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TELANGANA SACKS 48,000 ROADWAYS STAFFERS NATION

DESPITE SLOWDOWN, RELENTLESS DEMAND FOR NEW CAR MODELS BUSINESS

ENVOYS ASKED TO TESTIFY OVER TRUMP-KIEV EFFORTS WORLD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019



Pak likely to stay on FATF grey list

Fares badly on terror-funding and money-laundering parameters

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7 Pakistan put itself under pressure a week before a crucial meeting of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) by falling well short of the benchmark to make itself counted as a country that is serious about checking money-laundering and terror-financing.

On 10 parameters for "effectiveness", Pakistan was judged "low" in one and "moderate" in nine. Among the 40 parameters for technical compliance, Pakistan was fully compliant

REPORT INDICTS ISLAMABAD

Despite being listed, till Feb 2018, JuD/FIF openly operated in Pak, holding public rallies and raising funds. Several Pak media reports showed the FIF raising funds ostensibly for humanitarian relief, as well as operating a large ambulance fleet, which calls into question whether the prohibition on providing funds was being fully implemented. Watchdog

in just one, according to the FATF-APG report card.

The report said the "chances are high that Pakistan would be retained on the grey list during the FATF

plenary meetings from October 13 to 18 in Paris". This means it might not be put on the blacklist as being actively sought by India.

Pakistan was placed on the

grey list by the Paris-based watchdog in June last year and was given a plan of action to complete by October 2019 or face the risk of being placed on the blacklist with Iran and North Korea.

The cut-off date for Pakistan to show improvement was October 2018 and the Pakistani authorities insisted that they had made a lot of progress during the past year. Pakistan may well escape the ultimate punishment but the report is a serious indictment of its seriousness in

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Imran meets Xi on K-issue today

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

Pakistan PM Imran Khan will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Tuesday to discuss the security situation in Kashmir and the fate of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. "The PM will exchange views... the state of peace and security in South Asia arising from the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The visit will be instrumental in further cementing Pakistan's economic, investment and strategic ties with China," a the PM's Office statement said. — TNS

Snow-stuck



Vehicles stranded at Rohtang Pass after a fresh spell of snowfall in Kullu district of Himachal on Monday. PTI INSIDE

China's ex-envoy finetunes agenda ahead of Xi visit

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

China has characteristically kept its cards close to the chest over President Xi Jinping's arrival here for a second "informal" summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

But a reading of tea leaves suggests that the visit may be on despite the simmering differences on Kashmir. China's former Ambassador to India and now a senior official in the Ministry of External Affairs in Beijing, Luo Zhaohui, made a quiet visit to Delhi this weekend which hinted that he was here to fine-tune the agenda for Xi's visit expected to be held on October 11-12 in Mamallapuram.

The MEA today opened registration for scribes covering the summit while reports from Mamallapuram said security had been tightened around monuments that Xi and Modi were scheduled to visit.

There has been speculation about Xi's visit for what is being billed as the second attempt to turn around Sino-Indian ties under the unusual format of an "informal summit". — TNS

IN BRIEF

Restrictions on tourists visiting Kashmir valley go

Srinagar: The J&K Government has lifted the ban on tourists to the Valley from October 10. Governor Satya Pal Malik on Monday directed that the Home Department's advisory asking tourists to leave the Valley be revoked forthwith. The decision was taken during a security review meeting. In the run-up to the decision on abrogation of Article 370, the state government had on August 2 asked tourists and Amarnath pilgrims to leave the Valley. TNS

NRI marriage Bill referred to Parliament standing panel

New Delhi: The Registration of Marriage of Non-Resident Indian Bill, 2019, which makes it mandatory for NRI men to register their marriage within 30 days of getting married, has been referred to Parliament's standing committee on external affairs. The Bill empowers passport authorities to impound or revoke passports of NRIs who fail to comply with it. PTI

Three get Nobel for research on oxygen use by cells

Stockholm: Two US and a British scientist have won the Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine for discovering how the body cells sense and react to oxygen levels. Drs William G Kaelin Jr of Harvard University, Gregg L Semenza of Johns Hopkins University and Peter J Ratcliffe at the Francis Crick Institute in Britain and Oxford University will share the nine million kronor (\$9,18,000) cash award. **BACK PAGE**

HARYANA ELECTIONS 2019



BJP's 'nationalism' chant gets louder

In a bid to set a narrative of nationalism as a major poll plank in the Assembly elections in Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has been describing this as a contest between "Desh bhakts" (patriots) and "Sonia bhakts" (worshippers of Sonia Gandhi). Besides Khattar, other senior leaders of the BJP, including the party's candidates in the state, have been banking on issue of nationalism.

BJP, 3 other parties field Dalits on general seats

The BJP, Swaraj India, INLD and JJP have fielded one Dalit candidate each from general category seats. The INLD has given the ticket to Sita Ram from Dabwali. Swaraj India has given the ticket from Rewari to Manju Bala. The BJP has fielded Nauksham Chaudhary from Purnaha while the JJP has allotted the ticket to Sita Ram from Tosham.

Taliban free 3 Indians, 11 ultras 'swapped'

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 7

Three Indian engineers held by the Taliban in Afghanistan since May 2018 have been freed by the militant group in exchange for 11 of its top members from Afghan jails, according to media reports on Monday.

The release of three of the five Indian hostages follows special meetings between US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban representatives led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in Islamabad during the weekend.

Two Taliban officials told Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty on Sunday that the swap took place earlier in the day, but did not disclose the location. They refused to say whether the freed Taliban

ABDUCTED IN 2018

Ex-Governors of Kunar & Nimroz Sheikh Abdul Rahim and Mawlawi Abdul Rashid among the freed

7 Indian engineers & their Afghan driver were abducted in May last in Baghe-Shamal, Baghlan province

Hired by KEC, a global construction company, they were working on an electricity sub-station



One of them was released in March; No word on the place where the hostage swap took place

members were being held by the Afghan authorities or US forces in Afghanistan.

The Taliban were reportedly released from one of Afghanistan's largest jails at the Bagram military base, north of capital Kabul, the AP said. While the US troops years ago handed over the sprawling

base of the Afghan security forces, it still maintains a military presence at Bagram.

Both Afghanistan's Defence Ministry and the President's office declined to comment on the developments, the report said. Seven Indian engineers and their Afghan driver were abducted in May 2018 in

Faceless income tax assessment unveiled

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

The government today launched the National e-Assessment Scheme today in order to eliminate human interface between income taxpayers and assessing officers.

"The Income Tax Department will usher in a paradigm shift in its working by introducing faceless e-assessment to impart greater efficiency, transparency and accountability in the assessment process. There will now be no physical interface between taxpayers and tax officers," said Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey while inaugurating the initiative in the presence of CBDT Chairman PC Mody and Members PK Das, Akhilesh Ranjan and Prab-



KEY BENEFITS

- e-Assessment eliminates human interface between assessing officer, assessee
- Optimises utilisation of resources through economies of scale
- Eases compliance for assessee
- Expedient disposal of cases

hash Shankar. In the first phase, the department has selected 58,322 cases for scrutiny under the scheme and e-notices have been served before September 30 for cases of assessment year 2018-19.

Taxpayers have been advised to check their registered e-filing accounts/email IDs and furnish reply within 15 days.

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India gets first list of Swiss accounts

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

India is among the 75 countries that have received the first set of 31 lakh Swiss bank accounts. The deal to provide bank account details are part of Switzerland's endeavour to wriggle out of the list of global tax havens.

Earlier, Berne would refuse to honour requests from host countries that suspected their nationals had opened Swiss bank accounts to deposit their purloined wealth.

The current lot of accounts deal with those that were active as well as closed in 2018. The exchanged details include identification, account and financial information. These include name, address, state of residence and tax identification number; as well information concerning the financial



Info shared on a/c's active, closed in 2018

institution, account balance and capital income.

Indian tax authorities believe much of the information will be of academic importance since many with ill-gotten wealth would have closed their accounts after the international environment started turning sour on Switzerland's banking laws.

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MV Act offender can also be tried under IPC: Top court

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

A person committing offences under the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act like speeding and rash driving can also be booked under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) as both statutes "operate with full vigour, in their own independent spheres", the Supreme Court has said.

"With rapidly increasing motorisation, India is facing an increasing burden of road traffic injuries and fatalities," it said. A Bench of Justices Indu Malhotra and Sanjiv Khanna set aside an order of the Gauhati High Court of December 22, 2008, which held that a person booked for speeding, dangerously driving and other related offences under the MV Act cannot be prosecuted under the IPC. "In our considered view, the position of law is well-settled. This court has consistently

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SC halts tree felling for Mumbai Metro

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7

Amid raging controversy over the Bombay High Court's order permitting local authorities to fell hundreds of trees for the construction of a car shed for Mumbai Metro, the Supreme Court today restrained authorities from going ahead with it.

"Don't cut anything now," a Special Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said while dealing with a PIL on the issue. Noting that it will have to examine the entire issue, the Bench, which also included Justice Ashok Bhushan, posted it for hearing on October 21 before the top court's Forest Bench.

The top court directed that those still under arrest for protesting the felling of trees should be released forthwith on furnishing of personal bonds even as the Maharashtra



Orders release of all those arrested during protest

Government submitted the arrested activists and local residents had already been released. On behalf of the state government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Bench that no trees would be cut in Aarey till the case was decided. — TNS

Drone drop accused had crime record, yet escaped police radar

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

Gurjant Singh, the alleged key conspirator in the Tarn Taran blast case that left him seriously injured and killed two, could not have reorganised his terror module had the Punjab Police kept a tab on him after he was named in a FIR regarding another explosion in the district earlier.

Arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) last week, it has emerged that Gurjant was the key person to have put together crude bombs twice with help from different persons.

Information gathered from his profile and previous cases reveals that on January 3 this year, he and his accomplices hurled a low-intensity bomb near a water tank in Bachre village owing to rivalry over panchayat elections. Surprisingly, they were not booked under the Explosives Act.

He faced several criminal cases, yet was apparently not



CHARGE BASELESS

Allegations of political interference are baseless. It was the Punjab Police that recommended that the case be handed over to the NIA, showing that it has nothing to hide. Senior cop

SACRILEGE INCIDENTS 'RADICALISED' YOUTH

- Most of the arrested youth participated in protests against sacrilege incidents in Punjab
- As soon as they followed social media posts on sacrilege issues, they were approached by certain persons, who sent material against the government
- They were then encouraged to circulate the material via WhatsApp or to post it on social media sites
- Those swayed were pushed into procuring weapons or explosives and planning a strike

Jat quota ghost haunts Cong in Rohtak

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ROHTAK, OCTOBER 7

Two state universities, an industrial model township, a footwear design and development institute and a network of highways and flyovers — Rohtak city has seen rapid infrastructure development in recent years.

Most of the development took place between 2005 and 2014 when Congress Legislature Party leader Bhopinder Singh Hooda was the Chief Minister. The Assembly segment remained Hooda's pocket borough ever since he won his first parliamentary election against former Deputy PM



CONG'S BHARAT BHUSHAN BATRA (R) BLAMES KHATTAR FOR VIOLENCE

HOW THE SEAT HAS VOTED IN THE PAST

- BJP started strong with Dr Mangal Sein getting elected MLA in 1967, 1968, 1977, 1982 and 1987
- Backed by city voters, Hooda beat Devi Lal in 1991 LS polls. From 2000 to 2014 the seat remained with the Cong
- BJP wrested it in 2014, when Manish Grover beat sitting MLA Bharat Bhushan Batra
- The BJP consolidated the lead in 2019 LS polls, riding on the quota violence sentiment

Chaudhary Devi Lal in 1991.

However, the February 2016 Jat quota violence that swept Haryana turned the tide against the Congress. Rohtak was the epicentre of the bloodbath and arson that unfolded. In the May LS polls, Hooda's son Deepender trailed to BJP rival Arvind Sharma by 19,741 votes in the Assembly segment because of caste polarisation that occurred in the aftermath to the violence. Both father and son lost their Rohtak and Sonepat seats, respectively, in the elections. The ghost of quota violence has come back to haunt the

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Sacrilege cases pushed youth to arms, say police

During probe, 147 arrested 'terrorists' reveal they were radicalised on social media to avenge such incidents

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7
A series of sacrilege incidents in Punjab have contributed immensely to the radicalisation of the youth, many of whom were influenced by foreign agencies to take up arms.

The incidents beginning June 2015 had dominated the political narrative and led to law and order problems but it was not known particularly to motivate persons towards terrorism.

This point has come up in the interrogation of 147 alleged ultras belonging to 29 terror modules busted by the Punjab Police since March 2017. Nearly 200 weapons besides grenades and 320-kg RDX was recovered from these persons. The police are in the process of further analysis of the

disclosures made by the module members.

Analysis of the disclosures made by the alleged terrorists, mostly youngsters, reveals sacrilege as the main point that agitated their mind. Most of the modules busted before 2017 revealed that they were influenced on the issues of separate statehood, 1984 anti-Sikh riots and attack on Golden Temple.

Some of the youth, including one of the two women members of the modules, have a database ready reckoner of the sacrilege incidents. Their database had much more incidents than the official records. It seemed they were clearly influenced by the alleged fake news spread on social media, said a senior official privy to the analysis.

"Sacrilege is one of the main



Sikh activists protest against the sacrilege incidents. FILE PHOTO

“Sacrilege is one of the main points that agitated the arrested youth though they were misinformed on many counts by agencies or groups operating across the border. The police, however, managed to bust these modules in the nick of time and prevented any major incident. Dinkar Gupta, DGP

points that agitated the arrested youth though they were misinformed on many counts

by agencies or groups operating across the border,” said DGP Dinkar Gupta. He said

MODUS OPERANDI

- The arrested youth revealed that once they followed social media posts on sacrilege issues they were approached by some persons, who sent additional material against the govt.
- Some anti-India groups and foreign agencies picked them up from protests against such incidents.
- When a person was radicalised, he/she was lured further into action and encouraged to spread the material through WhatsApp or social media sites.
- Those completely swayed by the narrative went further into procuring arms or explosives and planning a strike.

any major incident.

The disclosures also revealed that once they followed social media posts on sacrilege issues they were approached by some persons, who sent additional material against the government. Later, when a person was radicalised, he/she was lured further into action and encouraged to spread the material via WhatsApp or post it on social media sites. “Some of the youth revealed they were paid money, in few thousands, to put up graffiti or slogans on walls regarding the sacrilege incidents,” said police sources.

Those completely swayed by the narrative went further into procuring arms or explosives and planning a strike.

A significant number of the arrested youth had also participated in protests regarding the sacrilege incidents.

The anti-India groups and agencies in foreign countries picked up from their participation in the events.

A terror module - 'Khalistan Zindabad' - busted by the Mohali police last year revealed that they were radicalised over Facebook and other social media platforms by individuals based in Pakistan, various middle-Eastern countries and the UK, the spokesman said. The four module members said they wanted to avenge the sacrilege incidents.

Two persons arrested with weapons in Amritsar in 2017 also said they aimed to avenge the sacrilege incidents. Three different modules, including the recent Tarn Taran blast case, also revealed they were radicalised on the issue of taking revenge of the sacrilege incidents.

Observe Oct 14 as 'black day', says Khaira

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 7

Bholath MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, accompanied by Bhai Sukhraj Singh, son of late Krishan Bhagwan Singh, victim of the Behbal Kalan police firing, on Monday issued a call for observing October 14 as 'black day' at Bargari.

It will be a protest against the state for "denial of justice" to the victims of Behbal and Kotkapura firing, and the successive governments' "inability" to punish those responsible for the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib, Khaira said.

He said, "Capt Amarinder, in the run up to the elections, had promised justice, but unfortunately despite passage of half of his term and voluminous findings by Justice Ranjit Singh Commission as well as an SIT investigation, no concrete action has been taken against guilty officers and powerful politicians, like Badals or dera men." — TNS

To rid Kali Bein of pollutants, govt to increase water flow



The polluted Kali Bein in Sultanpur Lodhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 7
With only a month to go for the 550th Gurburb celebrations at Sultanpur Lodhi, dumping of effluents continue into the Kali Bein even as it readies to host lakhs of devotees.

Meanwhile, unable to rid the Bein of effluents at such a short notice, the state government is now planning to adopt other options. The flow of water into the Bein shall be increased from 250 cusecs to 400 cusecs apparently in a bid to drain out polluted water and sodium oxychloride is being put at the Kapurthala STP to decrease the level of E-coli and B-coli in the untreated water which is going out of the STP and mixing into the Kali Bein near the STP.

Effluents from Bholath sewage wastes, Bhalane Di Colony and untreated water from the Kapurthala sewage treatment plant continue to flow into the Bein. While the issue has been highlighted time and again by activists and environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal, the administration has not been able to control the effluent flow.

DPS Kharbanda, DC, Kapurthala, said, "The quantum of fresh water being released into the Bein shall soon be increased to 400 cusecs. Until now it was 250 cusecs. That will drain out

“We have been raising the issue of ridding the Kali Bein of effluents for the past six years. Despite repeated reminders and complaints, the Kapurthala STP is still not functional. Now, increasing the flow of fresh water won't rid the Bein of pollutants.

Balbir Singh Seechewal,
ENVIRONMENTALIST

much of the polluted water. The Kali Bein will also be cleaned of all water hyacinth ahead of the 550th Parkash Utsav celebrations. Additionally, after my recent visit to the STP we have also treated the water with sodium oxychloride which will reduce the extent of E-coli and B-coli in the water. All steps are being taken to ensure a clean Bein ahead of the celebrations.”

MLA Navtej Singh Cheema said, "The release of 400 cusecs fresh water into the Bein will significantly counter the effects of the pollutants. As far as industrial effluents into the Bein are concerned, treating them is a task which will take a longer time. Presently, all steps are being taken to ensure a cleaner Bein for the celebrations.”

History comes alive via light & sound show



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MOHALI, OCTOBER 7

Commemorating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today inaugurated the Light and Sound Show-cum-Digital Museum at the Sports Complex, Sector 78, here. The museum is dedicated to the philosophy, teachings and life events of Guru Nanak.

Earlier, the event was scheduled to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh but he did not turn up due to some unavoidable circumstances. In the absence of the CM, both the ministers launched the four-month schedule of various events, including the Light and Sound show, which underlined Guru



People watch a light and sound show held to mark the 550th Gurburb of Guru Nanak, in Mohali on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

Nanak's tenets of religious tolerance and assimilation.

Speaking at the occasion, Channi said the teachings of Guru Nanak showed the right path and direction to all human beings. The minister slammed Sukhbir Singh Badal for criticising the Congress government for "sidelining" the SGPC in the celebrations of the 550th Parkash Purb. He said the events would be

NEXT STOP LUDHIANA

DATE	LOCATION
Oct 11-13	Ludhiana
Oct 15-17	Jalandhar
Oct 19-21	Moga
Oct 23-25	Kapurthala
Nov 1-11	Dera Baba Nanak
Nov 1-11	Sultanpur Lodhi & Batala

held across the state, including all district headquarters, three historic towns of Sultanpur Lodhi, Dera Baba Nanak and Batala, and Chandigarh.

Addressing the gathering, Sidhu said all celebrations related to the 550th birth anniversary were being monitored by the CM. "We all are blessed to witness this sacred occasion in our lifetime and we will all celebrate it in befitting man-

ner," said Sidhu.

He said the digital museum would remain open from 6.30 am to 6 pm daily at different locations across the state.

Later, the shows will be held Pathankot city, Hoshiarpur, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Roopnagar, Chandigarh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Sangrur, Barnala, Mansa, Bathinda, Muktsar, Fazilka, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Tarn Taran and Amritsar.

Kartarpur corridor turning into political battlefield

RAVI DHALIWAL
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DERA BABA NANAK, OCTOBER 7
The sanctity of the Kartarpur corridor is repeatedly being shredded to ribbons by over-zealous political parties eager to take credit for its opening after a seven-decade-long hiatus.

Sensing the corridor's vote-catching potential, the passage has been turned into a battleground for indulging in political one-upmanship with both the Congress and SAD satraps eager to hold the fort. If the heightened political activity over the last few days at the corridor site is any indication, it's clear that the SAD

and the Congress has fielded their respective leaders there.

Amid the din, the name of a man who spent considerable time praying for the success of the venture is being forgotten. Former MLA and SAD stalwart Kuldeep Singh Wadala had formed the 'Kartarpur Darshan Sanstha' and for 18 long years, he had prayed every month at the place the ICP is being established.

On November 26 last year, when Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu and CM Capt Amarinder Singh jointly laid the stone, Randhawa was quick to lambast Harsimrat after she threatened to hijack the proceedings from the dais

PARTIES 'FIELDING' LEADERS AT SITE

If the heightened political activity over the last few days at the Kartarpur corridor is any indication, it is clear that SAD has fielded its president Sukhbir Singh Badal, his wife and Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and former minister Bikram Singh Majithia at the site. Meanwhile, Cabinet Ministers Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Triptar Rajinder Singh Bajwa and Vijay Inder Singla, a prominent Hindu face in the Cabinet, will lead the Congress charge.

by repeatedly extolling the achievements of the Modi government. The minister even went to the extent of asking Naidu, "Mr Vice-President, is this a BJP managed function or is it dedicated to Guru Nanak? The better you ask Harsimrat to leave the stage the better it will be."

A year down line, the political embers are still burning.

"Two days ago, when Sukhbir and Harsimrat jointly questioned the Punjab Government's wisdom in organising the 550th Gurburb festivities, they invited the wrath of many Congress leaders.

When Harsimrat urged the

Centre to name the Sultanpur Lodhi-Dera Baba Nanak road as 'Guru Nanak Dev ji Marg', PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla reminded her that since his department was constructing the road, it was the prerogative of the state government to ensure it was named in the Guru's memory.

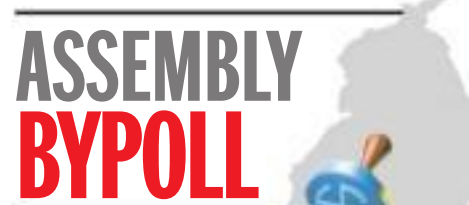
"Harsimrat should check her facts before speaking. The CM has already decided to name the road after Guru Nanak," he retorted.

Singla on Monday said the CM had approved the construction of 'Guru Nanak Dev Marg' as part of which the decision had been taken to upgrade the 136.14-km road at

a cost of Rs 96.15 crore besides widening it by 10 m.

Likewise, when Sukhbir Kumar never interfered with the 350th Gurburb of Guru Gobind Singh in Patna in 2017 and instead let the SGPC take over the entire proceedings, Triptar Rajinder Bajwa reminded him that the function was held under the supervision of the Bihar government and the SGPC was assigned no role whatsoever. "Had the SGPC been in charge, Sukhbir and other SAD leaders would have been provided seats on the dais. However, everybody knows they were asked to sit among the general public."

EC to videograph proceedings at all booths



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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

The Election Commission has assured that all booths in all four Assembly constituencies will be videographed.

The decision was taken after a request was made by the SAD. The party also urged the Election Commission to deploy paramilitary forces to ensure free and fair polls.

Disclosing this after sub-

mitting a memorandum, former minister Daljit Singh Cheema said the SAD briefed Chief Electoral Officer S Karuna Raju that the "Congress had been creating an atmosphere of fear in the four Assembly constituencies to influence the results as they had done during municipal and local bodies elections". The SAD also demanded an increase in the number of observers.

Dakha SHO's transfer sought
In a separate representation, the SAD also demanded immediate transfer of Dakha SHO Prem Singh and a high-level inquiry into his



Akali leaders submit a memorandum to Chief Electoral Officer S Karuna Raju in Chandigarh on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

"acts of misconduct".

The representation said, "The SHO is closely associated with the Congress and posted to Dakha prior to

the bypoll announcement to threaten political rivals as he has done in the past, also when posted as the Dehlon SHO during the

local bodies' elections."

Cheema also submitted an audio recording wherein the SHO is heard "threatening" Aman Arora, whose wife is contesting from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar in Ludhiana, with dire consequences if she did not withdraw her candidature in favour of the Congress candidate.

The representation also detailed how the SHO's son Jaspamveer Singh (Goldy Bhangu) was an active leader of the Congress and had even contested the panchayat samiti election from Salempur Sekhan zone in the home district of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

PHAGWARA, OCTOBER 7

Claiming victory of the Congress candidates on all four seats during the coming bypolls, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief Sunil Jakhar blamed the SAD for the prevailing situation in the state.

Talking before addressing two poll meetings here, Jakhar said during the SAD government a 'jungle raj' prevailed in the state due to the 'politicisation' of the civil and police administration.

He said now SAD leaders wanted to politicise the religious congregations even during the 550th Parkash Purb of Guru Nanak. Describing the



Sunil Jakhar, Congress state chief, addresses a poll rally in Phagwara. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SAD-BJP as an 'opportunistic' alliance, Jakhar said SAD was adopting double standards as it was contesting polls in Punjab with the BJP

while it was adopting a different stand in Haryana.

Replying to a question about the increasing crime rate and drugs menace, he said the Punjab Government had succeeded in curbing these problems to some extent, but much remained to be done.

He was accompanied by Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora, Congress MLA Navtej Singh Cheema and Congress candidate Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal. Addressing a poll meeting in support of Dhaliwal, Jakhar appealed to the people to vote for the Congress to stabilise the economy of the state and for all-round development. — OC

Policemen 'assault' Sangrur village sarpanch, woman

Both had refused to be drug recovery witness; probe initiated

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SANGRUR, OCTOBER 7 The Sunam constituency halqa incharge and other leaders have threatened to launch an indefinite agitation against policemen posted in the Sangrur Anti-Narcotics Cell for allegedly slapping Kheri Sahib village sarpanch, removing his turban and misbehaving with another woman Dalit member of the panchayat.

"We fully support the campaign against drugs, but policemen cannot slap elected representatives. On Saturday, members of the Anti-Narcotics Cell slapped Kheri Sahib sarpanch Avtar Singh, used derogatory language, removed his turban and also abused another Dalit panchayat member, Gurdev Kaur, when they refused to sign as witnesses in a drug recovery



Cops during a probe in Kheri Sahib village, Sangrur.

case. If the police fail to arrest the erring cops, we will launch an indefinite agitation from Tuesday," said Daman Thind Bajwa, Sunam halqa incharge of the Congress.

As per information, five policemen raided Kheri Sahib village on Saturday and claimed to have recovered habit-forming tablets. But when panchayat members refused to become witnesses, as drugs were not

recovered in their presence, the cops "slapped and misbehaved" with them.

"How can I sign as a witness when the recovery was not made in front of me? The policemen abused me and tried to thrash me but I managed to flee and called the sarpanch, who was also thrashed later," said Gurdev Kaur, panchayat member.

Meanwhile, village sarpanch Avtar Singh alleged

CONG WARNING

"We fully support the campaign against drugs, but policemen cannot slap elected representatives. If the police fail to arrest the erring cops, we will launch an indefinite agitation from Tuesday. Daman Thind Bajwa, CONGRESS HALQA INCHARGE, SUNAM

that when he reached his house, three policemen caught hold of him and another slapped him repeatedly and removed his turban. He raised the alarm and when other villagers came to his support, the policemen fled.

"They used derogatory language against my caste," the sarpanch added.

Sangrur SSP Sandeep Garg has ordered SP (D) to conduct an investigation.

Apply mind before framing charges: HC to magistrates

Says challan must reflect opinion-formation process

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7 Reminding judicial magistrates across Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh that it was mandatory to apply mind before ordering the framing of a criminal charge, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has also held that final investigation report or challan was required to reflect the process of opinion formation by the prosecuting agency regarding the commission of an offence.

Justice Anil Kshetarpal also directed the Registrar-General to circulate the judgment to all Sessions Judges in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh for onward transmission to the magistrates. The judgment was also directed to be forwarded to home secretaries of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh for information and necessary action.

Justice Kshetarpal ruled:

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Justice Anil Kshetarpal

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Justice Kshetarpal also asserted that police reports were being mechanically forwarded by the prosecuting agency without discussing material/evidence collected by it and how it formed an opinion. The Code of Crimi-

nal Procedure, in fact, obligated the prosecuting agency to inform the magistrate how the offence appeared to have been committed.

The ruling came on a petition by Tarsem Singh and another petitioner against the State of Punjab after which Justice Kshetarpal observed that the dispute between the parties was of a civil nature and the first informant had attempted to give it a colour of criminal offences. Justice Kshetarpal was also of the view that investigating agency failed to "lift the veil" and find that the dispute was of a civil nature.

Referring to the final report, Justice Kshetarpal asserted it was apparent that the investigating agency, apart from reproducing the complaint which resulted into an FIR, did not by any process of reasoning find how the offences were made out.

CM, Speaker greet people on Dasehra

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Dasehra and Durga Puja with a call to pledge themselves to uphold age-old traditions of tolerance and harmony.

"The values epitomised by these festivals remain a beacon to guide humanity on the path of goodness and continue to inspire us to promote the ideals of virtuous living," said the Chief Minister. He exhorted the people to emulate the ideals and traditions promoted by Dasehra and Durga Puja, with their symbolism of the victory of good over evil.

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh also greeted the people of the state. He said, "The festival of Vijay Dashmi strengthens our belief in the inevitability of the victory of righteousness over evil. This festival surpasses communal barriers." — TNS

FCI harassing farmers: Nagra

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCTOBER 7

The Union Government is "harassing" the state government and farmers to disturb the paddy procurement, said Kuljit Singh Nagra adviser to the CM, while talking to media-persons after inaugurating the procurement process at the Sirhind mandi on Monday.

He said the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was neither clearing the wheat stacked in the state godowns nor giving funds to construct more godowns despite repeated requests. "The SAD, instead of protesting against the state government, should stage a dhama against the FCI and the Centre. Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal should either raise the issues of farmers or resign," he said.

Deputy Commissioner Parshant Goyal called upon the farmers to bring paddy to the mandis as per government specifications to avoid harassment and ensured payment within 72 hours.

Women groups join protest for activist's release

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BARNALA, OCTOBER 7

To press for pardon to farmer activist Manjit Dhaner, who has been lodged in the Barnala jail in connection with a murder case, women activists from across the state today joined an indefinite protest that has been going here in front of the jail for the last eight days.

Hailing from different groups, women activists have gathered to support a struggle committee that has been formed to fight for Dhaner.

One of them, Parmjeet Kaur, said, "Dhaner has been named



A protest outside the Barnala jail on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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who was raped and murdered by influential persons in 1997. Women from across the state

'WAS FRAMED'

"Farmer activist Manjit Dhaner has been framed in a murder case without any fault as he fought for justice for one Kiranjit Kaur of Mehal Kalan, who was raped and murdered by influential persons in 1997. He has been fighting for the rights of labourers, youngsters and women. Protesters

have come here to express solidarity with Dhaner."

Flanked by thousands of

residents on September 30, Dhaner had surrendered before a Barnala court as he had been directed by the apex court in the first week of September to do so within four weeks.

Another protester, Manpreet Kaur, said, "Dhaner has been fighting for the rights of labourers, youngsters and women for years. He has been troubling mighty so he has been framed."

"The number of protesters has been increasing every day. Our protest will continue till Dhaner is released," said Buta Singh Burjigill, convenor of the struggle committee.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Deputy Chief Material Manager's office Northern Railway, Jagadhri Workshop invites Tender for the supply of Automatic Portable Fire Extinguishing Ball against Tender No. 61195706 Tender closing date 30.10.2019 time 11:00 (A.M.). Details are available on www.reps.gov.in. 3221/19 Serving Customers With A Smile

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
Whereas complaint bearing No. 702 of 2017 titled as Deepak Madan Lal Kansal Vs Emerging India Housing Corporation Private Limited, made before State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh, was allowed vide order dated 12.06.2018. In that consumer Complaint, an Execution Application bearing No. 127 of 2019 was tiled and since the order passed by the State Commission was not complied with, this Commission has issued warrants of arrest on numerous occasions and when the raids were conducted, Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Director, Emerging India Housing Corporation Private Limited, Head Office at SCO No. 139-141, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh and Regd. Office at B-57, Lower Ground, South Extension Part-2, New Delhi - 110049 was not found present at the given addresses.

Whereas on 04.09.2019, Sh. J.S. Rattu, Advocate, Counsel for the judgment debtors has shown his inability to produce Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Managing Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., on the ground that he has been declared Proclaimed Offender in Execution Application bearing No. 122 of 2018 titled as "Shakuntla Devi V/s Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd." and if he is produced before this Commission, he can be arrested.

In view of above, this Commission is satisfied that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Managing Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., cannot be arrested through warrants of arrest, although, he is being represented by Counsel, namely Sh. J.S. Rattu, Advocate. Therefore, this Commission has no reason to disbelieve that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Managing Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., has absconded or is concealing himself so that warrant cannot be executed.

In these circumstances, there is no other alternative with this Commission but to proceed under the provision of Section 82 and 83 of Code of Criminal Procedure 1973.

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sh. Gurpreet Singh Director of Emerging India Housing Corporation, Private Limited is required to appear before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission U.T., Chandigarh on 23.10.2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Sd/- President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh.

Dated this 11.09.2019. DI-94854

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Whereas complaint bearing No. 273 of 2017 titled as Shiv Kumar Vs Emerging Valley Private Limited made before State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh, was allowed vide order dated 24.08.2017. In that consumer Complaint, an Execution Application bearing No. 90 of 2018 was filed and since the order passed by the State Commission was not complied with, this Commission has issued warrants of arrest on numerous occasions and when the raids were conducted, Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Managing Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., Corporate Office Shop-cum-office 46-47, First Floor, Sector 9-D, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh. Registered Office: B-57, Lower Ground South Extension, Part-II, New Delhi - 49, resident of VPO Dhabhan Kokarian, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Ferozepur, (PB) - 152117 and House No. 317, Sector 21-A, Chandigarh was not found present at the given addresses.

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सुपर 111 अभियान

हिमाचल में ये अभियान 4 अक्टूबर 2019 से 25 जनवरी 2020 तक शुरू किया गया है, जिसका मकसद घरेलू कचरे की संग्रहीकरण के बाद डोर टू डोर कलेक्शन, परिवहन और निस्तारण के लिये एक सतत प्रणाली को लागू करना है। ताकि 25 जनवरी 2020 को 50वें पूर्ण राज्यत्व दिवस पर हिमाचल देश को पहला कचरा मुक्त राज्य बन सके।

सरकार क्या कर रही है?

- शहरी निकायों के 487 वार्डों में कचरा एकत्रीकरण के लिए डोर टू डोर प्रणाली शुरू की गई है। 10 शहरों में ट्रोमल फिर जा रहे हैं। सभी 54 शहरी निकायों में सेमिटीड इंसिमेन्टर लगेंगे। 47 वॉलिंग स्टेशन भी दी जा रही है।
- सभी शहरी निकायों में हर महीने के पहले और तीसरे सोमवार को सभी स्ट्रेकोलेक्टर्स के साथ कचरे के निपटान पर चर्चा होगी। डोर टू डोर कलेक्शन सुनिश्चित होगी और घरों से ही कचरे के संग्रहीकरण पर जोर दिया जाएगा।
- शहरी विकास के लिये विभाग 11 करोड़ खर्च कर रहा है। इससे पहले शहरों में 6000 निजी और 1500 सार्वजनिक शौचालय स्वीकृत किये गए हैं। स्वच्छता अभियान के तहत कुल 35 करोड़ खर्च किये जा रहे हैं।

आपको क्या करना है?

- अपने घरों में गोना, सूखा कचरा अलग अलग रखें और डोर टू डोर कलेक्शन वाले सफेद सैली को ही दें। इसे भी डोर कचरे को अलग अलग ले जाने को कहें।
- डू-बैट और घरेलू हानिकारक कचरे जैसे बैटरी, पुराने सोबाइल, सोएफ्लन, एनईडी आदि को न दबाएँ, न ही जलाएँ। इसे भी अलग से सफाई सैली को दें।
- यदि सफाई सैली कचरा लेने आपके घर न आए या अपने आस-पास कचरे का ढेर देखें तो टोल फ्री मुख्यांमत्री हेल्पलाइन नंबर 1100 पर संपर्कित करें।
- प्लास्टिक को अलग से स्टोर करें और फिर अपनी शहरी निकाय के कलेक्शन सेंटर पर दें। इसे सरकार 75 रुपये प्रति किलो की दर से खरीद रही है।
- प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग कम करें और जहां तक संभव हो पॉलिथीन या प्लास्टिक की जगह कपड़े के थैलों का प्रयोग करें।

शहरी विकास विभाग हिमाचल प्रदेश

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION SPECIAL LEAVE

PETITION (CIVIL) No. 4351 OF 2017

WITH

1/2017- APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING AND

2/2017- APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILENG

PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD AND ANR. AND ANOTHER Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)

VERSUS

M/S JAGDAMBA RICE AND GENERAL MILL AND ORS. AND OTHERS Respondent(s)

To,

1 PAUL CHAND, PARTNER OF JAGDAMBA RICE & GENERAL MILLS, NABHA, DISTRICT, PUNJAB— 147201 PID: 249142/2019 FOR R[2] IN SLP(C) NO. 4351/2017 (SEC IV-B)

2 KAUSHALYA DEVI, PARTNERS OF JAGDAMBA RICE & GENERAL MILLS, NABHA, DISTRICT, PUNJAB -147201 PID: 249143/2019 FOR R[3] IN SLP(C) NO. 4351/2017 (SEC IV-B)

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILENG above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. VENKATESWARA RAO ANUMOLU, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 06.02.2017, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Issue notice.

Tag with SLP (C) No. 16824/2015 (Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. Vs. Indian Overseas Bank & Ors.).

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Hon'ble Court (In Chambers) on 16th September, 2019, When the following order was passed:-

"I.A. NO.182170/2018 & I.A. NO.103362/2019 Application for substitution to bring on record the Lrs. of deceased respondent No. 1 is allowed as prayed for. Application for exemption from filing death certificate of deceased respondent No. 1 is also allowed. Registry to proceed further. I.A. No.75164/2019 Application for substituted service in respect of respondent Nos. 2 & 3 is allowed as prayed for. Ld. counsel for the petitioner is directed to file proof of such publication with copy of the newspaper within four weeks thereafter."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING SLP., CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILENG SLP will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of publication of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing and refileng SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of Publication of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed.

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

Dated: 20th September, 2019

Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Pensioners protest over DA arrears

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 7
Members of the Punjab Government Pensioners' Joint Front organised a state-level dharna in Shaheed Udham Singh Park, Jalalabad, to protest against non-fulfillment of their demands here today. They have been demanding release of dearness allowance (DA) arrears and reimbursement of medical bills. They accused the state government of adopting a dilly-dallying approach. General secretary Dev Raj Sharma said the protesters, holding black flags, took out a procession in Jalalabad and raised slogans against the state government. The pensioners said Chief

Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, during a meeting on May 24, had assured them that payment for DA arrears and medical reimbursement would be made soon, but nothing was done. The other demands of the pensioners include an increase in medical allowance to Rs 2,000 per month and introduction of the cashless treatment scheme for them. They said the state government was not fulfilling their demands claiming financial constraints, but had been appointing advisers by burdening the exchequer. Thakar Singh, Prem Sagar Sharma, Mahinder Singh, Ranbir Singh Dhillon, Lal Singh, Ajmer Singh and Ajit Singh Sodhi were among the protesters.

IIM-Amritsar permanent campus to be a reality soon

HRD Minister attends groundbreaking ceremony, says ₹350 cr sanctioned

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 7
The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amritsar, will have its permanent campus on 61-acre land on the Amritsar-Jalandhar road at Manawala. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in the presence of chief guest Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and guest of honour Minister for Higher Education and Languages Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa today in the presence of MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla.

With an estimated cost of Rs 600 crore, the new campus will be spread in approximately 60,300 sq m. With students of the third batch joining this academic session, the strength of students here has reached 250. The HRD Minister said Rs 350 crore had been sanctioned for the first phase of the project and as the construction activities proceeded, another amount of Rs 250 crore too would be allocated for the next phase.

Originally, the foundation stone of the permanent campus was laid by former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on June 19, 2016. Since the registration of the IIM, Amritsar society, on July 27, 2015, it was being run from its temporary campus of the Punjab Institute of Technology near



HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal (2nd from R) takes a look at the IIM-Amritsar model at Manawala. VISHAL KUMAR

TRIPT BAJWA AT HIS WITTY BEST

Cabinet Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa took a jibe at the groundbreaking ceremony saying, "I hope that this will be the last ceremony here after which only the construction will commence". He was referring to the "identical ceremonies" that were held in the past.



2022 TENTATIVE DEADLINE

At present, the 3.5-km-long boundary wall is completed and the authorities have a tentative deadline of completing the project by 2022. Director Prof Nagarajan Ramamoorthy said the construction work would start within three months as some official formalities for 'clearance' was still to be obtained.

Guru Nanak Dev University. The HRD minister justified the delay in permanent campus by saying that the one acre of land that fell within the demarcated site was requisite and it took four years to acquire that piece of land. "The DPR could not be completed unless this one-acre land was included in the plan. Now that it was done, there was no hur-

dle in finalising the plan for the permanent campus," he said. Director Prof Nagarajan Ramamoorthy said the construction work would start within three months as some official formalities for 'clearance' was still to be obtained. He said the campus would be constructed in three phases. In the first phase there would be well equipped classrooms,

library, health centre, incubation centre and cafeteria. Tript Bajwa took a jibe at the ceremony saying, "I hope that this will be the last ceremony here after which only the construction will commence". He was referring to the "identical ceremonies" that were held in the past—one by Jaitley in 2016, followed by another in May 2017 by former local BJP minister:

₹482-cr Sarva Dharma Study Centre to come up at GNDU: Minister

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 7
The Central government is planning various programmes at the global-level dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak scheduled in November. Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', who was here to preside over the groundbreaking ceremony of the IIM, Amritsar's permanent campus, said a Rs 482-crore Sarva Dharma Study and Research Centre had been proposed to set up at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

Besides this, two chairs in the name of Guru Nanak Dev — one at Birmingham University in the UK and Concordia University in Canada — would be set up to spread Guru Nanak's message of universal brotherhood, harmony and peace globally. "The detailed project report of the proposed Sarva Dharma Study Centre has been finalised and the government takes it as a mission to execute it. It is in the pipeline awaiting official formalities which would be furnished on priority. This centre would cater to conduct study on Guru's bani as a mission to spread it worldwide," he said. The HRD minister said the Central government had chalked out a year-long programmes to mark

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Guru Nanak's birth anniversary. "Under the guidance of Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal, modalities are being worked out to chalk out programmes that could be held in India and overseas. Lately, the National Book Trust India has translated Guru Nanak's bani in various languages. This multi-lingual transcript would be sent to various parts of the country to apprise the people about the Guru's teachings and principles. He said that at least Rs 1,000 crore had been kept reserved for making Amritsar a Smart City. Similarly, the post-graduate horticulture research centre is also on the agenda of the Central government. Meanwhile, MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla also proposed the HRD minister to give the central status to the GNDU.

ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ
ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਡੀ.ਆਰ.ਡੀ.ਏ. ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਕੌਡਮ ਅਥੋਲਡਰ ਕਾਰ, ਨੰ. ਪੀ.ਬੀ. 32 ਏ 0100, ਦੀ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 25.10.2019 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਧੀਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿ), ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਬੋਲੀਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਬਤੌਰ ਸਕਿਓਰਿਟੀ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ 5,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਨਕਦ ਜਾਂ ਡਰਾਫਟ ਦੇ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਵਧੀਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿ), ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ 'ਤੇ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੇ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਹੋਰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 01832-226244 ਉੱਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।
DPR/Pl/D6848 ਸਹੀ- ਵਧੀਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿ) ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ।

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Whereas complaint bearing No. 610 of 2017 titled as **Sh. Jang Bahadur Singh Vs Emerging Valley Private Limited** made before State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh, was allowed vide order dated 10.08.2018. In that consumer Complaint, an **Execution Application bearing No. 318 of 2018** was filed and since the order passed by the State Commission was not complied with, this Commission has issued warrants of arrest on numerous occasions and when the raids were conducted, **Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., SCO 46-47, First Floor, Sector 9-D, near Matka Chowk, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh and House No. 317, Sector 21-A, Chandigarh and Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl, Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., SCO 46-47, First Floor, Sector 9-D, near Matka Chowk, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh** were not found present at the given addresses.

Whereas on 04.09.2019, Sh. J.S. Rattu, Advocate, Counsel for the judgment debtors has shown his inability to produce Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu and Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl, Directors of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd. on the ground that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu has been declared Proclaimed Offender in Execution Application bearing No. 122 of 2018 titled as "Shakuntla Devi Vs Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd." and if he along with Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl are produced before this Commission, they can be arrested.
In view of above, this Commission is satisfied that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, and Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl Directors of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., cannot be arrested through warrants of arrest, although, they are being represented by Counsel, namely Sh. J.S. Rattu, Advocate. Therefore, this Commission has no reason to disbelieve that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu and Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl Directors of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., have absconded or are concealing themselves so that warrant cannot be executed.
In these circumstances, there is no other alternative with this Commission but to proceed under the provision of Section 82 and 83 of Code of Criminal Procedure 1973.
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., SCO 46-47, First Floor, Sector 9-D, near Matka Chowk, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh and House No. 317, Sector 21-A, Chandigarh and Sh. Harvinder Singh Behl, Director of Emerging Valley Pvt. Ltd., SCO 46-47, First Floor, Sector 9-D, near Matka Chowk, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh** are required to appear before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh on 13.11.2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated, this 11.09.2019.
Sd/- President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh.

DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, PUNJAB
PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING AMENDMENT IN MASTER PLAN, BANUR
Master Plan, Banur was notified under Section 70 (5) of The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995 vide notification No. 4045 CTP(PB)/SP-94 dated 25.05.2010.
In 34th meeting held on 22.02.2018, the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Board after detailed discussion has agreed with the proposals of the Government that the Agriculture land of village Manakpur Kalar (Hadbast No. 277) along with the agriculture land of village Kurrari (Hadbast No. 276) and Sekhan Majra (Hadbast No. 279) which is sandwiched between two urbanisable areas of Master Plan, SAS Nagar & Master Plan, Banur should also be allowed the change of land use from 'Agriculture Zone' to 'Residential Zone'.
The above said issue was discussed with 'The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Board' in its 36th meeting held on 11.10.2018 wherein it was also directed that the Master Plan, Banur may be amended to the extent to allow change of land use of village Tangori from 'Agricultural Zone' to 'Residential Zone' and due procedure be adopted to publish this amendments U/S 76 of 'The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995 in newspaper to invite Public suggestions/objections, if any.
Suggestions and objections were invited vide notification dt. 22.11.2018 wherein 60 objections were received with response to this public notice which were discussed in detail in Board's 38th meeting held on 19.06.2019. The Board approved that the area falling between B, B', C, C' as shown on the Master Plan, Banur's Drawing No. DTP (SAS Nagar) 2031/10 dt. 05.02.2010/12.03.2018/01.11.2018. After detailed deliberations the Board approved the same and accordingly the notification regarding proposed Master Plan, Banur was issued vide notification No. 5085 CTP(PB)/SB-94 dt. 13.09.2019 wherein Khasra Numbers falling within these roads were incorporated wherein the use was changed from 'Agriculture' to 'Industrial'. Now it has been decided that this notification be kept in abeyance and seek public suggestions/objections for earmarking this area as industrial and the draft amended plan is hereby published U/S 76 of the Act ibid for information and for inviting suggestions/objections from the general public. The above said amended drawing has been displayed at the following places for inspection of the general public:
1. O/o Chief Town Planner, Punjab at PUDA Bhawan 6th Floor, SAS Nagar.
2. O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, SAS Nagar.
3. O/o Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar.
4. O/o Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar.
5. O/o District Town Planner, SAS Nagar.
6. O/o Municipal Council, Banur.
Those desirous may submit their suggestions/objections in writing within 30 days from the date of this publication to the office of the undersigned or the same may be submitted through email on ctppunjab@gmail.com. This public notice can also be viewed on website www.pbhousing.gov.in.
Sd/- Chief Town Planner, PUDA Bhawan, 6th Floor, Sector 62, SAS Nagar.

Registration of arhtiyas begins

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7
Overcoming the initial hiccups, the process of registration of commission agents (arhtiyas) on the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) in Punjab has finally taken off. Sharing the registration status as on October 6, a spokesman of the Food and Civil Supplies Department 314 arhtiyas across the state had registered themselves in the expenditure, advance and transfer module of the PFMS.

The spokesman said the procurement agencies were proactively supporting the training of arhtiyas on use of the PFMS software and were assisting them in uploading the bank account details of the farmers and linking them with arhtiya bank accounts on the PFMS. Updating the procurement status of kharif marketing season 2019-20, the spokesman said the government agencies and private millers had procured 72,170 metric tonnes (MT) of paddy from various mandis across the state till October 6.

IAS officers asked to check stubble trouble

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7
Chief Secretary Karan Avatar Singh has deputed 22 senior IAS officers for coordination and monitoring the activities related to curbing stubble-burning in fields in all districts during the kharif season to ensure clean, green and pollution-free environment. The duty to monitor stubble-burning would in addition to the IAS officers' present assignments. Secretary Agriculture Kahan Singh Pannu informed that Additional Chief Secretary Industry & Commerce Vini Mahajan would monitor the activi-



ties against the burning of crop residue in Ludhiana district whereas Additional Chief Secretary Development Viswajeet Khanna had been deputed for Sangrur district, Additional Chief Secretary Power Ravneet Kaur for SBS Nagar and Additional Chief Secretary Sports &

22 senior IAS officers have been deputed for monitoring activities related to curbing stubble-burning in fields in all districts during kharif season. Youth Services Sanjay Kumar for Mansa. Similarly, Principal Secretary Labour VK Januja had been deputed for Ferozepur, Principal Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment & Minorities Kirpa Shankar Saroj for Barnala, Principal Secretary Finance Anirudh Tiwari for SAS Nagar, Princi-

Welfare schemes not reaching people: Sukhbir

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 7

Campaigning door-to-door in the poll-bound Jalalabad town today, Shriromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal said the Congress government was depriving the people benefits of the welfare initiated by former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal. Addressing public gatherings in favour of SAD candidate Raj Singh Dibbipuria, the SAD president said people were not receiving benefits from the ongoing welfare schemes. "A large number of people have been removed from the Old-age pension scheme arbitrarily. The same is the case with the 'Atta-dal' scheme which is not being implemented properly. The Shagun scheme's benefits are also not being given to newly-weds. Girl students are not getting bicycles while SC students have been denied scholarship". Claiming that the only achievement of the Congress was "registration of false cases and inflated power bills", the SAD president said Congressmen had unleashed a wave of terror in the state by suppressing the common man. — OC

SC order in favour of Mangu Mutt: SGPC

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 7

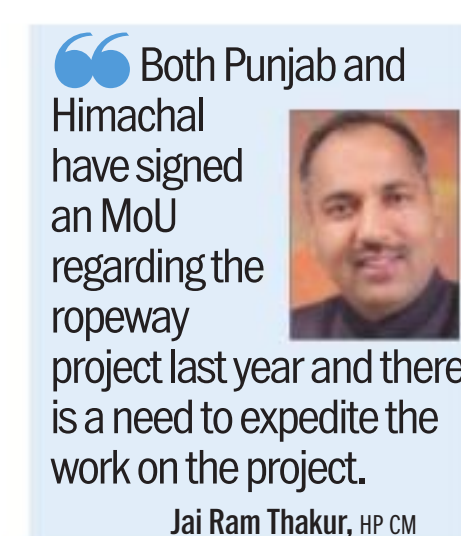
On the row over the authenticity and significance of Sikh religious structures in Jagannath Puri, the SGPC today claimed that the Supreme Court had given directions to the Odisha Government against tampering with them. Reports surfaced that the existence of Mangu Mutt and Bauli Mutt, which had direct association with Guru Nanak Dev, was in a jeopardy as the state government was mulling a heritage corridor within 75 m of 'Meghna Prachir' of the Jagannath Temple. SGPC chief secretary Roop Singh said a group of local Sikhs in Orissa had challenged the demolition of these sites. "It is pity that Odisha misquoted a member of joint delegation of the SGPC and DSGMC to claim that these structures didn't have religious significance. One of the petitioners Ajmer Singh Randhawa had procured proof to testify that these structures had direct ties with Guru Nanak following which the SC directed the government not to touch them," he said. — TNS

Need to speed up ropeway project, says Himachal CM

ANANDPUR SAHIB, OCTOBER 7

Work on the Anandpur Sahib-Naina Devi ropeway project is likely to get started soon as Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said he had talked to CM Capt Amarinder Singh in this regard. Thakur was here with BJP national president JP Nadda, state party president Shwair Malik and former local Member of Parliament Prem Singh Chandumajra to pay obeisance at Takht Kesgarh Sahib. Chandumajra had

Both Punjab and Himachal have signed an MoU regarding the ropeway project last year and there is a need to expedite the work on the project. Jai Ram Thakur, HP CM



Lahore Gurdwara near Anandpur Sahib. Talking to mediapersons, Thakur said it was expected that both Punjab and Himachal governments would start the work at ground level soon. In reply to a question regarding the charging of toll tax from the vehicles of devotees visiting the gurdwara from Punjab and other parts of the country, he said the matter had been brought to his notice now and would be resolved as per rules. — TNS

Fatehgarh Churian gets 66-kV sub-station

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FATEHGARH CHURIAN (GURDASPUR), OCTOBER 7
A long-pending demand of residents of the Fatehgarh Churian assembly was fulfilled when Cabinet minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa inaugurated a 66-kV power sub-station at Vellu Teja today. For the last several decades, villagers had been complaining about fluctuations following which elec-

trical appliances were damaged. Bajwa said he had been receiving regular complaints after which he had taken up the matter with PSPCL officials. The sub-station has been established at a cost of Rs 5 crore and will benefit residents of nearly 20 villages. He added that another 66-kV power station was being established at Jaura Singha village. "I have promised the villagers to set up more such sub-stations in the

area provided they do in for crop diversification. The state government is already looking into establishing more stations to ensure quality power supply is given to villagers," said Bajwa. Those who were present there included CMD, PSPCL, Baldev Singh Sran; Director, Administration, RP Pandove; Director, Distribution, NK Sharma; Chief Engineer, Border range, Sandeep Sood, and Superintendent Engineer Ajay Kumar Sharma.



A 66-kV power sub-station being inaugurated in Fatehgarh Churian.

POLL BUZZ

This candidate only campaigns online

Rewari: Suresh Dua (46), Independent candidate from Rewari, is using social media to woo voters. A professional photographer and photo studio owner, he has restricted himself to campaigning on Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter. The move, according to him, will increase his visibility and prove to be cost-effective. A science (medical) graduate, he is a son of BJP veteran Jadish Chander Dua. Suresh has total assets worth Rs 3 lakh. He has been posting electoral promises on videos. oc

Queue-less booths in three segments

Gurugram: Badshahpur will be one among three segments in the state to have queue-less polling booths. The other two segments will be in Hisar and Faridabad. The booths will have waiting areas for voters, who will be given tokens, mentioning their turn and waiting time. tns

BJP 'nationalism' chant gets louder

At rallies, CM describes upcoming poll as contest between 'desh bhakts', 'Sonia bhakts'

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7
In a bid to set a narrative of nationalism as a major poll plank in the Assembly elections in Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has been describing this as a contest between "Desh bhakts" (patriots) and "Sonia bhakts" (worshippers of Sonia Gandhi).



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar addresses a rally at Samalkha in Panipat on Monday.

During his rallies at Beri, Kalanaur, Samalkha, Barwala and Hansi, Khattar focused his speech on this issue, saying that on the one side of the contest there are those who say "Bharat Mata ki jai", while on the other hand there are those who say "Sonia Mata ki jai". He said that while BJP stands for nationalism, Sonia Gandhi stands for dynasty politics in the country. Besides Khattar, other senior leaders of the BJP, including the party's candidates in the state, have been banking

on issue of nationalism. Sonali Phogat, the Tik-Tok star candidate of the BJP from Adampur, today went to the extent of calling people gathered at her rally as "Pakistani" when they did not chant "Bharat Mata ki jai" on her asking. Even as the Congress, the main opposition party in the Assembly poll, has been

claiming that the October 21 election would be contested on local issues, the BJP leaders have been trying to set a narrative on the national line. "The elections for the state Assembly will be different from the Lok Sabha poll held in May this year. The BJP managed to win seats on Balakot and other national issues, but now people of

Haryana would vote after comparing 10 years of Bhopinder Singh Hooda's regime when Haryana became number one in several aspects with the poor governance of the BJP government when unemployment is at its highest and the state has slipped in all aspects," said former Rohtak MP Deepender Hooda.

Are you from Pakistan, candidate asks people

Hisar: Sonali Phogat, BJP candidate from Adampur, on Monday referred to a section of people as Pakistanis. Addressing a public meeting in Balsamand, she urged people to raise the slogan "Bharat Mata ki jai". Pointing to a section, she said, "Tum Pakistan se aaye ho kya? Agar Hindustan ke niwasi ho to Bharat Mata ki jai bolo. (Have you come from Pakistan? If you are Indians, raise the slogan Bharat Mata ki jai)." tns

BJP, 3 others go in for Dalits on general seats

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

The BJP, Swaraj India, INLD and JJP have fielded one Dalit candidate each from general category seats. The INLD has given the ticket from Dabwali to Sita Ram. Swaraj India has given the ticket from Rewari to Manju Bala. She worked as labourer in her childhood and later rose to the position of zila parishad chairperson. The BJP has fielded Nauksham Chaudhary from Punhana. The JJP has allotted the party ticket from Toshiam to Sita Ram. Major players except the BSP give tickets to Dalits only from reserved constituencies. The state has 17 reserved constituencies and over 20 per cent Dalit population. "The SCs do not get tickets from unreserved constituencies because they are dispersed and not concentrated in specific areas. The second reason is lesser numerical

BSP has 24 such names; Swaraj India nominee ex-child labourer

strength. In seats which have considerable SC and Muslim population, political parties usually choose Muslims," said Prof Ashutosh Kumar, department of political science, Panjab University. "My ticket from a general seat reflects the belief of the party in brotherhood between communities," said Sita Ram of the INLD. On selection of Chaudhary, state BJP president Subhash Barala said, "It is a big development. Nauksham has studied abroad. She has got the ticket on merit and not because of her caste." "I am thankful to the JJP for fielding me on general seat. I am getting huge support," said Sita Ram of the JJP.

'Something within has died,' laments Tanwar's wife



A file photo of Avantika Maken Tanwar with Sonia Gandhi.

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

When Ashok Tanwar resigned from the Congress on Saturday, his wife Avantika Maken Tanwar, who shares a close bond with party president Sonia Gandhi, was shattered. "It felt as if something within me had died," she says. Avantika was only six years old when her parents Geetanjali and Lalit Maken were

gunned down by Sikh extremists outside their Kirti Nagar residence in West Delhi on July 31, 1985. Sonia Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi (then PM) were among the first to reach their house and console a sobbing Avantika. For her, it has always been Sonia 'aunty', who played a key role in a number of decisions she took, including her marriage with Tanwar after her first marriage failed. "The sight of Congress flags being removed from our Sir-

sa and Delhi residences was too disturbing to describe in words. When I was told that pictures of Rajiv ji and Rahul ji were to be removed, I put my foot down. How could I have allowed the pictures of those I have revered all my life to be removed? Avantika's maternal grandfather Shankar Dayal Sharma was the ninth President of India during 1992-1997. It was when he was Governor of Andhra Pradesh that her par-

ents were killed. "Rajiv ji came to our residence with Sonia ji after my parents were killed. He asked me where I wanted to live. I told him I wanted to live. I told him I wanted to go to my maternal aunt's house in Chandigarh. He immediately ordered that my grandfather be transferred to Chandigarh as Punjab Governor," she recalls. "Sonia ji's blessings have always been with me. I attended Priyanka ji's wedding and she too came for my first wed-

ding. When Ashok (Tanwar) decided to marry me, he approached Ashok Gehlot but was told to seek permission from Sonia ji first. She asked me whether I was happy with the proposal. I replied in the affirmative. She blessed us both," recounts Avantika. "What else could Ashok have done? His self-respect hurt, he was forced to quit," observes Avantika, referring to her husband's removal from the post of state president.

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Press e-TENDER NOTICE

Percentage rate e-tenders are invited under two bid system by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. 2 on behalf of President of India from the eligible enlisted firms class A and B enlisted with the Chandigarh Administration/Municipal Corporation, Chd./CPWD/State PWDs of Punjab & Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and their board & Corporation having valid Electrical Contractor License issued by any Govt. Deptt of States/Centre for the execution of following work can be downloaded/Uploaded from the website at <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/>

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of work & Location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earliest money	Period of completion	Last date and time for online submission of tender	Time & date of opening of tender
01	E2/19/191	Providing UPS in Genetic centre in Block J GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh.	Rs. 8,68,174/-	Rs. 17400/-	02 Months	11.10.2019 up to 02:30 p.m.	11.10.2019 at 03:00 p.m.

Executive Engineer, Electrical Divn. No. 2, Chandigarh.

E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-II, PSIEC, Chandigarh invites short term tender notice bids from eligible bidders for the Project/Work detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following Project/Work:

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/Work (Rs.)
1.	Construction of Common Facility Centre Building at IFP (New), Nabha.	4,48,000/-	5000/-	06 Months	224.03 lakh

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

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Date of Pre-Bid meeting	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender
09.10.2019	16.10.2019 at 11.00 a.m.	23.10.2019 up to 11.00 a.m.	24.10.2019 at 11.00 a.m. To be intimated later on

• For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to website <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
• The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0172-2705448 (PSIEC) and No. 0172-2970263 - 284 (NIC).
• Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-II.

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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110608 EXAMINATION SECTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE No: 95 / 2019

Modification of Addendum No:-38/2019 dated: 25.09.2019 related to Important Notice for PWBD candidates to Register themselves for Recruitment Examination to the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS- Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur

In continuation with the Advertisement No. 78/2018 dated 27.09.2018 published in leading newspapers and subsequent Notice No. 82/2018 dated 12.10.2018, Notice No. 84/2018 dated 31.10.2018, Notice No. 88/2018 dated 16.11.2018 and Notice No. 102/2018 dated 28.12.2018 regarding Recruitment Examination for the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS-Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna & Raipur the Competent Authority has decided to allow all categories of disabilities as mentioned in Section 32(1) of PWD Act 2016 including the acid attack victims under the reserved categories to apply for the posts of Nursing Officer, if eligible are provisionally allowed to appear for Recruitment Examination to the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS, Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur.

- All PWBD candidates with disabilities as mentioned in Section 32(1) of PWD Act 2016, but have not applied earlier, in response to the Advertisement No. 78/2018 dated 27.09.2018, can now apply through Online Mode from 4th October, 2019 to 14th October, 2019 (upto 5:00 pm.). Such candidates are required to visit www.aiimsexams.org under Recruitment Tab/Nursing Officer-2018 for AIIMS(Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur).
- All PWBD candidates with disabilities as mentioned in Section 32(1) of PWD Act 2016, but had applied earlier in the PWBD category (OL) in response to the Advertisement No. 78/2018 dated 27.09.2018, due to non-availability of options other than OL, should now declare their current disability in accordance with the Section 32(1) of PWD Act 2016. They may update their application details at www.aiimsexams.org under Recruitment Tab/Nursing Officer-2018 for AIIMS (Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur). Only the PWBD status box will be active for such candidates. No other entry can be changed. Please use your login credentials.
- All those who are applying under the PWBD category are required to upload a scanned copy (only jpg/jpeg format) of their Disability Certificates issued by a competent authority at the time of applying/ updating their application form. All candidates are also required to indicate whether they require the facility of a SCRIBE during the examination. However, the decision regarding this facility shall rest on the screening of the Disability Certificate by a Medical Board.
- The eligibility, qualification, experience etc. will be determined according to the details mentioned in the advertisement No. 78/2018 dated 27.09.2018. However, if selected, the selection of PWBD candidates will be subject to the decision of the appropriate Medical Board constituted by the respective AIIMS.
- Other terms and conditions remain the same.

Note: This recruitment is subject to the outcome of W.P.(C) No. 11456/2018 pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.

Sd/- Assistant Controller (Examination)

INDIAN RAILWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2019/Track-III/CS/5 New Delhi, Dt. 07.10.2019
E-Global Tender No. TM-1911 for procurement of Tungsten Carbide Tamping Tools (TCTT) for IR Track Machines.

1. Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for procurement of Tungsten Carbide Tamping Tools (TCTT) for IR Track Machines. 2. The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details, downloading of the tender documents and submission of their e-bids.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
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DELHI : 20 Oct. 2019

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Government of Punjab E-TENDER NOTICE No. 31/PWSSD/SGR Dated: 07.10.2019

The Department of Pw. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pw. W/S & Sew. Divn., Sangrur & Executive Engineer, Pw. W/S & Sew. Divn., Sangrur invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lacs)
1	Tender for providing & Laying DIK7 Pipe Lines of various size & all other works at Sangrur (Part-I) Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT.	6 Months	211.68
2	Tender for Providing DIK7 Pipeline of various size & all other works at Sangrur District Sangrur as per DNIT.	4 Months	63.75

Last Date & Time for uploading of tenders up to 29.10.2019 at 5.00 p.m.
Date and time of opening Technical Bid: 30.10.2019 at 11.00 a.m.
For Details login to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pw. W/S & Sew. Divn. Sangrur.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT HIMACHAL PRADESH PARIVAHAN BHAWAN, SHIMLA — 171004 0177-2811335, e-mail: transport-hp@nic.in

No. CT/Global Investor Meet/2019 05.10.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR HIRING OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR H.P. GLOBAL INVESTORS MEET TO BE HELD W.E.F. 7TH NOVEMBER, 2019 TO 8TH NOVEMBER, 2019 AT DHARAMSHALA, DISTRICT KANGRA, HIMACHAL PRADESH.

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed service providers by the office of the Director, Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh (hereinafter also referred to as "the Hirer") on hiring basis for hiring of vehicles along with drivers for H.P. Global Investors Meet to be held on 7th November - 8th November, 2019 at Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.

Interested travel agencies/firms (hereinafter also referred to as "Bidder") with the experience of handling one such event of similar nature and also willing to comply with the terms and conditions as mentioned in the notice may submit their bids in a sealed covers to the office of Director, Transport Department, Parivahan Bhawan, Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) — 171004 on or before 17:00 hrs on 19.10.2019.

The detailed terms & condition are available on departmental website <http://himachal.nic.in/transport>

Sd/- Additional Commissioner Transport Himachal Pradesh

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Stubble burning remains an issue: Govt

Javadekar says 20,000 machines worth ₹1,150 cr given to Punjab, Haryana farmers to check menace

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
Ahead of expected “bad” weather days in the Delhi-NCR around this time of the year, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has formed 46 teams to keep a check on environmental wrongdoings and take “appropriate action wherever needed”, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has said.

Enumerating various steps taken by the Centre to reduce air pollution in the National Capital Region

(NCR), he said “recognition of existing problem is the beginning of the solution”. He said Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways, completed at cost of about Rs 17,000 crore, have led to 40,000 goods vehicles not entering the national capital. Due to Delhi Metro, he said, more than four lakh vehicles were staying away from roads, as the network catered to more than 30 lakh passengers daily.

Stubble burning in states of Punjab and Haryana continues to be an issue but the government was hopeful it will

‘AAREY SUB JUDGE, CAN’T COMMENT’

■ On questions regarding felling of trees in Mumbai’s Aarey Colony, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said he would not like to comment on a “sub judge matter”

■ He, however, stressed “If you cut one, you plant and ensure the growth of five trees. In the last four years, the green cover has increased by 15,000 square kilometres”

■ He said India was among a few countries whose green cover had increased. The top court has stayed the cutting of trees in Aarey Colony to build a Metro shed



also reduce. To control it, the government has given more than 20,000 machines to farmers in Punjab and Haryana at a cost of about Rs 1,150 crore, he said.

The five affected states are also holding a high-level

meeting on the issue soon. Air pollution is a collective problem and the solution also has to be collective, he added.

Meanwhile, India is also shifting to BS VI vehicular emission norms by April next year. A good news also is that number of “good” weather days is increasing in the NCR. In 2006, around 108 “good” days were recorded, which increased to 159 in 2018. Of the 273 days till September 30, this year, the number of “good”, “satisfactory” and “moderate” days are 165 against 104 in 2016, he added.

The pollution problem of Delhi-NCR started aggravating since 2006 and was not recognised till 2014. In 2015, under the supervision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Air Quality Index (AQI) was launched. Today, 113 AQI monitoring stations are present in Delhi-NCR and 29 more are to be installed soon,” he said, urging people to celebrate Diwali without fireworks. And if someone really wanted to burst crackers, it should be with “green crackers” developed by the CSIR-NEERI, he said.

Telangana sacks 48K protesting roadways staff

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HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 7
The impasse between striking employees of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) and the Telangana Government continues as the indefinite strike entered the third day, forcing commuters to abandon their travel plans.

All TSRTC buses are off roads even though the government has ordered sacking of around 48,000 employees and ordered fresh recruitment.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) has issued a warning to employees to resume normal work by Saturday evening or face the axe. The government has declared that it has only 1,200 employees left in TSRTC while the services of the remaining who have been on strike since Friday are no longer required.

The TSRTC employees went on strike to press for implementation of 26 demands, including the merger of TSRTC with the government. KCR, as Rao is popularly known, not only ruled out merger, but also refused to hold any talks with the striking employees.

A majority of the fleet of 10,500 buses of TSRTC has not been operational since Friday causing severe inconvenience to commuters. The Chief Minister has asked officials to recruit new employees and hire more private buses to lessen the hardship of commuters.

Following the CM’s orders to deal with the striking employees firmly, the police arrested many senior TSRTC

RECRUIT NEW PEOPLE, HIRE PVT BUSES: KCR

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leaders when they reached Telangana Martyrs’ Memorial near State Assembly to highlight their demands. Joint Action Committee (JAC) leader Ashwathama Reddy said they were adamant to continue the strike and would not be pressured by the government.

Various trade bodies of the TSRTC have announced that they will challenge the government’s decision to sack 48,000 employees when they receive the notices. Telangana Mazdoor Union president E Ashwathama Reddy said so far they had not received any dismissal or suspension notice.

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Mumbai Sikhs rally to save PMC Bank

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 7
Mumbai’s Sikh community, many of whose members stand to lose their savings in case Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank collapses, has come together to save the troubled bank.

The initiative to save the bank has been taken by office-bearers of the Sri Guru Singh Sabha, a major gurdwara located at Dadar in Central Mumbai. Several meetings have been held here ever since the RBI imposed restrictions on withdrawing money from the bank.

At a meeting held with the RBI-appointed arbitrator to oversee the PMC affairs, depositors were advised not to rush into withdrawing their money for at least two to three years once the bank resumes operations.

“The arbitrator told us that the bank can be saved provided the people do not panic and rush to withdraw their

MAY MOVE AKAL TAKHT

■ Meetings of depositors saw tempers running high with people calling for social boycott of the eight directors of the bank

■ Some affected persons have threatened to approach the Akal Takht to pursue the issue on the grounds that bank directors brought financial harm to the Sikh

money,” Raghbir Singh Gill, president of the sabha said.

Sources said Sikh community leaders are setting up grievance centres to mobilise depositors whose funds are locked at the PMC Bank. Sikh bodies are seeking legal opinion as well. Several gurdwaras in Mumbai reportedly had to pass the hat around to collect fresh funds for Gurpurab celebrations after they could not withdraw money from the PMC Bank. — TNS

Bridge to nowhere



Stranded vehicles after a 60-foot-long bridge collapsed in Gujarat’s Junagadh district on Monday. At least four persons were injured and several vehicles were damaged in the incident. PTI

‘Hand of God’ in Kerala murders: Victim’s relative

KOZHIKODE, OCTOBER 7
Seventeen years after the six suspicious deaths in her family, allegedly by being fed cyanide-laced food, Renji Thomas feels there is a “hand of God” in the case, which is why the truth is tumbling out about the “well planned murders” now after all these years.

There was no suspicion about any of the deaths earlier, Renji, sister of Roy Thomas, whose wife Jolly is the prime accused in the case and has been arrested along with two others, said on Monday.

Besides 47-year-old Jolly, MS Mathew (44), a close friend of the woman, and Prajikkumar (48), a man working in a jewellery shop, who had allegedly supplied the cyanide, have so far been arrested. A Special Investigation Team has been probing the case after receiving a complaint from Roy’s US-based brother, Rojo, over the six deaths between 2002 and 2016. — PTI

Trouble brewing in UP Cong after notice to Rae Bareilly MLA

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 7
With successive Dasehra holidays, Rae Bareilly (Sadar) Congress MLA Aditi Singh may not furnish her reply before October 9 instead of the two days given to her to explain why she violated the party whip to participate in the Vidhan Sabha session to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

UP Congress newly appointed chief Ajay Kumar Lallu had served her a notice



on October 4 asking her to explain why she had defied the party decision to boycott the marathon 36-hour session of the Vidhan Sabha. Charging her of indiscipline

and anti-party activity, he had asked her to furnish her clarification in the UP Congress Legislative Party office within two days failing which necessary action would be initiated against her. Lallu said due to technical problems, the MLA might not be able to furnish her reply as the office of the UP Congress Legislative Party within the Vidhan Sabha premises was closed on Sunday and will continue to be closed till October 14. — TNS

One of 2 pilots not authorised to be on crashed plane

DGCA probe finds flight instructor failed to follow training and procedure manual

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
Aviation regulator DGCA has found that one of the two pilots on board Cessna 172 aircraft, which fatally crashed at Vikarabad in Telangana on Sunday, was not authorised to be in the plane, a senior official said on Monday.

After a preliminary probe, the regulator also issued a show-cause notice to the pilot training academy, Wings Aviation Private

Limited, and barred its Deputy Chief Flight Instructor (Dy. CFI) Rana Cyril from training exercise, the official added.

The academy has been given seven days to respond to the notice, the official noted.

The two pilots of the academy — Amanpreet Kaur and Prakash Vishal — died on Sunday afternoon after their Cessna 172 aircraft, headed from Begumpet in Telangana to Gobur in Karnataka, crashed in cotton



Parts of the crashed plane in Vikarabad, Telangana. PTI

fields of Sultanpur village in Vikarabad district amid heavy rains.

“Their flight was authorised by Cyril. As per the authorisation book entry, the flight was to be operated by Kaur only,” the senior official of DGCA said.

“The presence of another pilot (Vishal) shows that Cyril failed to perform his duties as laid down in training and procedure manual of the academy. Therefore, he has been barred from

functioning as Dy. CFI of the academy until further orders,” the official added.

According to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Wings Aviation Private Limited has a licence to function as a flying training academy till October 26, 2020.

The notice was issued by the DGCA as the “lapse” on the part of Dy. CFI also raised “serious concerns about academy’s workings”, the official said. — PTI

All eyes on RSS chief’s address

VIBHA SHARMA
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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
Ever since the BJP rose to power at the Centre, curiosity and interest about the functioning and views of its ideological fountainhead has increased tremendously and all eyes are now on Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh sarsangchalak Mohan Bhagwat’s Vijaydashmi address in Nagpur on Tuesday. While essence of his speeches, as swayamsevak insist, is “essentially social”, its underlying political nuances are hard to miss.

Over the past years, Bhagwat has been making concerted efforts to ‘dispel misconceptions’ and clear the air about the image of what is otherwise perceived as a hardcore right-wing organisation. It remains to be seen what new insights the Sangh supremo offers in the presence of Shiv Nadar, founder and chairman of HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation, the chief guest for the day.

The guests at the RSS events are also becoming



MAHAYAGYA TO PROMOTE VEDAS

VHP is organising a week-long ‘Chaturveda Swahakar Mahayagya’ to promote ancient ‘vedic’ knowledge contained in the four Vedas beginning October 9. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will be one of the ‘yajmaans’ (ritual patrons) for the ceremonies

the cause of much debate. Former President Pranab Mukherjee created a sensation when he accepted the Sangh’s invitation last year. His calling the RSS founder Keshav Baliram Hedgewar “a great son of Mother India” also received much criticism from within the Congress. The RSS’ image as a closed organisation has made its functionaries to launch concerted efforts to dispel through dialogue and by inviting guests.

Stop making false charges against forces, MoS to activists

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh today indicated that the government had resolved to take strict action not only against terrorists, but also against their promoters and self-styled publicists.

According to officials, the minister indicated the government’s resolve during an interaction with Special Director General (JK zone) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Zulfiqar Hassan, who had called on him here today.

Singh also slammed certain activists for allegedly making unsubstantiated charges against security forces for “narrow and short-lived political gains” and said they were guilty of committing a sin, for which there was no redemption.

Hassan briefed Singh about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, following the government’s move to scrap special status to the state under Article 370 the Constitution and its bifurcation into Union Territories.

Lallu replaces Babbar as UP Cong president

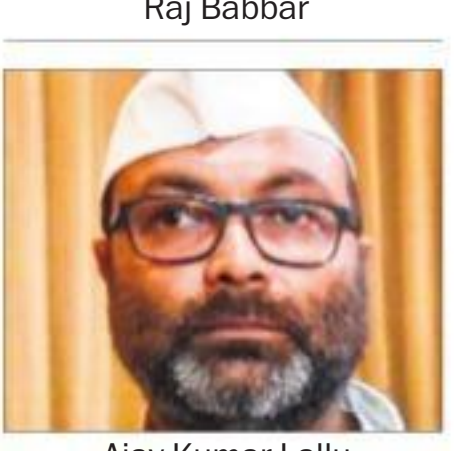
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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
The Congress today appointed Ajay Kumar Lallu as president of the Uttar Pradesh unit, replacing Raj Babbar. Lallu is sitting Congress Legislature Party Leader in the UP Assembly and a two-term MLA from Tamkuhi Raj. In a late night order, Congress president Sonia Gandhi named MLA Aradhana Misra as CLP Leader.

The Congress also approved four vice-presidents for the UP Congress and two groups — one to advise AICC general secretary UP and another to work out a strategy. The four new vice-presidents are Virender Chaudhary (organisation East), Pankaj Malik (organisation west) and Lalitesh Tripathi and Deepak Kumar.

In the 18-member advisory group to party general secretary UP, Sonia Gandhi has included senior leaders such as Ajay Rai, Mohsina Kidwai, Salman Khurshid, RPN Singh, PL Punia and Naseeruddin Siddiqui.

Former MoS Jitin Prasad, Imran Masood, Rajiv Shukla and Raja Ram Pal are part of



the working group on strategy and planning.

Of late, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has been acting as a full AICC general secretary for UP though she was originally designated to handle East UP and Jyotiraditya Scindia was asked to handle West. Lallu has been at the forefront of recent agitations, including in Sonbhadra where Priyanka rallied behind tribals. The Congress also appointed 12 general secretaries and 24 secretaries for Uttar Pradesh.

Congress likely to hardsell NYAY in Haryana, Maha

ADITI TANDON
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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
After failing to convince the national electorate with its ambitious minimum income guarantee scheme NYAY for the poorest, the Congress is now toying with the idea of hardselling the plan in the upcoming Assembly elections of Haryana and Maharashtra.

NYAY — Nyuntam Aay Yojana — was the flagship scheme the Congress had unveiled on the eve of 2019 Lok Sabha elections to counter the BJP government’s Rs 6,000 a year direct income support to small and marginal farmers. Under the scheme, the poorest 20 per cent Indian families were to be given an annual income support of a uniform amount of Rs 72,000 (Rs 12,000 a month) for each family.

Sources in the the All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Monday said though the scheme didn’t work at the time of the General Election as it was

AMBITIOUS SCHEME

■ The scheme guarantees a uniform amount of ₹72,000 (₹12,000 a month) to each of the poorest 20% families across the country

■ Congress sources said no new taxes would be needed to be levied on the middle class for implementing the ambitious scheme

peak and India’s \$3-trillion economy had the capacity to absorb this expenditure.

A similar promise at the state level was “completely achievable”, a Congress source said, indicating that the Haryana poll manifesto of the party could be released later this week.

No new taxes would be needed to be levied on the middle class for implementing NYAY, a Congress leader said, adding that it would provide the economic stimulus needed for the economy.

“Nyuntam Aay Yojana is a powerful idea with dual objectives to wipe out remnants of poverty and to restart stalled economic activity in our nation. NYAY will ensure a basic level of dignity and respect to every Indian family. By providing direct income support, NYAY will empower our poor with economic freedom and choice,” former PM Manmohan Singh had said when NYAY was conceptualised after consulting experts.

The Tribune

ESTABLISHED IN 1881

Dhaka, Delhi look ahead

Two sides underplay NRC, focus on economic ties

THE fact that Bangladesh's national anthem, *Amar Sonar Bangla*, was composed by Rabindranath Tagore, is historical evidence of our shared past and organic cultural ties. The visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to New Delhi was a step to cement relationships between the two neighbours. That it came in the wake of the NRC exercise in Assam and the possibility of India trying to deport 1.9 million people labelled as 'non-citizens' is unfortunate.

The visit was Hasina's first after the 2018 Bangladesh elections and considering that she has a very good rapport with Indian leaders, is important. What is heartening is that Bangladesh has chosen to go by PM Narendra Modi's assurance that the NRC exercise is an internal matter of India mandated by its Supreme Court. Modi received support for the NRC at Houston from US President Donald Trump, who railed against Mexican immigrants. India's own illegal immigrants in countries like the US and Canada do get deported regularly, even as Bangladesh deals with the Rohingya problem. Illegal immigration is a global phenomenon which has to be understood in all its socio-political complexities, going beyond communal considerations and police verifications.

The issue of refugees from Bangladesh is an old one and lakhs of them settled in India in the aftermath of the 1971 war. In its acknowledgement in Bangladesh's liberation, Hasina has invited the Indian leaders to attend the 50th anniversary of the country's freedom which should go a long way in softening attitudes. Irritants remain, like the sharing of Teesta river waters, opposed by Mamata Banerjee. Meeting the West Bengal CM was not part of Hasina's itinerary. The two countries have focused on positives — chalking out a scheme to supply LPG to India's North-East and improving rail and road network as Bangladesh seeks to pitch itself as a fast-growing economy. The concern over the NRC is overstated by Haryana and Delhi CMs. The states should keep in mind the domicile policy proposed by Jharkhand's first CM Babulal Marandi that proved divisive, with tribals and non-tribals on the warpath, eventually leading to his fading away.

Keeping roads motorable

Fining pvt firms doesn't absolve govt bodies of responsibility

ROADS, a lifeline for commuters, often turn into deathtraps due to poor maintenance or sheer negligence on the part of the government authorities and private companies. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, enacted recently, has the provision for a fine up to Rs 1 lakh on the construction firm for not complying with the standards for road design, construction and maintenance. In view of the inordinate delay in the repair of the toll road from Kiratpur Sahib to Una, the Public Works Department has slapped a fine of Rs 1.05 lakh per day on the company concerned. A couple of months ago, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had imposed a penalty of Rs 30 crore on the Solkhan toll plaza authorities for failure to maintain the road from Kurali to Kiratpur Sahib for over two years.

Such penalties are a wake-up call for the concessionaires that collect toll from the public with great alacrity but are found wanting when it comes to providing pothole-free roads. Motorists are cheated out of their hard-earned money when they don't get the services they pay for. However, cracking the whip on private firms does not absolve the government bodies of responsibility. The Chandigarh-Kharar flyover project, for instance, sticks out like a sore thumb. It has missed several deadlines as the NHAI and the district administration have been passing the buck to each other regarding the sticking points, including the demolition of structures coming in the way and restricting the entry of heavy vehicles on the road beneath the under-construction flyover. The blame game has rendered the underpass a major traffic bottleneck that infuriates road users as well as local shopkeepers.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari recently told NHAI officials that delayed decisions were 'totally unacceptable', while urging them to fast-track the construction of highways. The next step should be to fix accountability and impose fines whenever work is held up and the project cost shoots up due to officials' ineptitude or negligence. They should be held liable for the criminal waste of time and resources while executing seemingly interminable road projects.

Pak leadership at crossroads

Has failed to achieve any of its objectives after India abrogated Article 370



VIVEK KATJU

EX-SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

THE intense media attention in India and Pakistan over the presence, approaches and statements of PM Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan at the high-level segment of the recent session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York has receded. Consequently, for the time being, the decibel level surrounding bilateral ties has also come down, providing opportunities for sober assessments and prognosis. This is never an easy task for policy-makers and analysts on account of the relationship's historical baggage and inherent emotion.

Pakistan's aggressive, if not irrational reaction to the constitutional changes in J&K on August 5 has ensured that bilateral relations have entered a new and particularly difficult phase. This period is marked by aggressive Pakistani attempts to divert international attention from its policy of using terrorist proxies in J&K to Indian 'irresponsibility' which could result in violent confrontation between two nuclear-armed countries. Another feature of this phase consists of Pakistan's desire to convince the international community that India is ruthlessly crushing a 'freedom struggle' and in the process brutally violating human rights. To make the global community receptive to its messages, Pakistan has ensured that terrorist groups based on its territory have not undertaken any major attacks in the Kashmir valley or elsewhere, though it is infiltrating terrorists into J&K. Pakistan hopes that the major powers who naturally do not want an India-Pakistan armed conflict would not only condemn Indian 'repression',



WISFUL THINKING: Pakistan hopes that major powers would not only condemn Indian 'repression', but also ultimately compel India to accept mediation on J&K.

Pakistan's aggressive reaction to the constitutional changes in J&K on August 5 has pushed bilateral relations into a particularly difficult phase.

but also ultimately compel India to accept mediation on J&K.

Pakistan has not achieved any of its post-August 5 objectives. Pakistani leaders have accepted as much when they expressed their disappointment at the international community's indifference to the Kashmir situation. The UN Security Council, UNGA and the UN Human Rights Council have remained virtually unmoved by the Pakistani push. Some countries, including the US, have called for the removal of movement and communication restrictions in J&K and the release of political leaders and workers. While these demands may grow, they have not developed any real international traction as yet. This is largely because of the absence of large-scale demonstrations or damage to life and property in the Valley since August 5. It is, of course, desirable that the situation should return to normal in J&K in the shortest possible time. Naturally, the security situation will play a major role in determining the timing of the government's moves.

Pakistan has been particularly distressed by the largely continuing indifference of the Islamic *ummah* to its all-

out diplomatic campaign on J&K. Only Turkey and Malaysia were critical of India in their UNGA statements. The Arab peninsular states, including Saudi Arabia, have steered clear of the issue. It has, though, been difficult for them to do so because all have close ties with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, and the UAE has significant connections with the Pakistani army. These two countries engaged India and Pakistan after the Pulwama terror attack. Such engagements are undertaken with the aim of defusing tensions.

After August 5, the Saudi minister of state for foreign affairs and the UAE foreign minister jointly visited Pakistan to assuage its hurt over their not going along with it on the J&K developments. Imran Khan visited Saudi Arabia on his way to New York for the UNGA. He would have undoubtedly raised the Kashmir situation with the Saudi leadership in a big way. Now, Modi is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia. While the primary focus of his discussions will be on bilateral ties, the issue of India-Pakistan tensions would undoubtedly come up.

Pakistan has pushed itself into a corner in the present phase of bilater-

al relations. It took very aggressive steps against India immediately after August 5. It asked the Indian High Commissioner in Islamabad to leave and stopped trade. Later, Pakistan gratuitously insulted India by denying President Ram Nath Kovind and PM Modi the use of its airspace on their way to the West. Further, it laid down the condition that India would have to reverse its August 5 steps before Pakistan would agree to the resumption of talks. The decisions were directed at the major powers to get them more actively engaged with India-Pakistan relations.

As the Pakistani civilian leadership and the generals watch their moves fail, they confront two basic questions: should they pursue their present policy of holding back their terrorist groups in the hope that continued Indian restrictions on communications and movement in J&K would lead to the major powers and liberal sections of international opinion putting India under greater scrutiny and possibly pressure? Or should they unleash the terrorist groups to undertake terrorist attacks in J&K and elsewhere in India in expectation that a kinetic Indian response will precipitate a crisis and immediately draw in the major powers not only to defuse the crisis but hopefully compel India to accept mediation on J&K? It is difficult to predict which path Pakistan will take in the near future but there is no doubt that the default preference of the Pakistani army has been to pursue the path of violence and terror against India. The chances are that Pakistan would seriously consider to undertake terror strikes in J&K. No doubt India's security managers would be aware of this possibility.

Where does the Kartarpur corridor's inauguration, scheduled for next month, figure in this bleak bilateral landscape? It is unlikely to positively impact bilateral ties because for Pakistan, the Kartarpur initiative is a gesture not to India but to the Sikh community in India and outside. Pakistan has for long desired to attract Indian Sikhs. It has not succeeded and never will, but it will never stop trying.

A motorcycle for mom

SIMRAN SIDHU

I was introduced to the word 'dowry' even before I could spell it. I think it was one of the first few words I learnt, not at school, but at home. I knew that this five-letter word was the reason why my parents quarrelled, why my granny refused to give milk to my mother, why mom washed clothes in winter with ice-cold water, and why she often sobbed silently in the bathroom. But a four-year-old me didn't know what the fuss about dowry was.

One day, I sneaked inside the bathroom, sat beside my crying mom and asked her, 'What's dowry?' She whispered, 'Dowry means things like furniture, a

motorcycle etc.' Hearing that, I got up, took her hand in mine and said, 'Mom, come let's go and bring a motorcycle.' She told me that we couldn't do it because she didn't have money to buy one.

Later that year, when my school-teacher asked me what my aim in life was, I told her that I wanted to buy a motorcycle for my mom. She smiled. And my classmates laughed. I quietly stood there, amidst the peals of laughter, thinking that if a motorcycle could solve my mother's problem, I'll surely buy one for her when I got older.

Meanwhile, without a motorcycle, my mom's life continued to be the same, full of tears and scolding. As the bitterness grew, my grandpar-

ents moved out of our shared house to live with their new daughter-in-law who had brought dowry. I felt thankful that at least dad had stayed back with us. But soon I realised that although he was here, his heart had moved out along with his parents.

Thirteen years later, when mom had saved money by teaching tirelessly, she bought furniture — a sofa set and a dining table. I looked at her as she tied sacred red threads to the feet of the sofa with tears in eyes. She explained, 'This is my dowry.' But even furniture couldn't make our home my grandparents' too. Suddenly, I remembered the motorcycle. Well, it was still missing from my mom's dowry. Maybe they would love us after she bought a motorcycle

too. After some more years of tireless teaching, instead of a motorcycle, she managed to buy a car on loan. But even a car couldn't make my grandparents and my dad love us.

I still remember those unshed tears in mom's eyes waiting to fall down on that bathroom floor. I remember the years my mom and I spent struggling to be good enough, to gain the affection of my grandparents and dad. But somewhere in this tearful journey of life, mom and I realised that our love for each other was enough.

But I still wait for the beautiful distant day, when a little girl won't have to ask her mother sitting on the cold floor of a bathroom, 'What's dowry?' And her first aim in life won't be to buy a motorcycle, for her mom.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The UN wasn't created to take mankind into paradise, but rather, to save humanity from hell. — Dag Hammarskjöld

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1919

THE PUNJAB ENQUIRY.

IN a little over three weeks' time, the Disorders Enquiry Committee will begin its sitting in the Punjab. If the enquiry is to serve its purpose, that of placing before the Government and the public outside the Punjab the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth regarding the Punjab disturbances and the declaration and administration of martial law, there is an appalling mass of work to be done before the enquiry begins. This work may compendiously be described as the collection, sifting, marshalling and leading of evidence before the Committee. Anyone can form an idea of the nature and volume of this work if he will remember that the evidence to be collected lies scattered over a considerable area, that many of those who have to be cited as witnesses are illiterate or at any rate not educated in any proper sense of the term, that the whole province is in a state of depression and that not a few of those who are in position to give important evidence have been palpably demoralised.

The Ramnagar Case.

ON another page will be found a letter from Mr. Purushottam Das Tandon, Vakil, Allahabad High Court, in reply to Mr. Thompson's statement in his recent speech in the Indian Legislative Council regarding the alleged burning of the King-Emperor's effigy at Ramnagar. We are in a position to add the weight of our own testimony to what Mr. Tandon says. The present writer had occasion some weeks ago to talk the matter over with a considerable number of Ramnagar prisoners and they all denied the correctness of the allegation. This talk obviously took place in circumstances which precluded the possibility of any withholding of information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

End manual scavenging

Refer to the editorial 'Death in sewers' (October 7), the Punjab and Haryana High Court's directive for giving jobs to the sewer death victims' kin has come on the heels of the Supreme Court's observation that sewer cleaners are being sent to die in 'gas chambers'. The practice of employing manual sewers cleaners, mostly from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, continues despite a ban in 1993. Sewer men die while doing their job without protective gear like masks fitted with portable oxygen supply. Most countries have invested in mechanised methods of cleaning sewers and septic tanks. It is time the Centre and local bodies adopt global practices. This will help to eradicate the dangerous and inhuman practice of manual scavenging.

MS KHOKHAR, VIA EMAIL

Sewer death traps

Apropos 'Death in sewers' (October 7), manual scavenging is still prevalent despite the enactment of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act 2013. Now, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the authorities to end the dehumanising practice. Both the gov-

ernment authorities and private employers should adopt an empathetic attitude towards the poor scavengers and replace them with mechanised cleaning of septic tanks. Those who dare to employ manual scavengers must be awarded exemplary punishment to ensure deterrence.

VIMAL SETHI, KAPURTHALA

Rafale gift

On October 8 every year, Air Force Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm. Celebrations begin with the morning parade and the pledging ceremony. At some stations, the static display of aircraft and other IAF assets is organised for the public. *Bada Khana* (high feast) is the main event where airmen and officers and their families partake of food together. This enhances bonhomie between them. For 17 Squadron, the Air Force Day this year has special significance as the first batch of Rafale jets would be handed over to the squadron this day. After commissioning in the Air Force in the technical branch in 1968, my first posting was to 17 Squadron, which was then equipped with Hunter aircraft and based at Hasimara. I wish it all the best in its new avatar.

WG CDR CL SEHGAL (RETD), JALANDHAR

Revival of expectations

Refer to the editorial, 'Arresting the slide' (October 7), the Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC's) latest repo rate cut by 25 basic points, though a half-hearted measure, may help in the revival of growth expectations to some extent, provided the government sticks to the fiscal deficit target. That the MPC was going to cut rates was quite expected, but disagreement was on the quantum of the cut; one percentage point cut, in combination with several other measures, could work better. Uncertainty about the effects of the recent stimulus measures may have played a role. On its part, the government should pursue a more aggressive disinvestment programme to offset the expected shortfall in tax collections.

LJS PANESAR, VIA EMAIL

Revisiting Amritsar tragedy

Refer to 'Amritsar Dasehra tragedy, year later' (October 6), more than 60 lives were lost in 10 seconds in 2018 after revellers celebrating Dasehra near Jaura Phatak were mowed down by two trains coming from opposite directions. This was a rarest-of-the-rare accident, but no one can be blamed except those who gathered crowds near the rail lines and those who watched the show

standing on the tracks. The Railways should be exonerated in such cases because the loco pilot's main responsibility is the safe transportation of the passengers he is ferrying on a dedicated track.

MOHAN SINGH, AMRITSAR

New dawn

Apropos the front-page reports 'Leaders detained, won't contest BDC polls: NC' and 'PDP leaders defer meeting with Mehbooba' (October 7), the government is steadily relaxing the restrictions and mainstream parties must accept the 'new dawn' and reciprocate. Past utterances of some stakeholders (like there will be no one to carry the Tricolour if Articles 35-A and 370 are repealed) were not conducive to integrity and peace. *Netas* ought to first deserve, then desire liberty in Kashmir.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Superb victory

Captain Virat Kohli and his teammates deserve congratulations for India's superb victory in the first Test against South Africa. Credit goes to batsmen Rohit Sharma and Mayank Aggarwal and bowlers Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami.

SUBHASH C TANEJA, GURUGRAM

Need to spruce up memorials of war heroes



LT GEN KJ SINGH (RETD)
MILITARY COMMENTATOR

THE dedication of the National War Memorial (NWM) on February 25 this year is indeed a defining moment in honouring our bravehearts. The government has fulfilled a long-pending demand by building a world-class monument. Unfortunately, people visiting the NWM and the adjoining India Gate memorial fail to display due reverence and discipline.

There are other notes of dissonance, like the Army deciding to limit representation at remembrance ceremonies outside military cantonments/stations. The ever-increasing number of monuments, including the Saragarhi memorial, is literally gasping for funds for maintenance. It is ironic to reconcile the sight of spontaneous mile-long funeral processions of war heroes with decrepit memorials in utter neglect.

Recent media reports regarding the Army limiting its participation to floral tributes and, more importantly, not providing ceremonial like band and honour guard, have to be understood objectively and in context.

First, there are no pan-India orders. Instructions seem to be local or regional in scope. Secondly, these

have been necessitated due to the problem of sheer numbers because of the proliferation of individual memorials and the inability to cope.

The Army, as a policy, discourages unregulated building of memorials. The official compendium of works, referred to as the 'Scales of accommodations', does not even include memorials and museums. Hence, technically, all such structures come under the scrutiny of auditors and are camouflaged under other listed works.

With considerable risk-taking, enterprising commanders have created memorials as a combination of recognised works like band stands and sentry and guard posts. Similarly, stores have been re-appropriated for utilisation as museums.

The Western Command commissioned its museum after losing valuable archival material nearly 70 years after its raising. It is indeed unfortunate that the system lacks simple provisions for authorising memorials and museums, preferably at the recommended scale of one per station, more like the station institutes. This is indeed an opportune moment, when the government has made good its promise of the NWM and the RM has commissioned a signature project to write the history of border areas. A simple amendment will change the construction and maintenance of war memorials and museums into activities that are above board, for future generations.

The real challenge, however, lies outside the military establishments. There are three types of memorials — combined, individual and com-



SERENE CORE: National War Memorial has been a defining moment in honouring our heroes.

Ideally, individual war memorials should be avoided as these get neglected due to lack of institutionalised funding. Yet, they are being allowed to come up in native villages and towns, often for vote bank and emotional considerations. Another worrying trend is the installation of statues and busts.

memorative — for battles. Haryana, with a designated state-level war memorial at Rohtak and district memorials, is probably the best organised with regard to combined memorials. Many of these also have museums as an extension.

Ideally, individual war memorials should be avoided as these get neglected due to lack of institutionalised funding. Yet, they are being allowed to come up in native villages and towns, often for vote bank and emotional considerations. Even in the families of martyrs, the euphoria ebbs with time.

It is indeed sad to see different groups of a splintered family, jostling for prominence during the ceremonies. Haryana recently took the laudable initiative of laying down the standard operating procedure (SOP) for annual functions and upkeep of these

individual memorials. These are to be managed by committees under the deputy commissioner, with the superintendent of police, Zila Sainik Board, the nearest station headquarters and the NCC unit, as members. Most importantly, the unit of the war hero has also been coopted. The real challenge lies in implementing and operationalising this SOP.

Another worrying trend is the installation of statues and busts. This ill-advised trend has obvious pitfalls as the final product rarely does justice to the braveheart due to limited funding and skill-deficit of sculptors. A better method is to name schools, roads and colonies after such heroes. The housing colonies of the armed forces follow this norm of naming, but recently, they too have started falling prey to the statue mania.

Unfortunately, most statues are exposed to the natural elements and require regular maintenance. A simple electronic display board would have a better connect with a war hero and also impose minimum maintenance requirements.

The third category of memorials is those commemorating battles, like Asal Uttar near Khemkaran. Commemorative memorials like the one at Dograi (Khasa) and Saragarhi (Ferozepur) are better looked after as they are situated in military stations and cantonments.

The memorial at Khemkaran, situated close to the actual battle site, doesn't enjoy this advantage. A number of small unit memorials with the main one of Abdul Hamid were in a state of utter neglect. It took a herculean

effort and persuasion to combine them with the main memorial. Similarly, yearnings for individual unit memorials had to be imaginatively synergised to make a combined memorial at Hussainiwala.

Punjab has a large number of war museums, but with very poor footfall. The sad part is that each government wants to make new ones like the museum at Amritsar. In view of the limited budget, old ones like the Ludhiana museum have become completely neglected. An imaginative battlefield tourism package from Attari to Hussainiwala (Ferozepur) border, with museums and memorials en route, can be introduced for military history enthusiasts.

The way forward lies in limiting the unchecked proliferation of individual memorials. The Central government should build a consensus for a national policy backed with legislation to regulate the memorials. A census of the existing ones should be attempted, with emphasis on consolidating and combining them. The management should be regulated by notified bodies, backed by assured funding, through the creation of a corpus on the lines of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which looks after Kohima and other memorials in a most enviable manner.

Memorials are configured to have a restricted serene core, but interest levels can be enhanced by incorporating interactive digital screens, with the relevant content on the periphery. Digital kiosks, e-visitor books and e-memorials should be incorporated to connect with the millennial generation.

Preserve ancient sites of J-K, Ladakh before land is sold



SANJAY NAHAR
FOUNDER-PRESIDENT, SARHAD

The ancient history of the cold desert of J&K and Ladakh is important as the early human movement in this region can connect us to the era that finally made it a hub between Central Asia and China through the trade routes. However, the ASI has not conducted proper surveys and excavations. Many archaeological sites are lying in a state of neglect.

NEGLECT of archaeological sites is a pan-India phenomenon. Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh — regions rich with such sites — are more neglected than the rest of the country by the authorities. Assuming the possibility of a rush to buy land in these regions after the scrapping of Articles 370 and 35-A, these treasure troves face the danger of further neglect and damage.

The Valley and Ladakh possess scattered remains of prehistoric dwellings, artefacts and burial sites, along with post-Buddhist monuments. However, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not conducted proper surveys and excavations. As a result, we have been deprived of knowledge about ancient routes and religious and socio-political concepts of the pre-historic man and marvels of the historic period.

This region is archeologically important not only for the ancient history of the Kashmiris but also because it has been an important link of India with countries in the northern, eastern and western regions since ancient times. Any damage to the scattered unexcavated sites is a huge loss to our cultural history.

In Ladakh's Nubra valley, a pre-historic camping site used by hunter-gatherers was discovered. However, no detailed research was undertaken, though it was one of the oldest seasonal settlements of early humans and the study could have thrown light on the life of the early man and his origins. Unlike in Haryana's Rakhigarhi, no genetic examination was attempted. Many post-Buddhist sites in the Valley belonging to the first millennium have almost vanished. Over 50 archaeologi-



HERITAGE: Ladakh possesses scattered remains of prehistoric dwellings.

cal sites across the Valley are in a dilapidated state as they were abandoned by the ASI around 29 years ago. A number of unexplored sites and those which have not yet been identified, in the absence of a thorough survey, may remain buried and are likely to be demolished due to rapid urbanisation and the wrath of nature.

In the late 19th century, a British scholar, Sir Marc Aurel Stein, had tried to locate many towns as also Hindu, Jain and Buddhist shrines based on information provided by Kalhana in his famous *Rajatarangini*. He succeeded to some extent. He had located Parihaspore, the capital city built by the great emperor of Kashmir, Lalitaditya, and saved it from further damage caused by human interference.

Many sites described by Chinese trav-

eller Xuanzang of the seventh century are difficult to locate as no serious efforts have been made to undertake research.

Kundalban, a place where the famous Fourth Buddhist Council was held during Emperor Kanishka's reign (75-150 AD), is yet to be located. Interestingly, the late Muhammad Amin Mehjoor, son of poet Mehjoor, had claimed to have located Kundalban somewhere near Dalvan village within the Charar-i-Sharief constituency, where many Buddhist terracotta idols and earthenware had accidentally surfaced after a landslide. Presenting ancient artifacts as proof, Amin had claimed that a missing link in the history of Kashmir had been traced. Irrespective of these claims, it is obvious that the village had historical importance as many ancient artifacts and idols surfaced following the land-

slide. However, the ASI did not explore the site further.

The archaeological history of Kashmir, which could corroborate the written records and throw light on the pre-historic era to enable us to understand our past better, is likely to get lost due to the negligence of the ASI.

The ASI is expected to undertake surveys and excavations to bring to light the rich heritage and legacy of Kashmir. But due to several reasons, it has failed to do so. The headquarters of the ASI has been shifted to Jammu and no major excavation has been undertaken by it in the past 20 years. Some 5,000-year-old ancient sites of pit-dwellers, including Burzahom and Rangil, have been left partially excavated. As a result, they are getting damaged rapidly. No new site has come to light due to lack of any systematic survey.

Similarly, many funeral sites of the Iron Age are in a state of neglect in Ladakh. Many more are yet to be discovered.

The ancient history of the cold desert is important as the early human movement in this region can connect us to the early era that finally became a hub between Central Asia and China through the trade routes.

Lalitaditya had annexed Ladakh to Kashmir after subjugating Baltistan and Gilgit to control the trade routes. Buddhism in Tibet and China was spread through such learned Kashmiri monks as Sanghabhuti, Kumarjeev and Ratnachinta. In the 19th century, it was claimed by Russian traveller Nicolas Notovitch that a manuscript was found in a monastery that described Jesus Christ's visit to Kashmir and Tibet.

Based on this claim, in 1894, Jain

scholar Virchand Gandhi had published a book, *Unknown Life of Jesus Christ*, which became an instant hit. However, no serious attempts were made to verify this claim.

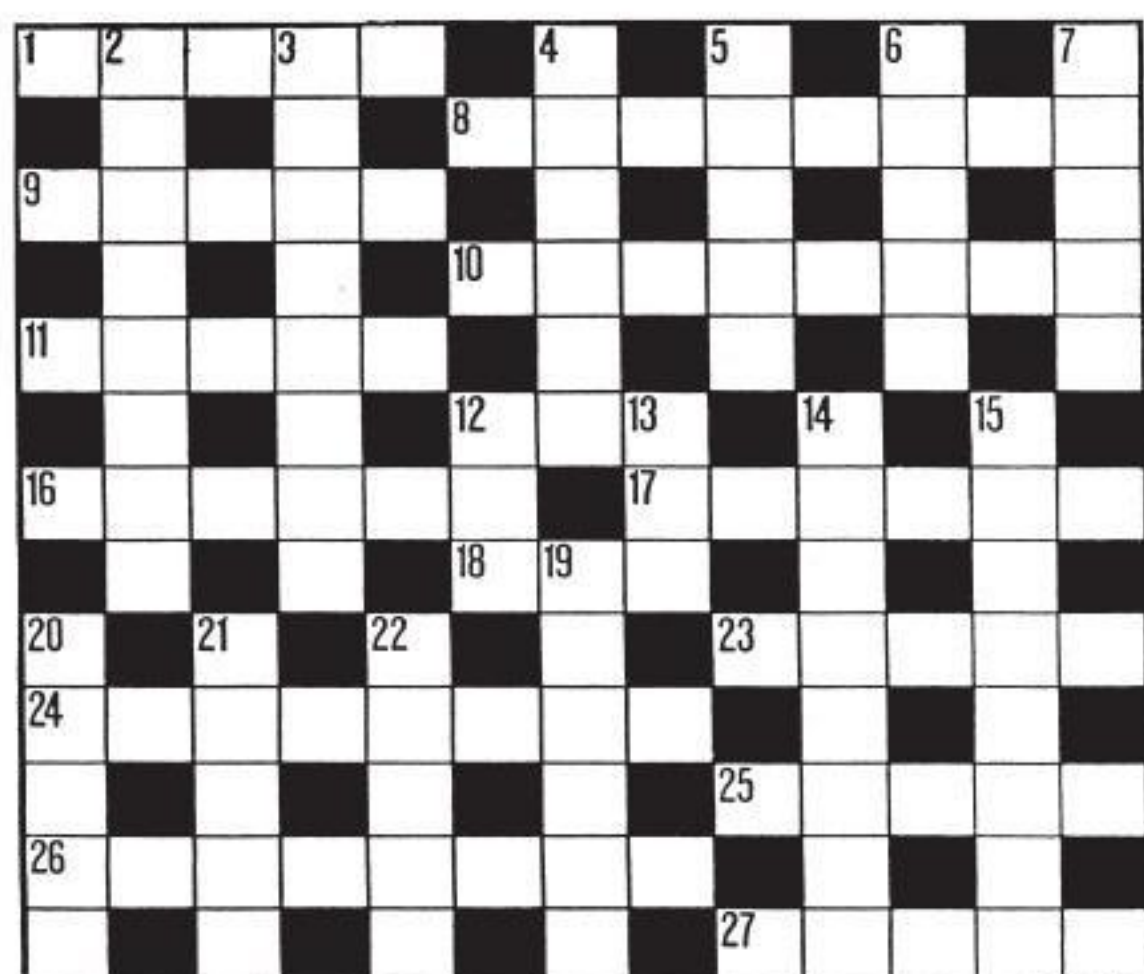
The Karkota dynasty fought many wars with Tibet, known to the then Kashmiris as Bahutta. But there are no written documents, except bits and pieces of information available in the court records of Tibetan kings, which could reveal the manoeuvre of the troops from both sides. Ladakh's history and its ancient culture remain shrouded in mystery, awaiting detailed research.

Remains of historic importance are present in abundance across the Valley, as also in Jammu and Ladakh. Serious research work needs to be undertaken on them.

Since Articles 370 and 35-A have been abrogated, real estate deals would speed up. Investors are being invited to start cement factories in Kargil, which is rich in limestone deposits. Areas with rich granite deposits may also lure investors. This move disregards a possible damage to the buried, unexplored archaeological treasures and the fragile ecology of the regions. It may deprive the Kashmiris and Ladakhis of their history forever.

Thus, it is pertinent that land is not transferred till a serious archaeological survey is conducted to ensure that possible sites are preserved. No land transaction in Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh should be allowed without clearance from the ASI. The Central government should provide adequate finance to the ASI to carry out this activity and an independent body of expert civilians should supervise the activity to avoid any possible damage.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Bed of roses, 6 Rasp, 10 Solid, 11 Espionage, 12 Liberate, 13 Spent, 15 Avarice, 17 Somehow, 19 Grapple, 21 Curtail, 22 Alter, 24 Impolite, 27 Extrovert, 28 Geese, 29 Heed, 30 At all costs.
Down: 1 Base, 2 Dalai Lama, 3 Fudge, 4 Overawe, 5 Express, 7 Adage, 8 Pretty well, 9 Consumer, 14 Bangladesh, 16 In person, 18 Heartless, 20 Eminent, 21 Capital, 23 Title, 25 Logic, 26 Less.

ACROSS

- 1 Unforeseen difficulty (5)
 - 8 A wood for cabinetwork (8)
 - 9 Up to the present (2,3)
 - 10 A fall in status (8)
 - 11 Fight (5)
 - 12 Allow (3)
 - 16 Part of the eye (6)
 - 17 Acquire (6)
 - 18 Wood used for bows (3)
 - 23 Oneness (5)
 - 24 Make impossible (8)
 - 25 To counterfeit (5)
 - 26 Plunge headlong (8)
 - 27 Condition (5)
- ### DOWN
- 2 Behind closed doors (2,6)
 - 3 Flowering climbing plant (8)
 - 4 Conditional release (6)
 - 5 Gathering of witches (5)
 - 6 Filling for pillows etc. (5)
 - 7 A scavenging animal (5)
 - 12 To place horizontally (3)
 - 13 Pull along (3)
 - 14 Be conspicuous (5,3)
 - 15 Maintain one's position (3,5)
 - 19 A salad plant (6)
 - 20 Pay out (5)
 - 21 Banquet (5)
 - 22 Clearing in a wood (5)

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EASY

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 8, 2019, TUESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2076
- Shaka Samvat 1941
- Ashwin Shaka 16
- Ashwin Parvishite 22
- Hijari 1441
- Shukla Paksh Tithi 10, up to 2:50 pm
- Dhriti Yoga up to 12:45 am
- Shravan Nakshatra up to 8:12 pm
- Moon in Capricorn sign
- Dasehra

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 18:00 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 06:20 HRS



CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	31	21
New Delhi	33	22

PUNJAB

Amritsar	32	18
Bathinda	33	19
Jalandhar	32	20
Ludhiana	31	19

HARYANA

Bhiwani	34	21
Hisar	34	21
Sirsa	33	19

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Dharamsala	24	16
Manali	20	08
Shimla	23	12

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Jammu	31	19
Leh	—	—
Srinagar	22	08

UTTARAKHAND

Dehradun	32	19
Mussoorie	23	13

TEMPERATURE IN °C

No info on curbs on telecom services: MHA in RTI reply

Home Ministry also denies details on arrests of politicians, activists

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 7

The Union Home Ministry has said it has no papers related to the restrictions imposed on telecommunication in J&K.

The ministry has also denied information with regard to widely reported arrests and detentions of politicians and activists who are residents of J&K in reply to an application made under the Right to Information (RTI) Act by an activist.

Three weeks after the Central government revoked the special status granted to J&K, Delhi-based RTI activist Venkatesh Nayak, who is also the programme head, Access to Information Programme at Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, had sought information from the Ministry of Home Affairs, where he had asked for "a clear photocopy of any

It is informed that the information sought by you is not available with the Central Public Information Officer. It is important to note that only such information can be supplied under the Act which is available and existing and is held by the public authority. MHA REPLY TO RTI QUERY

order(s)/direction(s)/instruction(s) issued for suspending Internet and telecom services in Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019". In the same RTI application, he had also sought information on a clear photocopy of any order(s)/direction(s)/instruction(s) issued in July-August 2019 for detaining or arresting leaders and members of all political parties currently active in Jammu and Kashmir. "It is informed that the information sought by you is not available with the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO). It is important to note that only such information can be supplied under the Act which is

available and existing and is held by the public authority or is held under the control of the public authority. However, the information might be available with the Director (S-JK) and the CPIO, MHA. Hence, the application is being transferred to Director (S-JK) and CPIO, MHA under Rule 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005," Director (J&K) and CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs, said in his reply dated September 17, 2019, to the RTI application. On the other hand, Director (S-J&K) and CPIO, in his reply, said the "information sought" by the RTI activist "is not available

with the undersigned and may be treated as NIL". "However, the information might be available with state government of J&K. It is also informed that your application cannot be transferred to the state government as the RTI Act, 2005, is not applicable in the state of J&K. It is advised that you may, if eligible, seek information directly from the state government under the Jammu and Kashmir Right to Information Act, 2009," the reply by the second CPIO said.

"Any order imposing curbs on travel and telecommunications will at least be copied to the Home Ministry in which the J&K division is housed, if not actually directed by the MHA. So the CPIOs' replies that they have no information about the curbs imposed and the arrests and detention of residents of J&K are not based on truth and reality," the RTI applicant said.

Pakintruder arrested near IB

JAMMU, OCTOBER 7

A Pakistani intruder was arrested by Border Security Force personnel along the international border here on Monday, officials said.

The intruder was apprehended soon after he crossed the border in the RS Pura sector of Jammu, they said.

He was being questioned, the officials said, refusing to divulge any other details.

Meanwhile, with the arrest of a Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist from Baramulla, the police in Jammu and Kashmir have neutralised a newly formed group of the terror outfit that had planned to foment violence by targeting security forces and civilians.

Mohsin Manzoor Salha, a resident of Old Town Baramulla, was arrested along with arms and ammunition on Sunday. He was a part of a newly raised group of three terrorists aimed at conducting terror activities in Baramulla district, the police said. — PTI, IANS

Fissures in PDP over who goes to meet Mehbooba

MLC alleges delegation members did not consult anyone

ARTEEV SHARMA
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JAMMU, OCTOBER 7

A day after Jammu-based PDP leaders deferred their meeting with party president Mehbooba Mufti, a vertical split on Monday came to the fore with former general secretary and lone MLC from Jammu region Surinder Choudhary alleging that the party delegation was "full of land grabbers and property dealers".

Choudhary said the leaders of the delegation, who were scheduled to visit Kashmir to meet Mehbooba Mufti, did not consult anyone and had been projecting themselves as "saviour of the PDP" in the Jammu region "to save themselves and their lands from the action of the administration".

"It is not the PDP delegation but a delegation of land grabbers and property dealers who are associated with the party only to save them-



Surinder Choudhary

selves and their lands from the administration. They have no respect or love for the party. They want to remain in the limelight to save themselves in the name of PDP leadership. They are bringing bad name to the party," the PDP MLC, who has good public following, told a news portal here.

In a scathing attack, Choudhary alleged, "these are the leaders who have destroyed the PDP in Jammu region and the party could not revive its old position till these leaders are not sidelined. I went to Srinagar twice since August 5, seeking a meet-

ing with the PDP chief, but the administration did not allow me for the same".

The MLC, who unsuccessfully contested the last Assembly elections from Nowshera seat, also questioned the timing of the meeting with the PDP chief, saying "two important festivals of Hindus—Ramnavmi and Dasehra—were there. Why did they choose these particular days? Whether they have no respect for Hindu festivals? I will not compromise with my religion and my people. I am Hindu first and then associated with the PDP".

On Sunday, a delegation of 18 Jammu-based PDP leaders had deferred their meeting with Mehbooba Mufti scheduled for Monday following the "suggestions by the party high command". Permission for the meeting was granted by the administration on the request of PDP's Jammu leaders.

BDC elections: 163 observers appointed

JAMMU, OCTOBER 7

The election authority (Chief Electoral Officer), J&K, has appointed 163 observers for the conduct of election for chairpersons of the Block Development Councils (BDCs) in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an order issued by the CEO, 79 observers have been appointed for the Jammu division, 63 for the Kashmir division and 16 for the Ladakh division for the

conduct of the BDC elections in J&K.

Meanwhile, the General Administration Department has directed all the observers appointed in connection with the conduct of the BDC elections in the state to report to the respective Deputy Commissioner or District Panchayat Election Officer by or before October 9 corresponding to the last date for filling of nomination papers. — TNS

Govt revokes ban on travel of tourists to Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 7

As Kashmir is limping back to normalcy, the Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday lifted the ban on travel of tourists to the Valley from October 10.

Governor Satya Pal Malik directed that the Home Department's advisory asking tourists to leave the Valley be lifted immediately. "This (lifting of security advisory) will be done with effect from October 10," said an official statement.

The decision was taken during a situation-cum-security review meeting today chaired by the Governor with the Advisors and the Chief Secretary.

In the run-up to the decision on the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of J&K into two Union Territories, the state government had issued an advisory on August 2 asking tourists and Amarnath pilgrims to immediately leave the Valley.

The Principal Secretary, Home, Shalin Kabra, in the



Security men frisk passengers in Srinagar on Monday. AMIN WAR

security advisory, had asked pilgrims and tourists to "curtail their stay" and

terror threats, with specific targeting of the Amarnath yatra, and given the prevailing security situation in the Kashmir valley, in the interest of safety and security of the tourists and Amarnath yatis, it is advised that they may curtail their stay in the Valley immediately and take necessary measures to return as soon as possible," it had said.

The Governor has been holding situation-cum-security review meetings on a daily basis for two

hours generally from 6 to 8 pm each day since August 5. Initially, the meetings focused on reviewing the security scenario following the imposition of restrictions.

For the past six weeks, all security restrictions were removed in most parts of J&K. In today's meeting, the Governor was also briefed about BDC elections. He was informed that there was active interest in the elections and most of the seats of chairpersons of BDCs would be filled.

including the Smart City project, tulip garden and upgrade of electricity grid. However, in the last two years, the present government had halted almost all of them. Not even one penny had been spent on the Smart City project.

He said the government was planning to hold an investors' meet in Dharamsala, while local investors, including hoteliers, were a harried lot. The local municipal corporation had not cleared their maps and the entire work had been halted, he added.

Asked about infighting in the party in Dharamsala, Rathore said all leaders were united. The entire Congress was working as a unit to ensure victory in the byelections.

He said many Congress MLAs would start campaigning after October 10. Senior leaders would also be holding rallies, he added.

Snowfall at Rohtang, over 150 vehicles stranded



The Rohtang Pass on the Manali-Leh highway wears a white mantle on Monday. PTI

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MANDI, OCTOBER 7

Over 150 vehicles were stranded on the Manali-Leh highway near the Rohtang Pass on Monday morning after fresh snowfall in the area. Hundreds of people, including tourists, were left stranded between Marhi and Rohtang for hours, forcing the Manali administration to lead a rescue operation to evacuate people.

It was early morning when it suddenly started snowing at the Rohtang Pass and in nearby areas. Within an hour the region witnessed 30 cm of snowfall. An HRTC bus on its way to Keylong from Manali got stuck in snowfall at the Rahni nullah. The driver was forced to take the bus carrying 34 passengers back to Manali. Manali Sub-Divisional Magistrate Raman Gharsanghi along with a police force arrived there to oversee rescue of the stranded people. The SDM said that rescuing stranded

Landslide blocks Nahan road for five hours

The Kumarhatti-Nahan national highway remained closed for nearly five hours from 3 am this morning due to a massive landslide near Laddu village.

Vehicles were stuck on both sides of the road. Though the PWD staff were pressed into service to clear the debris, the highway was partially opened by 8 am. The disruption of the traffic inconvenienced commuters travelling from Solan, Nahan, Kala Amb, Paonta Sahib and nearby areas.



people and vehicles was it was a full-day exercise. Over 150 vehicles were stranded, which were moved away with the help of the police and the Border Roads Organisation. "The movement of vehicles between Manali and Keylong has been restricted for the next few days following the fresh snowfall. Traffic movement between Manali and Keylong will be

restored as soon as the snow is removed from the highway," he added.

Meanwhile, following fresh snowfall at the mighty Rohtang Pass, residents of Lahaul-Spiti have been cut off from the rest of the state. There were reports that the Kunzum Pass towards Spiti and the Baralacha La towards Leh also received considerable snowfall.

State copter misused to bring Nadda: Rathore

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, OCTOBER 7
HPC president Kuldeep Rathore today alleged that Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur had violated the election code of conduct by using an official helicopter to bring national working BJP president JP Nadda from Delhi.

Rathore, addressing media-persons here, said as the code of conduct was in force for the two byelections, the Chief Minister should not have used the official helicopter for Nadda.

The Congress would write to the Election Commission to include the expenses incurred on the use of the helicopter for Nadda in the election expenditure of the BJP.

He said the BJP was planning to bring in investors for the Dharamsala meet in chartered planes and luxury cars. This was unprecedented, especially in view of the fact that the state was



National working BJP president JP Nadda with Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, ex-Chief Minister PK Dhumal and other ministers in Bilaspur on Monday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

already under a debt of about Rs 60,000 crore. The government should not extend luxuries to the 'prospective' investors

when it was not sure whether they would invest in the state or not. The investors should come to the meet on their own rather

than at the expense of taxpayers' money, he added. Rathore alleged that the Congress had started various projects in Dharamsala,

BJP cheated people on NH issue: Cong

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, OCTOBER 7
Leader of the Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri today said the ruling BJP has cheated the masses on the issue of granting 69 national highways (NHs) to the state as despite lapse of more than three years no work had begun.

Agnihotri said the BJP had raised much noise about these NHs. The party also made electoral gains by raising this issue but the reality was exactly the opposite as the Union government had now refused to construct new highways. He said the people of Pach-



Mukesh Agnihotri

had would give a befitting reply to the BJP for resorting to this false propaganda. He said no work of any sort was underway to construct these highways in Sirmour and the gullible people, who were befooled, would now give the BJP an apt reply during bypoll.

U'khand MLA's reply sought for backing rival candidate

DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 7

The Uttarakhand BJP has demanded explanation from one of its MLAs on an audio clip in which he is purportedly heard canvassing for an independent panchayat polls candidate, pitted against the one supported by the party.

Taking cognisance of MLA Umesh Sharma Kau's purported audio clip, which has gone viral, the party's state unit's general secretary Rajendra Bhandari issued a notice to the legislator, seeking his explanation within three days.

Pradesh BJP media in charge Devendra Bhasin said the notice was issued to MLA Kau on Sunday on the direc-

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tions of party state unit president Ajay Bhatt.

"The MLA's conduct has been viewed by the state party leadership as a breach of the party discipline," he said.

"If Kau does not offer an explanation within three days, it will be assumed that he has nothing to say on the matter," he added. Pradesh BJP presi-

dent and Nainital MP Ajay Bhatt on Monday said discipline is among the party's topmost priorities and no breach of it will be tolerated.

On the recent expulsion of 90 party workers and the notice to Kau, Bhat said action was taken to give a clear message that breach of discipline cannot be tolerated. — PTI



BSE
141.33
37,531.98

NSE
48.35
11,126.40

GOLD
₹38,239
Mumbai

SILVER
₹45,250
Mumbai

USD	EURO	POUND	JPY	YUAN	CAD	AUD	SGD	HKD
₹71.02	₹78.09	₹87.53	₹0.66	₹9.93	₹53.37	₹47.88	₹51.45	₹9.05

Despite slowdown, relentless demand for new car models

Waiting period ranges from one to seven months



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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 7

If you are planning to buy a car thinking that your favourite one would be readily available, since the passenger car industry is piled up with inventory, think again! Notwithstanding slowdown, there are many models that are enjoying relentless demand in the market, especially the new launches with a waiting period ranging from one to seven months riding on festive wave.

For example, the waiting period for Maruti Suzuki XL6, launched in August this year, stretches to six weeks. According to senior sales executive at Nexa, Chandigarh, except for XL6, all models and variants are readily available. "However, if the particular variant or colour is not available, it takes 10-14 days," said a senior salesperson at Nexa

Stan, Chandigarh.

Hyundai, the second largest player in the Indian passenger car market, is having a waiting period on Venue and Grand i10 Nios, launched in May and August this year, respectively, of up to three months and two months, respectively, across all cities in North.

Launched in August this year, Kia Motors' Seltos has a waiting period ranging between one and a half month and four months depending upon the model.

Further, having received encouraging response, Harrier Dark Edition and Nexon Kraz+ by Tata Motors are having waiting period ranging from four to five weeks. Most of the models by Honda cars are readily available.

"Launched in February this year, the waiting period for Mahindra XUV 300 is around one month," said Pankaj Singh, a sales

associate at Mahindra dealership.

Imported as CBU (completely built-up unit), the waiting period for Toyota Camry ranges between one and four months.

Similarly, Renault's new Kwid and Triber carry a waiting period of up to six weeks. Also, overwhelming demand and a capacity crunch at MG's plant in Halol, Gujarat, has led to the waiting period for Hector little longer to six months.

According to sources in auto sector, all waiting periods are indicative and depend on factors such as colour, variant and location. The northern region, comprising Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, contributes 25-30% to the total sales.

Backed by demand, which is reflected by the waiting period, many

MODEL	WAITING PERIOD
Maruti Suzuki XL6	6 weeks
Hyundai Venue	3 months
Hyundai i10 Nios	2 months
Kia Motors' Seltos	up to 4 months
Tata's Harrier	4-5 weeks
Mahindra XUV 300	1 month
Toyota Camry	up to 4 months
Renault's Kwid, Triber	up to 6 weeks

automakers have started ramping up the production capacity to reduce the waiting period. For example, with increased supplies from its global and local component suppliers, MG Motors is starting second shift at its plants from November.

Automakers are expecting encouraging sales in October riding on festive wave. The domestic auto sales continued to remain subdued in September as buyers deferred purchases due to 'shradhs', weak market sentiment and inventory correction by the automakers. However, compared to August, vehicle sales increased by 15.25% on the back of discounts.

As Oyo booms, more Indian hotels cry foul and check out

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 7

Oyo Hotels and Homes shot out of nowhere to become one of the world's largest hotel chains with a simple promise of "hassle-free" online booking, transparent pricing and cheerful lodging.

But as the Softbank-backed startup pushes toward profitability, an increasing number of Indian hotel operators who have partnered with it are complaining about being blindsided by fee increases.

The backlash against Oyo — while limited to a small share of the more than 10,000 hotel owners in India who work with it — comes at a crucial time for an emerging-market unicorn valued at \$10 billion and its major investor.

Softbank, which has invested nearly \$1 billion in Oyo, is struggling to raise funding for a second investment fund in the wake of the failed offering of office-rental company WeWork and amid questions about the path to profitability of other marquee investments like Uber. Oyo has not yet turned a profit.

In the background of the discontent is the disruption

TO RAISE \$1.5 BN IN LATEST ROUND OF FUNDING

Oyo on Monday said it will raise \$1.5 billion (nearly Rs 10,650 crore), as part of its latest round of funding, which will be utilised for expansion in the US and strengthening its vacation rentals business in Europe.

Oyo Hotels and Homes founder and CEO (Global) Ritesh Agarwal will infuse approximately \$700 million as primary capital in the company. The balance \$800 million will be supplemented by other existing investors, the company said.

TWO HOTELIERS FILE POLICE COMPLAINTS

A group representing hotel operators in Bengaluru called for a criminal probe into Oyo last month, saying the company was withholding money because of unfair fee increases.

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Oyo has denied the allegations, saying the company operates with a high level of "integrity, transparency and commitment" with its partners.



some Indian hotel operators say the startup often ends up taking half or more of revenues through fees that were not initially disclosed.

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Agarwal successfully appealed to the Karnataka High Court for a stay order on one case in Bengaluru, and a police official said the order barred police from investigating. In the other complaint, in the town of Chikkamagaluru, police are investigating, an official there said.

Oyo has denied the allegations and said Agarwal declined comment on the legal complaint. The company said it operates with a high level of "integrity, transparency and commitment" with its partners. — Reuters

Oyo has brought to India's lodging market — often to the delight of India's middle-class travellers and to the dismay of hotel owners who have seen room rates driven

down at a time when economic growth has slowed.

Oyo charges hotels a roughly 20% franchise fee on room revenues when hotels join its network, but

Volkswagen merges three Indian entities into one

New Delhi:

Volkswagen Group India on Monday said it has received regulatory and statutory approvals to merge its three passenger car subsidiaries in the country into one entity which would be referred to as Skoda Auto Volkswagen India. The merged entity, which includes Volkswagen India, Volkswagen Group Sales India and Skoda Auto India, would be led by Gurpratap Boparai. The Pune-headquartered company will operate two production facilities in Pune and Aurangabad, and have regional offices in Mumbai, New Delhi and other locations across the country.



HSBC to issue pink slip to 10,000 more employees

Hong Kong:

HSBC is planning to lay off up to 10,000 staff, a report said on Monday, just weeks after announcing the resignation of its chief executive and the cutting of 4,000 posts citing a weak global outlook. The latest losses, mostly in high-paid roles, are part of a fresh cost-cutting drive by interim boss Noel Quinn as the banking titan struggles to adjust to falling interest rates, Brexit and the long-running trade war, the Financial Times reported. "We've known for years that we need to do something about our cost base, the largest component of which is people — now we are finally grasping the nettle," the paper quoted an unnamed source as saying. The bank last month announced the shock exit of CEO John Flint after just 18 months in the hot seat.

Food delivery app Swiggy to expand presence

New Delhi:

Food delivery platform Swiggy on Monday said it will expand presence to 600 cities and 200 universities across the country by December. Currently, it is present in 500 cities and 75 universities, Swiggy said. Through its Swiggy Launchpad Programme, the company is seeking to enable students to set up Swiggy's operations in their universities. Swiggy views students as its strongest brand ambassadors and plans to expand to 200 universities by December 2019, it said. At the same time, Swiggy continues to add sustainable value to the ecosystem in these towns, it added. Since its inception five years ago, the company has received an overwhelming response from tier 3 and 4 cities, allowing it to successfully penetrate even the smallest markets.



The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

Motia leases 26,000 sq ft to Reliance Superstore

Motia Group has leased out an area of 26,000 sq ft to Reliance Smart Superstore at Motiaz Royal Business Park located on Chandigarh-Ambala national highway in Zirakpur. Motia Group director LC Mittal inaugurated the store, which is a one-stop shop catering to all household needs.

Cleanliness awareness rally held at RCF, Kapurthala



To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, various programmes were held under 'Swachhta Pakhwada' in Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, on October 2. The campaign started with 'Swachhta' pledge at Maharaja Ranjit Singh Stadium, where general manager Ravindra Gupta along with all officers, staff and their family members were present. He called upon everyone to make daily cleaning of their workplaces and surroundings a routine in their life. A cleanliness awareness rally was also held.

NFL organises cleanliness drive on Gandhi Jayanti



National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) organised a cleanliness drive at all of its units and offices to

mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Manoj Mishra, C&MD, NFL, along with directors led the employees in a drive to clear plastic and other waste from areas around the office premises. He exhorted employees to promote cleanliness throughout the year.

PSPCL holds blood donation camp, 238 units collected



To mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the central zone of PSPCL organised a blood donation camp in Ludhiana on October 4. Engineer-in-chief DPS Grewal inaugurated the camp at Power Officers' Club. As many as 238 units of blood were collected during the camp.

St Soldier Group, Focus College, Canada, in pact



St. Soldier Group of Institutions, Jalandhar, has signed a MoU with Focus College, BC, Canada. The MoU was signed by Prince Chopra, pro-chairman of St Soldier Group of Institutions, and Kristianne Viher, business development manager on behalf of Sajjad Ali, CEO, Focus College, Canada.

Xoom announces higher ceiling for fund transfer

Xoom, PayPal's international money transfer service, has announced that its Canadian

customers can now send up to \$75,000 (CAD) in a single transaction at competitive exchange rates to nearly 50 countries around the world, including the US, India, the Philippines, and Bangladesh. They can now easily invest abroad, repatriate savings and provide financial support to loved ones across the globe.

Airtel felicitates 218 girls from the region



To empower the girl child, Airtel has distributed 218 bicycles to the daughters of its rural distributors across Upper North, comprising Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J&K, under the initiative 'Airtel ki Laadli'.

Boman Irani to endorse P Mark mustard oil

P Mark mustard oil has roped in actor Boman Irani as its brand ambassador. The new series of advertisements leverage on Irani's versatility and his sense of comic timing to create hilarious situations that will go a long way in enhancing brand recall.

Flipkart's 'The Big Billion Days' event clocks record sales

Flipkart has witnessed record sales in its flagship festive event — The Big Billion Days 2019. It clocked 70 billion views in the six days. There was almost 50% growth in the number of new customers

as compared to 2018. The share of transactions through Flipkart's credit options increased 70%.

Bikaji Foods signs Big B as brand ambassador

Bikaji Foods International has signed megastar Amitabh Bachchan as its brand ambassador. The brand-new campaign, 'Amitji Loves Bikaji', focuses on making the brand the preferred snacking choice for today's generation.

Ujjivan strengthens drug awareness campaign



Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd, along with Parinaam Foundations, has launched a drug awareness campaign through 'Chote Kadam' programme to combat drug addiction in Punjab. Launched in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Barnala and Jalandhar, Ujjivan aims to revamp infrastructure at rehabilitation centres which can be used by public for recreational hangouts.

Duke Fashions unveils AW-19 collection

Duke Fashions has launched AW19 collection for the fall 2019-20 season. It offers garments for men, women and kids. Inspired by vast and vibrant heritage of colours, textures and prints juxtaposed with western cuts, the collection is fun, fashionable, quirky and rides high on international appeal.

SBI inaugurates newly renovated SME branch

SBI has inaugurated its newly renovated premises of SME branch in Sector 8-C Chandigarh. The branch was inaugurated by Manoj Parida, Adviser to Administrator, UT Chandigarh, in the presence of Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, CGM, SBI, Chandigarh Circle, and Surendra Rana, GM Network II, Chandigarh.

Reliance MF renamed as Nippon India MF



Reliance Mutual Fund has been renamed as Nippon India Mutual Fund as Nippon Life Insurance has purchased 75% stake in the company to become the single largest shareholder in the venture. This is one of the largest FDI investments in the Indian financial sector. Sundeep Sikka will continue to lead the company with same management.

Kishco unveils 'pure kansa' collection in Chandigarh



Cutlery, cookware and tableware brand Kishco has brought ancient wisdom to the modern table with the introduction of their latest 'pure kansa' collection. The collection was launched by wellness expert and managing director Dr Namita Jain, who is a recipient of the honorary post doctorate from the Young Scientist University, USA for excellence in the field of healthcare and wellness.



GLOBE TROT



PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT: Environmental protesters gather around a statue confiscated by police on Lambeth bridge in central London on Monday.

21 held in UK as part of global environment protests
LONDON: Twenty-one people were arrested on Monday in the UK at the start of two weeks of protests by environmental campaigners...

Pak court to hear Sharif's appeal against conviction
ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani court will hear on Monday the appeal of jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif against his conviction in a corruption case...

Iran arrests Insta star for posting Jolie-lookalike photos
TEHRAN: An Iranian Instagram star who posted her spooky images resembling Hollywood actor Angelina Jolie has been arrested on blasphemy charges...



Democrats ask US envoys to testify over Trump-Kiev efforts

Gordon Sondland, Masha Yovanovitch called for closed-door testimony

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7
A number of US diplomats have been called to Capitol Hill for closed-door testimony this week as Democrats build their impeachment case against President Donald Trump...



US President Donald Trump responds to a question about the whistleblower at the White House.

NEW WHISTLEBLOWER MAY GIVE FRESH LEADS

A text from attorney Mark Zaid, who represents both whistleblowers, told The Associated Press that the new whistleblower works in the intelligence field and has spoken to the intelligence community's internal watchdog...

European Union who was involved in efforts to get Ukraine to open the investigations, and Masha Yovanovitch, who was abruptly recalled from her post as US ambassador to

Ukraine in May after Trump supporters questioned her loyalty to the president. The White House could formally tell House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi as early as Monday that it will

ignore lawmakers' demands for documents until the Democratic-controlled House holds a vote to formally approve the impeachment inquiry. Pelosi says a vote is not needed. — AP

US most prolific serial killer has murdered at least 50: FBI

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 7
A 79-year-old man murdered at least 50 people, making him the most prolific serial killer in US history, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said on Sunday. Samuel Little confessed to 93 homicides mostly of women between 1970 and 2005, the FBI said.

For many years, Samuel Little believed he would not be caught because he thought no one was accounting for his victims.

Christie Palazzolo, FBI CRIME ANALYST

site showing his videotaped recollections of unidentified killings, alongside sketches drawn by Little of the people he claims to have murdered. "Many of his victims' deaths, however, were originally ruled overdoses or attributed to accidental or

HK govt mulls curbs on Net

HONG KONG, OCTOBER 7
Hong Kong's government may censor the internet in a bid to contain months of increasingly violent pro-democracy protests, a cabinet member said Monday, after an emergency-law ban on demonstrators wearing face masks failed to quell the unrest. In a radio interview Monday, Ip Kwok-him, a veteran pro-Beijing politician and member of Hong Kong's executive council, fuelled those concerns when he said controls on the internet could be introduced. — AFP

Kurds blast POTUS over Syria pullback



Kurds demonstrate around a US armored vehicle in Syria's Hasakeh province near Turkish border on Monday.

SYRIA, OCTOBER 7
US forces in northern Syria started pulling back on Monday from areas along the Turkish border ahead of a feared military invasion by Ankara that Kurdish forces say would spark a jihadist resurgence. The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said in a statement that "US forces withdrew from the border areas with Turkey" in north-east Syria.

US: Turkey to invade Northern Syria

The White House says Turkey will soon invade Northern Syria, casting uncertainty on the fate of the Kurdish fighters allied with the US against in a campaign against the Islamic State group. Press secretary Stephanie Grisham says US troops "will not support or be involved in the operation" and "will no longer be in the immediate area."

of its surviving leaders to come out of hiding. It also warned that a Turkish invasion would pose a threat to SDF-run prisons and informal settlements housing thousands of IS jihadists and their families. Ankara wants to push the US-backed Syrian Kurdish forces from its border, saying that the group is a "terrorist" offshoot of Kurdish insurgents in Turkey. The Turkish military has twice launched offensives in Syria against IS in 2016, and in 2018 against the People's Protection Units (YPG), the backbone of the SDF. — AFP

Government of Punjab E-TENDER NOTICE No. 32/PWSSD/SGR Dated: 07.10.2019. Providing, installing, testing & commissioning of 3 No. Tubewells size 300mmx200mm mtr. with reverse Rotary Rig upto 200 mtr. (650') deep complete in all respect...

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Notice Reference No. 04/2019. On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Division, Bathinda invites percentage rate tender through eligible L&C Societies/Bidders for the Project enlisted with Punjab Panchayati Raj Department...

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਆਮ ਰਾਜ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਅਮਲ-5 ਥਾਪਾ) ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ (ਟੈਕਨੀਕਲ/ਵਿੱਤੀ) ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸੇਵਾ ਨਿਭਾਅ ਰਹੇ 15 ਡਰਾਈਵਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ 117 ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਮਿਤੀ 31.3.2020 ਤੱਕ (ਅੱਗੇ ਸਾਰੀ ਗੱਦੀ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ) ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਡੀ.ਐੱਸ. ਟੈਂਡਰ (ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ) ਤੇ ਆਊਟਰਿੰਗ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਕਨੀਕਲ ਪੇਕੇਜਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 28.10.2019 ਨੂੰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ...

PUNJAB STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SCO No. 20-21-22, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh SEALED TENDER Sealed tenders for installation of three digital Photostat machines, on per copy monthly rental basis, as per specifications, which may be seen on the website of the Commission www.pshrc.net...

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Barnala invites online bids for following: Construction of Office Building for Division office, Barnala at Water Supply Scheme Khuddi Kalan District Barnala...

TENDER NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) INS INDIA E-Bids are invited by the Commanding Officer, INS India, Dara Shukoh Road, New Delhi — 110011 from Registered contractors for conclusion of annual contract for supply of Condiments, Vinegar, Grama Masala and Pre-Mix Masala for the period of one year...

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders against tender notice no. 433-Sig-T-16-19-20 Closing Date/Time 21/10/2019 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only...

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH No.: PGI/Engg/HE(Const.)/2019/001260 Dated: 07.10.2019 CORRIGENDUM DNIT No. PGI/Engg/H.E. (Const.)/2019/97 Due to some Administrative reasons, the dates for the work of "Addition and Alteration in Liver ICU, Block-C, Level-II, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh (Civil work), is re-scheduled as under:-

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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDERING OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NIT-23/UJMB-2019-20 DATED 04.10.2019 Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

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BRIEFLY

VADODARA
Hazare Trophy: HP beat Vidarbha by 6 wickets
 Prashant Chopra's 82 runs helped Himachal Pradesh beat Vidarbha by six wickets in their Group B Vijay Hazare Trophy match. Chopra did the bulk of scoring as his side successfully chased down the target of 184 with 20 balls remaining. The match was reduced to 42-over-a-side affair.

Brief Scores: Vidarbha: 183 all out (Ganesh Satish 67; Rishi Dhawan 4/35); **Himachal Pradesh:** 184/4 in 38.4 overs (Prashant Chopra 82; Yash Thakur 2/21)

NEW DELHI
Vijender's next fight on November 22

After a winning start in the American professional circuit, Vijender Singh will next be seen in action in Dubai on November 22 against a yet-to-be-finalised opponent. Vijender claimed a technical knockout against Mike Snider in his US debut fight in July. The super middleweight boxer is currently training in Manchester under his trainer Lee Beard.

NEW DELHI
Saina facing visa issues for Denmark Open

Saina Nehwal is facing visa issues for her participation in next week's Denmark Open and he has sought the help of External Affairs Ministry to sort out the matter. The Denmark Open will be played at Odense from October 15 to 20. "I have an urgent request regarding visa for me and my trainer to Denmark. I have a tournament next week in Odense and we don't have our visas processed yet. Our matches are starting on Tuesday next week," tweeted Saina.

LONDON
Silverwood replaces Bayliss as England head coach

Chris Silverwood was named England head coach in place of Trevor Bayliss as the England and Wales Cricket Board opted against another overseas candidate to take the team forward. The 44-year-old Silverwood first assignment will be England's tour of New Zealand on which they play five T20Is starting on November 1 and two Tests, before they travel to South Africa.

GREATER NOIDA
Gujarat beat Telugu Titans 48-38 in PKL

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Pacer's mastery over reverse swing, a skill crucial on Indian pitches, is reason behind his success

Shake it like Shami

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
 Fast bowlers usually play second fiddle to their slow-bowling counterparts on the final day of Tests on the Subcontinent but Mohammed Shami's performance in India's Test win over South Africa in Visakhapatnam on Sunday told a different story.

It has been almost a tradition for quicks to begin proceedings before retreating into the background to watch the spinners wreak havoc on fifth day dust-bowls in the region. The lack of carry on such tracks limits a quick's scope for success, which often comes either by reverse swing or through a brain-fade moment by the batsmen.

On Sunday, Shami demonstrated how a quick can succeed on such tracks, combining his reverse-swinging ability with a relentless attack on the stumps. The bustling right-arm quick has already emerged as a second innings specialist and he burnished that reputation with figures of 5/35 against Faf du Plessis's side.

"Shami has been a strike bowler for us in the second innings consistently now," India captain Virat Kohli said after they went 1-0 up in the three-Test series. "If you see all his four-five-wicket hauls, they come in the second innings invariably when the team needs it. The ball is reversing a bit, that's his strength," he added.

Shami now has three five-wicket hauls in the second innings since 2018, most by any bowler, and four of his five South African victims were dismissed bowled. One of them was du Plessis, who shouldered-armed to a delivery and watched in horror as his off-stump

Numbers game
48 Of Mohammed Shami's 158 wickets in Tests, 48 (30.38%) have been clean bowled
17.34 Shami's second-innings average at home. His bowling average at home in Tests is 23.57 and his second-innings average overall is 22.58
5 Shami took five wickets in just 10.5 overs on Day 5 — four of them by hitting the stumps

"I told Shami that I want him to become a tearaway pacer, running through batting line-ups. He has seam and swing, besides that he has reverse swing which very few bowlers in the Subcontinent have. I told him you can become king of reverse swing

— Shoaib Akhtar

went cartwheeling. India opener Rohit Sharma said it was just reward for the quick, who offered no respite to the batsmen.

"He makes the batsman play all the balls, which is slightly tough on that kind of pitch," said Rohit. "When you know you have

to play all the six balls, and the pitch at times, as we have seen, is doing something from the crack, or staying low at times...the batsman doesn't really know what's coming next, because he (Shami) can swing it both ways."

Shami said it took more than just his ability to reverse-swing the ball. "It's not easy to bowl when you know reverse-swing is happening," said the 29-year-old. "You need to pitch it in the right area, you need to make sure that the ball is just around off-stump, so that it comes and hits the middle stump. Otherwise sometimes you can drag the ball on to pads and leak a lot of runs," he added. — Reuters

MAYANK PLAYS FEARLESSLY, LIKE SEHWAG: VVS

Visakhapatnam: Former India great VVS Laxman feels Mayank Agarwal's "fearless" approach in batting resembles that of the maverick Virender Sehwag, who has been the Karnataka opener's idol. Agarwal had come into the limelight with two half-centuries in his maiden Test tour of Australia but a maiden double hundred (215) against South Africa has consolidated his position in the national team, feels former India spinner Harbhajan Singh. "He is a solid batsman and has approached this game like a domestic match. Players usually change the way they play in domestic and international cricket, but he managed to maintain his style in both forms of cricket," Laxman said about Agarwal. "Mental toughness and stability are his strengths and he plays fearlessly just like his favourite, Virender Sehwag," Harbhajan feels years of grind in domes-

tic circuit has paid dividends as Agarwal is aware of what is expected of him. "Mayank uses his feet well when he comes forward and hits and also executes the reverse sweep shots," said Harbhajan. "He has a lot (shots) in store and plays them when and where needed. He is a hardworking player; the players who come from domestic cricket background have learned a lot. They come in late but have so much knowledge and experience of the game that they value and understand every opportunity that the game brings to them," said Harbhajan. Harbhajan also feels that Agarwal did well because he was sure about his role in the team. "Once a player is confident about his role and place in the game, he only needs to focus on his performance. Rohit was trying to play a different game but Agarwal stuck to his game," he added. — PTI



Rohit career-best 17th in Test rankings

DUBAI, OCTOBER 7
 India opener Rohit Sharma, who became the first player to score a century in each innings of his maiden Test as opener, jumped to a career-best 17th position in the ICC Test batsmen rankings.

Rohit, who now has five centuries from 28 Tests, gained a whopping 36 spots after his knocks of 176 and 127 in the first Test against South Africa in Visakhapatnam helped India win by 203 runs and take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Mayank Agarwal has also attained a career-best 25th position after his first innings double century lifted him 38 places.

Captain Virat Kohli, who retained his second spot, has dropped below the 900-point mark for the first time since January 2018. He is now on 899 points, 38 behind top-ranked Steve Smith of Australia.

Among the bowlers, off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has made a comeback to the top-10 after his match haul of eight wickets, moving up four places from 14th to 10th. He has also moved into the top-5 among all-rounders. Fast bowler Mohammed Shami has reached a career-best 710 points that took him from 18th to 16th, two below his career-best 14th rank, while Ravindra Jadeja has leapfrogged Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan to take second position among the all-rounders.

India have gained 40 points in the ICC World Test Championship table after the win at Visakhapatnam and are now on 160 points,



"Rohit Sharma has a much better technique than Virender Sehwag. Sehwag just had a will and aggressive mindset to hit shots all across the park. He (Rohit) has got great timing, a variety of shots and elegance. I really thought that he is the Inzamam-ul-Haq of India. Earlier, he had less passion for Tests as he wanted to be a specialist batsman for all different formats. Now you can see when Rohit put this thought out of his mind, he scored a century

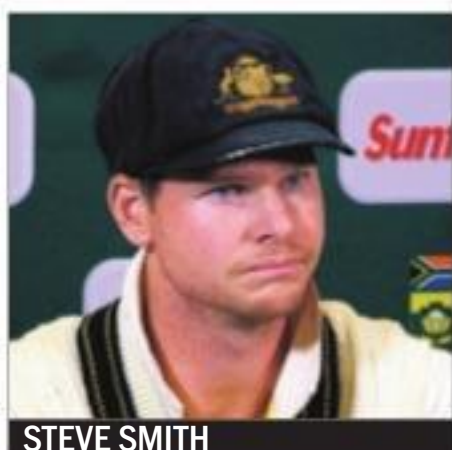
— Shoaib Akhtar

having won full 120 points for a 2-0 series win in the West Indies earlier this year. New Zealand and Sri Lanka are on 60 points each after their 1-1 series draw while Australia and England are on 56 points each after their 2-2 series draw in a five-match Ashes series. — PTI

Smith returns to play Sheffield Shield

SYDNEY, OCTOBER 7
 Australia batsmen Steve Smith and David Warner will play their first domestic Sheffield Shield matches in almost two years when they turn out for New South Wales against Queensland on Thursday.

Neither player has appeared in a four-day Shield match since November, 2017 when both also appeared for New South Wales against Queensland. The pair missed all of the 2018-19 season while serving 12-month suspensions for their role in the March 2018 ball-tampering scandal in South Africa. They



STEVE SMITH

were named to play for New South Wales in the first round of the 2019-20 season along with Australia teammate Mitchell Starc.

Smith and Warner returned to Test cricket during the Ashes series in England in August-September. — AP

WFI to punish 5 for fake certificates

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
 The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has threatened to file criminal charges against five junior wrestlers after discovering that fake certificates are being furnished by job-seekers.

It is understood that the four, backed by the fake participation certificates, had sought to enter their names for the trials called by the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB). As is the norm, the SSCB had sent a few applications, including the ones submitted by the four, to verify their claims. Certificates submitted by Satyam Shukla (Goa), Mukul

"We will take tough action against these individuals. They have somehow found a way to erase the original names and replace it with those seeking jobs. So we need to find out more about it

— Vinod Tomar, WFI ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Sahrawat (UP), Piyush Kant Yadav (Goa), Gaurav Chaudhary (UP), and Abhishek Singh (Goa) have been found to be fake. "This is not the first time we have unearthed fake certificates," WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar told The Tribune on Monday.

"We will take tough action against these individuals.

They have somehow found a way to erase the original names and replace it with those seeking jobs. So we need to find out more about it," Tomar added.

As per SSCB norms, applicants need to submit at least a participation certificate to appear for the trials, which include a written examination. While both Satyam and Abhishek had forwarded participation certificate of 38th Boys Freestyle, Greco-Roman and 21st Women Junior Wrestling Championships, 2019, that was held in Surat, Gaurav and Mukul submitted participation certificates for the championships held a year earlier in Jaipur. Piyush, however, had

submitted participation certificate of the first traditional senior men's freestyle National Wrestling Championship held in 2018 in Pune.

WFI, besides outing all the five wrestlers, has also sought further information about the fake certificates via a social media post. "Some people are using fake certificates to seek jobs. They are also denying genuine candidates by using these fake certificates," Tomar wrote on Facebook. "We will take action against them so that we bring an end to this cheating. Those who know such people please come forward and help the federation to bring an end to this fake certificate racket," he added.

Lankastun Pakby 35 runs, seal series 2-0

LAHORE, OCTOBER 7
 Sri Lanka stunned Pakistan by 35 runs in the second T20I to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

After winning the first match by 64 runs, Sri Lanka, a team largely devoid of their regular players with most of them refusing to tour Pakistan, condemned the top-ranked T20 team in the world to a series defeat at home.

Batting first, the visitors were buoyed by Bhanuka Rajapaksha's 77 off 48 balls, and his 94-run stand with Shehan Jayasuriya (34 off 28 balls) as the island nation set Pakistan a target of 183. Pakistan's top-order failed to fire with Fakhar Zaman, Babar Azam, Ahmed Shehzad, Umar Akmal and skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed back in the hut within the first eight overs with just 52 runs on board.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka: 182/6 in 20 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksha 77, Shehan Jayasuriya 34; Imad Wasim 1/27); **Pakistan:** 147 all out in 19 over (Imad Wasim 47, Asif Ali 29; Nuwan Pradeep 4/25, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/38) — IANS

UMPIRE DIES ON FIELD IN PAKISTAN

Karachi: A local umpire, who was a popular figure in the cricket circles, died after collapsing on a cricket ground while supervising a club-level match. Naseem Sheikh suffered a heart attack while standing in a match of a lawyers' tournament at the TMC ground and was rushed to hospital. "He fell down while supervising the match. He was rushed in an ambulance to a nearby hospital but expired on the way," the organiser said. Sheikh, who was 56, was a butcher by profession but his love for the game had led him to become a qualified umpire. — PTI

Manju in quarters, Bamboriya out

ULAN-UDE (RUSSIA), OCTOBER 7
 Manju Rani (48kg) advanced to the quarterfinals of the women's boxing World Championships after a comprehensive victory in the last-16 stage. The sixth-seeded Indian prevailed 5-0 over Venezuela's Rojas Tayonis Cedeno and is just one win away from securing a medal in her debut at the big event. However, next up for her is last edition's bronze medallist and top seed Kim Hyang Mi of South Korea. The two will clash on October 10. Manju Bamboriya (64kg), up against fourth-seeded Italian Angela Carini, put up a spirited fight but the European Championships silver medallist was just too strong for the Indian, who lost 1-4 in a split decision.

Mary in action

Tomorrow MC Mary Kom (51kg) will begin her campaign by taking on Thailand's Jutamas Jitpong in the Round of 16. The third-seeded Indian got a bye in the opening round.

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Manju Rani (48kg) beat Venezuela's Rojas Tayonis Cedeno 5-0 to enter the quarterfinals. PTI

In the 75kg category, Sawsaty Boora (75kg) will square off against second-seeded Welshwoman Lauren Price. Price is a Euro-

pean Games gold medallist and fetched bronze in the last edition of the world showpiece. She is also the reigning Com-

monwealth Games champion besides being a three-time bronze medallist at the European Championships. — PTI

Jemimah, Harleen dedicate rap song to Harmanpreet

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
 Indian women cricketers Jemimah Rodrigues and Harleen Deol have dedicated a special rap song for Harmanpreet Kaur, who recently made her 100th T20I appearance. On Sunday, Jemimah uploaded a small video on her Twitter page in which she, alongside Deol, can be seen singing a rap song for their T20I skipper.

"Congratulations on your 100th T20I captain Harmanpreet Kaur. Here's a small tribute for you from Big Harry ft. Lil' J#HarmanpreetThor," she tweeted. The T20I skipper Harmanpreet liked the video and thanked her teammates for the special gesture. "Thank you little ones. It is a pleasure to have you all do this for me," Harmanpreet replied as she retweeted the video.

Last Friday, Harmanpreet became the first Indian cricketer — man or woman —



- to play 100 T20Is. The 30-year-old was presented with a special cap in Surat ahead of the sixth and final T20I against South Africa, which India lost by 105 runs

India maintain 2nd spot in ODI rankings

Dubai: India not only maintained their second position but also increased the points lead over third-placed England in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings. The Indian women's team, led by Mithali Raj, has 125 points, widening the gap over England (122) from one to three points.

In the T20I rankings, India are placed at the fifth

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position. Australia's consistent performances have ensured their tight grip on the top spots in both the rankings, introduced in October last year.

Australia, who won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the West Indies last year, have increased their lead over England from 10 to 14 points in the T20I rankings. Among other teams, Thailand have moved to within four points of 10th placed Ireland after a remarkable run saw them win a world record 17 consecutive matches earlier this year, breaking the previous record of 16 successive wins by Australia. — Agencies

US bag three more titles to round off World Athletics Championships tally with 14 gold

DOHA, OCTOBER 7 The United States stormed to victory in the women's 4x400 metres relay at the World Championships on Sunday after leading from the start to clock the best time this year.

US Olympics champion relay runner Phyllis Francis opened a comfortable lead before passing the baton to Sydney McLaughlin, silver medallist in the 400m hurdles at the Worlds in Doha. The US lead was retained by 400m hurdles world champion and world record holder Dalilah Muhammad, allowing Wadelinea Jonathas to close out the race in 3min 18.92sec. "It's never definite for Team USA. There are a lot of great girls who can run," McLaughlin said after the race.

Poland finished almost three seconds behind the United States, winning silver in a national record time of 3:21.89. Jamaica finished third but were at first disqualified for lining up incorrectly in the second changeover, with their medal reallocated to fourth-place finishers Britain.

However, the Jamaicans were reinstated shortly after when it was ruled they had not gained an advantage from the violation. The medal spot was returned to Jamaica, who ran a season's best time of 3:22.37, after a British appeal was rejected. — Reuters

Above & beyond



TABLE-TOPPERS

Table with 5 columns: Pos., Country, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Total. Shows USA leading with 14 gold, 11 silver, 4 bronze, and 29 total medals.

"I've definitely missed some classes, I have a test on Tuesday. I was so scared but having made the final I was a different guy today"

Anderson Peters, MEN'S JAVELIN THROW WINNER

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Best World Championships ever: Coe

DOHA, OCTOBER 7 Struggling due to a lack of interest from locals, the 10-day showcase delivered on the final weekend as criticism over an empty stadium and stifling heat of around 38 degrees Celsius was replaced by an atmosphere at last worthy of a world event.

The athletes responded with memorable performances in the air-conditioned Khalifa Stadium, with temperatures kept at 21 degrees, highlighted by local hero Mutaz Barshim on Friday soaring to victory in the men's high jump for Qatar's only gold. On the same night American Dalilah Muhammad broke her own world record to win the women's 400m hurdles

while the sport's big men seized the spotlight on Saturday as the shot putters gave a show hailed as the greatest ever in the event.

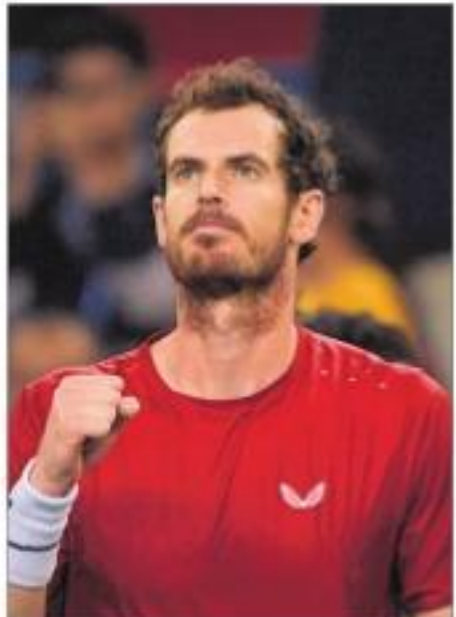
The United States again topped the medals table, their 14 golds almost triple the next best of Kenya on five while Jamaica and China each had three. No other nation got more than two. "It

is pretty clear to us that on athlete performance this is the best World Championships we have had," said International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) chief Sebastian Coe. "It is the athletes themselves who have come here better prepared for a Championships that will be remembered for a long time." — Reuters

Murray wins Shanghai opener

SHANGHAI, OCTOBER 7 Former world No.1 Andy Murray recovered from a slow start to beat Argentine qualifier Juan Ignacio Londero 2-6 6-2 6-3 in the Shanghai Masters opening round today.

Murray, who is competing in Shanghai for the first time since his title run in 2016, improved after being broken twice in the opening set by Londero. The three-time Grand Slam champion claimed the second set after converting break points in Londero's first and last service games, before switching gears to take control of the match in the decider. Murray sealed a crucial service break in the sixth game with a booming forehand winner and went on to set up a second round meeting with 10th-seeded Italian Fabio Fognini. The Scot is looking to build his form on the Asian swing



Andy Murray beat Juan Ignacio Londero 2-6 6-2 6-3. AFP

DJOKOVIC NO. 1 Paris: Andy Murray climbed over 200 places in the new ATP rankings released today while Novak Djokovic extended his lead over Rafael Nadal at the top. The Scotsman is on the comeback trail after career-saving hip surgery, reached the quarter-finals of the China Open where he lost to eventual winner Dominic Thiem. The run lifted the 32-year-old 214 places from 503 in the world to 289. AFP

this season after undergoing career-saving hip surgery in January. He worked his way to a first quarterfinal appearance of the season in Beijing last week, where he lost to eventual winner Dominic Thiem. "I got better as the match went on — I had to start going for my shots a bit more," said the 32-year-old, who was awarded a wildcard

entry to the tournament. Canadian Denis Shapovalov dropped two points on his first-serve as he eased past American Frances Tiafoe 6-4 6-2. Shapovalov will next face newly-crowned Tokyo champion Novak Djokovic, who has won their previous two meetings this season. — AFP

Classic Barca thrash Sevilla

MADRID, OCTOBER 7 Barcelona are back in form and La Liga's big three are back at the top of the table after the defending champions put on a finishing masterclass to thrash Sevilla 4-0.

Lionel Messi scored his first goal of the season by curling in a brilliant freekick at Camp Nou after three goals in eight minutes from Luis Suarez, Arturo Vidal and Ousmane Dembele had already put Sevilla out of sight.

Suarez launched the flurry, his stunning left-footed bicycle kick, better than the volley he scored in the Champions League win over Inter Milan on Wednesday. Vidal then finished a superb passing move that involved all 11 Barcelona players and Dembele powered through to make it three before Messi added a fourth in the second half. The victory pushed Barcelona up to second in



Barcelona's Luis Suarez scores their first goal. REUTERS

the table, two points behind Real Madrid.

Juve hand Inter 1st defeat Milan: Gonzalo Higuain scored the winner as Juventus inflicted a first Serie A defeat of the season on Inter Milan with a 2-1 victory which sent the defending champions top on Sunday.

Substitute Higuain slotted home on 80 minutes after fellow Argentine Paulo

Dybala had opened the scoring in the fourth minute at the San Siro. Another Argentine forward Lautaro Martinez pulled Inter Milan level from the spot on 18 minutes, but coach Antonio Conte lost in his first meeting against his former club since leaving Juve to take over the Italy national team in 2014. Juventus moved one point ahead of Inter after seven games. — AFP

INDIA FINISH 58TH

Doha: India ended its campaign at the 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships here at the 58th spot in the medal tally which saw US finishing at the top. While the 27-member Indian contingent was not expected to win any medals at the 10-day event which ended on Sunday, it produced three finalists in the mixed 4x400m relay, men's 3,000m steeplechase and women's javelin throw. Steeplechaser Avinash Sable and the mixed 4x400m team secured quotas for 2020 Olympics Games. Javelin thrower Annu Rani finished eighth and thus missed out on qualification. IANS

NO STOPPING PETERS

Doha: Grenada's Anderson Peters (in pic) pulled off a shock win in the javelin at the after an unpredictable event where Olympics champion Thomas Rohler failed to reach the final. Peters won with a throw of 86.89m as he gave the tiny Caribbean nation their second-ever Worlds gold, following Kirani James' 400m win in 2011. Estonia's Magnus Kirt was second with 86.21m, although he retired from the competition after appearing to injure his shoulder with his fifth throw. Defending champion Johannes Vetter won the bronze. REUTERS

KEY RESULTS (DAY 10)

- Men's 4x400m relay: United States 2:56.69
Women's 4x400m relay: United States 3:18.92
Women's 100m hurdles: Nia Ali (USA) 12.34
Men's 10,000m: Joshua Cheptegei (Uganda) 26:48.36
Men's 1,500m: Timothy Cheruiyot (Kenya) 3:29.26
Women's long jump: Malaika Mihambo (Germany) 7.30m

Advertisement for 'ਦਫਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਟਰੱਸਟ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ' (DPR/Pb/C7396) regarding a tender for supply of sweeper, Chowkidaar Survey, Khaalasi, Maali, Security Guard, Work Mistri & Generator Operator for Trust Office & Trust various Schemes etc.

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Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused (Ajay Singh Thapa Vs Skylark Housing Development Pvt Ltd., dated 08.08.2016).

Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused (Sh. Amrik Singh and Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, Director of Skylark Housing Development Private Limited, dated 06.11.2019).

Public Notice for Recruitment of Assistant Engineer (Electrical, Mechanical & Graduate Power Utilities viz. HVPNL, HPGL, UHBVNL & DHBVNL) based on score of GATE-2019.

Shri Krishna Govt. Ayurvedic College & Hospital advertisement regarding admission to Diploma in Pharmacy (Ayurvedic) regular course for the session 2019-2020.

Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused (Gurpreet Singh & Anr. Vs Emerging Valley Private Limited, dated 25.08.2017).

Office of Medical Superintendent S.L.B.S. Govt. Medical College & Hospital advertisement regarding expression of interest for a pharmacist position.

Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused (Sh. Jaswinder Singh Vs Emerging Valley Private Limited, dated 14.05.2018).

By the way...



REVISITING CHILDHOOD: A community puja pandal on the theme of 'Gulliver's Travels' during Durga puja festival in Kolkata. PTI

Coins and FDs, Mumbai beggar dies rich

Mumbai: The police inquiring about a beggar found dead by railway tracks here stumbled upon a sackful of coins totalling ₹1.75 lakh, certificates of fixed deposits of ₹8.77 lakh and ₹96,000 in bank savings accounts. Biradichand Pannaramji Azad (82), who hailed from Rajasthan, lived in a rundown tarpaulin-topped shanty near a drain between Govandi and Mankhurd stations on the Harbour corridor of the Central Railway's suburban network, the official said. PTI

Indian-origin Singapore judge joins Brunei SC

Singapore: An Indian-origin Singaporean judge has been sworn in by Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah as a judicial commissioner of the Supreme Court of the sultanate, a media report said on Monday. Kannan Ramesh's appointment is for a two-year period and the 54-year-old Justice will continue to hold his position as a full-time judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore. PTI

Asia environment award for IFS officer

New Delhi: Senior Indian Forest Service officer Ramesh Pandey has been selected for the prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award by the United Nations Environment Programme. The 1996-batch IFS officer, posted as Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow and Secretary, UP State Bio-diversity Board, is known for his investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers. Pandey will receive the award on November 13 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. PTI

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Only 45 Chinese varsities to offer MBBS in English

BEIJING, OCTOBER 7
 With a record number of students from India enrolling to study medicine in China, the country's education ministry has authorised only 45 of the local medical colleges from among over 200 to enrol foreign students to teach MBBS in English.

Chinese universities have witnessed enrolment of a record number of Indian students to study medicine. China attracts foreign students, especially from India and other Asian countries, due to its affordable courses compared to institutions in the US, the UK and Australia.

At present, over 23,000 Indian students are studying different courses in Chinese universities, as against over 28,000 from Pakistan. — PTI

Unused airstrips to be turned into pilot academies

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 7
 The government has set a target of turning unused Airport Authority of India (AAI)-controlled airstrips into pilot academies with an aim to meet the ever increasing requirement of such professionals. A three-member committee has been formed to work out a plan in this regard.

Sources in the Ministry of Civil Aviation said the idea was first mooted by Director General of Civil Aviation Arun Kumar, who is also an AAI board member. But industry experts felt the move would require certain measures to augment it and so a committee has been formed under former Air Force chief Fali H Major, an independent member of the AAI board. — TNS

Three get Nobel Medicine for work on oxygen use by cells

STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 7
 Two Americans and a British scientist won the 2019 Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine for discovering how the body's cells sense and react to oxygen levels, work that has paved the way for new strategies to fight anaemia, cancer and other diseases, the Nobel Committee said.

Drs William G Kaelin Jr of Harvard University, Gregg L Semenza of Johns Hopkins University and Peter J Ratcliffe at the Francis Crick Institute in Britain and Oxford University will share equally the nine million kronor (USD 9,18,000) cash award, the Karolinska Institute said.

It is the 110th prize in the category that has been awarded since 1901.

"Their work has greatly expanded our knowledge of how physiological response makes life possible," the committee said, explaining that the scientists identified the biological machinery that regulates how genes respond to varying levels of oxygen.

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things like producing red blood cells, generating new blood vessels and fine-tuning the immune system.

The Nobel Committee said scientists focused on developing drugs that could treat diseases by either activating or blocking the body's oxygen-sensing machinery.

The oxygen response is hijacked by cancer cells, for example, which stimulate formation of blood vessels to help themselves grow. And people with kidney failure often get

hormonal treatments for anaemia, but the work of the new laureates points the way towards new treatments, Nils-Göran Larsson of the Nobel Committee said.

Kaelin said he was half-asleep on Monday when the phone rang. It was Stockholm. He said he wasn't sure yet how he'll spend the prize money but "obviously I'll try to put it to some good cause".

Ratcliffe said, "When I started my research I also had no idea that it would result in this."

Last year, James Allison of the US and Tasuku Honjo of Japan won the 2018 Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in immunotherapy, activating the body's natural defense system to fight tumors.

The Nobel Physics prize will be handed out on Tuesday, followed by the chemistry prize on Wednesday. This year's double-header Literature Prizes — one each for 2018 and 2019 — will be awarded on Thursday and the Peace Prize on Friday. — AP

35 in fray for Sri Lanka Prez polls

COLOMBO, OCTOBER 7
 A record 35 candidates filed nominations on Monday for Sri Lanka's presidential elections next month, in which incumbent Maithripala Sirisena will support former defence minister and main opposition challenger Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Sirisena, who held crucial talks with opposition leader Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday, has decided to support the candidature of Gotabaya, who will now be the main opposition challenger pitted against the ruling United National Party (UNP) candidate Sajith Premadasa.

Sirisena's Freedom Party (SLFP) had demanded Rajapaksa's People's Party to abandon its flower bud symbol to contest under a common symbol. However, the SLPP sources said the request was ignored as the SLPP had already paid its deposit under its symbol.

A record 41 candidates placed cash deposits for the election on Sunday. A total of 41 candidates submitted security deposits, but six did not file their nominations, they said. — PTI

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