valid enlistment certificate issued by any one of the specified departments i.e. UT Engineering Department / CPWD / MES / Punjab PWD / Haryana PWD / Himachal PWD for the following work :-

Name of Work	Estimated Cost put to Tender	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Cost of Tender Document
Maintenance of Internal Roads for 2108 Flats in Sector 63, Chandigarh.	Rs. 31.18 Lakh	Rs. 62,500/-	12 Months	Rs. 1,180/-

**1. Milestone dates of Electronic Tendering**

i) Downloading of e-Tender Documents	Start Date : 16.10.2019 at 1400 Hrs. End Date : 23.10.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.
ii) Clarification regarding plans, specifications, schedule of quantities and set of terms	Start Date : 16.10.2019 at 1400 Hrs. End Date : 23.10.2019 upto 1600 Hrs.
iii) Date of Submission of e-TENDER	Start Date : 16.10.2019 at 1400 Hrs. End Date : 23.10.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.
iv) Physical submission of EMD, Tender fee, Documents required for eligibility and other necessary documents	Start Date : 24.10.2019 at 1000 Hrs. End Date : 30.10.2019 upto 1100 Hrs.
v) Opening of Technical Bid (Online)	30.10.2019 at 1130 Hrs.
vi) Opening of Price Bid	To be intimated separately to all Qualified Bidders

2. Bid Document can be downloaded from the website of Chandigarh Administration <http://etenders.cd.hic.nic.in/nicgep>.

3. All other terms and conditions, instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process etc. may kindly be seen from the detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) available/downloadable on the above noted websites of CHB/Chandigarh Administration.

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**STAFF NURSE RECRUITMENT TEST**

The written test for recruitment of post of Staff Nurse published in Aijit Punjabi & The Tribune on 28.6.2019 vide advt. No. 4/19 is scheduled to be held on 20.10.2019. Admit Cards/ Roll no are uploaded on the University Website. All candidates are advised to download their Admit Cards/ Roll no from website [www.bfuhscs.ac.in](http://www.bfuhscs.ac.in). Note: The candidates who have not mentioned their mobile number in the application form and who failed to download their Admit cards are directed to contact University to get Admit cards, immediately.

**GURU GOBIND SINGH MEDICAL COLLEGE, FARIDKOT (Constituent College of BFUHS, Faridkot)**

**Vacancies under ICMR Project, GGSMC, Faridkot**

Applications are invited up to 31-10-2019 upto 5.00 PM from eligible candidates for recruitment for one post of Senior Research Fellow and two post of Field Worker under department of Neurology, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot under ICMR project purely on temporary/ contract basis. The position is co-terminus with the project. For application form, eligibility, terms & conditions and other detail information of updates, visit university website [www.bfuhscs.ac.in](http://www.bfuhscs.ac.in) REGISTRAR

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Announcement of Award for acquisition of land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to Two Lane with Paved Shoulder of Punjab/Haryana Border to Moonak-Jakkhal-Budhlada-Bhikki from km 236+600 to km 239+400 & km 244+750 to km 287+710 section of NH-148B falling in the state of Punjab for land owners/persons interested therein and payment of Compensation Amount. Kind attention of all landowners / interested persons is invited to the Notification dated 28.06.2018 issued under Section 3A of the NH Act, 1956 for acquisition of land for the building / construction of a National Highway and the Notification dated 24.01.2019 issued under Section 3 D of the NH Act, 1956 and published in the following newspapers :

S. No.	Notification	Names of Newspapers in which published	Dates of Newspaper
1	Section 3 A	Tribune Chandigarh and Punjabi Tribune Chandigarh	15.07.2018
2	Section 3 D	Jagbani Ludhiana and English Tribune, Chandigarh	02.02.2019

It is informed that the undersigned has announced the Award in respect of the said land under Section 3 G of the NH Act, 1956 vide order dated 13.09.2019. The land acquiring agency (MORTH) has placed the requisite amount of compensation at the disposal of the undersigned. Notices have also been issued to the concerned landowners / interested persons as required under Section 3 E of the NH Act, 1956. Accordingly, all the concerned landowners / interested persons are hereby informed / notified through this additional Public Notice that the Compensation amount is hereby offered to all the landowners. Further, it may be noted that:

- The compensation amount in respect of all such landowners, who have already submitted their Bank account details, is being credited to their respective Bank Accounts through RTGS.
- The landowners, who have not submitted their Bank Accounts details, may do so immediately in the office of the undersigned and the amount shall be credited to their accounts after the receipt of such Bank Accounts details;
- All other claimants entitled to receive the compensation amount may collect their amount of compensation from the office of the undersigned on any working day between 09:00 am to 05:00 pm within a period of 60 days.

It may further be noted that since the amount of Compensation has been determined and tendered to the concerned landowners / persons interested therein through this additional public notice, any failure to collect the compensation amount would be to their account and the amount shall be deemed to have been paid on expiry of this period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notice. The landowners / persons interested therein are further called upon to surrender or deliver the possession of the subject land to the undersigned, failing which the possession of subject land will be taken with police assistance on expiry of the period of 60 days.

Competent Authority for Land Acquisition-cum -Sub Divisional Magistrate, Budhlada.  
Dated : 15-10-2019

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**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)** In the Court of Sh. Amardeep Singh Bains Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Gurdaspur. State Bank of India Versus Karamjot Singh CNR No.: PBGD02-002276-2017 Next Date: 02.12.2019 Publication issued to: Karamjot Singh Father:- Bhagwant Singh r/o Vill. Rasulpur P.O. Wadala Banger, Tehsil and Distt. Gurdaspur, 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 02.12.2019 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\\_notice&district=gurdaspur](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=gurdaspur) Dated, this day of 11.10.2019. Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL19091894 Gurdaspur.

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## Navlakha's protection from arrest extended

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Overruling the Maharashtra Government's objections, the Supreme Court on Tuesday further extended by four weeks the interim protection from arrest given to activist Gautam Navlakha in the Bhima-Koregaon violence case but asked him to approach appropriate court to seek pre-arrest bail in the case.

A Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra — which had earlier asked the Maharashtra Government to produce all the material collected against Navlakha during the probe — wondered why the state police didn't interrogate him for over a year.

This is the second time that the top court has extended Navlakha's protection from arrest. Earlier, it had on October 4 extended till October 15 the interim protection given to the activist. On behalf of the activist, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi pressed for extension of protection from arrest, saying he was ready to cooperate with



Gautam Navlakha is accused in Bhima-Koregaon violence case

the investigation.

Earlier, as many as three judges of the Supreme Court, including Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, had recused from hearing Navlakha's petition.

He had challenged the Bombay High Court's September 13 order rejecting his plea for quashing of an FIR in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence case on the ground that there was prima facie substance in the case. "Considering the magnitude of the case, we feel a thorough investigation is required," it had said.

The HC had extended the protection from arrest to Navlakha for three weeks to enable him to approach the SC to file an appeal.

# SC likely to end hearing in Ayodhya case today

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The Ayodhya land dispute hearing which commenced on August 6 is likely to end on Wednesday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who is heading a five-judge Constitution Bench, indicated on Tuesday.

At the end of the 39th day of hearing on Tuesday, the CJ said 45 minutes would be given to senior advocate CS Vaidyanathanand who is appearing for Ram Lalla and one hour to senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, representing Muslim parties.

"Additionally, four slots of 45 minutes each is available... You distribute it among yourselves," CJI Gogoi told lawyers for the parties before the Bench rose for the day. Earlier, during the hearing senior advocate K Parasaran told the Bench on behalf of a Hindu party to the



case that a "historical wrong" was committed by Mughal emperor Babur after his conquest of India over 433 years ago by constructing a mosque at the birthplace of Lord Ram in Ayodhya which needed to be corrected.

"Please do the reparation of a historical wrong committed by foreign ruler Babur who came here and said that I am the Emperor and my fiat is the law," the senior lawyer, appearing for Mahant Suresh Das, who is a defendant in a law suit filed by Sunni Waqf Board and others in 1961, told the apex court on the 39th day

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi allocates 45 minutes to Ram Lalla and one hour to Muslim parties for final arguments

of hearing in the case.

"Muslims can pray in any other mosque in Ayodhya. There are 55-60 mosques in Ayodhya alone. But, for Hindus this is the birth place of Lord Ram... which we cannot change," he told the Bench.

The top court has been hearing 14 cross-appeals since August 6 against the Allahabad High Court's September 30, 2010 judgment equally dividing the disputed land between Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and Muslims after mediation attempts to resolve the dispute failed.

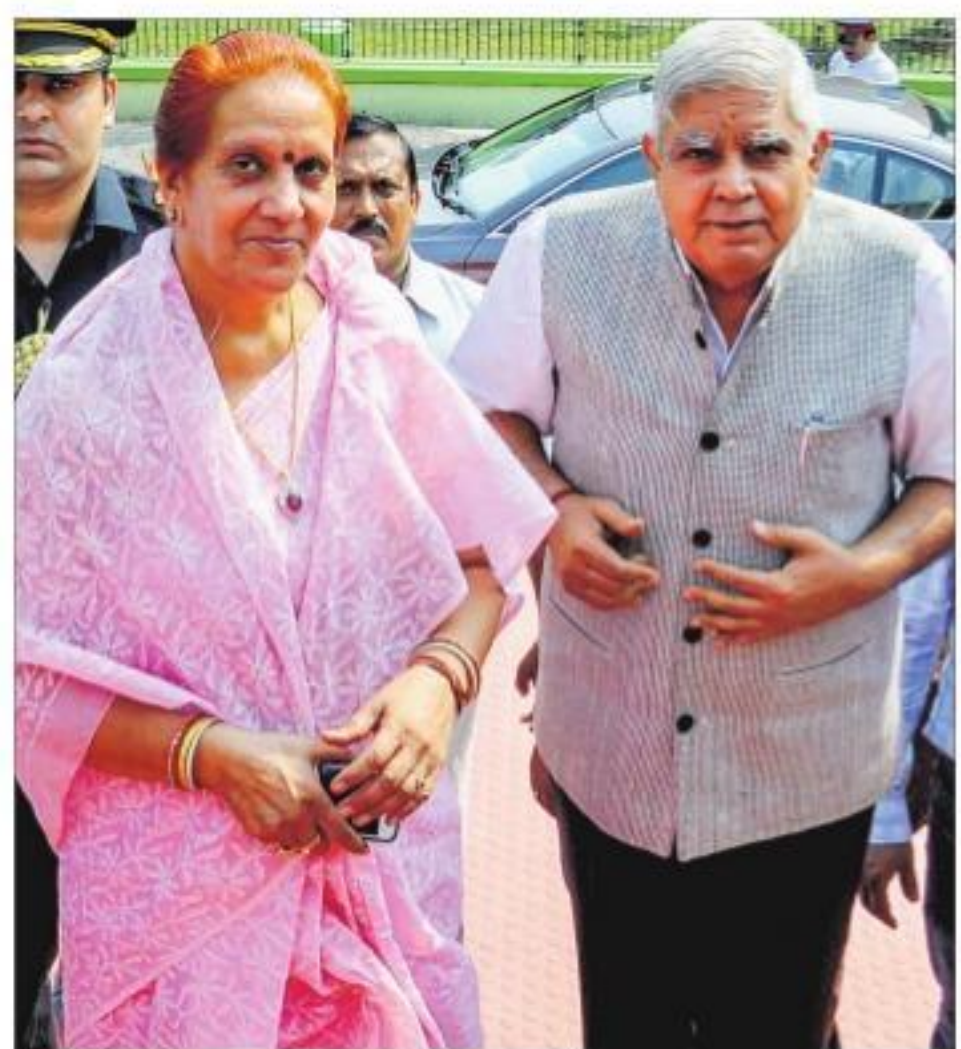
The Bench — which also

comprised Justices SA Bobde, D Y CHandrachud, Ashojk Bhushan and SA Nazeer — will resume the hearing on Wednesday.

Hindus believe that Lord Ram was born in Ayodhya thousands of years ago. During Mughal emperor Babur's rule, a mosque was constructed at the place in 1528 after destroying the temples existing there. On December 6, 1992, the disputed structure was demolished by Hindu activists and since then there exists a makeshift temple at the disputed site.

Parasaran said Hindus have been fighting for centuries for the birthplace of Ram which cannot be changed. However, for Muslims all mosques were equal.

Senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for Muslim parties, objected to Parasaran's submissions, saying he was raising new issues.



West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar with his wife Sudesh Dhankhar outside National Library in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

## Guv: Felt insulted at Mamata event

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 15

Those who watched the telecast of the latest puja carnival organised by the West Bengal government on October 11 noticed with some bewilderment how Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar (accompanied by grandson) was barely visible in the crowd while the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took the centre-stage hogging the limelight.

Dhankhar today bared his mind on the issue. He said he felt insulted that day. "I felt insulted at the carnival. I am deeply hurt and disturbed. The insult was not to me but to every people of West Bengal. They will never digest such as insult. I am a servant of the people of West Bengal. Nothing can deter me from performing my constitutional duties," he told reporters here at the sidelines of a programme.

Dhankhar was seldom shown in the television coverage of the carnival, an annual event introduced by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in which prominent community pujas of Kolkata put up a dazzling show on Kolkata's Red Road.

The Governor said, "This is an unusual kind of censorship. How can you black out a person holding this position after inviting him? I urge the media, judge me harshly and as stringently as you wish to, but please judge others as well. The first servant of yours was not shown on the television

'TOOK DAYS TO RECOVER'

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Jagdeep Dhankhar, GOVERNOR

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Though the Governor refrained from taking anyone's name, it was obvious that he was holding the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee responsible for the slight.

Incidentally, this was the first time that the Governor was invited for the event which entered its fourth edition in 2019. Dhankhar had responded to the gesture by gracefully accepting the invitation.

Reacting to the Governor's remarks, TMC leader Tapas Roy said the allegations were unfortunate. He alleged that the Governor himself was undermining his office by making such frivolous statements. "Arrangement was made for a separate dais for him. I don't know why the Governor is saying all this four days after the event" Roy said and expressed anguish at the Governor comparing the incident with the Emergency.

## Maha BJP releases manifesto, vows 5 crore jobs in 5 years

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

Creation of "five crore" jobs in the next five years, providing houses for all by 2022 and ushering in \$1 trillion economy are the key promises made by the ruling BJP, which is seeking a second straight term, in its manifesto for the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly polls.

The BJP "Sankalp patra" (manifesto) comes three days after its ally Shiv Sena released a separate charter listing promises like providing a full meal at Rs 10 and making farmers debt-free, among other things. The BJP and the Sena are contesting 164 and 124 seats, respectively, in alliance.

Another key takeaway of the BJP manifesto is the promise to set up a separate maintenance department for the national and state highways, where repairs and other works are currently done by the road construction contractors.

The ambitious Marathwada drinking water grid project worth Rs 16,000 crore has also found place in the manifesto. The BJP has also promised to



Maha CM Devendra Fadnavis with BJP working president JP Nadda and state chief Chandrakant Patil (R) in Mumbai. PTI

connect all 11 dams in the perennially parched Marathwada region, and provide drinking water supply with the help of a closed pipeline.

It also assures to invest Rs five lakh crore in several infrastructure projects in the state. While releasing the document, BJP working president JP Nadda praised CM Devendra Fadnavis for "changing the political culture of Maharashtra." Maharashtra was earlier called as the state "full of corruption", but now it is known as "free of corruption", he said.

Later, Fadnavis said Maha-

ashtra alone generates "25 per cent" of the total jobs in the country. The Congress and the NCP have been blaming the BJP government for the "rising unemployment" and "economic downturn."

"Maharashtra's population ratio to India is around 9 to 10 per cent, but the job creation is some 25 per cent compared to the total jobs created at the national level," the CM said. He asked the Congress and the NCP to declare the number of jobs created when their government was in power in Maharashtra. — PTI

## ...proposes Bharat Ratna for Savarkar

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

The Maharashtra BJP on Tuesday raised the demand for the Bharat Ratna honour for VD Savarkar, one of the tallest Hindutva icons in the pantheon of Sangh Parivar, in its manifesto for the October 21 Assembly elections.

The manifesto says the BJP will ask the NDA government at the Centre to confer India's highest civilian award on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar. Reacting to the demand, Communist Party of India general secretary D Raja said the BJP may even propose the similar honour for Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram

Godse. Congress spokesperson Manish Tiwari said: "I am shocked ... in a country where Mahatma Gandhi is made to commit suicide in textbooks, then anything can be possible. On a more serious note, though Savarkar was chargesheeted for Mahatma's murder, it is correct that he was acquitted." — PTI

IS GODSE NEXT: D RAJA

This is biggest irony of our times... the day may not be far for the BJP to demand Bharat Ratna for Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram

Godse. This is part of their agenda.



D Raja, CPI GENERAL SECRETARY

GOD SAVE NATION: CONG

If on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi this government considers any such thing (giving Bharat Ratna to Savarkar), than all I want to say is that God save this country.

Manish Tewari, CONG LEADER



Rajkumari Ratna Singh, the three-time former Congress MP, joins the BJP in presence of CM Yogi Adityanath, at a rally in Pratapgarh. PTI

## Indira, Rajiv aide's daughter joins BJP

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 15

The Congress suffered a setback on Tuesday as its former MP Rajkumari Ratna Singh joined the BJP in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Pratapgarh.

Ratna Singh, 60, is the daughter of Dinesh Singh, once close associate of former PMs Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. A former ruler of the principality of Kalakankar he had also been a four-time Lok Sabha MP of Pratapgarh and member of the Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi governments.

Ratna Singh represented Pratapgarh as a Congress MP

in the Lok Sabha in 1996, 1999 and 2009. With Ratna Singh joining the BJP, the Congress now seems to be rudderless in an area that was once considered its stronghold.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi's parliamentary constituency of Rae Bareilly is bordered by Pratapgarh on one side and Amethi on the other.

Amethi parliamentary seat has already been won over by BJP's Smriti Irani. Its ruler and till recently a Congress MP in Rajya Sabha, Sanjay Singh has already joined the BJP along with his former Congress MLA wife Amita Singh. — TNS

## Like 'pickpocket', Modi diverts attention from issues: Rahul

YAWATMAL/WARDHA, OCTOBER 15

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "loudspeaker" of certain industrialists, and said his strategy was like that of a pickpocket who diverts attention to steal.

On campaign trail in Vidarbha for October 21 Maharashtra Assembly elections, he also targeted the Modi government for "waiving" corporate tax.

Addressing a rally in Yawatmal district, Gandhi said the Prime Minister speaks of the moon mission and abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, but is silent on issues such as farmers' plight and lack of jobs.

"The Goods and Services Tax (GST) and demonetisation broke the back of small and medium enterprises, farmers, labourers and poor people. As long as the Modi government is in power, the issue of joblessness will continue to haunt the country. The problem of joblessness will grow in the next six months," he claimed.

Criticising the government's decision to "waive" (slash the rates of) corporate tax, Gandhi said such benefits were extended to certain



Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi at a rally in Yawatmal. PTI

'HE'S WORKING FOR INDUSTRIALISTS'

Modi is the loudspeaker of (industrialists) Adani and Ambani. Just like a pickpocket, who diverts attention of people before stealing, his (Modi's) only job is to divert your attention so that he can pass your money to a select few industrialists.

Rahul Gandhi, CONGRESS LEADER

industrialists, but not to the poor. The Congress leader also alleged that the Union government was planning to privatise national assets such as ports, coal mines, and public sector units such as Air India.

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(Modi's) only job is to divert your attention so that he can pass your money to a select few industrialists," Gandhi said. While the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Right to Food, land acquisition and laws for tribals were being amended, amendment to the GST act was not acceptable to the government, he said. — PTI

## Agusta: HC stay on proceedings against Khaitan set aside

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside a Delhi High Court order restraining the Income Tax Department from taking any action against VIP chopper scam accused Gautam Khaitan, who is facing a separate black money probe.

In its May 16 order, the Delhi High Court said the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 — that came into force in April 2016 — cannot be allowed to operate with retrospective effect from July 2015.

However, a Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, MR Shah and BR Gavai said, "We find that the interim order passed by the High Court is not sustainable in law, the same is quashed and set aside." It asked the High Court to decide the matter afresh.

The order came on a petition filed by the Centre challenging the High Court's order that had said the black money law cannot be given retrospective effect from July 2015.



Gautam Khaitan is accused in Agusta Westland chopper scam

However, writing the verdict for the Bench, Justice Gavai said, "we find that the High Court was not right in holding that, by the notification/order impugned before it, the penal provisions were made retrospectively applicable."

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had said the offence allegedly committed by Khaitan was "a continuing offence". Though the government had given a one-time window to people for voluntary disclosure of their foreign income and assets, Khaitan never disclosed it, Mehta had said. Charge sheet had been filed in the case but charges were yet to be framed against the accused.

## Inkthrown at MoS Health in Patna

PATNA, OCTOBER 15

A bottle full of ink was flung here on Tuesday towards Union Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey, who ended up with stains on his clothes while his vehicle got smudged with the dark blue liquid.

The drama unfolded outside the Patna Medical College and Hospital which Choubey had visited to inspect the ward where patients suffering from dengue, incidence of which has witnessed a spurt in the past fortnight, were admitted.

The minister, who is known to prefer taking the front seat adjacent to that of the driver, had opened the door and was about to board when the uncorked bottle came across flying and crashed a few feet away from him.

Hospital authorities and officials who had come out to see the minister off exclaimed in horror while the personnel deputised for his security gave the suspected miscreants a chase for some distance.

A visibly irritated Choubey told a posse of journalists before speeding away "it has been orchestrated by elements who do not believe in democracy, who led a life of crime before entering politics". — PTI

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## Handholding have-nots

Nobel to Banerjee, colleagues can spur fight against poverty

POVERTY alleviation might be a mere slogan in politics, conveniently used during the elections to woo underprivileged voters, but it's a perennial challenge in development economics that has to be confronted with sustained and sincere efforts. The Nobel Prize to US-based economists Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer is well-deserved recognition of their role in fighting poverty that has 'helped millions of children by favouring practical steps over theory'. The honour is expected to give a fillip to the global battle against deprivation and destitution. According to the United Nations' estimates, global poverty has been reduced by more than half since 2000, yet 10 per cent of the people in developing regions still live on less than \$1.9 (around Rs 136) a day.

Banerjee and Duflo are founder-directors of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), a worldwide network of researchers that conducts studies as well as field experiments. Their team has pioneered randomised controlled trials (RCTs) in economics, used since long in the field of medicine to examine the impact of treatment on one group of people while another group is given just a placebo. They studied remedial tutoring programmes in schools of Mumbai and Vadodara and brought in new teaching assistants who would help children with special needs. On the basis of their experiments, they concluded that providing more textbooks and free meals on the campus had only minor effect, while targeted help for weak students made a huge difference to overall educational levels. It's true that such micro interventions can never give us the macroeconomic view, but their transformative influence can't be underestimated.

India-born Banerjee has been critical of the Centre's economic decisions — he called demonetisation a weird move — but his straight talk should not discourage the Modi government from utilising his invaluable experience to undertake reforms in education and healthcare. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan once said: 'The biggest enemy of health in the developing world is poverty.' India needs the best minds to tackle the hydra-headed problem that is impeding growth and amplifying social inequality. 'Garibi hatao' should not remain a poll promise.

## Air quality concerns

No easy solution to farm fires in Punjab, Haryana

THE burning of crop stubble is a problem that comes back to haunt Punjab and Haryana every year. The bearing it has on pollution levels in Delhi has made the Supreme Court seek a status report from the Ministry of Environment on the recommendations of a task force to prevent straw burning. On Sunday night, the air quality in Delhi was categorised as 'very poor'. While the AAP government there prepares to implement the odd-even scheme from November 4 to 15, what is worrying is that the problem has started early. This is mainly because the sowing of paddy began early this year, on June 13, leading to early harvesting and the resultant early burning of crop residue. Also, there is a narrow time period for clearing the field of the straw so that wheat can be sown — about three weeks — and farmers prefer the easy way out — of burning the stubble, despite deterrents like fines, lodging of criminal cases and seizure of land records. Employing manpower to remove the stubble is difficult because of the growing mechanisation of agriculture and implementation of schemes like MGNREGA, migration of work force to the northern states has reduced. Also, implements to clear the straw come at a cost.

The NGT had in 2015 made burning of crop residue a crime. But there is no easy solution. Farmers demand cash subsidy to plough stubble back into the fields or use mechanised means to lift it, and also believe that pushing the residue back into the soil may increase chances of a pest attack.

The paddy-wheat cycle is an offshoot of the Green Revolution that changed the prevalent cropping pattern of maize, millet, pulses and oilseeds. The MSP encouraged paddy cultivation, increasing the area under it. The ICAR and agricultural universities promote awareness campaigns, setting up centres for hiring implements to manage crop residue and using alternatives like extraction of bio-fuel from straw. But with farmers forming a potent political pressure group, governments are wary of tackling the problem.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“ Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending. — Maria Robinson

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1919

### Sir Michael O'Dwyer on Dualism.

WE have already commented on the arguments by Sir Michael O'Dwyer against dyarchy in the course of his evidence before the Joint Committee. He seemed to think that he was making an unanswerable case against dualism when he told the Committee that there were emergencies when decisions had to be made in a few minutes on questions of life and death and in such cases if the Governor had to share his responsibility with someone else, the inevitable tendency would be to delay, and that delay might mean disaster. We showed the hollowness of the specious argument by pointing out that it proved too much, that it was an argument against the Council Government itself—to which, however, Sir Michael had no objection. The *Times of India* draws attention to a letter that Rai Debendra Chandra Ghose Bahadur, a member of the Bengal Legislative Council, recently addressed to the *Statesman* pointing out the dilatory proceedings of the Bengal Government in rendering relief to the distressed in the recent cyclone in East Bengal.

### Primary Education and the Lahore Municipality.

THE Lahore Municipal Committee is to be congratulated on its decision to introduce Free and Compulsory Primary Education. A notice, as required under the provisions of the Punjab Compulsory Primary Education Act, has been issued asking people to send their objections in writing to the Secretary, Lahore Municipal Committee, within 80 days from the date of the notice. Part II of the act relating to the duties of parents to send boys to school, reasonable excuses or non-attendance, school accommodation, equipment and staff, remission of fee, penalty for neglect by parent, unlawful employment of boys, etc, are also published.

# NRC pitch in West Bengal

The polarising exercise may do BJP more harm than good



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SENIOR JOURNALIST

WHEN Durga Puja was celebrated in West Bengal this year, Kolkata's Kasba locality, home to residents who had endured a stateless life on being forced out of East Bengal (now Bangladesh) after Partition, the *pandal* used the National Register of Citizens (NRC) as its theme. The mise en scene depicted the struggles waged by people in piecing together their lives, decades later when they might have to 'prove' they are card-carrying Indian citizens, failing which they will be stateless and homeless again. A figureless throne, placed at the centre of the stage, fixed on to a globe and out-fitted with a crown and guns, symbolised state power and coercion.

Ironically, the NRC shadow loomed over Durga Puja just when the BJP hoped to use the festival as a means of reaching out to its supporters and expand its base. Amit Shah, the Home Minister and BJP president, was invited to inaugurate the community jamboree in several places, although eventually he confined himself to launching one. Identifying and assimilating its world view with the state's religious and social culture was a considered part of the BJP's blueprint in West Bengal, that was largely unmapped territory until the 2019 Lok Sabha election breakthrough came about. It was important for the BJP to shake off the tag of a North Indian party confined to Kolkata's Hindi-speaking Burrabazar.

Initially, under the influence of the core North Indian constituency, the tactic faltered a little. The BJP introduced Ram Navami as a pan-Indian festival in West Bengal but that left no imprint on a region that embraced eclectic forms of Hinduism implanted in the lives and teachings of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu



**IDENTITY CRISIS:** NRC has come to mean less about faith and more about the loss of dignity and keeping body and soul together.

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and Ramakrishna Paramhans. Modi and Shah figured out that it was important to connect with provincial symbols and icons to enlarge the BJP's reach. Therefore, the Union Culture Ministry was directed to mount a permanent exhibit at Kolkata's National Library, representing Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Tagore, Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Subhas Chandra Bose. On the ground, the endeavour to propagate Ram and Hanuman as 'nationalist' icons continued with vigour; so that when it was time for the Lok Sabha polls, large sections of even Bengali-speaking Hindus, who traditionally worshipped Durga, Kali and Saraswati, adopted these gods in their iconography. The BJP took care to fuse the religious with the political: Ram was venerated as an image of *desh bhakti*, of nationalism because in the party's reckoning, West Bengal had to transcend its identity politics and fuse into the 'national mainstream'.

The NRC fiasco in Assam threatened to obstruct the BJP's long-term plans. Rather than proceed along the contours it laid out for decades — segregating the 'infiltrators' from the 'refugees' of Bangladesh and underscoring their religious identities while harping on

how the Hindus were 'driven out' in droves from across the eastern border — the Assam exercise left out a large number of Bengali-speaking Hindus from the final NRC. Almost as many as the Muslims. The BJP wanted to deport the Muslim 'infiltrators' and grant citizenship rights to the 'refugees' unlike its periodic ally, the Asom Gana Parishad, that refused to recognise such a distinction. What happened to the BJP's age-old belief?

The spectre of a homegrown crisis, akin to the predicament of Myanmar's Rohingya, haunted the hunted of Assam and possibly, West Bengal, Muslims and Hindus. The amended law required that both parents of those born on or after December 4, 2004, must be Indian citizens. The amendment overturned the principle of jus soli adopted by the Motilal Nehru Committee in 1928 to confer citizenship based on one's birthplace. The concept of jus sanguinis, or right of blood, that governed the amendment, stipulated that an 'unlawful' migrant cannot claim citizenship by naturalisation or registration, even if he or she resided in India for the required seven years.

As Shah vowed to bring NRC in West Bengal, CMMamata Banerjee claimed

that Assam would not be repeated in her state. Her rationale was that the NRC project in Assam was an outcome of the accord signed in 1985 between the Centre and the spearheads of the All Assam Students Union while West Bengal was not dictated to by any such pact. With the emergence of the BJP as her principal opponent and herself fighting allegations of corruption and bad law and order in her backyard, Mamata seized upon NRC threat as an anti-Bengali issue and alleged that it was a ploy to evict Bengali-speaking residents of Assam and jeopardise the people of her state. Implicit in her argument was the point that by 'targeting' Bengalis, the BJP was going back to its northern roots. Indeed, BJP insiders in West Bengal were afraid that NRC might overshadow the other issues they had raised against Mamata.

The electoral implications of Shah's pitch were not lost on the West Bengal BJP. Even if the party was unconcerned about the votes of the minorities, it had other ethnic groups to worry about. In 2019, the BJP had won over the Matua, the second largest Dalit grouping, by wooing its influencers. The Matua were originally from Bangladesh. Some came to West Bengal immediately after Partition while others after 1971. The Matua votes count in nearly 40 of the 295 Assembly seats. The Matua settlers also feared their future.

To assuage the apprehensions, Shah — who rarely, if ever, diluted his stances — repeatedly stated that Hindus had no reason to be afraid because the Centre would reintroduce the Citizenship Amendment (2014) Bill and ensure its passage. If that is accomplished, the minorities (Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Christian) who migrated unlawfully from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan can continue living here.

NRC does not reverberate only in the districts bordering Bangladesh. After nearly one lakh persons from the Gorkha ethnic group were dropped from Assam's citizenship register, West Bengal's Gorkhas feared a similar fate. In the end, NRC was less about faith and more about the loss of human dignity and keeping body and soul together.

# Lessons from rites of passage

SUDHANSU MOHANTY

MY mind often goes back to the evening I returned home after cremating my father. Before offering the *mukhagni*, I had stood Janus-faced, a part recalling my happy days with him, and the other, in a state of daze. I had made my way back in a stupor.

As I was readying to take the customary bath to mark the ritualistic cleansing, our plumber Karuna who lived in the outhouse arrived. 'I feel orphaned, Babu was so loving and caring,' he said, tears in eyes.

It is only when a person is not around, gone forever that we recall their nuanced approach to life and Karunakar was no exception. 'Please

come and repair the tap whenever you are able to find time,' the plumber recalled, 'and every time I went, not only would he force me to accept money for the work done, but also sweets too.'

We grew up when grace was the prevailing meme. With elders, it was never laid out: 'Bapa, the lunch has been laid out' or 'Sir had asked me to remind him of the book'. For us children, all household help were *bhai* or *mausa* — never by their names would my parents call them. Courtesy prevailed in social and familial interactions.

This extended even to the deprived. Courtesy was a given, never mind. The famine of 1967-68 threw up serial beggars. At home, it was usual to keep

a few kilos of rice and *dal* aside for them. I recall an incident at Burla in western Orissa. The gate was far off from our house and a shrunken mendicant had trooped in, his rickety two-year-old child in arm.

Father saw him and sensed they needed more than just a morsel of rice and *dal*. A doctor, he realised they were malnourished and needed care. He asked our driver to put the car in the portico and made them occupy our garage. The duo was fed and put on treatment for a few weeks. They left after being restored to well-being.

The car braving the blazing sun in the portico, I advised father it would lose its sheen, after our driver's prompting. A beatific smile gracing his face, he told me about the import of our social

responsibility to look after the indigent. I was chastened. My ear to the ground now, I hear him say, 'Patients are God's children on a worldly visit.'

We had a farmhouse close to Cuttack. I often accompanied him. It would be a long day in the sun, rain and humid conditions. By evening, I longed to get back home. But he was far from done. He still had his most important assignment — examining gratis the group of poor tribals huddled around him — minutely, patiently, in the light of a flickering kerosene lamp, and distributing the medicines he carried with him, for free.

More than formal education, this has been the profoundest learning of life. Sadly, this *samskara* is seldom seen today.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Only half picture

Refer to 'We're stronger post scrapping of Article 370: PM' (October 15); elections are around the corner and statements about the 'success of Art 370' has occupied centre stage. Why only one aspect of the story is being talked about? Why isn't Modi discussing ways to uplift the economy? Why is the failure of demonetisation not discussed? Why has not a single leader come forward to answer why the World Bank has cut India's growth forecast to 6%? Talking about just one side of the story is only misleading the citizens of the country.

**SURBHI ATTREYA, MEERUT**

#### Be wary of China

Reference to 'Four Cs of Chennai summit' (October 15); China's policy towards India has been to not resolve pending issues like border dispute but keep us engaged because of its nexus with Pakistan. Though Xi talks of a 100-year plan for Sino-Indian cooperation, nowhere is this support visible, when it comes to compelling Pakistan to mend its ways on terrorism. China still keeps probing on borders to find our vulnerability, if any. Under the circumstances, we cannot take China's

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pleasing utterances on face value till it proves its credibility. We should be prepared for any eventuality and tread cautiously while keeping our interest in mind.

**COL SAJJAN KUNDU (RETD), HISAR**

#### Dissent crucial

Apropos 'Amend sedition law to check its misuse' (October 15), dissent is a significant and inseparable part of freedom. Restrictions on speech and free thought are the most dangerous of all subversions. Deeds and dissent, like seeds, take their own time to fructify. We had experienced it in our long fight for freedom from the British yoke. The Bihar Government was awakened from its slumber after the wrong grilling of eminent intellectuals, by rolling back the case.

**BM SINGH, AMRITSAR**

#### Says it all

If our Finance Minister's economist spouse is unhappy with the economic programmes of the BJP, it is more than clear that the FM is a mere puppet in the hands of the RSS bosses who actually run the government ('FM's husband calls for adopting Singh model'; October 15).

**BALVINDER, BY MAIL**

#### What our universities lack

Refer to India-born Abhijit Banerjee winning Nobel Prize in Economics; the occasion forces us to introspect why only six Indians have won this prize — Har Gobind Khorana, Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar and Venkatraman Ramakrishnan are/were not Indian citizens! Indians are competent to excel in any field, but for that a conducive environment is required, which unfortunately is not available in our universities. Japan, a small country of the size of UP, by virtue of three genetic traits — punctuality, patience and politeness — coupled with 'diligence and dedication' has been able to win 25 Nobel prizes. It is a sad fact that needs serious introspection by our politicians, academicians and policy makers.

**VK ANAND, CHANDIGARH**

#### Why so much fraud?

Financial fraud by bigwigs is startling. How can companies/corporates that hire professional CAs commit a fraud? It seems that the theoretical aspects taught by the Institute of Chartered Accountants are not commensurate with the practical aspects. Who must be blamed — the owner/trust or the CA or the government's

financial watchdogs?

**TANJEET KAUR, BY MAIL**

#### State of guest faculty

Reference to the news report '23 years on, no appointment of regular lecturers in state' (October 14); guest faculty and part-timers are appointed by government colleges with government instructions. Guest faculty and part-timers are performing all duties, be it teaching or extra-curricular activities like NSS, NCC and election duties. There are only two differences in guest faculty/part-timers and regular staff — appointment procedure and salaries. The government should come out with a policy to regularise their services on priority basis to remove these inequalities.

**RANDEEP SINGH, PATIALA**

#### Cultivate reading

The middle 'Books, like humans, age too' (October 15) has brought to focus the issue of books, which are great companions to humans. The beauty and charm of books cannot be equated with smartphones. Books have a lasting impact and interest. Every student of school and college must make reading a habit.

**RIKHI DASS THAKUR, HAMIRPUR**



# Macro dimensions of poverty brushed aside



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**T**HE award of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics to Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Michael Kremer of Harvard University deserves not only to be celebrated but also critically reflected upon.

Duflo is only the second woman economist to win this prize since it was instituted in 1969. The first was Elinor Ostrom for her analysis of economic governance, especially relating to 'common' ecological resources, thus raising the status of ecological economics. Duflo (46), is also the youngest-ever winner of this prize along with being the only woman among this year's 16 Nobel Prize winners. Gender bias remains an old problem of this prize. The most celebrated woman economist of all times, Joan Robinson of Cambridge University, was never given this prize due to ideological reasons though her work on imperfect competition has been pioneering in breaking the assumptions of perfectly competitive markets.

It has been my experience on teaching development economics that whenever I taught the topic of gender bias in economic theory and policy, the women students have loved it and have felt inspired while most, not all, men students feel uncomfortable about being told that even the central concept of macro-economics i.e. gross domestic product (GDP) is gender-biased because it is based on measuring marketable goods and services, and consequently ignores women's work in the household.

Abhijit Banerjee, Duflo's husband and PhD supervisor, is a former student of Jawaharlal Nehru University. The faculty and students of this university have



**VULNERABLE POOR:** Transformational change is required to deal with mass poverty.

been under vicious attack for many years from the government of their own country. One hopes that this prize will make those who govern higher education in India feel proud of this university and value its academic resources — the faculty and the students.

The prize honours the field of development economics and draws attention to the global challenge of reducing poverty which continues to damage the lives of millions. Globally, more than 700 million people live in extreme poverty even if one accepts the questionable World Bank definition of poverty as living on less than \$1.90 per day. Many millions live just marginally above this poverty line and are categorised as 'vulnerable poor'. One in three children is malnourished, and most children in the developing

world leave school without basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

Banerjee and Duflo have done work on India, and Kremer on Africa, especially Kenya. This prize will open more doors for their work, but it is also going to open to much sharper scrutiny than it has been subjected to so far. I read their book, *Poor Economics: A radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty*, soon after it came out. I was impressed by their style but unconvinced by their argument.

The most serious criticism, from a methodological point of view, is that their approach individualises poverty and the route out of poverty. Since their randomised controlled trials (RCTs) method is borrowed from clinical medicine, one can take the example from that field to explain the problem with this method. A

doctor can individualise an illness (say obesity), prescribe some medicine which can provide temporary relief to the patient, important in itself, but if that illness (obesity) is widespread, it will show a serious weakness of the medical profession if it were not to look into the general conditions of society that lead to obesity, namely, the pattern of food consumption, the nature of work and employment and the marketing of food products etc. As we cannot throw the entire blame for obesity on to an obese person, it is intellectually and morally flawed to blame a poor person for his/her poverty.

The RCT method believes that the problem a poor person faces involves small modifications (called 'interventions') in the existing methods of his/her dealing with the problem, and the ques-

tion is merely of testing which small modifications will eventually work. The method, therefore, celebrates 'what works' and gives the false impression of being very practical and not theoretical.

A still higher order of methodological problem emerges when a suggested intervention is 'scaled up' i.e. generalised without considering different contexts. The macro dimensions of poverty i.e. structure of property relations, the pattern of income distribution, the unequal bargaining powers between employers and employees, the nature of patriarchal relations, the hierarchy of caste relations and identity issues of majority-minority are just brushed aside as 'confounding' variables.

The other serious methodological flaw of the RCT approach that has been pointed out by ethnographic studies of poverty is that its overemphasis on quantitative method has deprived it of the insights of qualitative methods. There is some recognition of this flaw by admitting that mixed method approach can be useful, but the approach remains intrinsically hostile to qualitative methods. The econometricians have attacked the RCT approach from the opposite angle i.e. identification problem in selecting the samples for testing the effectiveness of chosen interventions. Moral philosophers have raised questions of ethics in choosing the poorest Third World people for experimentation.

The reason this approach is popular with politicians, aid agencies and global policy-makers is that they want to see quick results of their specific interventions rather than troubling themselves with the structural causes of poverty and the transformational changes required to deal with mass poverty.

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# Bettering lives of the poor with small changes



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**A**BHIJIT Banerjee and fellow Bengali Amartya Sen, both Nobel laureates in Economics, live in the US, but their focus of attention is India, where they return for their studies from time to time. Banerjee is a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) along with his Paris-born wife Esther Duflo. The third Nobel laureate is Prof Michael Kremer, who teaches at the neighbouring Harvard University. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said that they were awarded the Sveriges Riksbank prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel for research findings that have 'dramatically improved our ability to fight poverty in practice.'

The fact that development economics has taken centre stage before the Nobel Prize committee shows that despite all the esoteric new branches of economics, improving human condition and alleviating poverty remain most important today.

Though poverty in the world had declined over the years, there were 1.4 billion poor in 2005, as per the World Bank. Out of the world's poor, around 267 million are in India. That is why Banerjee and Duflo have spent long periods of time in India trying out their grassroots level experiments to find the real causes behind poverty.

Development economics for decades was based on theory and macroeconomic modelling. From WW Rostow's theory of 'Take off' to Hirschman's theory of balanced and unbalanced growth, development theory meant prescriptions for a big top-down change in the underdeveloped economies. Banerjee and Duflo have chosen a different path to tackle poverty by making the poor and their



**DEEPLY ANCHORED:** Nobel laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo have improved the ability to fight global poverty.

decision-making vital to the development process. They have gone more deeply into finding out the nature and causes of poverty by undertaking a series of field experiments to measure credibly what sort of policies can make a difference to poverty and related outcomes.

Twenty years ago, there was a lot of emphasis on economic theory and more macroeconomic questions on development were asked. The two Nobel Prize winners have broken these big questions of development and studied them like scientists running clinical trials.

For example, they found that there were teaching methods in India that were insufficiently shaped by the needs

of students. Tutoring the low performing pupils improved their achievement lastingly. More than five million children have benefited from effective remedial tutoring during their studies because the poor may have books but they are unable to learn from them. They have also managed to inspire state governments to go for more public investment in preventive healthcare. The Nobel Committee highlighted how their 'experiment-based approach' has transformed development economics of the past.

Thus, Banerjee and Duflo have been more concerned with measuring what happens in the real world, at the very bottom level than sophisticated theoretical

modelling. But their experiments are deeply anchored in theory and they see the poor as autonomous decision-makers who are constrained by institutional, informational, monetary and logistic limitations from doing what could improve their condition. The Banerjee-Duflo team seeks to learn how the economic policy of a country can relieve these constraints. They have shown that there is a need to adopt new approaches in the fight against poverty that are based on field trials rather than the failed methods of the past.

The use of randomised controlled trials (RCT) to simulate laboratory experiments in real-life settings draws on practices from medicine, agronomy and social sciences. RCT intends to break bigger policy interventions into smaller, easier-to-test studies. They break issues into smaller questions and search for evidence about which interventions work to resolve them and seek practical ways to bring these treatments to scale.

The essence of their book *Poor Economics* can be summed up by their own sentence in the foreword, "We have to abandon the habit of reducing the poor to cartoon characters and take the time to really understand their lives, in all their complexity and richness." The book describes and analyses the choices that people living on less than \$2 a day make in India. These choices make a lot of sense in reality. For instance, it is common for the poor families to invest their entire education budget in just one child, usually a son, hoping that this child will make it through secondary school and even college.

They do not pay as much attention to other children because they think it would be a waste of resources to spread

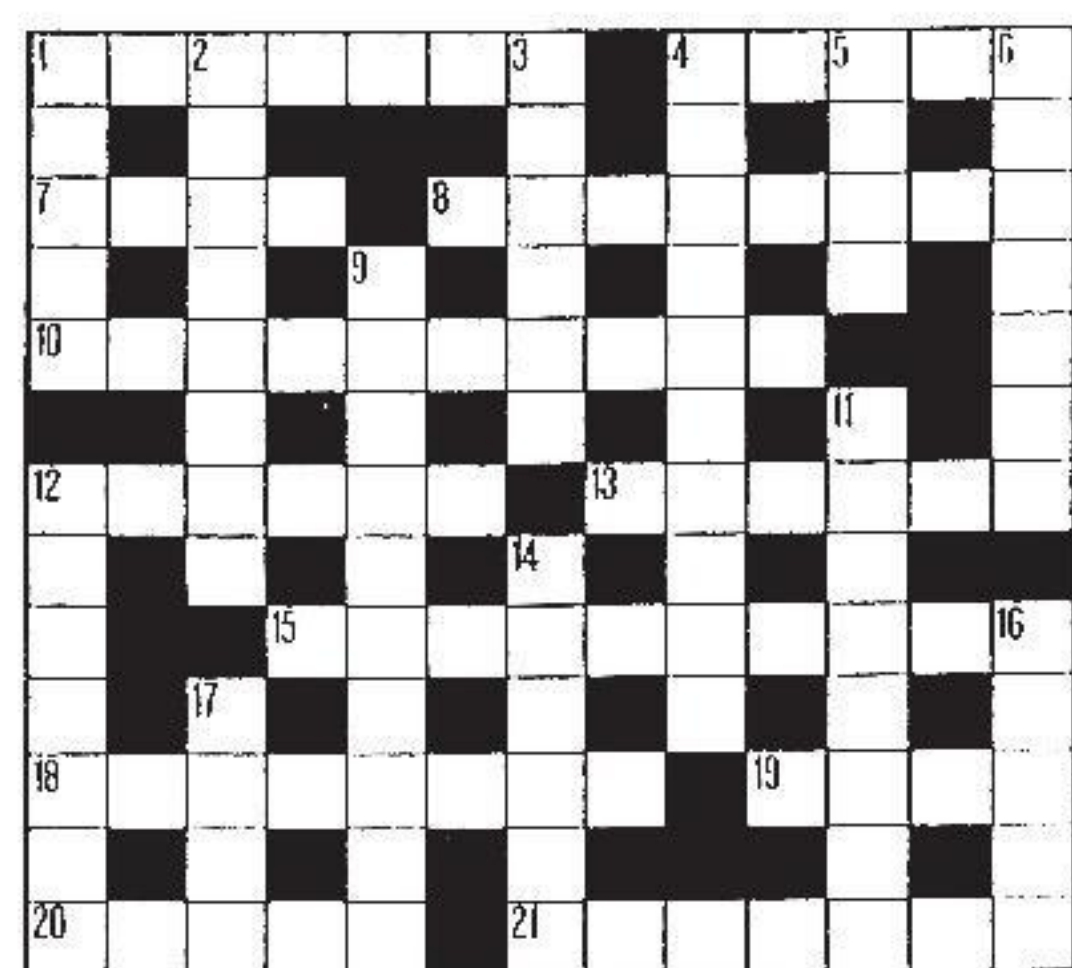
the family's educational budget among all the children rather than making sure that at least one child reaches his goal. But helping parents understand the value of education is important and has a big impact on running of schools in villages as it can change their educational choices. Recognising their contribution, the Nobel academy said, "Their experimental research methods now entirely dominate development economics."

The poor's decision-making is thus important for solving the malaise of poverty, as Duflo said recently, "Poor people are supposed to be either completely stupid, desperate, lazy or entrepreneurial. But we don't try to understand the deep root, interconnected root of the problem. So what we try to do in our work is unpack the problem one by one to better understand the reason for particular problems. What works, what doesn't work and why."

More recently, Banerjee advised Rahul Gandhi on the Nyuntam Aay Yojana (NYAY) scheme for which he suggested that the poor should be given Rs 2,500 a month instead of Rs 6,000.

One common critique of Banerjee and Duflo's work is that they don't appreciate how hard it is to change the policy and implement the kind of changes that their insights into the lives of the poor suggest. They do believe that big changes do not work and that the path forward is not better 'big thinking' but thinking small. Improving the lives of the poor is primarily a matter of making a series of small changes in lots of different domains, changes that don't require major political battles or dramatically changing the financing structures. The two Nobel laureates are thus essentially and radically, 'small thinkers'!

## QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**  
 1 Important person (3,4)  
 4 Undue speed (5)  
 7 Disorderly retreat (4)  
 8 Wave menacingly (8)  
 10 Selfish (10)  
 12 Unprovoked (6)  
 13 Frugality (6)  
 15 Deteriorate (2,8)  
 18 Norwegian polar explorer (8)  
 19 Written reminder (4)  
 20 Rome's river (5)  
 21 Drivel (7)

- DOWN**  
 1 Former name of Myanmar (5)  
 2 Excess in eating (8)  
 3 Beat severely (6)  
 4 Conjointly (4,2,4)  
 5 Gyrate (4)  
 6 To manifest (7)  
 9 Contrary to procedure (3,2,5)  
 11 Payment to shareholders (8)  
 12 Justify (7)  
 14 Stir up (6)  
 16 Inexact (5)  
 17 Lacking sensation (4)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Hypothermia, 9 Overrun, 10 Lemur, 11 Dude, 12 Criteria, 14 Outwit, 16 Covert, 18 Forceful, 19 Muse, 22 Reach, 23 Idiotic, 24 Snow leopard.  
**Down:** 2 Yield, 3 Ogre, 4 Hungry, 5 Relation, 6 Immerse, 7 Cold comfort, 8 Break the ice, 13 Sideshow, 15 Terrain, 17 Futile, 20 Utter, 21 Wisp.

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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 16, 2019, WEDNESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 24
- Ashwin Parvishte 30
- Hijari 1441
- Krishan Paksh Tithi 3,
- Sidhi Yoga up to 4.45 am
- Bharni Nakshatra up to 2.21 pm
- Moon enters Taurus sign 8.46 pm.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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## FORECAST

**SUNSET:** WEDNESDAY 17:50 HRS  
**SUNRISE:** THURSDAY 06:26 HRS

**CITY**      **MAX**      **MIN**  
 Chandigarh 32      20  
 New Delhi 34      21

**PUNJAB**  
 Amritsar 32      20  
 Bathinda 34      20  
 Jalandhar 32      19  
 Ludhiana 32      20

**HARYANA**  
 Bhiwani 33      20  
 Hisar 35      18  
 Sirsa 35      20

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
 Dharamsala 24      15  
 Manali 21      06  
 Shimla 22      11

**JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
 Jammu 30      20  
 Leh —      —  
 Srinagar 28      09

**UTTARAKHAND**  
 Dehradun 31      17  
 Mussoorie 21      11

TEMPERATURE IN °C

# Woman killed, couple injured as Pak shells villages in Poonch

OUR CORRESPONDENT

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 15

A woman was killed while her 18-day-old son had a miraculous escape in a mortar blast fired by the Pakistan army that landed in Noona Bandi village in Poonch district in the evening today.

A couple, Manzoor Husain Shah and his wife Nasima Akhter, was also injured in Upar Qasba village and were taken to the district hospital amid heavy mortar shelling.

The deceased was identified as Shamim Akhter, wife of Maqsood Ahmed. She was working in the kitchen and her 18-day-old son was also with her.

As she came out of the kitchen, a mortar shell landed in the vicinity of the house, causing fatal injuries to her. The Pakistan army first resorted to unprovoked heavy mortar shelling and firing with small arms at 9.30 am and exchange of firing/mortar shelling continued for



A villager shows damage caused by shelling in Poonch district. FILE

## MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FOR INFANT

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At about 12.30 pm, the P-

akistan army again resorted to mortar shelling.

“The Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively to the unprovoked mortar shelling/firing by Pakistan army in the Qasba and Kirni sectors,” said PRO, Defence, Lt-Col Davender Anand.

“Many mortar shells landed in the border villages, including Qasba, Upper Qasba, Shahpur, Kirni, Noona Bandi etc,” said Manjeet Singh. Pakistan army has violated the ceasefire agreement more than 2,300 times till date.

Sepoy Subhash Thapa had attained martyrdom on October 11 while guarding the LoC in the Kalal sector in Rajouri district. Three soldiers were injured in the Sunderbani sector, while four civilians were injured in Poonch district in the last seven days. “As Pakistan army is in a advantageous position over our villages and people” said Ramesh Angral, SSP.

## Centre decided Sarore toll post rates: NHAI

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15

Putting all speculation to rest and an embarrassment for the state BJP, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on Tuesday said, “The rollback of toll plaza at Sarore is not on cards as its location and rates have been decided by the Central government”.

Amid continued demand for the closure of the new toll plaza on the Jammu-Pathankot national highway and shutdown call given by transporters in Samba and Kathua district, Project Director, NHAI, Ajay Kumar Rajak said the toll plaza was opened and operated as per rules of the Central government. “It was a decision of the Central government as per the norms governing national highways in India. Within the next few months the toll post will be expanded with construction of two new lanes by widening road,” said Rajak. Accepting that the installation of the toll plaza was made in haste on October 11, Rajak said, “People were not mentally prepared but we will take steps to streamline process.”—TNS

# Hard nut to crack, Mehbooba's detention may be prolonged

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15

More than any other detained leader, it is the PDP chief and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, the government is scared of in the current situation.

Given the current situation and the potential of leaders to summon people to the streets, Mehbooba Mufti figures on top of the list, according to official sources monitoring the utterances and activities of the leaders in detention.

“She will prove problematic,” said a highly placed source. The PDP chief, according to him, had not given up on her plans to agitate in the streets against the abrogation of Article 370.

Mehbooba Mufti is mulling her plan of action and has given expression of that while in detention. She is relentless. She has not softened her attitude and is quite adamant on protesting against the abrogation of Article 370, the sources said.

Mehbooba, who was the Chief Minister of the PDP-BJP alliance government from April 2016 to June 2018, had been



Mehbooba Mufti

warning the Centre of dire consequences against tampering with the special status of J&K. In her last public speech, before she was detained on the midnight of August 4 and 5, on July 28 marking the 20th anniversary of founding of her party, she had declared “anyone attempting to fiddle with the special status would perish”.

The government's attempts to reach out to her and soften her stand, a report on the detained leaders, the sources said, had yielded no results. About two former chief ministers – Farooq Abdullah and his son Omar Abdullah, who are detained at separate places – about 1000 yards apart on Gupkar Road, Srinagar, the report says, they may be less

troublesome on their release, though senior Abdullah has been booked under the PSA.

Gradually, the government has started releasing some of the detained leaders as the authorities are gauging the situation on their release. The government is counting this as a positive sign.

The government had allowed a National Conference delegation from Jammu to meet Farooq Abdullah on October 6 and had also permitted a PDP delegation to meet Mehbooba Mufti, though it was deferred, to send a message that there was no restriction of the political workers meeting their leaders. “We knew that they will not take part in the Block Development Council polls, but we wanted to facilitate their meeting with their party workers,” the source said.

These sources disclosed that the political leaders would be set free in phases. But Mehbooba Mufti may have to stay longer in detention given her current mood of aggression.

## Cops: Pak ultra involved in truck driver's murder

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15

A Pakistani is among two militants who allegedly shot dead a Rajasthan truck driver in a south Kashmir village on Monday evening.

The killing of truck driver Shraief Khan of Baratpur village in Rajasthan at Sindhu Sermal village in Shopian has sparked fear among truckers. “The killing of the trucker was done jointly by

Hizbul Mujahideen and Jaish-e-Mohammad militant groups,” a police officer said. “The mastermind of this killing is militant commander Naveed Babu of the Hizbul. The investigation so far has revealed that two militants involved in the killing were Rahil Magrey of the Hizbul and a Pakistani who is associated with the Jaish. —TNS

# Security downgrade makes Oppn leaders 'inactive'

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 15

Notwithstanding tall claims of the Governor's administration, political activity in Jammu and Kashmir has virtually come to a standstill as security of all Opposition leaders has been withdrawn, thus forcing them to confine themselves to their homes.

Not only the security of Opposition leaders has been withdrawn, the gov-

ernment vehicles provided to them were also taken back by the authorities concerned without any notice.

Sources said the security and vehicles provided to National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Congress and Panthers Party were withdrawn so as to render them politically inactive. Interestingly, the same yardstick was not adopted for ex-BJP ministers and MLAs, who are enjoy-

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Ravinder Sharma, CONGRESS SPOKESMAN

ing all government privileges like sitting ministers and MLAs.

After the snapping of

PDP-BJP alliance in June 2018 and dissolution of Assembly in November 2018, ex-ministers and MLAs were asked to vacate their official bungalows.

While security of all ex-ministers and MLAs was downgraded within no time, security of BJP leaders was further strengthened. “Biased attitude of the authorities has substantiated our allegations that administration in

J&K is just a pawn in the hands of the BJP leadership,” alleged Ravinder Sharma, chief spokesman of Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC).

“Why different yardsticks for different parties?” asked Sharma. “What to say of province-level leaders, security of even the PCC chief has been withdrawn and he was forced to leave government accommodation,” he said.

Panthers Party chairman

Harsh Dev Singh said J&K was heading towards one-party rule as no other political party, except the BJP, was being allowed to conduct its activities.

“Amid politics of coercion, intimidation, detentions and persecution, democracy is gasping for breath in the state. Not only the political parties are scared of the dictatorial regime, even the people also seem reluctant to express their feelings for the fear of reprisal,” he said.

# Dutch king, queen visit govt school in North-East Delhi

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima took a guided tour of a government school in northeast Delhi on Tuesday where students showed them how they have adopted Sustainable Development Goals in their curriculum.

Rakesh Semalty, the principal of the Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya in Nand Nagri, explained to the king and the queen the concept on which the school is based.

“We have adopted 12 goals, including health and sanitation, gender equality, climate action and quality education,” Semalty told them.

The king and the queen, who arrived in the Capital on Sunday night, were welcomed by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

“Students were delighted to meet them and vibrantly introduced happiness curriculum and entrepreneur-



Netherlands King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima interact with students from a Delhi Government School in New Delhi.

ship mindset curriculum to the royal couple,” he said.

The students who gave the couple a guided tour of the school explained that their education goes beyond traditional textbooks, examinations and memory-based examinations.

“We are moving ahead of

it. The concept of education here is to make teaching and learning enjoyable, practical and sustainable,” they told the king and queen. They further said that they are working towards making the curriculum “humane, holistic and wholesome”. —PTI

# UP, Haryana, Delhi to blame for poor air quality, says EPCA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

As stricter anti-air pollution measures kick off from Tuesday, a Supreme Court-mandated green panel has asserted that local sources of pollution in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana are the primary reasons for poor air quality that plagues the Capital every winter.

Stack (chimney) and dust pollution as well as open burning of plastic and rubber scrap are a major cause for concern, member of the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) Sunita Narain said on Monday.

While Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has blamed stubble-burning in the neighbouring states for deterioration of air quality in the city, SAFAR, the ministry of earth science's air quality



Heavy air pollution pictured around the India Gate in New Delhi on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

“Incidents of external biomass burning cannot be ignored. These are exacerbating pollution in Delhi-NCR. But, the fact is local sources of pollution are massive. Biomass burning is contributing 10 per cent, which means local sources account for the rest 90 per cent of the pollution. Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi are all to blame.”

Sunita Narain, MEMBER ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) AUTHORITY

and weather forecast service, has said the share of stubble-burning in the

Particulate matter 2.5 stands for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter. Particles narrower than 10 micrometres are most hazardous because they can get deep into the lungs, and some may even get into the bloodstream.

The effect of stubble-burning ranged from 0 to 9 per cent between October 10 and 13, according to a SAFAR report released on Monday.

“Delhi's air quality index (259) is at the higher end of the poor category. It touched the very poor category last night for a brief period, indicating the peak impact of stubble fires to a maximum of 8 per cent,” it said in a report.

Narain said stack and dust pollution as well as open burning of plastic and rubber scrap were a major cause for concern. —PTI

## Govt to facilitate Sikh pilgrimage to Nankana Sahib

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The government today decided to extend all its support to facilitate the visit of pilgrims who wish to travel to Nankana Sahib through Kartarpur corridor. It would also open a digital exhibition on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak on the 550th birth anniversary celebration.

At a meeting today, it said it would facilitate the visit including travel cost from the city and the visa fee by Pakistan Government for pilgrims who were applying for papers to facilitate the visit, Punjab Academy Vice-Chairman Jarnail Singh told *The Tribune* here.

He said the government would open registration portal for those desiring to visit the shrine for the purpose. The government is in the process of signing an agreement with agencies concerned to build a digital museum at the Delhi Haat, Janakpuri.

## 2 held for theft, robbery

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Delhi Police on Tuesday claimed to have cracked eight cases of robbery and theft with the arrest of two men, one of them carrying a reward of ₹50,000, from southeast Delhi.

Amber Jafri (28), a resident of Aligarh, and Mohammad Abbas (22), from Amroha, were arrested from Madanpur Khadar, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Chinmoy Biswal.

A pistol with two live cartridges, one button activated knife, one stolen motorcycle and five mobile phones were seized from them, Biswal said.

Jafri and his associates were arrested by UP Police in a case



The arrested persons in New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

of murder in Aligarh, he said.

In January, Jafri and his associates looted ₹1 lakh from a meat trader in Shaheen Bagh. In August, he and Abbas robbed an agent of ₹2.5 lakh in the same area. In March, the duo robbed ₹1.35 lakh and gold chain from a couple in Zakir Nagar, he said. —PTI

# Govt announces fitness fee, GPS charge waiver for taxis

New rates will be effective from Nov 1 says Gahlot

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The Delhi Government on Tuesday announced that it would extend the benefits of no fitness test fee and GPS and SIM charges policy to taxis in the Capital and would also reduce other charges by more than three-fold.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot made the announcement saying the Cabinet has approved the new rates which will be effective from November 1.

For light motor vehicle (taxi) owners/drivers, the Transport



Kailash Gahlot, Transport Minister

Department will now pay the GPS Tracking Charges.

The owners/drivers were currently paying ₹100 per month as GPS tracking charges

and ₹600 for the fitness test. “While the fitness test fees have been fully waived off, the owners or drivers will have to pay for ₹300 fitness penalty for late fee. Till now they were paying ₹1,000 for the same,” Gahlot said.

For registration and re-registration, the charges of ₹1,000 have been reduced to ₹300. “They can get duplicate registration certificate and transfer of ownership for ₹150 under the revised plan, against the ₹500 till now,” he said. — IANS

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**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF FARIDABAD**

Memo No.: MCF/AEO/2019/1053      सार्वजनिक सूचना      Dated: 15.10.2019

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि बार-बार नोटिस देने के पश्चात् भी पुरानी सब्जी मण्डी एन० एच० - 1 एन० आई० टी० फरीदाबाद की स्कीम के कुछ आबंटियों द्वारा कब्जा लेने वारे वांछित दस्तावेज इस कार्यालय में जमा नहीं करवाए जा रहे तथा न ही जमा करवाई गई आबंटन राशि का विवरण दिया जा रहा है। जबकि इस कार्यालय के रिकॉर्ड अनुसार इन आबंटियों द्वारा या तो अपूर्ण राशि जमा करवाई गई है या कोई राशि जमा नहीं करवाई गई है ऐसे आबंटियों का विवरण निम्न प्रकार से है—

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1	श्री खेम करन पुत्र श्री सुन्दर लाल	33	19.02.2004	Nil
2	श्री फकीर चन्द पुत्र श्री केदारनाथ	46	30.10.2014	Nil
3	श्री हरीश चन्द पुत्र श्री भगवान दास	63	19.02.2004	Nil
4	श्री तिलक राज पुत्र श्री भगवान दास	100	19.02.2004	Nil
5	श्री विजय आनन्द पुत्र श्री बी०डी० आनन्द	166	19.02.2004	27,750/-
6	श्री सत प्रकाश पुत्र श्री साहिब राम	210	19.02.2004	Nil

अतः इन उपरोक्त आबंटियों को जनसूचना के माध्यम से वांछित दस्तावेज व जमा की गई राशि यदि कोई है, की रसीद की प्रति 7 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर योजना शाखा, नगर निगम फरीदाबाद में जमा करवाने वारे अंतिम अवसर प्रदान किया जाता है। इस सूचना के माध्यम से यह भी अवगत कराया जाता है कि यदि किसी आबंटि द्वारा आबंटन पत्र की शर्त नं० 1 के अनुसार देय राशि ब्याज सहित आबंटन पत्र के जारी होने के 3 महीने के अन्दर जमा नहीं करवाई गई है तो उसका आबंटन स्वतः रद्द समझा जाएगा।

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# BEL developing AI tool to analyse terror activity

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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 15**  
With the use of artificial intelligence (AI) gaining importance in the security field, public-sector giant Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is developing an AI-based tool for analysis of terrorist activities.

The tool, sources said, would be used in sifting and segregating raw information as well as to assist in generating intelligence assessments, decision-making and operational planning. The use of AI in counter-terrorism also assumes significance with the growing use of social media and online platforms by radical elements as well as other hostile state agencies to create social and communal

## The brief

- To sift and segregate raw information, assist in generating intelligence assessments, decision-making and operational planning
- BEL is also involved in developing other AI platforms, including a robot for border surveillance and human facial recognition concepts

development and use of AI in various combat and non-combat domains. Besides developing terrorist activity analysis tool, BEL is also involved in developing other AI-associated platforms, including a robot for border surveillance and human facial recognition concepts. According to recent reports, BEL is allocating about Rs 50 crore annually for research in the AI domain.

# 5 engineers to face action

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ensure there is no compromise on the quality of work, especially with regard to roads, bridges and other construction works in government department, schemes and work being awarded to contractors. The officials have been found guilty of ignoring sub-standard work undertaken during the construction of the highway. Earlier, the issue of substandard tarring on the stretch had been raised but no action was taken.

# Amritsar most polluted

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With reduction in wind velocity, the impact is likely to worsen in the coming days with many areas witnessing smog-like conditions," claim PPCB insiders. "Villages will be the worst sufferers," they added. The period between October 15 and November 15 is considered critical as most farmers harvest their paddy crop during this period. Interestingly, the Malwa belt, comprising Patiala, Sangrur and Mansa districts, is yet witness rise in stubble-

# Oppn trying to spread rumours on 370: Modi

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described Haryana as a land of fabulous farmers and fearless fighters and of course peerless sportspersons. "These three are interlinked as they serve the country. The entire nation is proud of them," he stated. Promising to provide more water to fulfill the needs of

## XI WATCHED 'DANGAL', PRAISED PHOGAT

PM Modi said Chinese President Xi Jinping had watched movie 'Dangal' and praised party candidate Babita Phogat for her role

farmers, Modi said Haryana and Rajasthan had the right over the water which flows into Pakistan. "For 70 years, the water which belongs to India and the farmers of Haryana has flowed into Pakistan and the previous governments failed to prevent this. I will end this and bring water to your houses," said the PM. Talking about the defence

personnel, he said he had fulfilled his 2013 promise of implementing the One Rank, One Pension (OROP) scheme. "About 19 lakh retired jawans, including two lakh personnel from Haryana, have received about Rs 900 crore under OROP. We have increased the scholarship for martyrs and also included the children of police personnel and those from the central reserved forces. Special allowances for serving jawans have also been increased," he said. The PM said pension to farmers above the age of 60 years had been provided, and added Rs 650 crore had been disbursed to beneficiaries.

# BJP, Cong locked in close contest

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giving a tough challenge to the saffron party. The BSP is in a serious contest on Jagadhari seat, while multi-cornered contests are being witnessed on 18 other seats. A positive sign for the BJP which went to the polls with the slogan of winning 75 plus seats is that its candidates have a clear edge over its rivals on about 20 seats while the Congress candidates seems to have a distinct edge on four seats.

The seats on which the BJP has a distinct edge include the Karnal and Ambala Cantt seats represented by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Health Minister Anil Vij, respectively, while former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda's Garhi Sampla-Kiloi and Kiran Choudhry's Tosham seats are among those where the Congress seems clearly ahead. Among the bigwigs of the BJP, Congress, INLD and the JJP who are embroiled in tough contests with their

rivals are: Education Minister Rambilas Sharma, who is pitted against Rao Dan Singh of the Congress in Mahendragarh; Finance Minister Captain Abhimanyu, who is facing Ram Kumar Gautam of the JJP in Narnaund; Agriculture Minister OP Dhankar, who is pitted against Kuldeep Vats of the Congress in Badli; and state BJP president Subhash Barala, who is facing a stiff challenge from Deventer Babli of the JJP in Tohana seat of Fatehabad. Among the Congress leaders facing a stiff contest are former Speaker Kuldeep Sharma in Ganaur against Nirmal Chaudhary of the BJP; senior Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi against Tik'ibk star Sonali Phogat of the BJP in Adampur; his brother and former deputy CM Chander Mohan in Panchkula against Gian Chand Gupta of the BJP; and AICC media in-charge Randeep Surejwala in Kaithal against Lila Ram Gujjar of the BJP. The JJP's Dushyant Chau-

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PWD B&R BRANCH**  
**NOTICE INVITING ON-LINE BIDS**  
TENDER NOTICE NO: 25 DATED: 15.10.2019  
On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Branch, Ferozepur re-invites fresh bids from eligible bidders enlisted under "Civil Works (Buildings)" category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under Head 2059-P.W-60-other Buildings-053 (N.P) for the repair/renovation of various Govt. Buildings falling under his jurisdiction from dated 15.10.19 to 25.10.2019 upto 10:00 AM. Tenders forms will be issued upto 25.10.19 till 10:00 AM. Tenders will be submitted at 11:00 AM & to be opened at 11:30 AM.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br., Ferozepur.  
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**Government of Punjab**  
Tender/RFP Reference No. 35/WSSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2019-20  
The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Department Punjab invites online bids for the work of REPLACEMENT CONTROL PANEL, REPAIR OF PUMP CHAMBER, OHSR & WATER WORKS, NEW AUTOMATED WATER CONTROLLER, NEW WATER CONNECTIONS, SLUIVE VALVE, SIGNBOARD AT VILLAGE FARIDPUR KHURD OF BLOCK MALERKOTLA-2 DISTRICT SANGRUR (PRWSSIP) Component 2a(i).  
Closing date & time : 04-11-2019 at 17:00 Hours  
For details log on to : [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
Note: Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.  
Sd/- Chairman, G.P.W.S.C., Faridpur Khurd.  
DPR/Pb./D6932

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**  
**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**IRRIGATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
Telephone No.: 01907-262712 E-mail: [ee@hpnir@yahoo.in](mailto:ee@hpnir@yahoo.in)  
Fax No.: Website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>  
Online bids on lump sum basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Sunder Nagar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh I&PH Department.  
(i) **Name of Work: - A/R & M/O Sewerage Scheme Sundernagar Town (SH: Operation, repair & Maintenance of STP of S.55 MLD at Chandpur (Sundernagar), Distribution network 70.00 KM for a period of One year.**  
Estimated Cost :- 5525268  
Earnest Money :- 87800  
Cost of Tender document :- 800  
Schedule of tendering:-

Sr. No.	Description	Date and Time
1.	Availability of E-Tender Documents	15.10.2019 5 PM
2.	Bid Submission start date	15.10.2019 5 PM
3.	Bid Submission end date	25.10.2019 up to 5 PM
4.	Physical submission of eligibility information	26.10.2019 up to 11 AM
5.	Opening of COVER-2 (Financial bid)	26.10.2019 at 11:30 AM

Tender documents and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.  
2. As the bids are to be submitted online same are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendor/s or from any authorized agency at the earliest. Key Dates:- **The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [hptenders.gov.in](http://hptenders.gov.in)**

- Terms and conditions: -**
- (1) The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in two covers:-
    - (i) **Cover-1** shall contain Scanned copies of "eligibility information".
    - (ii) **Cover-2** shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed format.
  - (2) **Cover-1** shall contain Scanned copies of following "eligibility information" (Scanned copies to be uploaded):
    - (i) The Earnest money only in the shape of National Saving Certificate, or Fixed deposit receipt of any Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, IPH Division Sunder Nagar.
    - (ii) Exemption Certificate:- Copy of exemption certificate to be uploaded. However in order to ensure correctness of information about amount, an Affidavit shall be given by contractor about number of tenders in which he is participating & total value of their earnest money involved will be obtained and kept in record.
    - (iii) The cost of tender form as shown above in the shape of demand draft only drawn in favour of Executive Engineer, IPH Division, Sunder Nagar.
    - (iv) Certificate of registration with Himachal Pradesh Irrigation & Public Health Department, in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.
    - (v) Copy of PAN No., GST No.
    - (vi) Authorization letter regarding digital signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered tenderer.
    - (vii) Contractor/firm will upload experience Certificate of O&M of sewerage network and STP for minimum one year. The contractor/firm who have not successfully completed O&M of sewerage scheme anywhere will not be eligible for bidding the work.
    - (viii) **Experience criteria:- Joint venture is not allowed.**
  - (3) **Cover-2** shall contain financial bid and will be opened only of those contractor/firms whose documents in Cover-I are found in order.
  - (4) The contractor will submit the original documents in respect of Earnest Money, Cost of tender documents and original/photo copy of Exemption certificate, Enlistment/Registration proof, PAN No., GST No., Authorization letter, affidavit regarding exemption amount, work done certificate, copy of GST Registration Certificate and latest clearance certificates thereof, in the office of the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Sunder Nagar on dated 26.10.2019 at 11:00 AM failing which the tender of the defaulting Contractor/firm will be summarily rejected.
  - (5) Earnest money of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained for a period of 120 days.
  - (6) In case, opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day at the same time.
  - (7) The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.
  - (8) No additional condition should be accepted with the BOQ. Conditional BOQ shall be rejected and the tender shall not be considered.

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**Corrigendum**  
The Additional amendments for bid invited vide this office NIQ No. IPH-National Hydrology Project-CB-Tender/NIQ-1340-1420 dated 9.08.2019 for the work of The Supply, Installation, Testing, commissioning and Maintenance of Digital Water Level Recorder (DWLRs) with telemetry system, training to departmental staff along with all software required for Operation, Data Retrieval, Data Storage and Warranty etc. complete in all respect under National Hydrology Project in Himachal Pradesh scheduled to be opened on 4.11.2019 at 11.30 AM has been uploaded in website <https://hptenders.gov.in>  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hydrology C&M Division, Shimla - 171004.  
No.IPH-National Hydrology Project-CB-Tender/NIT- 2196-2276 Dt-14.10.2019 DPR/HP/415

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College website:- [www.ccet.ac.in](http://www.ccet.ac.in)  
Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (Degree Wing), Sector-26, Chandigarh invites e-tenders for Hiring of Infrastructure material for Tech Fest Aprilam 2019.  

Start Date and Time of uploading of e-tender	End Date and Time of uploading of e-tender	Date and Time of opening of Online Bid (Technical Bid)	Earnest Money
16.10.2019 at 9.00 a.m.	21.10.2019 at 10.00 a.m.	21.10.2019 at 10.30 a.m.	Detail of Earnest Money to be deposited is available in the e-tender document.

  
Detailed Terms and Conditions including detail of Earnest Money are available in e-tender document. The bid document can be downloaded from the website of Chandigarh Administration <https://etenders.chd.nic.in> however for general information, guidance and reference; the tenderer can approach to office of Principal, Chd. College of Engg. & Tech. (Degree Wing), Sector-26, Chandigarh (Phone No. 0172-2750943).  
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No. 172-D/29/12/01/05/ESH-CHD  
**Auction/Sale Notice for Unserviceable medical equipments/scrap materials**  

Description of assets	Base Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
Unserviceable Medical Equipment/Scrap materials lying at ESIC Model Hospital, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh under physical possession of the Superintendent, ESIC Model Hospital, Chandigarh.	Rs. 1,46,188/- (Rs. One Lakh Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Eight only)	Rs. 7000/- (Rs. Seven Thousand only)

Sl. No.	Description	Date and Time
1	Bid Documents are available from	16.10.2019
2	Last date and time for submitting bid	30.10.2019 by 11:00 a.m.
3	Opening of Bids on	30.10.2019 at 2:00 p.m.

  
Documents are available online from 16.10.2019 at [www.esic.nic.in](http://www.esic.nic.in)  
Any corrigendum to this letter will be notified through the aforesaid website only.  
All the bidders are requested to periodically check the websites for any additional information  
For more information please visit the Headquarters' website. [www.esic.nic.in](http://www.esic.nic.in).  
DI-98785 Medical Superintendent

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT : CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**  
**WRITTEN TEST NOTICE FOR THE POSTS OF NURSERY TEACHERS (NTT)**  
Education Department, Chandigarh Administration invited online applications from eligible candidates to fill up 131 posts of Nursery Teachers (NTTs) on regular basis, for which advertisement was published/uploaded on 31.8.2019. Closing date for receipt of online applications was 30.9.2019.  
It is notified for the information of all the applicants that Written Test for the post of NTT will be held as per following schedule:-  

Name of Post	Date	Time
Nursery Teachers (NTT)	16th November, 2019 (Saturday)	10.00 AM to 12.30 PM

  
● E-Admit Card can be downloaded from 12.11.2019 (11.00 AM onwards) to 15.11.2019 (Up to 05.00 PM) ([recruit.nittrchd.ac.in](http://recruit.nittrchd.ac.in))  
● Answer Key for submission of objections by the candidates will be uploaded from 18.11.2019 (11.00 AM) and the objections can be submitted by 21.11.2019 (up to 2.00 PM).  
● In case any candidate faces any difficulty to download the E-Admit Card, he/she can contact helpdesk at NITTR, Sector 26, Chandigarh on 15th November, 2019 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM.  
It is reiterated here that simply appearing in the written test does not give any right to the candidate for appointment. Candidates are advised to ensure that they fulfil eligibility conditions for the post applied.  
Place: Chandigarh Sd/- Director School Education, Chandigarh Administration.  
Date : 15.10.2019

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED**  
("A State Govt. Undertaking")  
**"Press Tender Notice"**  
(e-tendering mode only)  
(Corrigendum)  
In Partial modification to detailed tender notice (E-Tendering Mode) only vide letter No. OCU/DB-Tender/2019-20-6173-87 dated 26.09.2019, the date of sale receipt and opening in respect of below mentioned work is hereby extended as under: -  
**Name of Work: - Tender for construction of 33 KV Single Circuit from 132/33 KV 2x16 MVA Sub-Station Dehra by Tapping 33 kV Dehra-Dadasiba line near Dhaliara to 33/11KV Sub Station Bharwain under Electrical Sub Division, HPSEBL Bharwain in Tehsil Amb Distt. Una (H.P.) (OCU-13-2019-20).**  
i) Sale of Bid Up to 21-10-2019 05:00 PM  
ii) Submission of Bid Up to 21-10-2019 05:00 PM  
iii) Opening of Bid on 22-10-2019 11:00 AM  
Superintending Engineer, (OP) Circle, HPSEBL, Una.  
Fax No. : 01975-238509  
Tele. No. : 01975-238182  
e-mail: [seunahpseb@yahoo.co.in](mailto:seunahpseb@yahoo.co.in)  
Save Energy for the Benefit of Self and Nation

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED**  
("A State Government Undertaking")  
**Corrigendum-I**  
Domestic Competitive Bidding (e-mode)  
(Payment Gateway Service Provider for collection of electricity bills through online)  
No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/e-Payment/Vol-V/Part-B/2019-1000284 Date: 11.10.2019  
The last date of sale, submission and date of opening of Tender Notice No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/e-Payment/Vol-V/Part-B/2019-1000228 dated: 18.09.2019 is hereby rescheduled as below:  

Tender No.	Estimate Cost Value (Rs. Lakh)	EMD (Rs. Lakhs)	Start date of sale of tender (after 11:00 AM)	Last date of sale of tender (up to 5:00PM)	Last date of submission of tender (up to 3:00 PM)	Due date of opening of tender (at 11:00 AM)
HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/e-Payment/Vol-V/2019-1	65.56	0.66	24.09.2019	19.10.2019	06.11.2019	07.11.2019

  
**NOTES:** All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.  
2 Get registered at [www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB](http://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB) to obtain the tender documents. For "e-tendering Steps/Manual" please visit [www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB](http://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB). (tender wizard helpdesk No. 8261922200, 8261033300 and 9625033300).  
(Er. Ram Prakash)  
Dy. Chief Engineer (IT), HPSEBL Ltd., Vidyt Bhawan, Shimla-171004  
(Phone/ Fax 0177-2656485).

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Tender Notice**  
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firozpur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tender. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.  

Tender Type	Bidding System	Date of uploading tenders	Bid closing Date/Time	Date and Time of opening E-Tender
Open	Single packet System	16.10.2019 Time 12:00 hours	07.11.2019 Time 15:00 hours	07.11.2019 After Time 15:05 hours

S.N.	Tender Number	Details of Tender	Estimated Value	Tender Doc. Cost	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
1	53-2019	Refilling of 948 nos of fire extinguishers along with testing and maintenance for the period of Three year (Thirty Six months) for FZR Division.	6,78,791.70	2,000.00	13,600.00	45 Days	36 months

  
For more details please log on to [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 3295/19  
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**DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE**  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 2  
No. 19-27(EAP-HPSHIVA-Gen. Corr.)/2019 Dated: Shimla-2, the...  
**Extension of last Date Expression of Interest (EoI)**  
The last date for submission of bids for "Expression of Interest (EoI) for supply of quality planting material during the FY 2020-21" from duly registered fruit plant nurseries- Public Sector Underkings/Public/Private Entrepreneurs/Government Agencies engaged in production of Quality Planting Material of fruit crops is hereby extended due to receipt of insufficient numbers of bids. The quantity given below is tentative and may increase or decrease as per actual demand.  

Sr. No.	Name of the Quality Planting Material	Variety	Tentative Requirement (No's)
1.	Guava ( <i>Psidiumguajava</i> )	Lalit, Shweta, Thai Red Guava, Red Malaysian Guava, Red Fleshed, Pink Supreme, Hong Kong Pink, Maxican Cream, White Seedless, Allahabad Safed, VNR-BIH	1,40,000
2.	Litchi ( <i>Litchi Chinensis</i> )	Dehradun, Calcuttia, Rose Scented, Bosworth (Dwarf), Feizixiad, Dazad	20,000
3.	Citrus-Sweet Orange ( <i>Citrus sinensis</i> )	Mosambi, Valencia, Washington Navel, Westin, Pera, Natal, Pineapple, Hamlin, Jaffa, Blood Red, Shamout (Nordia C), Early Gold	1,00,000
4.	Pomegranate ( <i>Punicagranatum</i> )	Daisy, Murcot, Michal	30,000
5.	Total	Bhagwa, Super Bhagwa, Bedana, Wonderful	2,90,000

  
The last date for submission of EoI is extended up to 22.10.2019 by 02:00 PM through registered/Speed Post/ personally. The Bid will be opened on 22.10.2019 at 03:00 PM in the Committee Room of Directorate, Navbahar, Shimla-2. The sealed envelope should be supersubscribed with "EoI for Supply of Quality Planting Material during FY 2020-21". The complete EoI document including detailed terms & conditions is available in the website ([www.hpgrisenet.gov.in](http://www.hpgrisenet.gov.in)) or can also be obtained by visiting the office of the undersigned on any working day between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM by paying Rs. 2000/- (non-refundable) as Demand Draft in favour of Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh.  
Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh, Ph: 0177 2842390, Email: [horticul-hp@nic.in](mailto:horticul-hp@nic.in)  
DPR/HP/2455





GLOBE TROT



Eye-Opener: People walk next to artwork 'Fate-Up Against Your Will, 2019' by German artist Stefan Rinck in Paris on Tuesday. AFP

Swiss glaciers shrink 10 per cent in five years: Study
GENEVA: Switzerland's glaciers have lost a tenth of their volume in the past five years alone, a melting rate unmatched during observations stretching back more than a century.

Public buses return to Tripoli after 30 years
TRIPOLI: Parked in a hangar in downtown Tripoli, some 35 buses awaited this week's launch of a new urban public transport scheme — the first in the Libyan capital in three decades.

UK media gushes over Kate's salwar-kameez
ISLAMABAD: The UK media on Tuesday was splashed with images of Kate Middleton's traditional wardrobe choice for her maiden official tour of Pakistan with husband Prince William.



US sanctions fail to halt Turkey assault in Syrian border region

Sanctions too little, too late: Nancy Pelosi | Damascus troops head to Manbij

SYRIA, OCTOBER 15
Turkey ignored US sanctions and pressed on with its assault on northern Syria on Tuesday, while the Russia-backed Syrian army roared into one of the most hotly contested cities abandoned by the US forces in Donald Trump's retreat.



Smoke billows from Syrian town Ras al-Ain on Tuesday. AFP

'UN Security Council meet on Syria likely today'

The United Nations Security Council will likely hold a meeting on Wednesday to discuss latest developments in Syria, envoys said. The meet had been requested by European members

KURDS HOLD THEIR FORT IN RAS AL-AIN

Using a dense network of tunnels, berms and trenches, Kurdish fighters from the Syrian Democratic Forces have been mounting a desperate defence of border town Ras al-Ain

They launched "a large counter attack against Turkish forces and their Syrian proxies near Ras al-Ain," the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said

SDF is battling Turkey's Syrian proxies paid and equipped by Ankara

sanctions to punish Ankara. But the measures - mainly a hike in steel tariffs and a pause in trade talks - were less robust than financial markets had expected, and Trump's

critics derided them as too feeble to have an impact. Russian-backed Syrian forces moved swiftly to fill the void left by departing Americans from Manbij west

of the Euphrates river. The Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, said Trump's sanctions were too little, too late. — Reuters

Brexit deal still possible but difficult, says Michel Barnier

BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 15
Michel Barnier, the European Union's (EU) chief negotiator, on Tuesday said a Brexit deal could still be struck this week despite it becoming "more difficult" to reach an agreement.

Speaking in Luxembourg, Barnier said, "An agreement will be more and more difficult but it is still possible this week." "Reaching an agreement is still possible but obviously any agreement must work for everyone - for all of the UK and the whole of the EU... It is high time to turn good intentions into legal text," the BBC quoted EU diplomat as saying.

Reaching an agreement is still possible, but obviously any agreement must work for everyone. It is high time to turn good intentions into legal text Michel Barnier, EU'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

Barnier is scheduled to update EU Ministers on Brexit talks at a meeting in Luxembourg later.

Discussions between EU and UK officials aimed at reaching a Brexit deal have intensified in recent days.

Hopes of a deal being agreed before the October 31 Brexit deadline were boosted after a meeting between UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Irish counterpart Leo Varadkar last week.

The developments come as negotiators stepped up efforts to work out a way to break the deadlock over the Irish backstop, the contingency measures to prevent a hard border on the island of Ireland that is seen as the key factor in the talks.

The two-day EU summit is crucial because Johnson must get a new deal approved by MPs by Saturday if he is to avoid asking for a Brexit delay. — IANS

Putin arrives in UAE on first visit since 2007

DUBAI, OCTOBER 15
Russian President Vladimir Putin has arrived in the United Arab Emirates on his first visit to the oil-rich nation in over a decade.

He visited Abu Dhabi and sought to attract over \$1.3 billion worth of investments in Russia's economy. Putin was greeted by Abu Dhabi's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

A dozen agreements worth more than \$1.3 billion, notably in the energy, advanced technology and sectors, are expected to be sealed during the visit, according to the Russian sovereign wealth fund. — AP

HK not becoming a police state: Lam



Students take part in an anti-government demonstration. AFP

HONG KONG, OCTOBER 15
Hong Kong's leader said Tuesday that "it's totally irresponsible and unfounded" to suggest the semi-autonomous Chinese territory is becoming a police state as her government grapples with protests now in their fifth month.

Carrie Lam has defended Hong Kong's 30,000-strong police force, now widely detested by protesters for its riot-control methods and nearly 2,600 arrests.

Responding to criticism from visiting US senators, Lam said she challenges every politician to ask themselves what they would do if faced by the scale of violence seen in Hong Kong.

The protests started in June over a contested extradition bill that would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent for trial in mainland China and have snowballed into an anti-government, anti-police and anti-China movement.

The protests have increasingly ended in violence between hardcore demonstrators and police.

An 18-year-old was to appear in court Tuesday facing a charge of intentional wounding for a slashing attack Sunday with a sharp blade, described as a box cut-

HK leader to deliver annual speech today

Carrie Lam will deliver an annual policy speech on Wednesday to address underlying problems in Hong Kong that have also fueled discontent, including its wealth gap and shortage of housing

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ter by Hong Kong media that cut a police officer's neck and severed a nerve.

The teen was initially detained on a preliminary charge of attempted murder. Police said the wounding charge is punishable by life imprisonment.

Despite repeated government appeals for people not to take the side of those involved in vandalism, throwing gasoline-bomb and other violence, the protest movement is still routing.

On Wednesday, Lam will deliver an annual policy speech to address some underlying problems in Hong Kong that have also fueled discontent, including its wealth gap and shortage of affordable housing. — AP

Auction Notice: It is hereby intimated to general public that the Auction of condemned store/stock Articles of Directorate of Agriculture, Shimla-5 will be put for auction on 31.10.2019 at 11.00 AM in the premises of Agriculture Information Officer, Krishi Bhawan, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-5.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS NO. E-TENDER-5/WSSD/EE2 PATIALA/EE/2018-19 DATED:-15.10.2019

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender/RFP Reference No. 36/WSSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2019-20 The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab invites online bids for the work of REPAIR OF MACHINERY, REPAIR OF WATER WORKS, NEW HOUSE CONNECTION, AUTOMATED WATER CONTROLLER, CHLORINATOR, SLUICE VALVE HAUDI AND PAINTING OF SIGN BOARD AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME BHADALWADH OF BLOCK DHURI, DISTRICT SANGRUR (PRWSSD/ Component 2a(i))

LUDHIANA IMPROVEMENT TRUST Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana - 141001 e-mail: ldh\_it\_2009@yahoo.co.in Ph:- 0161-5255405 e-Tender Notice NIT No. 10/E-Tender/SE/LG-IT Ludhiana/2019-20

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH NOTICE RE-INVITING ONLINE BIDS TENDER NOTICE NO. 53 DATED 14.10.2019 On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, P.W.D. (B&R) Br., Kapurthala re-invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted for Road works category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under Head - 3054 SH: Maintenance & Repair.

ਦਰਦਰ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਪ੍ਰਾਂਤਕ ਮੰਡਲ ਨੰ. 1, ਭਵਨ ਤੇ ਮਾਰਗ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਈਮੇਲ: eepd1ptapw@pdp@gmail.com, Ph. No. 0175-2356435

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS Bid No. ETENDER/PWSSD/HOSHIARPUR/EE/2019/58 of 2019 Date 15.10.2019 On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, PWSSB, Chandigarh, The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur re-invites the bids due to non submission of bids from eligible bidders for the work detailed below:-

PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WORLD BANK FUNDED INVITATION FOR BIDS The Chairman, GPWSC, Village Majri Ghat, Block & Distt. Rupnagar through Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Rupnagar invites bids for the construction of following works: PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR VILLAGE MAJRI GHAT, BLOCK & DISTRICT RUPNAGAR UNDER 1a (iii) PRWSSP/NRWDP

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਖੇਡ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਸ਼ਾਰਟ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਖੁਰਾਕ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ 1) ਪੰਜਾਬ ਖੇਡ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ 2019-20 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਖੇਡ ਮੈਨ (ਐਂ-25) ਪੈਲੋ ਗਰਾਊਂਡ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 21.11.19 ਤੋਂ 23.11.2019 ਤੱਕ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗਪਗ 3000 ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ/ਭਾਗੀਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਹੈ। ਟੂਰਨਾਮੈਂਟ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਖਿਡਾਰੀਆਂ/ਭਾਗੀਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ 200/- ਰੁਪਏ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ, ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਦਿਨ ਦੀ ਦਰ ਨਾਲ ਖੁਰਾਕ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ E-procurement ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮਿਤੀ 5.11.2019, ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਟਕਨੀਕੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਖਿੱਚ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਖੇਡ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਸ਼ਬਦਿਕ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Online tenders on percentage rate basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned work are invited from eligible firms/contractors.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001 Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813 GSTIN: 03AAFCP5120Q1ZC OFFICE OF DY. CHIEF ENGINEER, INVESTMENT PROMOTION CELL, T-8, SHAKTI VIHAR, PSPCL, PATIALA

PUNJAB BIOTECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR (Dept. of Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab) SCO: 7-8, Phase-V, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Phone: 0172-5020596, 5020892, 5020893 E-mail: pbt2005@yahoo.com; mahajanrajiv@pbtbi.com; thakurk@pbtbi.com

# Adil salvages late draw for sloppy India but hope of progressing bleak

**KOLKATA, OCTOBER 15** A last-gasp Adil Khan header saved the blushes for India, who played their worst game of the campaign, as the home side played out a 1-1 draw against Bangladesh in their World Cup qualifying match.

Saad Uddin gave Bangladesh the lead in the 42nd minute and the visitors looked like going back home with all the three points in the Group E match of the qualifying second round match.

Khan, however, ensured that India secured a point from the home match as he rose highest to nod home a Brandon Fernandes corner kick in the 88th minute. A defeat at home would have

severely dented India's hopes of advancing to the next round. India had lost to Oman 1-2 in their opening match before holding Asian champions Qatar to a goalless draw in their previous match.

They now have two points from three matches, while Bangladesh stay at the bottom with one point from three games. Bangladesh were the more organised side as they put up a spirited show against India who were backed by a full-capacity crowd at the Salt Lake Stadium.

Captain Sunil Chhetri was not at his best as also goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, who had kept the marauding Qataris at bay in a

## SECOND ROUND GROUP E

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	PTS
Qatar	4	3	1	0	10
Oman	3	2	0	1	6
Afghanistan	3	1	0	2	3
India	3	0	2	1	2
Bangladesh	3	0	1	2	1

## IMPORTANT RESULTS

- India 1-1 Bangladesh
- Qatar 2-1 Oman
- Bahrain 1-0 Iran

drawn game in Doha.

## Diving header

Bangladesh took the lead when their captain Jamal Bhuyan curled in a freekick from the left to the far post and Sandhu missed the flight

“Bangladesh were resilient. We did not react well and conceded a silly goal. India is trying to play modern and technical football. The goal we conceded is not accepted and you don't win like that

— Igor Stimac, INDIA COACH

completely and Uddin finished it with a diving header.

Ranked 83 places below India, Bangladesh looked more threatening and could have easily doubled the lead in the 54th minute when right winger Mohammad

Ibrahim's shot hit the cross-piece. India woke up from their slumber only late in the second half, creating a flurry of chances but then Bangladesh's defence gave a good account of themselves with Ibrahim making a goalline clearance from Anas Edathodika's header.

## Stimac rues his players' inability to score goals

Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac said, “Our scoring incapability was the reason why we didn't win. We conceded very silly goal. Their goalkeeper was my Man of the Match.” India next take on Afghanistan on November 14. — PTI

## FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS



Rahul Bheke and Bangladesh's Mohammad Ibrahim vie for the ball. PTI

## BRIEFLY

### THIMPHU

**India pip Bangladesh, clinch SAFF U-15 women's C'ship**  
India beat Bangladesh 5-3 via a penalty shoot-out to win the SAFF U-15 Women's Championship title after the summit clash ended goalless in regulation time. India goalkeeper Adrijia Sarkhel stepped up in the dreaded penalties to save Bangladesh's first spot-kick. Indian captain Shilky Devi slotted home the final spot-kick to hand her side a 5-3 win.

### JOHOR BAHRU (MALAYSIA)

**Hockey: India lose to Japan 3-4 in Sultan of Johor Cup**  
The Indian junior hockey team India lost to Japan 3-4 for their first loss at the Sultan of Johor Cup. For Japan, Wartaru Matsumoto (1st), Kosei Kawabe (22nd, 37th) and Keita Watanabe (33rd) scored goals. Sudeep Chirmako (29th), Sharda Nand Tiwari (38th) and Partap Lakra (53rd) scored for India. “We were not at our best and all credit to Japan who took their chances well,” said India coach BJ Karappa. India will face Australia in their next round-robin league stage match here tomorrow.

### MUMBAI

**Tendulkar, Lara to play T20 tournament in India**  
Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara are among former cricketers who will return to the field for the Road Safety World Series in India next year. The World Series will be an annual T20 tournament played between retired cricketers from five countries — Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and India. Tendulkar and Lara will be joined by former players including Virender Sehwag, Brett Lee, Tillakaratne Dilshan and Jonty Rhodes for the tournament from Feb. 2 to 16 across India.

### ST. JOHN'S (ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA)

**Simmons WI coach, 3 years after being axed**  
Phil Simmons has returned to take charge of West Indies three years after being dismissed in controversial circumstances. Cricket West Indies has announced that Simmons would be head coach for the next four years. He led the Windies to the 2016 T20I World Cup before being booted out amid tensions with his paymasters. Simmons, 56, was sacked in September 2016 for “differences in culture and strategic approach” with the cricket hierarchy despite their remarkable T20I World Cup triumph, won in the last over of a dramatic final against England when Carlos Brathwaite hitting four consecutive sixes.

### NEW DELHI

**India hosting U-16 cricket camp for Commonwealth**  
Thirty-five participants, including 18 boys and 17 girls, from the Commonwealth countries are attending an U-16 cricket coaching camp at the National Cricket Academy, Bengaluru, from October 1 to 30. — AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

**BADMINTON**  
DENMARK OPEN  
STAR SPORTS 12:30PM

**PKL**  
BENGALURU VS DELHI  
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

# SAI'S DIVINE TOUCH

DENMARK OPEN: Indian beats Lin Dan 21-14 21-17, Sindhu in Rd 2



B Sai Praneeth is likely to meet world No. 1 Kento Momota of Japan in the second round of the Denmark Open. FILE

**ODENSE (DENMARK), OCTOBER 15** World Champion PV Sindhu made an impressive start to her campaign at the Denmark Open, claiming a straight-game win over Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the women's singles competition. Fifth seed Sindhu, who had made early exits in China and South Korea in recent tournaments, overcame Gregoria 22-20 21-18 in 38 minutes to keep her 5-0 record intact against the Indonesian. The Olympics silver

## MATCH STATS

SAI	DAN
Most consecutive points	3
Game points	2
Rallies played	73
Rallies won	42
Total points won	42

medallist will now face South Korea's An Se Young next.

B Sai Praneeth also made it to the second round, beating

Lin Dan 21-14 21-17 in a 35-minute clash. The Hyderabad shuttler is likely to meet world No. 1 Kento Momota of Japan next. Praneeth had won silver at the World Championships in Basel August after being beaten by Momota in the semifinals.

Parupalli Kashyap failed to cross the opening round after losing 13-21 12-21 to Thailand's Sitthikom Thammasin. Sourabh Verma also made an early exit after going down 21-19 11-21 17-21 to Mark Caljouw of the Nether-

lands. In men's doubles, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat the South Korean pair of Kim Gi Jung and Lee Yong Dae 24-22 21-11 in 39 minutes.

## Marin wins

Carolina Marin beat Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-16 21-19 and Nozomi Okuhara defeated Busanan Ongbamphanphan 18-21 21-9 21-16. Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy lost to Wakana Nagahara and Mayu Matsumoto 23-25 18-21. — PTI

## Injured Mandhana dethroned

### DUBAI, OCTOBER 15

Injured India opener Smriti Mandhana has lost her No. 1 status after being toppled by New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite in the batting chart of the latest ICC ODI rankings.

Mandhana, who has 755 points, slipped to the No. 2 spot after she missed India's recently-concluded ODI series against South Africa due to an injury. The 23-year-old suffered a fracture in her right toe after being struck by a ball during a net session before the start of the ODI series against South Africa which India won 3-0.

Among the others batters, skipper Mithali Raj moved down to the seventh spot while Harmanpreet Kaur rose in the rankings to occupy the 17th place. In the bowlers' rankings, Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey and Poonam Yadav moved down to be placed sixth, eighth and ninth, respectively. Among the all-rounders, Deepti Sharma has moved down to the third place while Shikha Pandey broke into the top-10. — PTI



SMRITI MANDHANA

## Silly rule's Kiwi victim Neesham mocks change

### NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

New Zealand all-rounder Jimmy Neesham mocked ICC after the world body decided to scrap the controversial boundary count rule that saw his team lose the ODI World Cup to England. ICC yesterday 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.

“Next on the agenda: Better binoculars for the ice spotters on the Titanic,” tweeted Neesham, along with a link about the news of the change in the ICC rule regarding Super Over. Neesham was one of the New Zealand batsmen who featured in that Super Over.



“Next on the agenda: Better binoculars for the ice spotters on the Titanic” — Jimmy Neesham, NEW ZEALAND ALL-ROUNDER

batsman?” McMillan wrote.

## Bit late: McMillan

Former New Zealand batting coach Craig McMillan, whose final match with the Black Caps was the Lord's decider, was also unimpressed. “Bit late ICC,” he tweeted. McMillan also brought up the issue of the controversial overthrow which saw England being awarded six runs in the final over. It was a Martin Guptill throw which got deflected off the bat of Ben Stokes and the ball crossed the boundary, giving England six runs. “How about fixing the other rule issue ICC... A dead ball once the ball has hit/deflected from a

## 'What's happened has happened'

New Zealand Cricket chief executive David White said he was pleased to see ICC come up with a solution following the controversial World Cup final. “It's good that future World Cup tie-breakers will be decided on the field. We can't change the past; what's happened has happened but we're pleased to see the ICC employing a better solution,” White said. ICC announced that now 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. — PTI

## Angry Marsh punches wall, breaks hand

### MELBOURNE, OCTOBER 15

Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh broke his bowling hand after he punched a dressing room wall in frustration during a Sheffield Shield match and could be out of action for six weeks. Western Australia captain Marsh took his anger out on the wall after he was dismissed for 53 on the final day of his team's drawn game against Tasmania on Sunday.

Scans confirmed the 27-year-old had fractured his right hand and he faces a race to be fit for the first Test of Australia's two-match series against Pakistan starting on November 21.

“It certainly will be an isolated incident... It won't be happening again. It's a good lesson for me, hopefully it's a good lesson for other people as well,” Marsh said. “At the end of the day it's a game of cricket. Sometimes you get beaten, you get out, and you can't be punching walls. As a captain, I've done a lot of work in setting a good example on and off the field over the last 18 months since I took over. This is a small hiccup for me,” he added. Marsh was recalled to Australia's Test

## OZ WOMEN TO GET SAME PRIZE MONEY AS MEN AT T20 WORLD CUP

**Sydney:** Cricket Australia (CA) has said it will ensure its women's team earns the same prize money as men's squad at the T20 World Cup by topping up the winners and runners-up at the event in Australia set to receive \$1 million and \$500,000. With West Indies earning \$1.6 million from winning the last men's T20 title in 2016, CA would fork out an additional \$600,000 to make up the shortfall if Australia's women defend their title next year. — REUTERS

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— Mitchell Marsh, SHARES COACH JUSTIN LANGER'S RESPONSE ON HIS INJURY



side for the final Ashes match against England last month and national coach Justin Langer has been in touch with him. “He just told me I'm an idiot basically. He was disappointed for

me,” said Marsh, the son of former Australia opener Geoff Marsh.

**Paine backs Smith's return to captaincy**  
**Sydney:** Australian captain

Tim Paine has addressed speculation over whether Steve Smith will again lead the team once a ban ends in March, saying he would be fully supportive if it happens “one day”.

Smith skippered the team until he was suspended for 12 months over a brazen attempt under his watch to alter the ball with sandpaper in the Cape Town Test last year. Paine, who will turn 35 in December, brushed off questions surrounding the Australian side's future leadership. “I'm enjoying having the job at the moment... And I certainly hope Steve Smith does captain Australia again one day, and if he does, I'll be fully supportive of it,” he said.

He will almost certainly retain the captaincy for the home summer Test series against Pakistan and New Zealand, despite occasional criticism of his form during the Ashes.

Coach Justin Langer has praised his leadership as “brilliant” and said Smith may not want to take on the “burden” of the captaincy on top of batting pressures. — Agencies

## Indian cricket will continue to prosper under Ganguly: VVS

### NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Batting legend VVS Laxman said Indian cricket will undoubtedly continue to prosper under former skipper Sourav Ganguly, who is set to take over the reins of BCCI. “Congrats @SGanguly99 on becoming the President of @BCCI. I have no doubt that under your leadership Indian Cricket will continue to prosper. Wishing you lots of success in your new role Dada,” Laxman tweeted.

## 'Great sign for Indian cricket'

Former Indian opener Virender Sehwag congratulated Ganguly. “Congratulations Dada Sourav Ganguly. Der hai, andher nahi. Great signs for Indian Cricket. May this stint be an extension of the tremendous contribution you have already had on Indian cricket,” Sehwag tweeted.

## Amendments to conflict of interest clause

Former players could soon be allowed to perform multiple roles at the same time as the Committee of Adminis-



BCCI president-designate Sourav Ganguly in a cheerful mood after getting a rousing welcome on his arrival at the Kolkata airport. PTI

“Sometimes less is more in life. So we have got to be careful with that. And the football World Cup happens every four years and you see the madness

— Sourav Ganguly, ON ICC'S ATTEMPT TO STAGE THE ODI WORLD CUP EVERY THREE YEARS

trators (CoA) has recommended amendments to the contentious conflict of interest clause in the board's constitution. In the

existing constitution, no person can perform multiple cricketing roles at the same time and that has led to conflict of interest allegations against some of the biggest names in Indian cricket including Sourav Ganguly, VVS Laxman and Kapil Dev.

In its 11th and final status report submitted to Supreme Court on Monday, the CoA proposed amendments to Rule 38 in the BCCI constitution. — Agencies

# Sky's the limit for Ronaldo

Portuguese joins the 700-goal club; Ukraine beat Portugal to qualify; racism blights England win in Bulgaria

**PARIS, OCTOBER 15**  
Cristiano Ronaldo has lost count of the number of records he has broken, the Portugal forward said after scoring the 700th goal of his career during a 2-1 defeat to Ukraine on Monday.



Cristiano Ronaldo takes a shot at goal during the match against Ukraine. AFP

"The records come naturally, I don't look for them, the records look for me," he told reporters after scoring his 95th goal for his country. "It's not for anyone to reach this number and I think everyone, team mates, colleagues, coaches and everyone who helped Cristiano become the player that he is." However, Ronaldo said that the defeat to Ukraine in a Euro 2020 qualifier took some of the shine off the achievement.

"It's a nice moment in my career but there was a bitter taste because we didn't win," he said. "We played well, but we didn't win. We did everything we could and we had plenty of chances." Ronaldo is the all-time leading scorer in the Champions League with 127 goals, holds the record for the most goals in a single Champions League season, is Real Madrid's all-time highest scorer and Portugal's most capped player and record scorer.

The first five goals of Ronaldo career were scored for Portugal's Sporting in 2002-03.

He then scored 118 goals in 232 appearances during six seasons with Manchester United and, remarkably, averaged over a goal a game for Real Madrid, scoring 450 in 438 appearances over the course of nine seasons.

In just over one season with his current club Juventus, he notched a further 32 goals in 51 matches.

Despite the defeat, Portu-

gal remained second in Group G with 11 points from six games, one ahead of Serbia, and will qualify for Euro 2020 if they win their remaining matches, at home to Lithuania and away to Luxembourg.

### Racism mars England win

Group A leaders England still have to wait for their place at the Euros despite hammering hapless Bulgaria 6-0, but the focus of attention was again on the stands as the home fans caused mayhem with racist chanting that twice caused the match to be halted.

It was another England in a match blighted by racism from opposition fans after England's black players were targeted with monkey chants during their 5-1 win at Montenegro in March.

The level of abuse from a

section of the Bulgarian support led the English Football Association to demand an investigation from UEFA, asking European football's governing body to open a probe "as a matter of urgency".

Tyrone Mings was one of those targeted on his England debut, and he said that stopping the game did have the desired effect of reducing racist abuse in the second half.

### Ayhan denies France

France also missed a spot in the Euros when Kaan Ayhan's leveller snatched a point for Turkey in a match played against a backdrop of diplomatic tensions after Paris condemned Ankara for its military offensive against Kurdish forces in Syria.

Turkey remain top of

Group H above the world champions on the head-to-head rule. Although France can qualify for the finals with a win at home to Moldova next month, Turkey would clinch their place by avoiding defeat against third-placed Iceland, who are four points back after beating Andorra 2-0.

### Turkey defends salutes

Turkey's Sports Minister voiced support today for national team players who saluted the country's soldiers during their match with France. Sports Minister Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoglu described the controversial goal celebration — in which players were seen as supporting Turkey's current military operation in Syria — as a "nice salute". — Agencies

### GOAL MACHINE

**700** Goals for Cristiano Ronaldo have come from 973 matches — and he has scored at least once in 458 of those

**118** of Ronaldo's 700 goals have come during his time at Manchester United from 2003 to 2009

**95** Goals for Portugal is more than double the tally of any

other player to have featured for the national team. Pauleta has the second most with 47

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**127** With that many goals scored in the Champions League, he is the all-time leading scorer



England manager Gareth Southgate speaks to referee Ivan Bebek as the match is stopped during the first half. REUTERS

### Bulgarian soccer chief quits after racist chants

Sofia: Bulgarian soccer chief Borislav Mihaylov resigned today after fans taunted England's black players with Nazi salutes and monkey chants during a Euro 2020 qualifier in Sofia, prompting match officials to halt the game twice. Prime Minister Boyko Borissov had called earlier for Mihaylov, a former goalkeeper and Bulgaria international, to go. The fallout from what English FA chairman Greg Clarke described as "probably one of the most appalling nights I have seen in football" also triggered calls for urgent action from anti-racism campaigners and politicians. A spokesman for British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said European governing body UEFA — the tournament organisers — needed to do more to tackle "vile" racism. UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said, however, that soccer could not solve the problem on its own, and politicians must play a greater role. "The football family — everyone from administrators to players, coaches and fans — needs to work with governments and NGOs to wage war on the racists and to marginalise their abhorrent views to the fringes of society," the Slovenian said in a statement. REUTERS

# Rule tweaked, Mary for Oly qualifier

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Today's decision, which is yet to be communicated to the BFI executive, will once again leave both Nikhat and Vanlal Duati high and dry. Singh explained that this u-turn came about because of the realisation that medal winners would have won automatic qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics had it not been for the suspension of the international boxing association (AIBA) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). "I am clear in my mind but I will have to have a meeting with my BFI colleagues about this issue. But my personal opinion is that whoever has won a medal at the World Championships should automatically take part in the qualifiers," Singh said.

The decision will benefit both Mary Kom (51kg) and Lovlina Borghoin (69kg), who won bronze medals at the recently-concluded World Championships in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

In its earlier communication to the boxers and coaches, BFI had said that those making the cut for the finals of the World Championships will earn direct selection for the Olympics qualifier. The others were supposed to go through a trial process.

Strangely, BFI had a different take for its men boxers. For them winning bronze at the Worlds would have been enough to earn a direct shot at the qualifiers. It is understood that the decision was taken as the BFI top brass deemed the women's competition relatively easier compared to the men's.

However, today BFI president Ajay Singh said that there cannot be different selection criteria for both the teams. "The men and women will have the same selection criteria. I will make it official soon," Singh told The Tribune on the sidelines of a felicitation ceremony to honour the women's team that won four medals.

### Nikhat left high and dry

The decision means that Nikhat Zareen will not get a shot to clinch a spot for the

first qualifier. BFI had controversially stopped Nikhat from challenging Mary in the 51kg category after deciding not to hold the trial, despite taking out the draws in August. BFI took this arbitrary decision after Mary threatened to not appear in the trial.

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### Mary surprised

The decision came as a surprise to Mary. "I am very happy and I am thankful that he (president) took this decision. It also reflects that he has belief in my abilities," she said.

However, the federation has not decided on what happens if Mary or Lovlina fail to earn qualifications in Wuhan. A top official said that they will take a final decision about selection for the second Olympics qualifier scheduled to be held in Paris in May 2020.

"Ideally, if she (Mary) doesn't earn qualification then we should give a chance to others," said a BFI official.

# Fitness freak Paes inspired by Navratilova



Leander Paes at the launch event of the 2020 Australian Open in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

### MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

Veteran Leander Paes says if he is still able to withstand the rigours of the physically demanding ATP Tour, the credit goes to legendary Martina Navratilova.

Navratilova, winner of an incredible 59 Grand Slam titles, including 18 singles, teamed up with Paes in the latter part of her astonishing career. Paes said Navratilova transformed him into a fitness freak.

Two of her 10 mixed doubles Grand Slam trophies — Wimbledon and Australian Open in 2003 — came with Paes. She was the oldest player on Tour and was active when she was nearing 50.

"Navratilova taught us on how physical fitness was a pre-requisite. Navratilova taught me the importance of physical fitness and that is the reason I had such a long career. She epitomises perseverance and the reinvention that an athlete can go through. Navratilova took fitness and gym work to a new level," Leander Paes said.

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to her over time has helped me in my career, that at 46 I keep reinventing myself, my training methods, my diets and my fitness." Paes also had a successful pairing with Swiss great Martina Hingis and he had words of praise for her also. "Hingis taught me a lot about technique. Because I don't consider myself a very talented tennis player, I am more of an athlete. I felt that playing with Hingis — her ground strokes, technique, volley for just technique itself was phenomenal. Playing with her I used to practise hours and the matches were just an extension of the practice sessions," he said. — PTI

# AITA begins visa process for Davis Cup tie vs Pak

### NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) today decided to begin the process to procure Pakistan visas for its players and support staff, indicating that it may send a team to the neighbouring nation for next month's Davis Cup tie in case the International Tennis Federation (ITF) rejects its request to shift the tie to a neutral venue.

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willing to send even a second-string team to avoid suspension, relegation and fine by ITF. The tie was originally scheduled to be held in Islamabad on September 14-15 but was postponed to November 29-30 by ITF after

a security review. AITA is consistently writing to the world governing body to shift the tie to a neutral venue, citing security concerns.

AITA's office-bearers and Davis Cup team captain Mahesh Bhupathi met here today and decided to at least start the visa process and keep pushing for a neutral venue.

"We are waiting for a final decision from ITF and accordingly will take a call, but as of now we have to start the visa process," AITA

secretary general Hironmoy Chatterjee said.

ITF, in its most recent reply, has conveyed to AITA that the Davis Cup Committee will make a decision only after the security agencies file a report early next month.

A decision is expected on November 4. A few players and Bhupathi have already expressed apprehensions about travelling to Pakistan. Bhupathi said ITF must take responsibility of India's travelling squad, if it finds Islamabad safe to travel. — PTI

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1	Jarnail Singh	Indian National Congress	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
2	Balwan Singh	Bahujan Samaj Party	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
3	Lakshman Napa	Bharatiya Janata Party	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
4	Kulvinder Singh	Shiromani Akali Dal	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
5	Paramjit Kaur W/o Jagvir Singh	Lokanter Suraksha Party	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
6	Manju Bala	Jannayak Janta Party	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
7	Sukhchain	Revolutionary Marxist Party of India	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
8	Sudeshpal Papla	Haryana Lokhit Party	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
9	Surjit	Peoples Party of India (Democratic)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
10	Happy Groha	Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist) (Liberation)	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
11	Dalip Singh	Independent	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
12	Paramjeet Kaur W/o Buta Singh	Independent	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
13	Santokh Singh	Independent	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
14	Surennder Kumar	Independent	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
15	Sonu Nayak	Independent	-	-	-	-	-	Nil

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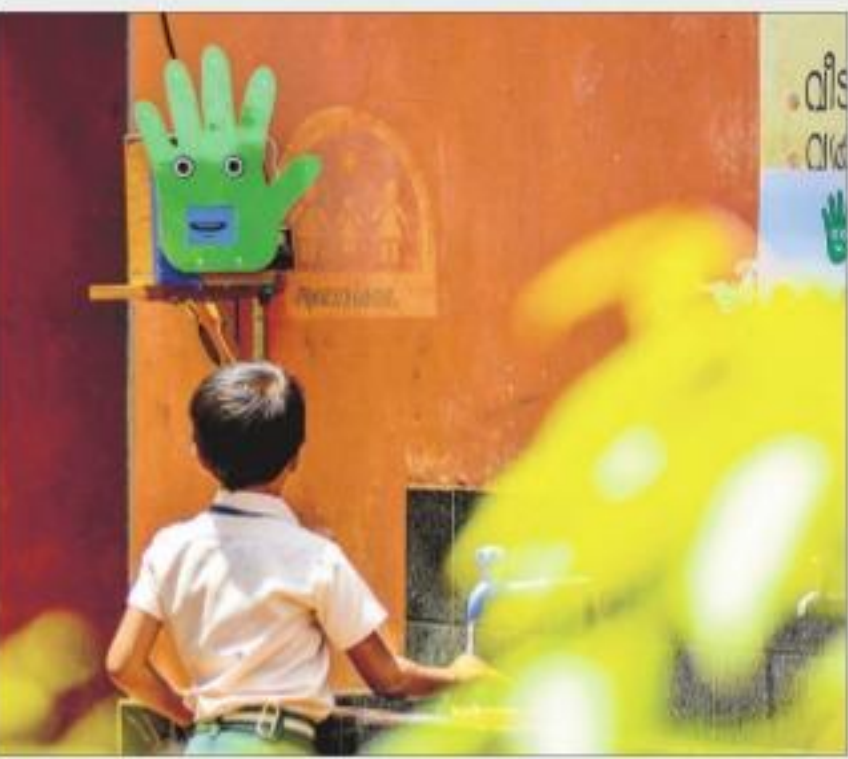
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1	Centre Administrator (1)	Law Degree or Masters in social work from recognised Univ.	Minimum 5 years experience working on women issues in an administrative setup with a Govt/Non-Govt. project/Programme. Preferably at least 1 year experience of Counselling either within/outside the same setup.	25,000/-	Females only
2	Para Legal Personnel/Lawyer (1)	Law Degree from recognised Univ.	Degree in Law with atleast 3 years experience of working with in a Govt./Non-Govt. Project/Programme.	16,000/-	Females only
3	Case Worker (2) (Gen-1 and SC-1)	Law Degree or Masters in social work from recognised Univ.	Minimum 3 years experience working on violence against women issues in a Govt./Non-Govt. Project/Programme.	12,000/- (each)	Females only
4	IT Staff (2) (Gen-1 and SC-1)	Graduate with PGDCA OR Graduation in IT from recognised Univ.	Minimum 3 years experience in Data Management, process documentation and web based reporting, formats, Video conferencing in either at the level of State/District Non-Government/IT based organization.	15,000/- (each)	Females/ Male
5	Counsellor (1)	Masters in social work OR Clinical Psychology from recognised Univ.	Atleast 3 years experience of working as a counselor/psychotherapist in a reputed Mental Health Institute/Clinic at the District/State level.	15,000/-	Females only
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## By the way...



**ROBO-GURU:** Pete, the hand-shaped speaking robot. PTI

### Low-cost 'social' robot gives hygiene lessons

**New Delhi:** Pete, a hand-shaped speaking robot mounted on a wall near a handwashing station at Chithragiri Government Primary School in Wayanad, has been teaching the 100-odd SC/ST students of the school how to wash their hands in accordance with WHO standards, researchers announced on Global Handwashing Day on Tuesday. Costing around Rs 7,000, Pete was developed by researchers from the University of Glasgow in Scotland in collaboration with the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University in Kerala. PTI

### 4 held for TikTok video inside police station

**Palanpur:** Four men have been arrested for shooting a video inside a police station and uploading it on popular video-sharing site TikTok in Gujarat's Banaskantha district. Five persons had been called for questioning after the police received a complaint about a fight on Sunday, said Sub-Inspector SS Rane of Agthala police station. While one of them was being questioned, others, who were sitting in another room, shot a video, he said. After they were let off, the accused posted the video on TikTok, Rane said. PTI

### Notice to WhatsApp admins for code violation

**Nanded:** Election authorities in Maharashtra have issued notices to administrators of 12 WhatsApp groups for alleged violation of the model code of conduct, an official said on Tuesday. The notices were served following complaints received by the Nanded district administration of poll campaigning-related posts being circulated on these WhatsApp groups ahead the next week's state Assembly elections, he said. PTI

### Top HRD Ministry official Rina Ray replaced

**New Delhi:** In a sudden change of guard in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Rina Ray has been repatriated to her parent cadre "with immediate effect". The 1984 batch officer was Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy. A year junior to Ray, Amit Khare has now been given the additional responsibility for Ray's post. Sources said Ray was found wanting on the delivery of certain key schemes under the department. There was no official word on the sudden move to repatriate Ray. TNS

### Air India becomes first airline to use Taxibot

**New Delhi:** Air India on Tuesday became the first airline in the world by inducting pilot-controlled semi-robotic device to tow A320 aircraft from parking bay to runway with passengers onboard. Calling the robotic device Taxibot, a senior AI official said it was a robot-controlled aircraft tractor, which was used for taxiing an aircraft from parking bay to runway and vice-versa. AI Chairman Ashwani Lohani flagged off Mumbai-bound flight AI665 to runway using Taxibot at terminal-3 of the Delhi airport. TNS

# Atwood, Evaristo joint Booker winners

Jury breaks rule by declaring a tie, the first since 1992

**LONDON, OCTOBER 15** Canadian author Margaret Atwood and British writer Bernardine Evaristo jointly won the prestigious 2019 Booker Prize on Monday after judges broke the rules by declaring a tie, the first since 1992.

British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie's tragicomic 'Quichotte' was among the six books shortlisted for the prize. The Booker rules say the prize must not be divided, but the judges insisted they "couldn't separate" Atwood's 'The Testament' and 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Evaristo.

The rules were changed after the last tie in 1992, and organisers told this year's judges that they were not allowed to pick two winners.

But after five hours of deliberations, Peter Florence, the chair of the five-member judging panel, said: "It was

our decision to flout the rules." The judges said they strongly wanted both the authors to split the £50,000 award at a gala ceremony at Guildhall here. "The more we talked about them, the more we found we loved them both so much we wanted them both to win," Florence said.

Atwood joked to her co-winner: "I would have thought I would have been too elderly, and I kind of don't need the attention, so I'm very glad that you're getting some. It would have been quite embarrassing for me... if I had been alone here, so I'm very pleased that you're here too."

Evaristo said, "We black British women know that if we don't write ourselves into literature no one else will. It's so incredible to share this with Margaret Atwood, who's such a legend and so generous."

The others shortlisted included Lucy Ellmann for 'Ducks, Newburyport', Chigozie Obioma for 'An Orchestra of Minorities', and Elif Shafak for '10 Minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World'. The 2019 shortlist had been selected from 151 submitted books published in the UK or Ireland between October 2018 and September 2019.

On Rushdie's 'Quichotte' the judging panel commented, "A picaresque tour-de-force of contemporary America, with all its alarms and craziness. Rushdie conjures a celebration of storytelling and language that will delight lovers of Cervantes, lovers of daytime television and lovers of life."

Last year's winner was Northern Irish writer Anna Burns for 'Milkman', which has sold around 546,500 copies in all formats since the award. — PTI



Margaret Atwood with Bernardine Evaristo in London. REUTERS

### PENNING DOWN MANY RECORDS

**1** Canadian author Margaret Atwood, 79, is the oldest ever Booker winner

**2** British writer Bernardine Evaristo, 60, is first black woman to win the award

### THIRD TIE SINCE CREATION OF THE AWARD

Created in 1969, the Booker Prize was jointly awarded to Nadine Gordimer and Stanley Middleton in 1974 and to Michael Ondaatje and Barry Unsworth in 1992

### AMONG CHOSEN 6, BUT RUSHDIE MISSES OUT

■ British-Indian novelist Salman Rushdie's tragicomic 'Quichotte' was among the six books shortlisted for the prize

■ This was the fifth time that the Mumbai-born novelist was shortlisted

■ In 1981, he had bagged the award for 'Midnight's Children'

■ Rushdie's latest work is inspired by the classic 'Don Quixote' by 16th century Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes

### £50,000

Award money (₹45.26 lakh) to be shared by Atwood and Evaristo; prize supported for first time this year by venture capitalist Michael Moritz and novelist wife Harriet Heyman's charitable foundation Crankstart, rather than Man Group

## Gear up for tech warfare, DRDO told

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15** National Security Adviser Ajit Doval along with Chiefs of three services on Tuesday asked the Defence Research and Development Organisation to be ready for future wars entailing different technology and suggested what conflict could mean some years down the line.

The NSA and the three Chiefs along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh were at the DRDO 'Directors Conference' here. "The two-day conference that began today will debate multiple issues," said DRDO Chairman Dr G Sateesh Reddy as the country's top defence scientists heard out what the forces wanted. The conference will be deliberating the way forward and the future needs. It will see industry collaboration, service requirements and how the academia will pitch in.

"Start preparing for a non-contact war... If you don't think now, it will be too late," said Army Chief General Bipin Rawat, asking the DRDO to focus on cyber, space, laser, robotics and artificial intelligence. Air Chief



Marshal RKS Bhadauria, Air Force Chief, suggested, "In five years, no one will talk about stealth. The radar development is such that it will pick up even 'low radar cross section' (military parlance for picking up stealth features). We will need data fusion, superb radars and ability to quickly launch missiles."

The IAF Chief, who has been a test pilot for light combat aircraft Tejas was effusive in praise. "The LCA helped technology grow, it's the best

we have. The fly by wire and composites that are now 40 percentage of the structures will help in future," he said.

Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh made specific suggestions. He said the goal of getting local products to replace imported ones was best left to industry and the DRDO could focus on state-of-the-art weapons. "See, how an organisation like the DARPA of the US became a reality," he said. The DARPA (Defense Advanced Research

## SC judge trashes social media drive for recusal

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

"I will be the first person to sacrifice if the integrity of institution is at stake. I am not biased and don't get influenced by anything on earth. If I am satisfied that I am biased, then only I will recuse myself from hearing this case," a visibly upset Justice Arun Mishra said after senior counsel Shyam Divan sought his recusal from a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by him hearing petitions on certain issues under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013.

Divan, representing certain farmers, objected to Justice Mishra being part of the Bench, saying judicial propriety demanded he should not be its part as it was looking into the correctness of a verdict delivered by him. A judge could not sit in appeal of his own judgment, he added.

"It is not an appeal against the verdict in which I was the party... I may change or correct my view, if persuaded," Justice Mishra said, adding the Bench was sitting to interpret provision of law, and not to see the correctness of earlier verdicts. Justice Mishra took exception to the demand

### ISSUE NOT SO SIMPLE

“This issue is different. It is not so simple. Letters are being written. Social media posts are there. Articles are being written in newspapers. You and I know what the issue is. I can tell you but not in open court.” Justice Arun Mishra

for his recusal, saying, "Entire institution... the Chief Justice of India is being maligned on social media. If anyone can be maligned like this, then how will the court decide the issue? Then all of us, not only Justice Arun Mishra, are disqualified," he said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta objected to the demand for recusal: "The prayer is not for undermining a single judge, but entire Constitution Bench judges. There is a pattern wherein two days before important matters, an article appears on social media and newspapers, intending to influence hearings. Nobody takes social media seriously, but this pattern should be taken seriously". — TNS

## NASAmayhave reply on moon lander Vikram

CHENNAI, OCTOBER 15

Has the Indian moon lander Vikram been found or not is a question that the US space agency NASA will soon be able to answer.

A NASA official had earlier said in New York that on October 14, its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) would fly over the site, where Vikram might have landed.

The US space agency had earlier said its LRO had passed over the landing site of Vikram on September 17 and acquired a set of high-resolution images of the area.

However, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC) team was not able to locate or image the lander, NASA had said. "It was dusk when the landing area was imaged and thus large shadows covered much of the terrain; it is possible that the Vikram lander is hiding in a shadow. The lighting will be favourable when LRO passes over the site in October and once again attempts to locate and image the lander."

NASA said Vikram attempted a landing on a small patch of lunar highland smooth plains between Simpelius N and Manzinus C craters. This event was India's first attempt at a soft landing on the Moon. The US agency said Vikram's targeted landing site was located about 600 kilometers (370 miles) from the south pole in a relatively ancient terrain. — IANS

## Is Ganguly BJP's Bengal plan against Mamata?

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Is former India captain and the new BCCI president Sourav Ganguly the BJP's plan for West Bengal where chief Amit Shah wants to unsettle TMC's Mamata Banerjee around 2021?

As far as Shah is concerned, he is pretty confident of the BJP forming the next government in the state without any help from Ganguly, whom he though welcomed into the saffron party in case the ace cricketer so wished.

While given the party's performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections (it won 18 of the 42 seats in the state), the BJP is in a rather happy place, or so insist top leaders, "but then there is no harm in having some extra-padding".

After all, state elections are contested on local issues and it would certainly not hurt having a well respected Bengali icon by its side.

Yesterday, Ganguly along with BCCI's secretary-elect Jay Shah, son of the Home Minister, and other nominated office-bearers filed nomi-



nation for the post of BCCI president unopposed. It will be a short tenure but his name would be etched in the BCCI history. The new team assumes office on October 23.

Though Shah claimed there has been no deal with Ganguly over BCCI presidency, sources say he met

the Home Minister before the jigsaw finally fell into place.

Shah yesterday said he wasn't the one to decide who will be BCCI president. He also said there has been no such deal or talks between them and "it was just bad-mouthing Ganguly".

Interestingly, Ganguly's known rendezvous with Shah did not stop West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to heap praises on him. "Heartiest congratulations to @SGanguly99 for being unanimously elected @BCCI President. Wish you

all the best for your term. You have made India and #Bangla proud. We were proud of your tenure as CAB President. Looking forward to a great new innings," Banerjee wrote on her Twitter account. Given their tremendous popularity among masses, cricketers do make a safe bet for any political party like film stars. Over the years, several Indian cricketers have made their foray into politics with varying degrees of success, the latest being Gautam Gambhir who joined the BJP and won from Delhi.

## Mumbai Sikhs optimistic about PMC Bank revival

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

The reports of assets worth hundreds of crores being seized from the Wadhawan family and office-bearers of the troubled PMC Bank Limited have sparked off optimism among members of Mumbai's Sikh community.

"PMC Bank is not closing down. The depositors' money is absolutely safe and the bank has enough assets as collateral that can be sold to recover money lent to borrowers," says Tara Singh, BJP MLA from Mulund in Mumbai.

According to Singh, his father Partap Singh was one of the founders of the bank that was founded in the



PMC depositors at a march for late Sanjay Gulati, in Mumbai. PTI

1980s to cater to small businessmen like transporters and taxi drivers from the Sikh community.

Though Singh is not an office-bearer in the bank, his son Rajneet was one of its directors. The BJP has not fielded Tara Singh in next

week's Assembly elections and efforts by him to get the party ticket for Rajneet failed because of the latter's link to PMC Bank.

Tara Singh refuses to speak on what went wrong at the PMC Bank and its close links to the Wadhwan family, pro-

motors of Housing and Development Infrastructure Limited (HDIL), which is facing bankruptcy.

He, however, insisted that his son Rajneet had nothing to do with the day-to-day administration of the bank. "The day-to-day administration of the bank was handled by Managing Director Joy Thomas and other bank employees," says Singh.

Prominent leaders of the Sikh community who have been meeting in Mumbai ever since the Reserve Bank of India announced restrictions on money withdrawal by depositors last month have been discussing various measures to help rescue the bank.

"We are in the process of col-

lecting information from the depositors and we will file a petition in the High Court," says Raghuraj Singh Gill, president, Guru Singh Sabha.

Leaders of the Sikh community who are in touch with the Mumbai police feel assets being seized from the former office-bearers of the bank and the Wadhawans' funds could be restored.

Investigators from the economic offences wing of the Mumbai police claim to have attached plots of land, hotels, commercial and residential properties belonging to the Wadhawans and former office-bearers of the bank — former Chairman Waryam Singh and former MD Joy Thomas.

## India for Interpol notice against 3 Khalistan ultras

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

After successfully getting Red Corner Notice (RCN) against eight Khalistani militants, Indian agencies are now pushing the Interpol to do the same in case of three more, including KCF chief Hardeep Singh Nijjer, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) chief Wadhawa Singh Babbar and his deputy Mehal Singh.

Sources said Wadhawa had personally supervised the assassination of the late Punjab CM Beant Singh on August 31, 1995. He is also believed to have masterminded the January 2004 escape of assassination-accused Jagtar Singh Hawara from Buraill Jail in Chandigarh.

It is learnt that all of them are currently in Pakistan and their extradition requests are pending. "If we manage Interpol RCN against them, we will be able to restrict their movement," said a senior IPS officer. The Interpol has issued RCN against eight militants, including Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) leader Harmeet Singh alias PhD (Pakistan); Gurbatwant Singh Pannun (face of

### KCF's Hardeep Nijjer, BKI's Wadhawa Babbar, Mehal Singh on radar

banned organisation Sikhs for Justice), Gurjit Singh Cheema and Gurpreet Singh (Canada); Jagdish Singh Bhura (Belgium) and Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) leader Gurmit Singh Bagga alias Doctor (Germany).

In its investigation, the NIA has found that PhD, Pannun and Cheema were behind the killing of RSS and Shiv Sena leaders in Punjab in 2016-17.

Investigators who probed arms-drop case in Punjab by Pakistan using drones said Bagga's brother Gurdev was taken into custody by the state police for his alleged involvement in the incident as it was believed that he worked for KZF chief Ranjeet Singh Neeta and the ISI.

At a conference of the chiefs of anti-terrorist squads yesterday, the NIA had claimed Khalistani terror groups were emerging new threat again with the help of Pakistan. — TNS