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## Settlement chance: Sunni Board

SC holds in-chamber proceedings to consider proposal

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

A day after the Supreme Court reserved verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Waqf Board on Thursday confirmed that it had submitted a proposal for amicable settlement of the vexed problem.

“The parties have reached a settlement before the mediation panel...I cannot divulge the details. Mediation is already done and over. Other parties, who did not seek it, must read the terms of the settlement and sign it. There is a chance of settlement,” Sunni Waqf Board counsel Syed Shahid Rizvi told the media.

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### WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYONE

Advocate Shahid Rizvi said some parties involved in Ayodhya title dispute had reached settlement, ensuring ‘win, win’ for both sides. He urged Ram Lalla Virajman & Nirmohi Akhara to ‘join in’.



Construction material for Ram Temple at Ayodhya. PTI

### ANSARI'S SON WON'T CHALLENGE VERDICT

Plaintiff Iqbal Ansari, whose father Hashim Ansari was the oldest litigant in the Babri case, said he would accept the SC decision. He said he was happy the case was reaching its logical end.

## Muslims' counsel in trouble over tearing of map

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

The act of tearing a pictorial map purportedly showing the birthplace of Lord Ram during the Ayodhya land dispute hearing in the Supreme Court has invited trouble for senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan as Hindu priest Ajay Gautam today wrote to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi seeking revocation of his ‘senior advocate’ designation.

One of the factions of All India Hindu Mahasabha, too, wrote to the Bar Council of India demanding appropriate action against Dhavan for his ‘highly unethical act’ on the last day of hearing.

## J&K Upper House abolished

Move comes ahead of Oct 31 bifurcation into 2 UTs

JAMMU, OCTOBER 17

Ahead of attaining the status of Union Territory on October 31, the bicameral (two-tier) legislature in Jammu and Kashmir came to an end today with the government abolishing 62-year-old Legislative Council, the Upper House of Legislature, and directing its staff to report to the general administration department (GAD).

The council was abolished under Section 57 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019, introduced in the Rajya Sabha on August 5 and subsequently passed by both Houses of Parliament.

According to the government order, the council staff would report to the GAD by October 22. The council had the staff



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN 1957

■ J&K was among seven states in India that had two-tier legislature

■ It functioned as the Upper House for 87-member state Assembly

■ The 36-member council was set up in 1957 after an Act passed by Parliament

strength of 116 officials, including an Additional Secretary, three Deputy Secretaries and three Under Secretaries.

As per the Reorganisation Bill, J&K will be bifurcated into two UTs — J&K and Ladakh — on October 31. J&K will have a State Legislative and will get to elect its own representatives, while Ladakh will be run by a Lieutenant Governor who will act as an administrator.

“The vehicles purchased for Legislative Council are transferred to Director State Motor Garages, while the Secretary, Legislative Council, shall hand over building of council along with furniture and electronic gadgets to the Director Estates,” the order said. — TNS

## Envoy briefs US lawmakers, lists steps in Kashmir

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 17

India's ambassador to US Harsh Vardhan Shringla has briefed lawmakers on the situation in Kashmir and the steps taken by the government to maintain peace after J&K's special status was revoked in August.

The briefing held on Wednesday, the first such by the top Indian diplomat here for members of the powerful House Foreign Affairs Committee, took place amidst growing concern among US lawmakers on the curbs in Kashmir, several of which have been removed. Several congressmen who were not members of the committee also attended the ambassadorial briefing and a majority of them were Democrats. — PTI

## Mexico deports 311 Indians under US pressure

MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 17

In a first, Mexico's migration authorities deported 311 Indians, including a woman, from various parts of the country amidst stepped-up efforts to check people illegally crossing its borders following pressure from the US.

A press note issued by the National Migration Institute (INM) said the Indian nationals were deported from the

### UNPRECEDENTED MOVE

Toluca City International Airport on a Boeing 747 aircraft to New Delhi. The move comes after US President Donald Trump in June threatened tariffs on all Mexican imports if the country did not put a check on people entering America through Mexico borders.

The deportees, accompanied by the Federal Migration agents and members of the National Guard, were gathered at the Acayucan Migration Station in Veracruz for their identification and subsequent transfer.

“There is no precedent in the history of the INM of a Trans-Atlantic air conduction, such as that carried out on this day,” the statement read. — PTI

## Every third urban Indian jobless: Singh

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17

The Indian economy was slowing down instead of accelerating under PM Narendra Modi and there was no way it could touch \$5 trillion, former PM Manmohan Singh said here today.

Addressing the media while campaigning for the Maharashtra elections, Singh said the last five years had seen massive job losses with businesses shutting down. He said the economy needed to grow at 10-12 per cent to become a \$5-trillion economy by 2024 from \$2.7 trillion in 2018. Instead of growth, it was showing signs of deceleration, he pointed out.

Referring to a statement by the International Monetary Fund that India's growth rate in the current financial year would be only 6.1 per cent against 7.3 per cent estimated earlier, he said, “With the growth rate declining, I don't see any hope of reaching the \$5-trillion target by 2024.”

Singh, credited with opening up Indian economy as Finance Minister in the 1990s,



### ECONOMIC DEPRESSION

Modi regime's double-engine governance model has failed

■ PUBLIC SECTOR BANK NPAs Why always blame UPA, you too had 5 years... could have learnt from our 'mistakes'

■ ARTICLE 370 ABROGATION Congress voted in favour, but opposed way it was handled

■ CASES AGAINST RIVALS ED under NDA has more powers than ever. Hope it won't be used to settle political scores

■ ABOUT NRC IN ASSAM BJP expected it will exclude Muslims, but 12 lakh Bengal Hindus have been left out

said every third person in urban India was jobless today. “Due to lack of jobs and opportunities, many people

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## 34 farm machinery banks go 'untraced' in Bathinda

VISHAV BHARTI

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17

Curiously, Agriculture Department officials have been unable to trace farm machinery banks in Bathinda that were set up by the Centre under a scheme to tackle stubble. Providing 80 per cent subsidy on purchase of farm implements, these banks/centres were established by co-op

societies comprising farmers, self-help groups, farmers' societies, farm groups and private entrepreneurs.

A team of the Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute Budni, MP, that carried out a survey of 107 centres in Bathinda, Barnala and Sangrur districts in July, in a report to the Punjab Government, has said that only 73 of these could be verified and

Team of central institute surveyed 107 centres in four Punjab districts

### 'CORRECT LIST GIVEN'

“There were discrepancies in the list with the Central team. We gave them the correct Bathinda list.”

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34, all in Bathinda, were not found on the stated address. Each bank was given Rs 6 lakh-Rs 8 lakh as subsidy.

The report also said no display/information board was placed outside these centres to beckon farmers. This indicates that the machines purchased on government subsidy were not rented out to marginal/small farmers as envisaged under the scheme.

The report says 320 machines were supplied to the banks in these three districts of which only 276 were “physically available.” Seventeen machines were not used at all. A total 167 Happy Seeders were supplied to these banks of which 24 were “not physically available” and two Happy Seeders were lying idle. Indicating under-utilisation

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## Army restructuring put 'on hold'

AJAY BANERJEE

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

The Army's much-awaited restructuring of headquarters has been ‘put on hold’ following ‘incomplete’ sanction to carry out the process that would entail creation of separate wings to deal with internal vigilance and human rights policies, merger of important directorates and slashing officer strength in Delhi.

Would have meant merger of important directorates, slashing officer strength in Delhi

Called the Government Sanction Letter (GSL), the first two parts were issued on August 21. The remaining parts, that were to actually carry out the process and lay down terms for merger and

creation of posts, have been held back, say sources.

It has been decided that restructuring in totality will commence only after government sanction for full proposals, which entail restructuring at the top and re-distribution of work. This could require sanction from the Cabinet Committee on Security, indicate the sources. The officers, who are to be weaned off the

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## In close fight, Dalit votes may be clincher

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17

Dalit vote is expected to play a decisive role in several Haryana constituencies. With no authentic caste data, tentative estimates indicate the Dalits comprise 18 per cent of the state's total population.

Before the emergence of the BSP, they would largely vote for the Congress. But over the years this has changed with various Scheduled Caste sub-groups voting for different parties. Within the Dalits, the Dhanak and



HARYANA DALITS MAY NOT VOTE EN BLOC THIS TIME. FILE PHOTO

Balmiki communities come under category A while the dominant Chamars are placed in category B.

Activist Krishan Swaroop Gorakhpuria points out that

on the 17 seats reserved for SCs and STs, the voting trend has been simple. “If a party fields a Chamar candidate, those from his community

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## Two ROs shifted

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17

Returning Officers of the Mullana and Meham Assembly segments have been moved out on the directions of the Election Commission over improper distribution of voter slips. Sources said the EC conveyed its displeasure over the matter to the Haryana Chief Electoral Officer at a review meeting late in the evening.

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# Capt: SAD put state's waters at stake by siding with INLD

Claims Sukhbir's move exposes rift in alliance, split imminent

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 17

While campaigning for Congress candidate Sandeep Singh Sandhu in Dakha, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today accused SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal of "putting Punjab's water claim at stake by supporting the INLD in the Haryana elections". He took on Sukhbir over the Akali Dal's ambiguous relations with the BJP.

Given INLD's stand on the



Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh (R) and Ludhiana MP Ravneet Bittu during a roadshow in Dakha. ASHWANI DHIMAN

## SANT BRAR REJOINS CONGRESS

**Muktsar:** Sant Singh Brar, who unsuccessfully contested the 2007 Assembly polls as an independent and as SAD nominee from Gidderbaha in 2012, is nowadays campaigning in favour of Congress' Raminder Amla for the Jalalabad bypoll. Brar was earlier associated with the Congress and remained on various posts in the party. TNS



## ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

water issue, anyone siding with the Chhatuwas was clearly a threat to Punjab's water rights, said the Chief Minister. While extending support to the INLD and pitching against the BJP in Haryana, Sukhbir and his party were, at the same time allying with the latter in Punjab, Captain Amarinder pointed out, describing the Akali leader as a "power-hungry" politician.

Sukhbir's behaviour had also exposed the fissures between the SAD and BJP, said the Chief Minister,

adding that a split in the alliance in Punjab seemed more than imminent.

Talking to mediapersons during his roadshow in Dakha, Capt Amarinder said poor devotees desirous of visiting the gurdwara during the 550th Parkash Purb could not afford taxes and passports.

These things, he said, were against the ideology of "khulle darshan", which his government was fighting for.

It was his second roadshow in the constituency. The Chief Minister's convoy passed through Latala Mandi, and moving via Chhappar, Dhurkot, Gujarwal,

Chaminda, Jodhan, Khandoor, Jangpur, Jassowal and Hans Kalan, it culminated at Roomi village. "The enthusiasm of the people showed that the mood was completely in favour of the Congress once again," he claimed, reiterating that the party was all set to sweep the byelection in all four segments.

"The works done by the Congress government in the state over the last two-and-a-half years spoke for itself, and the people would once again vote for this positive agenda of our party. Our government has ensured smooth procurement of paddy, announced health insurance for all, powered the state's industrialisation and waived farm debts, which the people have acknowledged and repeatedly endorsed with their votes," he pointed out.

On the issue of drugs, Capt Amarinder said a lot had been achieved although the problem still persisted as Pakistan continued to smuggle narcotics into Punjab, which was also getting drugs from Nepal, Kashmir, Delhi and Kandla, among other places. The state government had joined forces with the neighbouring states and was successfully battling the menace, he added.



Gurdaspur MP Sunny Deol with state BJP leaders during a roadshow in Phagwara on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

# CM playing divisive card to divert attention: Malik

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 17

Punjab BJP president Shwait Malik today accused CM Capt Amarinder Singh of playing religious and divisive cards to vitiate the atmosphere in the state and divert people's attention from burning issues. The Congress government in the state has failed on every front and Singh has not fulfilled even a single promise, Malik claimed.

Addressing a press conference here, he said that the BJP-SAD combine will win all four Assembly seats that will "prove to be a Waterloo for Amarinder Singh." The Rajya

Sabha MP also alleged that Singh's "weak policy" led to resurgence of militancy in Punjab. Malik said, "The fact is that militancy is growing in the state. The CM wants to create fear psychosis among the people of the state in order to grind his political axe and derive political mileage."

Alleging that Singh wants to disturb the Hindu-Sikh unity, Malik said, "The people of Punjab will not allow Capt (Amarinder Singh) to succeed in his evil designs." Terming the Congress "vishwasghati (betrayer)", he alleged the CM reneged on his promise of wiping out drugs from the state within

four weeks after taking oath with the holy Gutqa Sahib in his hands. Exhorting that it was a contest between performers and non-performers, he listed various achievements of PM Narendra Modi in 100 days of his second term. He claimed Capt Amarinder had nothing to mention as his achievement in "1,000 days of his msrule".

He hailed the Centre for succeeding in abolishing Article 370 in J&K and passing a Bill against Triple Talaq. Punjab's four Assembly seats — Phagwara, Dakha, Mukerian and Jalalabad — are going to polls on October 21.

# Deol powers Bagha's campaign

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 17

Bollywood star and Gurdaspur MP Sunny Deol today held a roadshow here in favour of BJP candidate Rajesh Bagha.

BJP state chief Shwait Malik, Union Minister Som Parkash, Phagwara Mayor Arun Khosla, leader Rajiv Pahwa and former minister Tikshan Sood were present on the occasion.

An enthusiastic crowd vied for a glimpse of the actor and tried to click photos. Deol threw his fists in the air and flashed the victory sign. Hundreds of vehicles also lined up along the elevated road to witness the roadshow. Many youths even attempted to climb on the vehicle to take a selfie with the actor, but were stopped by the police.

Even as Deol did not address any gathering, Bagha and Som Parkash expressed their gratitude to the MP for taking out time for giving a push to the campaign.

The roadshow started from the local BJP office and passed through key areas of the city. Though the procession was to cover more areas, the actor left midway near Chadha Market at 5.08 pm. He was scheduled to reach Mukerian to attend another roadshow in support of BJP candidate Mukerian Jangi Lal Mahajan. The local roadshow, however, continued even after Deol's departure.

# Ayali: Police 'harassing' SAD workers

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 17

SAD Dakha candidate Manpreet Singh Ayali accused the Congress government and police for allegedly harassing Akali workers.

Ayali alleged that a team of the Ropar police had come to arrest one of their workers today, but they opposed the police action. He stopped the police from arresting the worker.

Appearing live on his Facebook page, Ayali alleged that the police were harassing Akali workers and they did not allow the cops to arrest the worker. He alleged that false cases were being registered against the Akali workers before the byelection.

"On the instructions of the Congress government, the police are harassing our workers. We will not tolerate any kind of harassment to the party workers. I appeal to the workers to stay united," he said.

He said, "I have talked to senior police officials regarding harassment and will also complain to the Election Commission of India against the alleged misuse of government machinery by the state government." — TNS

# More trouble, PDA set for a wider split

DEEPAK KAMAL KAUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 17

Ahead of the bypolls in the state, the Punjab Democratic Alliance (PDA), which was formed a few months ago during parliamentary elections, is set for a wider split.

There seems to be a complete lack of coordination and change of affiliations within the alliance partners. Two of its constituents, the BSP and the Revolutionary Marxist Party of India (RMPI), have announced to support AAP.

While the BSP yesterday announced support to AAP candidate Gurdhian Singh Multani in Mukerian, the RMPI today said it would help AAP nominee Mahinder Singh Kachura in Jalalabad and Multani in Mukerian.

The RMPI made a formal announcement in this regard at its headquarters in Jalandhar. Senior AAP leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) Harpal Singh Cheema, RMPI national secretary Mangat Ram Pasla and state general secretary Harkanwal Singh said a decision was taken in a meeting here today.

In another setback, Baldev Singh Jaiton, who had quit

## BSP, RMPI extend support to AAP

AAP to join Sukhpal Khaira's Punjab Ekta Party, also a constituent of the PDA, announced his return to AAP yesterday. Even as PDA members had earlier proposed to rope in AAP, Khaira remained averse to it.

PDA partners BSP and Lok Insaaf Party have already exchanged barbs for having their own candidates on two seats — Phagwara and Dakha. While the BSP has fielded Thekedar Bhagwan Dass, LIP picked Jarnail Nangal as its candidate in Phagwara against the PDA decision.

The candidates of alliance parties are badly hitting out against one another and vying to get a better score than the other. In Dakha, which was in LIP kitty in the alliance, the BSP chose to field its worker Dev Sarabha as an Independent candidate and back him completely to spoil LIP's prospects.

PDA convener Sukhpal Khaira refused to comment on the developments.

# It's rich vs ordinary in Jalalabad: Majithia

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 17

Youth Akali Dal chief Bikram Singh Majithia has accused the Congress government of misusing its power ahead of the bypolls being held in four constituencies. He said it was a "contest between a rich man, Awla, who held property worth crores, and a common man, Raj Singh Dibbipura. It is up to the voters to decide who they will choose".

Addressing a poll meeting in Chack Banwala village of the Jalalabad segment, Majithia said the Congress had been abusing power by influencing people to vote in favour of its candidate through government employees, particularly



SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia speaks at a rally in Jalalabad.

## OVER 43% BOOTHS SENSITIVE

- Over 43% booths in the Jalalabad Assembly segment have been declared sensitive and hypersensitive.
- Official sources said 239 booths had been set up, of which 100 had been declared vulnerable/sensitive and four critical/hypersensitive in the Jalalabad segment.

# Pilgrim fee issue unresolved

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

The government will be attempting to steal the march over Pakistan in a subtle tussle unfolding over celebrations of the 550th Gurburb by organising the visit of 90 ambassadors to the Golden Temple On October 22, less than three weeks before the opening of Kartarpur corridor. India and Pakistan are

poised to sign a pact on the corridor. Islamabad has remained unmoved on the Indian request to scrap the \$20 fee to be charged from each pilgrim.

The Ministry of External Affairs, resigned to this inevitability, said: "After several rounds of discussion with Pakistan, we have reached an agreement on all other issues, except the matter of service fee. Pakistan insists on charging Rs 1,420 from each pilgrim.

We've urged Pakistan not to do so. We hope the agreement can be concluded and signed in time for the great event."

Pakistan has almost agreed to allow an Indian consular officer to be posted during the time of the pilgrimage and to permit 10,000 pilgrims on special days. The "Ambassadors day in Harmandir Sahib" will begin with traditional felicitations besides gidda and bhanga performances.



A floating light and sound show underway at Ropar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Holy Bein's source at Dhanoa village faces neglect

any free-flowing stream. At the site, a historical baoli (stepwell) remains in a state of total neglect as Sikhs as well as Sanatan Dharam temple authorities are in a dispute over its ownership. The baoli, which is earlier learnt to have more water, now has about 5-foot-deep water, which is dark, filthy, covered with leaves and mosquitoes, and unfit for use.

From Dhanoa to the adjoining Terkiana village, the Bein hardly has any water. There are small puddles in it and most of it is filled with weeds and hyacinth. As the rivulet reaches Terkiana, water from Mukerian Hydrel Project falls into it and makes a moving stream.

Peeved over the ecological changes in the area, former IAS officer P Ram had initiated Baba Nanak Kali Bein Project alongwith environmentalist Balbir S Seechewal in 2000. A member of the

## Natural springs vanish, flow maintained by hydrel project



Water from the Mukerian Hydrel Project flows into the Bein at Terkiana village. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

committee and social activist Surinder Saini, said, "The members, including senior officials from Forests, Horticulture, Irrigation and Local Bodies, held meetings at sites and envisaged a plan to

bring about more plantations in the area to maintain the groundwater level so that springs could emerge again and a natural flow of Bein could be revived. But the project got shelved soon with

hardly any work done." Harnam Singh, a Dhanoa resident, said, "While earlier environmentalist Balbir S Seechewal used to come here and maintained the place along with his volunteers, he

# US Congress pays tributes to Guru

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 17

The Sikhs across the world are delighted over the first-ever prayers held in the US Congress and Senate in San Francisco in commemoration of the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak.

Pritpal Singh, coordinator, American Gurdwara Prabhak Committee, said Senator Pat Tommey from Pennsylvania congratulated the Sikhs on the upcoming auspicious occasion. The prayers were delivered by priest Sukhwinder Singh.

The chairman read out the principles of the Guru and the importance of His advent in the world. Congressman Jim Costa also made the opening remarks on Guru's principles and the contribution of the Sikhs to the US.

AGPC president JS Hothi and Dr Pritpal Singh said: "We

## Highlights His teachings, Sikhs' contribution to world

are delighted that the two US Houses held the prayers for Guru Nanak, who envisaged world peace, humanity and coexistence of diversities."

Moderator Harpreet S Sandhu, executive director, American Sikh Caucus Committee, also conducted an interfaith dialogue session by thanking the Chair and highlighting the role of the Sikhs in the development and progress of the US society.

Members, including Congresswoman Shela Jackson Lee of Texas, also spoke about the contribution of the Sikh religion to the world. — TNS

# HC upholds conviction of 3 for DSP murder

Officer, woman friend were found dead in Ludhiana farmhouse seven years ago

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17 More than seven years after the then Moga DSP, Balraj Singh Gill, and woman Monica Kapila were found brutally murdered at a farmhouse in Ludhiana, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has upheld the conviction of the three accused. The Bench of Justice Ajay Tewari and Justice Harnaresh Singh Gill, at the same time, ruled that the trial court got swayed by the double murder and awarded two life sentences. Modifying the order, the Bench made it clear that

## COPS HAD CITED ROBBERY AS MOTIVE

■ The case dates back to February 2012 when then Moga DSP Balraj Singh Gill and Monica Kapila were found murdered at a farmhouse in Ludhiana

■ The DSP was found with his throat slit and face smashed, while Kapila's body was so badly disfigured

■ The Ludhiana police cracked the case two months later in April 2012 with the arrest of the six accused, who claimed that they murdered DSP and his friend to rob them



both sentences would run concurrently. The convicts, Harwinder Singh, Pritpal Singh and Umesh Karda, had moved the High Court after they were convicted by Ludhiana Additional Sessions Judge in September 2015. The judge had directed the sentences to run consecutively and not concurrently. "The recovery of three mobile phones of the deceased along with their other belongings leaves no doubt about the active involvement

of the appellants in the crime," the Bench ruled. The Bench also upheld the conviction of appellants, Hasranjit Singh and Ravinder alias Rinku, but their substantive sentence was reduced to period already undergone, after the Bench observed they were involved after the occurrence of two murders and had already undergone six months and 15 days of actual sentence. Appellant Davinder Singh was acquitted of the charges framed against him as allegations were not proved beyond shadow of doubt. An FIR in the matter was registered for murder, theft, criminal conspiracy and other offences on February 2, 2012, under Sections 302, 379, 465, 468, 471, 474, 201, 120-B and 34 of the IPC at the Haibowal police station in Ludhiana. The victim's father, Kashmiria Singh Gill, had told the police that his son Balraj, posted as DSP (Headquarters) at Moga, had told him that he was going out with friends and would return shortly. Finding his mobile switched off, the complainant, along with others, started searching for him. When the complainant reached a farmhouse of Balraj's friend, he saw his son's body. He also saw a woman's body in the bathroom.



Family members and relatives of Charanjit (inset) mourn his death at their house in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# ₹2L relief for kin of Abohar trader shot dead in Kashmir

RAJ SADOSH

ABOHAR, OCTOBER 17

A pall of gloom descended on the town over the killing of local fruit trader Charanjit (40) by militants in Kashmir at on Wednesday. His relatives left for Srinagar last night to get his body. The cremation will be held on Friday.

The incident appears to be a deliberate attempt by militants to target non-locals, said the aggrieved family and mourners, who visited their Sarabha Nagar house. Charanjit's brother Rakesh said Charanjit and Sanjiv were reportedly thrashed by two persons when the duo was getting apple boxes uploaded in trucks at Tranz in Shopian. The miscreants then took them away to some distance where armed militants were camping. They started firing that killed Charanjit on the spot, Sanjiv reportedly sustained five bullet injuries and was shifted to a Srinagar hospital. His condition was stated to be critical. "Till a few days ago, fruit traders were told to avoid visiting Shopian, but they were recently informed that the situation had improved. Following this, they left for Kashmir to purchase apples," Rakesh said. Charanjit is survived by his wife and eight-year-old son. Sanjiv is nephew of a fruit

## MANSA GETS APPLES WITH PAK SLOGANS

Bathinda: Apples with pro-Pakistan slogans were found in boxes that arrived from Kashmir. These apples were brought to Bhikhi town of Mansa by local traders. The apples had "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pakistan Hamara Hai" written on them. A trader at the fruit market in Bhikhi had bought these apples on Wednesday. He opened these boxes on Thursday to find pro-Pakistan slogans on them. He informed the police, which has started a probe into the incident. TNS

grading and waxing plant owner and exporter Surinder Charaya. After his father Jaspal Charaya fell ill, Sanjiv had joined his uncle to run the business. Fruit merchants who assembled at the Kinnow Mandi mourned the demise and condemned the attack. The militants appeared determined to scare away people from other parts of the country and shatter economy in the Valley, they said. Till Punjab traders were not assured of safety, it would be better to purchase fruit only from Himachal Pradesh, they opined.

Meanwhile, the state government today announced a financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh for the family of Charanjit. Deputy Commissioner Manpreet Singh Chhatwal said Rs 1 lakh aid had also been announced as assistance to Sanjiv Charaya's family. The Chief Minister has condemned the act of terrorism and conveyed sympathies with both families.

# ₹100-cr insurance scam busted, 4 held from Delhi

Had data of 20,000 insured people, kingpin at large

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LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 17

Four persons have been arrested by the city police from Delhi for allegedly duping innocent people on the pretext of issuing insurance policies. The police said the gang, which operated from Delhi, had committed fraud worth Rs 100 crore with hundreds of people in the past eight years. The police recovered data of 20,000 people across India having insurance policies in various companies. The role of some insurance company employees is also under scanner for leaking the data. The accused are Yogesh

Kumar, his brother Akash Kumar of Mangolpuri, Sunil Kumar of Sultanpuri, and Mosami of Moti Bagh, all in Delhi. The police seized 12 mobile phones from their possession. Police Commissioner Rakesh Agrawal, ADCP Sachin Gupta and other officers addressed a press conference here today. Agrawal said the gang had duped a city resident, Jagdev Singh, of Rs 3.4 crore by providing him fake insurance policies. An FIR was lodged at Sarabha Nagar in October last year. "Since then, our cyber cell was trying to get a link and

almost a year after, it managed to nab four of the gang members from Delhi. These accused were working in the call centre of their kingpin from where they operated the entire racket," he added. He claimed that the gang used to procure data of insured people at Rs 4 per person. "As per initial probe, the kingpin has created some fake insurance companies and by calling innocent people and luring them with multiple returns, the accused used to issue fake policies. Once the gang kingpin is arrested, more layers of the racket will be exposed," said the ADCP.

# HC sets aside ban on 'Ram Siya Ke'

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has set aside orders issued by the District Magistrates of Kapurthala, Nawanshahr and Amritsar, vide which the telecast of TV serial 'Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush' was suspended. Allowing the writ petition filed by Colors TV and other petitioners against Punjab and others, Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa today directed the setting aside of the impugned orders and other identical directions that may have been passed by other District Magistrates of the state. Taking up the petition filed through senior advocate Vikas Bahl, Abhinav Sood and Jay K Bhardwaj, Justice Dhindsa

## Gives state right to pass further orders if petitioners violate their undertaking

observed that the state government had taken a conscious decision to set up a committee to examine the issue, which after deliberations suggested corrective measures. The same were not only accepted by the petitioners, but also implemented in episodes. They also furnished an undertaking to adhere to such corrective steps for future telecast as well. The Bench said it would be open for the state government to pass orders if petitioners violate their undertaking. — TNS

# Jobless teachers' meet on Oct 20

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 17 Seeing no government action on fulfilment of their demands even a month after start of their protest outside the Sangrur DC office, unemployed BEd teachers will hold a state-level meeting on October 20 to intensify their agitation. — TNS

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# Nitish to lead NDA in Bihar poll: Shah

### JD(U), Paswan's LJP heave sigh of relief as BJP national chief dismisses reports of rift

**NEW DELHI/PATNA, OCTOBER 17** Ending speculations about his party's widening rift with the JD(U), BJP chief Amit Shah said on Thursday the alliance was "firm" and will contest the next Bihar assembly elections under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, remarks hailed by the coalition partner.

Shah was also dismissive of the "anban" (bickering) between the two alliance constituents, saying it was a sign of a "healthy" coalition. "The coalition is atal (firm). The NDA will contest Assembly polls under the leadership of Nitish Kumar in Bihar. Nationally, it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will continue to lead the coalition," Shah told a TV channel. He was asked if the BJP is considering fighting the state election, slated to be held by the end of next year, on its own.

Kumar, who is also the JD(U) president, has been at the receiving end of criticism from some BJP leaders, including Union Minister Giriraj Singh, over a host of issues, the latest being the unprecedented "man made" waterlogging in parts of Patna. A section of saffron party leaders, including former Union Minister Sanjay Paswan had even pitched for Kumar making way for a BJP leader at the helm in the state. JD(U) leaders also

hit back at their BJP critics. "Anban (bickering) is a sign of a healthy coalition. But 'matbhed' (difference of opinion) does not necessarily mean there is 'manbhed' (disagreements of heart)," Shah said.

Shah's unambiguous endorsement of Kumar's leadership of the alliance in Bihar is likely to end the bickering among their leaders. After Kumar decided to keep his party out of the Modi government, apparently to protest the offer of only one ministerial berth to his party, unease in the alliance has been palpable. The JD(U)'s opposition to legislations on triple talaq and scrapping of special status to

Jammu and Kashmir further fuelled speculations about fault lines in the alliance. JD(U) national general secretary and state minister Shyam Rajak came out with a flurry of tweets thanking Shah. "I wish to thank the top leadership of BJP @AmitShah1 @narendramodi for having dispelled many doubts... It is a slap on the face of the Opposition which was enjoying (the recent bickering)," he said.

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Home Minister Amit Shah at Banaras Hindu University. PTI

- **'NEED TO REWRITE HISTORY FROM INDIA'S VIEW'**  
Stressing the need to rewrite history from India's point of view, Home Minister Amit Shah credited Veer Savarkar for calling the 1857 rebellion as first independence struggle
- Amid a row over the BJP suggesting that the Hindutva icon be given the Bharat Ratna, Shah said had it not been for him, the rebellion of 1857 would have become history

# Earlier govts had no guts to scrap Article 370: Modi

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17** The entire world can see the new-found confidence of New India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday. Addressing BJP's campaign rallies for the October 21 Maharashtra Assembly elections at Pune, Satara and Parli, Modi said despite a lot of talk in the last 70 years, it was only his government which dared abrogate Article 370. "The entire world can see the new-found confidence of New India. Everyone can feel the change. They are discussing HowdyModi (event in the US)," Modi said at the Pune rally. "Haven't you felt the effect of the New India in the last 100 days of our second term? Do you see its power? Do you see its decision-making abilities and clarity in ideas?" Modi asked the crowd. "Since the last 70 years, the entire country was facing the hurdle of Article 370. There was a lot of talk to remove it, but no one dared to do it. Was this the first government in India with a full majority? No, it is not," he said.



'NOT AFRAID OF CHANGES'

The government has recently taken a lot of measures to bolster the economy, Modi said. "We have taken steps to promote manufacturing, start-ups, and have given sops in corporate tax," he said. "Our government will take every step needed for the bright future of the Indian youth and investment," he said. India today is one of the top-FDI friendly countries in the world, Modi said. "Every business leader I have had a discussion with globally is keen to come to India. The growth in investment in India in the last five years has been

five times," he said. Be it the government, businessmen or the youth, everyone needs to stay ready for the new economy of New India, he said. At the rally in Satara, Modi asserted that his government adheres to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's principles of nationalism and national security, and possess the strength to give a befitting reply to those who have "evil designs" on India. Modi said that as Shivaji Maharaj did, his government too has worked to strengthen the defence forces. "In the last five years, our government has brought our armed forces on a par with the armed forces of other countries. Be it Army, Navy or Air Force, modern weapons are a part of our armed forces today," he said. "We have taken decisions for national integration which earlier governments had no guts to take," he said. — PTI

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# PMC ex-director in police custody

**MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17** A Mumbai court today remanded Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank's former director Surjit Singh Arora in the police custody till October 22 in connection with the multi-crore scam at the bank.



'REGULATOR, AUDITOR BE HELD RESPONSIBLE'

Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW), which is probing the scam, told the court that Arora "abused his official position to facilitate the fraud".

The court also remanded bank's former managing director Joy Thomas in judicial custody, after his police remand ended today. Arora was arrested by the EOW yesterday after being summoned by the investigating agency for questioning in connection with the alleged Rs 4,355 crore scam at the PMC Bank. — PTI

As far as PMC Bank or any other bank is concerned, it is the job of the regulators first to look into those issues. It is the auditor, who should be held responsible... if anyone is involved in fraud, the ED has taken action. Anurag Thakur, MOS FINANCE

# ED gets PC's remand till Oct 24

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17** A Delhi court on Thursday sent former Finance Minister P Chidambaram for custodial interrogation by the ED till October 24 in the INX media money laundering case "to facilitate proper investigation in the case to reach a logical end".

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar allowed the Enforcement Directorate to quiz Chidambaram for seven days.

The court permitted the request of Chidambaram that he be allowed a separate cell, home-cooked food, western toilet, medicines, spectacles and visit by his family members and lawyers half and hour daily, after the ED did not oppose it. The court also directed the ED to get him medically examined every 48 hours and to produce him on October 24. Chidambaram was interrogated and arrested on Wednesday in



Ex-Union Minister P Chidambaram at ED office in Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Tihar. In its order, the court noted that the case was being conducted consistently and some witnesses had been examined since September 6 and fresh material brought on record. "Interrogation is the prerogative of the investigating officer. It is for him to decide when a person is to be arrested and when custodial inter-

rogation will be required so that it proves fruitful. Courts give due regard to the discretion of IO about the manner in which he will conduct the investigation," it said. The court also extended the judicial custody of Chidambaram till October 24 in the INX Media corruption case lodged by the CBI. — PTI

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# Rupani: Centre planning NRC across nation

**AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 17** Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani claimed on Thursday that the Union government is planning to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) across the country to expel illegal immigrants.

Addressing a rally in Patan district, Rupani also accused the Opposition Congress of turning a blind eye to illegal immigrants. "For votebank politics, Congress allowed such illegal immigrants to settle permanently in India. Congress created a situation where citizens suffered because of these illegal settlers," he said.

"The BJP-led government is planning to implement NRC across the country to compel these immigrants to leave the country" said Rupani. — PTI

# Rowlatt's grandson felt ashamed at Jallianwala Bagh: JNU Prof

**SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY**

**KOLKATA, OCTOBER 17**

Justin Rowlatt, grandson of Sidney Rowlatt (architect of the notorious Rowlatt Act which attracted innumerable protest demonstrations in Punjab, including the gathering at Jallianwala Bagh that was fired upon by troops led by Col Reginald Dyer), felt terribly ashamed when he visited the site of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.



India as a journalist of BBC. He later wrote a book in which he mentioned how he was overcome with shame when the caretaker SK Mukherjee took him around the Jallianwala Bagh site, showing no rancour whatsoever for the macabre incident the origin of which could be traced to the draconian Act passed on the recommendations of his grandfather Sidney Rowlatt.

This was revealed by JNU professor Chaman Lal while giving a speech on the Jallianwala Bagh massacre at a function held at Kolkata's Netaji Indoor Stadium here today.

The function, organised by the CPM to celebrate the centenary of the foundation of the Communist Party of India, was attended by party general secretary Sitaram Yechury, senior leaders of the party's West Bengal unit and thousands of supporters and cadres. Justin was posted in

The JNU professor also mentioned how emotions of Bhagat Singh, all of 12 years then (1919), ran high when he heard about the incident. Bhagat Singh rushed to

# UP Govt cancels field staff leave

**LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 17** The Uttar Pradesh Government has cancelled leave of field staff till November 30. The move seems to be in view of upcoming Ayodhya judgment expected around mid-November, arguments for which closed yesterday.

A government release said the government had decided in view of the forthcoming festival season, leave of police and all officers would not be accepted except in exceptional cases. — TNS

Kalinath Ray was booked by the colonial administration and sent to prison for four years for the coverage given by The Tribune of the massacre", Chaman Lal said. "How I wish that people like Kalinath Ray was alive today," Chaman Lal added. Chaman Lal also mentioned how Tagore was moved by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre and wrote a bristling letter to the Viceroy Lord Chemsford returning knighthood offered to him.

# Ayodhya: BJP cautions leaders

## Says avoid statements that may put party in a spot

**VIBHA SHARMA**

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17**

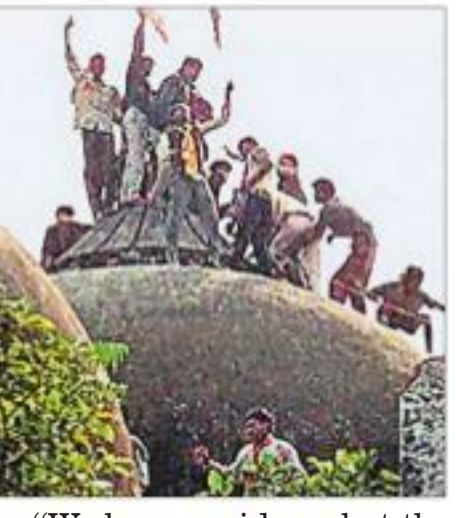
Speaking in Maharashtra last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had slammed "loudmouths" making "meaningless" statements over the Ram temple, asking them to exercise caution and allow the Supreme Court to take a call on the issue.

His observations may have then been aimed at ally Shiv Sena and its chief Uddhav Thackeray, but as the dispute over the Ayodhya land title enters the final lap, sources say the BJP has asked party leaders to not make statements that may create "difficult situation" for the party, the government or local administrations.

"Exercise restraint", appears to be the bottom line in this. The News Broadcasting Standards Authority is believed to have also advised caution while reporting on the dispute and clearly the ruling BJP also wants its cadre to follow the same.

# 'Chance of settlement'

**FROM PAGE 1** "It's in the interest of unity and integrity of India," he said. A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India — which reserved its verdict on 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 — conducted in-chamber proceedings on Thursday to consider the settlement proposal. The Bench is understood to have discussed the matter but details of what transpired could not be known. The UP Sunni Wakf Board is said to have agreed to give up its claim on the disputed site if Muslims' interests are protected. Board chairman Zafar Ahmad Farooqui is understood to have demanded that 22 dilapidated mosques be reconstructed by the government, sources said. It has also demanded that Muslims be allowed to offer namaz in mosques under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India.



ple through the legislative process, including an ordinance, the BJP leadership always spoke of a solution through courts. This was reiterated on several occasions by top BJP leaders, including PM Modi and party chief Amit Shah. "For any government, communal harmony and law and order is the top priority," the leaders say. Around September, PM Modi while in Maharashtra for conclusion of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' 'Maha Janadesh Yatra', was quoted as saying: "We should have faith in the Supreme Court, have faith in the Constitution given by Ambedkar, in the judiciary, to all these loudmouths who keep giving statements, I fold my hands and for God's sake and for Lord Ram's sake keep the faith in the country's judicial process." He did not name anyone but the remarks appeared to have been aimed at the Sena whose chief Uddhav Thackeray was leading on the issue.

# Every 3rd urban Indian..

**FROM PAGE 1** are forced to take up low-paying jobs," Singh said.

Asked what needed to be done to fix the economy, he said it would take him a lot of time to explain things. He, however, suggested the government should first diagnose what ailed the economy and then attempt to fix things. "This government has been in office for over five years. They should have learnt from our mistakes and provided credible solutions... they can't keep claiming the fault lies with the UPA... this may score some debating points, but won't offer any solution," he said. Singh refuted Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's criticism of the UPA government and former RBI Govern-

nor Raghuram Rajan for the NPAs of banks. "When I was in office, what happened did happen. But always passing buck is not enough," he said. The ex-PM went on to say that Mumbai and Maharashtra were facing the brunt of the economic slowdown with the maximum number of factory shutdowns being reported in the state in the last five years. "In the past, Maharashtra was number one in attracting investments, but now it is number one in farmer suicides," he said. Singh, who met a delegation of depositors from the troubled Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank, said the government must provide relief to the 16 lakh depositors.

# Army rejig 'on hold'

**FROM PAGE 1** headquarters, were to be sent to field formations. At present, there are an estimated 950 to 1,000 officers posted at the headquarters in Delhi. Among the pending parts of the GSL are instructions on merger of directorates.

This was to include merger of two weapons and systems procurement agencies and creation of post of Deputy Chief for coordination with the military Intelligence, operations and logistics wings. At present, the DG (Military Operations) and the DG (Military Intelligence) report to the Army Chief or Vice-Chief. Also, the restructuring was to merge the

Master General Ordnance (MGO), currently under the Vice-Chief, and the DG (Weapons and Equipment) under a single vertical with the Deputy Chief, Planning and Strategy, that was to be renamed Capability Development. Also expected is the creation of a consolidated information warfare wing that will subsume two existing wings under the DGMI and the DGMO. The DG (Military Training) are to be merged with the Shimla-based Army Training Command. The restructuring was ordered in June 2018 year following a "convening order" for cadre restructuring by the Army Vice-Chief.

# Dalit votes may be clincher

**FROM PAGE 1** will vote for him/her. Likewise, Dhanaks and Balmikis will go with the party that has fielded a candidate from their community." But the voting trend in the general category seats is different. As the Chamar community has a lion's share in government jobs, Dalits in the SC-A category are generally reluctant to vote for them. Traditionally Congress voters, they have gradually drifted towards the BSP. The BSP vote share has been fluctuating in different elections — 1.62 per cent in 1989, 7.7 per cent in 1998 and 15.7 per cent in 2009 when Mayawati was anticipated to be named PM in the event of

the third front making it. The BSP this time is unlikely to garner much support. Of the 90 Assembly segments, the party seems to be in the reckoning in Jagadhri alone, that too because of the candidate's own goodwill. Sources say the Chamar votes can go to the Congress as the community has always been skeptical of BJP's Hindu nationalism agenda. Also, it has been resolute of BJP's bid to provide sub-quota to those in SC-A category. The latter, on the other hand, usually vote against the Congress. They could vote for the BJP this time in case of polarisation, as witnessed in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP has MPs from both SC-A and SC-B categories — Sunita Duggal from Sirsa and Rattan Lal Kataria from Ambala. It is uncertain whether the dominant Chamars will go with the Congress or the BJP. Any consolidation of Dalit vote is bound to impact the turnout in several constituencies. "It's more tricky than you think. Asha Khedar is BJP candidate from Uklana. A Chamar, she married a Jat. Consequently, her family was ostracised by the Jats. Today, her own (Chamar) community is opposing her while members of the Jats are backing her to the hilt," explains activist Gorakhpuria.

# 36farm machinery banks go 'untraced'

**FROM PAGE 1** of the machinery, the report points out that while the average area covered by one Happy Seeder in a season is 68 acres, the total area under paddy in these three districts is over 9,500 acres. The average use of other machines, such as mulcher, too was poor. Also, office-bearers of these banks were not trained in operating these machines. No custom hiring centre has maintained a record on hiring, repairs and maintenance. KS Pannu, Secretary, Agriculture, Punjab, claimed there were some discrepancies in the list with the Central team. "We later provided them the correct list in Bathinda district and addressed other issues too."

# The Tribune

ESTABLISHED IN 1881

## Patricide!

Bharat Ratna for Savarkar unacceptable

**T**HERE could not be a worse crime than patricide in any civilised society. The BJP is proposing to do just that by promising, in its Maharashtra election manifesto, to confer the ultimate national honour of Bharat Ratna on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, accused No. 7 in the Gandhi murder case. Savarkar's apology to the British and his subsequent release from Kalapani's Cellular Jail — when brave freedom fighters remained steadfast in their resolve to rot and die there — is a matter of less importance. An apologist can be feted, but not someone who was accused of conspiring to kill the Father of the Nation. While convicting all others, it is a fact that trial judge Atma Charan had acquitted Savarkar on the technical ground that there was no corroborative evidence to prove the approver Digambar Badge's statement. Later, GD Khosla, writing the judgment for the full Bench of the Shimla High Court, found enough evidence to corroborate Badge's testimony. But it was too late because the Nehru government had not appealed against Savarkar's acquittal.

The celebration of an accused in the Mahatma's murder doesn't belong to the ethos of Ram Rajya, but to that of Aurangzeb's court. The Mughal emperor held his father a prisoner and killed his brothers to grab the empire — all for Islamic piety. For a party that came to power in the name of Ram, there ought to have been a greater understanding of what the prince of Ayodhya stood for: fulfilling the wishes of a father, who was clearly committing a grievous mistake.

Does Lord Ram need another temple in Ayodhya? Well, demolition of a mosque and the building of a temple on that very site — through mediation or court orders — again remind one of Mughal atrocities and not Hindu generosity. No temple is ever built on a graveyard. The Babri Masjid site is the graveyard of the Gandhian Republic. The new temple that will soon come up there does little for Hinduism because Lord Ram, the *maryada purushottam*, would not have wished ill for any of his subjects, whatever be their faith.

## Justice for Sister Lucy

Vatican has another opportunity to correct its blunder

**E**VEN as the Kerala nun Sister Lucy Kalappura's long fight for justice underscores the need for the ecclesiastical orders to look inward in the context of changing times of gender justice, the setbacks she has been suffering speak of how difficult it is to pry open the hardened patriarchal walls of convents and churches. Those in the fold have over the years been forced to bear atrocities in silence. But the spunky Sister Lucy resisted pressure and chose to join the protest in support of a fellow woman in habit, who had last September dragged the Bishop of Jalandhar Diocese, Franco Mulakkal, to court with a charge of multiple rape. In a brazen tilt reeking of male dominance, while the accused Bishop after getting conditional bail from court has enjoyed a hero's welcome home, the victim nun and her supporters are suffering isolation and punishment transfers from their peers and senior clergy.

Sister Lucy's evangelical journey stands out as a bold embodiment of her beliefs. In the above case, she 'lent a helping hand to hapless sisters' as she believed it was her duty to do so and was vocal about it. A few years ago, she had raised hackles when she pledged to donate her body to medical science for the service of humanity. Similarly, asserting her individual rights, she went ahead with buying a car on loan and publishing her poems on nature despite threats of disciplinary action and social abuse.

Disapproving of her lifestyle as gravely violating its rules, her congregation expelled her in August. It said the nun was issued proper canonical warnings, but did not show the required remorse. Not one to give up easily, the courageous Sister Lucy knocked at the Vatican door for justice. Now, the Vatican too has dismissed her plea challenging the expulsion. The sister has one more chance to file an appeal. The Church, facing dwindling devotees, would do well to look into reformatory steps in keeping with the times. Preventing a progressive nun from being expelled from her order could help keep the faithful flock. Amen!

# Untold saga of Stuxnet

The virus, aimed at disrupting Iran's N-programme, opened world to cyber warfare



NIRAJ SRIVASTAVA  
FORMER AMBASSADOR

**S**TUXNET is well known, at least in the strategic community, as the computer virus that caused damage to Iran's nuclear programme. Its existence was announced to the world in 2010 by software engineers, when they found that it had spread to hundreds of thousands of computers using the Microsoft Windows operating system all over the world, including India. While Stuxnet's structure, and how it damaged the nuclear programme, are by now known, what was not known till a few weeks ago was exactly how it was introduced into the software running Iran's nuclear plant at Natanz.

That story was published by Yahoo News on September 2, and was quickly picked up by many news outlets, and retold, all over the world. Indian media seems to have missed it.

The story provides insights into the operations of the intelligence agencies of the five countries which collaborated to produce the virus and infect the software running the centrifuges at Natanz. Centrifuges are machines used to 'enrich' uranium, which can then be used for various purposes. The operation was primarily a US-Israeli enterprise, which also involved the Netherlands, Germany and France. The operation's codename was 'Olympic Games', after the five-ring symbol of the Olympics.

The Natanz plant was 'air-gapped', meaning it was not connected to the Internet. Its centrifuges were run by a software produced by German company Siemens. To infect the software, someone had to physically insert a USB flash drive containing the virus into the computers at Natanz. That was not an easy task, given that the facility was heavily guarded.



**INTRIGUE:** The operation, primarily a US-Israeli enterprise, targeted the nuclear plant at Natanz, forcing Iran to set up one of the largest cyber warfare units in the world.

Stuxnet shows the recklessness of countries involved in the operation. But they might have done a favour to the world by alerting it to the perils of cyber warfare.

Sometime in 2004, the CIA and Mossad (US and Israeli intelligence agencies) requested their Dutch counterpart AVID to locate an Iranian who could be groomed for the job. AVID was able to find one from the expatriate Iranian community in Holland. He was an engineer and had previously been a contractor at Natanz. He was offered a substantial amount of money and resettlement in the West.

The Iranian 'mole' returned home in 2006 and set up a front company providing maintenance services for computers. The company was able to obtain a contract for maintenance work at Natanz, enabling the mole to gain access to the facility in 2007. He paid several visits to the plant during which he gathered information about the centrifuges, which was used to fine-tune the virus in the US. Its use was authorised by President Bush in 2007.

In 2007, the mole took Stuxnet in a USB flash drive and inserted it into the computers. That was his last visit to the facility. The 'air-gap' had been closed.

In the meantime, the designers of Stuxnet had been working to make it

more potent. They produced a modified version which was injected into the computers in early 2010, with authorisation by President Obama, who was assured that it would not affect computers outside Iran. This time, they did not need a mole; they could do their work online. This version of Stuxnet was indeed more potent: it blew up around 1,000 of Natanz's 5,000 centrifuges. The Iranians were shocked.

Around the same time, three Iranian nuclear scientists were assassinated in separate incidents in Tehran. It was widely believed that Mossad was responsible for the killings.

But the Iranians were not the only ones to be shocked. This version of Stuxnet spread all over the world, including the US and India, though it did not cause much damage. It was then isolated and analysed by computer experts. In June 2010, they announced its existence to the world. It was the first cyber weapon of mass destruction. One former head of the CIA compared it to the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

# Common sense won the day

KK PAUL

**T**HAT there is little connect between innate common sense and educational qualifications is a well-known historical fact. Some of the most successful historical figures and famous persons had no degrees to boast of while some had not even learnt the basics of alphabet. Today, in our day-to-day life we often come across such worldly-wise characters who may not have gone beyond middle school.

Policing is an area of administration which remains in maximum contact with the public. Some of the junior-ranking officers, who may not be well educated, remain in touch with the public more than their offi-

cers. This naturally gives them a lot of practical experience which gets sufficiently sharpened by some common sense and a highly developed presence of mind.

A situation comes to my mind readily. It was a rather tricky affair but was handled with great confidence and aplomb by just a head constable. No amount of knowledge of police work or law might have helped, rather these may have taken the situation out of our hands completely.

For quite some time, we had been on the lookout for a wanted terrorist but were unable to get a worthwhile clue. After much effort, a Delhi-based phone number could be obtained, which opened the door for us to proceed in the right direction. Subse-

quent investigations took our team to Moradabad, where the suspect had taken shelter in a thickly populated area. Unobtrusive efforts were made by this team but the exact location of the house and the suspect remained elusive. This was one case where our team did not think it prudent to take the local police into confidence. After about a week, investigations at Delhi yielded results and the message was immediately relayed to our team at Moradabad that the suspect had been asked to come to Delhi immediately and collect apples. Since making an arrest at Moradabad was considered tactically not feasible, our party split into two, and a few of our men positioned themselves at the Delhi bus stand, to board the same bus as the

suspect, in case he came that way.

Simultaneously, one of our head constables who had a bright idea and had got it cleared placed our official, but unmarked Tata Sumo near the taxi stand outside the bus stand. This vehicle had the remainder of the team inside, with their luggage tied on top. Early in the morning, as people were making a beeline for the buses, he started shouting 'Dilli...Dilli...Dilli...' Our suspect was identified as he was approaching the taxi stand, instead, he was tempted to board our Tata Sumo. The poor chap only realised after reaching our well-concealed office at Chanakya-puri that he had all along been travelling with Delhi Police personnel in their official vehicle.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Cyber warfare is as much about psychological strategy as technical prowess. — James Scott

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1919

### The Indian Medical Service.

THE evidence given by Colonel R.H. Elliott, I.M.S., before the Joint Committee of Parliament, is typical of the attitude of a considerable proportion of European officials in India towards the question of reform. "The decision to make the Indian Medical Service a transferred subject," the witness began by saying, "would be extremely unpopular and would lead to many retirements, especially of senior officers and make recruiting very difficult." We do not complain of this statement, except to point out that the only unpopularity of which the witness was probably thinking was unpopularity with the representatives of vested interests—which, after all, is inseparable from any large measure of reform—and that far too much is being made of the trump card of threatened retirements by some of the witnesses before the Committee. But when the witness goes on to say that "the objection to transference is not racial" and that "there are many Indians under whom Europeans would be glad to serve," it is difficult to avoid the remark that the witness might have been more candid.

### Extravagant Expenditure in England.

NOTHING done by the Lloyd George Ministry in England has come in for more criticism than the huge increase in expenditure in the ministerial establishments. We are told that as one Ministry diminishes, another expands. An important case is said to be that of the Pensions Ministry. A new creation with a staff of over 18,000 persons, and an administration that is the subject of constant complaint. The *Westminster Gazette* enquired of the largest insurance company in England what staff it employed and found that it employed only 5,000 men and women to deal with 22,000,000 clients.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Freeing wrong people

The news report that the Punjab Government has decided to release more than a dozen cops convicted on account of carrying out fake encounters is highly deplorable and amounts to insulting and lowering the prestige of the law of the land ('Pardon to convicted cops stirs row'; October 17). It is nothing short of defiance of the court and exhibition of double-facedness. The convicts have already been favoured by paying their salaries to their dependents who have no complicity in the heinous crime committed by the bread-earners. But this type of charity should be doled out to those dependents, too, who live in miserable conditions.

CHAMAN ARORA, FEROZEPUR CITY

### Against Guru's teachings

With the onset of the month of Katak, the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak will be commemorated by the Punjab Government and the SGPC by hosting different congregations in the historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi. Guru Nanak gave the message of a casteless, classless and an egalitarian society. He tried to bridge the difference between humans based on religion, race, birth, caste and gender. He undertook *udasis* (travels) to meet people and spread the message of

brotherhood. Yet, the commemoration event of the apostle of unity is being celebrated in the most divisive way by indulging in political wrangling and one-upmanship. It would be commendable if both sides rise above their natural self and come together on a common platform, as a token of respect to the Guru.

JASHANDEEP SANDHU, PATIALA

### One Vidhan, one nishan

Refer to the editorial 'Article 370 & Haryana' (October 17); even Assembly elections are no more fought on local issues only. Abrogation of Article 370 is bound to have an impact on Haryana and Maharashtra elections. With the Article gone, there would be 'one Vidhan, one nishan' in the whole of India — from Kashmir to Kanayakumari. Like 370, let us take another bold step and withdraw the Kashmir issue from the UN and ask it to recall its observers from Kashmir. The UN has done little to resolve the problem.

WG CDR CL SEHGAL (RETD), JALANDHAR

### Local issues matter more

Apropos the editorial 'Article 370 & Haryana' (October 17); the Opposition has failed to match BJP's strategy of selling the hard talk against Pakistan, surgical strikes and Balakot attack. Fair enough, these events being of

national importance could influence the voters. But for the ensuing elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, abrogation of Article 370 is out of place, considering there are local issues like unemployment, farmers' suicide, price rise, social intolerance and rising crime. The opposition parties still get entangled into the web of BJP's nationalistic approach and are unable to exploit loopholes in real governance as far as local issues are concerned.

COL KULDIP S GREWAL (RETD), PATIALA

### Legal aid to detainees

Refer to 'Provide free legal aid to PSA detainees, HC tells state govt' (October 17); no matter how J&K leaders have reacted toward the scrapping of Article 370, they have the formal duty and right to represent their state. The voices which were being suppressed till now will rise. Slowly, and with the citizens' approval, J&K will move toward a new union territory and development.

SONALI CHOUDHARY, JAMMU

### Make safer roads

Reference to the editorial 'Road building an uphill task' (October 17); I was in Chamba in 2005, and even now, there is hardly any upgrade of highway roads. The roads are narrow and zigzag. The route from Chamba to Bhamour needs extra attention.

The soil of hill areas is soft, and due to this, there are heavy landslides during monsoon. This is the busiest road for the Pathankot route and affects local business and essential commodities for the people of Chamba. The government should cut some portion of nearby hills to broaden roads. The roads, especially in Himachal Pradesh, should be properly built to avoid mishaps.

SUBER SINGH PARIHAR, JALARI

### Motormouth minister

Courting controversies is not new to the minister. This maverick minister has hogged headlines in the past as well for the wrong reasons ('Plaint filed against Ashu for hurting religious sentiments'; October 17). Several videos have gone viral, trollying the 'haughty' minister for 'threatening' public servants and others who have the temerity of speaking up against his uncouth demeanour. Some other issues were his alleged role in the multi-crore Ludhiana Grand Manor Homes scam and 'threatening' investigative agencies to delay the process of justice delivery, browbeating another top-ranking police officer in another case. Various political outfits have staged dharna for his ouster, but the 'boss' is in no hurry to take action.

RAMESH K DHIMAN, CHANDIGARH

# Allow subalterns to speak for social justice



SURESH KUMAR

CHIEF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO PUNJAB CM

**S**OCIAL subalterns in India are a heterogeneous group of people who have been marginalised for a long time. These include the Dalits, the tribals, the deprived and distressed women, and the rural and migrant workers who are endowed with resources much less than their requirement for a minimum quality livelihood. They are the voiceless people of society and, as a result, they remain devoid of the fruits of mainstream economic growth of the country. In fact, the rise in GDP and per capita income does not fully reflect upon their plight. But this does not mean that these people are not growing, but they remain way behind those who have access to better resources and education.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, in her essay *Can the subalterns speak?* observes the process of subalternity as rather complex. It is an outcome of social, religious, political, economic and gender discrimination and oppression over a long time. It has been happening across all nations, though in different ways with varying intensity.

India's Constitution recognises the special requirements of the subalterns. Apart from promulgating the country as a secular socialist state for the maximum good of the largest number, it envisages special provisions and laws that include reservation for Dalits, tribals and economically weaker sections of the society, abolition of untouchability,

ceiling on ownership of land, and devolution of special rights to those who live in forests and other inaccessible areas. These special provisions, coupled with the more emphatic Constitutional articles on Fundamental Rights, including the right to equality, speech, property and education, lay the sound framework and foundation for social justice. The Directive Principles of State Policy elucidate the basic requirements of the public policies that are required to protect the interests of vulnerable people.

However, India as a nation state has still not achieved a fair and just society, in which traditional systems of varnas are largely, if not fully, obliterated. In fact, these classifications are more prominent in politics than ever before.

In order to secure their votes, political parties, which are largely owned by people from the upper social stratum, have innovated to what they call as 'social engineering'. The voting at the hustings is engineered through class and caste-based affiliations and connections, with poor and voiceless people falling prey to minor temptations for their survival. The elite do speak for subalterns, but do not let them speak for themselves. They reinforce a binary relationship in which only the elite can speak for the subalterns. This deepens subalternity, further pushing the oppressed to the margins. Thus, it needs to be discouraged and demolished through the systems.

As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), 645 million people in India (about 55 per cent of the population) are poor — almost twice as many as the official poverty figures. Poverty levels are the highest among India's tribal population (81.4 per cent), followed by Dalits (65.8 per cent) and Other Backward Classes (58.3 per cent). The poverty level among the rest of the population is 33.3 per cent. Inequity in



IMPERATIVE: Comprehensive reforms focused on growth with equity and equality.

A neo-rich class called the creamy layer, that is the elite subalterns, has emerged amongst these reserved categories over the last few decades, and they do not let their subalterns to rise further, realising that they may challenge their hegemony. In this way, the space conceded to the voiceless has further shrunk and the subalterns have least say in the decision making, even in policies that impinge upon their welfare.

growth and justice bias is thus obvious. As per the World Bank (2018), the proportion of women in the country's labour force is 21.9 per cent, clearly indicating gender inequity in growth. Unemployment is also higher in other social subalterns. In many parts of the country, even wages are determined on the basis of caste, class and gender.

Seven decades of a written and well-documented Constitution — that premises all laws of the country, whether national or provincial, on social equity and equality and provides for special safeguards for the deprived and distressed people — have not been enough to achieve this basic requirement of human civilisation.

Are we moving fast enough in the direction that leads us to achieve the goal of a fair, just and classless society? Different schools of thought will have a different response. The existentialists will disagree while the capitalists may affirm, though even they may not be able to fully confirm. The utilitarians and socialists will certainly raise

questions on the pace at which growth with social justice and equity is being achieved or targeted. The recent religious division in political endeavours on growth in the country has, in fact, started undermining the equity in growth achieved so far.

True, the task is too big and complex. However, conceding more space and allowing more say to the social subalterns in decision making can hasten its achievement. The constitutional safeguards, such as caste-based reservations and other special provisions have achieved a part of the purpose, but these have also caused further sub-stratification amongst the poor and deprived.

A neo-rich class called the creamy layer, that is the elite subalterns, has emerged amongst these reserved categories over the last few decades, and they do not let their subalterns to rise further, realising that they may challenge their hegemony. In this way, the space conceded to the voiceless has further shrunk and the subalterns amongst the hitherto socially ostracised but now stratified through special constitutional protections, have least say in the decision making, even in policies that directly impinge upon their growth and welfare. The miseries of these most vulnerable subalterns have actually not been mitigated or reduced despite constitutional reservations and other protective clauses.

A quick survey of 60 recognised political parties in the country as per the report of the Election Commission of India reveals that no national party except the Bahujan Samaj Party and CPI has a Dalit as its president. Only four political parties have women as their president. Most regional parties are driven by agenda dictated by narrow parochial, caste, class or religion-based ideologies. These parties attach less value to ethics than politics. They raise the bogey of social justice for

political dividends.

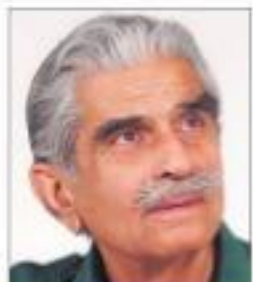
Further, representation of women in the Lok Sabha is 14.3 per cent. Repeated efforts of the government to enact the National Women Reservation Bill 2008 to provide for 33 per cent reservation of seats for women in the Parliament and state legislative assemblies have failed, largely because of the gender bias of regional political parties.

Upper caste people apprehend that the rise of socially deprived classes will cause unrest in society, whereas there should be more peace and amity, if the society is more egalitarian and less stratified. They inflict epistemic injuries to the so-called lower class people. Though the Constitution abolished untouchability — religious, social or communal — economic untouchability and financial exclusion remain widespread.

Quicker inclusive growth of hitherto excluded populations with a time-bound implementation of statutory safeguards to check and prevent social ostracisation of the poor would provide a solution for social justice if subalterns in the social stratum were allowed to speak and were, of course, heard in making the decisions that articulate and impact their future. They should be given the choice to innovate and grow even if it means to move away from the beaten path of reservations and preferential treatment. They should be allowed to deconstruct what is otherwise believed to be the gospel truth and construct their own brief for the future that may bestow upon them. A provision of a citizens' Bill in the legislative process, as in the US, if included in the Constitution of India, may allow some space to the subalterns to speak.

Spivak advocates education as a key enabler, though the process can be much faster with comprehensive reforms, including socio-economic, political and legal reforms, focused on growth with equity and equality.

# The tattered Naga peace accord under lens



MAJ-GEN ASHOK MEHTA (RETD)

DEFENCE COMMENTATOR

Between the signing of the NFA in August 2015 and now, the NSCN IM has issued statements contradicting the government's claim that it had accepted the Indian Constitution. On the contrary, it has been saying that it wants a separate Constitution, flag and integration of all contiguous Naga-inhabited areas under Nagalim (Greater Nagaland).

**L**AST Saturday, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM), the dominant Naga rebel group engaged in the 22-year-old peace process with the Centre, held yet another round of talks, this time presumably with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on board in New Delhi to break the impasse. The NSCN-IM said the government was trying to backtrack on its commitment to a solution embedded in the Naga Framework Accord of August 3, 2015 by using a group of Nagas who do not represent the Naga people. This critique of the Centre by the NSCN-IM is a significant development unravelling the NFA.

Additionally, the defanging of Article 370 has sown seeds of doubt and uncertainty among some north-eastern states about the government's commitment to special powers allocated to them. Worse, it has brought the tom-tommed NFA to a cul de sac. After the success of nullifying Article 370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had ordered special interlocutor RN Ravi to bring to fruition the NFA by October-end. Nagaland was the first state after J&K to be covered by the 13th Amendment of 1962 which granted it special powers in respect of its identity, culture and social practices — almost akin to J&K — under Article 371-A of the Constitution. In 1963, it was granted full statehood.

The report of the Parliamentary Select Committee attached to the Home Ministry of July 2018 laid in the Rajya Sab-



IMPASSE: The NSCN-IM says that the government is trying to backtrack on its commitment to a solution embedded in the Naga Framework Accord.

ha stated that the NSCN IM had agreed to a political settlement within the Indian Constitution with special status. Between the signing of the NFA in August 2015 and now, the NSCN-IM has issued several statements contradicting the government's claim that it had accepted the Indian Constitution. On the contrary, it has been saying that it wants a separate Constitution, flag and integration of all contiguous Naga-inhabited areas under Nagalim (Greater Nagaland). Ravi has articulated that the first two demands — Constitution and flag — were never on offer. But the Nagas have been saying that their merger with the Union of India could never happen. Instead, the Nagas will co-exist as two entities. The Nagas do

not accept the Constitution of India, but the Nagas and India will share sovereignty. So, did the government sell a lemon to the country in August 2015?

On August 24, 2019, NSCN-IM Chairman Q Tuccu and General Secretary Muivah wrote a letter to Modi, stating that there cannot be an honourable solution to the Naga peace process without a separate flag and Constitution, two symbols of special status that were first to go in J&K. Muivah said that the Centre had misinterpreted the term 'inclusive' in the NFA, adding that it does not mean the Nagas will be included in the Union of India. 'We have never been in the Union of India and we will never be,' the Nagas are saying. So close to a solution and yet so far.

A round of talks was held on August 1 at NSCN-IM headquarters at Mount Hebron which apparently did not go well and broke up in discord. This was immediately after Ravi was promoted to Governor of Nagaland. The Naga Army of NSCN-IM which is technically confined to Mount Hebron was involved in at least five cases of armed clashes and confrontation with security forces this year. Ravi has claimed that all substantive issues in the NFA have been resolved — nothing is left — and assured the Nagas that Article 371 A, which is a solemn commitment and not impermanent like Article 370, will not be repealed. He explained that there is no similarity between Articles 370 and 371 A, adding that the Centre is trying to make it more than 371 A and there is no question of diluting it. Ravi said the intended solution recognises the Nagas' unique history and the settlement is on the basis of power-sharing and peaceful co-existence. He asserted that the Centre has accepted the integration of Naga areas, adding the red herring that it is the legitimate right of the Naga people to pursue and achieve integration through democratic and political process.

The government might allow a pan-Naga Assembly if it is restricted to culture, religion and tribal practices, after the BJP-ruled states like Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, where the Nagas reside, show the green flag. Craftily, Ravi has also been negotiating with seven other former Naga rebel out-

fits with which he signed an agreement in November 2017 which has upset the NSCN-IM which claims to be the sole representative of all Naga people.

Last month, Home Minister Amit Shah, attending the North Eastern Council meeting said that Articles 371 A to G will not be touched. Sikkim, covered by Article 371 F, was also worried and the new state government has decided to support the BJP at the Centre. The Parliament cannot legislate to alter special status granted to states covered by Article 371 without the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly, a constitutional imperative the Centre fraudulently overcame in the case of the J&K. Still, people in the North-East are restless after the introduction of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio said at the NEC that the Centre should act north-east, before acting east.

The biggest gainer of the imbroglio of NFA, in a sense, is its mastermind and interlocutor Ravi who was Special Director IB in 2012, then chairman JIC before he was elevated to Deputy National Security Adviser, followed by the Governor Nagaland. The Americans would describe a person of his Sputnik-like rise as a 'water-walker'. He is now the constitutional head of a state and his added role as negotiator in talks with the Naga people would be questionable. More questionable is the fate of the NFA: more fiction than fact? Or, so close and yet so far? The NFA has become make-believe.

### QUICK CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**  
1 Shared by a group (8)  
5 With addition of (4)  
9 A dried plum (5)  
10 Shriest cry of derision (7)  
11 Outmoded (3-9)  
13 French painter, d.1919 (6)  
14 Tyrant (6)  
17 Skill in growing plants (5,7)  
20 Sharp-cornered (7)  
21 Tolerate (5)  
22 Sharp taste (4)  
23 Experienced (8)

**DOWN**  
1 A reproduction (4)  
2 Weakly sentimental (7)  
3 Simple to operate (4-8)  
4 Approach and speak to (6)  
6 Come to know (5)  
7 Sturdiness (8)  
8 Decorative window material (7,5)  
12 Vain boaster (8)  
15 An allotted part (7)  
16 Ferocious (6)  
18 Incite to action (3,2)  
19 To repair (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**  
Across: 1 Scoundrel, 8 Exude, 9 Rubbish, 10 Rocket, 11 Phrase, 12 Riffraff, 15 Overseas, 18 Titan, 20 Heroin, 21 Hexagon, 22 Level, 23 Dissonant.  
Down: 2 Crush, 3 Upbeat, 4 Disperse, 5 Let off, 6 Buckram, 7 Next of kin, 11 Put on hold, 13 Fastness, 14 Reprove, 16 Shield, 17 Strain, 19 Accorn.

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### CALENDAR

**OCTOBER 18, 2019, FRIDAY**

- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 26
- Kartik Parvishite 2
- Hijri 1441
- Krishan Paksh Tithi 4, up to 7.29 am
- Vari Yoga up to 3.22 am
- Rohini Nakshatra up to 4.59 pm
- Moon enters Gemini sign 5.23 am.

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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### FORECAST

**SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:48 HRS**  
**SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:27 HRS**

**Weather:** Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy, Rainy, Foggy

**CITY**

Chandigarh	MAX 31	MIN 21
New Delhi	33	21

**PUNJAB**

Amritsar	30	21
Bathinda	34	22
Jalandhar	31	22
Ludhiana	31	21

**HARYANA**

Bhiwani	32	21
Hisar	36	21
Sirsa	34	21

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**

Dharamsala	24	14
Manali	20	06
Shimla	22	11

**JAMMU & KASHMIR**

Jammu	28	18
Leh	—	—
Srinagar	—	—

**UTTARAKHAND**

Dehradun	30	16
Mussoorie	21	11

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Green clearance norms eased for industrial units

Centre acts on Punjab's suggestion | Tanneries, dye facilities to benefit

VIJAY C ROY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17 Setting up a unit in Punjab has become easy now.



WHO ALL WILL GAIN

The move will promote ease of doing business in the state and would benefit 20 categories of industries such as paper, paints, dyes, leather, tanning, plastics, foundry, fermentation and electro plating industry.

comprehensive view of the matter and provided detailed studies, procedures and conditions which need to be done or compiled with to get green clearance for these projects.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change has issued EIA in 2006, wherein it has taken a

lier in Press Note 17, so with the passage of time, the Note had lost its relevance. "To promote ease of doing business in Punjab, we have approached the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion to do away with Press Note-17 as the EIA was much comprehensive than it.

covered under Press Note 17 had to apply to the state-level authority for obtaining site clearance before starting any construction. The authority used to send the application to eight departments like industry, forest, pollution board, fire, housing & urban development, factories, agriculture and legal metrology.

Nirmala woos global firms: No better place to invest than India

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 17 Investors can find no better place in the world than India that has a democracy loving and capitalist-respecting environment, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

In Washington, Finance Minister says govt continuously working to bring reforms

ly doing what is required in the name of reforms, above all democracy and rule of law," Sitharaman said on Wednesday. Responding to a question on why investors should allocate funds for India, she said though India's court system is a bit delayed, it's a transparent and open society where the rule of law works.

environment... in India," Sitharaman said at the event hosted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in association with the US India Strategic and Partnership Forum. On a question of removing cap on investment in the insurance sector, the FM said the government was "quite open to it".

said she would work on the issue. Asserting that there is no trust deficit with the corporate sector and investors, she said there is a greater understanding that this government is willing to hear and also wanting to respond. To a question on the slowdown, she said the government is taking steps to address problems in the "stressed" sectors.

Adani partners foreign firms for \$4-bn venture

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17 Billionaire Gautam Adanirun Adani Group has forged a partnership with UAE's oil firm Adnoc, German chemical giant BASF and Austria's Borealis to study the feasibility of setting up a \$4-billion chemical complex at Mundra in Gujarat by 2024.

66% RAISE FOR NADELLA

EARNING \$42.9m SALARY \$2.3m STOCK AWARD \$29.6m NON-EQUITY PAYOUT \$10.7m OTHER REWARDS \$111,363



Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, 52, saw his total compensation in the 2018-19 fiscal increase 66 per cent to \$42.9 million as the tech giant's stock soared and cloud-related revenue boomed.

\$15.7 million Apple CEO Tim Cook's pay 1.9 million Google's Sundar Pichai earns

Goyal: Probing e-tailers for 'discount sales'

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17 The government is probing Flipkart and Amazon over the alleged predatory pricing, commerce minister Piyush Goyal said today. Warning of stringent action for any violation, he said detailed questionnaires have been sent to these companies and their response is awaited.

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION TENDER ADVERTISEMENT SMM (DL) SBI on behalf of the President of India invites following electronic open tenders for supply of materials:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE (CIVIL WORKS) (DRAFT) NIT NO 11/2019

TENDER NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT SUPPLY / DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MORINDA GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

OFFICE OF NAGAR PANCHAYAT KHAMANO, DISTT. FATEHGARH SAHIB Ph. 01628-260121 Fax : 268505

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Notice No. 242/SE/O&M Dated: 16.10.2019 The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana invites online bids for the following:

ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON BUFFALOES SUB-CAMPUS, BIR-DOSANJH, NABHA Ph. No. 01765-263167, 263164 Website: www.cirb.res.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tenders for the works mentioned below for which the bids will be received only through Railway website www.iemps.gov.in upto 13:00 hrs. of 30.10.2019

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 11 The Department of Punjab, PWD B&R invites online bids for the following:

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 4 Invitation of tender through e-Procurement system Date: 16.10.2019 Principal Chief Material Manager, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROJECTS INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

U.P. RAJKIYA NIRMAN NIGAM LIMITED Notice Inviting e-TENDER The Project Manager, Electrical Unit-3, Lucknow invites for and on behalf of General Manager (Electrical Zone-4), U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd. online percentage rate bids for Emergency Medicine Center at SGGP, Lucknow in two bid system for the following work.

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਬੰਗਾ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸ਼.ਸ. ਨਗਰ ਸ਼ਬਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ (eproc.punjab.gov.in)

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No. 433-Sig-T-14-19-20 Closing Date/Time : 19.11.2019 15:00 Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender Notice No. 433-Sig-T-14-19-20 Closing Date/Time 19.11.19 15:00 Hrs.

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-Tender Notice Dy. CSTe/TW, Divisional Railway Manager Office, 2nd Floor, Room No. 203, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055 for & on behalf of The President of India invites OPEN E-tender in single packet system from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the under noted work:-

HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR E-TENDERING The Executive Engineer I&PH Division Anni District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through e-tendering process:-

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Teachers required for Aadesh International School, Lakhinder (Miani), Distt. Hoshiarpur affiliated to CBSE New Delhi. PGT Commerce (specialty Account), PGT Chemistry, PGT Physics, PGT English, TGT Hindi, DP, TGT S.St., NTT, PRT. Salary as per experience. Interview date will be informed telephonically. Send resume at: ais.miani@yahoo.co.in Contact No. 98140-65448. (CL19099770)

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I, Ashok Kumar s/o Kishan Lal r/o VPO Barwa, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my minor son name Harsh Kumar Dhanda to Harsh Kumar Dhanda. (CL19099423)

I, Janar Singh Nirmal s/o Phool Singh, H.No. 289, Gali No. 2, Guru Nanakpura West, Jalandhar declare that my son Satinder Pal Singh Nirmal and his wife Samita Singh (Samita Senchouri) are out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit them from my all movable/immovable property. Any body deals with them will do so at his own risk and responsibility. (CL19099451)

I, Sukhdeep Singh s/o Guljit Singh, Village Talwara (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name as Sukhdeep Singh Billing. (CL19099461)

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of year March 2017, Roll no. 2273584 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Gurfateh Singh, 1236, Sector 52-D, Chandigarh. 98889-90102. (CL19099546)

I, Ratti w/o Bachan Masih, r/o Village Sidhwa, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab), have changed my name Ratti to Giano. All concerned note. (CL19099630)

I, Bandhana w/o Parveen Kumar r/o 12-D, Durga Nagar, Ambala Cantt., have changed my name to Bandhana Kalsi after marriage. Concerned note. (CL19099778)

I, Suresh Kumar Sharma son of Narayan Dass Village Galore, PO Thora, Tehsil Nurpur District Kangra (HP) declare that I have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Suresh Kumar Sharma. Concerned note. (CL19099806)

I, Manjeet Kaur alias Manjit Kaur w/o Satnam Singh r/o 423/6 Devi Mandir Road, Shahabad Markanda District Kurukshetra, have now permanently changed my name to Manjit Kaur. Concerned note. (CL19099830)

I, Lipika Bhatti d/o Pawan Kumar Bhatti, H.No. 32 MW, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh, have changed name to Lipsy Bhatti. (CL19099863)

I, No. 910235Y Rank Hav. Ahmad Ud-Din Sheikh r/o Nambra Tehsil Uri. Distt. Baramulla (J&K), want to correct name of my son which has been wrongly mentioned in my 5 JAKLI service records from Iranan Ahmed Sheikh to Iranan Ahmad Sheikh. Concerned please note. (CL19099869)

I, Angrej Kaur w/o Makhan Singh r/o # 2662, Janakpuri Colony, Tehsil Barara (Ambala), have changed my name Angrej Kaur to Angrejo Devi. (CL19099936)

TENDER NOTICE

GGG Public School Sangrur. Rates/Quotations are invited for Audio Processing stage lighting. Video, Acoustic Treatment and stage furnishing equipment 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. (CL19099872)

COURT NOTICES

In the Court of Sh. Amrith Kumar Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate Jagraon. PBLDB1-001192-2016 Avtar Singh Versus M/S Kapish Traders U/S 138 N.I. Act.

Notice to: M/S Kapish Traders, through its Prop./ Partner Pankaj Arora, Johlan Road, Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana. In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 06.12.2019 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to: https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 15.10.2019.

Sd/- Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Jagraon. CL19099457 High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh FAO No.: 1759 of 2014 Date of hearing: 25.11.2019(A) United India Insurance Company Ltd. ...Appellants V/s Sandeep Kaur & Ors. ...Respondents

Appeal U/S 173 of Motor Vehicles Act 1988. Notice to: Respondent No. 8: Swaran Singh s/o Chand Singh r/o Village Mokhe, Police Station RS Pura, District Jammu (J&K) (Driver of offending Gas Tanker bearing registration No. PB-09-AY-9491). In the above titled appeal, the respondent(s)/defendant(s) could not be served in ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 25.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to: www.highcourtchd.gov.in Sd/- Superintendent For Registrar (Judicial) Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Jaspreet Kaur Simak, Civil Judge, (Junior Division), Phillaur, Satpal Singh Versus Kashmir Singh CNR No.: PBLB0-000789-2019 Next Date: 04.11.2019 Publication issued to: 1. Kashmir Singh s/o Gurdev Singh s/o Kartar Singh. 2. Balwinder Singh s/o Gurdev Singh s/o Kartar Singh. 3. Makhan Singh r/o Gurdev Singh s/o Kartar Singh. 4. Jasvir Kaur d/o Gurdev Singh s/o Kartar Singh. 5. Sarabjit Kaur d/o Gurdev Singh s/o Kartar Singh all residents of Village Cheema Khurd, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

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 04.11.2019 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to: https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice&district=jalandhar Dated, this day of 04.10.2019. Sd/- Civil Judge, (Junior Division), Phillaur. CL19099870

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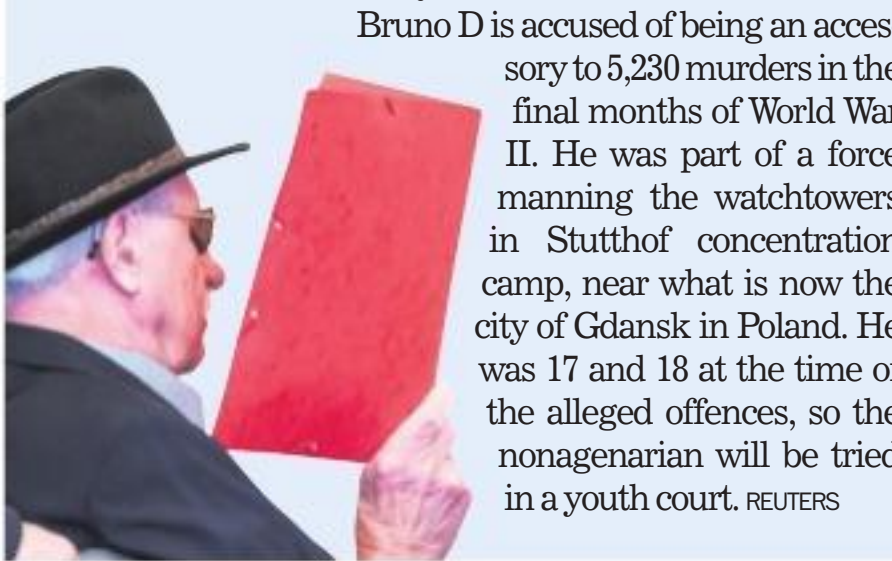


MAN vs WILD: An Indonesian ranger treats an injured baby elephant left behind by the herd in Riau on Thursday. The number of conflicts between local residents and Sumatran elephants has almost doubled to 30 this year. AFP

'Tarzan' star Ron Ely's wife stabbed by son LOS ANGELES: "Tarzan" actor Ron Ely's wife Valerie Lundeen was stabbed to death by her son who was later fatally shot by the police, the authorities said. Officers responded to a 911 call from Ely's house in Hope Ranch, California and they found Lundeen, 62, dead with "multiple stab wounds". After identifying Ely's son, 30-year-old Cameron Ely, as the suspect, the police started a search for him. Cameron, located at the home, posed a threat to the officer and in response "four deputies fired at the suspect, fatally wounding him," the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office said. PTI

21 members of banned outfit held at Indo-Nepal border BEIJING: Luxury brand Dior apologized to China over a perceived insult to national sovereignty, saying Thursday it "cherishes the feelings of the Chinese people". The brand used a map of China which didn't include Taiwan during a presentation at Zhejiang Gongshang University. In the video, a presenter from Dior displays a map without the island of Taiwan marked, which quickly drew criticism online and prompted Dior to deny that it represented the brand's position. AFP

Former Nazi concentration camp guard goes on trial BERLIN: A 93-year-old former concentration camp guard arrived in the court on a wheelchair on Thursday, in what could be one of Germany's last trials of Nazi war crimes. Bruno D is accused of being an accessory to 5,230 murders in the final months of World War II. He was part of a force manning the watchtowers in Stutthof concentration camp, near what is now the city of Gdansk in Poland. He was 17 and 18 at the time of the alleged offences, so the nonagenarian will be tried in a youth court. REUTERS



Britain clinches Brexit deal

650 lawmakers to decide tomorrow | DUP with 10 votes against it

BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 17 Britain clinched an eleventh-hour Brexit deal with the EU on Thursday, more than three years after Britons voted in a referendum to leave the bloc, but Prime Minister Boris Johnson still faces a knife-edge vote in parliament to get it approved. Johnson believes that lawmakers have to choose between voting for his new Brexit deal or risking a disorderly exit from the EU because delaying the departure is no longer an option, a senior British official said. "Where there is a will there is a deal - we have one! It's a fair and balanced agreement for the EU and the UK and it is a testament to our commitment to find solutions," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said in a tweet a few hours before the start of an EU summit in Brussels. Juncker said he would recommend that leaders of the other 27 member states approve the deal.



British PM Boris Johnson and European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker address mediapersons in Brussels. REUTERS

BALL IN PARLIAMENT

Johnson has no majority in the 650-seat parliament, and needs at least 318 votes to get a deal ratified at what will be the first Saturday session since the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982

The Democratic Unionist Party, which has 10 votes in the parliament and supports Johnson said the new text was not acceptable at all. This step could further spur hardliner parliamentarians in his Conservative Party

Johnson has no majority in the 650-seat parliament, and in practice needs at least 318 votes to get a deal ratified at what will be the first Saturday session since the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982. The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), which supports Johnson's government and

has 10 votes, said the new text was not acceptable - a step that could spur hard-line Brexiters in his Conservative party also to oppose ratification absent additional changes. The Northern Irish party that Johnson needs to help ratify any agreement has refused to support the deal. The head of the main

opposition Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn, said in Brussels he was "unhappy" with the deal and would vote against it. Lawmakers in his party said they had been told to vote for another referendum on Saturday. The parliament defeated similar deals struck by Johnson's predecessor, Theresa May, three times. — Reuters

Trump, Pelosi face-off on Syria

US President terms House Speaker 'sick person'

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 17 American domestic politics has experienced a new low with President Donald Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi engaging in an unprecedented war of words on the issue of pull out of the US forces from Syria, a move that paved the way for Turkey to launch cross-border military operations against US-ally Kurdish forces. The White House had invited the leadership and top committee members of both Democrats and Republicans, and the Congress to brief them about their policy on

Cummings, at centre of impeachment probe, dies

■ US Congressman Elijah Cummings (68), the Democratic chairman of a leading congressional committee investigating US President Donald Trump, died on Thursday, his office said

■ Cummings was chair of the US House Oversight and Reform Committee, a top investigative committee in the House of Representatives that along with two others is overseeing an impeachment inquiry into Trump

Syria. Emerging out of a meeting at the White House, the two leaders accused each other of a serious meltdown. Later, Trump fired back on Twitter describing Pelosi a "sick person". Pelosi made it a cover page picture on her Twitter profile.

"This was a very serious meltdown on the part of the President. I expressed my appreciation for what our troops have done in Syria and by all accounts from the generals they have just really done the job very well; that he's now pulling out," she said. —PTI

35 foreigners dead in Saudi bus crash

RIYADH, OCTOBER 17 Thirty-five foreigners were killed and four others injured when a bus collided with another heavy vehicle near Medina on Thursday. Those involved were Arab and Asian pilgrims travelling from Medina to Mecca, according to local media, which carried pictures of the bus engulfed in flames and with its windows blown out. The Okaz newspaper said that the victims were expatriates who lived in the kingdom and who were performing the umrah. — AFP

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of India Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt invite open E-tender through railway website www.ireps.gov.in for Commercial advertising rights through provision of Headrest covers in Train No.-12045-12046 Shatabdi express (Chandigarh-New Delhi) over Ambala Division for period of five years as per following details:-

1	Pre-Bid Conference Date & Time	25.10.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
2	Place of Pre-Bid Conference	Office of Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Commercial Branch, DRM Office, Ambala Division.
3	Tender Closing Date & Time	As per Table-1
4	Tender Opening Date & Time	After 15 hrs. on tender closing date
5	Others	Please log on website www.ireps.gov.in for details regarding Tender Cost, Earnest Money, contract period & Other terms and conditions of tender.

Table - 1

S. No.	Train No.	No. of Rakes	Reserve Price for 1st year	E-Tender No.	Earnest Money	Tender Form Cost (Including 18% GST)	Tender Closing Date/Time
1.	12045/46	One	Rs. 3,00,001/-	UMB-PUB-T-12045-22-19	Rs. 31,900/-	Rs. 2360/-	07.11.2019/15:00 hrs.

No.- 52/PUB-STB/12045-46/2019 Date : 15.10.2019 3328/19

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB E-TENDERS NOTICE (CIVIL WORKS) NIT No. 10/2019

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites bids (Two bid system) from eligible bidders for the Project/Work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s):

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Work(s)	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/Work (Rs. in lacs)
1.	Development/Improvement and Strengthening of roads in Division No. 1	2%	2000/-	6 Months	199.12
2.	Development/Improvement and Strengthening of roads in Division No. 2	2%	2000/-	6 Months	110.08
3.	Development/Improvement and Strengthening of roads in Division No. 3	2%	2000/-	6 Months	164.16
4.	Development/Improvement and Strengthening of roads in Division No. 4	2%	2000/-	6 Months	257.00
5.	Development/Improvement and Strengthening of roads in Division No. 5	2%	2000/-	6 Months	160.53
6.	Development of roads from Kichloo chowk to Nari Niketan Circular Road	2%	2000/-	6 Months	265.00

Important dates as under :-  
 i) Period of availability of Tender On-line shall be : From 18.10.2019 to 08.11.2019 upto 05:00 PM  
 ii) Last date & Time for on-line Submission of bids shall be : 08.11.2019 upto 05:00 PM  
 iii) The Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time : 29.10.2019 at 12:00 PM  
 Place : Joint Commissioner Office, MCA, Ranjit Avenue C-Block, Amritsar  
 iv) Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid : 09.11.2019 upto 12:00 PM  
 \*For detailed terms and conditions refer to web site http://eproc.punjab.gov.in  
 \*Name of work/Corrigendum/Addendum and Amendment shall be published in the above said website only.  
 Superintending Engineer (C)

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (2019-20) eproc.punjab.gov.in Date : 17-10-2019

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Division No. 2, Amritsar invites online Lump Sump and percentage basis tenders from the approved Contractor/firms and eligible Co-operative L&C Societies who fulfill the eligible criteria as per DNIT for the work mentioned below :-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Estimated Cost (in lacs)
1.	DNIT for construction of Main Pumping Station (14 MLD) Tarn Taran (Zone No. 1) complete machinery & Balance work of IPS (11 MLD) complete machinery etc and all other works contingent thereto."	3,45,000/-	100/-	5 Months	172.09 Lacs
2.	DNIT for "survey, soil testing, design, supply and construction, inst., commissioning of 4 mid STP at Anala based on any suitable, sustainable and proven technology including other appurtenant works on turnkey basis as per DNIT, including operation & maintenance for a period of 60 months after stabilization period of 3 months or more."	8,00,000/-	1000/-	9 Months	Lump Sump

Important Dates are as under :- For tender at Sr.No. 1/2  
 i) Period of availability of Tender Online shall be : From 30.10.2019 upto 1:00 PM  
 ii) Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Bids shall be : 30.10.2019 at upto 3:00 PM  
 iii) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bids shall be : 31.10.2019 at 3:00 PM  
 For detailed terms and conditions refer to website eproc.punjab.gov.in  
 Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only. Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2, Amritsar.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

Tender Notice 2019/22 ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Shops/Sites	Last date for downloading of tender forms from PGI website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened
1.	Build up Shop No. 09, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh	13.11.2019 (Wednesday) Up to 04.00 P.M.	14.11.2019 (Thursday) up to 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	15.11.2019 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
2.	Build up Shop No. 11, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh	13.11.2019 (Wednesday) Up to 04.00 P.M.	14.11.2019 (Thursday) up to 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	15.11.2019 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
3.	Tuckshop & Photostat, NINE, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh	13.11.2019 (Wednesday) Up to 04.00 P.M.	14.11.2019 (Thursday) up to 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	15.11.2019 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.

Tender form containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submitted personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenderers. Website: http://pgimer.edu.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

S. Tender No.	Name of work	Date & Time of Opening	Approx. Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Completion period	Cost of tender form Rs.
0T-36/2019-20	Signalling work in c/w Alteration in MEDHA EI for Rail connectivity to proposed Greenfield PFT of Hind Terminal Pvt. Limited from Kila Raipur Station.	14.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs.	Rs. 17922814/-	Rs. 239600/-	180 days	Rs. 5000/-
0T-37/2019-20	The work for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of DG sets installed over Ambala Division for three years.	14.11.2019 at 15.00 hrs.	Rs. 2819153/-	Rs. 56400/-	3 year	Rs. 3000/-

Note : 1. Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer/N. Railway, DRM Office, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt. from the willing contractors for above noted work up to 15 HRS on due date shown against the work and will be opened soon thereafter. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN /AN/TIN as per conditions.  
 2. Please refer to the Website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed notice and tender documents.  
 3. Tenderer should have class-III Digital Signature Certificate and registered themselves on website stated above to participate in E-Tendering and they are requested to read all the instructions contained in the tender notice and tender documents carefully before submitting their offer so as to comply with all the requisite provision/special conditions.  
 No. SW-Sig/UMB/NIT-17/2019-20 Dated : 16.10.2019 3330/2019

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संख्या वाई-11011/1/2019-20-ध्व. एवं प्र. भारत सरकार लोक संपर्क और संचार ब्यूरो गीत एवं नाटक प्रभाग (ध्वनि एवं प्रकाश इकाई) सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय कलाकारों की आवश्यकता

लोक संपर्क और संचार ब्यूरो ध्वनि एवं प्रकाश इकाई द्वारा पाइटेक्स ग्रांड, रंजीत एवेन्यू, अमृतसर में दिनांक 28 अक्टूबर, 2019 से 10 नवंबर, 2019 तक ध्वनि एवं प्रकाश कार्यक्रम "जग चानन होया" के अभ्यास एवं प्रदर्शन हेतु विशिष्ट योग्यता वाले महिला/पुरुष/बाल कलाकारों की आवश्यकता है। अभिनय और नृत्य की योग्यता रखने वालों को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।

प्रत्येक वर्ग के चुने हुए कलाकारों को 100/- रुपये प्रतिदिन मानदेय दिया जायेगा।

इच्छुक कलाकार साक्षात्कार हेतु दिनांक 23 अथवा 24 अक्टूबर, 2019 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे ध्वनि एवं प्रकाश अधिकारी के समक्ष पाइटेक्स ग्रांड, रंजीत एवेन्यू, अमृतसर में अपनी उपस्थिति आवेदनपत्र, दो पासपोर्ट साइज फोटो एवं प्रमाणपत्रों की छायाप्रति के साथ देंगे।

साक्षात्कार हेतु आने वाले उम्मीदवारों को किसी प्रकार का यात्रा/दैनिक भत्ता आदि देय नहीं होगा। चुने हुये कलाकारों को सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय द्वारा स्वीकृत कार्यक्रम हित में केवल अभ्यास एवं कार्यक्रम के दिनों के लिये अनुबंधित किया जायेगा। अभ्यास एवं कार्यक्रम की तारीखों में परिवर्तन संभव है।

लोक संपर्क और संचार ब्यूरो को बिना बताये किसी भी आवेदनपत्र को चुनने अथवा रद्द करने का अधिकार है।

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## BRIEFLY

VADODARA

**Hazare Trophy: Haryana beat UP by 20 runs, HP lose**

Haryana beat UP by 20 runs, riding on Nitin Saini's 106-ball 65 and a solid bowling performance by Harshal Patel (3/34) in their Group B encounter of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Spinner Pawan Negi claimed four wickets as Delhi notched up a three-wicket win over Himachal Pradesh.

**Brief Scores: Haryana:** 208 all out in 49.1 overs (N Saini 65; S Kumar 3/30); **UP:** 188 all out in 44.1 overs (R Singh 68; H Patel 3/34); **(Match 2): HP:** 176 all out in 41.2 overs (R Dhawan 41; Pawan Negi 4/32); **Delhi:** 177/7 in 42.5 overs (S Dhawan 31; M Dagar 2/48).

BENGALURU

**RCB appoints woman as sports massage therapist**

Indian Premier League franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore will become the first team in the league to have a woman in the support staff in the 13th edition of IPL. The franchise has appointed Navnita Gautam as sports massage therapist. Navnita will be working with Evan Speechly, the head physiotherapist and Shanker Basu, strength and conditioning coach.

NEW DELHI

**Cheating, trespassing case against Manoj Prabhakar**

The Delhi Police registered a case of cheating and trespassing against former cricketer Manoj Prabhakar, his wife, son and two others on Thursday, officials said. A senior police officer said they had received a complaint from a woman, identified as Sandhya Sharma Pandit, who lives in London. In her complaint, the woman claimed that she owns a flat on the second floor of an apartment in Sarvapriya Vihar in south Delhi. Prabhakar lives with his family on the first floor of the building. She alleged that Prabhakar broke into her house and illegally lodged his friend there. "The woman claimed that her flat was encroached upon by Prabhakar and others on the basis of forged documents," said the officer.

LAHORE

**Azhar likely to replace Sarfaraz as Pak's Test skipper**

Pakistan's top-order batsman Azhar Ali is likely to replace Sarfaraz Ahmed as the national team's skipper in Test cricket while wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Rizwan could serve as his deputy. Pakistan's head coach Misbah-ul-Haq is unhappy with Ahmed's performance and has reportedly communicated this to the Pakistan Cricket Board's CEO, Wasim Khan. — AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

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**BCCI prez-elect Ganguly to skip Ranchi Test due to ISL commitment**

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 17

Sourav Ganguly, the president-elect of the Indian cricket board (BCCI), wanted to go to Ranchi for the third Test between India and South Africa. However, he has said he would not be in Ranchi, contrary to his wish — for he has some other (commercial) commitment to be present in some other city.

"I wanted to go to Ranchi, but won't get time as I have to inaugurate this edition of the Indian Super League (ISL, the football league) as I'm now the face of ISL and shot for them," Ganguly

said. "So I will be attending the opening ceremony in Kerala." This situation indicates what conflict of interest is: Ganguly desire (and maybe duty) to be in Ranchi as BCCI's president-elect is subordinate to his financial interests as the "face of the Indian Super League".

**Conflict of interest**

Conflict of interest has become a buzzword in Indian cricket over the last few years. It's a good development. A few years ago, no one blinked an eyelid when Chennai Super Kings owner N Srinivasan was also the



BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly will inaugurate the 2019 edition of the Indian Super League in Kochi on Sunday.

president of his state association (TNCA) and BCCI. Being in charge of BCCI,

IPL and TNCA allowed him to brush the 2013 IPL betting and spot-fixing scandal

— which involved his son-in-law Gurunath Meiyappan, among others — under the carpet. Anil Kumble was at one time president of the Karnataka state association, chief mentor of IPL team Royal Challengers Bangalore, chairman of the National Cricket Academy, and his company Tenvic was signing up young players for commercial deals.

Over the past few months, when the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) ran BCCI, players of the stature of Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman and

Rahul Dravid came under the conflict of interest cloud. Ganguly, especially, was wearing several hats simultaneously.

**Commercial activities**

Ganguly has now said that he would limit his commercial activities. "I will continue doing only (TV reality show) Dadagiri and endorsements, rest all stopped," he said. "Commentary, article writing and IPL, I'll stop doing all this now. I've already quit Delhi Capitals and conveyed it to them. It's a huge responsibility (being BCCI presi-

dent)..."

Former players make a valid point when they say that no ex-player would be available to work in cricket administration if the conflict of interest clause is enforced strictly. They do have a point. But maybe, just for two-three years, former players could let moneymaking take a backseat and stick to the one-man, one-post principle? We don't want a repeat of the Srinivasan or Kumble situation in which conflict of interest led to sully of cricket's image.

— Agencies, TNS

**Deadly as Windies of yore**

India's pace attack reminiscent of West Indian pace power of 1980s-90s, says Lara

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 17

West Indian batting great Brian Lara praised the current Indian pace attack, which reminded him of the deadly West Indian attacks of yore. The Indian pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami picked up a record 142 wickets among them in Test matches in 2018.

Asked what makes the Indian team special, Lara said: "It's the Indian pace attack. Unbelievable. I saw them in the West Indies. When you look at the quality — Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav — all these guys, and the guys on the sidelines, like Bhuvneshwar Kumar are unbelievable. It reminds me a little bit of the pace bowling strength that the West Indies had in the 80s and 90s. The reserve strength is very important in assessing a team's ability. It means that your attack has quality."

**Praise for Kohli**

Lara was lavish in his praise for Virat Kohli, whom he termed the "ultimate captain".

"He's (Kohli) the ultimate captain. In terms of his performances, he leads by example. And I mean that in all facets of the game, and off the field too," Lara said. "He came off very well in the background of MS Dhoni, who laid the foundation, and did things in a different way. So, I think Indian cricket, as we all know, is headed in the right direction. It's influenced by some of the best people, and is reaping the benefits of it."

Lara also seemed happy that a player of Rohit Sharma's calibre is set to play regularly across different formats. "I think that Rohit is an awesome player in all formats of the game. It seems

**FITNESS CONCERNS FOR BANGLA PACERS**

Dhaka: Bangladesh chief selector Minhajul Abedin has expressed concerns over the fitness of the national team's fast bowlers before the upcoming tour of India, a litmus test for a side seeking to climb the ladder in the Test arena. Abedin also said that pacer Mustafizur Rahman will have to prove his fitness in the upcoming National Cricket League before the team departs for India. He was worried over the fitness of the national team's pacers, given that the likes of Mustafizur, Taskin Ahmed and Mohammad Saifuddin are recovering from injuries. Bangladesh's upcoming tour of India, scheduled in November, comprises three T20s and two Test matches. — PTI

that he has the passion to play and wants to prove himself on that stage (Test) as well," said Lara. — PTI



Coach Ravi Shastri (left) and Ishant Sharma during a training session ahead of third Test in Ranchi. PTI PHOTOS

**'Frustrated' Markram's punch lands himself out of third Test**

RANCHI, OCTOBER 17

A "frustrated" South African batsman Aiden Markram was ruled out of the third and final Test against India, having sustained a wrist injury after punching a "solid object". A Cricket South Africa media release said: "The injury took place following the opener's dismissal in the second innings of the match (in Pune). In a moment of frustration with his own performance, he lashed out at a solid object, resulting in his injury."

"Aiden Markram has been ruled out of the third and final Freedom Series Test match after sustaining an injury to his right wrist during the second match in Pune," the statement said.

South Africa have already conceded the series after suffering two heavy defeats in Visakhapatnam and Pune. Markram has had a mixed tour of India. While he scored two hundreds in the warm-up games, he couldn't carry his form into the Test series. After scoring 5 and 39 in the first Test, he was dismissed for a pair in the second.

Team doctor Hashendra Ramjee said, "A CT scan of Aiden Markram's wrist showed a fracture involving the wrist bones. The medical team has therefore ruled him out of the next Test match against India. Arrangements have been made for him to see a specialist on his return to South Africa for further management of the injury."

**No replacement**

Markram left for South Africa on Thursday morning. The team manage-

**'YOU GET TO KNOW YOURSELF A LOT IN INDIA'**

Ranchi: South Africa opener Dean Elgar says he got "stretched" as a cricketer and learned a lot more about himself during what has been a humbling India tour, part of which included visiting "smaller places and staying in hotels" not that good. After managing a 1-1 draw in the T20 series, South Africa suffered big defeats in the first Two Tests of the three-match rubber against a dominant outfit led by Virat Kohli. "It's a challenging tour. You get stretched as a person, you get stretched as a cricketer. I think you get to know yourself quite a lot as a person when you come to the smaller places where the hotels are maybe not as good, and you get challenged on the field," Elgar said. "It's always a good learning curve coming to India." The introduction of the World Test Championship means South Africa still have "quite a lot to play for" in the third Test despite conceding the series, Elgar said. "Back in the day it was always a bit of a dead rubber game but now with the World Test Championship around, we still have points to play for," Elgar said. "We can still get 40 points by following our process against India in the last Test. That's something we can't neglect going into this game. There is still a lot to play for." — PTI

ment hasn't called up any replacement. The third Test starts here on Saturday. A disappointed Markram admitted he has let his team down. "It's sad to be going home on this note and I completely understand what I've done wrong and take full accountability for it," he said. — PTI

**Hockey coach Reid happy with form before Oly qualifiers**

BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 17

The Indian hockey team's chief coach Graham Reid is impressed with the team's all-round growth and wants his players to play at the highest level while tackling Russia in the upcoming FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers. The Indian team won the FIH Men's Series Finals in Bhubaneswar in June and followed that with victory in the Tokyo Olympics test event in August. The team remained unbeaten on its recent Belgium tour, where it won all five matches against the hosts and world No. 8 Spain.

"Our GPS numbers were great, which means that the running, effort, speed and intensity were actually even higher than last year's World Cup. So they were very good numbers for us to see, and for the players to understand that to play at that level, you need to be achieving those consistently — Graham Reid, INDIA HOCKEY COACH

**INDIA BIDS TO HOST WORLD CUP IN 2023**

Lausanne: India is among the three nations who have presented their bids to host the next edition of the men's hockey World Cup. India, who have hosted the men's World Cup thrice, wants to conduct the event in the January 13-29, 2023 window. Belgium and Malaysia are the other two nations who have also sent their bidding dossier to conduct the men's event but they prefer to host the event in the July 1-17, 2022 window. For the Women's World Cup, five countries have presented their bids. While Germany, Spain and the Netherlands want to host the event in July 1-17, 2022, Malaysia and New Zealand are keen to conduct the tournament in January 13-29, 2023. The final decision on the hosts will be taken on November 8 this year in Lausanne.

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need to be achieving those consistently," said Reid.

"Another part was the consistency of our performances against Belgium and Spain, and it was good to see that we kept building momentum as the tour progressed," he added. Reid, who took over as the chief coach in April this year, said while taking on Russia in the FIH qualifiers on November 1 and 2, his wards will focus on "doing the right things". — PTI

**Nikhat writes to Rijju for trial bout vs Mary, gets Bindra's support**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

Shooter Abhinav Bindra has backed boxer Nikhat Zareen's demand for a trial bout against MC Mary Kom before India's squad for next year's Olympics qualifiers is decided.

Former junior world champion boxer Zareen, who had been refused a trial by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for the World Championships, has written to the Sports Minister Kiren Rijju demanding a "fair chance" to make it to the team for the Olympics qualifiers to be held in February next year.

"While I have all the respect for Mary Kom, fact is, an athlete's life is an offering of proof. Proof that we can be as good as yesterday. Better than yesterday. Better than tomorrow's man/woman. In sport, yes-

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terday never counts," Bindra wrote on his Twitter handle. Incidentally, both Bindra and Zareen are associated with JSW group in different capacities. Mary Kom claimed her eighth world medal at the recently-concluded World Championships in Russia in the 51kg division. BFI plans to send the Manipuri boxer for the Olympics qualifiers in China, moving away from its previous decision to give direct selection only to the gold and silver winners in Russia. The BFI criteria for men made it possible for even the bronze winners to get direct selection.

Zareen had lost to Mary Kom at the semifinal of the India Open in May this year. — PTI

**SINDHU, SAI KNOCKED OUT**

PV Sindhu lost to An Se Young 14-21 17-21 in the second round. FILE

ODENSE (DENMARK), OCTOBER 17

World Champion PV Sindhu failed to buck the trend of early exits as she was knocked out of the Denmark Open with a straight-game loss to An Se Young in the second round.

B. Sai Praneeth lost 6-21 14-21 defeat to Kento Momota in a 33-minute contest.

Fifth seed Sindhu, the Olympics silver medallist, lost 14-21 17-21 to the South

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Korean in a 40-minute clash. This was Sindhu's third successive early exit from a tournament since claiming the World Championships at Basel in August. The 24-year-old Indian had lost in the second round and first round at the China Open and Korea Open, respectively, in her last two tournaments.

Sameer Verma and the

men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also went down in straight games in their second-round matches. While Verma lost 12-21 10-21 to Olympics champion Chen Long of China, Thailand Open champions Rankireddy and Shetty suffered a 16-21 15-21 defeat against sixth seed Chinese combination of Han Cheng Kai and Zhou Hao Dong. — PTI

Kochhar leads, Sandhu close by

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 17 Local favourites Karandeep Kochhar and Ajeetesh Sandhu sat at the top of the leaderboard as veteran Jeev Milkha Singh struggled to an even-par round on the opening day of the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational here today. Last year's runner-up Kochhar shot a 7-under 65 to lead the trio of Sandhu, Delhi's Himmat Singh Rai and Madhya Pradesh Om Prakash Chouhan by one shot.



LEADERBOARD

Table with 3 columns: POS, PLAYER, SCORE. 1 Karandeep Kochhar -7, 2 Himmat Singh Rai -6, 2 Om Prakash Chouhan -6, 2 Ajeetesh Sandhu -6, T5 Mithun Perera -5, T5 Viraj Madappa -5, T5 Sanjeev Kumar -5, T5 N Thangaraja -5.

<<Karandeep Kochhar made eight birdies and a bogey on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

7th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 14th and 15th, made up for the lost shot with a birdie on the final hole. "I have been working on my iron-play and it was the best aspect of my game today," Kochhar said. "I struggled off the tee and found myself in some difficult spots but managed to recover really well... It was fun playing alongside Jeev Sir," he added.

Veteran Jyoti Randhawa shot a 2-under 70 to be tied-17th, while Jeev was tied-37th at even-par Rory Hie, who last month became the first Indonesian to win on the Asian Tour, was also tied-37th. Defending champion S Chikkarangappa had a difficult day and was on the wrong side of the projected cut at 1-over 73.

US boxer dies four days after brutal KO

CHICAGO, OCTOBER 17

American boxer Patrick Day died here on Wednesday as a result of the traumatic brain injury he suffered during his fight on Saturday, when he was knocked out by Charles Conwell in the 10th round.



Day was rushed to the hospital after Conwell landed a flurry of punches that left him motionless on the canvas. FILE

Day, 27, had been in a coma for four days following his defeat and, despite having emergency brain surgery, doctors were unable to save the junior middleweight.

Day's death comes after 23-year-old Argentine super lightweight Hugo Santillan died in July from injuries suffered in the ring and 28-year-old Russian Maxim Dadashev passed away two days earlier from brain injuries during his fight. REUTERS

Spain may reschedule El Clasico amid protests

MADRID: The Spanish Soccer Federation is expected to announce that it will reschedule the upcoming El Clasico match in Barcelona, El Mundo newspaper reported today, citing concerns over the protests in Catalonia. The match between Barcelona and Real Madrid is due to take place on October 26 at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium. REUTERS

BRIEFLY

MANCHESTER Man United lose Pogba, de Gea for Liverpool clash Manchester United's hopes of upsetting the odds against Premier League leaders Liverpool on Sunday suffered a fresh blow as manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer confirmed both Paul Pogba and David de Gea will miss the clash at Old Trafford through injuries.

BEIJING Former Olympics champion Li quits international badminton Former Olympics champion Li Xuerui has announced her retirement from international badminton, BWF announced today. The 28-year-old Chinese, who won the women's singles gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics, was among the most dominant players of her time before an injury at the Rio Olympics disrupted her career. She won the 2012 All England Championship and won silver medals at the 2013 and 2014 editions of the World Championships. AGENCIES

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By the way...



**HERITAGE GUN:** A JCB digs out four British-era cannons found during an excavation at Kasturchand Park in Nagpur. PTI

**1st artificial intelligence varsity comes up**

**Abu Dhabi:** The UAE has set up an artificial intelligence university, claimed to be the first in the world, in Abu Dhabi. The Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence was inaugurated on Thursday and offers undergraduate, masters and PhD courses. The aim is to introduce a model of academia and research to the field of artificial intelligence, providing students and faculty access to some of the world's most advanced systems to unleash its potential for development. PTI

**No more chilli attacks on jumbos in U'khand**

**Dehradun:** Uttarakhand HC has banned the practice of using red chillies and chilli bombs to drive away elephants. Sackfuls of chilli powder and chilli bombs were used by people living on the outskirts of the 11 elephant corridors in the state to shoo away elephants and reduce man-animal conflict in the region. However, the HC put a stop to this on Tuesday. With increasing human population, the corridors have shrunk over the years, bringing the elephants closer to human habitats. IANS

**TMC, BJP fight over 'Z' cover to Bengal Govt**

**Kolkata:** A war of words broke out between Trinamool and BJP on Thursday over West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar being accorded a 'Z' category VIP cover by the Centre. While the ruling TMC accused the saffron party of trying to demean the state government, the Bengal BJP hailed the move claiming that the heckling of Union Minister Babul Supriyo on Jadavpur University campus proved that law and order situation had broken down in the state. Dhankhar has been accorded 'Z' cover in wake of "potential threats" to him. PTI

**Sophia, world's first robot citizen, visits India**

**New Delhi:** She is fashioned after Audrey Hepburn, can walk, talk and emote too. And now, Sophia, the world's first robot citizen who came calling here this week, can also draw sketches, contextualise a conversation and attach faces with names, say its makers. Sophia, was part of several industrial and social robots, including 'Professor Einstein', exhibited at the 28th IEEE Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication here. PTI

# BSF jawan killed in rare firing by B'desh trooper

**KOLKATA/NEW DELHI, OCT 17**  
A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was killed and another injured on Thursday after a Bangladeshi border guard fired from his AK-47 rifle during a "flag meeting" along the international border of the two countries in West Bengal, officials said.

4,096-KM LONG BORDER INDIA SHARES WITH BANGLADESH



**FLAG MEETING GONE WRONG**

The "apparent high-handedness" of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) troops has led to tension between the two sides with BSF chief VK Johri calling up his counterpart Major General Shafeenul Islam over hotline. The BGB Director General has assured a thorough probe into the incident, they said.

- BGB detains three Indian fishermen allowed by BSF to fish along the border
- BGB then allows two fishermen to go and inform BSF that third has been held by it
- BSF post commander takes

- a six-member team for talks
- BGB jawan fires from behind as BSF party starts to return after seeing 'aggression' and a bid to 'surround' them, killing head constable Vijay Bhan Singh (inset)

The relations between the two forces that guard the 4,096-km long international border have been very cordial and no bullet has been fired between them for decades. Efforts are being made to ensure the situation does not deteriorate, sources said.

establishment in New Delhi with the Home Ministry and Ministry of External Affairs being briefed by the BSF.

The incident has rung an alarm in the top security

officials said the incident took place under Kakmarichar border post of the BSF in Murshidabad district around 9 am when a force party approached BGB personnel, standing at a "char" or a riverine in the middle of the Padma river to resolve an issue linked to Indian fishermen.

BGB jawan Sayed fired from his AK-47 rifle and shot BSF Head Constable Vijay Bhan Singh on his head while constable Rajvir Yadav sustained bullet injury on his hand. The BSF jawan died on the boat itself and injured constable Yadav deftly saved the boat from drowning and managed to bring it to the Indian side. The fisherman is stated to be in the custody of the BGB till now. — PTI

# SC collegium proposes appointment of five CJs

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17**  
Five High Courts are all set to get new Chief Justices as the Supreme Court collegium has recommended transfer of three sitting Chief Justices and elevation of two High Court Judges as Chief Justices.

In separate resolutions passed in its October 15 meeting and released on its website on Thursday, the collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi recommended elevation of Justice Ravi Ranjan of the Punjab and Haryana High

Court and Justice Mohammad Rafiq of the Rajasthan High Court — as Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court and the Meghalaya High Court, respectively.

The collegium also recommended transfer of Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice AK Mittal to the Madhya Pradesh High Court as its Chief Justice. Earlier, Justice Mittal was recommended to be transferred to the Madras High Court as Chief Justice to replace the then Chief Justice VK Tahiramani, who was transferred to the Meghalaya High Court. She has resigned in protest.

**JUDGE WHO RAISED GRAFT ISSUE TRANSFERRED**

- Justice Rakesh Kumar who had raised corruption issue in Patna HC has been transferred to Andhra Pradesh HC
- Justice Ravi Ranjan of the Punjab and Haryana HC recommended for elevation as Jharkhand HC Chief Justice

The collegium has also recommended transfer of Patna High Court Chief Justice AP Sahi to the Madras High Court as its Chief Justice and Tripura High Court Chief Justice Sanjay Karol to the Patna High Court as its new Chief Justice. Patna High Court Judge Rakesh Kumar — who hit headlines recently for his controversial observations over alleged corruption in the

# Pak ultras trying to enter via Nepal: Intel

Planning to strike big | Country on alert

**IMPENDING THREAT**

- Inputs suggest 60 terrorists infiltrated into India after decision on Article 370. Most entered through the LoC
- Around 450-500 ultras are there in Pak & PoK; 250 are at launch pads as well as camps along the LoC

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17**  
Intelligence agencies have alerted the government that at least five ISI-backed Pakistan terrorists, highly trained, are placed in Nepal to infiltrate into India either through Uttar Pradesh or Bihar border ahead of Diwali, sources said.

Sources in the agencies said telephonic intercepts of conversations between the terrorists in Nepal and their handlers in Pakistan suggest they have a plan to strike in India in a big way with the help of a few of the home-grown Kashmiri militants, who will meet them in Delhi.

Their last location was found to be near Gorakhpur on Nepal border, but for a few days they stayed at Beerganj, near Raxaul border in Bihar. Officials in the MHA said following the input, a high alert has been issued across the country.

On Wednesday, several defence bases in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab were

put on orange alert after intelligence inputs suggested a group of terrorists is planning to target these, they said, adding a general alert had already been issued on August 5, when the government took the decision to do away with special status to J&K under Article 370.

In the last week of September, the multi-agency centre that collates data and inputs from human intelligence, radio intercepts and other sources had indicated that 60 terrorists had infiltrated into India since the government's decision on Article 370, but most of them could manage through LoC. — TNS

# In Sept, Pak F-16 jets intercepted Delhi-Kabul flight

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 17

Pakistan last month scrambled two F-16 jets in its airspace to intercept a SpiceJet plane, assuming it to be a military aircraft, which was heading to Kabul from Delhi with around 120 passengers, a senior government official said.

"On September 23 morning, the SpiceJet flight SG 21 left Delhi and was going through Pakistan's airspace to Kabul. Pakistan scrambled two F-16 planes and intercepted the flight mid-air," said the official. "The SpiceJet pilot was asked by F-16 pilots to lower the altitude and give flight details."

Another official said, "On September 23, Pakistan assumed that the SpiceJet flight is an IAF plane. Once Pakistan realised that it is commercial flight, the F-16s escorted the plane till the Afghanistan airspace. "There was some mix up at the end of Pakistan ATC. SpiceJet didn't respond to queries on the issue. The incident came amid tension between India and Pakistan that had escalated after India revoked J&K's special status on August 5. — PTI

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