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## Ayodhya hearing ends, SC verdict expected by Nov 15

**SATYA PRAKASH**  
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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16**  
After 40 days of marathon day-to-day hearing, the Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, hearing the matter since August 6, reserved the verdict and asked the parties to make written submissions within three days on 'moulding of relief' or narrowing down of relief.

The Bench, which also included Justice SA Bobde, Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice S Abdul Nazeer, is seized of 14 cross-appeals against the Allahabad High Court's September 30, 2010, judgment equally dividing the 2.77-acre disputed land between Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and Muslims. While the appeals were filed in 2010 itself, the matter could not be taken

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### WHAT THE THREE MAIN PARTIES CONTEND

#### RAM LALLA

- Faith of millions of Hindus attached, who believe Lord Ram born in Ayodhya
- Hindus praying there for centuries
- ASI's excavations confirm temple beneath mosque
- Muslim parties' adverse possession claim proves land not with them earlier

#### NIRMOHI AKHARA

- Devotee of Lord Ram for several centuries; has management and "shebaiti right" over disputed land
- Land in its possession for several decades — Muslim parties too admit it
- Puja done by pujari appointed by it in the past

#### SUNNI WAQF BOARD

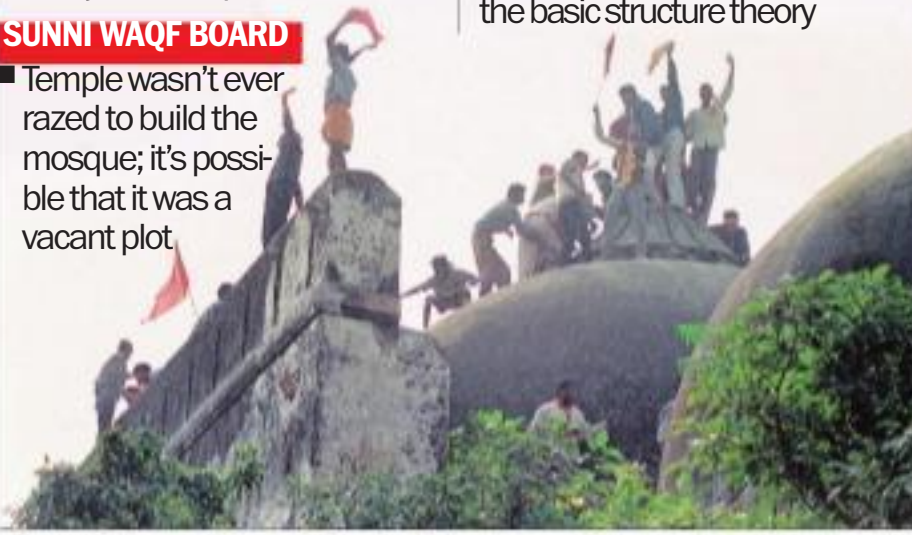
- Temple wasn't ever razed to build the mosque; it's possible that it was a vacant plot

- Ram born in Ayodhya, but not at the disputed site
- Once a mosque always a mosque (relies on historians' report, as also adverse possession)
- Status quo ante Dec 6, 1992, demolition of Babri mosque be restored

#### 2ND-LONGEST HEARING



Ayodhya case has become India's second longest oral hearing, the first being the historic Keswananda Bharti (1973) case that went on for 68 working days and led to propounding of the basic structure theory



## Mediation panel 'files' settlement agreement

Likely to be considered during in-chamber hearing today

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**NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 16**  
Amid speculation over a possible amicable solution to the vexed dispute at Ayodhya, the UP Sunni Waqf Board is said to have agreed to give up its claim on the disputed site, if Muslims' interests were protected.

The board is understood to have demanded 22 dilapidated mosques be reconstructed, sources said. It has also demanded Muslims be allowed to offer namaz in mosques under the control of ASI. A settlement agreement to this effect is understood to have been filed in the top court by the mediation panel led by Justice FMI Kalifulla. A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by the CJI is likely to consider the mediation panel's report at in-chamber hearing tomorrow.

Sources said Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas and Ram Lalla had not signed the agreement, neither had some of the Muslim parties. A report from Lucknow too said UP Sunni Central Waqf Board



Mahant Ramdas of Nirmohi Akhara & Jamaat Ulama-e-Hind chief, fm

#### 'MUSLIMS FOR PEACE' HAD PROPOSED...

- Handing over the land with the Muslims to the Centre
- Status quo of religious places since 1947 at other places
- Juma namaz at various religious monuments under ASI

#### COUNSEL TEARS MAP

Counsel for Muslim parties Rajeev Dhavan tore up a pictorial map showing the exact birthplace of Lord Ram during the hearings in the Supreme Court on Wednesday. PAGE 7

#### 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi-led Bench made it clear that it would conclude the hearing by Wednesday, saying: "This matter is going to be finished today by 5 pm. Enough is enough."

chief ZA Farooqui had written to the mediation panel, listing conditions. The contents of the letter were not shared. A mention of it was made at the October 10 meet-

## Pakistan to stay on FATF grey list

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 16

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided, in principle, to keep Pakistan in grey list till February 2020, directing Islamabad to take extra measures for complete elimination of terror-financing and money-laundering, according to media reports.

At a meeting in Paris on Tuesday, it reviewed measures taken by Pakistan so far, Dawn News reported. A formal announcement about the interim developments will be made on Friday—the last day of the FATF's ongoing session, the report said.

The final decision on Pakistan's position will be taken in February 2020. But Pakistan's Finance Ministry spokesperson Omar Hameed Khan rejected the reports, saying "it is not true and nothing before October 18 (can be confirmed)". — PTI

## Punjab trader killed in Valley

ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 16

A Punjab-based apple trader was killed and another injured in a militant attack in Shopian district this evening.

Charanjeet Singh, 41, from Ferozepur and Sanjeev Kumar, 24, from Gurdaspur districts were shot at Trenz village by a group of militants

3 MILITANTS SHOT

around 7.30 pm, police said. They were taken to the district hospital, where Charanjeet succumbed. Sanjeev's condition was stated to be critical.

In Pulwama, SK Sagar, a 22-year-old labourer from Chhattisgarh, was shot at a brick kiln. Three militants were killed and a soldier injured in a gunfight in Puzalpora area of Bijnbehara in Anantnag. — TNS & PTI

## Registration from Oct 20 for Kartarpur

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**DERA BABA NANAK, OCTOBER 16**

Dismissing apprehensions over scheduled completion of work on the Indian side of the Kartarpur corridor, the government today said an online registration portal for pilgrims would become functional from next Monday.

Talking to a media team from Delhi at zero line on the International Border (IB), Additional Secretary in the MHA and chairman of Land Port Authority of India (LPAI) Govind Mohan said, "I want to say that we will prove wrong all those who doubted us on meeting the work completion deadline. I am absolutely confident that the entire project, including the road construction and passenger terminal building work, will be completed as per schedule on October 31."

Claiming that subject to the final agreement between

## PSBs were worse off under Singh, Rajan: FM

**NEW YORK, OCTOBER 16**  
Public sector banks had the "worst phase" under the "combination" of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and ex-RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan, and giving the ailing banks a "lifeline" was her primary duty now, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Delivering a lecture here on Tuesday, the Finance Minister said: "It was during Rajan's time that loans were

with bad loans and the Centre has been taking measures to address the issue.

In August, the government announced capital infusion of Rs 70,000 crore for PSBs. "Besides, 10 PSBs are being consolidated into four," Sitharaman said.

Delivering a lecture here on Tuesday, the Finance Minister said: "It was during Rajan's time that loans were

#### \$5 TN REALISABLE

India has become a \$2.7 tn economy, having added \$1 tn. The \$5 tn aim by 2024-25 is challenging, but realisable. Nirmala Sitharaman, fm

given just based on phone calls from crony leaders and public sector banks in India till today are depending on

the government's equity infusion to get out of that mire. Dr Singh was the Prime Minister then.

"I'm sure Dr Rajan will agree that Dr Singh would have had a 'consistent articulated vision' for India," the Finance Minister said delivering a lecture at the Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. — PTI

### NO SPECIAL TREATMENT

**Patiala: SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal on Wednesday said all VIPs, including PM Modi, would participate in Guru Nank's 550th birth anniversary celebrations at Sultanpur Lodhi as 'sangat'. "No one will be given special place on the stage," he said. Claiming the stage would be set from November 1, he said government and SGPC were together in celebrating the event. TNS**

India and Pakistan on operationalising the corridor, Mohan said the LPAI, which will eventually manage the facilities at the port, "will launch an online registration portal on October 20".

On how pilgrims will be allotted date and time to undertake pilgrimage, he said, "Yes we have a limit of 5,000 pilgrims per day. So, we will follow the Railways reservation system of first come, first served."

### 'Surgical strike on corrupt'



TANWAR BACKS DUSHYANT, BLASTS CONG

We have laid land mines and the arrogant (Cong leaders) are bound to step on these. We are launching surgical strike on corrupt leaders. Ashok Tanwar, CONG HRY EX-CHIEF PAGE 7

## Palwal headed for photo-finish

**BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR**  
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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16**  
Palwal seems headed for a photo-finish, a repeat of 2014. Congress' Karan Singh Dalal and BJP's Deepak Mangla, the CM's outgoing political secretary, are locked in a fierce neck and neck fight here. In 2014, Mangla had lost by 5,642

**HARYANA POLLS**

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IN HOODA BASTION, VILLAGERS CONFIDENT HE'LL BE BACK  
DUSHYANT MOVES HIGH COURT FOR SECURITY

votes in a triangular contest, with the INLD's Subhash Chaudhary on the third spot.

Chaudhary, who is a Gujjar, has since joined the BJP.

"Both Dalal and Mangla are going strong. The winning margin is expected to be not more than 4,000-5,000 votes," observes Lelu Ram, a resident of Kushak village. "As Chaudhary didn't get the ticket, so Gujjars could be the

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## HC upholds conviction of 4 for Gikki murder

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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16**  
More than eight years after Gurkirat Sekhon, aka Gikki, was shot dead in Jalandhar, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today upheld the conviction and life term awarded to four convicts by the trial court.

Gikki was allegedly shot in

**GRUESOME KILLING**

**Night of April 20-21, 2011: Gikki shot in Jalandhar's Model Town around 12.45 am**

**April 21, 2011: FIR filed under various sections of the IPC and the Arms Act. The trial was later shifted out to Gurdaspur on the HC orders.**

front of his father on April 21, 2011. The case came as an embarrassment for the then SAD-led government as the young hotelier from Jalandhar, Gikki, was allegedly targeted by former MLA Sarabjit Makkar's nephew Ramsimran Singh Makkar, aka Prince Makkar, also an SAD councillor.

The four, Prince Makkar,

Amardeep Singh (alias Sunny), Jasdeep Singh Jassu and Amarpreet Singh Narula, had moved the HC after a Gurdaspur court sentenced them to life imprisonment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder and common intention under Sections 304(1) and 34 of the IPC in August 2015.

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### Wrestler Punia fires his coach

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16**  
With only nine months to go for the Olympic Games, wrestler Bajrang Punia, India's best bet to win a medal at Tokyo 2020, has parted ways with his longtime coach Shako Bentinidis of Georgia.

Punia could get a replacement soon. Cuba's Yandro Miguel Quintana, winner of the 60kg gold at the 2004 Athens Olympics, has been auditioning for the coach's job with the Indian star for the past few days. — TNS

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### IN BRIEF

#### Vatican dismisses plea by Kerala nun on expulsion

Kochi: The Vatican has dismissed an appeal by a Kerala nun, challenging the Franciscan Clarist Congregation decision to expel her for 'failing to give a satisfactory reply' on her lifestyle. Sister Lucy Kalappura was expelled in August. BACK PAGE

#### Headmaster suspended over Urdu prayers in UP school

Pilibhit: The headmaster of a government-run school was suspended after the VHP complained he was making children recite an Urdu prayer. But Furkan Ali, the headmaster of Bisalpur Primary School, pointed out kids were also reciting 'Saraswati Vandana'. PTI

## Sukhbir: Respect proposal for joint function

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 16  
Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday said he respected the government's offer to celebrate 550th Gurburb under the aegis of Akal Takht.

He claimed that his party had been battling for holding joint celebrations from the beginning.

"But what pained me is the fact that barely two hours after his ministers had presented the letter to Akal Takht Jathedar, Captain (Amarinder Singh) told the media that the SGPC could take care of religious events inside the gurdwara, while the state would look after the function outside it," he said.

"The entire Sikh Sangat all over the world wants joint celebrations and Capt Amarinder should not put any rider or condition on his offer for celebrating it under the command of Akal Takht," he added. — PTI

## SAD misusing Takht, SGPC: Ex-Jathedar

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 16  
Former Akal Takht Jathedar Bhai Ranjit Singh has accused the SAD of misusing Akal Takht and the SGPC for political gains. He claimed that following a rift with the BJP in Haryana, the SAD made the Jathedar to issue an anti-RSS statement.

He said during his tenure in 1999, he had directed to hold the Khalsa Sajna Diwas jointly, but the then SAD government, had differences with late SGPC president Gurcharan Singh Tohra and did not obey him. He also accused the SGPC of misusing funds. — TNS

# Day after CM's offer, Jathedar says will review SGPC events

**JOINT FESTIVITIES** Final decision after high priests' meet on Oct 21



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AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 16

Acting on Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's initiative for joint celebrations of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev at Sultanpur Lodhi, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh today directed the SGPC to submit the detail of programmes chalked by it to mark the occasion.

The issue is expected to reach a conclusion as the Jathedar has announced to take the viewpoint of five high priests, who are scheduled to meet at Akal Takht secretariat on October 21.

He stated that the SGPC had planned various programmes commencing from

"The SGPC has planned various events starting November 1, which will be reviewed. As per Guru's philosophy of 'Sanjhi Varta', efforts will be made to hold joint events

Giani Harpreet Singh, JATHEDAR, AKAL TAKHT



**WILL FOLLOW TAKHT DIRECTIONS: LONGOWAL**

SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal said they would act as per directions of the Akal Takht Jathedar. He said all VIPs, including the PM, would participate in the Gurburb celebrations at Sultanpur Lodhi as 'sangat' and no one would be given special place on the stage. He also said the government and the SGPC were together in celebrating the historical event.

November 1 to 12, which would be reviewed. He also said as per Guru Nanak's philosophy of "Sanjhi Varta" (collective voice), efforts would be made to hold joint programmes for one or two days.

As of now, there are separate venues at Sultanpur Lodhi. The SGPC has hired Guru Nanak Stadium, located at a distance of 100 yards from Gurdwara Ber Sahib to hold the key events. The government has erected a tent city by spending Rs 52 crore at the backside of the

historical gurdwara for the event. It is for Akal Takht to decide the final stage where the main event of November 12 would be held.

The CM had yesterday proposed to hold the main events for two days at Sultanpur Lodhi on November 11 and 12 under the patronage of Akal Takht and in collaboration with the SGPC. As per the proposal, no political speeches would be allowed at the main function, during which only the jathedars of the five Takhts,

the head priest of Golden Temple, the PM (or any senior representative of the Centre), former PM Dr Manmohan Singh, the CM and SGPC president would be present on the stage.

The SGPC has scheduled various gurmat programmes and dharmik sammelans at Gurdwara Ber Sahib, which is expected to be attended by Chief Ministers of various states.

Meanwhile, SGPC chief Gobind Singh Longowal today said all VIPs would be treated as 'sangats'. The stage would be set from November 1, he said, adding that the government and the SGPC were together in celebrating the historical event. He said the SGPC would act as per directions of the Akal Takht Jathedar.

He, however, stressed that the SGPC had been organising religious programmes and key representatives of ruling state government, irrespective of the party lines, participated in it.

# Film on Guru Nanak screened at LA fest

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BATHINDA, OCTOBER 16

Over 200 guests watched a documentary on Guru Nanak Dev at the Awareness Film Festival in Los Angeles on Sunday. The film received a thunderous applause at the Regal Theater. Many leaders of various religions joined in this celebratory moment for the Sikhs and they prayed at the conclusion.

The weeklong Awareness Film festival, which brings films from all over the

world on various social and cultural causes, featured Guru Nanak documentary on the final day.

Dr Rajwant Singh, co-founder and senior adviser of National Sikh Campaign (NSC), said, "The response of the audience assures us that this film will have an impact in educating Americans and the world about Guru Nanak and his contributions. There is total ignorance about him among masses and this gap will be filled by this initiative." The NSC helped support this project and many Sikhs from the US and other parts of the world have contributed. Dr Surinder Kaur Dargan, main organiser of the film's release, welcomed guests, saying, "This is a thrilling moment for Sikhs. We have been waiting for this kind of film to spread the word about the founder of our faith."

Film director Jerry Krell said, "It was a great learning and a humbling experience to work on this film and I wanted the world to know about Guru Nanak." Public Broadcasting Ser-

vice will facilitate the showing of this documentary on 200 TV stations all over the US in the coming months.

Besides narrating Guru's history and key teachings, the documentary features reputable authors and articulate speakers like Bob Thurman, a Buddhist scholar, Dr Vrajivari Saran, a Hindu scholar from Georgetown University, Ambassador Navtej Sarna, author of a book on Guru Nanak, and Roopinder Singh, Associate Editor of The Tribune, India.



The under-construction Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Dera Baba Nanak. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## BSF presence up at corridor site, but sans lodging facility

Randhawa says will take up matter with LPAL officials

RAVI DHALIWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DERA BABA NANAK, OCTOBER 16

The BSF, which has been tasked with securing the Kartarpur corridor, is facing acute shortage of accommodation. Senior officers are grappling with the logistical dilemma of lodging an extra battalion, comprising of nearly 1,000 personnel, needed for the purpose.

After the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) asked the force to protect the passage, Integrated Check Post (ICP) and to ensure that the 20,000 odd pilgrims, who will be staying back every day after 5,000 cross over, remain safe, its officers have been holding regular meeting to find a solution.

A DIG-rank officer said the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) had washed its hands off the matter saying it could build permanent quarters only in the last phase. "Right now, the construction activity that falls in the first phase is going on and nobody knows when the third phase will start.

"The Land Ports Authority of India has washed its hands off the matter saying it could build permanent quarters for the BSF personnel only in the last phase

BSF officer

Till then, where will our soldiers stay?" he asked.

The number of personnel to be actually deployed at the corridor on a day-to-day basis remains in the realms of speculation.

Officers say it all depends upon situations evolving daily. The force is thinking of establishing a tent city in its border outpost (BoP) Shikhar Massian, 8 km from the corridor.

"Providing security cover is going to be a gigantic task in itself. On November 12, when the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev is celebrated, more than 40,000 people are expected to come to Dera Baba Nanak. All we can do is to keep our fingers crossed and

pray for some divine intervention," said an officer on duty at the site.

Cabinet Minister Sukhinder Singh Randhawa, who is supervising the construction of the corridor, said he was aware of the problem. "I have asked the LPAI to take up the matter on a priority. After all, security is a matter of paramount importance and in no way should it be compromised," he said.

Many were thinking that the CISF would be given charge of the security. However, officers claimed that the force was trained to do duty only at airports and not at a dry port like the corridor. The BSF is already providing security at the Attari-Wagah check post.

Meanwhile, the MHA flew in a delegation of journalists from New Delhi today. The scribes were taken to the zero-line where LPAI chairman Govind Mohan addressed a press conference, barely 50 m from the border. Later, a power-point presentation was also given.



SAD president Sukhbir Badal addresses an election rally at Mukerian on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

## Alliance with BJP strong as ever, claims Sukhbir

ASHOK KAURA

PHAGWARA/MUKERIAN, OCT 16

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said the SAD-BJP alliance was in the national as well as state's interest. He claimed that their ties with the saffron party were permanent in Punjab.

Addressing poll rallies at Phagwara and Mukerian in support of BJP candidates Rajesh Bagha and Jangi Lal Mahajan, respectively, the SAD president said the alliance was a symbol of peace and communal harmony in Punjab. He said some parties were spreading rumours of a rift between the allies to take political mileage in the forthcoming bypolls. "But the people of Punjab understand that the SAD and the BJP offer unconditional support to each other".

Sukhbir highlighted how the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had resolved long pending issues of the Sikh community. He claimed that it was due to the affirmative action of the NDA government due to which anti-Sikh riot cases were

## In Badal bastion, Capt slams Akalis over sacrilege

Says they are falsely claiming credit for corridor

**ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS**

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 16

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh took the high-profile Jalalabad segment by storm as he held a roadshow there. Hundreds of residents were seen standing on both sides of the road from where the procession passed.

Addressing mediapersons after the roadshow in favour of Congress candidate Raminder Singh Awla in Akali bastion, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder said, "Sukhbir's misconception that he has the people of

Jalalabad in his pockets will soon be shattered".

The roadshow began from Arniwala sub-tehsil and terminated at Udham Singh Chowk in Jalalabad town. Punjab Congress affairs incharge Asha Kumar and PPCC president Sunil Jakhar also accompanied the CM.

The CM lashed out at Sukhbir over his criticism of the state for pleading for the release of police personnel languishing in prisons for alleged human rights violations during the militancy period. Thousands of cops died in the line of duty at that time to protect Punjab and the nation, and the actions of these personnel was motivated by the need to fight militancy, he pointed out, adding that seeking their release on humanitar-

ian grounds was in line with Guru Nanak's philosophy of compassion and benevolence. "But you can't expect Sukhbir to understand this," he quipped.

Sukhbir and his party also came under attack from Capt Amarinder over their stance on Bargari sacrilege case. They had tried hard to get the case back to the CBI, but his government had successfully taken charge and would expose the truth at all costs, he vowed.

On the inaugural programme of the corridor, the CM dismissed Akali claims saying the programme was not being worked out by the SAD but by the Union Government, which was in talks with Pakistan. The corridor was a GoI project and the Akalis had no say in the matter, he added.

## Bala seeks sympathy votes, BJP warns voters

DEEPKAMAL KAUR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKERIAN, OCTOBER 16

On the eve of Karva Chauth, Congress candidate Indu Bala is out in bazaars of Hajipur area of bypoll-Mukerian Assembly seat. As she sees that women are buying bangles, getting henna applied on their hands and purchasing food items related to the festivities, she gets teary eyed, remembering her husband former MLA Rajneesh Babbi, who passed away two months ago.

"I too could have been one among them enjoying all those festivities, but the Almighty had something else in store for me. I am here this time, with a white dupatta on my head and canvassing for votes in the name of my deceased husband," she says



Congress Mukerian candidate Indu Bala (L) seeks votes from women at a shop at Hajipur near Mukerian in Hoshiarpur on the eve of Karva Chauth Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

as she seems fully aware on how to garner sympathy at this crucial juncture.

Even in the brochures

being distributed by her, she mentions about her husband's pending works, including setting up of a

degree college in town. On the other hand, BJP candidate Jangi Lal Mahajan is telling people not to get swayed away by her opponent's tears. "Indu Bala's husband got two tenures. Her father-in-law Dr Kewal Krishan ruled for seven terms. Both of them have left the area in backwardness. If they could not do anything, what do you expect from her?" he says.

Mahajan also knows how to deal with the caste issue, which too is in favour of the Congress candidate who hails from Changh community having 40,000 voters. He tells the crowd, "Do not think of me as a Mahajan (the community has a thin population here). I am here to serve all of you, be it the Rajputs or the Sikhs or the Hindus."

## Rebel MLA Baldev returns to AAP

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16

The Aam Aadmi Party today got a shot in the arm, with its rebel Jaitu MLA Master Baldev Singh coming back into the party fold. Baldev's entry in the party was made possible by another MLA Kulwant Singh Pandori, who represents Mehal Kalan.

AAP Punjab president Bhagwant Mann and MLA Baldev held a meeting in Raiyan village near Bhaini Sahib in Ludhiana today, following which the rebel MLA announced his decision to come back.

In a message on social media, Master Baldev Singh said he has realised that the

AAP was the only outfit which thinks about the welfare of Punjab and Punjabis. "I met Bhagwant Mann today. I am impressed by his large heartedness."

Master Baldev had rebelled against the AAP leadership along with Sukhpal Singh Khaira. He had resigned from the party and had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 General Election from Faridkot as a candidate of the Punjabi Ekta Party.

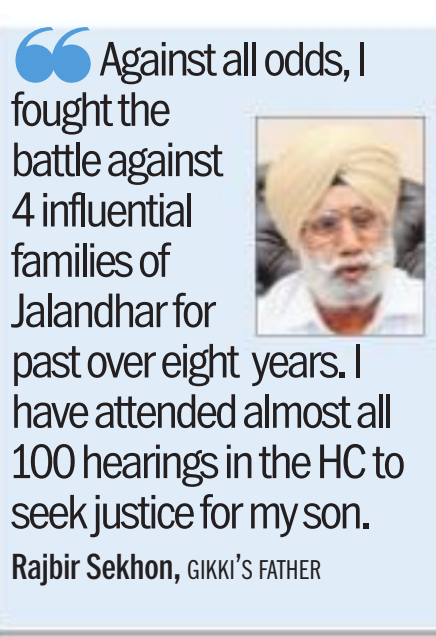
Though Master Baldev had not resigned as MLA, the AAP moved an application before Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP, seeking his disqualification, but the decision has been kept pending by the Speaker to date.

# Justice done after tough legal battle: Gikki's father

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 16

Rajbir Singh Sekhon, father of Gurkirat Sekhon Gikki, expressed satisfaction over decision of the Punjab and Haryana Court to uphold life imprisonment against the four accused in the case.



Against all odds, I fought the battle against 4 influential families of Jalandhar for past over eight years. I have attended almost all 100 hearings in the HC to seek justice for my son. Rajbir Sekhon, GIKKI'S FATHER

“Against all odds, I fought the battle against four big families of Jalandhar for the past over eight years. I travelled from Jalandhar to Gurdaspur for every hearing in the first four years as the case was transferred there. I have attended almost all 100 hearings in the High Court to ensure justice for my son. I am grateful to the people of Jalandhar and the state for supporting me in the cause through various candlelight

under Section 302 of the IPC, he said, “This perhaps was the best remedy that we could have.”

While ex-Akali MLA Sarabjit Makkar’s nephew Prince Makkar remains behind the bars, the other three accused — Amardeep Singh alias Sunny, Jasdeep Singh Jassu and Amarpreet Singh Narula — are out on bail. Arwinder Singh, father of Jassu, who was granted bail by the High Court in September 2016, did not comment on the verdict. “I am yet to see the copy of the order, so we cannot say anything”. Asked where his son was, he replied, “He is on bail and out somewhere”.

Dinky Narula, brother of Amarpreet, refused to comment. Sarabjit Makkar said he was not maintaining any relation with Prince.

marches and Facebook campaigns,” he said.

A Gurdaspur court had sentenced the four accused to life imprisonment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder and common intention under Sections 304(1) and 34 of the IPC in August 2015. The HC today upheld the decision.

While earlier, Sekhon had been seeking conviction

# Pardon to convicted cops stirs row

Rights activists, politicians express concern; Capt justifies move

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16

A number of human rights organisations and group of lawyers today criticised the Punjab government for recommending premature release of several convicted cops who were out on bail or have spent few months in jail even if they were sentenced to life imprisonment. In a press conference, representatives from various organisations said the government should practice equality for law for all convicts. They argued that on the one side, families were demanding release of convicts languishing in prisons for two to three decades and on the other the government had recommended pardon to convicted cops despite spending few weeks in prison.

The organisations which opposed the government move are Punjab Human Rights

‘IN LINE WITH GURU’S PHILOSOPHY’

Thousands of cops died in the line of duty at that time to protect Punjab and the nation. Seeking their release on humanitarian grounds is in line with Guru Nanak’s philosophy of compassion and benevolence



Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

MANY WERE INVOLVED IN FAKE ENCOUNTERS: EX-MP

Dr Dharamvira Gandhi, former Patiala MP on Wednesday criticised the attempts being made by the government to pardon several police officials. “A majority of these officials were responsible in fake encounters and other heinous crimes. Various courts and commissions have already held them responsible for unlawful acts,” he alleged.

Organisation Chairman Justice Ajit Singh Bains, Punjab Documentation & Advocacy Project and Lawyers for Human Rights International, People’s Union for Civil Liberties.

They were referring to cases of 15 cops sent for remission to the Union Government by the Punjab Government on humanitarian grounds.

“The Punjab Government move to secretly release 15 police officers convicted of fake encounters and extrajudicial killings is unlawful, arbitrary and unconstitutional,” they said in a statement.

They disagreed with the state government contention that a “sympathetic view” or leniency should be shown

towards those convicted of heinous criminal offences.

They claimed that in majority of cases, the cops have never been dismissed from service and enjoyed all perks, salaries, in many cases pension throughout their career and have been supported by a secret fund even as convicted criminals.

Meanwhile, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today condemned the Chief Minister for recommending the premature release of cops guilty of killing innocent Sikh youth in fake encounters.

In a statement, he said, “Is this Capt Amarinder’s gift to the great Sikh community on the eve of the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak? These cops were convicted by courts on the charges of murder and in many cases they have not even served one-fourth of their sentences.”

# Pak intruder shot dead near Attari

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 16

The Border Security Force (BSF) today gunned down a Pakistani man, who tried to invade into this side of border through Samjhauta Express rail track near Rowalla village near Attari here.

A senior BSF official said the troops saw a man walking towards the zero line fencing through the rail track at Attari. When they challenged him, he did not stop. In retaliation, the BSF troops opened fire at him.

The BSF officials said since the Pakistani Rangers also reached near the track on the zero line, the firing was stopped. “We had to back out to avoid any further misadventure. Immediately, a flag meeting was called to discuss the issue,” said the BSF official.

# ASI, constable trade blows over parking

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 16

An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) and a constable entered into a scuffle over car parking in the Sangrur Police Lines. The ASI stays in quarter number 224 and constable in quarter number 133. The ASI, who got himself admitted to Civil Hospital, alleged that after performing his night duty, he parked his car in the Police Lines and constable Rajwinder Singh attacked him.



The injured ASI in hospital.

one who attacked him.

Sangrur Rural DSP Satpal Sharma said they had received the complaints. “Sangrur city-1 police station is conducting the probe. We will take a stern action on the basis of inquiry report,” he said. — TNS

# 3 cops arrested for skipping hearings

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, OCTOBER 16

The police today took into custody head constable Kuldeep Singh and constables Sarwan Singh and Sukhdev Singh, against whom non-bailable warrants were issued by the District and Sessions’ Court for not appearing as prosecution witnesses in a drug seizure case.

They had been “absconding” for the past over a month after the Punjab and Haryana High Court ordered to take them into protective custody for failing to appear in the court. The HC had also

refused to grant anticipatory bail to them.

Additional District and Sessions’ Judge Sonia Kirra had issued non-bailable warrants against them. They were also suspended from the service.

Today, the cops appeared before a local court, which ordered to send them to judicial custody. The police first took these cops into custody, formally arrested them and then sent them to a local jail.

As per the court record, the cops had been skipping court proceedings for the past over two years thus delaying the process of trial.

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER INDIAN AIR FORCE AIR FORCE STATION BHISIANA, BATHINDA

On behalf of the President of India, Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station Bhisiana, Bathinda SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for Procurement and Laying of 65 km Jelly Filled Unarmoured (100/50/20/10 pair) UG Cable (0.63/0.5 mm) at Air Force Bhisiana, Bathinda, Punjab as per the following details:

Tender ID: 2019\_IAF\_479428\_1 Dated 27 Sep 19

Sr. No.	Name of Work	PROCUREMENT AND LAYING OF 65 KM JELLY FILLED UNARMoured (100/50/20/10 PAIR) UG CABLE (0.63/0.5mm) AT AIR FORCE STATION BHISIANA, BATHINDA, PUNJAB.
2	Cost of Tender	Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only)
3	Place and timing of sale of tender documents and address from where the tender document could be downloaded	Tender documents can be obtained from Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station, Bhisiana, Bathinda, Punjab – 151201 within 28 days from date of publication of tender notice. It can also be downloaded from “CPPP(Central Public Procurement Portal)” and submitted with tender cost with the “Technical Bid” in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Air Force Public Fund Accounts, Bhisiana, Bathinda.
4	Place and timing of depositing the tender	“Tender Box” is placed at ‘Main Gate’ of Air Force Station, Bhisiana, Bathinda, Punjab – 151201. Tender should be deposited before 1000 h on 11 Nov 19 at Air Force Station Bathinda. Technical and Financial bids should be sealed separately.
5	Place, time and date for opening of Tenders	Tenders will be opened by Board of Officers at 1030 h. on 11 Nov 19 (closing day of Tender)
6	Delivery and completion period terms	Delivery of goods within 90 days from the date of signing of Contract and completion within 180 days from the date of Contract.
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	EMD of Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh only) in the form of FD, Demand Draft, Bankers Cheque, shall be furnished along with tender form payable to Air Force Public Fund Accounts, Bhisiana, Bathinda. EMD is to be attached with technical bid.
8	Annual Turnover	Intending vendors having an annual turnover of more than Rs. 7,00,00,000 (Rupees Seven Crore only) may obtain tender. A Certificate of completion of similar work should accompany the technical bid.

9. Description of items:

SI. No.	Nomenclature/Items	Unit	Qty
01	MDF fitted with iron frame, glass window, lock & key and in built light system for a capacity of 600 connections. It is to be provided with chemical earthing pit.	Ea	01
02	100 pair 0.5 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	11,000
03	50 pair 0.63 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	6,000
04	50 pair 0.5 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	5,550
05	20 pair 0.63 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	7,100
06	20 pair of 0.5 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	12,870
07	10 pair 0.5 mm jelly filled unarmoured cable.	mtrs	22,480
08	100 pairs jointing kits.	Ea	15
09	50 pairs jointing kits.	Ea	15
10	20 pairs jointing kits.	Ea	25
11	10 pairs jointing kits.	Ea	30
12	Termination Box 100 pair with krone module.	Ea	04
13	Termination Box 50 pair with krone module.	Ea	06
14	50 pair DP box with Krone module and lock and key.	Ea	18
15	Termination Box 20 pair with krone module.	Ea	18
16	20 pair DP box with Krone module and lock and key.	Ea	10
17	Termination Box 10 pair with krone module.	Ea	32
18	10 pair DP box with Krone module and lock and key.	Ea	10
19	50 pair pillar box with Krone Module.	Ea	04
20	20 pair pillar box with Krone Module.	Ea	06
21	Route Markers 4 ft (concrete) long painted yellow with “UG Cable 65 Km” written on it.	Ea	1300
22	Digging, laying, installation and commissioning of JFC as per BSNL standard (3.5 ft).	mtrs	64690
23	Road crossing with GI Pipe with 4 inches diameter.	Mtrs	310

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)**

The Executive Engineer HPSIDC Ltd. Shimla on behalf of Managing Director HPSIDC Ltd Shimla, hereby invites online item rate bids through electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors, registered in appropriate class with HPPWD, CPWD, I&PH, & HIMUDA, and other Govt. agency/organization on the schedule, term and conditions mentioned below.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated. Cost	Cost of Tender (i/c G.S.T.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Class
1.	Construction of mini service building at Ind. Area Gagret Distt. Una (HP)	Rs. 81,45,910/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs.1,63,000/-	Nine Months	A&B
2.	Construction of boundary wall around the proposed Murrah Buffalo Farm at Village Barnoh Distt. Una (HP).	Rs.71,69,732/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs.1,43,400/-	Six Months	B&C
3.	Construction of roads, road side drains and culverts at I.A. Pandoga Distt. Una (HP) (SH:- Construction of septic tank)	Rs.11,42,429/-	Rs.1300/-	Rs.22,900/-	Three Months	C&D
4.	Construction of stage and changing room at ITI complex Sunder Nagar Distt. Mandi (HP).	Rs. 9,13,748/-	Rs.1000/-	Rs.18,300/-	Six Months	C&D
5.	SRMO Industrial road and road side drain (Metalling and tarring) at Ind. Area Ratti Distt. Mandi (HP).	Rs.12,26,375/-	Rs.1400/-	Rs.24,500/-	Six Months	C&D
6.	Erection of retaining boundary wall and entry gate around Common Facility Centre Dharamapur at Seoh Distt. Mandi (HP).	Rs. 13,91,874/-	Rs.1500/-	Rs.27,900/-	Four Months	C&D
7.	Construction of school building at Govt. Sr. Sec. School Randal Distt. Kullu (HP).	Rs.12,26,314/-	Rs.1400/-	Rs.24,400/-	Six Months	C&D

**Schedule and terms and conditions :-**

Date and time for download of bidding documents from e-procurement portal.		Date & time for online submission of bids, required documents, cost of form and earnest money		Date & time of opening online Technical Bids/Financial bid.
From	To	From	To	
23.10.2019 11:00 AM	13.11.2019 5:00 PM	23.10.2019 11:00 AM	13.11.2019 5:00 PM	14.11.2019 11:00 AM

1. Time for Online submission of required documents, cost of form & earnest money is 23.10.2019 to 13.11.2019.
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be published on website only [https:// hptenders.gov.in](https://hptenders.gov.in)
3. The bids should be submitted online on website <https:// hptenders.gov.in>. Bidders should get registered themselves on website. <https:// hptenders.gov.in> The bids shall be opened in the office of Executive Engineer, HPSIDC Ltd; Shimla by the authorized officers.
4. Other details of the eligibility and qualification criteria as well as scope of work can be seen in the online bidding document. For detailed terms and conditions log on to website <https:// hptenders.gov.in>. The successful bidder shall get the work registered with the Labour Officer concerned and intimate the Labour Officer the amount of work awarded before start of execution of work if awarded.
5. Certificate for at least one similar type of work of minimum amount not less than 40% of estimated cost of this work in any Govt. Deptt. / Public sectors (without liquidated damage or compensation) in last Five years in respect of work at Sr. No. 1 to 7. The certificate should be issued by the concerned Executive Engineer/ competent authority.
6. Successful bidder shall submit geotechnical investigation reports if required and Structural Design/ working drawing duly vetted from Govt. Institute i.e. NIT or PEC to the concerned Engineer-in-charge within 25 days after issue of award letter. This shall be treated as incidental to work and noting shall be paid extra.
7. Contractor have to upload clear copies of all the documents. Copies not scanned properly or uploaded not clearly, will not be considered.
8. The bidder shall have to fulfill the requirements of EPF.
9. GST as applicable shall be paid by the contractor.
10. The Executive Engineer/competent authority reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the bids or withdrawn from tendering without assigning any reason thereto.
11. If the date of opening of tender is declared a holiday, the tender will be opened on next working day on same time.
12. Contractor has to submit the working programme/working schedule, name of authorized representative to received the instruction from the Engineer and sign the formal agreement with the Engineer-in-charge i.e. Executive Engineer within 15 days of award of work.

**Executive Engineer  
 HPSIDC Ltd. Shimla  
 for and on behalf of  
 the Managing Director.**

# After Majha, spike in farm fires in Malwa belt

Ferozepur, Patiala top defaulters as paddy harvest peaks | Dip in mercury to raise pollution further

AMAN SOOD  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PATIALA, OCTOBER 16** Already facing a spurt in farm fires in the border belt, the air quality in Punjab, and eventually Delhi, is sure to take a further hit with farmers starting to burn paddy stubble in the Malwa belt.

Ferozepur and Patiala saw maximum cases of stubble-burning in the Malwa belt which recorded over 128 of the total 258 farm fires in the state.

The Delhi Government today shared an image from NASA, showing large-scale stubble-burning in adjoining states and blamed Punjab and Haryana for it. The data from the Punjab Remote Sensing Authority showed that farmers were now resorting to farm fires in the fertile Malwa belt.

Information gathered from the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) and Agriculture Department officials confirmed that farm fires were fast spreading in the Malwa belt and would further affect the air quality index of Punjab.

“Farmers are now resorting to stubble-burning as they have little window before preparing the fields for the next crop,” they said.



**BAN UP IN FLAMES** Paddy stubble set on fire in fields near Patiala on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

Since October 15, stubble-burning has been on a rise in the Malwa region comprising 11 districts.

The data compiled by The Tribune revealed that as compared to seven incidents in the Malwa belt on October 8, over 128 stubble-burning cases had been recorded in the area on October 15.

Satellite data revealed that Ferozepur had the

maximum 58 stubble-burning incidents, followed by the CM’s home town of Patiala 37, Faridkot 10, Muktsar 2, Moga 10, Ludhiana 2, Bathinda 1, Mansa 3, Sangrur 5 and Fatehgarh Sahib 5.

Amritsar in the Majha belt continued to be the top defaulting district with 63 farm fires. Last year, Ferozepur and Patiala had

reported only 14 farm fires each on October 15. On Tuesday, the National Green Tribunal asked Punjab to depute a person to report daily on air pollution in wake of the worsening air quality in Delhi-NCR.

“A majority of farm fires in the Malwa belt started two days ago and the number is only going to grow in next 10 days,” said a top official.

“This was bound to happen as harvesting has been delayed in Malwa. However, the pollution in next 10 days will ultimately travel to Delhi with the wind,” claimed an insider.

“Our job is to monitor the situation and provide the data to the government and authorities for necessary action,” said Krunesh Garg, member-secretary,

## 171 CASES IN A DAY

- Satellite data of October 16 showed 171 stubble fire incidents in Punjab
- Whereas on the same day in 2017 and 2018, the incidents reported were 365 and 173, respectively
- The total number of incidents for the period between September 23 to October 16 in 2017, 2018 and 2019 were 2,927, 932 and 1,388, respectively

“A majority of incidents of stubble-burning in the Malwa belt started about two days ago. The number is only going to increase in the next 10 days.”

Senior govt official

PPCB. “We have tried to spread awareness and asked district administrations to act against defaulters,” he said.

Secretary Agriculture Kahan Singh Pannu said, “We have distributed sufficient machinery and also sensitised farmers on the issue, but the menace continues. We are working closely with our field staff.”

# NGT raps state for failing to curb stubble-burning

RAJMEET SINGH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16** Pulling up Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for not taking adequate steps to check stubble-burning, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the states to review their enforcement strategies and take appropriate action against failure of officers to prevent pollution caused by burning crop residue.

Taking note of increased pollution levels due to stubble-burning, the Green Tribunal observed that just like enforcing law, it was the responsibility of the states to prevent pollution, instead of pleading helplessness on the ground.

The Green Tribunal has asked the states to depute a person each to report daily on air pollution due to stubble-burning. It observed that despite efforts by the Centre and states, burning of crop residue was going on and causing adverse consequences on public health

and environment, for which no officer is being held accountable.

Even after five years, the state machinery has not been able to communicate to the farmers about the techniques of sowing crops without burning of paddy residue, the Green Tribunal has observed.

Putting the responsibility on the state, the Green Tribunal has further stated that if an incentive has to be given, it is for the state to decide and provide the same. Even the Central funds for schemes are not fully utilised as per the report submitted on October 14

Asking for effective steps, the Tribunal has sought proper communication with the farmers, supply of suitable equipment without unbearable cost for the farmer, change of crop patterns, purchase of crop residue for fuel and fixing accountability of the farmers. The Green Tribunal directed the states to file an action-taken report by 15th of next month.

# Govt may bar paddy sowing on leased panchayat land

Machinery banks established, nodal officers appointed

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**HOSHIARPUR, OCTOBER 16** Principal Secretary (Planning) Jaspal Singh today said a plan might be formulated to disallow sowing paddy on the panchayat land being offered on lease in villages. The DDPOs have been asked to make farmers aware so that the trend of burning straw could be curbed, he said.

“It is the responsibility of one and all to inherit a healthy and clean environment to the coming generations,” he said.

The official was here today to review the steps being taken to curb the trend of setting fire to paddy residue. Deputy Commissioner Isha Kalia and Additional Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh Sudan were also present on

## 20.9 LAKH TONNES OF PADDY PROCURED

■ Chandigarh: The government agencies and private millers have procured 20.9 lakh metric tonnes of paddy as of October 15 from various mandis across the state, says an official spokesman

■ He says the government agencies have procured 20,35,766 MT of paddy, while 55,130 MT has been procured by the millers

■ Pungrain has purchased 7,96,027 tonnes, Markfed 5,45,746 tonnes and Punsup 3,91,387 tonnes, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation 2,64,783 tonnes and the FCI 37,823 tonnes, the official adds. TNS

the occasion. Jaspal Singh said, “We all need to jointly deal with this critical situation. To provide our future generations a healthy life, it is important to give up the practice of straw-burning.

The Principal Secretary said he had directed the appointment of nodal and coordinating officers to check straw burning, regular visits to fields and strict surveillance over the areas where

the practice was rampant.

He said combine harvesters without super SMS straw reaper should be seized immediately. Kalia said 61 farm machinery banks had been set up in the district. In these banks, 209 machines were provided at 80 per cent subsidy. In addition, individually 30 machines have been provided at 50 per cent subsidy. Village-wise 595 nodal officers have been appointed.

# Cong, SAD hand in glove, alleges Mann

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 16** State AAP convener and Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann today raised the issue of unemployment in the state.

He addressed election meetings at Hadiabad and the grain market in support of AAP candidate Santosh Kumar Gogi today.

He targeted both the SAD and Congress for “ruining” Punjab, saying that both parties were hand in glove.

Highlighting the need to provide jobs to youth, the AAP MP said increasing unemployment, lawlessness and corrupt system were forcing the youth in the state to migrate to Canada and other countries on the pretext of further studies.

Claiming that he was not happy with the holding of byelections, Mann said he



Bhagwant Mann

was opposed to it as the process entailed expenditure of a huge amount of public money.

Mann said an elected MLA or MP should not be allowed to resign before the completion of the term to avoid byelections.

Claiming there was a need to show bureaucracy its position, he said during the rule of the Congress and SAD governments, it seemed that bureaucrats called the shots.

# 20 SC majority villages to get makeover under PMAGY

Govt to release ₹20 lakh each for infra development

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SANGRUR, OCTOBER 16** Twenty villages of the district with more than 50 per cent Scheduled Caste (SCs) population will see a complete makeover under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gramin Yojana (PMAGY) as the government will soon provide all basic amenities in these villages.

The PMAGY scheme is aimed at providing basic amenities in the villages such as drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, rural roads and housing and electricity.

Under the PMAGY, the government has selected SC majority villages on the basis of 10 different indicators, which shows lack of basic facilities.

The 20 villages include Akoi Sahib, Fatehgarh Chana, Bangawali, Ram Nagar Sibia, Sahoke, Bharur, Bhumsi, Mahorana, Moranwali, Bhattian Khurd, Chandu, Munshiwala, Nakta, Retgarh, Bimber, Kalyan, Falound Kalan, Amamgarh, Qila Hakima and Ratana-garh Sindhran.

Under the scheme, the government will release Rs 20 lakh for each village for infrastructure development and other much needed facilities.

“It’s a welcome step, but I think Rs 20 lakh is not enough and the government should increase the grant to fully equip these villages with required facilities,” said Baldev Singh, a resident of Retgarh village.

The district authorities

have directed various departments to conduct a survey on the lack of required facilities in selected villages by October 30. On the basis of the survey, estimates will be prepared and developmental works will be planned and started in selected villages.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), who is project director of PMAGY, Rajinder Batra said apart from the district-level monitoring committee for all PMAGY to supervise utilisation of grants, village-level committees had also been constituted.

“The scheme will help us provide all required facilities in selected villages. Our main concern is to ensure utilisation of sanctioned grant with transparency,” said Sangrur DC Ghanshaym Thori.

# Fazilka man shoots at landlord's nephew

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**FAZILKA, OCTOBER 16** A tenant allegedly shot at his landlord’s nephew in Dashmesh Nagri, Jalalabad, today morning.

The suspect has been identified as Rakesh Kumar, who had been living on rent at the house of Rajinder Kumar since September 25.

Rajinder passed away due to some ailment on October 4. As a result, the deceased’s family members asked Rakesh to vacate the house.

This enraged Rakesh, who shot at Rajan Gaba at the latter’s house with his licensed .32 bore revolver. The victim was rushed to



Video grab of accused

the Jalalabad Civil Hospital, where his condition is stated to be stable.

Jalalabad city police station SHO Lekh Raj Batti said Rakesh has been booked under Section 307 of the IPC. He has been arrested and the revolver has been confiscated.

# Plaint filed against Ashu for ‘hurting’ religious sentiments

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

**LUHDIANA, OCTOBER 16** A criminal complaint has been filed against Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu for manhandling and hurting religious sentiments.

Taking up the case, Judicial Magistrate Ankit Airi has asked the complainant Saudagar Singh to present the evidence on the next date of hearing. The case has been posted for November 5.

Saudagar, father of a sikh youth, claimed that they have



been the Congress supporters for the past four decades. He said a few days ago, his son alongwith his friends arranged a meeting of Congress candidate Sandeep Singh Sandhu, who is in the

fray from Dakha segment.

He said this annoyed former sarpanch Amarjot Singh, who is an associate of Ashu and had recently joined the Congress. Earlier, Amarjot was supporting SAD and later switched his loyalty to the Aam Aadmi Party.

Saudagar said his son was called at the Congress election office where Amarjot and his accomplice Kuldeep Singh thrashed him.

He alleged that in order to hurt the religious sentiments, the minister removed turban of his son.

# Verdict likely in 25-yr-old blast case this week

LUHDIANA, OCTOBER 16

Nearly 25 years after a bomb blast occurred near Clock Tower in Ludhiana, a local court is likely to pronounce the judgment this week. In a resumed hearing, Additional Sessions Judge Atul Kasana adjourned the hearing involving extremist Jagtar Singh Hawara till October 18. The bomb blast had occurred in 1995.

The case was fixed for recording statement under Section 313 of the CrPC, but it could not be recorded for long. The defence lawyer insisted that there was no need of recording such statement. — OC

# Youth's body found, kin suspect foul play

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 16

The body of Shravan Kumar, a resident of the local Dhobi Ghat locality, who went missing on Sunday, has been recovered from Gang Canal.

Deceased’s brother Ajay Kumar said Shravan Kumar left the house around 8 am on Sunday, but did not return, following which the family members launched a search.

His T-shirt and shoes were spotted lying on the banks of Gang Canal near Khui Khura village of Fazilka district on Tuesday evening and later his body was also recovered from near the canal.

He said the hands of Shravan Kumar were tied with handkerchief and it is suspected that he was killed. He added that he had a monetary dispute with some persons of the town who might have pushed his brother into the canal.

The deceased is survived by wife, son and a daughter.

The police disposed off the case by registering it under Section 174 of the CrPC (unnatural death). The post-mortem examination of the deceased was conducted at the local Civil Hospital. As per preliminary report, Shravan died due to drowning. — OC

# Ropar IIT in pact with Army for tech solutions

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**ROPAR, OCTOBER 16** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, has appointed Lt Gen PM Bali as Professor of Practice here today. Lt Gen Bali was offered the position when he was here to deliver a lecture.

An MoU was also signed on the occasion between

Ropar IIT and the Indian Army for collaboration in academics and research.

Chief of Staff of Army’s Western Command Lt Gen Bali delivered his first lecture at the institute on “China: An Overview” that brought out a broad understanding of China, its psyche and philosophy, strategic interests, dynamics of relations with India, possi-

ble triggers of future conflict and their manifestation and implications for India.

Explaining the contours of China’s Belt and Road initiative, he marvelled on its scale and sophistication, while underscoring the technological, economic and strategic implications.

He added, “We can foresee with confidence that with the way we are going ahead

by associating with institutes such as Ropar IIT, Indian Army will win wars with Indian solutions.”

Highlighting the detrimental effect of India’s dependence on import for military capability, he said, “Military superiority is not determined by numbers alone, armed forces need better technology.”

Professor SK Das, Direc-

tor, Ropar IIT, said, “This is just a beginning of academia-Army relationship. Ropar IIT is ready to give technological solutions to the issues faced by the Indian Army that needs to be addressed. Ropar IIT will also explore the possibilities of conducting short-term courses and lectures at the institute by the Indian Army.

# ASI booked for cheating

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 16

The Dirba police have registered a case against Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) for “underestimating” the seized crackers last month.

“We have registered a case against Balwinder Singh. I have assigned the investigations to SP (D) Sangrur. We will take action as per the inquiry report,” said the SSP. TNS

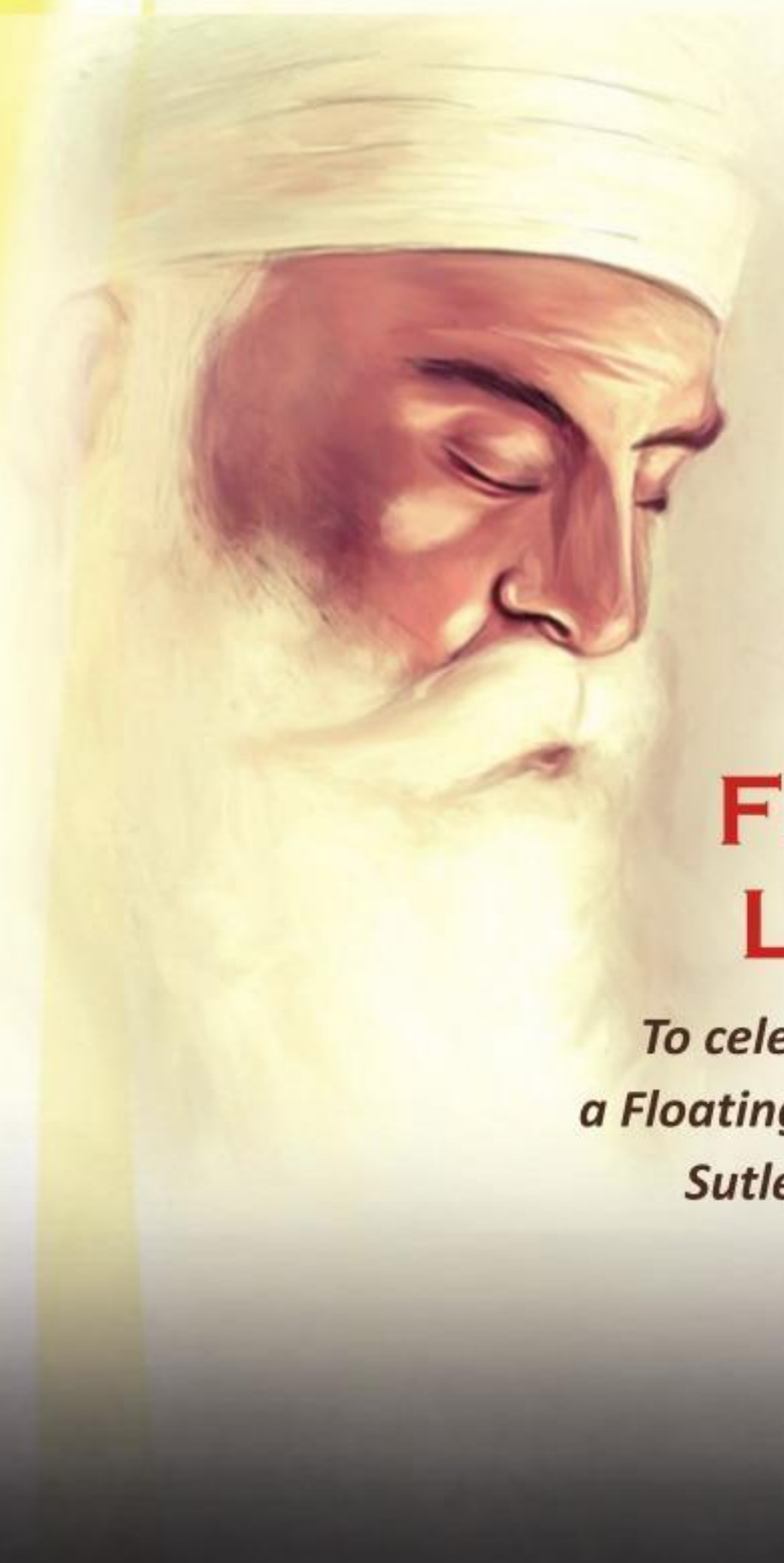
**BHOGE & ANTIM ARDAAS**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardarni Rajinder Kaur w/o Late S Harinder Singh Tiwana** on 10 October, 2019. Bhog of Sri Akhand Paath Sahib would be held on 18th October, 2019 followed by Kirtan & Ardaas from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm at Gurdwara Shri Singh Sabha, Mall Road, Patiala.

Grief Stricken

Narinder Singh Tiwana & Rajinder Kaur	(Brother in law and Sister in Law)
Amandeep Kaur & Birinder Singh Gill	(Daughter and Son in Law)
Amarinder Singh Tiwana and Deepinder Kaur	(Son and Daughter in Law)
Preena and Amroz	(Grand Children)

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To celebrate the 550th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, a Floating Multimedia Light and Sound Show shall be organized on Sutlej and Beas Rivers to showcase the life and journey of revered Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

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Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha

17th October, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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## EVENT SCHEDULE IN STATE OF PUNJAB

### RIVER SUTLEJ

DATE	DAYS	TIME	VENUE
17 October 2019	Thursday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near Office of Irrigation Deptt., <b>Rupnagar</b>
18 October 2019	Friday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
23 October 2019	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near Toll Plaza, village Ladhawal <b>Ludhiana</b>
24 October 2019	Thursday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
30 October 2019	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Dagara <b>Jalandhar</b>
31 October 2019	Thursday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
03 November 2019	Sunday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Chak Bahmania <b>Moga</b>
04 November 2019	Monday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
07 November 2019	Thursday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Ismailpur <b>Jalandhar</b>
08 November 2019	Friday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
29 November 2019	Friday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Hussainiwala Lake <b>Ferozepur</b>
30 November 2019	Saturday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	

### RIVER BEAS

DATE	DAYS	TIME	VENUE
19 October 2019	Saturday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Terkiyana <b>Hoshiarpur</b>
20 October 2019	Sunday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
23 October 2019	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Gandhowal <b>Hoshiarpur</b>
24 October 2019	Thursday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
01 November 2019	Friday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Kishanpura (Kahnawan) <b>Gurdaspur</b>
02 November 2019	Saturday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
05 November 2019	Tuesday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near Bridge, Sri Hargobindpur <b>Gurdaspur</b>
06 November 2019	Wednesday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
10 November 2019	Sunday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near Mandi Mand Kulla (Bholath) <b>Kapurthala</b>
11 November 2019	Monday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
14 November 2019	Thursday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near GT Road Bridge, Beas <b>Amritsar</b>
15 November 2019	Friday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
16 November 2019	Saturday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Wazir Bhullar <b>Amritsar</b>
19 November 2019	Tuesday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
22 November 2019	Friday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Gagrewal <b>Tarn Taran</b>
23 November 2019	Saturday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
26 November 2019	Tuesday	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Near village Dhunda <b>Tarn Taran</b>
27 November 2019	Wednesday	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	

A 45 minute outdoor show will unfold in a multiple part story, immersed in a beautiful symphony of Colourful Visual Projections, Advanced Lasers - all led by a Creative Soundtrack on Sutlej and Beas Rivers

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## POLL BUZZ

Will always be with Cong: Tanwar's wife



Chandigarh: Even as former state Congress chief Ashok Tanwar announced support to the JJP on Wednesday, his wife Avantika Maken Tanwar said she was born in the Congress and would remain with it till her last breath. Avantika, who has been close to Sonia Gandhi ever since her parents were gunned down by Sikh extremists, said: "As a wife, I am with Ashok Tanwar. But at the political level, I have nothing to do with his decision."

### Anand: BJP has a guilty conscience

Chandigarh: Former Union minister Anand Sharma on Wednesday lambasted the BJP on poor economic scenario. Addressing a press conference, he said unemployment in the state was over 28 per cent. He said Sangh leaders had a guilty conscience as they did not participate in the freedom struggle. On Ashok Tanwar, he said, "I do not think Tanwar can impact chances of the Congress. No one makes a temple in the name of Vibhishan."

### FIR against nine polling officials

Sonepat: Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-returning officer for Gohana Jaiveer Singh Arya ordered registration of an FIR under Section 134 of the Public Representation Act against nine poll duty officials for not attending a training programme at the DCR University of Science and Technology in Murthal on October 14.

## In Hooda bastion Rohtak, villagers confident he'll be back at the helm

Former Chief Minister reaches out to voters, raves about progress during his term

SUSHIL MANAV TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BOHAR (ROHTAK), OCTOBER 16 As the cavalcade stops near a 'chaupal' (community centre) in Bohar village located on the outskirts of Rohtak town, villagers rush towards an SUV moving next to the escort vehicle.

Slogans of "Chaudhry Bhupinder Singh Hooda zindabad" rent the air as the former Chief Minister seated on the rear seat greets villagers with folded hands. His personal security officer (PSO) Satish Rathee opens the SUV door with a great difficulty as villagers vie with each other to greet or shake hands with Hooda. "CM ajayega Hooda, bigde bana jayega Hooda... (Hooda will come as CM and will redress all your grievances)", a song written and sung by Kaithal-based singer Dilbag Mor is being played on a vehicle fitted with a public address system accompanying the cavalcade.

Bohar is part of the Garhi Sampla-Kiloi Assembly seat where Hooda is facing Satish Nandal of the BJP among others. The village happens to be Nandal's native village and BJP flags can be seen atop several shops here.

In Hooda's bastion, his followers believe that their leader is coming back to power after the October 21 poll. To them, it does not matter that Hooda's party, the Congress, lost all 10 seats in the Lok Sabha poll held in May this year and even their leader and his son Deepender Hooda lost from their bastion Sonepat and Rohtak, respectively.



Former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda addresses a poll rally at a village in Garhi Sampla-Kiloi segment. MANOJ DHAKA

### Strong hold on Garhi Sampla-Kiloi

Hooda has been winning the Garhi Sampla-Kiloi seat by a huge margin ever since he first became CM in 2005.

In a bypoll in 2005, he won by a margin of 1.03 lakh votes. He repeated his victory by a margin of 72,700 and 47,185 votes in 2009 and 2014.

In the Lok Sabha poll held in May this year, Hooda's son Deepender got a lead of 45,725 votes from the seat.

"I can bet he is coming back as CM again after October 24," says Pooran Singh (80) from Khadwal village outside the community centre where Hooda is addressing a meeting. He says he has come here specially to listen to Hooda's speech.

"They (BJP) defeated Deepender by misuse of power in May. But this time we are all alert and won't allow any mischief," he claims.

Sandeep, a youth from Bohar village, says people were longing for the return of Hooda regime, as Rohtak witnessed a lot of development when he was in power. "A wind of change has started blowing. The BJP will be out of power after October 24 and your own government will come to power," Hooda tells people on the microphone from the dais. He reminds them of the development

Rohtak witnessed from 2005 to 2014 when he was in power. "Haryana was number one state of the country in per capita investment, sports and several other fields, but ever since the BJP has come to power, the state has gone down in every aspect," says Hooda.

He repeats the announcements made by the Congress in its poll manifesto and tells villagers that the loans of farmers would be waived within 24 hours of coming to power.

With supporters raising slogans, Hooda leaves for the makeshift helipad made in an engineering college on the outskirts of Rohtak.

A Congress supporter tells that Hooda was in Jassia and Kiloi today and everywhere

there was a huge response from the supporters.

"I have been to Ambala, Yamunanagar, Panipat, Nuh, Gurugram, Fatehabad, Sirsa and several other districts. I have observed a wind of change everywhere. The BJP government is on its way out and the Congress is coming back to power," Hooda claims.

On BJP's claims of "75 plus" seats, Hooda mocks the government saying that during the Manohar Lal Khattar regime tomatoes, diesel, onions and many other commodities are Rs 75 plus.

Asked to react on Ashok Tanwar's support to the JJP, Hooda says that the former state Congress president has already quit the party, so it does not make any difference.

## Shah covers 4 more districts, brings up Art 370, NRC again

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 16

"The abolition of Article 370 and Section 35-A will ensure peace in Jammu and Kashmir. It was done to respect the demand of the majority of the people who had been waiting for it for the past 70 years," claimed Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing a public meeting in favour of party candidate from Tigaon Assembly segment Rajesh Nagar here. Later in the day, he also addressed rallies in Panipat, Gurugram and Jhajjar.

Charging the Congress government with failing to address the issue, he said while 40,000 soldiers got martyred due to terrorism, no one dared to take such a bold step.

Asking why the then PM Manmohan Singh kept silent when heads of Indian jawans were cut by the enemy, Shah alleged that the Congress government behaved like a coward while dealing with the problem.

"Congress party ko rastavaad ke naam per saanp soonh jaata hai, (Congress develops cold feet when it

### Slams 'triple D' rule

Amit Shah termed the 10 years of Congress rule as the government of triple 'D'. The first 'D' stands for 'darbariyon ki sarkar', second 'D' for 'damad ki sarkar' and third 'D' for 'damad ke dalalon ki sarkar'.

come to nationalism)" he quipped. Claiming that the surgical strike and air strike had been the boldest decisions ever, Amit Shah said those have given new strength to the nation and its armed forces. He said Rahul Gandhi's statement on the strikes across the border had been highly demoralising for the soldiers.

Announcing that every infiltrator would be ousted, he said NRC (National Register of Citizens) would be implemented throughout the country by 2024. Charging that development in Faridabad and Gurugram had been ignored despite the highest revenue, Shah said that the Khattar government would ensure unbiased development.



Amit Shah at a rally in Gurugram on Wednesday. S CHANDAN

## IT raid on houses of Cong MLA's 3 aides

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 16

Income tax officials on Wednesday raided the houses of three close aides of Lalit Nagar, sitting MLA and Congress candidate from Tigaon.

The raid was conducted around 5 am when teams reached the houses of Nagar's PA Rohtash in Badshahpur village and Ranbir and Rattan, hailing from Kheri village in the district.

The district and police authorities claimed that they had no information of such a development. Sources claimed that search warrants were produced by the officials at the time of the raids.

Though it was claimed to be routine work, it was connected to the ongoing probe regarding a land deal in Rajasthan several years ago.

Teams of the Enforcement Directorate and Income Tax Department had already raided the residence of Lalit Nagar and his brother Mahesh Nagar in the past two years in connection with the land deal.



Congress leader Lalit Nagar

### Party fielding middleman in land deal involving Vadra: Shah

The raids were conducted a few hours before a public meeting of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who came to campaign for the BJP candidate from Tigaon.

Shah took a jibe, saying the Congress had given the ticket to a person who acted as middleman in a land deal involving 'damad' (Robert Vadra) without naming anyone.

Terming the raids as politically motivated and aimed at tarnishing his image, Nagar said these were conducted to demoralise his supporters.

## Dushyant moves HC for security

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16

Jannayak Janta Party leader Dushyant Chautala on Wednesday moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court, seeking directions to the Union of India and the Election Commission of India to provide security cover through a central security agency following "threat" from an international gang.

In his petition filed through R Kartikeya, Dushyant submitted that he received a call on his mobile from a person who claimed that he was calling from Dubai.

Dushyant claimed that the caller threatened him not to campaign vigorously, else he would face dire consequences. Dushyant added that the man claimed that he was a member of an international gang.

Giving details, his counsel told the Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Rajiv Sharma that the gang was founded by a Colombian drug lord and narco-terrorist stated to be the wealthiest criminal in history.

## BJP, Cong trying to end reservation: Mayawati

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 16

Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and BSP supremo Mayawati has accused both the BJP and the Congress of working to end the reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes by promoting privatisation.

"Earlier the Congress and now the BJP is awarding

Says they are promoting privatisation, depriving people of quota benefits

government sector works to private players. Their intention is to deprive the SCs, STs and BCs from the reser-



Mayawati in Yamunanagar

vation benefits in government jobs as there is no such quota in the private sector," alleged Mayawati.

## Modi, Sonia to spice up last leg

RAVINDER SAINI TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

REWARI, OCTOBER 16

With electioneering for the Assembly poll entering its last leg, both the BJP and Congress are pulling out all stops to win maximum seats in the Ahirwari region, especially in Rewari and Mahendragarh districts.

PM Narendra Modi will address a rally in Rewari on October 19 and Congress president Sonia Gandhi in Mahendragarh on October 18.

Besides her, state Congress

### Close contest

Rewari and Mahendragarh districts have seven Assembly seats and tough contest is expected in five segments — Rewari, Bawal, Mahendragarh, Narnaul and Nangal Choudhary.

chief Kumari Selja will campaign for Congress nominee from Rewari Chiranjeev Rao in Rewari city tomorrow.

There was no mention of Modi's rally at Rewari when the schedule of his

election campaign in Haryana was released earlier. But Union Minister Rao Inderjit is believed to have managed to get his time to boost the campaign of BJP candidate Sunil Yadav Musepur who is locked in a tough contest with Chiranjeev Rao and BJP rebel Randhir Kapriavaas.

Sonia Gandhi's visit to Mahendragarh also carries the same prospect for the Congress which also wants to wrest all those seats where its candidates are giving stiff contest to the BJP.

### Gadkari blames Cong for farmers' plight



**Kurukshetra:** Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday claimed that the wrong policies of the Congress were behind the poor condition of farmers and the rural sector. He was addressing a public meeting in support of Pawan Saini, BJP candidate from Ladwa. "We have surplus wheat, rice and sugar. This is the prime reason for farmers not getting fair prices. Wrong policies, corrupt administration and visionless leadership are the reasons for rural distress," Gadkari said. "Farmers are unlikely to get relief until we change the crop pattern. The BJP government has decided that farmers will not only produce rice and wheat, but alternatives to petrol and diesel as well," he said. "Due to lack of economic viability, even sugar mills are getting closed."

### INLD-SAD to back Independent in Pehowa

**Kurukshetra:** The INLD-SAD alliance on Wednesday extended support to Swami Sandeep Onkar, Independent candidate from Pehowa. Alliance candidate Manjit Chaudhary and other leaders made the announcement. SAD state chief Sharanjeet Sotha was present. "I am a committed INLD worker. Following directions of the party high command, we extended support to Onkar. He is a young man and we have seen him at work. Workers of the INLD and SAD have started campaigning in his support and have asked our workers to ensure he wins with a huge margin," Chaudhary said. "The objective is to stop the BJP and Congress from forming the government. The INLD is extending support to people who can win and help the party stop the BJP and Congress," he said.

### Tanwar backs Abhay in Ellenabad

**Hisar:** After backing JJP leader Dushyant Chautala in Delhi, former state Congress president Ashok Tanwar on Wednesday extended support to INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala in Ellenabad Assembly segment of Sirsa district. The Ellenabad candidate visited Tanwar's residence in Sirsa. After a meeting, Abhay, accompanied by Tanwar and his wife Avantika Maken Tanwar, interacted with mediapersons. Tanwar said he had decided to support Abhay in the election. He said he would address a public meeting in Abhay's favour in Ellenabad on October 19.



Amit Shah and Abhay Singh Chautala

## In Dadri, BJP relies on Babita's sports appeal plus caste maths

PRADEEP SHARMA TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHARKHI DADRI, OCTOBER 16

Star wrestler and "Dangal" girl Babita Phogat, the BJP candidate from Dadri Assembly segment, is riding piggyback on "Modi magic" and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's charisma in a bid to put her political opponents on the mat in the October 21 Haryana Assembly elections.

Locked in a four-cornered political fight, the Arjuna awardee is missing no chance to remind the people how Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the

nation forward through bold decisions such as abrogation of Article 370. "I brought laurels to the country and my area in sports. Now, I want to serve my area through the BJP as I was impressed by the policies of Modi and Khattar," she told a motley crowd at Dadri today.

In fact, Modi's rally at Dadri on October 15 has come as a shot in the arm for the BJP, which had never won an election from Dadri.

Challenging Babita in the Jat-dominated area, are veteran politicians, including the three-time MLA Satpal



Babita Phogat seeks blessings of elderly women in Dadri.

Sangwan who switched from the Congress to the JJP after being denied the Congress ticket. The Congress has relied on former

MLA Nripender Singh.

However, posing real challenge to Babita would be Somvir Sangwan, a BJP rebel contesting as Independent.

### Four-cornered contest

Since three major contenders — Satpal Sangwan (JJP), Nripender Singh (Congress) and Somvir Sanwan (Independent) belong to the Sangwan khap, votes could be divided among them. Babita may get votes of the Phogat khap, besides the traditional BJP votes of non-Jats and youth.

Babita Phogat seeks blessings of elderly women in Dadri.

Somvir, who lost the 2014 poll by just over 1,600 votes, was denied the BJP ticket.

Besides her celebrity status, the BJP seems to have kept the

caste maths in mind while deciding on Babita's candidature. Candidates from the Sangwan and Phogat khaps (caste councils) belonging to the Jat community have been winning the seat in the recent past. Since Satpal Sangwan and Nripender Singh and Somvir belong to the Sangwan Khap, the division of votes among the three major contenders cannot be ruled out.

Rajdeep Phogat, who won the seat on INLD ticket (he later joined the JJP) in 2014, also belonged to the Phogat khap. He opted out of the contest this time due to personal reasons.

## Knife attack on Sena MP

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

Omprakash Nimbalkar, Shiv Sena MP from Osmanabad, escaped with minor injuries today after a youth attacked him with a pen knife while he was out campaigning for a party candidate.

The police said the incident happened at Naigaon Padoli village in Osmanabad district while Nimbalkar along with Sena candidate Kailash Patil was campaigning for Monday's Assembly election.

Shortly after Nimbalkar alighted from his car to talk to villagers, a youth identified as Ajinkya Takle jumped on the MP and tried to stab him with a knife. Nimbalkar parried the attack, sustaining minor injuries on the hand, police said. Party workers chased down Takle and handed him over to the police.

However, Takle later escaped from a police vehicle, according to officials. — TNS

# Drown in shame, Modi to Oppn

Slams it over Article 370, 'insulting' Savarkar by denying him Bharat Ratna

SHIV KUMAR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

Attacking the Opposition for accusing him of diverting people's attention from Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said they should drown themselves in shame.

"The shameless opposition (leaders) are asking what is the connection between Article 370 and Maharashtra... We are proud of Maharashtra's children who sacrificed everything for Jammu and Kashmir. But for political gains some people are asking what has Maharashtra got to do with Jammu and Kashmir? Doob maro! Doob maro! (drown yourself)," Modi said at an election rally in Akola district.

He went on to say that the people of Maharashtra are



PM Narendra Modi addresses a rally in Navi Mumbai. PTI

### VEILED ATTACK ON PATEL

Amid the ED's summons to NCP leader Praful Patel over his alleged links to Iqbal Mirchi, an associate of Dawood Ibrahim, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, without naming anyone, launched a veiled attack

"Now we know why those who set off bombs in Mumbai could escape from the country. All we want to know is how those who set off bombs in Mumbai's trains and buses could escape to the enemy country," he said

happy that Article 370 has been removed. "They are suffering because the Article

370 they nurtured has been finished off and thrown at the feet of the people," Modi said.

The PM went on to praise Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

and said the Opposition leaders insulted him by denying the Bharat Ratna.

Addressing another rally at Pannel in Maharashtra, Modi called on people to give another term to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

"When Narendra and Devendra stand together then 1+1 becomes 11 and not 2," Modi said. Speaking of development in the township bordering Mumbai and Pune, Modi said two lakh houses were being built for slum-

wellers. "Every person, including those from the poor and the middle-class, can dream of their own home," Modi said.

He spoke of the scheme under which affordable houses are given subsidies by the government under the PM Awas Yojana. "We are giving subsidies on the interest of home loans for people with who earn less than 18 lakh annually," Modi said.

Addressing the fishing community in this township, Modi said the government has made it easier for fishermen to obtain bank loans for buying newer boats. He however requested fish sellers to stop using single-use plastic. "We need your support to stop the usage of single-use plastic which damages the marine eco-system," Modi said.

## Tanwar backs JJP's Dushyant, says Cong will bite dust

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Five days to go for Haryana elections, former state Congress unit chief Ashok Tanwar today threw his weight behind JJP's Dushyant Chautala and declared that the Congress would now fight to fill the third or the fourth slot in the state.

"The Congress will now vie for the third or fourth slot because we will begin our political bombardment from today to teach Congress' arrogant state leaders a lesson. We have laid land mines all over Haryana and these arrogant people are bound to step on those mines. We will destroy our enemies. Starting today, we are launching a surgical strike on the corrupt leaders who inflamed caste passions in the state for political gains," Tanwar said after declaring support to JJP on seats where the party is "strong".

Tanwar made it clear that his support to JJP was issue based and seat specific and he would back other clean candidates wherever he could. "There is no need for us to join the JJP. We will support the JJP on seats that are enough for them to form a government and on other seats, we will support other good candidates. This is the start of a pan-India movement at nation building where we will bring young, clean leaders

"We will support other good candidates also. This is the start of a pan-India movement at nation building where we will bring young, clean leaders together for a political struggle."

— Ashok Tanwar, CONG REBEL LEADER

together for a political struggle," said Tanwar when asked why he didn't join the Dushyant outfit.

The new Jat-Dalit combination of Tanwar and Dushyant, candidate from Uchhana, spells trouble for the Congress, which was hoping to consolidate the two sections by putting senior SC leader and ex-minister Kumari Selja and former CM and Jat stalwart Bhupinder Singh Hooda in key positions ahead of state polls.

The Tanwar and Dushyant factor is set to change political equations in Haryana's electoral landscape with Dushyant today saying, "Ashok Tanwar's support can help us cross 75-plus mark."

After Tanwar openly appealed to Haryana's 36 castes to join hands and ensure Dushyant became the new Chief Minister, the latter promised a Sant Ravidas temple in Kurukshetra and appealed to Gurmeet Ram Rahim's followers by raking the "Panchkula police firing that killed 40 dera premises".

## Death of 'Bangladeshi' inmate to be probed

TEZPUR (ASSAM), OCTOBER 16

The Assam Government has ordered a magisterial probe into the death of an inmate of a foreigners' detention centre in Tezpur district after his son, a mechanic, refused to accept the body till he is declared an Indian national. Dulal Paul, 65, was declared a Bangladeshi by a Foreigners' Tribunal in 2017 and lodged at

the Tezpur centre, Superintendent Minmay Dawka said.

Deputy Commissioner Manvendra Pratap Singh said the probe into the death at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital would be conducted by Additional DC (ADC) Parag Kakoti. The Bengali Federation of Assam has also submitted a memorandum demanding an investigation. — PTI

## Muslim parties counsel tears map showing Lord Ram's birthplace

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

The Supreme Court witnessed high drama on the last day of hearing on the Ayodhya land dispute after senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan, representing Muslim Parties, tore up a pictorial map submitted by a Hindu party purportedly showing the birthplace of Lord Ram.

The incident took place when senior advocate Vikas Singh, representing All India Hindu Mahasabha, was arguing the case. Relying on the site map and books written by foreign and Indian authors, Singh tried to prove that the central dome of the demolished structure was the birthplace of deity 'Ram Lalla'.

Taking strong exception to Singh's submissions, Dhavan said such documents could not be cited and relied upon now as the issue of location of 'janmasthan' was discussed by the Allahabad High Court on the basis of other documents.



Police personnel patrol the streets in Ayodhya on Wednesday. PTI

### DID IT ON CJI'S DIRECTION: RAJEEV DHAVAN

"The CJI said I could shred the papers and I just followed the order. I take advice of Mr (Arvind) Datar in such matters and he told me it was a mandamus (a kind of writ or direction). — Rajeev Dhavan, SENIOR COUNSEL

As Singh cited a pictorial map from a book 'Ayodhya Revisited' written by former Bihar cadre IPS officer Kishore Kunal, Dhavan said it can't be done. Singh relented and agreed not to press the pictorial map to

senior lawyer tore the pictorial map submitted by the All-India Hindu Mahasabha counsel, leaving lawyers and visitors surprised.

Later, Dhavan said, "The news that has become viral is that I on my own tore the papers." Justice Nazeer—who is part of the Bench—said yes the news has become viral.

Dhavan said he had asked and sought the permission of the Bench whether those papers can be thrown and the reply from the CJI was "if it is irrelevant, you can tear it". "The CJI said I could shred the papers and I just followed the order. I take advice of Mr (Arvind) Datar in such matters and he told me it was a mandamus (a kind of writ or direction)," Dhavan said.

The CJI shot back saying, "Dr Dhavan is right that the Chief Justice said, so he tore up. Let this clarification also be widely reported." The CJI was joined by another member of the Bench, Justice S A Nazeer, who said: "It is widely reported now".

## For law on temple, saffron parties wait with baited breath

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As the long-drawn Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case hearings end, the issue hinged around building of a "grand Ram temple" at Ayodhya, an emotive issue for Hindus, could not have come at a better time for the saffron combination.

It was way back at its Palampur convention in 1989 that the Bharatiya Janata Party first adopted a resolution to build a "grand Ram temple" at the birth place of Lord Ram in Ayodhya. It has been a constant feature in every manifesto drawn by the party since 1996.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Maharashtra ally Shiv Sena raised the pitch when it started its election campaign from Ayodhya. More recently, while campaigning for the October 21 state elections, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray called for enactment of a special law to pave the way for construction of the temple at the disputed site.

Interestingly, BJP's ideological fountainhead RSS has an important event scheduled around October 31 in Haridwar. The meeting, which is held once in five years, is expected to see the presence of top brass of the Sangh, including sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat, Bhairayaji Joshi, Dattatreya Hosabale and

A BJP leader believes 'proof tilted on the side of Ram Lalla' a grand Ram temple close to becoming a reality

Krishna Gopal, is expected to "discuss the next step".

Even though Sangh affiliate VHP was clamouring for a temple through the legislative process, including an ordinance, the BJP leadership always favoured a solution through courts. This was reiterated on several occasions by its top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party chief Amit Shah.

A party leader, who believes that with "evidence tilted on the side of Ram Lalla, a grand Ram temple is now close to becoming a reality", adds that next on the BJP agenda should be a Uniform Civil Code in the country. A "grand Ram temple" and a UCC have constantly featured in BJP manifesto in the past years. In the 2019 manifesto, the party "reiterated stand" on the construction of a Ram temple at Ayodhya. "We reiterate our stand on Ram Mandir. We will explore all possibilities within the framework of the Constitution and all necessary efforts to facilitate the expeditious construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya", it said.

## HDIL exposure to PMC Bank may be higher than estimated

FINANCIAL MESS Auditors appointed by RBI scrutinising loans | 21,000 fake accounts detected so far

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The exposure of PMC Bank to the controversial HDIL group may be higher than Rs 6,200 crore, as estimated so far, sources in the Reserve Bank of India say. PMC Bank had a loan book of Rs 8,383.33 crore as on March 31, 2019, according to information available from the RBI, which has appointed an administrator to oversee its functioning.

Efforts are on to trace borrowers of the remaining funds lent out by the bank before its operations were suspended by the RBI last month. "We are still calculating PMC Bank's exposure to HDIL," said JB Bhoria, RBI official appointed adminis-

trator by the central bank.

Sources say auditors appointed by the central bank are scrutinising loans to several accounts amidst revelations that the Wadhawans of HDIL may have opened several bogus accounts to siphon off cash from PMC Bank. So far, around 21,000 fake accounts used to siphon funds from the bank have been detected.

RBI officials, whose own cooperative society has more than Rs 100 crore in deposits with the PMC Bank, are demanding higher scrutiny of cooperative banks in the country. "Though a lot of properties belonging to the Wadhawans, HDIL and office-bearers of the PMC Bank have been attached, it



is not clear whether these will be enough to cover the loans made to them," an RBI official pointed out.

The economic offences wing of the Mumbai police

has estimated the value of the properties attached in the PMC case so far at Rs 3,800 crore. Most of these are in the form of land on Mumbai's outskirts and interior parts of

### 'ATTACHED PROPERTIES MAY NOT BE ENOUGH'

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— RBI official

<< PMC Bank depositors protest the RBI curbs in Mumbai. PTI

loans of higher value.

Moreover, say RBI officials, land parcels belonging to HDIL may not fetch attractive prices due to prevailing slump in the real-estate sector. Meanwhile, the Shiv Sena is mobilising members of the Sikh community who account for bulk of the bank's depositors, to demand nationalisation of PMC Bank.

"PMC Bank should be merged with a bigger private or nationalised bank to protect interests of depositors," says Shiv Sena MP Anil Desai. Along with his party colleagues and leaders of the Sikh community, Desai held a meeting with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das where he made this demand.

## Use tech to ensure decent life for citizens: PM's personal secy

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Suggesting that scientists engaged in the field of defence research should have three Rs — Requirement, Resources and Relevance — as key factors in determining India's quest for advancement in emerging technologies, the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister PK Mishra today said the country cannot afford to miss

this bus to achieve a decent quality life for its citizens.

Having perused presentations by five young scientists each working in five niche technology areas of artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, cognitive technologies, asymmetric technologies and smart materials set up by the Defence Research Development Organisation, he said these labs would offer a useful template of R&D in the field of emerging technologies in India.

"Their success is essential for our country gaining pole position in this global race, where shelf-life of products as well as technologies is getting increasingly shorter. This is a bus we cannot afford to miss, if we want to achieve a decent quality of life for our citizens and a say, which is commensurate with our requirements and ambitions in international platforms," Dr Mishra said at the DRDO Directors Conference.

## SC to hear petition on PMC deposits

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16 As crisis-hit PMC bank depositors intensified their protests, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear on Friday an urgent plea seeking directions for interim measures to safeguard the money of customers blocked in the bank.

The plea on Wednesday for the apex court to step in amid three deaths linked to the crisis in the Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank came even as the

bank's administrator met the RBI's top brass, including Governor Shaktikanta Das and assured depositors that all efforts will be made to safeguard their interests.

The RBI has imposed restrictions on the bank following the discovery of Rs 4,355-crore scam. The limit on deposit withdrawals that has now been capped at Rs 40,000 over a six-month period has caused panic and distress among the depositors. — PTI

## Top court order on plea seeking recusal of judge on October 23

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

The Supreme Court will pronounce on October 23 its order on pleas seeking recusal of Justice Arun Mishra from a five-judge Constitution Bench hearing petitions relating to certain issues under the Land Acquisition Act, 2013.

The Bench concluded the hearing on the plea made by various farmers' associations and private individuals demanding Justice

Farmers contend Justice Mishra had already heard the acquisition case

Mishra's recusal. They had sought his recusal on the ground that he was part of a verdict pronounced last year in which he had already expressed his mind. Justice Mishra was part of a

Bench that, in February 2018, held that land acquisition by government can't be quashed for delay on the part of land owners in accepting compensation within five years on account of litigation. A 2014 verdict had earlier held that land acquisition can be quashed on account of delay in accepting compensation. The issue was referred to a larger Bench on March 6 in view of conflicting verdicts by two benches. — TNS

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## Article 370 & Haryana

BJP has reasons to bank on it, what's Oppn counter?

ONE can't fault the BJP for hanging on to a winning formula: nationalism. Elections are fought to be won, and it is political prudence to rely on a narrative that the party feels has resonance strong enough to sail past local everyday existential issues that require answers. That said, the ruling dispensation and the Opposition parties can't escape scrutiny. Why, for instance, should an upbeat BJP, a 'party with a difference' that has seen ascendancy like none before, shy away from seeking a mandate on its governance record in Haryana and Maharashtra? Why should asking of questions be frowned upon? Why should even state elections be all about PM Modi?

Outwitted in the 'strong-PM-strong-nation' versus the 'unsure-divided-unpatriotic' pitch during the General Election, the Opposition has much to answer for this time around. It still seemingly hasn't learnt much from the May 23 debacle. If issues such as rural distress, urban stress, unemployment, crime in the two states, all have to bow down before abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, it points to another lost opportunity for those taking on the BJP. Nationalism is not an easy debate to settle, but a clear articulation of where the parties stand would ensure that pressing issues that need urgent intervention get the space and voice they are entitled to. A free run to Article 370 as the election plank is sheer lack of political astuteness. The voters deserve better.

How dare the Opposition parties ask how the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir affects Maharashtra or Haryana, PM Modi said at an election rally the other day. The theme is unlikely to change till October 21, election day, considering how 'nationalism' plays out in these states with sizeable numbers in the armed forces. BJP's phenomenal electoral success has much to do with Modi's charisma. But then, he's not up for re-election in Haryana or Maharashtra.

## Road building an uphill task

Poor quality will hamper growth, endanger lives

ROADS are an essential part of infrastructure and the arteries through which economic development of an area takes place. Good roads are symptomatic of potential growth and building them a way to generate employment. More so in the case of a state like Himachal Pradesh, prone to the vagaries of nature, where in the absence of adequate rail and air connectivity, roads are an important medium for transportation. This puts in perspective action taken against five officials for overlooking the substandard work on the Kandror-Hampur National Highway. The government has maintained there can be no compromise with quality, and rightly so, for with winter setting in, roads, the only reliable medium of communication, have to be put in order. The tough task of maintaining roads in Himachal can be discerned from the fact that the Manali-Leh highway, though maintained by the Border Roads Organisation, has been closed for traffic due to winter and will now reopen only in May next year. The highway experiences snowfall and passes through difficult areas like the Rohtang Pass.

The NHAI clearly stipulates the specifications for building roads. The agency has to take into account the deteriorating effects of climate, as also mitigating the effects of construction activity on the environment. Soil, rock and sand characteristics have to be studied and factors like skid resistance, pavement distress and drainage taken into account. The quality of building materials is also listed—less viscous bitumen resistant to fatigue and cold cracking prescribed for mountainous regions subject to sub-zero temperatures during the winter and harder grade bitumen for heavily trafficked roads in hot areas. The material used—cement, steel and water—should conform to the guidelines of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highway. With landslides and blockage damaging roads in Himachal and bridges getting washed away after rain, the concern is understandable.

Himachal is not alone. In Punjab, a vigilance probe has been sought in the poor quality of roads constructed in Fatehgarh Sahib. The agencies executing the projects should realise that building good roads is as much about safety as our economic well-being.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A little caution outflanks a large cavalry.  
— Otto Von Bismarck

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1919

### An Excellent Suggestion.

WE have in our leading article referred to some salient points in the address of Sir Abdur Rahim at the Mysore University Convocation. Here is a suggestion thrown out by the lecturer in the course of the address, which we desire to draw attention: "Is it not possible for the State educational department," he says, "to call to its help the voluntary missionary effort of educated men with leisure at their disposal, in spreading education, lecturing, teaching and organising classes in schools? In other departments such as legislation, administration of justice and municipal administration, unpaid services of citizens are being more and more gradually utilised even in India in addition to the work entrusted to the paid official staff." It is not merely in Mysore that this excellent suggestion, if accepted and carried out, would do great good. All over the country is a dearth of competent and qualified teachers. This dearth is often put forward, and not without reason, as a serious obstacle in the way of a rapid extension of the field of education.

### Who Was the Real Authority?

ONE finds oneself in a puzzle, as one goes through the documentary evidence put forward by Mr. Andrews, as to who really was the authority in April and May! The Viceroy was understood by Mr. Andrews himself to have no objection to his going to the Punjab, though His Excellency was also understood to suggest that it would be well for Mr. Andrews to see Sir Edward Maclagan and Sir Michael O'Dwyer about his visit on his arrival. If an authority in the position of the Viceroy is seen on the subject of a proposed visit, and if his Excellency does understand that the visit is contemplated, and yet does not prohibit it, but advises the person concerned to see an authority subordinate to him, what is the normal inference?

# For now, a sense of ease

But there's nothing to suggest that China will not undermine Indian influence



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THE Mamallapuram Summit between President Xi Jinping and PM Modi appears to have cleared the air for improving ties. This followed the less-than-friendly approach of China in international forums on the issue of J&K in recent days. India and China, however, now appear committed to enhancing mutually beneficial cooperation, bilaterally, regionally and internationally. One can look forward to closer cooperation in forums like BRICS, G20, East Asia Summit hosted by ASEAN, and even in the UN, on issues ranging from global trade to climate change. The Wuhan Summit, last year, had led to an agreement on de-escalation of tensions in the Doklam sector. India and China also agreed in Mamallapuram, to strengthen measures to ensure that tensions do not arise, or get out of hand, across our land borders.

China will, hopefully, take note of the fact that it damaged its own credibility by acting at the behest of Pakistan to internationalise the Kashmir issue. Beijing found itself isolated in the UNSC. Not a single member backed Beijing's ill-advised move to involve the Security Council in the issue. The British, however, played their characteristically duplicitous role. Chinese efforts to back Pakistan on the Kashmir issue in the UNHRC met a similar fate. Merely three of the 193 members of the UNGA—China, Malaysia and Turkey—voiced their support for Pakistan.

The recent summit was cordial. There was agreement on the path for addressing differences, promoting cooperation in areas like trade and investment, and managing differences that arise periodically across the un-



THAW: The Mamallapuram Summit has helped defuse tension, but challenges remain.

### How China behaves in the prelude to the presidential elections in Sri Lanka will offer a clearer picture.

marcated border. There is, however, nothing to suggest that there is going to be any change in China's efforts to undermine Indian influence across its land borders and in its immediate Indian Ocean neighbourhood. China quietly, but continuously, interferes in the internal affairs of all of India's neighbours, from the Maldives and Sri Lanka to Myanmar and Nepal. We will have to monitor how China behaves in the prelude to the presidential elections in Sri Lanka next month.

There should be no doubt about continuing military, economic and diplomatic Chinese support for Pakistan. The growing economic woes compel Islamabad to hold out its begging bowl to even distant lands and multilateral aid organisations across the globe. Militarily, however, its navy is set to receive the latest Chinese frigates and submarines.

What seems to be upsetting China presently is not so much India's relationship with the US, but its blossoming relationship with Moscow. China did not anticipate that defying US sanctions, India would move ahead to acquire S400 air defence missile systems from Russia. Moreover, both Rawalpindi and Beijing did not

expect that Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov would bluntly tell his bumptious Pakistani counterpart, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, that Moscow would resolutely oppose any move by Pakistan to raise the Kashmir issue in the UNSC. Modi's visit to eastern Russia and his offer of \$1 billion for Indian investment in this sensitive region bordering China, where the Soviet Union and China had a bloody conflict in 1969, has raised concerns in Beijing.

Referring to Modi's visit to eastern Russia, Chinese government mouthpiece *Global Times* noted: 'The advance of India-Russia ties will push the multi-polarisation of international relations and reinforce India's role in Asia. It will also add the leverage of Russia to counter western pressures on diplomacy and security, empower Russia to effectively resist western countries' strategic blockade and defend its strategic and economic interests in South Asia. However, stronger Russia-India ties, especially their military-technical cooperation, would have a negative impact on China's national security. Consolidating and developing ties with Russia implies India's strategic intention to contain China's rise. It

would pile more geopolitical pressure on China and increase instability in China's periphery.'

Both China and India have misgivings about many policies of the Trump administration. Beijing realises that after getting a brief respite from Trump's trade sanctions, there is little more they can expect by way of Trump easing the remaining sanctions he imposed earlier. New Delhi is also not taken in by Trump's recent bravado in backing the Afghan government, while claiming he would not negotiate with the Taliban. He did this largely due to pressure from both the Pentagon and State Department to stand by the Afghan government. But shortly after the Taliban (obviously under pressure from Pakistan) indicated that it was ready to make peace in Afghanistan, Trump's envoy Zalmay Khalilzad rushed to Islamabad to get the Taliban to observe a ceasefire and resume talks.

Trump is also appeasing anti-war sentiments in the US by withdrawing US forces from Syria. He hopes that Imran Khan will help him get a face-saving withdrawal by persuading the Taliban to agree to a ceasefire. He will then claim that he has pulled out US troops from all unproductive military engagements abroad by ensuring they are all safely home, well before the election day—November 3, 2020. How all this plays out, in the midst of impeachment proceedings that Trump is facing in the opposition-dominated House of Representatives, remains to be seen. If Imran Khan thinks that the US will be eternally grateful for helping them, he would be seriously mistaken.

Modi can derive satisfaction from the fact that despite Chinese actions and Sino-Pakistan collusion, India has successfully ridden the storm of external pressures after the revocation of Article 370. New Delhi can now move ahead to fulfil its commitment to maintain the country's strategic autonomy. The recent measures for improving the daily lives of people in Kashmir by the restoration of telephone links will hopefully be suitably followed up by further measures to restore normalcy in the Valley.

# So someone may see rainbow

MAJOR AMARJEET BATTH (RETD)

ONCE attended a seminar on eye donation, where speakers extolled the virtues of being an eye donor. Though it did not move me enough to take any decision, the idea got stored in my mind, popping up once in a while as I pondered over the darkness that surrounded the life of the visually impaired. I could empathise with them after closing my eyes for a few moments, and talked to myself how it was so difficult for a normal man to be enveloped in darkness. We would not blink and keep our eyes wide open as it got dark. Those born blind have not

seen a ray of light ever since their birth, with no figment of imagination as to what light is and the type of visual sensation it creates in the mind. What are colours? They have never seen a rainbow.

All these thoughts were accentuated recently when I got an opportunity to be with visually impaired children at a charitable function that turned out to be quite interactive, as the children played musical instruments, sung songs and danced. Light that has all the meaning to us has no relevance to them, but they compensated their darkness by kindling their inner light and to sparkle with their talent. I heard them chanting *bhajan*

so soulfully and playing the keyboard and other percussion instruments with diligence. Though living in a shrunken world, they were at peace and in a blissful state of mind, contrary to many of us living under the bright sun.

I had seen visually challenged children earlier too, but had never interacted with them up close. It was at this function that I gathered their dependency in performing even day-to-day routine activities. The support they needed even to walk a step and have a meal was significant. They are clueless about how the world looks. They touch to visualise, smell to imagine and hear to conceptualise—perhaps this is

sixth sense. I never realised that despite not being able to see, one can 'see' things with a different perception and in a new dimension.

As the function concluded, I realised that I was not on the 'giver' side, but on the 'taker', for this time I learnt how much we are blessed. Not thanking the Almighty for the little things, the blessing that allows us to see the limitless blue sky. I was totally moved. The function took me back to that seminar I had attended, and prompted me to take a long-pending decision. I will, now, be an eye donor. I want someone to see the rainbow.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Inequalities deepen divide

Apropos 'Macro dimensions of poverty brushed aside' (October 16), the article offers a persuasive critique of Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo's individualistic conception of poverty and its alleviation. The causes of widespread poverty in the developing world are not to be traced to an individual's biography but to class, caste and gender inequalities existing therein. All evidence reveals that economic inequalities have greatly deepened with the advent of neoliberal or laissez-faire capitalism at the global level. No strategy of poverty eradication will succeed until the unjust socio-economic system is radically transformed. Unfortunately, neither Indian economics nor politics is driven by such vision.

BHUPINDER SINGH, PATIALA

#### Getting priorities right

Refer to the article 'Bettering lives of the poor with small changes' (October 16); India takes pride in Abhijit Banerjee and his wife Esther Duflo getting the Nobel Prize in Economics for their experiment-based work. Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, too, had similar priorities. Shunning freebies, the gov-

ernment should enlist such economists and their development theories to frame integrated plans to combat poverty.

ABHIMANYU MALIK, JIND

#### Nobel recognition

Apropos 'Handholding have-nots' (October 16), the Nobel committee has rightly recognised Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their work in Economic Sciences. Their innovative approach to studying poverty at the grassroots and offering new ways to deal with it has pointed to the enormity of the problem. Banerjee's views should be heeded as an ideological agenda is no panacea for the problems facing a vast country like India.

SS PAUL, NADIA

#### Well-deserved honour

Refer to the editorial 'Handholding have-nots' (October 16); opting for 'remedial factoring' could be a key to the long-standing blockade of development and growth. With this recognition of the study of the Nobel laureates, the authorities might finally take into consideration the strategies which have never been taken into account while implementing an effective

policy. Their work can be utilised to eradicate poverty.

HIMADRI DOBHAL, DEHRADUN

#### J&K detention

Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter were detained after they tried to hold a demonstration ('Protesting Farooq sister, daughter detained'; October 16). No matter how the political leaders were doing before the scrapping of Article 370, they had a formal duty to represent their state. That voice is now being suppressed. People in Kashmir are aware that the Centre is following its own whims, making them apprehensive.

PARTH MADAAN, CHANDIGARH

#### Deposit insurance

The middle class toils night and day to save money for future needs and deposits it in banks considering them to be 100% safe. But rich scammers loot the banks, leaving the depositors in the lurch. So there is a dire need to safeguard bank depositors and increase the deposit insurance to at least Rs 50 lakh from the current Rs 1 lakh. The banks may pass on the cost of insurance to depositors indirectly. Otherwise, people will stop depositing their life savings in banks and the sys-

tem will collapse.

AK GUPTA, LUDHIANA

#### Road quality imperative

Reference to the news item '5 engineers to face action for poor NH work' (October 16); that the quality control cell in Himachal has acted against the engineers responsible for the poor quality of roads needs to be appreciated. Lack of maintenance is the main reason for road accidents. Thousands of valuable lives are lost due to the negligence of the engineers responsible for the execution of the work, all for their own petty gains.

DK WIG, JALANDHAR

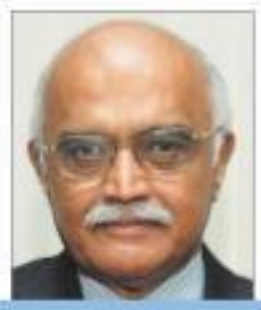
#### Allow Aadhaar card

The dreams of millions of people have been aroused through the gesture of visa-free visit to Kartarpur Sahib. This magnanimity has the potential to create huge goodwill among the public on both sides of the border. But the fact that a passport would have to be produced can disappoint many. If the Aadhaar card, which everyone is already in possession of, had been considered instead, it would have made the visit possible for the *aam janata*.

ADARSH PAUL SINGH, LUDHIANA



# Does movie boom indicate stronger economy?



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UNION Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had to withdraw his October 12 statement in Mumbai, citing Bollywood successes while trying to refute the charge that our economy was in a crisis. The argument he chose was the success of three Bollywood films at the box office which netted Rs 120 crore in a day. A senior politician like Prasad should have realised that one should not judge the health of a huge economy like ours by selectively examining a small sector like Bollywood.

shooting sets and theatres to "Sound". Hollywood moguls urgently needed to recoup their investment.

Hence, they swung all energies to market this new entertainment instead of looking to the federal government like the rest of America. They took advantage of the relative weaknesses of their competitors which were radio and stage shows. Also, they had full control over their assets, like studios, stars, directors, writers and theatre owners. "They had to catch up with their technology fast, creating a cinema of sight and sound, images and words."

To achieve this, they managed to create a new business package of showing movies cheap (10 to 25 cents), beating plays which were expensive. It was a "therapeutic diversion" to the millions of American people who needed to forget their misery. They were like the early Raj Kapoor films or the present *dhushum-dhushum* David and Goliath Indian language movies. Also they established a show protocol which exists even this day: starting with news reels, cartoons, advertisements, serials and ending with the main movies, a wholesome entertainment for the common man for two-three hours.

To quote John Farr, "American films reached a pinnacle of influence at a time when most other industries were struggling mightily." It was during this period that Hollywood produced some of the best classics, deliberately choosing Depression era comedies which made fun of the rich. The list includes choreographer Busby Berkeley's *42nd Street*, Broadway dancing star Fred Astaire's *Flying Down to Rio* and Marx Brothers' *Anarchic*, and humour movies like *A night at the opera* and *A day at the races*. Also popular were *King Kong*

Also, the BJP government would have faced international embarrassment had it persisted with this argument. This is because a study of the history of commercial films in America would prove that the film industry performed well during the 'Great Depression', which started with the October 29, 1929 Wall Street Crash, setting in motion the financial crisis which lasted till 1941 when America started mobilising for World War II.

The Hollywood boom was a result of fortuitous circumstances and sharp commercial instinct. American movie curator John Farr says that the Crash took Hollywood by surprise while it was in transition from "The Silent" to the early stages of "The Sound". Huge investment was made to convert



**THERAPEUTIC DIVERSION:** Movie watching soars during an economic crisis because people want to forget their troubles.

Between 60 and 80 million Americans saw movies once a week during the days of the Great Depression. Films were based on the realities of that era, "dragged directly from the grim pages of contemporary newspapers." Large-scale movie watching continued even during the financial crisis of 2008, which saw the collapse of the Lehman Brothers, that set in motion a global economic collapse.

and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

Between 60 and 80 million Americans saw movies once a week during those days. The Depression films were based on the realities of that era, "dragged directly from the grim pages of contemporary newspapers." Also thrown in liberally by Columbia and Warner Brothers were crime and gangster movies starring Paul Muni, Edward G Robinson and James Cagney.

In 1934, Frank Capra, till then unknown, was allowed to make *It Happened One Night* at Columbia's 'Poverty Row Studios', starring Clark Gable who was 'loaned' by MGM. It turned out to be a great success as Gable could win his only Oscar. Stars like Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn bloomed during this period. "Comedies, gangster movies and musicals helped people forget their troubles." This 'Golden Age' boom continued till after the Second World War, until the "idiot box" challenged the might of Hol-

lywood, leading to its decline.

Large-scale movie watching continued even during the later financial crises. The year 2008 saw the collapse of the Lehman Brothers, which set in motion a global financial crisis. Its effect on the UK was shattering. The pound collapsed. Bovis, Britain's giant builder, warned that the property market would collapse unless the interest rates were cut. HBOS, the UK's biggest mortgage seller, was under strain.

However, this did not affect the film industry. A *New York Times* report on February 28, 2009 said that movie ticket sales in the US surged by 17.55 per cent to \$1.7 billion, not merely due to higher ticket prices but also due to attendance which was 16 per cent higher. The Entertainment page of the *Independent* (UK) conveyed on October 4, 2008 that the films in the UK, the US and Australia were doing well despite a general apprehension of another 'Black Tuesday', when leading economies were facing a

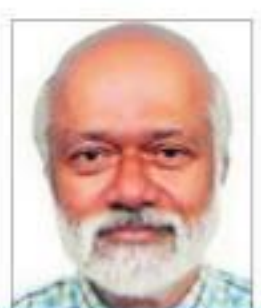
downturn since the summer of 2008. It said that in the UK, the movie attendance was at a "40-year high".

During the Great Depression, the US federal government had to intervene to alleviate the adverse effects of Hollywood's success on other areas of entertainment. The boom had adversely affected even "big bands" like Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman. As many as 30,000 musicians were out of job when 'The Sound' was introduced. This plan was called 'New Deal: Federal Theatre Project 1935-1939'. Hallie Flanagan, a theatre professor, was chosen by President FD Roosevelt to head the project over the claims of commercial professionals. Thousands of unemployed theatre professionals were rehabilitated through government intervention.

For the first time, an African-American theatre group emerged. A new breed of theatre artistes like Arthur Miller, Orson Welles and Elia Kazan rose. Burt Lancaster, the famous latter day Hollywood hero, joined the Federal Theatre Circus when he was 19. During its four years of existence, the Federal Theatre Project entertained over 30 million Americans, renting theatres, parks, churches and schools. However, the project had to be closed in 1939 due to objections from the right wing Congressional lobby for allegedly encouraging "leftist" ideas and racial integration. Also, America was inching towards the Second World War.

In 2009, the *New York Times* quoted Martin Kaplan, of the Norman Lear Center for the Study of Entertainment, saying why movie watching had soared during the economic crisis: "People want to forget their troubles, and they want to be with other people." Is this what is happening in India?

# World expos are gateways to future, not marketplaces



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For the first time since the pioneering World Expo, held in 1851 in London to showcase the Industrial Revolution, the six-month-long Expo 2020 Dubai, which will open on October 20 next year, will coincide with Diwali during its duration. The management has decided, therefore, that Diwali will be a 'special event' at the Expo, one of the unique days to be celebrated on an unprecedented scale outside India.

DIWALI, like yoga since 2014, is going global. As this year's Diwali approaches in a few days, a country in India's extended neighbourhood is in the midst of preparing for the most ambitious and elaborate international celebration of the festival of lights that has ever been undertaken to be held next year.

The United Arab Emirates has one of the biggest expatriate *desi* populations anywhere in the world, but that is far from the reason why Diwali will be a global event in that country next year. Dubai's celebration of Diwali in 2020, in collaboration with India, will catapult the festive holiday to audiences from almost 190 countries in the ongoing mindboggling preparations.

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But it is not only in view of the mammoth effort to internationalise Diwali that Expo 2020 Dubai could be a historic opportunity for India. The next World Expo will be the biggest platform to showcase the "new" India, which is being talked about in the last five years. If India has, indeed, changed appreciably since 2014, projecting these changes before an anticipated audience of 25 million visitors is an occasion that is unlike-



**HISTORIC CHANCE:** Expo 2020 Dubai is a big platform to showcase the 'new' India.

ly to offer itself anywhere else soon.

A stunning Indian demonstration of its 21st century capabilities that can be sustained for six months will be potentially more beneficial for India economically and diplomatically than the combined promotions it has launched globally and speeches it has made at the UN, the World Trade Organisation, the Commonwealth and other similar summits in the last several years. As they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

With unfavourable news on the economy, not just from domestic developments but also from the World Bank, rating agencies and other sources, making headlines every day, it has become imperative for India to counter them by demonstrating to the world that the "India story" is not a hype, but real. Expo 2020 Dubai is a robust vehicle to

get there, but only if the government and other agencies involved in the preparations for this global exposition plan India's participation with imagination and a clear vision. To rescue the India story from any precipitous fall in world capitals and global business centres, it is essential to think out of the box. What is needed is the same imagination that meticulously persuaded Thomas L Friedman, a well-respected columnist at *The New York Times*, to write a best-seller, *The World is Flat*, focusing on India's rise in the last two decades.

The government must embrace the platform offered by Expo 2020 Dubai and show the green light to demonstrate that in the current "Asian century", India is there to lead and not be led or to be among the also-rans on the international business stage.

Other countries, many leading ones, among the 190 participants in Expo 2020 Dubai are already doing that for themselves at a frenetic pace. In September, US President Donald Trump initiated sweeping action to change the law in the USA since 2000 that prohibited spending government funds on international exhibitions. He sought from the Congress \$30 million for the State Department to construct America's pavilion at Expo 2020. America's plans for its Dubai pavilion are ambitious. It will show, among other marvels, robot surgeons and personal rocket ships. If you enter the pavilion, the feeling will be that the pavilion is moving.

Surprising for some, belying the image and impressions of its crumbling economy, Pakistan has finalised detailed plans for a 50:50 public-private participation in the execution and management of its pavilion.

In India, the most urgent task is to dispel the impression that Expo 2020 Dubai is another trade show. In recent world expos, now routinely held in a different part of the world every five years, India has been handicapped by the ill-conceived zeal of its businessmen to use the venues to sell their products. World expos are not marketplaces. They are gateways to the future, meant to demonstrate to the world at large how the human race will live in the next 15 or 20 years and how each participating country can contribute to the humanity's quest for the future.

In District 2020, an entire new city that is coming up between Dubai and Abu Dhabi as the vast venue of the next

world expo, organisers of Expo 2020 Dubai expect India to be a "landmark" participant for this reason. If the Indian pavilion highlights this country's innovation culture, its technological progress and its global reach through a worldwide *desi* diaspora network and its capacities, among other similar elements, the India story could not only survive abroad but also be taken forward effectively.

If, on the other hand, the Indian pavilion is reduced to an expanded version of 'Dilli Haat', Delhi's popular handicrafts market and food court, as happened at the 2010 expo in Shanghai, it would be a letdown for the world which is expecting much from India's participation in its areas of strength in the 21st century. The present plans of the Narendra Modi government are to make the Indian pavilion a permanent structure in Dubai's District 2020 even after the expo is over on April 10, 2021. The huge pavilion will be suitably re-purposed and made into a permanent exhibition on modern India, the only one of its kind anywhere in the world.

That next stage also requires careful and expert planning. It constitutes a major challenge for India's government, its private sector and its repositories of soft power, such as Bollywood, and its many centres of culture. Nothing of this nature has been attempted before. But a permanent exhibition on India in Dubai as a corollary of Expo 2020 Dubai will be a true reflection of India's excellent relations with the UAE, which is an outstanding success story of the Indian foreign policy in the last four years.

**QUICK CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**  
 1 Rogue (9)  
 8 Ooze out (5)  
 9 Trash (7)  
 10 Rise very rapidly (6)  
 11 Express in words (6)  
 12 Rabble (8)  
 15 Abroad (8)  
 18 Italian painter, d.1576 (6)  
 20 An addictive narcotic (6)  
 21 Six-sided figure (7)  
 22 Horizontal (5)  
 23 Inharmonious (9)

**DOWN**  
 2 Subdue harshly (5)  
 3 Optimistic (6)  
 4 Scatter (8)  
 5 Excuse without penalty (3,3)  
 6 Stiff interlining fabric (7)  
 7 Nearest relatives (4,2,3)  
 11 Suspend indefinitely (3,2,4)  
 13 Stronghold (8)  
 14 To rebuke (7)  
 16 Protect (6)  
 17 Tune (6)  
 19 Fruit of oak (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**  
**Across:** 1 Big shot, 4 Haste, 7 Rout, 8 Brandish, 10 Altruistic, 12 Wanton, 13 Thrift, 15 Go downhill, 18 Amundsen, 19 Memo, 20 Tiber, 21 Twaddle.  
**Down:** 1 Burma, 2 Gluttony, 3 Thrash, 4 Hand in hand, 5 Spin, 6 Exhibit, 9 Out of order, 11 Dividend, 12 Warrant, 14 Foment, 16 Loose, 17 Numb.

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**CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 17, 2019, THURSDAY**

- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 25
- Kartik Parvishite 1
- Hijari 1441
- Krishan Paksh Tithi 3, up to 6.49 am
- Vya Yoga up to 4.14 am
- Kritika Nakshatra up to 3.52 pm
- Moon in Taurus sign
- Karva Chauth.

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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**FORECAST**

**SUNSET:** THURSDAY 17:49 HRS  
**SUNRISE:** FRIDAY 06:26 HRS

**City** | **MAX** | **MIN**

Chandigarh 32 21  
 New Delhi 35 21

**PUNJAB**

Amritsar 33 21  
 Bathinda 36 21  
 Jalandhar 33 21  
 Ludhiana 33 21

**HARYANA**

Bhiwani 33 20  
 Hisar 36 19  
 Sirsa 36 21

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**

Dharamsala 24 14  
 Manali 21 06  
 Shimla 22 11

**JAMMU & KASHMIR**

Jammu 30 20  
 Leh — —  
 Srinagar 28 09

**UTTARAKHAND**

Dehradun 30 17  
 Mussoorie 21 11

TEMPERATURE IN °C

# Transporters to hold protest against Sarore toll plaza today

ARTEEV SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 16

Against the backdrop of the prevailing uncertainty post the revocation of state's special status, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has ignored the concerns of local stakeholders while "unilaterally" setting up a new toll plaza in the Sarore area of Samba district.

The issue has snowballed into a major controversy with transporters deciding to call for a statewide "chakka jam" against the decision tomorrow (Thursday) and the Opposition parties upping in arms against the ruling BJP for converting "Jammu — a city of temples — into a city of toll plazas".

Industrialists and traders, too, are concerned about the region's economy which has been in a "worst contraction" for the past over two months and will further slow down the growth with the addition of toll plazas on the highway.



Vehicles pass through the Sarore toll plaza in Samba. INDERJEET SINGH

The controversy has put the BJP on the back foot, which, after widespread criticism, has written to the Union Transport, Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari for immediate scrapping of the Sarore toll plaza.

"The J&K industry has already been passing through critical times. Instead of taking steps to revive the growth of industri-

al sector, the government is bent on pushing industrialists to the wall. The new toll plaza will have a direct impact on the growth of industry. The cost of production will go up and the common man, in turn, will finally bear the brunt of it," Annil Suri, one of the leading industrialists in Jammu, said. Neeraj Anand, president, Chamber of Traders Federa-

tion (CTF), Jammu, described the decision as "ill-timed", which was taken in haste without taking local stakeholders into confidence. "Nobody is against the revenue generation of the government but the new toll plaza at Sarore has been set up at wrong time and in hush-hush manner. The government should immediate defer this move as J&K is in a transition phase from state to a UT," Anand said.

Harsh Dev Singh, Panthers Party chairman, said, "It's traumatic to see that Jammu, which has come to be known as 'City of Temples' is being converted into 'City of Toll Plazas' by the BJP for a malevolent cause. While the Lakhanpur, Ban and Chenani-Nashri toll plazas are already functional, the installation of a toll plaza at Sarore site, less than 40 km from Ban, has not only violated the norms of the NHAI, but also subjected local population and pilgrims to further loot and extortion."

# Farooq's relatives, 11 other women released from jail

ISHFAQ TANTRY  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

The authorities in Kashmir today released National Conference president Farooq Abdullah's sister and daughter and 11 other prominent women from Srinagar Central Jail after all of them furnished a "bond of peace and tranquillity".

Farooq's daughter Safiya Abdullah, sister Suraiya Mattoo and other high-profile women, including Hawa Bashir, a retired professor and the wife of former J&K High Court Chief Justice Bashir Khan, Muslim Jan, a Kashmir University professor, Ruzqay Saeed, wife of senior journalist Saeed Malik and others were detained by the police on Tuesday morning as they attempted to hold a protest demonstration in Srinagar city against the abrogation of Article 370 and detention of political leaders.

After being rounded up from the Pratap Park area by the police, these women were later on lodged at high-security Central Jail in Srinagar,

## NO FIR AGAINST PROTESTERS

A senior police official told *The Tribune* that there was no FIR against these protesting women, adding that their detention was preventive in nature. Advocate Altaf Khan, one of the lawyers who represented the detained women, said all of them were released around 5.30 pm from the Central Jail in Srinagar after furnishing a bond of 'peace and tranquillity'.

wherefrom they were released this evening after spending a night there.

A senior police official told *The Tribune* that there was no FIR against these protesting women, adding that their detention was preventive in nature. Advocate Altaf Khan, one of the lawyers who represented these detained women, said "all of them were released around 5.30 pm from the Central Jail in Srinagar after furnishing a bond of peace and tranquillity" before the magis-

trate concerned and also surety bonds. He said they were informed by the jail authorities that the 13 protesting women were detained under Sections 107 and 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

While staging the protest on Tuesday, Farooq's sister Suraiya Mattoo carried a placard that read "Release all detainees", while Farooq's daughter Safiya held a placard reading "Why downgrade Jammu and Kashmir state".

The protesting women, while holding protest in the Lal Chowk area following the August 5 abrogation of J&K's special status, had said the people in Kashmir were not happy with the decisions taken by the New Delhi as they had been silenced.

Before being detained, Hawa Bashir told mediapersons that Kashmiris were not happy with the abrogation of Article 370 and downgrading of the J&K state into two Union Territories. "These (government) people say that Kashmiris are happy but we came here to say that we are not happy at all," Bashir said.

# UP refuses to give details of detained Kashmiri prisoners

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

The authorities in Uttar Pradesh have refused to provide details of individuals shifted from J&K to Agra Central Prison post August 5, when the Centre abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated the state into two union territories.

Some top lawyers and separatists have been shifted to the Agra jail from Kashmir after the authorities feared they would lead protests against the abrogation of the special status of J&K.

"The prison authorities in Uttar Pradesh have refused to provide any details of individuals shifted from J&K to Agra Central Prison around the time when fundamental changes were made to the status of J&K under the Constitution," said New Delhi-based RTI activist Venkatesh Nayak, who is the programme head of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) has responded to Nayak that he has asked "third party" information which could not be provided as per a 2008 circular issued by the administrative reforms department of Uttar Pradesh.

"Ironically, this circular cannot be found on the department's website or in the compilation of RTI-related government of UP circulars uploaded on the website of the Uttar Pradesh Information Commission," Nayak said.

Several residents of J&K have been moved to prisons in Uttar Pradesh under detention orders. Officials said over 100 persons from J&K have been detained in four jails of UP.

# Provide free legal aid to PSA detainees, HC tells state govt

ISHFAQ TANTRY  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 16

In a decision which would provide succour to scores of parents whose wards have been booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) since the abrogation of Article 370, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court today directed the J&K Government to provide free legal aid to the detainees, wherever necessary.

The directions were passed today by a division bench of Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Rashid Ali Dar in a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the J&K Public Safety Act and seeking its scrapping by the court. The court, however, did not issue notices in the main petition while posting the matter for consideration on November 6. The Chief Justice also suggested the petitioner

lawyer to go through the J&K Reorganisation Act, which comes into effect from October 31, 2019, and by virtue of which the state has been downgraded into two union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The main thrust of senior High Court lawyer Syed Tassaduq Hussain, who is himself the peti-

tioner in the case, was that the state which detains people under the Act must also provide legal aid to them, as a majority of the detainees could not afford to pay the expenses of the lawyers and relatives could not visit the detainees lodged at far-off places outside J&K.

He also submitted that if the amendment of Article

22 of the Constitution in J&K has been brought into force, the J&K Public Safety Act, 1978, will have to be struck down.

He further submitted that if this amendment had not been brought into force in J&K, the High Court may issue a mandamus if it deemed proper and fit and may direct the Union of India to bring it into force in J&K.

However, Advocate General DC Raina, who repre-

sented the government, submitted that the PSA was in consonance with the Constitution, adding that the amendment to Article 22 of the Constitution would be automatically extended to J&K after the abrogation of Article 370.

As argued in the petition and further reiterated by the petitioner before the bench today, it has been said that every resident of J&K, who was detained

after August 5, may be granted token compensation of Rs 5 lakh per detainee so that the rule of law finds restoration in the state of J&K.

While refusing to issue notices in the petition at this stage, the High Court granted the second plea of the petitioner lawyer and directed the state government to provide free legal aid to the persons booked and detained under the Act, wherever necessary.



CM Arvind Kejriwal and AAP leader Gopal Rai at the launch event of the app in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# CM launches AK app to rope in volunteers

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Ahead of Assembly elections next year, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday launched his own mobile app to stay in touch with volunteers and people, and tackle fake news spread against the Aam Aadmi Party.

He said the app could be downloaded from Google Play Store or users could download it by giving a missed call on 9871 010101, after which a link to the app would be sent to their phone.

Commenting on the alleged

false propaganda and misinformation that is spread against the party and the government, Kejriwal said through this app AAP would reach out to public directly against "fake news". There is a section Truth vs. Propaganda. In this section people will be told the truth about an issue so that they can differentiate between facts and falsehoods," he said.

"When people spread propaganda against us, often we are not even given a chance to present our case and clarify," he added. — PTI

# 27-yr-old woman commits suicide in East Delhi

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

A 27-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan of her house in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar area, the police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on October 12, they said. The woman has been identified as Shristi Mishra.

Her family alleged that she took the extreme step as she was tortured by her husband and mother-in-law over dowry, said the police.

According to the police, the woman got married to Saurav Kumar in 2015 and was staying with her husband and in-laws in Mayur Vihar area.

The police said they were informed about the incident by the Jeewan Anmol Hospital. A Crime team and photographer were called for inspection of the crime scene and the body was preserved, the police added. — PTI

# Delhi needs 65% cut in pollution levels: Expert

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Pollution in the Capital reduced by 25 per cent in the past 10 years but to meet clean standards, it needs to be cut down by 65 per cent more, an environment expert said on Wednesday.

Anumita Roy Chowdhury, executive director (research and advocacy) at the think-tank Centre for Science and Environment, said a slew of measures — such as shutting down coal power plants, shifting to BS-IV standards and creation of peripheral roads to avoid entry of polluting trucks in Delhi — reduced pollution in the last decade.

"But the next question is, after 25 per cent deduction what? Even after reducing pollution by 25 per cent, Delhi has to reduce pollution by yet another 65 per cent to meet the cleaner standards," she said at a discussion on problems of Delhi during an event titled 'Dilli ki Soch'.

"Pollution is down by 25 per cent in over 10 years but how



Water spraying tankers to curb air pollution launched by Manoj Tiwari and Gautam Gambhir for EDMC in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

did it happen is important to understand. Since 2009-10, three coal/power plants have been shut which is equal to 1,245 GW of coal power generation. At the same time, BS-IV vehicles were scaled up, and there has been change in use of fuel in the city.

There has been an increase in vehicle and industrial sector by 40 to 42 per cent in the last 10 years, Chowdhury said. "We need big clean energy and technology transition in industrial

and vehicular sector," she said.

The discussion was also attended by Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari, who said the BJP government at the Centre had been making efforts to bring down pollution.

While discussing problems of garbage disposal and other sanitation issues raised by the United Residents Joint Action of Delhi (URJA), Tiwari alleged the Delhi Government had blocked funds meant for MCDs. — PTI

# Stop misleading people: Kejri to Central agencies

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday dismissed as "misleading" a Central Government agency's claim that stubble-burning is responsible for only 10 per cent of the city's pollution and asserted that no agency has the "specific machinery" to measure either the component or the causes of pollution.

The CM said these "guessing games" should be stopped and the agencies should behave more responsibly about the figures and data they share.

SAFAR, the ministry of earth science's air quality and weather forecast service, had in a recent report said that the share of stubble-burning in the PM 2.5 concentration in Delhi has

## PARTICULATE MATTER

“The components of pollution can only be measured by a machinery, which is owned by none of the agencies that claim figures on the stubble-burning.”

Arvind Kejriwal, DELHI CM

remained less than 10 per cent so far. PM 2.5 stands for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter.

Particles narrower than 10 micrometres are the most hazardous because they can get deep into the lungs, and some may even get into the bloodstream. The CM also issued a statement, saying until a solution to the pollution coming from outside is found, the people of Delhi will keep "suffering". — PTI

# 45 children rescued in Wazirpur area

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Forty-five child labours, including three girls, were rescued from 14 factories in series of raids in Wazirpur Industrial Area of northwest Delhi, the police said on Wednesday.

The children were rescued in a joint operation conducted by Delhi Police along with officials of Delhi Government's Labour Department and activists of Bachpan Bachao Andolan, they said.

The raids were led by the Saraswati Vihar's sub divisional magistrate, they added. The rescued children have been sent to Mukti Aashram after medical examination and further investigation is

## The rescued children have been sent to Mukti Aashram

under way, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northwest) Vijayanta Arya.

A case has been registered at Ashok Vihar police station, but no arrest has been made so far, said Arya.

The children statements are presently being recorded before magistrate and their age verification has been taken up, said the officer, adding the case is being probed further. — PTI

# Unauthorised constructions should always be razed: HC

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

The Delhi High Court Wednesday said unauthorised or illegal construction on government land should always be demolished.

The observation was made by a Bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar while dismissing a plea seeking that unauthorised construction, on private or government land, be handed over to the state which can then use it for rehabilitating families of war victims.

Declining to entertain the petition, moved by a lawyers group, the court

“Government land cannot be allowed to be encroached upon. Any illegal construction on government land should always be demolished.”

High Court Bench

said allowing the plea would result in illegal constructions or encroachments on government land to remain as it is. "Government land cannot be allowed to be encroached

upon. Any unauthorised or illegal construction on government land should always be demolished," the Bench said.

The court went on to dismiss the plea, saying there was no substance in the writ petition and the prayers sought cannot be granted.

The Delhi State Young Lawyers Forum, which had moved the plea, had sought directions to the authorities to take over all the illegal or unauthorised constructions in the city and to hand it over to the government for housing families of war victims. — PTI

# Youth held for snatching

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

A 23-year-old man involved in several snatching cases was arrested from Rohini with a loaded pistol, said the police on Wednesday.

During checking near Chhotu Ram Park, Sector 6 Rohini, two suspects on a motorcycle were signalled to stop. But, they sped away and were later chased by the police team, they said.

The team managed to apprehend Sohail while his accomplice Pappu fled the spot taking advantage of the traffic congestion in the area, the police said.

One country-made pistol, two live cartridges and a motorcycle were seized from him, the police said. — PTI

**CORRIGENDUM**  
Prashant Kumar was the co-owner of the subject cited property H.No. 751, Sec-8, area 250 sq. yd. of the Urban Estate Faridabad. Smt. Shweta Mishra: W/o Late Prashant Kumar have inform that another name of legal heir Natural Guardian of Master Nitesh S/o late Prashant Kumar was not published in public notice in The Tribune news paper of 13.08.2018 by mistake. legal heirs name mention below :- K.N. Sharma (Father), Radha Sharma (Mother), Smt. Shweta Mishra (Wife), Ms. Pranavi (daughter) & Master Nitesh (Son). This Plot Transfer in favour of Smt. Shweta Mishra and Guardian of Nitesh. Legal Heirs: Smt. Shweta Mishra and Guardian of Nitesh

**PUBLISH NOTICE**  
Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of Residential H.No. 1830, Sector-16, Faridabad in respect of 100% share upon the intestate death of Sh. C.L. Khosla S/o Late Sh. Amar Nath Khosla. Sh. C.L. Khosla who was the owner of the subject cited property to the extent of 100% share as per record had died on 08/04/2019 respectively and has got no Will, leaving behind the following legal heirs: Anil Khosla (Son) & Kuldeep Khosla (Son). Anil Khosla S/o Late Sh. C.L. Khosla R/o H.No. 1830, Sector-16, Faridabad and Kuldeep Kumar Khosla S/o Late Sh. C.L. Khosla R/o 1-305, Vijay Rattan Vihar, Exit-9, NH-8, Sector-15, Part-2, Gurgaon intends to apply for transfer the said property in their favour being legal heirs. If any person is having objection against the transfer of bid plot/house, he/she/they can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, H.SVP, Faridabad, along with supporting documents within in 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Otherwise the Estate officer may sanction mutation of the property as per H.SVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any. Legal heirs: Anil Khosla, Kuldeep Kumar Khosla

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# Palwal headed for a photo-finish

deciding factor," adds Digambar, seated next to him. Dalal has lost only once — in 2009 he was trounced by Chaudhary by 6,672 votes. "It's a one-sided affair this time. I am getting support from all communities. There is no jat versus non-jat divide here," he claims. Fighting his seventh election, Dalal, 60, covers 10-12 villages every day. His supporters call him Palwal's 'babbar sher (lion)'. "It is said when Deepak Mangla calls a hav-



Deepak Mangla & KS Dalal. Ilder, it is he who starts shivering, not the policeman. He is a weak candidate," he tells the crowd at Kashipur which responds with a deafening applause.

Dalal exposed the 2002

HCS recruitment scam during the Chautala regime and more recently the 'transport scam' during the Khattar rule. He has been raising local issues — water, cleanliness, power, sewer lines and paved streets — and also larger issues such as sluggish economy, zooming gold prices and unemployment. Attacking the new Motor Vehicle Act at every rally, he points out: "The fine is more than the price of a two-wheeler." Mangla

counts the criticism. "I have ended his (Dalal's) politics of fear and witch-hunt. Not a single false case has been lodged in the past five years," he claims while addressing a rally at Acheja village. "Compare the work done in the past five years with his 25-year term. We have built a flyover, railway over-bridge, stadiums and skill development university in the area," he tells the people, seeking their votes in order to make "Khattar CM again."

## Gikki murder...

The case had been pending with the HC since then. But the Bench of Justice Rajiv Sharma and Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu decided the case after hearing the matter in one go for more than two hours. Pronouncing the verdict in the open court, Justice Sharma's Bench dismissed the appeals. The prosecution had claimed that Rajbir Singh Sekhon saw his son Gikki standing near the main road, along with one Sukhdev Singh, after he reached Baba Rasool Dhaba in Jalandhar's Model Town around 12.45 am on the intervening night of April 20 and 21, 2011.

At that time, accused Amarpreet Singh, along with Amardeep Singh, Ramsimran Singh Makkar and Jasdeep Singh, were also "present there and were angry with his son". The prosecution claimed Amardeep Singh took out his revolver and started fighting with Gikki. As Amarpreet Singh and Jasdeep Singh instigated, Makkar took out his revolver and fired Gikki in the back. He did not live long to reach the hospital. Prince Makkar was Gikki's closest friend since childhood and had only lately been out of touch as he got busy in his political career.

# Ayodhya hearing ends, verdict expected by Nov 15

up because of voluminous documents in six languages had to be translated into English, the official language of the Supreme Court. The court finally took up the matter after mediation to resolve the dispute failed. A mediation panel of Justice FMI Kalifulla, Sri Sri Ravishankar and senior advocate Sriram Panchu, informed that parties could not reach an amicable solution. But later, the mediation was revised and it went on simultaneously. Hindus believe that Lord Ram was born in Ayodhya. During Mughal emperor

Babur's rule, a mosque was constructed at the site in 1528 after destroying the temple existing there. On December 6, 1992, the disputed structure was demolished by Hindu activists and since then there exists a makeshift temple at the site. Senior BJP leaders LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Kalyan Singh and Uma Bharti are facing trial in the case. The Bench will have barely four weeks to write the verdict as CJI Gogoi is to retire on November 17. The verdict is expected by November 15, which will be

his last working day. "It will be a miracle to write verdict in four weeks," CJI Gogoi had said on September 26. On behalf of Hindu parties, senior counsel CS Vaidyanathan contended that Sunni Waqf Board and other Muslim litigants had failed to prove that Babur got constructed the mosque at the disputed site in Ayodhya. Senior advocate Vikas Singh, representing the All-India-Hindu Mahasabha, referred to various aspects of the Allahabad High Court judgment and said there has been long faith and belief on the part of Hindus

with regard to the sacred nature of the birthplace of Lord Ram. Senior lawyer Ranjit Kumar, appearing for Hind devotes Gopal Singh Visharad, said that Muslims had failed to prove their case and the lawsuit filed by the Sunni Waqf Board and others ought to be dismissed as Visharad and other Hindu devotees had "pre-existing rights to worship." On behalf of Muslim parties, senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan demanded restoration of status quo ante as on December 5, 1992, before the demolition of the mosque, claiming it was a mosque.

## Infiltration-free India by 2024, promises Shah

"It takes grit to protect one's motherland. When Moni (Manmohan Singh) was PM, Pakistan would kill our soldiers and humiliate us, but Modi has given a befitting reply." Shah claimed the UPA government was all about 3 Ds — damaad (son-in-law), dalaal (middlemen) and darbari (courtiers), "but for us its development, development and development". Seeking support for candidate Sundhir Singla from Gurgaon and Manish Yadav from Badshahpur, he said: "Hooda was busy serving a family and not the state. Look around, assess development and vote Khattar government back to power."

**SAINIK SCHOOL SUJANPUR TIRA**  
Distt. Hamirpur (HP)-176110  
Tele Nos (01972) 272024/039/040  
Website : www.sainikschoolsujanpur.tira.org  
**ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAM - 2020-21**  
Last date of on-line registration for All India Sainik School Entrance Examination-2020-21(Class VI & IX) has been extended upto 31 Oct 19.  
**Date: 16 Oct, 19** Principal,  
Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira.  
DI-99143

**ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਿਵਲ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਸਾਂਝੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ-2018 ਵਿਚ ਸਫ਼ਲ ਹੋਏ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਉਂਸਲਿੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 30.10.2019, ਦਿਨ ਬੁੱਧਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਮਹਾਤਮਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਇੰਸਟੀਚਿਊਟ ਆਫ਼ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਮੈਨੇਜਮੈਂਟ ਆਫ਼ ਸੈਕਟਰ-26, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਆਡੀਟੋਰੀਅਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੈਲ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਵਾਰਣ ਦੀ ਖੋਲ੍ਹ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ।  
Additional Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel.  
DPR/Pb/D6966

**ਡੇਰਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਘੂ ਫਿਲਮ ਉਤਸਵ**  
ਸ਼ਾਰਟ ਟਰਮ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਹਿਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ 550ਵੇਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਪੁਰਬ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਰਪਿਤ ਡੇਰਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਘੂ ਫਿਲਮ ਉਤਸਵ (ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਨ) ਮਿਤੀ 5 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2019 ਸਵੇਰੇ 11 ਵਜੇ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-35, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਡਿਟੈਲ www.ajnalasugar.in ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ ਤੇ ਵੇਖੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਲਘੂ ਫਿਲਮ ਬਨਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਗੂਗਲ ਡਰਾਈਵ ਤੇ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕਰਕੇ, ਉਸਦਾ ਲਿੰਕ prashant-dabral@softprodigy.com ਈਮੇਲ ਤੇ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ 5 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਆਪ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਕਰ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜੇਤੂ ਫਿਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਜਬ ਇਨਾਮ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਲੈਟ ਕਰੀਅਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਮਿਤੀ 8 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਤੋਂ 11 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਤੱਕ ਡੇਰਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਿਖਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਘੋਰੇ ਨਾਟਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਪ ਸ਼ਿਵਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਧਾਲੀਵਾਲ (98726-00033) ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜੀਵਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਚਾਵਲਾ (81469-95061) ਪਾਸੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।  
ਸ਼ਿਵਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਧਾਲੀਵਾਲ, ਮੋਬਾਇਲ 98726-00033  
ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ / ਕਮ-ਕਨਵੀਨਰ

**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Online tenders on percentage rate basis (above or below or at par with DNIT amount) for the below mentioned work are hereby invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria mentioned in the tender documents.  
Name of the Work Estimated Cost Earnest Money  
Development of Commercial site at Shri Guru Ramdass Urban Estate situated on Amritsar-Ajanta Road, Amritsar ₹ 204.20 lacs ₹ 4,08,400/-  
Tender Processing Fee: As Applicable Period of Completion: Six Months  
Online availability of tender for bidding Last date & time for submission of Online bids Date & time of opening of Technical Bids in PUDA Bhawan, Green Avenue, Amritsar  
From To  
16.10.2019 05.11.2019 05.11.2019 06.11.2019  
4:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM 2:00 PM  
1. For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our Website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
2. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact on 0183-2501339.  
Divisional Engineer (Civil)  
PUNJAB URBAN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
PUDA Bhawan, Green Avenue, Amritsar

**The Office of Lokpal, Punjab (Administrative Wing)**  
SCO No. 149-152, First Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh  
Justice Vinod K. Sharma (Retd.) has assumed the charge as Lokpal, Punjab w.e.f. 08.10.19. General Public is hereby informed that any person who wants to file complaint under the provisions of "The Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996", can do so as per the prescribed procedure.  
Sd/- Under Secretary, Lokpal, Punjab.  
DPR/Pb/D6984

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites expression of interest for betterment of traffic light systems and operation & maintenance for two years. The experienced Companies/Agencies in this field of Traffic Lights can submit their proposal to Superintending Engineer (H) B&R. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Dated 30-10-2019 in the office of the undersigned in Room No.-19, MC Office, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana. Thereafter the proposals can be submitted in this office in sealed envelope up to 3 PM on or before 5/11/2019.  
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (B&R), Zone-D, MC, Ludhiana.  
DPR/Pb/C7509

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
Tender Notice Reference No. 2019-20/07 Date: 16/10/2019  
The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 2, SAS Nagar invites online bids for PROVIDING AND INSTALLING 1 No. NEW TUBEWELL (SIZE-300MM X 200MM DEPTH UP TO 450 M) INCLUDING COST OF PUMPING MACHINERY, CI FITTING CHLORINATION PLANT ETC. AT PHASE-6, S.A.S. NAGAR.  
Closing Date & Time: 06/11/2019 at 11:00 AM  
For Detail Logon to: [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in) from 16-10-2019  
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Div. No. 2, SAS Nagar.  
DPR/Pb/D6980

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH**  
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS  
Bid No. 08 DATED: 16.10.2019  
Dept. Inviting work:- Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R, Amritsar.  
Brief of work:-  
1). Providing & Laying Thermoplastic paint of Corridor No. 1 (Albert Road junction to India Gate), Amritsar.  
2). Providing & Laying Thermoplastic paint of Corridor No. 3 (Bhandari Bridge Round about to Daburi Gate), Amritsar.  
3). Providing & Laying Thermoplastic paint of Corridor No. 2A (Bhandari Loop Bridge), Corridor No. 5A (Elevated road from Celebration Mall to Verka Chowk) and Corridor No. 7 (Verka ROB), Amritsar.  
Area of Work:- Amritsar.  
Date of Opening of Bid:- 20.10.2019.  
For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting Tender please see to [punjab.gov.in](http://punjab.gov.in) [www.eprocbbpwd.gov.in](http://www.eprocbbpwd.gov.in) Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R, Amritsar.  
DPR/Pb/D6977

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH**  
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS  
TENDER NOTICE NO. 26 DATED : 16-10-2019  
On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Br., Rupnagar invites bids for below mentioned works from eligible bidders enlisted under "All road works" category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under his jurisdiction as detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Work(s).  

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Head (ਲੱਖਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ)
1	Upgradation and Strengthening of Sri Anandpur Sahib to Garhshankar road (Section Sri Anandpur Sahib to Khanpur Khui upto Distt. Boundary) in Distt. Rupnagar (One Year Defects Liability Period + Four Year Maintenance Period) approved under 5054 RB-10	5054

  
For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 18-10-19  
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Br., Rupnagar  
DPR/Pb/D6979

**AKASH CANTEN, UNA**  
Applications are invited for the post of Canteen Manager for Akash Canteen, Una, District Una (HP), purely on contractual basis for 350 days from the date of appointment. Preferably Retired Defence Service Officers. Applications should be sent to the following address:  
**Commanding Officer 4 ASSAM PIN-910404 C/o 56 APO**  
Last Date for Applications to reach 4 ASSAM is 30 October 2019  
Contact Ph: 01792-266845 (Age less than 60 years)  
DI-99134

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH**  
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS  
[eedpshrpuwpdp@gmail.com](mailto:eedpshrpuwpdp@gmail.com)  
Tender Notice No.: 12 Dated: 14.10.2019  
Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur invites bids from eligible authorised firms/bidders for below noted works:-  
(1) Construction of One Stop Centre at Hoshiarpur. Rs. 35,52,926/-  
(2) Repair of 10 Feet Span Culvert on Hoshiarpur Chandigarh Road to Nangal Shahidan Bilaspur Road. Rs. 5,61,236/-  
For detail terms and Conditions of Notice Inviting Bids, refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> w.e.f. 15/10/2019.  
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.  
Sd/- Rajinder Singh Gotra, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur. Ph. No. 01882-222511, Mob. 98888-30735.  
DPR/Pb/D6942

**Government of Punjab DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB**  
TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS  
THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS:-  
1. Providing & laying of Pipeline, installation of house connection and minor repairs in the following villages under PRWSSIP Sub Component 2A (i).  

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Block	Sr. No.	Name of Village	Block
1	Rajomajra	Derabassi 10	Jainty Majri	Majri	
2	Sitarpur	Derabassi 11	Dulwan	Majri	
3	Machhipur	Kharar 12	Mirjapur	Majri	
4	Sakulapur	Kharar 13	Bharoujain	Majri	
5	Majrati	Kharar 14	Khizrabad	Majri	
6	Chadiala	Kharar 15	Siswan	Majri	
7	Majra	Majri 16	Bifurcation of water supply scheme for village Bari Karroon under head NABARD-XXIII	Kharar	
8	Tanda Tandi	Majri			
9	Majrian	Majri			

  
2. Closing Date and Time:- 06.11.2019 for Serial No. 1 to 10  
3. Closing Date and Time:- 11.11.2019 for Serial No. 11 to 16  
For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
Note: Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 3, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.  
DPR/Pb/D6978

**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਮਿਤੀ: 14.10.2019  
ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਬਿਹਾੜ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਉਸਾਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ, ਲੋ.ਨਿ.ਵਿ. ਡੇ. ਡੀ. ਮੁਕਤਸਰ, ਬਟਾਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਕਿਰਤ ਤੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਗ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਾਰੰਮ ਮਿਤੀ 24.10.2019 ਨੂੰ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਕਿਰਤ ਤੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਕਿਰਤ ਤੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਸਥਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੂਰਵੀਤੀ ਤਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ/ਕੰਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ 1.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਨਾ-ਮੌਜੂਦਗੀ ਰੂ. 2000/- (ਦੋ ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਰੁਪਏ ਸਿਰਫ) ਪੂਰੀ ਵਾਰੰਮ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਾਰੰਮ ਉਸੇ ਦਿਨ 2.30 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਹਰ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਾਰਵਾਨ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਜਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਦੀ ਗਾਰੰਟੀ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਕੋਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਣਗੀਆਂ, ਜੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਕਿਸ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਚੋਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।  

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਅਨੁਮਾਨਤ ਲਾਗਤ (ਲੱਖਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ)	ਧਰਤੀ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ	ਸਮਾਂ ਸੀਮਾ
1	Construction of Yadgar Gate S. Ujjagar Singh Ajadi Ghatika at Village Harpura , Block Qadain, District Gurdaspur.	9.80	20000/-	2 ਮਹੀਨੇ

  
ਨੋਟ: ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ/ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਜੀ.ਐਸ. ਟੀ. ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਾਰੰਮ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।  
ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ:  
1. ਧਰਤੀ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਲਾਗਤ ਡਿਪੋਜਿਟ, ਐਡ.ਡੀ.ਆਰ. ਦੇ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਉਸਾਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਲੋ.ਨਿ.ਵਿ. ਡੇ. ਡੀ. ਮੁਕਤਸਰ, ਬਟਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਪੰਚ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
2. ਨਿਰਮਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਵਾਰੰਮ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਹੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ।  
3. ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਵਾਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਧਰਤੀ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਹੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਣਗੇ।  
4. ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਹੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।  
ਸੂਚੀ:- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਉਸਾਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ, ਲੋ.ਨਿ.ਵਿ. ਡੇ. ਡੀ. ਮੁਕਤਸਰ, ਬਟਾਲਾ  
DPR/Pb/D6939

**E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**  
1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-I, Jalandhar invites short term tender/bids from eligible bidders for the project/works under MSE-CDP Scheme detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following projects:  

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs.)	
1.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Upgradation of Roads at IFF Hoshiarpur	4,43,700/-	10,000/-	6 Months	221.83 Lakh	
2.	Upgradation of Roads at IFF Goindwal Sahib	4,00,100/-	10,000/-	9 Months	200.05 Lakh	
3.	Upgradation of Roads (with concrete roads) at IGC Pathankot	4,01,800/-	10,000/-	6 Months	200.89 Lakh	
4.	Construction of boundary wall around water works area, Disposal Area & outer Boundary at IFF Hoshiarpur	70,300/-	2,000/-	6 Months	35.12 Lakh	
5.	Retaining wall in sewage treatment plant plot at IGC Pathankot	1,32,400/-	5,000/-	6 Months	66.20 Lakh	
6.	Upgradation of Drainage at IGC Pathankot	52,900/-	5,000/-	4 Months	26.45 Lakh	
7.	Construction of sanitary conveniences at IFF Nawanshahr	20,100/-	2,000/-	4 Months	10.01 Lakh	
8.	Construction of Boundary at IFF Nawanshahr	54,600/-	2,000/-	4 Months	27.30 Lakh	

  
2. Period of availability of Tender online/Date & Time of online bid submission and Date & time of opening of bids are as given below:-  

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender
25.10.2019	07.11.2019, 11.00 a.m.	08.11.2019, 03.00 p.m.

  
For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in).  
The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0172-2970263-284 (NIC).  
Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be updated on website i.e. [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer

**Government of Punjab DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB**  
The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Division Barnala invites Online Bids for following:  

Sr. No.	Tender Notice Reference No.	Item	Quantity
DWSS-W-DIV64-6965-1	E-tender/ WSSD/ BARNALA/ 2019-20/018	PROVIDING & LAYING PIPELINE IN REMAINING STREETS, DEVELOPMENT OF WATER WORKS, REPAIR OF P.C./OHSR AND PROVIDING WATER CONNECTION FOR HOUSEHOLDS ETC. ALL OTHER WORKS AS PER APPROVED DNIT AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME MAUR PATIALA, BLOCK SEHNA, DISTRICT BARNALA	As per approved DNIT Approx. Amount 4.44 lac Time Limit 2 Months EMD 9000/- Bid Processing Fee: as per DNIT
DWSS-W-DIV64-7208-1	E-tender/ WSSD/ BARNALA/ 2019-20/019	PROVIDING & LAYING PIPELINE IN REMAINING STREETS, REPAIR OF OHSR AND PROVIDING WATER CONNECTION FOR HOUSEHOLDS ETC. AS PER APPROVED DNIT AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME NARAINGARH SOHAN, BLOCK MEHAL KALAN, DISTRICT BARNALA	As per approved DNIT Approx. Amount 4.79 lac Time Limit 2 Months EMD 9590/- Bid Processing Fee: as per DNIT

  
Date of Starting of bids online submission: DATE 18/10/2019  
Closing Date & Time: DATE 29/10/2019  
Technical Bid Opening Date: DATE 30/10/2019 TIME 11:00 HOURS  
For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Barnala.  
DPR/Pb/D6973

**Office of Deputy Commissioner-District Registrar, Sri Muktsar Sahib (HRC Branch)**  
REGARDING FILLING OF STAMP VENDOR VACANCIES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 25 OF PUNJAB STAMP RULES 1934, APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE AND ASPIRING CANDIDATES.  
**DETAILS OF VACANT SEATS**  

Sr. No.	TEHSIL/SUB TEHSIL	NUMBER OF VACANCIES
1	SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB	03
2	MALOUT	02
3	GIDDERBAHA	01
4	LAMBI	01

  
**QUALIFICATION AND TERMS & CONDITIONS**  
1) THE APPLICANT SHOULD BE MINIMUM MATRICULATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION FROM RECOGNIZED BOARD/UNIVERSITY.  
2) CONCERNED COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT THE APPLICATION INCOMPLETE OR BEARING FALSE INFORMATION AND NON FULFILLMENT OF EDUCATION QUALIFICATION AS PER GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS.  
3) THE APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH ATTESTED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND RESIDENCE.  
4) A WRITTEN TEST/INTERVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CONCERNED COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD BE OF MATRICULATION STANDARD WITH TOTAL 100 MARKS (WRITTEN TEST/EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/INTERVIEW).  
5) ONE APPLICANT CAN CHOOSE AND APPLY FOR ONE PLACE FROM ABOVE CHART.  
THE APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TILL 09/11/2019 (05:00 PM) IN THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB BY HAND OR THROUGH REGISTERED POST. NO APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER FIXED DATE OR TIME SHALL BE CONSIDERED.  
NOTE: THE COLLECTOR WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR ALTERATION.  
Sd/- DISTRICT REGISTRAR, SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB.  
DPR/Pb/D6973

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Minimum Age. As per AWES rules and regulations.  
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(a) Classes V to IX.  
(i) 31 Dec 2019 - Last date of registration and submission of application form.  
(ii) 09 Feb 2020 - Entrance Exam at 09:00 AM.  
(b) Class XI.  
(i) 10 Mar 2020 - Last date of registration and submission of application form.  
(ii) First week of Apr - Entrance Exam at respective schools.  
Exam Centres. Army Public School Dagshai, Beas, Delhi Cantt., Chandimandir, Pune, Lucknow, Jammu, Kolkata, Narangi (Guwahati), Bhopal, Jaipur, Hissar Cantt., Dehradun, Jodhpur, Bangalore, Secunderabad and Ahmedabad.  
Application Form. Application form will be common for both the school.  
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**Address for Correspondence**  

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Principal, Army Public School Dagshai District - Solan (HP) - 173210 Phone No: 01792-266174, 266147 and 266651 Website: <a href="http://www.apsdagshai.org">www.apsdagshai.org</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:apsdagshai86@gmail.com">apsdagshai86@gmail.com</a>	Principal, Army Public School Beas Post Office - Dhillwan District - Kapurthala (Pb) - 144804 Phone No: 01822-273218, 273091, 8288027171 Website: <a href="http://www.apsbeas.org">www.apsbeas.org</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:apsbeas@gmail.com">apsbeas@gmail.com</a>



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Rooftop solar power catches fancy of Punjab, Hry users

Combined capacity of two states reaches 245 MW

VIJAY C ROY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16

Rooftop solar is fast catching fancy of micro and small units, offices, schools, hospitals and households as a reliable source of power in Punjab and Haryana.

According to solar power developers, in the past nine months, there has been a significant increase in queries related to rooftop solar projects.

The total installed capacity of rooftop solar power in these two states has touched 245 MW. Rooftop solar is mainly installed for captive consumption.

Depending upon the requirement, the installation starts from 1kWp and can go up to 1 mega watt. Generally, most of the installed capacity is between 1 kWp and 20 kWp.

Compared to the ground-mounted projects, the rooftop solar installations are much smaller in terms of generation capacity. Currently, in Haryana, the solar power is dominated by rooftop plants of 145 MW (on residential and commercial buildings).

The total installed capacity of solar power in the state is 225 MW, including ground-mounted installations. However, in neighbouring Punjab, the rooftop capacity is 100 MW. "The market is expanding in these two states. In the

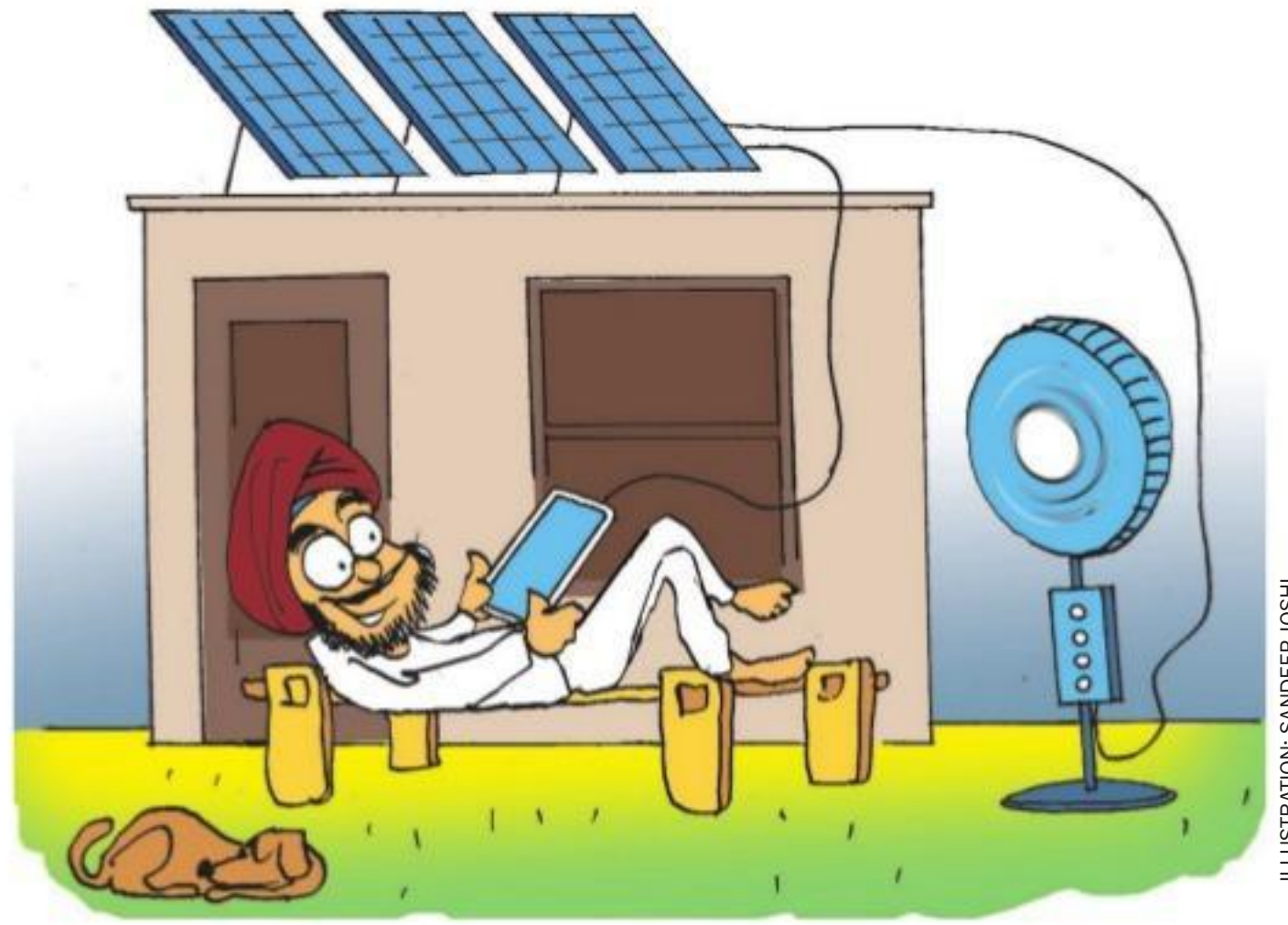


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- Increased awareness
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past six to seven months, we have received queries from small cities such as Moga for rooftop installations. To further penetrate into the market, we have appointed partners in tier-III cities also."

According to the developers, the main factor for stronger adoption of solar power is the cost which has fallen sharply over the

past couple of years. Depending upon the size of the plant, the cost per unit comes out between Rs 2.77 and Rs 4 per unit.

Hartek Solar director & CEO Simarpreet Singh said the changing consumer behaviour towards cleaner source of energy was propelling the demand for solar plants in these two states.

"Firstly, the rate of solar power generation has come down. Secondly, solar rooftop plants are reliable besides offering an economical and cleaner alternative to conventional energy. This also relieves the user from load-shedding by grid-based

energy sources," he said.

In addition to this, the solar power developers are of the view that increased awareness and strengthening presence of solar power developers in even rural hinterland are driving the market. There are over 100 rooftop solar power providers operating in these two states.

They said the government's decision to increase subsidy from 30% to 40% on rooftop solar plants (up to 3 kWp capacity) will further give fillip to new installations. The subsidy amount has been fixed at 20% for 4 kWp to 10 kWp solar plants.

Economic fundamentals very strong, says CEA Subramanian

Calls upon industry to start making investments

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian today called upon the industry to start making investments, stressing that the fundamentals of the economy are "very very strong".

On more than Rs 40,000 crore of dues pending to small companies, he nudged large corporates to ensure timely payment to the MSME sector as small players are dependent on cash flows.

Large companies must play a critical role in clearing cash dues to smaller companies, he said at an event organised by industry body Ficci being attended by several corporates.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday had said according to returns filed by large corporates to the Cor-



On more than ₹40,000 crore of dues pending to small companies, CEA KV Subramanian nudged large corporates to ensure timely payment to the MSME sector as small players are dependent on cash flows

porate Affairs Ministry, as much as Rs 40,000 crore was due to the MSME sector.

The CEA further said the slowdown in the economy is

due to a decline in investment, which is a key driver. Corporates must recognise that in a slowdown labour is available cheaper

and so it is the time to make investments, Subramanian said and added investment must be made from a long-term perspective.

"The government has been at its toes addressing various aspects of the economy," he said.

The CEA said the "fundamentals of the economy are very very strong...fundamentals of the economy have not changed" and it would be back on the 7-8% growth path.

Earlier this month, the RBI sharply cut its economic growth projection for this fiscal to 6.1% from 6.9% earlier.

The RBI's estimates come in the wake of GDP growth sliding to a six-year low of 5% in the June quarter, on massive slowdown in consumption and private sector investments. — PTI

AITUC backs bank strike on Oct 22 against merger

New Delhi: The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) on Wednesday said it has extended support to the all India bank strike on October 22, to protest against the government's decision to merge public sector banks.

Airtel to deploy Ericsson's 5G tech to boost network

New Delhi: Airtel has selected Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson to deploy 5G-ready cloud technology on its core network across India, the two companies announced on Wednesday.

OVL discovers oil, gas in Colombia, Brazil

New Delhi: ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) on Wednesday said it has made two new oil and gas discoveries in Colombia and Brazil, strengthening its reserves in Latin America.

Advertisement for Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) training courses. Includes details on M.Sc. Hospital Radiopharmacy, Nuclear Medicine, and Diplomas in Medical Radioisotope Techniques and Medical Radiation Physics.

Advertisement for Dabur's 'Dabur Aardra' (DABUR AARDRA) product. Text in Punjabi describing the benefits of the natural health product.

Advertisement for Corrigendum regarding a tender notice from the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh.

Advertisement for H.P. Power Transmission Corporation Limited (HPPTCL) regarding a tender for a transmission line project in Himachal Pradesh.

Advertisement for Himachal Pradesh Forest Department inviting tenders for various forest works. Includes a table with work details, estimated costs, and tender dates.

Advertisement for Government of Punjab PWD B & R Branch inviting online bids for various road works. Includes a table with work details, availability of tenders, and submission dates.

Advertisement for Before Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Delhi, regarding an appeal against a bank's order.

Advertisement for Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project inviting tenders for vehicle hire. Includes a table with work details, estimated costs, and tender dates.

Advertisement for Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Government of Punjab, inviting tenders for water supply projects in various villages.

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**Competent Teachers required** for Akal Academy, Makhanagar (Hoshiarpur) for English, Music (Vocal) and Librarian. (Transport facility will be available). Fluency in English is must. Eligibility: Graduation, B.Ed or above. Salary: 12,000 to 18,000. Walk-in interview: Test: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Akal Academy, Makhanagar, Village Makhanagar, P.O. Barian Kalan on 18.10.2019 (Friday). Contact: (98759-87291), amakhangar@akalacademy.ac.in (CL19098981)

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**Guru Nanak Khalsa College**, Sultanpur Lodhi (Kapurthala). Applications are invited for the posts of Commerce, Hindi, English, Pay negotiable. Qualifications as per GNDU. Apply immediately on prescribed proforma available at college Website www.gnkespl.org on our college mail khalsacollege\_spl@yahoo.com Principal (CL19099147)

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Chandigarh: Sector 21, one kanal kothi first and second floor, new with lift. Contact: 93161-12756. (CL19099091)

**LOST & FOUND**

I, Aakanksha Kalpdev d/o Jagat Ram r/o Surya Vihar, Dundaheera Gurgaon, Haryana, I have lost my original 10th CBSE Board in Delhi, Bassi. If anybody found please contact: 81960-00203. (CL19098935)

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

I, Ex. Hav Pawan Kumar No. 14417847K S/o Sh. Sunder Singh r/o Village Chuharmajra Tehsil Dhand (Kaithal) declare that in my army service record DoB of my minor son Anil Kumar wrongly entered as 10.11.2003 his correct DoB 22.11.2003. Concerned note. (CL19098783)

I, Parvinder Singh Dhillion s/o Rachan Singh r/o 818/26, Adarsh Colony, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my minor daughter's name from Parleez Kaur Dhillion to Parleez Kaur. (CL19098822)

I, Jasvir Kaur Dhillion w/o Parvinder Singh Dhillion r/o 818/26, Adarsh Colony, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my name to Jasvir Kaur. (CL19098825)

I, Parvinder Singh Dhillion s/o Rachan Singh r/o 818/26, Adarsh Colony, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my name to Parvinder Singh. (CL19098831)

I, Roop Kaur w/o Sh. Saroop Singh resident of Village Thali Khurd (Rupnagar), have changed my name from Rupa to Roop Kaur. (CL19098974)

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

I, Roopleen Kaur Dhillion d/o Parvinder Singh Dhillion r/o 818/26, Adarsh Colony, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my name to Roopleen Kaur. (CL19098832)

I, Putan s/o Rewati Prashad r/o H.No. 1532, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Putan Kumar. (CL19098983)

I, hitherto known as Raman Deep Kaur Dhillion w/o Harvinder Singh Dhillion r/o Saido Bholana Kapurthala Punjab-144620, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amritji Kaur Dhillion. (CL19098982)

I, Hitherto known as Bhupinder Singh s/o Joga Singh r/o #E-408, Ivory Tower, Sector-70, SAS, Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab-160071, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bhupinder Singh Saini. (CL19099021)

I, Ashok Kumar s/o Kishan Lal r/o VPO Barwa, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my minor son name Harsh Kumar to Harsh Kumar. (CL19099040)

I, Tanuj Kumar s/o Mahesh Kumar Gulati 211, Model Colony, Yamunanagar, have changed my name to Tanuj Gulati. (CL19099045)

I, Kapil Dev Bhardwaj s/o Shri S. N. Bhardwaj r/o # 737, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh - 160 030 have changed my minor son's name from Krishav Bharadwaj to Krishav Bhardwaj. (CL19099055)

I, Pooja Gill w/o Sharanbir Singh Gill r/o House no. 144, Sector 11-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Puja Gill. (CL19099062)

I, Sharnbir Singh Gill s/o Narinder Singh Gill r/o House no. 144, Sector 11-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sharanbir Singh Gill. (CL19099068)

I, Renu Diwan wife of Late Shri Prem Kumar Diwan resident of House No. 1563, Sector 7, Urban Estate Karnal, have changed name of my minor son from Daman to Daksh Diwan. (CL19099094)

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We, Ram Parkash Sharma s/o Late Sh. M. K. Sharma and Vinesh Sharma W/o Ram Parkash Sharma R/o H.No. 4312 Sector 68, Mohali declare that our son Akshay Sharma is out of our control. We therefore disown and debar him from all our moveable / immovable property. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk and responsibilities. We will not be responsible and liable for any of his activities. (CL19099141)

I, Deepak Chouhan son of Jagdish Chand Chouhan, village Batorana, PO Chouki, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra (HP), declare that I have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Chouhan. Concerned note. (CL19099178)

I, Ranjana Rangra w/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar s/o VPO Charot, Tehsil Sujampur Tira, Distt. Hamirpur (HP), declare that have changed my name from Ranjana Rangra to Ranjana Kumari. Concerned note. (CL19099185)

**TENDER NOTICE**

GGs Public School, Sangrur. Rates/quotations are invited for air conditioning of under construction multipurpose hall at school campus with capacity 1000 students, should reach Administrator School by 1300 hours, 30 October 2019. For technical queries contact Architect Mr. L.R. Gupta on 98140-49662. (CL19099183)

**COURT NOTICE**

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) (Succession Case) In the Court of Sh. Amrith Kumar Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Jagraon.

Tripta Devi @ Tapinder Kaur Thind

Vs. General Public CNR No.: PBLD00-000287-2018 Notice: General Public

Whereas the above named petitioner has filed the above petition before this Court for the grant of Succession Certificate regarding the assets left by the deceased Ranjodh Singh Thind s/o Sham Singh, who died on 13.11.2012.

Notice is issued in the name of respondent(s) that in case anybody has any objection for the grant of succession certificate, he/she can file objections to the same on or before 13.11.2019 failing which the petition shall be decided in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 26.09.2019.

For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=ludhiana](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=ludhiana)

Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL19098976 Jagraon.

**COURT NOTICES**

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Kushal Singla Civil Judge, Junior Division, Chandigarh. Kamla Mathur Versus Santosh Kalra CNR No.: CHCH02-001522-2019 Next Date: 18.11.2019 Publication issued to: Santosh Kalra Spouse: Rajinder Nath s/o Sh. Devi Dayal Kalra.

1. H.No. 218, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh.  
2. H.No. C-34, Rosewood City, South City-2, Sector-49, Gurugram, Haryana.

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 18.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=chandigarh](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=chandigarh)

Dated, this day of 14.10.2019. Sd/- Civil Judge, Junior Division, CL19098932 Chandigarh.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) (Succession Case) In the Court of Sh. Varun Nagpal Civil Judge, Senior Division, Chandigarh.

CNR No. CHCH02-003521-2019 Next date: 29.11.2019 Harminder Singh

Versus General Public For the grant of probate. Notice to: General Public: Nil.

In above titled case the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=chandigarh](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=chandigarh)

Dated, this day of 09.10.2019. Sd/- Civil Judge, (Sr. Divn.), CL19098946 Chandigarh.

**Criminal Courts, Ludhiana** In the Court of Sh. Devnour Singh Judicial Magistrate-1st Class, Ludhiana CNR No. PBLD03-053667-2018 Peshi: 16.11.2019 Publication Notice for Proclamation Under Section 82 CR.PC M/s C.R. Auluck & Sons Pvt. Ltd. Versus M/s Prayag Sewing India Complain R/w Sec-138 of N.I Act

Notice to: M/s Prayag Sewing India, Station Road, Nawda, Bihar through its Prop. Sh. Anand Raj Vishwakarma. Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that You, the accused above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation under Section 82 CR.PC is hereby issued against you with a direction that you should appear personally before the court on 16.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m. or within 30 days from the date of publication of this proclamation.

Take notice that, in default of your part to appear as directed above, the above said case will be heard and determined as per law, in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 26.09.2019. For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=ludhiana](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=ludhiana)

Sd/- Judicial Magistrate-1st Class, CL19099008 Ludhiana.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Preeti Sahni Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar

CNR No. PBJL01-004142-2019 Next date: 11.11.2019 Sukhjith Kaur aged 32 years w/o Avinash Kauldhara, d/o Sukhchain Singh r/o VPO Padhiana, P.S. Adampur, Jalandhar.

Versus Avinash Kauldhara s/o Hem Raj Kauldhara r/o 12, New Deol Nagar, Nakodar Road, Jalandhar, Presently residing at Via Frazione Roncolcole Verdi No. 66 Busetto (PR) Italy.

Publication issued to: Avinash Kauldhara father: Hem Raj Kauldhara r/o 12, New Deol Nagar, Nakodar Road, Jalandhar, presently residing at Via Frazione Roncolcole Verdi No. 66 Busetto (PR) Italy. In above titled case the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 11.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=jalandhar](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=jalandhar) Dated, this day of 27.09.2019. Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, CL19099011 Jalandhar.

**UK struggles for last-ditch Brexit deal**

**RACE AGAINST TIME:** EU summit today | Tusk claims 'basic foundations' of pact 'ready'

**BRUSSELS/DUBLIN, OCTOBER 16**

Negotiators struggled on Wednesday to clinch an eleventh-hour Brexit deal on the eve of an EU summit, raising the chances that Prime Minister Boris Johnson will have to seek an extension of the October 31 deadline for Britain's exit from the bloc.

Talks in Brussels on Tuesday between European Union and British officials ran into the night and resumed just hours later, but Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said there were still "many issues" to be resolved. Meanwhile, EU Council President Donald Tusk said the basic foundations of an agreement on Brexit were ready and that it could materialise within hours. "The basic foundations of an agreement are ready and theoretically tomorrow we could accept this deal with Great Britain," Tusk told Polish journalists in Brussels. "The-

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**Turkey rejects US demand for ceasefire**

**CEYLANPINAR (TURKEY), OCT 16** Turkey rebuffed international pressure to curb its military offensive against Kurdish militants in Syria on Wednesday as US President Donald Trump dispatched his deputy Mike Pence to Ankara to demand a ceasefire. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he would not meet with Pence, as the White House had planned for Thursday, and rejected any negotiations with Kurdish militants. The only way to solve Syria's problems was for the Kurds to "lay down their arms... destroy their traps and get out of the safe zone that we have designated". — AFP

**COURT NOTICES** (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Vivek Puri District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar. CNR No. PBSA01-001091-2019 Next Date: 18.11.2019 Sukhwinder Kaur Vs. Mohmad Rizwan Petition U/S 166 of Motor Vehicle Act Notice to: Mohamad Rizwan s/o Babu Baksh r/o Anaj Mandi, Kharar, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali, driver of Truck No. PB 12 N 0638.

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 18.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to: [https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=mohali](https://www.highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=mohali)

Dated, this day of 15.10.2019. Sd/- District and Sessions Judge CL19099026 SAS Nagar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Randhir Verma, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab. CNR No.: PBSB010003902018 Next Date: 19.11.2019 Javvir Kaur Versus Balwinder Singh

Appeal against the judgement and decree dated 19.12.2017 passed by the Court of Ms. Aman Sharma, Addl. Civil Judge, (Sr. Div.), S.B.S. Nagar. Publication issued to: 1. Balwinder Singh s/o Rawal Singh r/o Village Bharta Khurd, Tehsil & District SBS Nagar, Punjab.

2. Rajwinder Kaur w/o Gurmit Singh r/o Village Ladhana Jhikka, Tehsil Banga, District S.B.S. Nagar, 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 19.11.2019 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to: [https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric\\_notice&district=sbsnagar](https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distric_notice&district=sbsnagar) Dated, this day of 14.10.2019. Sd/- Randhir Verma, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab. CL19099033

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

**TENDER NOTICE NO.: 15 DATED: 15.10.2019** On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer Cosnt. Divn., PWD B&R, Br. Sirhind invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under "All Road works" category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved Periodical Maintenance/Renewal of Badali Ala Singh to NH-1 PMGSY road by Utilizing Financial Incentive released by MORD. The availability of tender online will be from 15.10.2019 to 29.10.2019 & Last date and time of submission of tender online 29.10.2019 at 03:00 PM. \* For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

For & on behalf of Governor of P.B. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Constn. Division, PWD B&R Br., Sirhind. DPR/Pb./D6985

**O/O REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, SHIMLA - 171004** Phone No.-0177-2658379 Advertisement for Review meeting of RTA Shimla In compliance of the orders of Hon'ble High Court of HP passed in COPC no 130 of 2019 dated 12-09-2019 the review meeting of Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Shimla has been fixed on 02-11-2019 at 11.00AM in the office of Directorate of Transport HP Shimla-4 .The decision taken by RTA in its earlier meetings held on 11-06-2018 & 03-01-2019 in respect of modification of route permits of Stage Carriage buses will be reviewed by RTA. The Agenda of meetings is available on the official website of Transport Department. The Notices of meeting have already been issued to concerned applicants and they have been requested to ensure their presence before RTA in person on above date, time and venue. Sd/- Regional Transport Authority, Shimla. DPR/Hp/420

**BORED BY DIVORCE SAGA? A BREXIT-FREE NEWS CHANNEL ON OFFER**

After three years of Brexit crisis, Sky News is betting that some viewers are so bored by the divorce drama that there is a market for a channel dedicated to news that has nothing to do with Britain's exit from the European Union.

"Sky News Brexit-Free" will cater to those who find the Brexit carousel less than scintillating, the head of Sky News, John Ryley, said. "It's something we know our viewers will find valuable," Ryley said.

"The new channel simply gives people the option to take a break from Brexit, apply a filter to their headlines and hear about issues away from Westminster and Brussels with a focus on hard-hitting, original journalism."

An anti-Brexit protester demonstrates outside the EU commission in Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday. REUTERS

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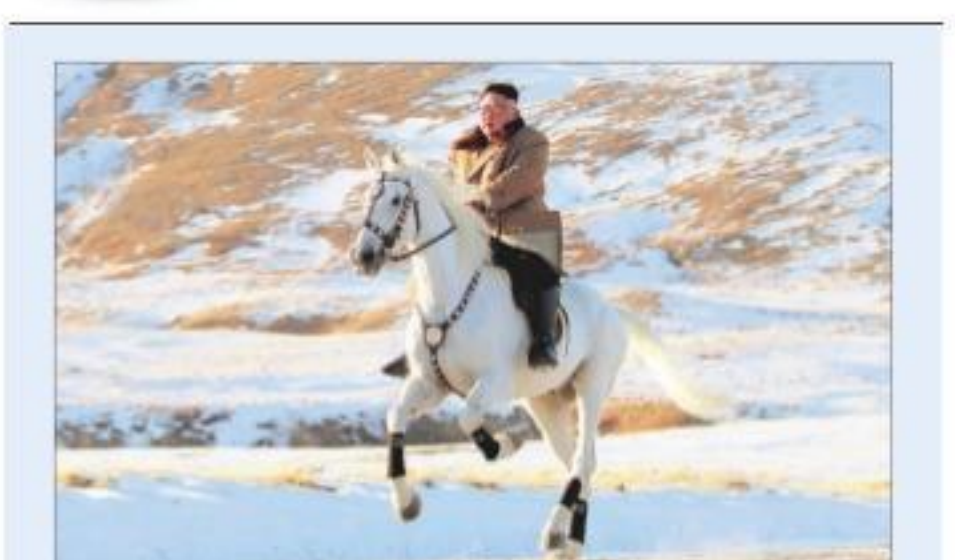
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Johnson has pledged to take Britain out of the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a deal. He is in a race against time to get a deal before Thursday's EU summit.

Britain's Brexit minister Steve Barclay described the ongoing closed-door talks as "intensive" but confirmed his country would ask for another Brexit extension if there was no deal by Saturday. The main sticking point in the long-running talks with Brussels over Brexit, which has already been delayed twice, is the border between EU member Ireland and the British province of North-

ern Ireland. The question is how to prevent the frontier becoming a backdoor into the EU's single market without erecting controls which could undermine the 1998 peace agreement that ended decades of conflict in the province. — Agencies

**GLOBE TROT**

**ON SACRED PEAK:** North Korea's Kim Jong Un rides a horse to a sacred mountain he has often climbed before making key decisions. Near the snow-covered Mount Paektu, the highest point on the Korean Peninsula, Kim 'vowed' to overcome US-led curbs that he said had pained and infuriated his people. AFP

**Human robots debut at Christchurch Airport** WELLINGTON: Christchurch Airport has added robot 'Pepper' to its study of disruptive technologies, alongside the Autonomous Smart Shuttle and Virtual Reality training for its fire service. From this week, 'Pepper' is living and learning in the Digital Innovation Zone on the first floor of the airport terminal. "Pepper is a robot designed to interact with humans. It is 120 cm tall, can recognise faces and basic human emotions, respond to requests made on the touch screen on its chest, and hold a conversation." AWS

**Gina Rodriguez apologises for using N-word** LOS ANGELES: After facing backlash for using the N-word in one of her Instagram videos, actress Gina Rodriguez has apologised to people. On Tuesday, Gina posted a video of herself getting her hair and makeup done. In the now-deleted video, she uttered the word "niggas", while rapping along to the song "Ready or not", reports variety.com. On Wednesday, Gina released an apology statement, saying she has let down the community. EW

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)** The department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 06 Nos. work as per schedule given below:-

Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document		Opening of Bidding Documents	
Submission of Bidding Document	Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
29-10-2019 up to 5:00 pm	30-10-2019 at 11:00 am in the Office of SE (TIC), Zone A, MCL	Will be Intimated Later on	

For details login to :- [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in) Note:- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. DPR/Pb/C7512

**ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ (ਜੈ.ਸਿ.), ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**

ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਵਿਵੇਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ, ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਹਾਈ ਸਕੂਲ, ਭਾਰੋਵਾਲ ਨੂੰ ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ (ਜੈ.ਸਿ.), ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਨੰਬਰ ਅ-4/2015/8318-19, ਤਾਰੀਖ 03.06.2015 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਗੈਰ-ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਰਹਿਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੋਸ਼ ਸੂਚੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਦੋਸ਼ ਸੂਚੀ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਉਤਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਜਿਸ ਉਤਰ ਦੋਸ਼ ਸੂਚੀ 'ਚ ਲੱਗੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਚਾਈ ਜਾਣਨ ਲਈ ਉਹ ਉਪ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਰਿਪੋ

## BRIEFLY

**AHMEDABAD**  
**Dabang Delhi to clash with Bengal Warriors in PKL final**  
Dabang Delhi and Bengal Warriors will clash in the final of Pro Kabaddi League Season 7 after winning their respective semifinal matches here today. In the first semifinal, Naveen Kumar was the star as Dabang Delhi beat defending champions Bengaluru Bulls 44-38 to book their maiden final berth. Bengal Warriors beat U Mumba 37-35 in a tightly-fought contest to also clinch a place in the final for the first time. The final will be played here on Saturday.

**DUBAI**  
**Three UAE national team players suspended by ICC**  
Three UAE national team players, including captain Mohammed Naveed, have been provisionally suspended on charges of corruption, ICC said today. Batsman Shaiman Anwar and right-arm pace bowler Qadeer Ahmed were the other national team players charged by ICC. A fourth individual, Mehardeep Chhayakar, who has participated in cricket in Ajman League, was charged for refusing to co-operate with ICC.

**NEW DELHI**  
**GFI president has no time for gymnastics: IOA chief to FIG**  
Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra has written a strong letter to the international gymnastics federation (FIG), alleging that the head of the national federation, Sudhakar Shetty, has no interest in the sport and is even unaware that his signatures were "forged" by other officials. Batra said in the letter that "all is not well in the Gymnastics Federation of India". GFI, which is slated to go to polls on November 3, has been mired in factionalism for some time, with rival groups claiming the right to run the sport in the country. The faction led by Shetty is recognised by FIG but does not have the recognition of the Sports Ministry and IOA.

**TOKYO**  
**IOC plan to move Tokyo Olympic marathon to Hokkaido**  
The International Olympic Committee today announced a plan to move the marathon and race walking at Tokyo 2020 to Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido from originally planned courses in the capital due to worries about heat. IOC's statement said that it is planning to move the events to Sapporo, which will mean "significantly lower temperatures for the athletes during the Olympic Games." However, Tokyo 2020 organisers appeared to think the move was just a proposal and that further discussions would be had at their coordination commission meeting planned for the end of this month. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

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

## Bajrang fires coach Bentinidis, Cuban coach could come in

VINAYAK PADMADEO  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

Wrestler Bajrang Punia, India's best bet to win a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, has parted ways with his longtime coach, Shako Bentinidis of Georgia. With just nine months left for the Olympics to begin, it is hardly the best time for a change of coaches for Punia, the world's No. 1 65kg wrestler. However, the relationship between the wrestler and coach had soured beyond salvaging.

The decision was communicated to Bentinidis, under whom Punia rose to the world No. 1 rank, on Tuesday. It is understood that the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan

9 months before Tokyo Olympics, coach let go after a series of infractions

Singh had told Punia that Bentinidis could continue, but that the Georgian must not bad-mouth WFI and not lose his cool in public.

It seems that Punia's corner has already found Bentinidis's replacement. Cuba's Yandro Miguel Quintana, winner of the 60kg gold at the 2004 Athens Olympics, has been auditioning for the coach's job with Punia for the last few days. Quintana was part of the coaching staff under Filiberto Delgado that coaches Italy's Frank



Shako Bentinidis with Bajrang Punia in happier times. PHOTO: BENTINIDIS/INSTAGRAM

Chamizo, a two-time world champion. Quintana's selection is not final as it is understood that Punia is more interested in roping in Soslan Ramonov, who

won the 65kg gold at the Rio Olympics. Ramonov has not been active on the mat this year but is said to be contemplating making a comeback.

## Nur-Sultan episode

The fate of Bentinidis had been hanging in the balance since the end of the World Championships in Nur-Sultan last month. At Nur-Sultan, Punia had to settle for bronze after a repechage play-off. He lost in the semifinals after his opponent, Daulet Niyazbekov of Kazakhstan, was declared the winner on the basis of tie-breaker rules after both finished on nine points.

Bentinidis had challenged the judge's decision to hand Niyazbekov four points for a move initiated by Punia. But since the challenge was overruled, Punia had to concede one extra point.

WFI felt that this challenge by Bentinidis cost Punia the semifinal bout and a chance to win gold. WFI, in fact,

questioned Bentinidis during an impromptu meeting after the wrestlers returned from Nur-Sultan.

However, this was not the only reason Bentinidis was sacked, according to sources. It is claimed that on multiple occasions, Bentinidis embarrassed both Punia and WFI. In Nur-Sultan, Bentinidis threw a fit of anger in front of the United World Wrestling officials as he had not been given his accreditation card. He had to be calmed down. WFI also received countless complaints against him from the Indian coaches for his "rude outbursts".

## Breaking point

But what broke the relationship was that Bentinidis was trying to cut out Punia's friends and reported love

interest, Sangeeta Phogat, the youngest of the Phogat sisters, from his corner.

The Bentinidis-Punia relationship began to unravel during Punia's debut at the 'Grapple at the Garden — Beat the Streets' event in New York in May this year. A tired Punia lost 8-10 against American Yianni Diakomihalis. Sources say Bentinidis failed to inform Punia that since it was an exhibition match, he was allowed to be overweight by 3kg in the 65kg category. While Punia did his all to keep to 65kg, Diakomihalis fought with a 3kg-plus weight advantage. Sources say that there was some money trouble, too. They say that Bentinidis took a cut from the appearance money that was offered to Punia, without informing him.

## Teen star Rani already a role model at her village

Manju Rani given hero's welcome at village Rithal after her heroics in World Championships

SUNIT DHAWAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 16

Boxer Manju Rani, winner of a silver medal at the women's World Championship in Russia recently, was today given a hero's welcome at her village, Rithal, where she stepped for the first time since becoming India's most successful boxer in Russia.

A large number of village folk turned up to welcome her, apart from her own family, friends and boxing mates. A few politicians from different parties also greeted her, though government functionaries — including people's representatives and Sports Department officials — were conspicuous by their absence.

## Father figure

Talking to The Tribune, Manju attributed her success to her basic coach-cum-mentor Sahab Singh Narwal, who adopted her after the untimely demise of her father. It is Narwal who has been taking care of her education and training since then.

"We did not have a boxing ring at the village. Sahab uncle used to train me and other children of the village at his agricultural land near a pond," recalled Manju, who turns 20 later this month. "I had no gloves, no shoes and used to practise boxing with a punching bag hung from a tree," she added.

It was the death of her father, BSF Havaldar Bhimsen Singh, due to stomach cancer that turned her to boxing. She dealt with the anger at the loss of her father by raining punches on the punching bag — and she fell



Manju Rani being felicitated on her return to Rohtak on Wednesday. MANOJ DHAKA

"I had no gloves, no shoes and used to practise boxing with a punching bag hung from a tree... It is the start. I want to win medals at big events like the Asian Games and Olympic Games. — Manju Rani

in love with the sport.

Her mother, Ishwanti Devi, brought up her five children with difficulty on her husband's pension. However, since it was difficult to make ends meet, she opened a cosmetics shop in the village.

## Olympic dreams

Now Manju's target is to win medals at the big multi-sport events such as the Asian Games and Olympics. "It is the start," she said. "I want to win

medals at big events like the Asian Games and Olympic Games."

Manju is unlikely to fight at the 2020 Olympics — she boxes in the 48kg category, but this category does not exist in the Olympics. She must move to the higher category, 51kg, to fight at the Olympic Games. However, Mary Kom is India's top 51kg boxer, and it is she who would go to the qualifiers for the Tokyo Olympics in the 51kg class. Unless something unfore-

seen happens, Manju's Olympic dreams will have to begin at Paris 2024.

## Hardworking

Coach Narwal said that Manju has been a disciplined, sincere and hardworking sportsperson, and these are the factors that have made her a champion.

Gitika, Tanu and other girls of Manju's village, who are also undergoing boxing training at the village and came to Rohtak to welcome Manju on her return from Russia, see her as a role model. "Manju has made it big. Her life story is an inspiration for us. We also hope to represent our country and bring laurels to it someday," said Gitika.

## Saina, Srikanth crash out

ODENSE (DENMARK), OCTOBER 16

Top Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth suffered first-round losses in the Denmark Open here today.

Saina's struggling form continued as she lost 15-21 21-23 to Japan's Sayaka Takahashi in 37 minutes to crash out of the \$775,000 tournament. The 29-year-old London Olympics bronze-medalist was the runner-up last year. World No. 8 Saina has been going through a tough phase, dealing with fitness issues, since claiming the Indonesia Masters in January. She had also made first-round exits at the China Open and Korea Open earlier this year. World No. 12 Takahashi had defeated Saina the last time they met, at the Thailand Open in August.

In the men's singles first round, former champion Srikanth lost 14-21 18-21 to fourth seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark in 43 minutes. Srikanth, who had skipped



Kidambi Srikanth makes a return against Anders Antonsen. AP/PTI

the China Open and Korea Open due to a knee issue, had beaten Antonsen at the 2017 World Championships. But the Danish shuttler has come a long way since then, having reached the final of this year's World Championships in Switzerland. Currently ranked fourth, Antonsen has won the Indonesia Masters, Barcelona Spain Masters, European Games and made it to the final at Indonesia Open Super 1000 this year.

## Sameer wins

Sameer Verma, however, crossed the first hurdle in the

men's singles when he beat Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan 21-11 21-11 in 29 minutes to advance to the second round.

The Indian mixed doubles pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy also made it to the second round with a 21-16 21-11 win over the German duo of Marvin Seidel and Linda Efler. The mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Ranki and Ashwini Ponnappa did not take the court and conceded a walkover to the second-seeded Chinese pair of Wang Yi Lyu and Huang Dong Ping. — PTI

## Denied entry into weightlifting club, alleges CWG medallist Vikas

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 16

International weightlifter Vikas Thakur has alleged that he was denied entry into the Ludhiana Bodybuilding and Weightlifting Club here.

Ludhiana's Thakur won the silver medal in the 85kg event at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and secured a bronze medal in the 94kg class at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The 25-year-old said that when he went to the Ludhiana Bodybuilding and Weightlifting Club at Rakh Bagh to train, he was denied entry as he did not have the permission from the competent authority.



Vikas Thakur interacts with mediapersons at Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana on Wednesday. INDERJEET VERMA

Thakur said that Parvesh Chander Sharma, honorary general secretary at the club, did not allow him to train at the club. "I was asked to get permission from the presi-

dent to train at the club," Thakur said. "However, my father, Brij Lal, and I couldn't contact the president of the club, Narinder Kala, who was reportedly out of station for some medical treatment," he added.

Thakur is employed with the Air Force and currently posted at Chandigarh. "I am on leave and want to train at the local club," Thakur said. "If I am being denied entry, what about others who wish to train here?" he asked.

Sharma, a former Commonwealth Games gold medallist, said that the president would arrive tomorrow and Thakur could get the permission then.

## India put one foot in final Teen smashes record double ton

**JOHOR BAHRU (MALAYSIA), OCT 16**  
The Indian junior men's hockey team thrashed Australia 5-1 to qualify for the final of the 9th Sultan of Johor Cup here today.

India's clinical performance at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium saw goals from Shilanand Lakra (26th, 29th minutes), Dilpreet Singh (44th), Gursahibjit Singh (48th) and Mandeep Mor (50th).

India will face Great Britain in their final round-robin match on Friday. "It is not often that we score a big win over Australia," India coach B J Kariapa said. "Now we need one point from our final match against Britain. We may have one foot in the final but it's never a certainty and we need to focus for Friday's match," he added.

In the other matches of the day, Japan kept alive their hopes of making the final with an impressive 4-2 win



India's players celebrate a goal against Australia. PTI

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RESULTS						
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Japan	bt	New Zealand	4-2			
Malaysia	bt	Britain	1-0			
POINTS TABLE						
TEAM	PL	W	D	L	GD	PT
India	4	3	0	1	11	9

over New Zealand, while Malaysia upset Great Britain

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 16

Seventeen-year-old Yashasvi Jaiswal struck a blazing 203 as Mumbai beat Jharkhand by 39 runs in their final Elite Group A match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here today.

The left-handed Jaiswal, at 17 years and 192 days, became the first male teenager in the world to score a double-century in List-A cricket. Before him, the youngest was Alan Barrow, who scored a double ton at the age of 20 years, 273 days in South Africa in 1975.

Jaiswal's knock comes just days after Kerala wicketkeeper-batsman Sanju Samson hit an unbeaten 212 in the tournament. Jaiswal's knock was the ninth instance of an Indian scoring a List A double-ton, and he joined the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma and Virender Sehwag in elite group. Jaiswal had stayed in the tent of his



## VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

## BRIEF SCORES

**Mumbai:** 358/3 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 203, Aditya Tare 78) vs **Jharkhand:** 319 (Virat Singh 100, Saurabh Tiwary 77; Dhawal Kulkarni 5/37); **Andhra:** 230/6 (Ricky Bhui 58; Midhun Sudhan 2/15) vs **Kerala:** 233/4 (Vishnu Vinod 139; Poreddy Reddy 3/27); **Tamil Nadu:** 274/9 (Murali Vijay 94, Abhinav

Mukund 79; Rush Kalaria 3/36) vs **Gujarat:** 196 (Axar Patel 55; M Mohammed 3/20); **Maharashtra:** 65 (Sandeep Sharma 4/24, Mayank Markande 2/10, Karan Kaila 2/10) vs **Punjab:** 66/4 (Sanvir Singh 35\*; Satyajeeet Bachhav 3/24); **Haryana:** 172 (Rohit P Sharma 44; Manan Sharma 3/39) vs **Delhi:** 176/3 (Anuj Rawat 56\*; Yuzvendra Chahal 2/37)

club in south Mumbai during his early days as he could not afford to rent a house, and sold *paani puri* in the streets before he was spotted by coach Jwala Singh.

Riding on Jaiswal's 154-ball knock, Mumbai posted 358/3. Jaiswal struck 17 fours and 12 sixes and also built a 200-run stand with Aditya Tare (78 off 102 balls).

## Will discuss about Dhoni's future with selectors: Ganguly

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 16

BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly has made it clear that he would like to know the national selection committee's plans with regards to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's future and then give his opinion on the matter.

The 39-year-old Dhoni has been on a sabbatical after India's World Cup exit and is unlikely to feature in the three-match T20I series against Bangladesh. While Dhoni has not announced his international retirement, the selectors have made it clear that they intend to move forward keeping next year's World T20 in mind. "I will find out from the selectors when I meet them on October 24. We will find out what the selectors are thinking and then I will put forth my opinion," said Ganguly, adding that he would like to speak to Dhoni as well. — PTI

# Late but great for Spain

### Make Euro 2020 with 1-1 draw against Sweden; Ireland forced to wait

PARIS, OCTOBER 16

Rodrigo Moreno fired Spain into Euro 2020 with a last-gasp equaliser in Sweden while the Republic of Ireland's chances of reaching the finals are still in the balance after they fell 2-0 in Switzerland.

Spain became the sixth team to qualify for next summer's tournament thanks to Rodrigo, who came off the bench to score a dramatic injury-time leveller in a 1-1 draw in Stockholm, sparking wild celebrations on the touchline.

Robert Moreno's side are now top of Group F with 20 points after drawing their last two matches. They are five ahead of Sweden and six above Romania, who missed the chance to take second spot when Norway's Alexander Sorloth snatched a late 1-1 draw in Bucharest.



Spain's Rodrigo celebrates after scoring the equaliser. REUTERS

## Canada stun US with first win in 34 years

Toronto: Canada defeated the United States for the first time in 34 years Tuesday after goals from Alphonso Davies and Lucas Cavallini delivered a stunning CONCACAF Nations League upset. Bayern Munich teenager Davies scored in the 63rd minute before Cavallini blasted home deep into stoppage time to seal a deserved 2-0 victory for the Canadians, who had not beaten the US since 1985. The result deepens the gloom surrounding the United States national team, which has been in a protracted slump since its shock failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. AFP

## Bulgaria police hold six over racist abuse

Sofia: Six Bulgarians have been detained over racist abuse at a Euro 2020 qualifier against England that sparked a storm of protest and led to the resignation of the country's football chief, police said on Wednesday. Monkey chants and apparent Nazi salutes overshadowed England's 6-0 win on Monday. REUTERS

9TH win in a row for Italy under Roberto Mancini as they hammered Liechtenstein 5-0. This equals the record set by the great Vittorio Pozzo's Italian side 80 years ago

"I'm more interested in his record of two World Cups and the Olympics, but even just winning Euro 2020 would be enough." Roberto Mancini

## Finns edge towards history

Finland inched closer to qualifying for their first ever European Championships after Teemu Pukki took his qualifying tally to seven in eight matches with a double that helped Finland sweep aside Armenia 3-0 in Turkey. Fredrik Jensen 31st minute strike gave Finns the lead. — AFP

## Chhetri rues team's display vs Bangladesh

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 16

India captain Sunil Chhetri today said the team's underwhelming draw in the FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Bangladesh was no match to the electrifying atmosphere at the Salt Lake Stadium here.

A last-gasp Adil Khan header saved India the blushes as the higher-ranked hosts struggled to a 1-1 draw here yesterday, disappointing thousands of heads totting the stands at the Mecca of Indian football.

Hours after the game that turned out to be the team's worst of the campaign so far, Chhetri expressed his disappointment. "We couldn't deliver a performance to match the atmosphere at the Salt Lake last night, and the dressing room is very disappointed about it," Chhetri said.

He said the team couldn't make the opportunities count, but no less mediocre was India's defending. — PTI



## Messi receives 3rd European Golden Shoe in a row



Barcelona: Barcelona forward Lionel Messi picked up a record-extending sixth — and third consecutive — European Golden Shoe award today following his outstanding individual 2018-19 domestic campaign. The award is presented to the top goalscorer in league football across Europe, with the Argentine finding the net 36 times last season as Barca retained their La Liga title. Messi was three ahead of nearest rival Kylian Mbappe, who scored 33 times for Paris St Germain as they won France's Ligue 1. "My team and my teammates, I would have never been able to win even one of these awards without them," Messi said at the presentation in Barcelona. "This is a recognition for everyone, all the team." The forward, who won his first Golden Shoe in 2010, admitted he was disappointed to have missed out on Champions League glory again after Barcelona blew a 3-0 first leg lead to Liverpool at the semi-final game. However, he said he was conscious that the league should be the club's priority. REUTERS

## Ireland left sweating

In Group D, Haris Seferovic's early strike and Shane Duffy's late own goal kept Switzerland's hopes of automatic qualification alive with a 2-0 victory over the Republic of Ireland.

The win in Geneva means the Swiss are just a point behind group leaders Ireland and Denmark with two matches remaining.

**ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ ਸਮਰਾਲਾ**  
Ref. 1644 ਖੁੱਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ Dated: 16.10.2019  
ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ ਸਮਰਾਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 04.11.2019 ਨੂੰ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਖੁੱਲੀ ਬੋਲੀਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

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E-tender No. MC Nayagaon/2019 Dated: 16.10.2019  
Department inviting Work : Municipal Council Naya Gaon  
Name of work : Development of work / Labour Supply Amounting Rs. 178.72 Lacs.  
Cost of work/Earnest Money : Separate for each work  
Date of opening of bid : 30.10.2019  
For detailed terms and condition of the notice inviting tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and helpline No. 0172-2791226, 2791326  
Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.

Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Naya Gaon

**ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਭੁਲਾਓ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ**  
**ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ**  
<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

E-Tender No.: E-Tender-NP/Bhoilath/524 Dated: 11.10.2019  
ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੰ: ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ-ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ/ਭੁਲਾਓ/524 ਮਿਤੀ 11.10.2019  
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16.10.19 ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 3:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	6.11.19 ਸ਼ਾਮ 05:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	7.11.19 ਨੂੰ 10:00 ਵਜੇ	7.11.19 ਨੂੰ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12:00 ਵਜੇ

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Dated: 16.10.19 DI-99246 (JIGYASA RAJ).

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ਇਸ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸੇਵਾਨਕ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਮੋਗਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਨੰਬਰ 5/13/2018/ਅਦਰ/ਰਸ/2149 ਮਿਤੀ 15.10.2019 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਨਿਉਸਪਲ ਨੰਬਰ 1911 ਦੀ ਚਾਰਟ 240 ਦੇ ਉਪਰਿਘ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਡਿਜ਼ੀਟੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਵਾਰਡਜ਼ ਆਫ ਨਿਉਸਪਲਟੀਜ਼ ਕਲਜ਼ 1972 ਦੇ ਨਿਯਮ 8 ਅਧੀਨ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ ਦੀ ਵਾਰਡ-ਬੋਲੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਵਾਰਡਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਨੁਸੂਚੀ ਅਤੇ ਨਕਸ਼ਾ ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸੁਝਾਵੀ ਦੇਣਾ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ 7 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਕਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਰਡ-ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀ ਅਨੁਸੂਚੀ ਦਵਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦਵਤਰ ਦੀ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਥਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਦੇਖੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

-ਸਹੀ/- (ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਖੁਰਾਣਾ) (ਚਰਨ ਦਾਸ)  
ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲਾ

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI)**  
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUNJAB (MUNICIPAL BHAWAN SECTOR 68, S.A.S. NAGAR)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
Tender Notice No: 2198 Dated: 14.10.2019  
Municipal Corporation S.A.S. Nagar invites E-tenders on two bid system for various development/maintenance works mentioned at website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from contractors enlisted with Local Government department Punjab and Co-op L&C Societies (registered in Punjab state). Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with latest instruction issued vide notification no. 5/82/2018-2194/1892 dated 02.08.2018.  
Date & Time schedule:

Sr. No.	Last date of online submission of bidding document	Time and Date of Opening of tender
1.	06.11.2019 till 16:30	07.11.2019 at 10:00

Detail of Work, Other terms and Conditions can be seen at the website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
Corporation Engineer, Municipal Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar

**ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ**  
(ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੂਪਨਗਰ) ਫੋਨ ਨੰ: 01881-260203 ਈਮੇਲ: [eonp.srichamkaurshib@gmail.com](mailto:eonp.srichamkaurshib@gmail.com)

ਨੰ. 713 ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ: 15.10.19  
ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਡ ਸੋਸਾਈਟੀਆਂ/ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਆਨ ਲਾਈਨ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੌਕੇ ਜਦੇ ਹਨ :-

ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ 267.21 ਨੱਥ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਾਰਣੀ ਨਿੱਕਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ :-

ਅਨੁਮਾਨਿਤ ਮੁੱਲ	ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਆਖਲ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਖੋਲਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ
1	ਮਿਤੀ 10.11.19 ਸਮਾਂ 05.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ	ਮਿਤੀ 11.11.19 ਸਮਾਂ 11.00 ਵਜੇ	--

ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ:  
ਐਸਟੀਏਟ, ਨਿਯਮ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਵਿੱਚ ਅਤੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਆ ਕੇ ਦੇਖੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਈ. ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਕ੍ਰਿਆ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਮੱਗਰੀ/ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ ਲਈ ਉਹ 0172-2790263, 0172-2790284 ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 21 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਚੋਣੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮੱਗਰੀ/ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ, ਸੁਝਾਵੀ, ਵਾਧਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੋਧ ਆਦਿ ਕੇਵਲ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ ਤੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ/ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਪਾਸ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਸ਼ਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਜਾਂ ਕੌਮਲ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਰਾਖਵਾਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਚਮਕੌਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum No. 1 Notice Inviting E-tender Dated: 13.09.2019  
N.I.T No: 547/P&D(TS)/SS-1(PNGS-742/66K CTs

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002  
Tele Fax-0172-2654468

Name of work: Design, manufacturing, testing, supply and delivery of 06 nos. 66kV Potential Transformers and 40 nos. LV/ED tank design oil filled 66kV Current Transformers of different ratios suitable for outdoor service, hollow porcelain Insulator for various Sub-Stations of BBMB.

Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents: 30.10.2019 upto 17:00 Hours

Last date and time of submission of bids: 07.11.2019 upto 11:00 Hours

Date and time of Opening of Bids: 07.11.2019 from 15:00 Hours onwards

For cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website <https://bbmbeproc.abpcprocure.com> & [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in)

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**Auction Notice**

- Short Description : Auction Notice for sale of Sarkanda in ash dyke area of GNDTP, Bathinda.
- Date , Time and Place for auction: 14.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M. in the office of Addl. Supdt. Engineer, Plant Civil Mtc. GNDTP, Bathinda.
- Detailed conditions for auction can be downloaded from PSPCL website <http://www.pspcl.in>

Note:  
1 In case auction process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official website.

GNDTP-10/19 Sd/- ASE/Plant C/Mtc. Cell,  
DPR/Pb/C7502 GNDTP, Bathinda.

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE**  
e-tenders are invited through e-Procurement Process from eligible contractor/firm for interior furnishing works of co-working startup space at EDC building.

Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded and uploaded by the bidders through the portal <https://etenders.chd.nic.in> Bidders to submit bids are required to obtain digital signature certificate (DSC) from any authorized agency. The bidder must upload the scanned copy of required tender fee/EMD.

**Key Dates**  
Last Date & Time for Tender Submission : 29.10.2019 by 4:00 p.m.  
Date & Time for Opening of Qualifying Bid : 29.10.2019 at 4:30 p.m.

However for general information guidance and reference tender document can also be viewed and downloaded from website: [www.spicindia.com](http://www.spicindia.com)

SPIC Centre of Excellence Entrepreneur Development Centre Plot No. 20, Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park Chandigarh - 160101. Ph.: 0172-2970450, 2970451

**E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-II, PSIEC, Chandigarh invites short term tender notice bids from eligible bidders for the project/work detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following project/work:

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Works	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/Work (Rs.)
1.	Construction of Concrete Roads at IFF, Chalanol	3,50,000/-	5000/-	09 Months	477.83 Lakh
2.	Construction of Boundary wall, earth filling and site development of STP and water works area at IFF, Chalanol	1,99,000/-	5000/-	04 Months	99.58 Lakh

2. Period of availability of Tender online/Date & Time of online bid submission and Date & time of opening of bids are as given below:-

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
17.10.2019	31.10.2019 up to 11:00 a.m.	01.11.2019 at 11:00 a.m.	To be intimated later on

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to website <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0172-2705448 (PSIEC) and No. 0172-2970263-284 (NIC). Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> only. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II

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18, HIMALAYA MARG, UDYOG BHAWAN, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH - 160017  
PHONE: 2702301-305, FAX: 2702039, Email: [psiec\\_chd@yahoo.co.in](mailto:psiec_chd@yahoo.co.in)

DPR/Pb/C7499

**ਦਵਤਰ: ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕੰਟਰੋਲਰ ਖੁਰਾਕ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗਣ ਦਾ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਲੋਕ ਐਂਡ ਵਾਰਟਨ ਪਾਲੀਸੀ 2019-20, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ [www.foodsuppb.gov.in](http://www.foodsuppb.gov.in) ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ, ਅਧੀਨ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵਿਚ ਲੋਕੋ ਫੋਰ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਹੋਏ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਲਈ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 17.10.2019 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 21.10.2019 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮਿਤੀ 21.10.2019 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:00 ਵਜੇ ਡੀ.ਐੱਚ.ਐੱਸ.ਸੀ. ਦਵਤਰ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਉਕਤ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਪਾਏ/ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਦਵਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਖੁਰਾਕ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਮਲੇ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸੋਧ ਹੋਣੀ ਤਾਂ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਤੇ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਭਾਗਤਰ ਜਾਗਰੂਕਤਾ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।  
ਨੰਬਰ: ਅ-4-2019/6809 ਮਿਤੀ 16.10.2019  
DPR/Pb/D6976 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕੰਟਰੋਲਰ, ਖੁਰਾਕ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਮਲੇ, ਮਾਨਸਾ।

**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**  
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work: 1. Name of work : Work of cutting of BOXN, BCN, BCNA, BOST & BRN Type Wagons in in WR Shop AT C & W workshop, Jagadhri, Northern Railway. 2. Location : Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002. 3. Cost of Work/Tender Value : Rs. 48,55,320/- 4. Quantity : As per scope of work & schedule of rates. 5. Cost of Tender Form Rs. 3,000/- 6. Earnest money amount : Rs.97,100/- 7. Completion period of the work: 12 months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. 8. Date & Time for submission of tender form : 13.11.2019 till 15:30 hrs. 9. Opening of tender : 13.11.2019 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender. 10. Website particulars: [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) Tender No: 6-S/18/Tender/2019-20 Dt.: 14.10.2019 3306/19

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**SALE BEGINS FROM JANUARY**

Iconic Bajaj Chetak is making a comeback in electric avatar. The sale of e-scooter starts from January in Pune, followed by Bengaluru. Launched in the early 70s, the scooter sold over crore units in its heyday, before the company decided to stop production in mid-2000s. Its waiting period once ran into not just months but years and became a household name with its popular campaign 'Hamara Bajaj'.

## NCERT to revise 14-yr-old curriculum

Committee announcement by end of the month, will follow national education policy

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16**  
The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is planning to review the 14-year-old National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in accordance with a new national education policy (NEP) and set up a committee for the purpose.

According to NCERT Director Hrushikesh Senapaty, the council will announce a committee by month-end that will revisit the NCF to bring it in line with the new education policy. The NCF has been revised four times so far—in 1975, 1988, 2000 and 2005. The new proposed revision will be

the fifth of the framework.

"We are just waiting for the new education policy to be finalised and a committee for reviewing the NCF will be announced by month-end. The committee, however, will keep NEP as the base of revision. Ultimately the textbooks will be revised as per the new framework," said Senapaty.

"It has been over 14 years since the last framework was revised. We did review the textbooks in past two years but once the new education policy is in place, the curriculum framework will need thorough revision," he said.

The council is also under-

**FIFTH TIME SINCE 1975**  
This will be the fifth revision of the National Curriculum Framework. It was earlier revised in 1975, 1988, 2000 and 2005

Proposed panel will keep national education policy as the base of revision and will revise textbooks as per the new framework

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"The blocks that have been identified for the preliminary survey are in Shillong, Mysore, Rajasthan, Bhopal and Orissa.

NCERT officials are visiting each of the block and conducting the survey. Once the findings are received, the survey will be conducted in more areas and the findings will also be reviewed for the new curriculum framework," Senapaty said.

The revision of NCERT textbooks has also been recommended in the new education policy draft. It has been advised

that the textbooks should be revised to contain only the essential core material in each subject, keeping in mind a constructivist, discovery-based, analysis-based, engaging, and enjoyable style of learning.

A panel led by former Indian ISRO chief K Kasturirangan had submitted the draft of the new national education policy to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' when he took charge. The draft was then put in public domain to seek feedback from various stakeholders and over two lakh suggestions were received by the HRD Ministry about the same. —PTI

## Turn water-efficient in 3yrs, CBSE to schools

New Delhi: With the water crisis looming in India, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has mandated schools to become "water-efficient" within three years by adopting a policy of water management and conducting regular water audits. A recent report by NITI Aayog raised the alarm that 21 cities in India would run out of groundwater by 2020, affecting 100 million people. According to water conservation guidelines framed by the board, the schools will be required to replace old fixtures and appliances with water-efficient models, install automatic taps with sensors and double flush tanks and ensure regular check-ups for leakages and their prompt repair. —PTI

## Monsoon over now, says IMD

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16**

The southwest monsoon withdrew from the entire country on Wednesday, the India Meteorological Department announced, eight days after it started receding from northwest India.

This is also perhaps the fastest withdrawal of the southwest monsoon, it said. The IMD also announced onset of northeast monsoon that brings rainfall to Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.

Mahesh Palawat, Vice President (Meteorology and Climate Change) Skymet Weather, said the withdrawal of monsoon was "unusual" this year. Usually it takes 45 days for the monsoon to withdraw, but this year it retreated in only eight days, because of an "anti-cyclone".

KJ Ramesh, former Director General of the IMD, however, said there was nothing unusual in the fast withdrawal of the monsoon as anti-cyclonic circulation persists. —PTI

## Techie takes body to cops, confesses to four murders

**SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 16**

A 53-year-old Indian-origin IT professional has been arrested after he dramatically walked into a Northern California police station along with a body in his car and confessed to have killed three others at his apartment, over 350 km away, according to US media reports.

All four victims in the grisly incident are related to the suspect, Shankar Nagappa Hangud, Roseville Police Department Captain Joshua Simon said on Tuesday.

Simon declined to name the four victims, but said they were all members of the suspect's family—two adults and two juveniles.

Hangud, driving a red Mazda6, arrived at the police station in the city of Mount Shasta shortly after noon and told officers that he had killed people at his apartment in the Placer County city of Roseville, police said.

Police declined to name the four victims, but said they were members of the suspect's family

Simon said that Hangud, a Roseville resident, was in custody at the South Placer Jail after city detectives brought him back from Siskiyou County on Monday night and would face four charges of murder.

Hangud was a data specialist and had worked for several companies in the Sacramento area, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Police said they were not ready to disclose a motive for Hangud's alleged acts; however, tax records showed that Hangud faced a federal tax lien of \$178,603 from the Internal Revenue Service this year. —PTI

## Vatican junks expelled nun's plea

**KOCHI, OCTOBER 16**

The Vatican has dismissed an appeal by a Kerala nun, challenging the Franciscan Clarist Congregation decision to expel her for "failing to give a satisfactory explanation for her lifestyle in violation of FCC laws". Sister Lucy Kalappura was expelled by the Congregation in August this year.

The congregation, under the Roman Catholic Church, had said the nun was issued "proper canonical warnings", but did not show the needed remorse.

"The Vatican has dismissed her appeal," a Church source said here without elaborating. The source said she would have one more opportunity to file an appeal.

If that was also rejected, she would have to leave the convent, the source said. In its August 5 letter to her, Ann Joseph, the head of the Aluva-based congregation, had said she was being dis-



**THE ALLEGATIONS**

The congregation issued a notice to Sister Lucy Kalappura in January for the "grave violations", main being:

- Possessing a driving licence, buying a car and taking a loan for it
- Publishing a book of poems
- Spending money without the permission and knowledge of her superiors
- Taking part in a protest against rape accused former bishop of Jalandhar diocese

missed from the congregation for failing to give a satisfactory explanation for her lifestyle "in violation of

the proper law of the FCC".

The "unanimous decision" to dismiss the nun was taken at the congregation's General Council on May 11 this year. This was approved by the congregation for the Oriental Churches in the Vatican through the Nuntiature in New Delhi.

Sister Lucy Kalappura had dismissed some 14 charges levelled against her by the congregation, saying many of them were a "deliberate attempt to paint her in bad light". In its notices, the FCC had alleged that the nun violated its dress code in public without any permission and caused grave external scandal and harm to the Church by participating in the protest by 'Save Our Sisters Action Council' on September 20 2018 at Kochi, seeking the arrest of Bishop Franco Mulakkal, accused of raping a nun in Kerala. —PTI

## MoD issues orders for ad hoc bonus to troops

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 16**

The Ministry of Defence has issued orders for payment of non-productivity linked bonus to all armed forces personnel below officer rank for the 2018-19 fiscal, entitling them to receive close ₹7,000.

According to the orders, issued on October 14, the entitled personnel will receive payment equivalent to 30 days emoluments and the ceiling for calculation has been fixed at Rs 7,000 per month. Under the formula adopted for calculation, the bonus payable works out to be ₹6,908.

Only those personnel who

were in service as on March 31, 2019, and have rendered six months of continuous service during 2018-19 would be eligible to receive the bonus. Non-gazetted employees in Group-B not covered by any such bonus scheme would also be entitled to receive this amount.

Employees appointed on ad hoc or temporary basis would also be entitled to the bonus provided they have six months continuous service, while pro-rata calculations would be made for those retiring or resigning before March 31, 2019, subject to at least six months continuous service. —TNS

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