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PM Narendra Modi addresses a rally at Shahpur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

PM in HP: Repeat BJP govt for steady growth

Attacks Congress for 'parivarwaad'

Lalit Mohan
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA/SUJANPUR, NOV 9
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today urged the people of Himachal Pradesh to repeat the BJP government in the state to ensure continued growth under the double-engine regime.

Addressing a rally at Chambi ground in Kangra district, the Prime Minister said changing government each time led to non-accountability and was not in the interest of people.

PM Modi said the Congress was synonymous with 'parivarwaad' (nepotism). "In case the Congress comes to power, it will not let me work… From 2014 to 2017 (during Congress rule), only 15 houses were constructed under the PM Awas Yojana in Himachal. But in the last five years, 8,000 houses have been constructed under the same scheme under the Jai Ram Thakur government," he said. The Centre launched Ayushman Bharat

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ON STRONG WICKET

"People want change. Our several popular leaders are the party's strength, not its weakness.
Mallikarjun Kharge,
CONG PRESIDENT



REPORT INSIDE

India, Belarus talk trade, Ukraine

Day after EAM's Russia visit, US reiterates oil trade doesn't violate sanctions

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar here today held talks with his visiting Belarusian counterpart Vladimir Makei on a range of issues, including bilateral economic engagement and the Ukraine conflict. Belarus is one of Russia's staunchest allies in its conflict with Ukraine and has hosted thousands of Russian soldiers.

Makei's visit came a day after Jaishankar met Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow and stressed how oil supply from Russia was crucial for India. With India becoming Russia's second-largest oil customer after China, the US today said the trade didn't violate sanctions. Washington also reiterated that it was committed to working with New Delhi to lessen its dependence on Moscow for energy and arms.



EAM S Jaishankar with his Belarusian counterpart Vladimir Makei. PTI

Makei arrived here Wednesday morning on a three-day visit. Belarus is a major exporter of potash fertilisers and has been restricting its trade due to the current volatile conditions in the global market. Both countries have established mechanisms for exchanging views on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues through foreign office consultations

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INDIA VS ENG TODAY

- Pakistan in the finals after defeating NZ, India must beat England on Thursday to make it to their third T20 WC final
- The last time India & England met in a T20 WC match was in 2012, when India registered a 90-run win

MATCH TIME: 1.30 PM



JOS BUTTLER & ROHIT SHARMA

How to Clear **IELTS** in the First Attempt?

Scan to Know the Secret

Will protect citizens in every aspect: New CJI Chandrachud

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9
Justice DY Chandrachud, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, was on Wednesday sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India.

The new CJI began his first day in office by garlanding the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Supreme Court premises and stressed that he would protect all Indians, and that serving the nation was his priority. "Be it in technology or be it in the registry... or be it in judicial reforms, I will take care of citizens in every aspect," he told reporters.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Chandrachud at a brief ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan at 10 am. Justice Chandrachud succeeds Justice UU Lalit, who

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Justice DY Chandrachud takes oath as 50th CJI

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IN BRIEF

Naval officer dies in paragliding mishap

PALAMPUR: Bibin Dev (34), an officer with the Navy hailing from Kerala, was killed when his paraglider crashed near Billing on Tuesday. **INSIDE**

Leh council seeks safeguards for Ladakh

LEH: The Leh chapter of LAHDC on Wednesday passed a resolution seeking constitutional safeguards to UT of Ladakh. **INSIDE**

Air surcharge: Leh and beyond Rs 2.00

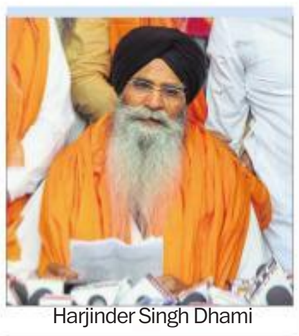
Dhami re-elected SGPC chief

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 9
Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) candidate Harjinder Singh Dhami was on Wednesday re-elected president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), defeating Bibi Jagir Kaur.

Dhami polled 104 votes, while Bibi Jagir Kaur secured 42 in a keenly watched contest. Of 157 members, 146 turned up at Teja Singh Samundri Hall to participate in the election process for the top post of the apex gurdwara body.

Total votes polled 146
Dhami 104 | Bibi 42



Harjinder Singh Dhami

Bibi Jagir Kaur was on Monday expelled by the SAD

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UK court rejects Nirav's appeal against extradition

LONDON, NOVEMBER 9
Fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi, who allegedly cheated Punjab National Bank (PNB) of over Rs 11,000 crore, is likely to be extradited soon to India from the UK as he lost his appeal in the High Court on Wednesday.

Rejecting the appeal against extradition to India on mental health grounds, the High Court in London ruled that his risk of suicide was not such that it would be

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WEATHER

FORECAST

Partially cloudy sky; shallow fog in the morning

SUNRISE: 6:39 am
SUNSET: 5:31 pm

TEMPERATURE

DELHI
Max: 32°C **Min:** 17°C

GURUGRAM
Max: 30°C **Min:** 18°C

NOIDA
Max: 30°C **Min:** 16°C

FARIDABAD
Max: 29°C **Min:** 16°C

HELPLINE

- Emergency response: 112
- Women Helpline: 1091
- Special cell (Northeast): 1093
- Missing person: 1094
- Vigilance: 1064
- Senior citizens: 1291
- Cyber complaints: 1930
- Traffic issues: 1095



Delhi cops bust call centre duping people, 11 arrested

Swindled over ₹1 cr from 1,700 victims on pretext of providing loans

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The Delhi Police today said they have busted a fake call centre and arrested 11 people, including six women, for allegedly duping over 1,700 people on the pretext of providing loans.

The call centre, disguised as a medicine supply store, was being operated at Bal Udhyan Road in Uttam Nagar by one Faisal and his team since February, DCP (Dwarka) M Harsha Vardhan said, adding that at least 29 registers were recovered which contained a list of people the accused persons had duped and the details of transactions.

After analysing the registers, it was found that the accused had swindled over Rs 1 crore from more than 1,700 people, he said.

During the inquiry, Faisal misled the investigators by claiming that he was running the call centre for selling medicines, the DCP said.

Further investigation revealed that Faisal's employees, posing as customer support agents, used to call people on the pretext of offering loans, he said, adding that the accused then used to share some bank account details and ask people to deposit the processing fee in that account.

The DCP said one of the accused, Paras, a resident of Ghaziabad, had taken the place on rent and he is presently on the run, as efforts are being made to nab him.

Apart from Paras, three others are also involved in running the fraud syndicate. They used to provide back-end services like bank accounts for collecting money and SIM cards, and sending bulk SMSes regarding loans, the DCP said. He said efforts were on police to apprehend the accused.

DISGUISED AS MEDICAL SUPPLY STORE

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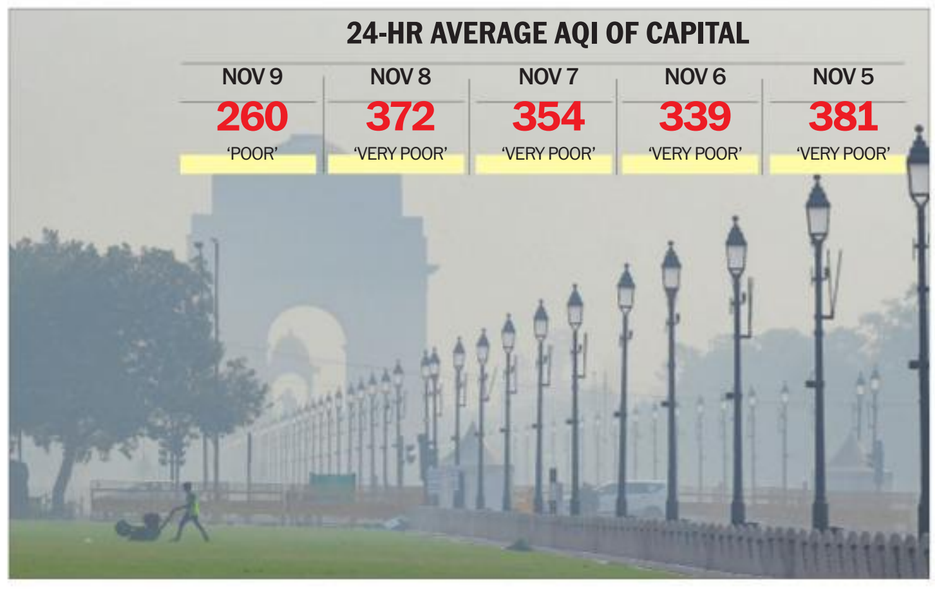

24-HR AVERAGE AQI OF CAPITAL

NOV 9	NOV 8	NOV 7	NOV 6	NOV 5
260	372	354	339	381
'POOR'	'VERY POOR'	'VERY POOR'	'VERY POOR'	'VERY POOR'

A gardener mows a lawn near Kartavya Path amid smog at India Gate in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Sporadic rains in nearby states, Delhi's air quality improves

Favourable wind speed is likely to improve air quality further from November 11

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The air pollution in Delhi ameliorated from the "very poor" to the "poor" category on Wednesday, owing to favourable wind speed at night, sporadic rains in adjoining states and a considerable drop in emissions from stubble-burning.

The 24-hour average AQI stood at 260, dropping from 372 on Tuesday. It was 354 on Monday, 339 on Sunday and 381 on Saturday. This is the lowest AQI since October 20 when it was 232. For November, it was the best AQI since November 29, 2020, when it was 231, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board.

An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

The improvement in air quality was evident from better visibility levels with 1,400 metres at the Palam airport and 1,500 at the Safdarjung airport in the morning. A smoky haze had lowered the visibility levels to 800 metres at these places on Tuesday.

A Met official said south-easterly winds gusting up to 30 kmph barrelled through parts on Tuesday night. It helped improve the situation.

VK Soni, the head of the India Meteorological Department's Environment Monitoring and Research Centre, said parts of east Rajasthan such as Alwar, Bhiwadi and Rewari and some areas in Haryana reported sporadic rains under the influence of a western disturbance affecting the hilly region in the north. "The rainfall reduced the share of pollutants from these adjoining areas in Delhi's pollution," he said.

Favourable wind speed —10 to 18 kmph — is predicted to bring a considerable improvement in the air quality from November 11. The Commission for Air Quality Management may also convene a meeting on Thursday to review the situation and revoke the curbs in Delhi-NCR under stage 3 (very poor air quality) of the Graded Response Action Plan.

Farm fires in Punjab increased from 605 on Tuesday to 1,778 on Wednesday. However, their share in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution dipped from nine per cent on Tuesday to five per cent on Wednesday, according to data. — PTI



SCHOOLS REOPEN: The primary schools reopened in Delhi on Wednesday as part of the relaxations announced. MUKESH AGGARWAL

Spurned lover pushes woman to death from Noida building

NOIDA, NOVEMBER 9

A 22-year-old woman died after being allegedly pushed off the third floor of her office building here by a colleague with whom she had broken up after learning that he was already married.

The man, identified as Gaurav, came down from the building and put the woman in an autorickshaw, telling people who had gathered around that he was her brother and was taking her to a hospital.

Instead, he took her to the Lal Kuan area on Noida's border with Ghaziabad. He booked an ambulance there to take her to Meerut, the police said on Wednesday, a day after the incident.

"The accused had entered Meerut district along with the woman's body in the ambulance but was traced by a police team around 4.30 pm," Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Ashutosh Dwivedi said.

Both worked at an insurance company. "She had called off their relationship after getting to know his marital status. However, the accused continued to pester her," the official said.

The police said the woman had complained to the police about this on September 29. The man was then called to the police station on September 29. "The families of both were also present at the police station and Gaurav assured in writing that he would stop bothering her," Dwivedi said.

He met the woman in the office again on Tuesday and tried to force her into remaining in the relationship. He then allegedly pushed her off the building. The police were alerted by local people.

Gaurav was not responding to any phone calls. He was tracked through electronic surveillance and caught by a police team, which was accompanied by the woman's family, Dwivedi said. The police claimed that Gaurav then narrated the entire episode and confessed his crime. — PTI



WERE COLLEAGUES

"Both worked at an insurance company. She had called off their relationship after coming to know that he was married. But, the accused continued to pester her. POLICE OFFICIAL

Youth arrested for molesting minor in G'gram

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 9

The police have arrested a 19-year-old youth for allegedly trying to sexually assault a seven-year-old girl in Rajiv Nagar area on Tuesday. An FIR was registered at the Sector 14 police station and the accused was let off on bail after he joined the investigation.

In his complaint, the victim's father alleged that when his daughter was playing outside their house in the evening, accused Sidhant, a neighbour, lured his daughter to a secluded place and molested her. "My daughter raised the alarm and people nearby rushed to her rescue. They caught the youth and informed the police," he said.

An FIR has been registered against the youth under Section 10 of the POCSO Act. "The accused confessed to the crime. He joined the investigation and was let off on bail," said SHO Krishan Kant. — OC

Cong leader falls prey to hacker

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 9

The Facebook page and Instagram account of Kiran Choudhary, a senior Congress leader and MLA from Tosham constituency, were hacked by a foreigner. The hacker, through the messenger chat, demanded 1,000 USD after threatening to post obscene photos on the page. An FIR was registered at the Cyber Crime police station, West.

"The Facebook page of the complainant has been restored. Further investigation is under way," said Inspector Jasveer. — OC

Preparing for trade fair



The preparations underway for the 41st India International Trade Fair (IITF)-2022 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The fair slated to take place from November 14–27. The theme this year is 'Vocal for Local, Local to Global'. PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

HC refuses to stay Delhi MC poll

Asks authorities to respond to pleas against delimitation

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refused to stay the municipal elections scheduled for December 4.

A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad said the State Election Commission (SEC) had already issued a notification and it would remain unchanged.

"The Election Commission's notification is there. We cannot touch it now," the Bench said.

The SEC announced the election schedule on November 4, according to which polling for 250 municipal wards will take place on December 4 and the results will be announced on December 7. On Wednesday, three petitions challenging the delimitation of wards and their reservation were listed before the high court. The bench issued notices on the petitions and asked the Centre, the Delhi government and the SEC to respond to them, while listing the pleas for further hearing on December 15.

During the hearing, the counsel for the petitioners urged the court to stay the elections till the pleas were heard. However, the Bench turned down the request, saying, "Once the elections are notified, we can't stay it." — PTI



An awareness drive by the Delhi Election Commission underway ahead of the MC poll in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

3 booked for robbery attempt in G'gram

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 9

Three armed men on a bike fired two rounds on a cash collection agent in a failed bid on Wednesday afternoon to rob money near Galleria Market here. The agent narrowly escaped and managed to flee on foot with the cash bag which contained about Rs 6 lakh. An FIR has been registered at the Sector 29 police station, said police.

The police said the incident took place around 3 pm. Mahendra Singh Negi (35), a resident of Delhi who works as a collection agent in a DLF phase 1-based cash collection company, was collecting cash from the shops of the nearby area. Thereafter, he left with the bag containing about Rs 6 lakh in cash.

"I was in the market when I heard the sound of firing and stopped the bike. Soon thereafter, I again heard the sound of firing, I looked back and saw three miscreants on a bike. Getting suspicious, I started running away with the cash bag after leaving my bike and later, informed the police," the collection agent said in his complaint.

"We have recovered two empty bullet shells and one cartridge from the spot. The miscreants had fired with a country-made pistol but the cash bag was safe," said a senior investigator who was on spot. An FIR has been registered.

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And whereas, the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh is required to seek Objections against the Revised Layout Plan of 21.51875 acres (Earlier License area 15.850 acres and additional License area 5.66875 acres) as a pre-condition for allowing such proposed revision in the Layout Plan. And whereas, no third party rights have been created in the said Affordable Plotted Colony. And whereas, the earlier approved Layout Plans are now proposed to be revised.

Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said colony on the proposed and revision of the Layout Plan of the said colony. A copy of the proposed and revised Layout Plan bearing approval provisional Drg. No. 8091 dated 28.12.2021 and Drg. No. 8722 dated 03.11.2022 is available for perusal on our website i.e. www.jayantbuildhome.com .The said Layout Plan can also be perused at the office of undersigned as well as in the office of District Town Planner, Yamuna Nagar.

Any allottee having any objection on the revision of proposed Layout Plan in favour of M/s Jayant Buildhome Pvt. Ltd., may file his/her objection in the office of District Town Planner, Yamuna Nagar within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed Layout Plan.

Place: New Delhi
Date : 10.11.2022

Project Head
M/s Jayant Buildhome Pvt. Ltd.

Mining quarries 'possible' alternative site for waste disposal mgmt

Authorities zero in on some locations in Aravalli hills

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 9

After the present dumping site at Bandhwari village on the Faridabad-Gurugram Road became full to the brim and the NGT ordered the civic authorities to stop dumping waste there, the authorities have zeroed in on some of the mining quarries in the Aravalli hills of the district, said sources.

Though the hunt for alternative spots had begun a few years ago, the search has led to detection of three mining quarries located on around 92 acres near Pali-Mohabatabad village, about 5km from the present site of Bandhwari, said the sources. "While a final decision is yet to come, the site needs approval from the committee headed by the Chairperson, Haryana State Pollution Control Board," claimed the sources in the civic administration. The Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), environment, ACS, urban local bodies, DCs and Municipal Commissioners of Faridabad and Gurugram are members of the committee.

It is also claimed that the finalisation of the alternative site would be easy in view of a more liberalised stance announced recently in matters of environment and forest clearance. The crisis over solid waste disposal deepened in view of the present site being unable to accommodate more garbage. The company managing the waste has been unable to install a "waste to power" plant at the site due to space crunch. The 10 MW power plant was promised under an MoU signed in 2017.

The authorities had to abandon at least two dumping facility site near Pali village and in Sector 74 near Byepass Road here in 2019 and 2020 as the residents had protested. An amount of over Rs 30 lakh had been spent on the job. As the city churns out around 800 tonnes of waste daily, a similar amount of waste from Gurugram has been dumped at Bandhwari for the past about two decades. This has raised the concerns of environmentalists as it will damage the underground water and ecology of the area.

DC Vikram Singh said the Commissioner, MCF, has been asked to select a proper site for the disposal of solid waste, as per norms.



A waste dumping site near Bandhwari village on the Faridabad-Gurugram highway.

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IIT for complete evacuation of Chintel Paradiso

Magisterial probe finds builder, flat-repairing contractor responsible for Feb mishap that claimed two lives

SUMEDHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 9

The magisterial inquiry in the Chintel Paradiso tower collapse has found both developer and flat-repairing contractor responsible for the mishap which claimed two lives in February this year.

The committee, headed by the ADC after investigating the matter for almost nine months, has upheld the IIT Delhi's recommendations of not just demolishing the collapsed Tower D, but also to get the remaining towers A,B,C,E,F,G, H and J vacated till investigations are on.

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Yadav has ordered the demolition of Tower D, citing it beyond repair. He has also ordered the immediate evacuation of towers E and F, while orders are awaited for others. The committee found retrofitting in flat D 603 as the key trigger for the collapse and held both Chintel India Private Limited and M/s Manish Switchgear and construction responsible for the same.

"The developer neglected the demands and issues raised by the residents and the RWA. The corroded steel reinforcement was covered with yellow solution to conceal the corrosion. There is excessive chloride in concrete which has sped up the corrosion and the deterioration of concrete and the same signs of corrosion are visible in all towers. This is the root cause of the collapse. The Tower D should be immediately closed and developer should start immediate demolition of the same.The IIT report mentions as that all towers be vacated for residents' safety till further investigations, and the committee agreeing with the same, wants immediate directions to developer regarding the same," read the report.

The report has highlighted that there were structural deficiencies in the overall structure of Tower D. It has also pointed out how both parties failed to monitor retrofitting on flat in D tower and no shuttering support was provided while carrying out the fittings.

Issuing the orders, DC Nishant Yadav stated that it wasevident that the structure of Tower D was not safe for habitation and due to high chloride content in the concrete throughout the structure. The structure is also not technically and economically feasible for any kind of repair •"Whereas the committee has brought to my notice that there is sagging of one of the balconies in Tower F and other distress on the floors of various other flats in Towers E & F. It has also recommended that the Towers F & E should also be vacated immediately for the safety of the residents. I order M/s Chintels India Ltd to close Tower D permanently and start the process for demolition. Further a direction is being issued to settle the dues/liabilities of the allottees/flat owners of Tower D of Chintels Paradiso housing complex Sector-I 09 Gurugram within a period of 60 days from the date of the issuance of this order," read the order.

Though the modalities of the demolition are yet to be worked out, the administration has clarified that builder will bear the cost of the demolition. Highly placed sources claim that the agency hired to demolish twin towers in Noida had been approached for this demolition.

There are 18 floors in Tower D and around 50 flats. Tower E and F have 28 and 22 flats, respectively. The entire society is inhabited by 300 families.



PRIORITY SHOULD BE RESETTLEMENT

"We need a place to keep our children and belongings safe before they deal with structural issues. Get us our rightful dues so that we can buy homes. Priority should be resettlement and not just demolition. **Pooja Aggarwal,** A RESIDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE

BUILDER TO BEAR DEMOLITION COST

- With demolition ordered for Tower D and evacuation for a majority of towers, over 300 families are left high and dry
- Having spent their life's savings on flats, they are all set to be losers. The residents want their settlement and rehabilitation to be worked out before demolition or evacuation
- Though the modalities of the demolition are yet to be worked out, the administration has clarified that builder will bear the cost of the demolition
- The agency hired to demolish twin towers in Noida has been approached for the work

College teachers open front against demand for health status in ACR

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, NOVEMBER 9

Describing it as a "violation of right to privacy", a section of teachers in government colleges have opened a front against the state authorities for imposing the mandatory condition of mentioning their health status while filling the annual confidential report (ACR).

They have demanded the removal of the condition with immediate effect.

The Haryana Government College Teachers Association (HSGTA), an elected body of college teachers, has decided not only to run a signature campaign against the move but also to beat "thalis" and do clapping through its members in all colleges of the state.

The decision to this effect was taken at an online meeting of state executives of the HSGTA held yesterday to decide the future course of action against the move after a detailed discussion. The association office-bearers claimed that representatives of a majority of the government colleges attended the online meet and unanimously passed the resolution about the decision.

The development came a day after the Department of Higher Education (DHE) fixed the parameters for health check-up for the ACR to facilitate the teachers in this respect. It is for the first time when the DHE has added the column of "health status" to the online proforma for the ACR of the college teachers.

Sources said the health report would include the investigation report of haemogram, blood sugar, lipid profile, liver function test, kidney function test, Vitamin D test and blood pressure level of teachers who are bound to submit their ACR online for the session 2021-22 by November 20.

Dr Pratibha Chauhan, general secretary, HSGTA, in a letter to Director General (Higher Education), said if the department was so much concerned about the teachers' health, it should organise health check-up camps and provide the facility of medical leave to the college teachers.

"The move aims at collecting health details of all teachers so that they could be retired before time on the basis of their health report. We will not hesitate to stage dharna outside the state headquarter if the demand is not met soon," she added.

Dr Amit Chaudhary, president, HSGTA, said, "The ACR pertains to work and conduct of every teacher and the report reaches the higher authorities after passing through different channels. It will be a violation of right to privacy if the health report of teachers is made mandatory to be attached with the ACR. Moreover, the report may also be used to give retirement to the teachers before time, hence we are resisting it and will beat 'thalis' and clap tomorrow to register our protest."

Dr Priyanka Verma, Assistant Professor, Government College, Meham, said teachers would bring "thalis" from their home to make the protest successful.



REPORT SOUGHT BY NOVEMBER 20

The health report will include details of haemogram, blood sugar, lipid profile, liver function test, kidney function test, Vitamin D test and blood pressure level of teachers who are bound to submit their ACR online for session 2021-22 by November 20

70 pc turnout; highest polling in G'gram, lowest recorded in Sonepat

1,244 panchayat samiti and 158 zila parishad members to be elected

PANCHAYAT POLLS II

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT, NOVEMBER 9

Nearly 69.9 per cent turnout was recorded in the second phase of the elections for representatives to the zila parishads and panchayat samitis of nine districts today.

Out of the 48,39,176 registered voters, as many as 33,50,716 exercised their franchise. The highest voter turnout was recorded in Gurugram district, where 76 per cent voters used their franchise. The lowest voting percentage of 60.8 percent was recorded in Sonepat.

Along with these two district, elections were also held in Sirsa, Rewari, Kurukshetra, Charkhi Dadri, Ambala and Rohtak.

In the second phase, the votes were cast to elect 1,244 panchayat samiti and 158 zila parishad members of nine district.



Women line up at a polling centre in Dhamar village of Rohtak district; Deputy Commissioner Lalit Sewach interacts with villagers in Sonepat on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS

DIST	TURNOUT
Gurugram	76
Sirsa	73.2
Rewari	72.3
Kurukshetra	72
Charkhi Dadri	70.6
Karnal	70
Ambala	69.4
Rohtak	66
Sonepat	60.8



Sirsa records second highest turnout

REWARI/SIRSA: The polling process for the election of 18 members of the Zila Parishad and 143 members of various panchayat samitis completed peacefully with 72.4 percent electors exercising their franchise in the district. As many as 133 candidates are in fray from various segments of the Zila Parishad members while 628 candidates are contesting for the post of panchayat smiti members. The result will be announced on November 27.

District Deputy Commissioner Ashok Garg, along with other officers, visited different polling booths to ensure peaceful polling. A 104-year-old physically disabled women, Parmeshwari Devi, polled her vote at a polling booth in Kadhu Bhawanipur village here.

Meanwhile, Sirsa Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said the elections in all the seven blocks were held in a peaceful manner in the district. Around 73.2 per cent polling was reported by the late evening in 929 polling stations, he said.

Similarly, no untoward incident was reported from Charkhi Dadri district where 70.5 per cent turnout was recorded.

Gangster's wife in fray for Rohtak ZP

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ROHTAK, NOVEMBER 9

The election for Ward No. 5 of Rohtak Zila Parishad, which has been reserved for women candidates, witnesses an interesting contest. The contenders for this seat include Meena Makdauli, the district president of the JJP women wing, Aruna Chaudhary, wife of BJP leader and former Zila Parishad chairman Dharampal Makdauli and Anjali, wife of Amit Rithal, a patwari.

However, the entry of Manju, the wife of infamous gangster and history-sheeter Rajesh alias Sarkari, has spiced up the fight. Rajesh, 38, has been involved in several cases of murder, attempt to murder, extortion, loot and kidnapping and has spent more than 20 years of his life in jail. As of now, he is on bail. "I have fielded my wife in the election as I want to remove the tag of criminal from myself and improve my life by serving the people," said Rajesh while talking to The Tribune today.

> Want to improve my life with social service, says Rajesh 'Sarkari'

Rajesh has been campaigning for his wife and seeking blessings of villagers by promising to detach himself from his past. Some local residents maintain that his criminal past notwithstanding, Rajesh has made himself socially acceptable in his village and nearby areas.

Cong to form govt in 2024, claims Udai Bhan

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9

Haryana Congress President Udai Bhan and Adampur candidate Jai Prakash said the results of the Adampur byelection have made it clear that the future belongs to the Congress and the party is going to form the government in 2024.

Addressing a press conference at the party office here today, Udai Bhan said all the arch-rivals, including BJP-JJP, the Bhajan Lal family, the Chautala family and Jat leader Birender Singh's family had united to defeat the Congress. "The BJP misused power and money power in the elections. The INLD and Aam Aadmi Party fielded candidates to indirectly benefit the BJP. However, our candidate got over 52,000 votes, which is a record against the Bhajan Lal clan ," he said.

Maintaining that BJP knows its victory by a "small margin" (over 16,000 votes) carries a message of a big defeat, the Congress president said it was due to this disappointment that BJP and Kuldeep Bishnoi supporters attacked Jai Prakash.

Adding that the Congress got full support of all segments of the society, including Dalits and Backward Classes, Udaybhan said, "A few months ago, in the Ellenabad byelection, the Congress got about 10 per cent votes in Dalit booths and 44 per cent votes in Adampur. When Congress contested Adampur election in 2014 without Bishnoi family, the party candidate got only 10,000 votes. But in the 2022 byelection, the Congress got five times more votes," he said.

He pointed out that Bishnoi won the 2019 assembly elections against BJP on the Congress ticket by a margin of around 30,000 votes. "While in opposition, Congress reduced his margin to half. These figures are testimony to the growing graph of Congress," he added.

"The anger of BJP that was witnessed after the election results shows that the power is going to go out of its hands. On the day of counting, my convoy faced a deadly attack and now in Khairampur village, the residents who staged a protest demanding teachers, have been targeted. The tents of the protest site were set ablaze and the houses of Dalits were pelted with stones. It is for the first time that the supporters of the winning candidate are furious, and the Congress is full of confidence despite the defeat," Jai Prakash stated.

Emphasising that the Congress tried to take along all factions to put up a united front, two leaders said they contacted Selja and Kiran Choudhary. "I spoke with Selja and asked for her campaign programme in Adampur but she did not respond. Jai Prakash personally went to see her and spoke to Choudhary. They were non-committal. We did our best," said Udhaybhan adding that Randeep Singh Surjewala was busy with an assignment in Karnataka during the campaign.



Congress state president Udai Bhan and Jai Parkash at a press conference in Chandigarh on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

OTHER CANDIDATES BENEFITTED BJP

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Udai Bhan, PRESIDENT, HARYANA CONGRESS

Polling peaceful in Ambala, K'shetra

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AMBALA, NOVEMBER 9

Barring sporadic incidents of EVMs developing technical snags and missing names from voters lists, the polling went off peacefully for the zila parishad and block samiti in Ambala and Kurukshetra on Wednesday.

While 122 candidates are in the fray from 15 wards of zila parishad in Ambala, 135 are in the fray from 17 wards of Kurukshetra. For the block samiti, 469 candidates are testing their luck from 123 wards in Ambala while in Kurukshetra 532 candidates are in the fray from 135 wards.

The voters started turning up to exercise their franchise early in the morning. Around 69.4 per cent voters in Ambala and 72 per cent voters in Kurukshetra exercised their franchise.

The voting took place at 599 and 652 polling booths in Ambala and Kurukshetra, respectively.

The voters, especially the youngsters, said they kept the development of the rural areas and improvement of infrastructure in mind while casting their votes besides ensuring that the candidate was educated and could raise the local issues effectively. Ravinder, a young voter, said, "I have cast my votes for better development and infrastructure of my village. We have also tried to ensure that the elected a person is educated and maintains a harmony in the village."

Kiran, a first-time voter, said, "Development and proper sanitation of rural areas were the prime agendas."

Meanwhile, the voting was affected for an hour at Dhurkara village. JJP spokesman Vivek Chaudhary said instead of Ward 9, EVM of Ward 6 was installed at a booth. He demanded action against the official behind the lapse. Residents held a protest, blocked the road for some time and threatened to boycott polling if the EVM was not changed. Later, the machine was replaced and the voting went off peacefully.

A total of eight candidates including BJP's Mandeep Rana, AAP's Makhan Singh, INLD's Dimple Kumar and JJP-supported Paramjeet Singh are in the fray from Ward 9.

ADC Sachin Gupta said, "Due to some miscommunication, the wrong EVM got installed at a booth. It was later changed and the polling went off peacefully."

In Fatehgarh, some villagers alleged that the names of around 30 voters were missing from the voters list.

District Revenue Officer Captain Vinod Sharma, who was the election observer, said "There was a supplementary list in which the names were already mentioned. The list was provided and the matter was resolved."

Deputy Commissioner Dr Priyanka Soni said, "A couple of issues that cropped up in Durkhara and Fatehgarh were timely resolved and the polling went off peacefully at all the polling stations."

70 pc cast vote in Karnal dist

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KARNAL, NOVEMBER 9

Amid tight security arrangements, voting for the 25 Zila Parishad seats and the 196 wards of Panchayat Samiti went off peacefully in 892 booths across the district today.

A total of 239 candidates were in the fray for the post of member ZP, while there are 200 wards for panchayat samiti in the district. Of these, four members have been elected unopposed. On the remaining wards, 880 candidates were contesting.

Technical glitches in electronic voting machines (EVMs) delayed the commencement of the polling process at a couple of booths. At a booth in Badagaon, supporters of a candidate created ruckus as the EVM was not working properly due to which polling was suspended for some time. The candidate also reached there and raised the issue with the authorities. The issue was resolved. — TNS

Holiday notice

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9

In view of the elections for Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti members in Faridabad, Fatehabad, Hisar and Palwal, the state government has declared a holiday on November 22 and 25 (Friday) in government offices, boards, corporations and educational institutions. — TNS

Bharat Bhushan appointed CM's secy

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9

The resignation of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's political secretary, Ajay Gaur, was accepted with immediate effect.

In a separate order issued by the Governor, Bharat Bhushan Bharti, former chairman of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC), was appointed political advisor to the Chief Minister.

> Earlier, he was chairman of HSSC

The order states that his appointment is against a "temporary and isolated" post and he will continue to serve till the Chief Minister wants him to.

Both orders of the Governor have been issued by the Chief Secretary.

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Candidates fulfilling eligibility as per UGC/DHE/University norms may attend Walk-in-interview for the post of Assistant Professors purely on temporary basis in the following subjects to teach UG/PG classes for the session 2022-23. Candidates are advised to carry their original certificates/testimonial and one latest photograph alongwith them on the day of interview:

Sr. No.	SUBJECT/ COURSE	NO. OF POSTS	DATE OF INTERVIEW	TIMINGS
1.	Mathematics	04	15.11.2022	10:30 A.M. ONWARDS
2.	Zoology	03	15.11.2022	
3.	Computer Science	02	15.11.2022	

Applicant will have to deposit an amount of Rs. 250/- as Application Fee on the same day in the College Office. Number of vacancies may vary as per requirement. Interviews will be held at NIC Room 3rd floor Mini Secretariat, Hisar.

Administrator
Jat Educational Society, Hisar

Govt to redress legacy waste

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9

While working towards bio-mining, the state government will redress legacy waste by December 2023. Processing of 101- lakh metric tonnes of old waste is to be done in the state. A target has been set to dispose of the remaining 62.60 - lakh metric tonnes of old waste. This was stated by Chief Secretary, Sanjeev Kaushal at a meeting. — TNS

Smog engulfs parts of state; AQI in most cities 'very poor'

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KARNAL, NOVEMBER 9

The air quality in various districts of the state, particularly in North Haryana, deteriorated and turned to 'severe' category as smog engulfed most parts of the state. The situation was also worrisome as visibility was poor on roads due to smog.

The data collected from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) on Friday till 4 pm shows a grim picture of the state.

According to the air quality reports by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Kurukshetra and Ambala districts were in the severe category with 449 and 447 AQI, respectively. Kaithal (391), Yamunanagar (371), Karnal (337), Panchkula (330), Panipat (320), and Fatehabad (306) were in the very poor category, the data said.

The air quality of Sirsa (276), Faridabad (248), Ballabgarh (216), Hisar (215), Jind (211) was poor, while with 174 AQI, Gurugram was in the moderate category, the data added.

The air quality index (AQI) in the range of 0-50 is considered good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor, and 401-500 severe.

Meanwhile, the state has recorded 69 fresh cases of farm fires, taking the total number to 2,693 in the state so far. However, the number this year is very less in comparison to the corresponding duration last year as the state had reported 4,753 cases.

With 619 cases, Kaithal district is at the top of tally, followed by Fatehabad (555), Jind (320), Kurukshetra (289), Karnal (274), Yamunanagar (133), Sirsa (125), Hisar (56), Palwal (45), Panipat (35), Sonepat (28), Rohtak (3), Jhajjar (2), Faridabad (1), and Bhiwani (1), a satellite data revealed. The air quality in Kurukshetra and Ambala turned severe with the air quality index (AQI) recording an average particulate matter (PM) 2.5 at 449 and 447, respectively, on Wednesday evening.

The severe air quality seriously impacts those with existing diseases and respiratory illness, besides affecting healthy people too.Dr Naresh Bhardwaj, member of Green Earth, NGO, said, "A thick blanket of smog has enveloped the region. Only the stubble burning can't be blamed and residents are equally responsible for the situation as garbage is being burnt on a regular basis at different locations.." Ambala Civil Surgeon Dr Kuldeep Singh said, "An increase in the number of patients with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other respiratory issues in the OPDs is being witnessed. Even from the CHCs and PHCs many patients are being referred to civil hospitals. The people who have any kind of breathing issue should avoid outings, should take extra precaution, and use masks as the current air quality can cause them trouble.

"Nitin Mehta, Regional Officer from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, said, "Climatic conditions are the main reason behind the current situation. Directions have been issued to the civic bodies to sprinkle water on roads and trees, and it will bring respite to residents."



Low visibility on the Nelokheri-Patiala state highway in Karnal on Wednesday. SAYEED AHMED

69 FRESH CASES OF FARM FIRES

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RANGE OF QUALITY

The AQI in the range of 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'

Man gets 20-year RI for raping minor

PANIPAT, NOVEMBER 9

The fast-track court (POCSO) of Additional District and Sessions Judge Sukhpreet Singh on Wednesday awarded 20-year rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a man for raping a 14-year-old girl here. The court has also imposed a fine of Rs one lakh on the convict.

District Attorney Rajesh Chaudhary said the incident was reported to the Chandnibagh police on April 21, 2019. A woman of Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh in her complaint to the Chandnibagh police said she along with her family lived in the quarters constructed by a factory in the Weavers Colony.

She along with her husband was working at a factory here. Her 14-year-old daughter had been complaining of abdominal pain for many days. They took her to the doctor where doctors told them that she was pregnant.

On asking her, she disclosed that Panna Lal of Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh who was also working in a factory, had raped her and also threatened to kill her if she told anyone about the incident. Following her complaint, the Chandnibagh police registered a case and began a probe in the matter and arrested Panna Lal on April 22, 2019 and produced him before the court.

Chaudhary further said the POCSO court of ASJ Sukhpreet Singh on Wednesday sentenced Panna Lal to 20 years RI and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 under Section 6 of the POCSO Act; RI for five years and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 for the convict under Section 450 of the IPC; RI for 20 years and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 under Section 376 (2) (n) of the IPC and RI for 20 years under Section 376 (3) of the IPC . — TNS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that, under the instructions of our client, we are investigating the ownership, title, rights and interest including but not limited to any development rights, collaboration rights, tenancy rights, joint development rights, FAR, FSI, entitlements, etc. of (i) Yamuna Real Estates Private Limited; (ii) Holiday Buildwell Private Limited; (iii) Tridev Buildwell Private Limited; (iv) Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited; (v) Sukhdham Buildcon Private Limited; (vi) Ramgarh Infrastructure Private Limited; (vii) Tamanna Buildcon Private Limited; (viii) Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited; (ix) Jagran Developers Limited; (hereinafter referred as **"Land Owners"**), over the land parcel admeasuring 62.262 Acres. (498 Kanal - 02 Marla) situated in Villages Sanwala, Pratapgarh, Bajidpur, Bidpipli, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, Haryana, as more particularly described in the land schedule hereto (hereinafter referred as **"Land"**).

Any person(s) or entity(s) including but not limited to any bank or financial institution having or claiming or asserting to have any rights, title, interest, demand, estate in respect of the Land or to any part thereof including but not limited to any development rights, collaboration rights, tenancy rights, joint development rights, FAR, FSI, entitlements, etc., of any nature whatsoever and, or, any claim, by way of, under or in the nature of any sale, exchange, assignment, charge, gift, license, lease, tenancy, inheritance, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, pending litigation, possession, contract/ agreement, development rights, partnership, family arrangement/ settlement, partition, decree or order of any court of law, acquisition by government or any entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect to the Land, or any part thereof and/or, having any objection(s) of any manner whatsoever, are hereby required to give notice in writing to the undersigned of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents and other proofs within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any rights, title, interest, claim, share, demand in the Land of any nature whatsoever, and the Land Owners are vested with absolute, clear and marketable title and interest over the Land, and the claim or objection, if any, has been knowingly waived and thereafter no claims or objections of any sort from any person/entity will be entertained and taken into consideration, and shall not be binding on our client.

LAND SCHEDULE

Owner	Village	Khewat	Rectangle No.	Killa No.	Area Kanal	Area Marla
M/s Yamuna Real Estates Private Limited (229/252 share) M/s Holiday Buildwell Private Limited (23/252 share)	Sanwla	123 Min	-	956/2	1	13
				957/2	7	1
				966/2	7	11
				967	4	10
				968	3	9
				969	9	4
				970/1	3	14
				Kite - 7	**37**	**02**
M/s Tridev Buildwell Private Limited (710/869 share) M/s Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited (117/869 share) M/s Sukhdham Buildcon Private Limited (42/869 share)	Pratapgarh	57 Min	15	18 min East	0	12
			16	11	8	0
				20	2	18
			17	13 min East	5	0
				14/2	3	4
				15	8	0
				16	1	16
				17	1	2
				18 min East	1	4
				Kite - 9	**31**	**16**
M/s Ramgarh Infrastructure Private Limited	Pratapgarh	58 Min	15	23/1 min East	4	8
			17	3/1 min East	4	19
				4/2	2	17
				6/1	6	10
				7/2	3	0
				8 Min East	5	0
				14/1	4	16
				Kite - 7	**31**	**10**
M/s Tamanna Buildcon Private Limited	Pratapgarh	64	16	1/2	5	7
				2	3	14
				7	0	6
				8	5	0
				9	8	0
				10	8	0
				12	8	0
				13	8	0
				14	1	14
				17	0	12
				18	6	14
				19	4	16
				Kite - 12	**60**	**03**
M/s Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited (194/657 share) M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited (389/1314 share) M/s Jagran Developers Limited (179/438 share)	Bidpipli	13/13	1	16	6	4
				17/1	4	2
				24	7	8
				25	8	0
			3	1	8	0
				10	8	0
				11	8	0
			4	5	8	0
				6	8	0
				Kite - 9	**65**	**14**
M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited	Bidpipli	19/18	2	23	10	5
			3	3	7	19
				4	5	2
				7	8	0
				8/1	2	1
				8/2	5	7
				13/1	1	5
				14/1	1	7
				Kite - 8	**41**	**06**
M/s Jagran Developers Limited	Bidpipli	21/20	3	9	8	0
				12	8	0
				13/2	5	9
				14/2	6	17
				17/1	2	6
			4	4	7	8
				7/1	5	11
				Kite - 7	**43**	**11**
M/s Sukhdham Buildcon Private Limited (684/1225 share) M/s Jagran Developers Limited (541/1225 share)	Bidpipli	24/23	2	19	3	4
				20	5	2
				21	8	0
				22	8	0
			3	2	8	0
				17/2	6	3
				18/1	3	12
				19	8	0
				23	7	8
				24/1	3	16
				Kite - 10	**61**	**05**
M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited (16/193 share) M/s Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited (103/965 share) M/s Jagran Developers Limited (782/965)	Bidpipli	40/39	4	7/2	1	17
				8/2	4	18
				9/2	3	19
				12	3	15
				13	8	0
				14	7	8
				15	8	0
				16/2	2	6
				17	5	11
				18/1	2	11
				Kite - 10	**48**	**05**
M/s Sukhdham Buildcon Private Limited	Bidpipli	151/148	3	20	8	0
				Kite - 1	**08**	**00**
M/s Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited (5/6 share) M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited (1/6 share)	Bidpipli	177/173 Min	1	19 min South	3	7
				20 min South	1	17
				21	4	5
				22	8	0
				Kite - 4	**17**	**09**
M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited	Bidpipli	178/174 Min	1	17/2	1	17
				18 min east south	5	1
				23	8	0
			4	3	7	11
				8/1	3	2
				Kite - 5	**25**	**11**
M/s Saarthi Buildwell Private Limited (41/283 share) M/s Dalhousie Buildtech Private Limited (242/ 283 share)	Bidpipli	179/175	4	1	3	14
				2	7	19
				9/1	2	10
				Kite - 3	**14**	**03**
M/s Holiday Buildwell Private Limited	Bajidpur	15 Min	-	3/1	1	8
				4/1	0	17
				Kite - 2	**2**	**5**
M/s Holiday Buildwell Private Limited (23/252 share) M/s Yamuna Real Estates Private Limited (229/252 share)	Sanwla	123 Min	-	965 min south east	1	5
				971 min south east	5	16
				Kite - 2	**07**	**01**
M/s Yamuna Real Estates Private Limited	Sanwla	100 Min	-	972/2 min south east	0	3
				973/2 min south east	2	18
				Kite - 2	**03**	**01**
					498	2
GRAND TOTAL					**62.262 (Acre)**	

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17 teams to verify paddy stock at 165 mills in Kaithal

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KAITHAL, NOVEMBER 9

Amid the reports of paddy arrival from other states and the issuance of 'fake gatepasses' in various grain markets, the administration has constituted 17 teams to conduct physical verification of 165 rice mills in the district. These teams will verify the stock available in the mills with the issuance of paddy by the procurement agencies.

A total of 80,32,314 quintal paddy has arrived in the various grain markets of the district. In the same period last year, 73,32,083 quintal paddy reached in these markets.

District Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sangeeta Tetarwal said, "The team members have started the verification process and they will submit their reports by the end of this week."

The mill owners had to return 25 per cent of custom-milled rice by December 2022, and 100 per cent by April 2023, she added.

A team led by Kaithal Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) will conduct physical verification at 15 mills while another team led by Kaithal Tehsildar Sudesh Mehra will verify the stock of eight mills.

80,32,314 quintal paddy has arrived in dist mandis so far

Naib Tehsildar Kalayat Harvinder Pal will conduct the verification process of six mills. In Pundri block, a team led by Naib Tehsildar Pundri Joginder Dhankar will verify the stock of two mills while two teams led by Naib Tehsildar Guhla Sunil Kumar will visit four mills of Siwan.

In Cheeka, teams led by SDM Ghula Rohit Kumar (15), Kaithal City Magistrate Gulzar Ahmed (15), Kaithal Regional Transport Authority Secretary (17), Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran Executive Officer Mayank Bhardwaj (10), Kaithal DMC Kuldhir Singh (10) and Kaithal Naib Tehsildar Ashish Kumar (13) will carry out the process.

The verification of 15 mills in Dhand area will be carried out by a team led by Rajound Naib Tehsildar Hari Krishan while Naid Tehsildar of Dhand Gourav will inspect 12 mills. A team led by CEO Zila Parishad Suresh Ravish will conduct physical verification of seven mills of Ramthali.


MBBS students of the KCGMC form a human chain in Karnal on Wednesday. SAYEED AHMED

MBBS students form human chain to protest bond policy

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KARNAL, NOVEMBER 9

On the ninth day of the protest against the bond policy of the state government, students of the Kalpana Chawla Government College (KCGMC) formed a human chain on Wednesday. The students are demanding a rollback of the policy.

The protesting students alleged that as per the policy, no job guarantee had been assured after the students complete the MBBS. If a person failed to get a government job, he/she was liable to pay Rs 36 lakh, they said, adding that there was no clarification regarding pursuance of post graduation (PG) courses during the period in which they would be employed with the government, a student said.

"Around 1,660 students complete their MBBS degree every year but only 552 PG seats are available in the seat. As a result, we have to go to other states for higher education. The policy not only blocks the students who want to pursue further education but also imposes a hefty amount if they opt to go out of the state," the students said.

NO JOB GUARANTEE AFTER MBBS

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- If a person failed to get a government job, he/she was liable to pay ₹36 lakh, the students said. There was no clarification regarding pursuance of PG courses during the period in which they would be employed with the government

Man nabbed with laptops, mobile phones

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANCHKULA, NOVEMBER 9

The Panchkula police have arrested a man who allegedly stole mobile phones and laptops after entering the houses when the owners went for a morning walk.

The arrested accused has been identified as Ramesh Rai, alias Sonu, a resident of Khurseda Ganj village of Bihar.

The police recovered 10 expensive mobiles and a laptop from the possession of the thief. The team of the Sector 26 crime branch led by Mohinder Singh arrested the accused on the basis of the CCTV camera footage. The police suspect that some gang may be behind the burglary in the city.

Two held in student's murder case

YAMUNANAGAR, NOVEMBER 9

The police have arrested two persons in connection with the murder of a student of Industrial Training Institute. The murder had taken place in a colony of Yamunanagar on Sunday allegedly due to old enmity. The accused have been identified as Munish alias Nishu of Prithvi Nagar and Basant Yadav of Krishna Nagar of Yamunanagar. — TNS

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With profound grief & sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our revered mother
Principal Sdn. Satwant Kaur Sidhu
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Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann inspecting a grain market on arrival of Paddy crop

Punjab's new green revolution

CM MANN WANTS UNIQUE MODEL BASED ON ADVANCED FARMING PRACTICES

FARMERS are rejoicing as prices of crops go up and costs of production reduce under the Stewardship of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann has vowed to make agriculture viable and profitable in the state. His government is constantly taking positive steps for the growth and upliftment of agriculture in Punjab. By introducing farmer-friendly policies, his motive is to make farming a lucrative profession, motivating youngsters to opt for their ancestral occupation with pride and dignity.

Punjab is set to become a frontrunner state to adopt a unique agriculture model based on advanced farming practices to boost farmers' income with a thrust on crop diversification under the visionary leadership of Bhagwant Mann.

MANN PUSHES FOR CROP DIVERSIFICATION

The chief minister has constantly batted for diversification of crops, which he says is urgently needed to take farmers out of the rut of the wheat/ paddy cycle on one hand and to save the depleting groundwater level on the other.

To encourage crop diversification, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann has always encouraged the farmers to opt for Moong cultivation and assured them that the state government would purchase Moong at the Minimum Support Price. He said this was the first time that the state government had promised to buy a crop other than paddy or wheat on MSP. Moong crop is fully grown in 55 days. Farmers who opt for "moong cultivation in July can go in for cultivation of late growing of paddy variety PR 126 or basmati," the Chief Minister said in a video message.

The MSP for moong is Rs 7,275 per quintal and it was cultivated in 77,000 acres this year as compared to 50,000 acres last year. With a yield of 80-85 quintals per hectare last year, the crop is very well supplemented their incomes.

₹1,500 PER ACRE INCENTIVE FOR FARMERS FOR DIRECT SEEDING OF RICE

In another pro-farmer move, CM Mann announced financial aid of Rs 1,500 per acre to the farmers who opted for direct seeding of rice in the Kharif season. This weaned many a farmers away from the transplantation of paddy, which is harmful to the environment. Farmers were allowed to go in for direct seeding from May 20. The DSR is an advantageous incentive to combat the state's diminishing groundwater table as well as benefit the farmers monetarily. DSR technique uses much less water for irrigation, improves percolation, cuts farm labour dependency, and improves soil health, increasing paddy and wheat yields by 5-10%. Rs 450 crore was set aside to provide incentives to farmers who promote DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice) technique, which uses less water and is more cost-effective.

CM Mann launched a Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) portal to facilitate the farmers to give their willingness for the area to be sown with DSR technology in the Kharif season. This was done to facilitate the payment of Rs 1,500 per acre after proper verification through this portal in a fair and transparent manner.

FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

CM Bhagwant Mann has reiterated the government's commitment to making a series of reforms and introducing developmental programs for the farmers. To encourage modern, sustainable development in Agriculture in Punjab, CM Mann sought the German Agribusiness Alliance's (GAA) support for the agro-food industry in Punjab. He said that the expertise of the GAA, a German business initiative of leading associations and companies in the agri-food sector, can be very useful for the food growers of Punjab. He met with the senior representatives of the GAA while on a visit to Germany. During deliberations, Mann said that the alliance can provide on-field handholding to Punjab farmers in best practices of crop management.

Inviting the GAA partners to Punjab, Mann said that Punjab is a leader in cereal production and one of the largest milk producers in India. He said that the strong infrastructure of the state has made it the preferred investment destination for leading MNCs.

CM Mann also met the Founder and CEO of Verbio Vereinigte BioEnergie AG, Claus Sauter, in Berlin and urged the bio-energy giant to explore future collaboration opportunities with Punjab in the renewable energy sector. Expounding on the mutual association, he said that its Indian subsidiary recently commissioned one of the largest biofuels (Biomethane/Bio-CNG) production units with 33 tonnes per day capacity at Sangrur. The bio-CNG project will produce biogas "by anaerobic digestion process, which is a great way to solve the problem of stubble burning", CM Mann said.

PRO- FARMER; AGRICULTURE FRIENDLY BUDGET

CM Mann's vision has ushered Punjab toward a new dawn of agricultural production and rapid transformation within only a few months of assuming the responsibility of helming the state. In the first budget, CM Bhagwant Mann's government has allocated Rs11,560 crores for the agriculture sector. During his budget speech, finance minister Harpal Singh Cheema announced The Punjab government's budgetary allocations for solving the stubble burning issue and free power to agriculture tube wells. Rs 200 crores for solutions to stubble burning, which is an alarming environmental issue in Punjab and its neighboring states, including Delhi-NCR. The Punjab finance minister also announced Rs 66 crores for gap funding to procure green gram. The government also proposed a budgetary allocation of Rs 6,947 crores for free power to agriculture tube wells in Punjab. An announcement of Rs 450 crores for giving incentives to paddy growers who adopt the nonconventional method of direct seeding rice, aimed at saving groundwater by at least 20 percent, was also one of the salient points of the pro-farmer budget.

PUNJAB HIKES SUGARCANE PRICE BY ₹20 A QUINTAL

In a pro-farmer move, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced an increase in the price of sugarcane to Rs 380 per quintal, a hike of Rs 20, in the Assembly. He said the farmers will get the additional amount under the State Agreed Price (SAP) of sugarcane as compared to the last year. The State government's outlay will be an additional Rs 200 crore annually to benefit the farmers. Mann said the farmers of Punjab are eager to adopt sugarcane under crop diversification, but they hesitate due to a lack of adequate price and timely payment of the crop. Presently, although the total crushing capacity of sugar mills was around 2.50 lakh hectares, but sugarcane is cultivated on just 1.25 lakh hectares in Punjab. Thus, the government has increased the price to supplement the income of farmers.

Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal told the state Assembly that the cooperative sugar mills have already paid the entire dues of the farmers. Incase need be, the property of the defaulting mill owners will be confiscated to pay the pending dues of the farmers.

MSP ON ALL CROPS



This was the first time that the state government has promised to buy a crop (moong) other than paddy or wheat on MSP.

Bhagwant Mann, CM

PAY DUES OR FACE ACTION



Property of the defaulting mill owners will be confiscated to pay farmers pending dues.

Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal,
AGRICULTURE MINISTER



FARMERS ADDING BEE-KEEPING TO THEIR FARM REPERTOIRE

CM Mann's Crusade to Curb Stubble-Burning

TO douse the menace of pollution caused by stubble burning in Punjab, the Punjab government has set a multi-pronged action plan in motion which is showing impressive results. This involves a massive awareness drive, the distribution of thousands of crop residue management machines, and engaging students and religious places to fight paddy stubble burning.

Punjab generates around 180 lakh tonnes of paddy straw annually. Farmers set their fields on fire to quickly clear off the crop residue so that the field is ready for the next Rabi crop (wheat).

CM Bhagwant Mann, who held a meeting with representatives of farmer unions from across Punjab, said the state government is making available 1.22 lakh stubble management machines and an app has been developed by the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) to facilitate them in using these machines. Mann appealed to farmers to support and participate in this noble cause, saying that "it is the need of the hour for protecting the environment of the state" he said.

MAKING MACHINES AND TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE

CM Mann has set aside Rs 452 crores for giving crop residue management (CRM) machines as a subsidy to farmers. He has recommended that the Punjab government should distribute 32,100 crop residue management machines this year. The subsidized machines are being given to farmers under the centrally sponsored in-situ management (mixing crop residue in soil) of the paddy stubble scheme. With this, the state will's crop management machines will go up to a whopping 1,22,522 tonnes..

AWARENESS DRIVE

Punjab Agriculture Director Gurwinder Singh said, "We have launched a massive awareness drive in villages to motivate farmers not to burn paddy stubble. It involves 2,800 camps in villages across the state to dissuade farmers from burning the crop residue." The Punjab government officials are visiting villages that are reporting a high number of setting fires to crops to sensitize farmers against stubble burning. The government has also involved the services of farming professionals to inform about the farmers who have not been burning paddy, and yet getting a good yield. Students from Agricultural colleges are spreading the message against burning paddy residue while school children from rural areas are participating in rallies to spread the word. Announcements are also being made via mobile vans, gurdwaras, temples, and common places.

TECHNOLOGY FOR AGRICULTURE

Making smart use of technology to tackle crop burning, the 'i-Khet' app has been launched. Available on Android, this app provides details of the availability of CRM machines and facilitates farmers to book them on rent. i-Khet aims to create awareness and eliminate the need to burn crop residue.

BIO-DECOMPOSER

In September, the governments in Punjab and Delhi joined hands in a pilot project to combat the raging problem of stubble burning by spraying Pusa bio-decomposer on 5,000 acres in Punjab as a pilot project. This microbial solution can break down the stubble to manure on 5,000 acres of farmlands in Punjab. The bio-decomposer, developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, can decompose the stubble and helps prepare the farmers to sow their next crop in approximately 20 days.



CM Mann urges legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price

WHILE recently addressing the national council meeting of Niti Aayog chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held in New Delhi recently, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, emphasized the need for making Minimum Support price (MSP) on crops a legal guarantee. Calling it the need of the hour so that the interests of farmers can be safeguarded, the CM, who hails from an agrarian family is a true farmer sympathizer. CM Mann said MSP must be remunerative as the input cost of agriculture has increased substantially and farmers are not getting the right price for their harvest. He also recommended that the committee on MSP that has been constituted by the government should be reconstituted with "real farmers" as its members rather than "armchair economists" who don't have any knowledge about agriculture. He said experts in agriculture along with all the stakeholders must be made members of this committee. CM Mann recalled that at the time when the country was starving, the hard-working and resilient farmers of Punjab had made the country self-reliant in food production. However, as agriculture is no longer a profitable venture, the farmers are facing a crisis, he said.

CM MANN TO MARKFED "PROVIDE WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES TO PEOPLE"

CM Mann extorted Markfed to provide its world-class products at affordable prices to people for stabilizing their kitchen budget and saving them from the menace of inflation. While launching new products -Litchi Honey and Litchi Jam, produced by MARKFED he said that this the public sector undertaking of the Punjab Government, has left an impeccable imprint in the market with high-quality food products like ghee, refined oils, sauces, Basmati rice, and others. He urged that the prices must be pocket friendly to the people, saying that no stone must be left unturned for this noble cause in the larger public interest.

CM Mann's vision is to propel Punjab in the high growth trajectory. He has urged the farmers to adopt income-generation activities allied to agriculture such as horticulture and beekeeping, and fruit and vegetable production to supplement their income. He said that the hard-working and resilient farmers of the state had left an indelible imprint on national food production by making the country self-sufficient.

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India-Russia bonhomie

Delhi prioritising national interests amid US pressure

AMID the geopolitical tussle triggered by the Ukraine war, India and Russia have recorded significant growth in bilateral trade, underlining the strength and endurance of their time-tested ties. During his first visit to Moscow after Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine in late February, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar made it clear that India would continue to import crude oil from Russia despite western pressure. Russia became India's top oil supplier in October, overtaking traditional vendors Saudi Arabia and Iraq, even as Jaishankar said at a joint media briefing with Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov on Tuesday that it was New Delhi's 'fundamental obligation' to ensure that Indian consumers had the best possible access to the 'most advantageous' terms in international crude markets.

India has rightly gone all out to safeguard its interests rather than toeing the line of western powers during the ongoing energy crisis. No wonder India-Russia bonhomie has not gone down well with the US. The White House has said that the Biden administration is committed to working with India on its transition away from Russia, adding that a number of countries have learned the hard way that Moscow is not 'a reliable source of energy or security'. India, however, is in no mood to reduce its dependence on Russian oil and fertilisers. Instead, the two countries are looking to expand economic cooperation, especially in the energy sector. The US is welcome to cement its partnership with India in various sectors, but it is well advised not to dictate terms to the latter with regard to Russia.

While setting its sights on an annual trade volume of $30 billion with Russia, India has indicated that it is not oblivious to the global headwinds. New Delhi has stated that it would be supportive of any initiative that 'de-risks' global economy and stabilises the world order. Being an old ally, India is justified in nudging Russia to make efforts for ending the Ukraine conflict in view of global concerns over energy and food security. Another challenge is to make Russia more receptive to exports from India so as to reduce the burgeoning trade deficit.

Education not biz

SC ruling shows the path to pvt medical colleges

IN a significant order that should set the ball rolling towards making education accessible to a large section of our able and aspiring youth who are at present unable to pursue certain courses of their choice because of the prohibitively high fees, the Supreme Court has maintained that education is not a business to earn profit. The apex court made this observation while ruling that the tuition fee must always be affordable. Towards this end, it upheld the Andhra Pradesh High Court verdict quashing a state government decision of September 2017 to increase the tuition fee of medical colleges – by seven times of that fixed earlier in 2011 – to Rs 24 lakh annually. The court termed this hike as unjustifiable and violative of the rules prescribed for the fixation or review of fees.

The issue of fees charged by private medical colleges and their regulation by the authorities concerned has been a contentious one as many such institutes – some without proper clearances or infrastructure – have mushroomed in the country over the past few decades. That these colleges were being run by managements as businesses with the motive of profiteering was clear as they resorted to the flourishing practice of 'paid seats' and capitation fees, giving merit the go-by. It naturally caused much unrest not only among the meritorious poorer aspirants but also the society as people harboured doubts over the quality of doctors emerging from these institutes and the education imparted to them.

Not surprisingly, the affected parties have regularly sought the intervention of the authorities concerned, including the Central and state governments and courts, for relief. But a solution acceptable to all stakeholders has remained elusive. When regulatory authority Medical Council of India was abolished in September 2020 and replaced by the National Medical Commission by the NDA government, it was touted as a historic reform for the medical education framework as it promised to steer it towards a transparent, qualitative and accountable system. But the ground situation is still plagued by controversies, right from the admission process to fee structure. The SC ruling provides a direction to the remedial steps needed.

COP27 optimism intact

Despite unfulfilled promises, there is hope developed world will keep word



GURJIT SINGH
FORMER AMBASSADOR



GRIM NOTE: Talking about climate change, UN Secretary General Guterres has warned that 'we are in the fight of our lives... and we are losing'. REUTERS

THE 27th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP27) of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change has finally come to Africa. It is in progress at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, with great expectations from African countries that their turn will come for the fulfilment of promises. The conference had a sombre beginning with UN Secretary General Guterres warning that 'we are in the fight of our lives... and we are losing'.

That 26 conferences have gone by, and yet climate change is a major challenge to the globe indicates a sense of gloomy failure. The effort to restrict global warming to no more than 1.5°C is now evidently a losing battle. Time has passed, but progress is slow. Is the effort to reduce carbon emissions to prevent further erosion of the earth, despite the failure so far, an effort worth making?

Over 100 world leaders have gathered at Sharm el-Sheikh to show that the issue is still important. A number of civil society and NGO delegates are helping to drive the agenda of optimism and emphasising the need for change. Most of the rhetoric and speeches are providing a sense of dissatisfying déjà vu. As Guterres said, 'The clock is ticking', but we don't seem to be making time.

That UK PM Rishi Sunak was persuaded to change his no-show decision to come in person to hand over the chairmanship to Egypt was a positive spark. There was a realisation that three of the most populous countries — China, India and Indonesia — among the leaders of the Global South, were not represented at the summit level. That Indonesia and India are the current and subsequent chairs of the G20, on whose agenda climate issues play a major role, is significant. Without China, India and Indonesia, further achievements on the climate agenda are unlikely.

Instead of remaining dependent on developed nations, the Global South should rise to deal with issues of immense importance to it.

A significant emphasis at COP27 is on adaptation. Developed countries always insisted on a focus on decarbonisation and mitigation and largely funded those initiatives. Funds for adaptation are lacking. Since the impact of climate change around the world is now more through floods, cyclones, typhoons and drought, the need to build a more resilient world to face climate change is necessary. For this, adaptation is important.

Secondly, efforts to restrict emissions need augmentation to control the large carbon footprint already in the atmosphere. The control of existing carbon, providing support to adaptation and mitigation to prevent more climate change are to be added together. What is now sought is an 'all of the above' approach. Critics believe that what we have followed is 'a none of the above' approach.

The battle is now no more between just and unjust because the developed and developing countries have come to a modus vivendi where they have decided how the responsibilities will be differentiated. In this, India has a larger commitment than a decade ago, whether it be on adaptation or mitigation. India's initiatives for the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) are praiseworthy.

However, new and additional financing of a minimum of $100 billion annually, committed at COP15 in 2015, is yet to be attained by the developed countries. Efforts to push them to reach that level, which is inadequate but symbolic of their commitment to the cause, continue. Alternative financing, whether through impact investments or public-private partnership, also need pursuit so that the target of over $1 trillion annually can be pursued.

India proposed to chase a new collective quantified goal (NCQG) for climate finance, which was promised at COP21 in 2015. India emphasised that it is among the few parties which attained the 2015 goals. Climate justice and sustainable lifestyles through PM Modi's LIFE —'lifestyle for environment' — movement are other Indian priorities.

The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts was invoked. The COP seeks better appreciation of the recommendations from the Reports of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

Scientific evidence and reports on climate impact and damage now are more vocal and clearer. This is not the main contention anymore. What is in contention is how to fulfil commitments on additional financing. The requirements vary from $1 trillion to the IMF figure of $2.5 trillion annually till 2030 to contain climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals that are lagging behind the 2030 target.

Currently, developed countries are encountering economic challenges. Prospects of recession, enhanced energy and food costs, people struggling with increased cost of living and public health are the results of the pandemic, the Ukraine war, sanctions and economic downturn. Amidst this, to what extent can the developed world keep its promise on climate finance for developing countries?

While seeking a just transition for developing countries by regularly financing their mitigation, adaptation and carbon control measures, the developed world is creating dependence on it for financing. While not giving up on their responsibility, the Global South should also show independent fund-raising, however modest. Its aim is to support their regional partners by a new fund under G20 leadership of India, Indonesia, South Africa and Brazil. This expanded IBSA could make a parallel effort to pursue ISA and CDRI objectives and support fellow developing countries with focused leverage from a unique fund of public grants, private guarantees and FDI and impact investment for a better future.

Deglobalisation is a real risk and economic recession looms. The climate will only deteriorate meanwhile. Instead of remaining dependent on the developed world, the Global South should rise to deal with issues of immense importance to it.

Gaddis, too, know the value of vote

SATYA KIRAN

THE Gaddi tribe mostly lives in the high-altitude areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul Spiti and Kangra districts of Himachal Pradesh. Last year, they suffered a setback as a large number of their sheep and goats died due to the foot and mouth disease (FMD). Now, due to early snowfall, they have started migrating to lower parts of Himachal and neighbouring states.

A week ago, my family was enjoying an outing on the banks of the Beas. A Gaddi family was passing by, grazing their goats and sheep. The head of the family, an elderly man, was using ear-pods to listen to music. I couldn't help asking him what music he was listening to. His reply stunned me: 'Ma'm, I love to listen to Mozart... When I was a school-going boy, my teacher would do so to ease his worries. He would tell students that music provided wonderful medicinal benefits!'

His reply made me forget about the outing. Though other members of my family were enjoying the scenery, I was exploring his psyche. 'Ma'am,' he continued, 'I have a young daughter who is about to be married, but this early winter and the fear of the disease have compelled us to move to these downward areas. My son wanted to see the international film festival at Dharamshala, but I asked him not to go there.

'My young daughter would talk to me daily on the mobile phone. Only yesterday she cautioned me that I should not miss my legitimate right to vote on November 12. Her rhythmic verse had brought tears to my eyes — *Votay da hakk mat khona chachua, Vote usa pana jisa des bchana chachua* (Don't lose your right to vote. Vote for the candidate who would help safeguard our interest and build our state too).'

Realising his predicament, I felt how parents not only guide their children, but also are guided by their sincere and knowledgeable children. I couldn't help asking him, 'Is your daughter educated?' 'She has passed plus two in science. She wanted to appear for NEET but there was no one to guide her. I could not afford to send her to some institute that prepares children for this competition. I had already suffered a big setback as many of my sheep and goats died of FMD last year,' he said.

The earth seemed to slip from under my feet as I realised what a tiring and difficult life the Gaddis have. Yet, they are bold enough to face such odd situations, and even enjoy the music of Mozart — the worth of which even many educated ones don't realise!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What you do makes a difference. You have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. — **Dr Jane Goodall**

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British Capital in India

IN the course of an article the *Pioneer* criticises the view expressed in the note of dissent by Indian members of a Commission to the effect that when British capital is employed in India in establishing new industries taking advantage of the protection afforded to them, certain conditions must be fulfilled so as to ensure the advantages to India and Indians which have been kept in view by the Commission in recommending the adoption of a policy of protection. The paper argues that no such restrictions should be placed on foreign enterprises on the ground that the employment of British capital has been always advantageous to India and without the aid of the free application of such capital industrial enterprise in India would suffer. The writer further says:-- "The position is that India enjoys a free market in England for her products, that Indians who desire to establish enterprises there may do so without any restriction whatever, and that the Government of India is able to raise loans in the London market on terms which it could not obtain elsewhere." The conclusion is that there must be similar freedom for British capitalists in India. How many Indians, may we ask, have gone to England with Indian money to establish industries there? As for "free market in England" for Indian "products," it is well known that the only "products" which India exports are raw materials and these are purchased by England for her own benefit. India holds almost a monopoly in most of these "products" and if England so chooses, she is welcome to protect herself by a tariff wall, and we can assure ourselves that India will not suffer thereby. That India has been able to float her loans in England is also a matter at least as advantageous to England as it is to India.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Explain revenue source

Refer to 'Wooing Himachal voters'; political parties for the purpose of garnering votes make promises that can strain the state's economy. They should explain how they would fulfil their promises and publicise the explanation on social media and other platforms. As this trend of making lofty announcements is increasing, the Election Commission should form an independent body to examine these claims. While India is a welfare state and some welfare measures enshrined in the directive principles of the state policy are needed, it must be ensured that these schemes do not have ramifications for the economy in the long term.

PRATEEK BANSAL, BY MAIL

Affordable education

The SC has quashed the seven-fold hike in MBBS fee announced by the Andhra Pradesh Government a few years ago. The fee for professional courses should be affordable. To help society progress and prosper, education and health are essential elements. Exorbitant fee for medical education is bound to make healthcare beyond the reach of most of the people in India. Already, corporatisation of the healthcare system has led to a steep increase in costs. In a similar vein, the Haryana bond policy for medical education in government colleges is irrational. When jobs for doctors are not guaranteed, why such a policy? It should be withdrawn by the Haryana Government and be replaced by a national bond policy framed in consultation with all stakeholders.

PREM SINGH DAHIYA, ROHTAK

Squeezing taxpayers

The proposal by the Chairman, Economic Advisory Council, to the PM regarding elimination of tax exemptions is irrational and insensitive. It will be demotivating for a small section of direct taxpayers — mostly employees - who shell out more than one-third of their income as taxes, whereas a humongous section of those working as professionals, business people, traders, unorganised sector operators, etc., whose incomes escape proper computation, would be let off the hook. Instead of wringing the necks of honest taxpayers to expand government coffer, the tax base needs to be widened by correctly identifying a large number of economic players generating substantial incomes without corresponding tax contribution. Bibek Debroy himself has written on corruption in India. Let him identify the reprobates in the system, particularly in the tax collection machinery, and winch up tax revenue collection by penalising such unscrupulous elements.

VIKRAM CHADHA, AMRITSAR

Lower income criterion

Reference to '3-2 verdict, SC upholds 10% EWS quota law'; the limit of Rs 8 lakh per annum is much higher than the per capita income of Rs1.5 lakh per annum and the national median salary of Rs 28,400 per month. The limit needs to be reduced to benefit the real poor. Families having Rs 8 lakh per annum income come under middle class and are better educated than poor people, and so have more chances of getting jobs under the EWS quota. Total income of all members in a family should be considered for EWS reservation. Many poor are self-employed or work in unorganised sectors. Who will give them income certificate? Caste-based reservation system being followed for decades has improved the socio-economic status of many families, but they continue to enjoy reservation, depriving the really needy people. Hence, the creamy layer among them needs to be excluded from reservation benefit.

O PRASADA RAO, HYDERABAD

Modify policy

Since reservation was envisaged for a limited period, there is a dire need for redefining it in accordance with the current social realities. Allowing reservation on the basis of caste, creed and community to perpetuate is not justifiable. We need to address the problems of those people under the reserved category whose plight has remained the same. Requisite modifications in reservation policy can also go a long way in overcoming the problem of brain drain, as brilliant youths from the general category will get jobs on merit.

VIMAL SETHI, KAPURTHALA

EWS quota

The Supreme Court's judgment on the constitutional validity of the103rd Amendment, excluding SCs/STs/OBCs from the EWS category, may be juristically correct, but for a layperson, it is discriminatory to the excluded sections. The financially better-off in these castes enjoy the benefits of reservation, but others remain where they were decades ago. I remember when an average General Category candidate was selected over a brilliant SC candidate, who happened to be the son of a poor farmer, for the post of a lecturer in DU. The argument given was that he could avail of his quota seat. This logic makes social mobility impossible for these communities, and for all practical purposes, 'reserves' 50 per cent seats for 'forward' castes!

KUSUM CHADDA, MOHALI

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India can spearhead G20 on digital economy



SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN
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INDIA assumes the G20 presidency amid critical geopolitical developments. With the Ukraine war still in full swing, energy wars continuing around the globe, inflation rising to record levels and many countries still recovering from the pandemic, the world is in a state of flux right now. It is at this time that the role of the G20 could become pivotal in trying to bring about greater economic and social stability.

Yet, there is another very real possibility that it will remain a symbolic talking shop with most of the major players remaining aloof without any serious engagement. This prospect looms large as several key players are in an antagonistic mode over the Ukraine conflict.

The success or otherwise of India's presidency — a rotational tenure — of this important global grouping will largely depend on the way this country negotiates the minefield of members' varying national interests. Right now, there is considerable enthusiasm for taking over the role from Indonesia in December. It is also significant that the troika of the past, present and the future presidencies will be developing countries for the first time: Indonesia in 2021, India in 2022 and Brazil will take over this mantle in 2023. Whether these emerging economies will be able to steer the 19-member grouping into productive areas will have to be seen over the next year during which as many as 200 G20 events are planned to be held all over India.

Other members of this wide-ranging group, which accounts for 85 per cent of the world's GDP, are the US, the UK, the European Union, Russia and China. The focus of the G20 was originally on macro-economic issues and its formal title remains the "Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy". But it has now shifted focus and the brief is to discuss any contemporary issue.

While it may not be possible to discuss or reach a compromise on contentious political issues like the Ukraine war, some areas in which India is seeking cooperation have more global developmental resonance. The first is in the field of climate change, encompassing many elements, including an initiative seeking change at the ground level by people rather than merely evolving broad policies to promote climate change.

With emerging economies at the helm of G20, it should be possible to give a greater impetus to the key issues of both financing and technological support to achieving climate goals in poorer countries. This has been one of the critical areas discussed at both the previous Glasgow COP conference and the ongoing one in Egypt. A big step forward has been taken at the current COP with an agreement to discuss a mechanism to compensate poor countries for climate disasters. This is a proposal that can be taken forward by India at the G20, which has heft in terms of representing the world's leading economies.

The second area where India's leadership of the G20 can potentially lead to concrete gains is the digital economy. With India having become a trendsetter in many areas, including online finance, the prospects of creating a global digital architecture become much brighter. Even multilateral financing agencies like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have recognised that the online direct benefit transfer system here has provided support to the poorest segments of society in a seamless transparent manner. It is now being viewed as a model for other emerging economies to use for more effective targeting of beneficiaries of subsidy programmes.



Efforts will be made to bring 'Digital India' to the world through large economies that are G20 members. This plan has a good chance of success, given that several countries have shown interest in replicating the UPI system. Health is another area, which, reports say, will be given primacy during the presidency.

CHALLENGE: As many as 200 G20 events are planned to be held all over India. ANI

The world has already begun seeking to learn and adopt from the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) that has enabled financial inclusion for millions of those outside the formal banking system. The IMF has carried out studies on the India Stack, the multilayered digital identity, payment and data management system. Among the key elements of the stack are digital identity through Aadhaar as well as the UPI, which enabled even those without bank accounts to receive funds through digital wallets.

It is in this sector that India has already declared that efforts will be made to bring 'Digital India' to the world through the large economies that are G20 members. This plan has a good chance of success, given that several countries like Singapore and France have recently shown interest in replicating the UPI system.

Health is yet another area, which, media reports say, will be given primacy during the India presidency. Here too, the digital aspect of the way in which this country dealt with the pandemic and achieved the gigantic task of vaccinating the entire 1.4-billion population is a learning experience for other countries. No doubt, of course, there were numerous weaknesses in the handling of the pandemic such as stringent lockdowns that affected migrant workers and the inability of health infrastructure to tackle the destructive second Covid wave. These failures cannot be wished away, but on the plus side India was able to gear up industry to manufacture PPE equipment within months and its vaccine manufacturers were able to meet the challenge of supplying vaccines both domestically and to the world. For emerging economies, even India's failures on the health front are a salutary lesson to build up health infrastructure sufficiently to meet the needs of the poorest of the poor.

While these are expected to be the core areas of concern and discussion, there are a whole host of other issues where the G20 is already engaged, including multilateral reforms and women empowerment. The biggest task of the troika, however, is to ensure that western nations, which have arrayed themselves against Russia owing to its invasion of Ukraine, engage productively to bring about sustainable outcomes. And, this has to be achieved in the current geopolitical climate when countries are looking inward to grapple with issues of energy shortages, high prices, soaring inflation and rising interest rates. It will thus be a task of Himalayan proportions for both India and the other troika members to ensure positive outcomes in areas that continue to be of deep significance for those at the bottom of the pyramid around the world.

Remembering heroes of Rezang La, Gurung Hill



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FORMER DEFENCE ATTACHÉ TO CHINA

History was rewritten on August 30, 2020, when Kailash Ridge was secured by the Indian Army in response to PLA's unprovoked transgressions to change the status of the Line of Actual Control in Aksai Chin, three months earlier. This action took the Chinese by complete surprise, neutralising gains made by the PLA along the northern bank of Pangong Tso, besides rendering its position at Maldo Garrison untenable.

ON October 20, 1962, China launched a two-pronged aggression against India. The main offensive was in the east, complemented by a subsidiary in the west — directed towards eastern Ladakh to capture areas up to the 1960 Claim Line and gain complete control over Aksai Chin, which entailed the elimination of 43 Indian military posts.

The People's Liberation Army's (PLA) operations in Aksai Chin were executed in two phases. In the first phase (October 20 to 28, 1962), the Chinese cleared Indian positions at Daulat Beg Oldi, Galwan, Pangong Tso and Dungti-Demchok areas. The second phase was launched three weeks later on November 18 to capture strategically important Kailash Range — it originates from the southern bank of Pangong Tso and stretches over 60 km from northwest to south. The key features on Kailash Ridge include Helmet Top, Gurung Hill, Spanggur Gap, Muggar Hill, Mukhpari, Rezang La and Rechin La — heights varying between 4,000 m and 5,500 m.

During the lull following phase one, the Indian Army reorganised its defences, including raising of 3 Infantry Division at Leh. Its three infantry brigades — 70 was assigned the Indus Valley sub-sector, 163 was earmarked for the protection of the Leh Garrison and 114 was responsible for the defence of Chushul — were deployed in this way: 1/8 GR (Gorkha Rifles) in the north of Spanggur Gap with two companies on Gurung Hill, a company to the north and fourth company in Spanggur Gap and Battalion Headquarters with an ad hoc company at the Chushul airfield. The 13 Kumaon was deployed south of Spanggur Gap with two companies on Muggar Hill, a company at Rezang La and fourth company along with the Battalion Headquarters south of it.



EPIC BATTLE: Most of the personnel deployed at Rezang La fought to the finish. PTI

Brigade Headquarters along with 1 JAT, two troops of AMX-13 tanks was located at Chushul. 13 Field Regiment minus a battery (25 pounder guns) was positioned in support.

The Chinese planned to capture Rezang La and Gurung Hill concurrently with three battalions (ex-4 Infantry Division). Attacking troops were concentrated in Retuzong, 40 km from the border. The C Company of 13 Kumaon, responsible for the defence of Rezang La, was deployed two platoons up (strong points 7 and 9) with the third platoon and Company Headquarters at Point 5150 (strong point 8) in the centre, along with detachments of 3-inch mortars, heavy machine guns and rocket launchers.

The Chinese plan was to outflank the position at night from the north and south. Accordingly, the attacking force was divided into two; one task force composed of 3rd Battalion (less a company) of 11th Regiment was to attack strong point 9 from the south and the second comprising two companies (one each from 3rd Battalion of 10th & 11th Regiments) was to attack strong point 8 from the north. The 3rd Battalion (less a company ex-10th Regiment) and 3rd Cavalry (less two companies) were earmarked as reserves.

The two task forces started from Retuzong at 8 pm on November 17 and were in respective firm bases by 6 am the following morning. After brief artillery bombardment, the attack on Rezang La commenced from both directions at 9.15 am. A fierce battle ensued, the defenders beating back successive Chinese attacks. With communication snapped and the position encircled, leaving no possibility of being reinforced, it was a "do-or-die" situation for C Company under Major Shaitan Singh. Finally, the Chinese did manage to break through and Rezang La fell by 10 pm on November 18.

It was an epic battle, literally fought to 'the last man, the last round'. Of the 141 personnel at Rezang La, 135 'fought to the finish'; five were taken prisoner, with one survivor. Major Shaitan Singh was awarded Param Vir Chakra (posthumously). China's 21 personnel were killed and 98 wounded.

Gurung Hill was held by two companies of 1/8 GR (strong points 16, 5 and 6) located northeast of Spanggur Gap. Strong point No. 16 at 5,100 m was held by a company minus platoon, supported by a troop of AMX-13 light tanks.

The task to capture strong point 16 was assigned to a task force of Ali Detachment, which consisted of eight sections duly reinforced by a platoon each of engineers and flamethrowers, one heavy machine gun, one 57-mm recoil-less gun and 12 82mm mortars. One company of the 3rd Cavalry was to act as reserve.

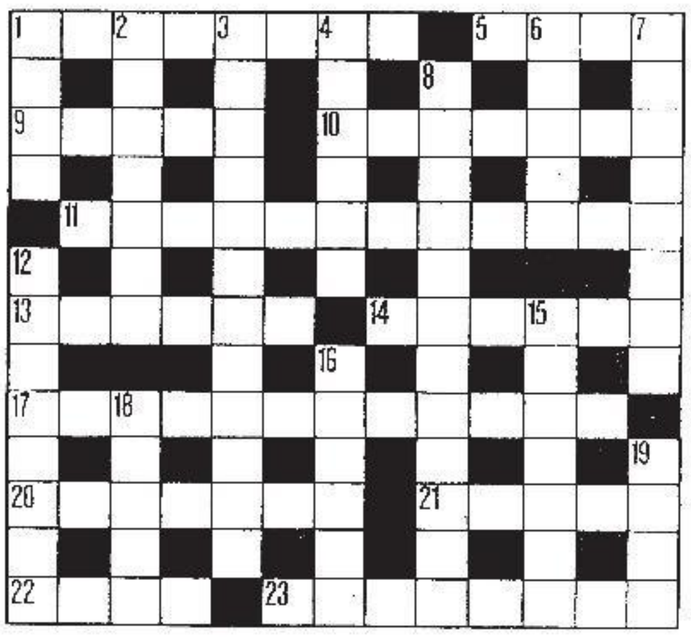
The attack on strong point 16 commenced at 9.22 am on November 18, preceded by artillery fire. Facing stiff resistance, the Chinese suffered heavy casualties and the attack was stalled, but resumed again at 11 am. After repulsing repeated attacks with no reinforcements coming by, the position fell towards the last light. The intensity of fighting could be gauged from the casualties; 50 personnel of 1/8 GR were killed and several wounded, while Chinese witnessed over 80 casualties and many wounded. The PLA could not capture strong points 5 and 6 i.e. the remainder portion of Gurung Hill.

Whereas only Rezang La and a part of Gurung Hill had been captured, a decision was taken at the highest level to pull back from Kailash Ridge and redeploy the west of Chushul on the intervening night of December 19 and 20. The Chinese did not follow Indian withdrawing troops. Incidentally, the PLA had only division plus at their disposal for the operations in Aksai Chin and were severely constrained to undertake any further operations.

On the other hand, the 3rd Infantry Division had the capability to launch a limited counter-offensive. After declaring ceasefire on November 21, Chinese forces fell back to depth positions due to logistic constraints.

Fifty-eight years later, history was rewritten on August 30, 2020, when Kailash Ridge was secured by the Indian Army in response to PLA's unprovoked transgressions to change the status of the LAC in Aksai Chin, three months earlier. This action took the Chinese by complete surprise, neutralising gains made by the PLA along the northern bank of Pangong Tso, besides rendering its position at Maldo Garrison untenable. Although, as part of the disengagement process, Indian troops have pulled back from the Kailash Range, the heroic deeds of our valiant soldiers remain etched in golden letters at Rezang La and Gurung Hill.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Round (8)
5 Brutal ruffian (4)
9 Customary (5)
10 Shoulder blade (7)
11 High state of readiness (7,5)
13 Demand assertively (6)
14 Self-centred person (6)
17 The innermost shrine (4,2,6)
20 Reparation for wrong (7)
21 Provide food (5)
22 Shed tears (4)
23 Child's companion in games (8)

DOWN
1 Decisive point at issue (4)
2 Loud and hoarse (7)
3 Dangerous antagonist (4,8)
4 Convince (6)
6 Place frequently visited (5)
7 Pencil lead (8)
8 Cheerfully casual (5-2-5)
12 Intellectual (8)
15 Indisposition to change (7)
16 A sculptor's tool (6)
18 Large long-handled spoon (5)
19 Liberate (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Deathblow, 8 Agree, 9 Journal, 10 Clever, 11 Beyond, 12 In a whirl, 15 Clincher, 18 Elated, 20 Mutiny, 21 Consign, 22 Route, 23 Rearguard.
Down: 2 Evoke, 3 Turbot, 4 Brandish, 5 Wallow, 6 Prevail, 7 Heartland, 11 Black mark, 13 Au revoir, 14 Wistful, 16 Confer, 17 Nassau, 19 Eager.

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 10, 2022, THURSDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2079
Shaka Samvat	1944
Kartik Shaka	19
Kartik Parvishte	25
Hijari	1444
Krishna Paksha Tithi 2, up to 6:33 pm	
Parigha Yoga up to 9:12 pm	
Rohini Nakshatra up to 5:08 am	
Moon in Taurus sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:29 HRS
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 06:44 HRS

Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Cloudy | Rainy | Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	27	18
New Delhi	30	17
Amritsar	28	15
Bathinda	25	14
Jalandhar	28	15
Ludhiana	25	15
Bhiwani	24	15
Hisar	25	15
Sirsa	25	16
Dharamsala	22	10
Manali	13	04
Shimla	18	08
Srinagar	11	05
Jammu	27	15
Kargil	09	–04
Leh	06	–04
Dehradun	25	14
Mussoorie	16	10

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Family Court-1, Jalandhar.
Camp Court at Phillaur.
Sulakhanjit Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Patti Neelowal, Tehsil Phillaur, VPO Bilga, District Jalandhar.
Vs.
Narinder Kaur alias Sonia W/o Sulakhanjit Singh D/o Daljit Singh R/o Village Nihalgarh, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala.
CNR No: PBJL01-009061-2021
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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Parshant Verma
Civil Judge
Senior Division,
Faridkot.
Nirmal Singh
Vs.
Shamsher Singh
CNR No.:
PBFD02-000400-2022
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The Plaintiff prays for permanent injunction against Defendant No. restraining them/him from
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Dated, this day of 03.11.2022.
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Senior Division,
Faridkot.
CL22080606

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Hitesh Garg
Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
Panchkula.
CNR No.:
HRPK02-001166-2022
Next Date: 22.12.2022
Ram Gopal Goyal
Vs.
General Public & others
Suit for Declaration and Mandatory Injunction
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(Sh. Hitesh Garg),
Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
Panchkula.
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SAD survives a scare

Tackling rebels challenge for party chief Sukhbir Badal

JUPINDERJIT SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TASK CUT OUT FOR PARTY
- The rebel candidate, Bibi Jagir Kaur, polled 42 votes, the highest by any candidate who stood for the SGPC post against the wish of the powerful Badal family
- Usually, candidates opposed by the Badals get between 20 and 25 votes. The party will have to work overtime to handle further rebellion and unite workers

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9
The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) candidate, Harjinder Singh Dhami, has been re-elected as the president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), but the party seems to have just escaped a scare of losing to rebels.

The rebel candidate, Bibi Jagir Kaur, polled 42 votes, the highest by any candidate who stood for the post against the wish of the powerful Badal family. Usually, candidates opposed by the Badals get between 20 and 25 votes. With Bibi Jagir Kaur getting almost double the votes today, the party, especially the president, Sukhbir Singh Badal, will have to work overtime to handle further rebellion and unite workers and members.

Already, the legislative wing head of the party, Manpreet Singh Ayali, has spoken and acted against the party leadership. Senior vice-president Jagmeet Singh Brar has also demanded a change in the leadership and giving more responsibility to the youth. This rebellion came in the wake of party's dismal performance in the Assembly elections earlier this year. The party could get only three seats of the 117 in its worst-ever performance.

Sukhbir Singh Badal, however, has termed the victory of Dhami a "lesson" for the rebels and those who interfere in the internal matters of the Sikh community. In multiple tweets, he said, "I thank Akal Purakh, the Khalsa Panth and SGPC members for giving a resounding rebuff to anti-Sikh conspirators and their stooges by reposing faith in the SAD."

The SGPC election was a high-pitch event this time as former president Bibi Jagir Kaur announced her candidature for the post on her own. The party president and other leaders termed it indiscipline and asked her to withdraw in favour of the official candidate of the party, Harjinder Singh Dhami. Sukhbir and other leaders also claimed that Sikh leaders, along with the BJP, were trying to break the party by supporting Bibi Jagir Kaur.

Despite loss, Bibi Jagir Kaur 'dents' armour of Akali Dal

Gets twice the usual number of votes polled by oppn

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SGPC CHIEFS IN PAST FIVE YEARS
- **2018:** Gobind Singh Longowal re-elected unopposed
- **2019:** Gobind Singh Longowal re-elected unanimously
- **2020:** Bibi Jagir Kaur elected for the third time with 122 votes
- **2021:** Dhami elected with 122 of 142 votes
- **2022:** Dhami re-elected with 104 votes against Bibi's 42

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 9
Though the defiant former SGPC chief, Bibi Jagir Kaur, failed to win the mandate against SAD candidate Harjinder Singh Dhami in the contest to for the top SGPC post, she has been "successful" in denting the SAD's armour as she got twice the number of votes usually polled by opposition candidates in previous elections.

Incumbent president Dhami won the post by getting 104 votes against Bibi, who polled 42. Though the margin appeared convincing, yet looking back at the previous elections, the opposition candidates' vote count was around 20.

This time, the stakes were high as Bibi Jagir Kaur remained adamant on contesting the SGPC president's post — with or without the support of the party. Stung by her move, the disciplinary panel of the SAD announced her suspension followed by expulsion.

After the result today, contrary to expectations, she appeared to be in high spirits.

"Who says that I lost? It is just the beginning. I have been successful in ending the 'lifafa culture' of the SAD. In earlier terms, my name used to 'pop out' from the same 'lifafa'. Above all, I managed to convince more members against the nefarious designs of SAD leaders," she said.

She said apart from the 42 votes, the inclusion of three members from her side in the executive body of the SGPC was another achievement. "This means they will be part of every decision of the committee. We will continue to keep a vigil on the moves of the SGPC and oppose them when they take a wrong call," she said. On the other hand, Dhami, who is all set to start his second innings as the SGPC chief, said a win was a win and the margin did not matter.

Air quality sinks further, triggers health concerns

Ludhiana, Khanna end up in severe category

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE


Students wear face masks due to smog in Patiala on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

PEOPLE COMPLAIN OF CHOKED ATMOSPHERE
- The average AQI on Wednesday was around 332, far worse than 224 recorded on Diwali this year
- People complained of a choked atmosphere throughout the day in Ludhiana and Khanna, which saw an AQI of 408 & 417, respectively
- Experts blamed bursting of crackers during the Gurpurb celebrations and farm fires for the poor air quality

RAIN CAN HELP
"Even a small spell of rain in the state can help settle the pollutants and the dust particles. An expert

PATIALA, NOVEMBER 9
The state today witnessed one of the worst days in terms of air quality and smog with two cities in the severe category and three others in the very poor category for almost the entire day with smog-like conditions prevailing across Punjab, raising health concerns among the elderly, children and the vulnerable.

The average AQI today was around 332, far worse than 224 recorded on Diwali this year.

Experts said crackers on Tuesday night due to the Gurpurb celebrations, along with hundreds of farm fires, ensured the worst air quality in Ludhiana and Khanna, affecting visibility too. People complained of a choked atmosphere all throughout the day in Ludhiana and Khanna, which reported an AQI of 408 and 417 (severe category).

Other cities too did not fare well with Amritsar (311), Jalandhar (332) and Patiala (362) also falling in the very poor category. Many private sports academies and schools have decided to cancel their evening outdoor practice sessions following difficulty in breathing and high particulate matter (PM)-loaded air. Most of the state did not get any sunshine on Wednesday after limited sunlight was witnessed in Punjab on Tuesday.

An AQI of above 400 is considered severe and can affect healthy people and seriously impact those with existing illnesses. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered good, 51 and 100 (satisfactory), 101 and 200 (moderate), 201 and 300 (poor), 301 and 400 (very poor), and 401 and 500 (severe).

The life-threatening PM2.5 particles in Punjab cities were recorded over 220 in almost all cities. Health experts said polluted air might cause or aggravate health problems such as asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and other respiratory problems. "Try to stay indoors or use a mask when exposed to outside air," they said.

PM2.5 are lung-damaging fine particles that are 2.5 micrometers or less in diameter and can travel deep into the respiratory tract, reaching the lungs and entering the bloodstream.

Hundreds of villages faced smog-like conditions, affecting visibility on roads and causing itching in the eyes.

On Wednesday, Punjab saw a high number of farm fires with the Malwa belt being the biggest contributor. The state recorded over 1,778 cases on Wednesday, while in 2020 and 2021 on the same day, Punjab had recorded 1,705 and 5,079 cases, respectively. Muktsar with 220 farm fires, Ferozepur with 198 and Bathinda and Faridkot with 185 incidents added the maximum smog.

Punjab has so far recorded 34,868 farm fires as compared to 47,409 recorded from September 15 to November 9, during the last season.

Experts suggest that due to the combined effect of stubble-burning-related pollutants, local emissions and weather conditions, the air quality is likely to remain in the very poor or the lower end of the severe category for the next couple of days if there is no rain. "Even a small spell across the state can help settle the pollutants and the dust particles," an expert said.



PWD seeks report on terms of agreements with toll operators

RAJMEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9
Days after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann flagged the issue of harassment of the common man at the toll plazas, the Public Works Department (PWD) has sought a status report from its field staff on the implementation of the terms and conditions of agreements signed between the department and the state toll plazas operators.

At present, there are 16 toll barriers on the roads managed by the state.

"The government wants to know whether the toll operators have violated the terms and condition of their respective agreements. A detailed performa has been given to the officers in charge," a senior government functionary said.

With the toll plaza operators seeking compensation for the losses suffered during the Covid restrictions and farmer's agitation, the state government is analysing the issue. Meanwhile, sources in the PWD said toll operators owed the state government over Rs 200 crore.

The action comes days after the government decided to act against the serving and retired technocrats for allegedly not ensuring carpeting of roads by toll plaza operators under the build-operate-transfer (BOT) basis, giving financial benefit to the operators.

As per the agreements, the operators have to repair and carpet the roads at regularly.

Officials said the terms of at least three toll plazas — Patiala-Samana-Patra, Hoshairpur-Tanda and the high-level bridge at Makhu — are ending next month.

In September, the Chief Minister, while announcing the closure of two toll plazas on the Sangrur-Ludhiana road, had pointed out that the toll plaza charges burnt a hole in the common man's pocket.

AAP MLA declared PO

TARN TARAN, NOVEMBER 9
Dalbir Singh Tong, AAP MLA from Baba Bakala (Amritsar), has been declared a proclaimed offender (PO) by the court of Bagicha Singh, JMIC, Tarn Taran.

Inspector Gurcharan Singh, SHO of the Sadar police station, Tarn Taran, confirmed today that the MLA had been declared a PO. The SHO said the accused MLA would be arrested soon.

Tong was among 50 AAP leaders, including Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha, three ministers and MLAs, who were booked by the local police for violating the Covid-19 norms nearly a year and a half ago while staging a dharna.

The Speaker got bail from the Punjab and Haryana High Court recently. — OC

Jalandhar's Rajan Sawhney is Alberta's Immigration Minister

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JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 9
Coming as a proud moment for Jalandhar, Rajan Sawhney, who has her roots in Wadala village just on the outskirts of the city, has been appointed as the Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism in the new government of Alberta, Canada.

The Punjabi community in India and Canada is excited about her new role. The 51-year-old was also a contender for the post of Alberta's Chief Minister, but could not make it. "While she was born and brought up in Calgary-North East, her parents hailed from the village. They still have a house in the Tower Enclave locality near the village," said former Akali MLA Gurpartap Wadala. Nakodar AAP MLA Inderjit Kaur Mann and AAP Punjab secretary Rajinder Kaur Thiara have also sent congratulatory messages to Sawhney.

Sawhney was elected as the MLA from Calgary-North East in April 2019. A member of the United Conservative Party, she has previously served as the Minister of Community and Social Services in the Executive Council of Alberta. In July last year, she took charge as the Minister of Transportation serving in this ministry for almost a year.

A mother of four, she remained engaged as a community volunteer for a long time and helped raise funds for social causes. She has degrees in economics, political science from the University of Calgary, besides an MBA. Prior to her political stint, she worked in the oil and gas industry for over 20 years.

Pakistani drone intercepted by BSF

FEROZPUR, NOVEMBER 9
Three back-to-back drone incursions from Pakistan were reported last night between 9.50 pm and 11.23 pm in an area close to the Jagdish border outpost (BOP) along the India-Pakistan border.

Every time the drone was spotted coming towards the Indian territory, BSF troops opened fire and also used illuminating bombs to bring it down. Finally, the last drone, which entered the Indian space around 11.23 pm, was brought down.

BSF personnel, along with Punjab Police teams and other sister agencies, launched a massive search operation during which they seized a a drone from Jalalwala village in Mamdot block.

Last night, BSF troops deployed at the Jagdish BOP near Gandhu Kilcha village heard the humming sound of a drone around 9.50 pm coming from the Pakistan side in alignment of the border pillar No. 193/8 in this sector.

As per the standard operating procedure, the BSF personnel fired several rounds and used illuminating bombs to bring down the drone.

Later, around 10.10 pm, the drone returned from the Indian side to the Pakistan side when the BSF personnel again fired at it.

As per reports, another sortie was reported at 10.42 pm by the BSF troops, who again opened fire. The BSF personnel fired 22 rounds and launched six illuminating bombs towards the drone, which had come in the same alignment again.

Subsequently, at 10.55 pm, the drone returned to Pakistan. Ironically, the BSF troops observed a third sortie at 11.23 pm in the Indian territory. This time, the BSF personnel again fired 57 rounds and three illuminating bombs and were successful in bringing down the drone. During a search operation, a hexacoptor was recovered near Jalalwala village along the border. Besides the drone, a 150-foot-long rope was also found attached with a pully of the flying machine. — OC



Anurag Thakur at a rally in Shimla.on Wednesday.

Congress obstructed development: Anurag

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 9

Shimla has witnessed unprecedented development in the past five years of the BJP regime, said Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur here today. He addressed a rally at Sanjauli in Shimla to seek votes for BJP candidates Sanjay Sood (Shimla Urban) and Suresh Bhardwaj (Kasumpti).

He said that after 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had sanctioned a large number of projects to Himachal but the previous Congress government in the state obstructed the pace of development. He added that only a 'double-engine' government could ensure development of the state in a true sense.

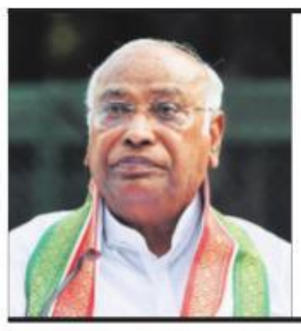
Anurag said that the Congress was the other name of corruption. The party had made false promises to people in the past and was again misleading them by giving false guarantees, he alleged.

He reiterated the promises made in the BJP manifesto and said that the Stree Shakti Sankalp speaks of an ambitious 33 per cent reservation to women in government jobs and educational institutions and the establishment of an Rs 500 crore corpus fund to give interest-free loans to women entrepreneurs to set up homestays.

The manifesto also promises that the financial support for the marriage of girls belonging to below poverty line families under the Mukhyamantri Shagun Yojana will be increased from Rs 31,000 to Rs 51,000, three free LPG cylinders will be provided to women of poor households under the Devi Annapurna Yojana and all women over 30 years of age belonging to poor families will be enrolled under the Atal Pension Yojana.

The Tribune INTERVIEW: MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Several popular leaders our strength



> Rebels are largely a BJP problem. The BJP is facing the ire of its leaders as well as people. This combination will ensure its rout on the counting day.

THERE is a clear mood for change in Himachal Pradesh and the ruling BJP, seeking to change the tradition, will be disappointed on the counting day. MLAs will choose the CM after the elections and several popular leaders in Himachal are the party's strength, not its weakness, Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president, tells **Aditi Tandon.** Excerpts

■ **The Congress hasn't won any election in a long time. How significant are Himachal elections?**

For a political party, every election is significant. We fight to win. But in recent times, we are facing a highly undemocratic phenomenon where the BJP uses coercion and black money to steal and subvert mandate. What will you term the election results of Goa and Manipur in 2018, Karnataka and MP in 2018? The loss of the BJP or loss of Congress? We are requesting the people of Himachal to vote decisively for the Congress so that their mandate is not subverted by misuse of money and central agencies.

■ **The BJP says it will change the tradition in HP. Your assessment?**

They are in for major disappointment. I have interacted with many people here. There is a clear mood for change. Five years of the BJP misrule have alienated every section. The youth are without jobs, women are reeling under inflation, farmers are not getting due prices, ex-government employees were lathicharged for demanding the OPS. The BJP is out of touch with these realities. They think they can continue using deceit and propaganda. But people are very well-informed. They can't be misled with divisive slogans.

■ **Top election issues as you see them?**

Joblessness, inflation, old pension scheme, Agnipath, lack of remunerative prices for agricultural and horticulture produce.

■ **How many seats will Congress rebels impact?**

Rebels are largely a BJP problem. The BJP is facing the ire of its leaders as well as people. This combination will ensure their rout on the counting day.

■ **Why haven't you announced any CM face? There are many hopefuls.**

The Congress is contesting under a collective leadership. The CM will be chosen by the legislature party. It's not unusual even for the BJP. They had a sitting CM in Assam, but didn't announce a face. Did they announce a face in the last Himachal elections, in Tripura or Delhi? We have several popular leaders. This is the strength of the Congress, not its weakness.

■ **Apart from anti-incumbency, what other factors are you counting on?**

Insensitivity of the BJP government, its approach of running the government without care for public interest and its agenda to serve only friends. People are observing all this. They also have the work done by the previous Congress governments to compare with.

■ **Your manifesto is full of promises but silent on funding?**

The Congress has a track record of delivery and governance. Unlike the BJP which has destroyed the economy with impulsive decisions, our governments are prudent and better governed. Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have already restored the OPS. We know how to do it in Himachal too. We have done our homework before making promises.

■ **This is the first election under you as Congress president. Does that burden you?**

Elections are never a burden. They are the lifeline of democracy. I have contested elections for over 50 years and won 11. We truly believe in democracy and fight elections.

■ **Rahul Gandhi is on Bharat Jodo Yatra. Why hasn't he campaigned in HP?**

Rahul Gandhi's yatra and our election campaigns are inseparable. He is setting a larger agenda for the nation and the party is spreading his message through its campaign. It is an integrated approach we have adopted. India is faced with unprecedented challenges of divisive politics, economic inequality and joblessness. Rahul is seeking people's support to address the issues. When everything is hijacked by autocratic forces, there is no option left but to go to people.

■ **Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is the Congress face in HP. Will she have a state role?**

Our CMs, former CMs, and general secretaries are all campaigning. Priyanka Gandhi is a popular leader and has worked with commitment for victory in the state. Her message resonates with the people. She is never shy of taking up challenges for the Congress.

■ **This is the first election in the absence of Congress stalwart Virbhadra Singh. Is that a factor?**

Virbhadra Singh was a towering leader. He is missed by everyone here. Such leaders are always remembered for their legacy.

Show BJP the door: Yechury

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 9

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury today urged people to avoid voting for the 'double-engine government' in the state. "Look at the 'double-engine' governments in states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, etc. One engine is pulling the train forward and the other is pulling it in the other direction," said Yechury while addressing a rally in Shimla for CPM candidate Tikender Panwar.

CPM's Politburo member Brinda Karat also held a road show to campaign for Kuldeep Tanwar, party candidate in Kasumpti.

Yechury said the Left was the only party that had opposed the OPS when it was introduced in Parliament. "The fears we had raised regarding the OPS then have come true. Now, some parties want to restore the OPS but the Centre is obstructing it by refusing to return the money deposited with it under the NPS," he added.

He urged voters to oust the BJP and send a maximum number of CPM candidates to the Assembly. He said that no one could raise the issues of public concern better than the CPM MLAs. — TNS

Will win more seats this time, claims CM Thakur in Kullu

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KULLU, NOVEMBER 9

There is a BJP wave in the state and the party will win more seats than the last elections, said Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here today.

He said, "We had won 44 seats in the 2017 Assembly elections and two Congress MLAs joined the BJP recently. We will surely win more seats this time." He addressed a public meeting at Gohar in the Nachan constituency of Mandi district to seek votes for BJP candidate Vinod Kumar.

The Chief Minister appealed to employees not to be fooled by fake promises of the opposition parties. He added that the BJP would think about the OPS issue and their welfare.

Thakur said, "The Congress wants to regain power by spreading lies but false guarantees do not give success. The NDA government had given thousands of crores of rupees to the previous Congress government but the latter did not spend it. The reason was clear that the credit would have gone to Prime Minister Narendra Modi."



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur being welcomed at Kullu on Wednesday. PHOTO: ABHINAV VASHISHT

He said, "During our five years tenure, we have worked in close proximity to the poor. Himachal's all-round development is happening due to the policies and schemes of the government. We will fulfil what we have promised."

The Chief Minister said that the Congress only talks while the BJP performs. "This time, Himachal will strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hands and in turn strengthen the country."

Thakur, while addressing an election rally at Pachhad in Sirmaur in favour of Reena Kashyap, said that in the past five years, with the cooperation of the Central Government, "we have worked for the development of Himachal".

He said that Himachal had got big projects like AIIMS, Bulk Drug Park, Medical Devices Park and a Vande Bharat train. He added that the BJP would again form government in the state.

Navy pilot dies in paragliding accident

PALAMPUR, NOVEMBER 9

Bibin Dev (34), a Navy officer hailing from Kerala, was killed when his paraglider crashed near Billing last evening. After taking off from Billing he lost control and within a few minutes his glider came down. With the help of locals, Dev was shifted to Army hospital at Palampur where he succumbed to his injuries. Dev was a serving pilot in the Indian Navy.

This is third para gliding mishap in the last two months. Earlier, an Army jawan and a tourist were killed while doing para gliding in Billing. Six pilots, including two foreigners, were injured recently when they were trapped in Bara Bhangal.

Billing in Kangra district is among the top paragliding sites in the world. The place has been regularly hosting the prestigious Paragliding World Cup. But as rules to govern the sport are normally overlooked, it has started courting controversies. In the absence of proper check from the state tourism department, the number mishaps has gone up in the past few years.

Only last month, an Army jawan from Mizoram was killed when his para glider crash-landed near Billing. He was flying solo when the tragedy occurred. He had no knowledge of the topography of Dhauladhar ranges which led to the mishap. OC

AAP may play spoilsport in 3 segments

SOLAN, NOVEMBER 9

AAP candidates may mar the prospects of both BJP and Congress candidates on three Assembly seats in Sirmaur and Solan districts.

The BJP represents the three seats — Kasauli, Nalagarh and Paonta Sahib. In Nalagarh, Congress sitting MLA Lakhwinder Rana had joined the BJP days before the elections were announced.

Manish Thakur, AAP nominee from Paonta Sahib, has been active for the last two terms. He was the state president of the Youth Congress, who had been vying for Congress ticket. He had joined AAP earlier this year. Though the outsider tag haunts him, he is popular among the youth and has made the contest triangular. He has the potential of mustering a sizable number of votes.

BJP's three-time MLA Sukhram Chaudhary as well as Congress former MLA Kirnesh Jung, both are facing dissidence within their parties, could suffer owing to his presence. The BJP had won the seat by 12,619 votes in 2017.

In Kasauli, AAP nominee Harmel Dhiman, who was a member of national executive of the BJP's SC morcha, can play spoilsport. He can prove more damaging for the BJP's three-time MLA Rajiv Saizal as he has been active in the segment for several years. He was also a claimant for BJP ticket. Kasauli was among the low margin seats which was won by mere 442 seats in the 2017 elections.

Another AAP candidate Dharampal Chauhan, is contesting from Nalagarh. He hails from the neighbouring Doon segment but he has chosen Nalagarh as his bastion.

The segment is facing a triangular contest where, apart from BJP candidate Lakhwinder Rana, Congress' Hardeep Bawa and BJP rebel KL Thakur are pitted against one another. All three are capable of eating into others' vote bank. Lakhwinder had hopped from the Congress to the BJP while Thakur is a BJP rebel and Bawa, being an outsider, is facing some opposition within the Congress. Chauhan can play spoilsport, especially for the Congress that had won the seat by mere 1,242 votes in the last elections. TNS

KEEN CONTEST IN NALAGARH, KASAULI, PAONTA



- **Dharampal Chauhan**, AAP candidate from Nalagarh, can play spoilsport, especially for the Congress
- Manish Thakur, AAP nominee from Paonta Sahib, is popular among the youth
- AAP's Kasauli nominee Harmel Dhiman can damage poll prospects of BJP MLA Rajiv Saizal

BJP govt, not tradition, will change: Hooda

MANALI, NOVEMBER 9

The BJP's development claims are "hollow" and people have made up their mind to bring the Congress back to power, said Bhupinder Singh Hooda, former Haryana Chief Minister, said today.

Hooda said it was the voice of people who were saying 'riwaz nahi raj badlega' (government will change, not convention).

He said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had to campaign in Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur's home district Mandi, indicating that the BJP is shaky." Hooda said, "The Congress is getting a good response." — PTI

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Closing Date & Time: 29/11/2022, 09.00 AM
For details logon to: - www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Cancellation Of Full Fledged Money Changers Licence
By exercising the powers conferred under Section 10 (3) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, the Reserve Bank of India has revoked the Full-Fledged Money Changer's (FFMC) licence issued to the following companies for undertaking money changing activitites due to under mentioned reasons:

Sr. No.	Name & Regd. Office Address	Licence No. & Date	Date of Cancellation	Reason for Cancellation
1.	Tungwali Forex Private Limited, Dhobi Bazaar, Bhatinda, Punjab – 151001	FE.CG.FFMC. 115/2007 dated 30-03-2007	11-08-2022	Voluntarily surrendered the licence
2.	Xinfin Financial Services Private Limited, 939, Garha Road, Opposite Narinder Cinema, Jalandhar – 144001	FE.CG.FFMC. 252/2021 dated 30-09-2021	20-10-2022	Voluntarily surrendered the licence

Consequent to revocation of FFMC licence, the above-mentioned companies are prohibited to undertake money changing activities as defined in Master Direction No. 3/2015-16 dated January 1, 2016 which is available on www.rbi.org.in.
Regional Director

JeM terror module busted, three held with weapons

Three AK-56 rifles, six grenades, one pistol and nine magazines seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

Busting a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror module, the police have arrested three persons who had come to Jammu from Kashmir to pick up a consignment of weapons on the directions of their handler in Pakistan. Three AK-56 rifles, six grenades, a pistol, nine magazines and 191 rounds of ammunition have been seized from their oil tanker. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Yaseen, Farhan Farooq and Farooq Ahmed, all residents of Pampore.

On the night intervening November 8 and 9, a police party of Trikuta Nagar was clearing the traffic on the highway. The police team noticed an oil tanker (JK02BF2965) stationed at Narwal and asked its driver Mohammad Yaseen to move forward. The tanker then took a halt near Environment Park. The patrolling party again asked the driver to move forward. Then he took a U-turn and again parked the vehicle at Narwal. This time, while de-congesting the area, the policemen noticed that it was the same truck, said an official spokesperson of the police.



The accused, along with arms and ammunition, in police custody on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CAUGHT IN A PARKED OIL TANKER IN NARWAL

- Mohammad Yaseen, Farhan Farooq and Farooq Ahmed, all residents of Pampore, had parked their oil tanker in Narwal when policemen told them to move forward.
- They took a halt near a park and when noticed by cops they took a U-turn and again reached Narwal. Against noticed by cops, they were taken to the police station.

On questioning, the driver, rather than giving a satisfactory reply, entered into a scuffle with the police party along with two of his associates. The driver and two others were taken to the police station and an FIR was registered against him.

"After legal formalities, a communique was sent to the Kashmir police stations of the areas the accused hailed from to confirm their antecedents. Officials later came to know that the driver, Mohammad Yaseen, had been facing a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in Awantipora. He is also a close associate of the Jaish-e-Mohammed as per the report of the police station concerned," the spokesperson said.

During interrogation, Yaseen disclosed that his group had come to Jammu to collect weapons on the directions of one Shahbaaz, a JeM handler based in Pakistan. The weapons were to be given to a terrorist in the Kashmir valley.

Yaseen confessed that he had concealed the arms and ammunition in the oil tanker following the recovery was made.

Leh council passes resolution seeking constitutional safeguard

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

A resolution demanding constitutional safeguards for the UT was on Wednesday passed in the BJP-ruled Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, during a special session.

Held under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Councillor Tashi Gyalson here, the session was attended by BJP councillors besides Leader of Opposition Tsering Namgyal and other Congress members in the House having a strength of 30.

"Threadbare discussion took place on the two resolutions. The first resolution was moved by Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Chosphel, stating that there was a need for a constitutional safeguard for Ladakh under a suitable provision as per the aspiration of the Ladakh people. The second one was moved by Tsering Namgyal, seeking constitutional safeguard on the lines of the Sixth Schedule," a spokesperson of the LAHDC said.

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The resolution seeks safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade in Ladakh for the local people.

The spokesperson said that after a detailed discussion, the House passed the resolution moved by Stanzin Chosphel, thus seeking the Central Government's intervention in fulfilling the aspirations of the Ladakh people with the need for having safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade.

"Every member of the House has shown concern on the need for having a proper safeguard protecting the interest of the people of Ladakh in every sector," he said, hoping that the Union Government would definitely take a major decision in the interest of the people of Ladakh in this regard.

BRIEFLY

Ladakh apple should have organic tag, says official

Jammu: Ladakh Horticulture Secretary Ravinder Kumar has asked officials to work towards getting the tag of organic commodity for the apple grown in the UT as it would fetch a better price for farmers. Kumar inspected orchards and took stock of the developmental activities of the department in Leh district. OC

Mughal road, Srinagar-Leh highway shut due to snow

Jammu: The Srinagar-Leh highway as well as the Mughal road remained closed due to snow at Zojila Pass and Peer-ki-Gali, respectively. The weatherman had predicted snow and rainfall at several places. The Jammu-Srinagar highway too remained closed for three hours due to breakdown of at least five vehicles. OC

India, Belarus...

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(FOCs), India-Belarus intergovernmental commission (IGC) and Commission on Military Technical Cooperation. Jaishankar had earlier met Makei on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September this year and on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, around the same time last year.

US State Department spokesperson Ned Price, asked about the unprecedented expansion of trade ties between India and Russia, said, "We have been intentional about exempting oil and gas—energy sector—from the sanctions imposed on Russia. The fact that India continues to seek oil and other forms of energy from Russia isn't something that runs afoul of sanctions that have been imposed."

Price, however, maintained Russia "wasn't a reliable source of energy and security assistance".

CBI arrests 2 for ₹87.8 cr bank fraud

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday said it had arrested two former directors of a private paper manufacturing company in connection with its probe into a multi-crore bank fraud case in Kathua district.

The case against Bharat Papers Ltd and others, including its managing director and directors, was registered on February 12, 2020 on a complaint of SBI's SAM Branch in Ludhiana, a CBI spokesperson said. The then directors, Anil Kumar and Praveen Kumar, were arrested on Tuesday evening and produced before a magistrate who remanded them to seven-day in CBI custody on Wednesday.

₹121 CR WITH INTEREST

- Anil Kumar and Praveen Kumar, the then directors of Bharat Papers Ltd, conspired with SBI officials to cheat the bank of ₹87.88 crore (₹121.13 crore with interest) from 2006 to 2019, the CBI says.
- They removed machinery and other parts without without informing the bank.

The accused, in the conspiracy with unknown SBI officials, had cheated the bank of Rs 87.88 crore (which with interest amounted to Rs 121.13 crore) from 2006 to 2019 by illegally removing machinery and other parts without getting prior permission and without informing the lender bank, the CBI official said.

The proceeds or value of such machines and motors were not deposited in the account, he said, while alleging that the accused stealthily removed the machinery of pulp section and other parts from the factory without the knowledge of the bank.

It was also alleged that the accused illegally sold machinery parts as scrap and arranged fake invoices to cover up the illegal sale, the CBI official said, adding that the accused allegedly diverted funds from the loan account.

Accidental gunfire kills soldier

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 9

A soldier died due to accidental fire from his service weapon in Poonch on Wednesday, an Army official said.

It is not known as to how the rifle went off and killed the 27-year-old. The incident occurred in Mankote. The matter is being investigated. — OC

Scuffle during volleyball match leaves 5 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 9

Five students suffered minor injuries after a scuffle broke out between two groups during a volleyball match at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar. The NIT authorities called the police to bring the situation under control.

A police officer said one Rakib Sadiq Mir, a resident of Gurez in Bandipora, suffered injuries on his neck and an arm. Besides, two non-locals Harshid and Himanshu were also injured. All are stated to be stable, the police added.

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SONEPAT
(Established by the Haryana State Legislature Act No. 15 of 2012)
(www.dbranlu.ac.in) Advt. No. 11/2022
Requirement
Applications/Nominations are invited for establishment of the Chair of Brihaspati Samriti at the University. The requirement is as under:
Professor (Retd.) Law-01
For more details visit University Website **www.dbranlu.ac.in**
PRDH/2220/11/8/2023/13629/31/4 **REGISTRAR**

HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISHAD
(Regd. Under Societies Registration Act, 1860)
Shiksha Sadan, 3rd & 4th Floor, Sector-5, Panchkula – 134109
Tel: 0172-2590505, 2586026(F) I E-mail: pohsspp@gmail.com
Website: www.hsspp.in
Ref. No. SS/PO/HSSPP/2022/17032 Dated: 9.11.2022
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)
Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad (Registered under Society Act 2012) invites online bids from interested and eligible agencies/firms for imparting training under **"RANI LAXMI BAI ATMA RAKSHA PRASHIKSHAN PROGRAMME (SELF-DEFENCE TRAINING)"** to Girl Students of Govt. Schools in Haryana State, Under Samagra Shiksha.
The bid documents are to be submitted at Haryana e-procurement portal **https://etenders.hry.nic**. Bidders are to remit fee, E-Service cost and EMD online via electronic payment gateway latest by 25.11.2022 up to 14:00 hrs.
State Project Director
Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad
Shiksha Sadan, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana
PRDH/1054/11/36/2023/13639/31/4

हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण (हशविप्रा)
सी-3, सेक्टर-6, पंचकूला
धार्मिक एवं सामाजिक संस्थाओं हेतु भूखंडों का आबंटन
सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण (हशविप्रा), सेक्टर 9, झज्जर, सेक्टर 10 अम्बाला, सेक्टर 18 व 21 कैथल तथा सेक्टर 9ए, गुरुग्राम के शहरी सम्पदाओं क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत स्थित धर्मार्थ एवं सामाजिक कार्यों हेतु निर्धारित नियमों के अनुसार भूखंडों के आबंटन हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित करने के लिए दिनांक 22.10.2022 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में दिए गए विज्ञापन में आवेदन पत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि को दिनांक 11.11.2022 से बढ़ाकर दिनांक 25.11.2022 सायं 05.00 बजे तक किया जाता है। इन आबंटन से संबंधित विस्तृत नियम एवं शर्तें तथा आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप हशविप्रा की वेबसाइट **https://hsvphry.org.in** से डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। अधिक जानकारी के लिए सम्पदा अधिकारी, हशविप्रा, बहादुरगढ़, अम्बाला, कैथल व गुरुग्राम-1 से सम्पर्क करें।
मुख्य प्रशासक,
हशविप्रा, पंचकूला।
PRDH/1083/11/91/2023/13640/31/4

हरियाणा विद्यालय शिक्षा बोर्ड, भिवानी
Board of School Education Haryana, Bhiwani
(Established under Haryana Board of School Education act, 1969)
(ISO 9001: 2015-Certified Organization)
सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्व साधारण को एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 03.12.2022 व 04.12.2022 (शनिवार व रविवार) को आयोजित की जाने वाली हरियाणा अध्यापक पात्रता परीक्षा वर्ष-2022 के तीनों लेवल के सभी विषयों के प्रश्न पत्र : लेवल-1 कक्षा 1 से 5, लेवल-2 कक्षा 6 से 10 तथा लेवल-3 कक्षा 9 से 12 तक सत्र 2019-20 हेतु नियत पाठ्यक्रम पर ही आधारित होगी।
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सचिव।
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DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, JIND
Advt. No. 04/2022-23/NHM Dated: 07.11.2022
Applications are invited from the desirous and eligible candidates to be engaged on purely contract basis under NHM District Health & Family Welfare Society, Jind for the FY 2022-23 initially up to 31.03.2023. Strictly on performance basis and subject to further administrative approval. The application form complete in all respects along with requisite signed documents should reach or be submitted in the office of NHM O/o Civil Surgeon Jind on or before 17.11.2022 at 03:00 p.m. positively.

Cat. No.	Name of Vacant Post	Programme	Nos. of Vacant Post
1.	Gynaecologist	FRU	02 (UR)
2.	Radiologist	Maternal Health	01 (UR)
3.	ENT (NPPCD)	NPPCD	01 (UR)
4.	Consultant Medicine District	NPHCE	01 (UR)
5.	Pediatrician	SNCU	01 (UR)
6.	Medical Officer	NUHM	01 (UR)
7.	Audiologist & Speech Therapist	RBSK	01 (UR)
8.	Psychologist	RBSK	01 (UR)
9.	District Consultant (Quality Assurance)	HSHRC	01 (GEN)
10.	District Quality Manager	HSHRC	01 (EWS)
11.	Administrative Assistant	HSHRC	01 (SC)

Detail regarding eligibility criteria, age, important instructions and application form are available on website: **www.nrhmharyana.gov.in** Candidate are instructed to visit website **www.nrhmharyana.gov.in** regularly for any updation/ Corrigendum (If any).
Sd/- **Civil Surgeon, Jind.** Sd/- **Dy. Civil Surgeon, NHM, Jind.**
PRDH-1058/11/373/2023/13630/31/4

Unknown Female D/o Radhika Singh W/o Baban Singh Child having FIR No. 0467 Dated 03.11.2022 at Police Station, S.G.M. Nagar, Faridabad
On 15.08.2022 a newborn girl aged about 2 days along with her mother name Radhika Singh W/o Babban Singh R/o Bansi, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh was referred from AIIMS Ballabhgarh and admitted to BK Hospital, complaint was filed by Dr. Bhupendra Bhati. She was under the care of Dr. Vishnu and when the condition of the newborn girl got better, on 17.08.2022 the staff inquired about the parents of the girl, but they were not found. The hospital staff kept searching for the parents of the girl but they could not find any clue, so on 07.09.2022 the newborn girl was handed over to Miracle Charitable Society Faridabad by order of CWC Faridabad. The child has been abandoned by her parents in the premises of the hospital. For which the FIR Number 0467 was registered on 03.11.2022 at Police Station, S.G.M. Nagar, Faridabad under Section 317 of IPC Act 1860. If the father-mother or any legal guardian of this abandoned girl child reads this advertisement, please visit the office of District Child Protection Officer or Child Welfare Committee, Faridabad to Bal Bhawan, Bus Stand, Near KL Mehta, Road, New Industrial Town, Faridabad, Haryana Contact Phone numbers - **0129-2265199, +91 7291977831, +91 9711169273** and E-mail ID - **dcps.faridabad.icps@gmail.com**. Otherwise, the girl child will be given in the adoption as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Amendment Rules, 2022 or Adoption Regulations 2022.

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retired on November 8 after a 74-day stint. He had recommended Justice Chandrachud as his successor last month.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, outgoing CJI Lalit, sitting and former judges of the Supreme Court, Union ministers, senior lawyers and various other dignitaries from the fields of law and politics.

Due to the swearing-in ceremony, proceedings commenced at 12 pm, instead of usual 10.30 am. "Apologies for keeping the members of the Bar waiting for so long. I will try to make it a no-stress court for everyone," the CJI told members of the Bar who congratulated him on his elevation.

Born on November 11, 1959, he was elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016. Justice Chandrachud will have a two-year tenure as the CJI. His father Justice YV Chandrachud was the 16th CJI during 1978-85. This is the first time in the history of Indian judiciary that both father and son have become CJI. Considered to be a liberal and progressive judge, Justice Chandrachud has been part of several landmark verdicts of the Supreme Court, including those on the Ayodhya land dispute, right to privacy and adultery. Recently, he authored a judgment that made marital rape a ground for abortion.

The top court had on November 2 dismissed a petition seeking to restrain Justice Chandrachud from taking oath as the 50th CJI, saying it was a "completely misconceived" petition.

Justice Chandrachud earlier served as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court from October 31, 2013. He was a judge of the Bombay High Court from March 29, 2000, until his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. He was designated as a senior advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998 and became an Additional Solicitor General the same year till his appointment as a judge.

After completing BA (Honours) in Economics from St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Justice Chandrachud did his LL.B from Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, and obtained an LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences from Harvard Law School in the US.

UK court rejects...

either unjust or oppressive to extradite him to face charges of fraud and money laundering. Lord Justice Jeremy Stuart-Smith and Justice Robert Jay, who heard the appeal earlier this year, delivered the verdict that allowed the fugitive businessman's extradition to India. They said District Judge Sam Goozee's Westminster Magistrates' Court order from last year in favour of extradition was "sound".

The leave to appeal in the High Court had been granted on two grounds related to mental health — under Article 3 of the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) and Section 91 of the Extradition Act, 2003.

The 51-year-old has the option of further appeals in the UK and European courts. The process to bring him to India is unlikely to be a speedy one. — Agencies

PM in HP: Repeat BJP...

scheme for free healthcare up to Rs 5 lakh while the Himachal Government launched Him Care scheme that gave similar benefit, the Union Government started Ujjwala Yojana while the state regime launched Grahni Suvidha Yojana, he said, lauding CM Thakur.

The PM said the Centre had started pension schemes for all while the Himachal government had reduced the age for social security pension for senior citizens from 80 to 60 years. The Union government was giving PM Sammam Nidhi of Rs 6,000 per annum to farmers whereas the state government had promised to add Rs 3,000 per annum to it, he said.

PM Modi said the Congress allegedly cheated the people of the state. "It had increased the state share in central schemes to 40 per cent. It was my government that reduced the state share to 10 per cent again," he said. The PM said the Centre had started a drive to provide 10 lakh jobs to youth. After the BJP government is voted to power in the state, more 'rozgar melas' would be held in Himachal, he said. The PM also promised to promote heritage and temple tourism in Himachal. "The Congress did nothing to improve temple tourism as it does not believe in our beliefs and traditions," he said.

In Sujanpur Assembly constituency, the PM paid tributes to the state soldiers who had laid down their lives for the country. He said that during the Kargil war, he along with the then BJP CM Prem Kumar Dhumal had visited the Kargil area. He said his government had implemented the 'one rank, one pension' scheme for ex-servicemen.

Dhami re-elected SGPC...

after she refused to back down from her decision to contest the poll.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed gratitude towards the SGPC members "for rejecting anti-Sikh conspirators and their stooges and reposing faith in the SAD". He twitted, "This is the victory of the Panth over forces out to harm the Sikh community. I appeal to all members, who had been misled, to return to the Khalsa Panth."

For other posts, there was no contestant from the Bibi-led opposition. All SAD-nominated candidates were elected unanimously.

Baldev Singh Qaimpur was named senior vice-president, Avtar Singh Riya junior vice-president and Gurcharan Singh Garewal general secretary.

The 11-member executive body comprised Mohan Singh Bangi, Jarnail Singh Kartarpur, Surjit Singh Tughalwal, Bawa Singh Gumanpura, Bibi Gurinder Kaur Bholuwal, Gurnam Singh Jassal, Paramjit Singh Khalsa, Sher Singh Mandwala, Baba Gurpreet Singh Randhawa, Bhupinder Singh Assandh and Malkit Singh Changal.

Dhami lauded the SGPC members for standing firm with the institution "despite the challenges posed by the BJP, RSS and the Punjab and Haryana Governments".

Bibi Jagir Kaur alleged SAD leaders had threatened the members. "The SGPC and Akali Dal belong to the Panth, not any individual. Those at the helm are misguiding and tarnishing the sanctity of the party. They will be exposed," she alleged.

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ED summons Soren again

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Issuing a fresh summon to Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, the Enforcement Directorate has asked him to appear before it for questioning on November 17 in connection with the probe under the PMLA into alleged illegal mining in the state.

Soren was summoned by the ED on November 3, but he did not depose citing official engagements. He had sought a three-week deferment of the summons. The agency has now asked the CM to appear on November 17 at its regional office in Ranchi for questioning. — TNS

Air India leases 6 Airbus planes from Chinese bank's subsidiary

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Air India has leased a fleet of six Airbus A320 Neo aircraft from CDB Aviation, a wholly owned Irish subsidiary of China Development Bank Financial Leasing Co. Limited. The announcement regarding the signing of lease agreements was made by CDB Aviation on the sidelines of Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Asia Pacific 2022.

The aircraft will be delivered in the second half of 2023. CDB Aviation is among the first aircraft leasing companies to secure the order of Air India's additional A320 Neo aircraft under the recently announced multi-stage transformation plan since the purchase of the airline by the Tata group. The group aims to increase the carrier's fleet and help it boost both domestic and international operations.

"Our commercial team is delighted to have worked closely with Air India to help solve their fleet requirements with these new Airbus narrow-body aircraft from our order book," said Ryan Barrett, head of Asia Pacific region, CDB Aviation, in a statement.

"These fuel-efficient, new generation aircraft are well-suited to support Air India's fleet revitalisation initiatives, positioning the airline for sustained growth and profitability," Barret said.

Nipun Aggarwal, chief commercial officer of Air India, said, "This is an important agreement, which will help us to strengthen our fleet with the state-of-the-art aircraft. This will boost our connectivity, especially on the short and medium-haul routes, and is an important step ahead in our transformation journey."



The A320 Neo aircraft will be delivered in the second half of 2023. FILE

TO BOOST CONNECTIVITY

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Cong slams govt over G20 logo, BJP retaliates

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The logo for India's G20 presidency, which depicts a lotus, today led to a war of words between the Congress and the BJP. The Congress slammed the Modi government for "promoting the BJP" by depicting lotus in the logo.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "Over 70 years ago, late PM Jawaharlal Nehru rejected the proposal to make Congress flag, the flag of India. Now, BJP's election symbol has become the official logo for India's presidency of G20!"

Taking on the Congress, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said lotus was chosen as the national flower during the Congress government. He called the Congress' reservations about the usage of the lotus symbol in G20 logo an "insult" to Hinduism as the flower is associated with deities Lakshmi and Saraswati. — TNS

Raut released on bail after 3 mths

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 9

Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut walked out of Mumbai's Arthur Road jail on Wednesday evening, hours after a special court granted him bail in a money laundering case.

The special court questioned why the ED did not arrest the main accused, Rakesh and Sarang Wadhawan of realty firm HDIL.

Raut was arrested on August 1 by the ED in a money laundering case related to a housing project in suburban Goregaon.



Around 5 pm, Raut's legal team dropped his bail order into the Arthur Road jail box and at 6.50 pm, the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader stepped out of the prison, where he had spent more than three months. A large number of supporters of the Rajya Sabha member, who had assembled outside the jail, burst into celebration as he walked out of the jail and raised slogans hailing him.

Firecrackers were set off near the jail in central Mumbai by Raut's supporters as he walked out. — PTI

Rupani, ex-Dy CM Patel opt out of Gujarat polls

BJP may drop 20% of sitting MLAs

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel will not be contesting the forthcoming elections in the state. "I worked as CM for five years with everyone's cooperation. In these polls, responsibility should be given to new workers. I will not contest. I have sent a letter to seniors and conveyed it to Delhi. We will work together to ensure the victory of our candidates," Rupani was quoted as saying while the top BJP leadership met to finalise its list of candidates for the PM's home state.

Former Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama too is expected not to contest the polls. Sources said the top leadership had decided not to allot the party ticket to 20 per cent of sitting MLAs in an effort to beat anti-incumbency. Apart from the age factor, ticket will be given on the basis of winnability.

"At least 30 sitting MLAs who may not get the ticket this time," the sources said.

Meanwhile, West Bengal CM and Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said she was convinced that the ruling BJP would be defeated in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"No way it (BJP) can win in 2024. When they won last time, the BJP was part of the state government in Bihar. The party also headed the government in Jharkhand," Mamata said while addressing a rally in Krishnanagar in West Bengal.

ANOTHER CONGRESS MLA SWITCHES TO BJP

- Senior Gujarat Congress leader Bhagwan Barad on Wednesday resigned as MLA and joined the BJP
- Barad had won the Talala seat in Gir Somnath in 2017
- The development comes a day after 10-time Cong MLA and tribal leader Mohansinh Rathva joined the BJP
- Barad is an influential leader of the Ahir community

सार्वजनिक सूचना, नगरपालिका पुन्हाना (नूंह)

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका पुन्हाना से सम्बन्धित प्रोपर्टी टैक्स का डाटा NDC Portal पर अपलोड कर दिया गया है। आप अपनी मलकियत का विस्तृत विवरण हरियाणा सरकार की वेबसाइट https://ulbhryndc.org पर देख सकते हैं तथा जिसको अपनी प्रोपर्टी से संबंधित कोई आपत्ति है तो वह ऑनलाईन NDC Portal पर अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करा सकता है।

सचिव नगरपालिका पुन्हाना

CONWARE
Punjab State Container & Warehousing Corporation Ltd.

Recruitment Notice Reference No. 01/2022-23

Applications are invited from retired Engineering staff of Punjab Govt. Departments/Undertakings for the following contractual post in CONWARE:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Remuneration
1.	Executive Engineer (Civil)	01	Selected candidate will be paid consolidated emoluments i.e. last pay drawn minus pension per month.

Date of Walk-in Interview: 24.11.2022 from 10:00 AM onwards at PSWC, S.C.O. 74-75, Bank Square, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.
For details logon to: **www.pswc.in** under 'what's new' section.
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the recruitment notice shall be published on the above website only.

DPR/Pb/18447 — Managing Director

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager. Northern Railway. Ambala Division invites applications to commence stall at two stations under "One Station One Product" **Phase-XI** as per following details:

S. No.	Name of Station	Name of item	Period
1.	Saharanpur Railway Station	Wooden Carving Product	Two spells (each spell of 15 days w.e.f. 10.11.2022 to 24.11.2022 and 25.11.2022 to 09.12.2022)
2.	Chandigarh Railway Station	Wooden Carving Product	-do-

2. The applicant (Holder of Artisan/Weaver ID card, Individual artisan/ weaver/craftsmen registered with TRIFED or NHDC or KVIC, Self Help Group registered with PMEGP, Marginalized or weaker sections of society) will submit his application at concerned Railway station with Station Superintendent. **3.** A token fee of Rs.1000/- for 15 days will be deposited by applicant with concerned Station Superintendent. In case large number of applications are received, open lottery/public draw will be held in the Chamber of concerned Station superintendent. **4.** An undertaking will be received alongwith application from applicant/vendor wherein indicating that no activity would be undertaken which adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
No.: 23-AC/Ctg./OSOP/20/22 Dated: 07.11.2022 2972/22
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National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
(An Autonomous Scientific Society of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India),
Birla Farms, Bada Phull, Rupnagar (Ropar) — 140001, Punjab

FMG-18/11-2022 **Recruitment Notice**

Applications are invited from interested and eligible candidates for selection/empanelment of manpower for the following posts, on contract basis:

Sr. No.	Post Name	No. of Posts	Consolidated Remuneration	Place of Posting/ Duration
1	Computer Operator	1	Rs. 14124/- PM	Chandigarh / 6 Months
2	Peon	1	Rs. 9562/- PM	Chandigarh / 6 Months
3	MTS	1	Rs. 9286/- PM	Rupnagar / 1 Year

Complete details regarding prescribed non-refundable Application Fee, Application Form, eligibility criteria, selection criteria etc. are available on the website **nielit.gov.in/chandigarh/recruitments**. Candidates are advised to go through these details carefully for determining their eligibility before applying.

Telephone Enquiry: 01881-257008, 257032

CBC 06141/12/0030/2223 — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INDIAN RAILWAYS
PATIALA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
PATIALA - 147003
Tel: 2396000, 2396001 Fax No. : 91-0175-2306413

VIth Corrigendum

The date of opening of following tender published in various newspapers, has been extended on administrative ground as under:-

Tender No.	Existing opening date	Modified opening date
CE/PLW/T-13/2022-23/PTA Dt: 25.07.2022	10/11/2022	6/12/2022

1st Corrigendum

The name of work of following tender published in various newspapers, has been changed on administrative ground as under:-

Tender No.	Existing Name of Work	Modified Name of Work
CE/PLW/T-23/ 2022-23/PTA Dt: 21.10.2022	Repair to old damaged RCC mumties by GC sheets in Type-II (143 stair case), Type-III (45 stair case), Type-IV (2 stair case) qtrs. In colony-II, PLW/Patiala. (2022-23)	Repair to old damaged RCC mumties by GC sheets in Type-I, Type-II, III & IV Qtrs. in colony-2, PLW/Patiala.

All other terms & conditions will remain the same.
No.PLW/WW/WA/CS/979/Pt.-II Dated: 04.11.2022
Eligibility Criteria for corrigendum T-13 & 23 should be viewed on website www.ireps.gov.in
For details, please log in IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 2976/2022
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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB **TENDER NOTICE**

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN LACS	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS E-MAIL
1.	Executive Engineer Provincial Division (PWD) B&R Br., Gurdaspur	1. Repair of Road Cut on Amritsar Pathankot Road (City Portion) 2. Gurdaspur - Mukerian Road Cut From New Grain Market Via Pahra Maan Kaur Singh (Verka Milk Plant to Bye Pass)	10.11.2022/ 21.11.2022	1.33 LACS	9646007309 eepdgdspwdpb@gmail.com
2.	Executive Engineer, Devigarh Division, I.B, Patiala	Estimate for Construction of Head cum Cross Regulator at RD 11120/L of Rajpura Disty for Water Supply Scheme at Village Nanowal (Without mechanical works)	09.11.2022/ 21.11.2022	62.39 THOUSAND	9915532531 eedevigarh@gmail.com
3.	Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, PWD B&R Br; Chandigarh	i. Provd. Solar Power Plant (on Grid) in Sh. G.G.Singh Skill Univ. Sh Chamkaur Sahib, Ropar. ii.Constn of -Do- Elc. Services for Sub Station. iii. Constn of -Do- (Electrical External Services Only) (Providing Lift 1 No. 15 Passengers in I.T. Block)	09.11.2022/ 18.11.2022	7.37 LACS	9878486809 eeedchdpwdpb@gmail.com
4.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD, (B&R) BR. Batala	Special repair of various Link roads in M.C. Shri Hargobindpur (Group No.3) for the year 2021-22 in District Gurdaspur	10.11.2022/ 23.11.2022	3.12 LACS	8054500008 eecdbatalapwdpb@gmail.com
5.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD, B&R Branch Gidderbaha	Providing Supplying and Fixing (Complete in all respects) Furniture in Newly Constructed Judicial Court Complex at Gidderbaha, Distt, Sri Muktsar Sahib.	09.11.2022/ 23.11.2022	1.52 LACS	9888924852 ee.cd.gdb.pwd@punjab.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND CORRIGENDUM & ADDENDUM IF ANY, KINDLY VISIT : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in, www.eproe.punjab.gov.in — **RO Code: 26/12/559/2021/18446**

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भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान मोहाली
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारा स्थापित)
सैक्टर-81, नॉलेज सिटी, पी.ओ.-मनौली, एस. ए. एस. नगर, मोहाली, पंजाब- 140 306
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IISERM(1583)22-23/Pur **Date : 04-11-2022**
ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना / NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Sr.	Tender Ref. No.	Description	Last date & time for upload the tender
01	IISERM (1583) 22-23/ Pur	Online tenders are invited on behalf of the Director, IISER Mohali in TWO BID SYSTEM for Hiring App-Based Wellness and Mental Health Counseling Support to the Students at IISER MOHALI.	28-11-2022 up to 11.00AM

For detail and apply online, please visit the website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecurre/app. "http://www.iisermohali.ac.in". Bid(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained.
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सहायक रजिस्ट्रार (भंडार और खरीद)/
Assistant Registrar(Stores & Purchase)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 40/PWSSB D-1/BTI DATE 07.11.2022

The Department of Punjab W/S & Sewerage Board invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Works
1	P/L of UPVC pipe sewer, Const. of RCC MPS & Boundary wall, Rising Main, in Oriya Colony at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
2	P/F of non clog sewage submersible pump set & DI K-9 pipes and all other works contingent thereto on MPS at Adarsh Nagar at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
3	P/F of CC blocks on 800 mm i/d RCC rising main from Growth Centre D/W 52 MLD STP at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
4	Completion of Balance work and P/F of non clog sewage pump set & all other works contingent thereto on Ramdas Nagar MPS at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
5	Desilting of sewer lines in various areas at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
6	Const. of Shaft and allied works at Kheta Singh Basti at Bathinda (As per DNIT)
7	Repair/Renovation of Govt. Accommodation in office complex Reserve Stock Bathinda (As per DNIT)

Closing Date & Time : **13.12.2022 up to 3:00 P.M.**
For details logon 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,**
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Bathinda.
DPR/Pb/18426

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
PSPCL
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office The Mall, Patiala 147001
Corporate Identification Number.: U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in Contact No. 96461 14513

Tender Inquiry No. 4/XEN/BLD/2022-23 Dated: 10.11.2022

Sr. XEN, DS Division, PSPCL, Budhlada invites E-tenders for underground laying of 11 KV 3 Core 150 mm sq XLPE Cable in MS CASING conduit pipe by horizontal drilling at 2 No. railway crossings of Delhi Bathinda railway line between Bareta Datewas stations under jurisdiction of Sub Division Bareta Under DS Division Budhlada. Last date for the receipt of quotations is 22.11.2022 up to 2.00 p.m. Tender will be opened on 23.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m. If any Gazetted holiday declared on 23.11.2022 , tender will be opened on next working day.

Note: The perspective bidders are requested to get the clarification in the office of Sr. XEN/ DS Division PSPCL, 66KV Grid Sub Station, Bhikhi Road, Budhlada.

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

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PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala — 147001
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in / Mobile No. 96461-14511

Tender Enquiry No. 01/XEN/BTI/2022-23 Dated: 09.11.2022

Senior Executive Engineer, DS Division Bathinda, # D-322, Thermal Colony Gate No. 3, Bathinda invites Tender for Underground laying of 11 KV 3 Core 150 mm² sq XLPE Cable in MS CASING conduit pipe by horizontal drilling at 2 No. crossing (60*2=120m) Near M/s Sportking Industry, Jeeda on Bathinda – Amritsar National Highway No. 54 under jurisdiction of Sub Division Goniana Under DS Division Bathinda, Interested Firms/Contractors can submit tender till **24.11.2022 up to 11:00 a.m.** and Tender will be opened on same day at **15:00 Hrs.** For more information/Tender Documents firm can contact (Email: xen.dsdivnbti@yahoo.com) # D-322, Thermal Colony, Bathinda.

If on **24.11.2022** falls on any unscheduled holiday then tender will be opened on next working day at the same time.

Note: Corrigendum, if any will not be published in newspaper.

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No. 4887] NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022/KARTIKA 11, 1944

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 2nd November, 2022

S.O. 5106(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. No. 520(E) dated 09/02/2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Zirakpur-Parwanoo Section of NH-5 (Old NH-22) on the stretch of land from Km 39.960 to Km 67.550 (Panchkula) in the district of PANCHKULA in the state of HARYANA.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Tribune (English)" and Punjab Kesri (Hindi)" both dated 11/02/2022 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. 39.960 to Km. 67.550 (Panchkula) of the National Highway NH-5 (Old-NH22) Zirakpur-Parwanoo Section in the district of PANCHKULA in the state of HARYANA.

State: HARYANA District: PANCHKULA

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Kalka					
Village: Bitna (153)					
1	884/654/553	Private	Gairmumkin Road	0.037	Babu Ram S/o Rangi Ram wasideh
			TOTAL	**0.037**	

[F. No. NHAI/BOT-II/11019/9/2003/LA-245/3D]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਹਾਈਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਮਿਤੀ 09.04.2021 ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਮਿਤੀ 07.05.2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਸਿੱਟ) ਵੱਲੋਂ 14.10.2015 ਨੂੰ ਹੋਏ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਗੋਲੀ ਕਾਂਡ ਵਿਚ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋਏ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਹਾਈਕੋਰਟ ਨੇ ਸੀ.ਡਬਲਿਊ.ਪੀ. 17459 ਆਫ 2019 (ਓ ਅਤੇ ਐਮ) ਅਤੇ ਸੀ.ਡਬਲਿਊ.ਪੀ. ਨੰਬਰ 17460 ਆਫ 2019 (ਓ ਅਤੇ ਐਮ) ਵਿਚ ਹੁਕਮ ਮਿਤੀ 09.04.2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਤਿੰਨ ਉੱਚ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਸਿੱਟ) ਦੀ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ. ਨੰਬਰ 192 ਮਿਤੀ 14.10.2015 ਪੁਲੀਸ ਥਾਣਾ ਸਿਟੀ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ. ਨੰਬਰ 129 ਮਿਤੀ 07.08.2018 ਪੁਲੀਸ ਥਾਣਾ ਸਿਟੀ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਦੀ ਤਫਤੀਸ਼ ਅਮਲ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਆਉਣ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਮਿਤੀ 07.05.2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ (1) ਸ੍ਰੀ ਐਲ.ਕੇ. ਯਾਦਵ, ਆਈ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ., ਏ.ਡੀ.ਜੀ.ਪੀ./ਵਿਜੀਲੈਂਸ ਬਿਊਰੋ (2) ਸ੍ਰੀ ਰਾਕੇਸ਼ ਅਗਰਵਾਲ, ਆਈ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ., ਸੀ.ਪੀ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (3) ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਆਈ.ਪੀ.ਐਸ., ਡੀ.ਆਈ.ਜੀ. ਫਰੀਦਕੋਟ ਰੇਂਜ ਦੀ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਸਿੱਟ) ਦੀ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ।

ਇਸ ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਸਿੱਟ) ਨੂੰ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਗੋਲੀ ਕਾਂਡ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ. ਨੰਬਰ 192 ਮਿਤੀ 14.10.2015 ਪੁਲੀਸ ਥਾਣਾ ਸਿਟੀ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਐਫਆਈਆਰ ਨੰ. 129 ਮਿਤੀ 07.08.2018 ਪੁਲੀਸ ਥਾਣਾ ਕੋਟਕਪੂਰਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋਏ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ (ਸਿੱਟ) ਨੂੰ ਵਿਜੀਲੈਂਸ ਭਵਨ ਸੈਕਟਰ-68, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੇ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ 10 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਵਟਸਐਪ ਨੰਬਰ **98759-83237** ਜਾਂ ਈ.ਮੇਲ. ਆਈ.ਡੀ- **newsit2021kotkapuracase@gmail.com** 'ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਦਫਤਰ,
ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਇਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ ਟੀਮ, ਵਿਜੀਲੈਂਸ ਭਵਨ,
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GLOBE TROT


Actor Sean Penn with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv. AP/PTI

Actor 'loans' Oscar to Zelenskyy until victory

KYIV: Actor Sean Penn, who is making a documentary about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, has "loaned" one of his two Oscars to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and told him: "When you win, bring it back to Malibu." AP

Eye-disease drug may help fight Covid: Study

LOS ANGELES: A drug already approved in the US for eye disease may stop the reproduction of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, according to a study. The clinical trials of the drug, verteporfin, would be launched soon. PTI

Chinese rocket debris found in Philippines

MANILA: Philippine officials on Wednesday said suspected debris from a recent Chinese rocket launch had been found in sea off two provinces and they were pressing efforts to ratify two UN treaties for damages from space launches. PTI

Texas to execute man for killing mother 20 yrs ago

HOUSTON: Texas inmate Tracy Beatty (61) whose lawyers say has a history of mental illness faces execution for killing his mother and burying her body in her backyard nearly 20 years ago. AP

UK minister quits amid bullying row, PM Sunak under pressure

Oppn attacks govt, says episode sign of poor judgement, leadership

LONDON, NOVEMBER 9

British PM Rishi Sunak was under pressure from the Opposition on Wednesday as he expressed regret on appointing one of his close allies and embattled ministers who was forced to resign pending an investigation into allegations of bullying against him.

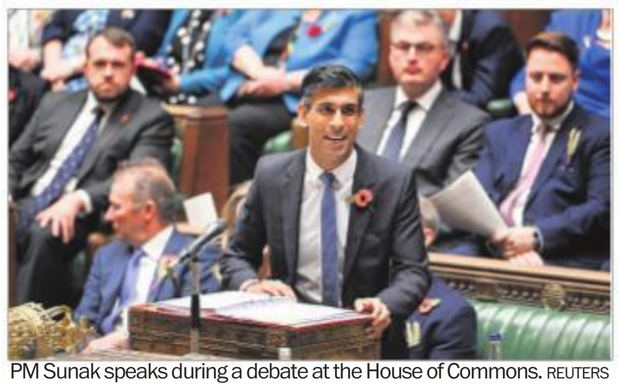
Sir Gavin Williamson is accused of abusive behaviour towards Conservative Party colleagues and civil servants and denies any wrongdoing. However, after days of controversy over what Sunak knew about the allegations before appointing him as a minister without portfolio to his Cabinet, Williamson stepped down on Tuesday night.

The Opposition has branded the episode as a sign of "poor judgement and leadership" by Sunak and Labour Party Leader Sir Keir Starmer used the weekly PM's Questions (PMQs) in the House of Commons to pile on further pressure over the issue. "I obviously regret it... for the record, I did not know about any of the specific concerns," Sunak said, when asked by Starmer if he regrets appointing Williamson.

"The message that I clearly want to send is that integrity in public life matters," he said, adding that it was right that the minister had resigned while he was being probed.

In his resignation letter, Williamson said he refutes the "characterisation" of the claims about his "past conduct", but felt they had become a "distraction from the good work the government is doing". It referred to some expletive-laden text messages he reportedly sent to the former Tory party whip, Wendy Morton, over being overlooked during Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

These were published in *The Sunday Times* and since then others have come forward to allege "intimidating" behaviour while Williamson was a Cabinet minister under previous PMs. He has since been reported to the parliamentary bullying watchdog, the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme, and says he has apologised to the recipient of the texts. — PTI


PM Sunak speaks during a debate at the House of Commons. REUTERS

THIRD EXIT FOR WILLIAMSON

- The resignation by **Gavin Williamson** marks the third time he has been forced out of the Cabinet
- In 2019, he was sacked as Defence Secretary by then PM Theresa May for 'leaking' sensitive info
- In 2021, Williamson was removed as Education Secretary over his handling of exams during Covid




A protester throws a petrol bomb at riot police during a demonstration in Athens, Greece. REUTERS

Protests over price rise disrupt trains, flights in Greece, Belgium

ATHENS, NOVEMBER 9

Thousands of protesters marched through the streets of Athens and the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki on Wednesday as public and some private sector workers walked off the job for a 24-hour general strike against price hikes, one of the latest actions across Europe as rising inflation hits consumers.

The strike disrupted services around the country, with ferries tied up in port — severing connections to Greece's islands — state-run schools shut, public hospitals running with reduced staff and most public transport grinding to a standstill.

Brief clashes broke out between small groups of protesters and riot police at the tail-end of marches in both Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city. In both places, small groups of demonstrators threw Molotov cocktails and rocks at police, who responded with tear gas and stun grenades. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Workers in Belgium also were holding a nationwide strike Wednesday over cost-of-living increases. Europe has faced a series of protests over the past few months over the soaring cost of living. As Ukraine war has driven up energy and food prices, workers have walked off the job, seeking higher wages. — AP

Four Indian-Americans elected to US House in midterm polls

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 9

Four Indian-American politicians from the ruling Democratic Party were elected to the US House of Representatives on Wednesday and many others won across the country to state legislatures in the highly polarised midterm poll.

Entrepreneur-turned-politician Shri Thanedar became the first Indian-American to win the Congressional elections from Michigan. Thanedar, 67, currently represents the third district in the Michigan House.


R Krishnamoorthi


Shri Thanedar


Ro Khanna


Pramila Jayapal

In the eighth Congressional District of Illinois, Raja Krishnamoorthi, 49, was re-elected for the fourth consecutive term. In Silicon Valley, Ro Khanna, 46, defeated his compatriot Republican opponent Ritesh Tandon in the 17th Congressional District of California.

Chennai-born Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, the only Indian-American woman lawmaker in the House of Representatives, defeated her GOP rival, Cliff Moon in the 7th Congressional District of Washington State. — PTI

Eggs thrown at King Charles, 1 held

LONDON, NOVEMBER 9

A man has been detained by the police after throwing three eggs at King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla during a walkabout to interact with crowds in York in northern England on Wednesday.

The eggs missed the 73-year-old monarch as the royal couple greeted people at the city's Micklegate Bar landmark. The people gathered booed the man with "shame on you" and shouted "God save the King".

From images on social media, one egg landed at the feet of the King, who seemed unflustered and carried on as his protection officer moved closer to cover him.

The protester was heard to shout "this country was built on the blood of slaves" as he was detained. — PTI


Cops detain a man for throwing eggs at King Charles in York. REUTERS

Quake in Nepal, 6 killed, 8 hurt

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 9

Six persons were killed when a powerful 6.6-magnitude earthquake jolted the remote mountainous region of western Nepal early Wednesday, close to where PM Sher Bahadur Deuba was campaigning for the upcoming elections.

The earthquake occurred at 2:12 am with its epicentre at Khaptad National Park in Doti district, damaging scores of houses. Six persons were killed and eight injured, said Home Ministry official Phanindra Pokharel. — PTI

BUSINESS

USD $	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN CNY	CAD C$	AUD A$	SGD S$	HKD HK$
₹81.47	₹81.90	₹93.36	₹0.56	₹11.22	₹60.56	₹52.70	₹58.20	₹10.36

BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
151.60 ▼ 61,033.55	45.80 ▼ 18,157	₹51,670 ▲ Mumbai (MCX)	₹61,700 ▲ Mumbai (MCX)

Facebook parent firm Meta cuts 11,000 jobs

Faltering revenue, grim outlook for online ads to blame

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 9

Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, about 13% of its workforce, as it contends with faltering revenue and broader tech industry woes, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a letter to employees on Wednesday. The job cuts come just a week after widespread layoffs at Twitter under its new owner, billionaire Elon Musk.

There have been numerous job cuts at other tech companies that hired rapidly during the pandemic.

Zuckerberg as well said he had made the decision to hire aggressively, anticipating rapid growth even after the pandemic ended. "Unfortunately, this did not play out the way I expected," Zuckerberg said.

"Not only has online commerce returned to prior trends, but the macroeconomic downturn, increased competition, and ads signal loss have caused our revenue to be much lower than I'd expected. I got this wrong, and I take responsibility for that." Meta, like other social media companies, enjoyed a financial boost during the pandemic lockdown era because more people stayed home and scrolled on their phones and computers. But as the lockdowns ended and people started going outside again, revenue growth began to falter. — AP



FIRST QUARTERLY REVENUE DECLINE

- An economic slowdown and a grim outlook for online advertising — by far Meta's biggest revenue source — have contributed to Meta's woes
- This summer, Meta posted its first quarterly revenue decline in history, followed by another, bigger decline in the fall
- Some of the pain is company-specific, while some is tied to broader economic and technological forces

FM okays framework for Sovereign Green Bonds

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday approved the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India. This approval will further strengthen India's commitment towards its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) targets, adopted under the Paris Agreement, and help in attracting global and domestic investments in eligible green projects. The proceeds generated from issuance of such bonds will be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing carbon intensity of the economy, said an official statement.

The Framework comes close on the footsteps of India's commitments under "Panchamrit" stated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 at Glasgow last year. The approval is also the fulfilment of the announcement in the Union Budget that Sovereign Green Bonds will be issued for mobilising resources for green projects.

Green bonds are financial instruments that generate proceeds for investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects. Due to their inclination towards environmental sustainability, they command a relatively lower cost of capital vis-à-vis regular bonds and necessitates credibility and commitments associated with the process of raising bonds, the statement said.



WILL FINANCE GREEN PROJECTS

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Adani Ports buys 49.38% stake in IOTL for ₹1,050 cr

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) on Wednesday said it has acquired 49.38% stake in Indian Oiltanking Ltd — developer and operator of liquid storage facilities — for Rs 1,050 crore.

APSEZ said this agreement also includes acquisition of an additional 10% equity stake in IOT Utkal Energy Services Ltd, a 71.57% subsidiary of IOTL (Indiain Oiltanking Ltd).

"APSEZ has entered into a definitive agreement for the acquisition of Oiltanking India GmbH's 49.38% equity stake in Indian Oiltanking Ltd, which is one of India's largest developer and operator of liquid storage facilities," it said.

According to the statement, the acquisition is well aligned with APSEZ's strategy of becoming the largest transport utility.

The statement said over the past 26 years, IOTL has built a network of six terminals across five states with a total capacity of 2.4 Mn KL (owned capacity of 0.5 Mn KL and BOOT capacity of 1.9 Mn KL) for storage of crude and finished petroleum products.

The owned facilities include Navghar terminal in Maharashtra, Raipur terminal in Chhattisgarh and Goa terminal.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zones, the flagship transportation arm of the diversified Adani group, is India's largest private ports and logistics company. — PTI

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Basmati exports jump 37% in first half of FY23

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 9

India's basmati exports have increased owing to high demand and rise in prices of commodities globally after the Russia-Ukraine war. The exports increased by 37.34% in six months of the current fiscal to $2, 280 million (Rs 17,897 crore). Also, the per-unit value realisation rose to $1,057 a tonne compared to $853 a tonne in the last fiscal.

According to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), basmati shipments increased to 21.57 lakh tonne during April-September (FY23) as compared to 19.45 lakh tonne during the corresponding period last year. The rise in exports has also resulted in increased earnings for farmers of Punjab and Haryana as they account for over 70-75% of basmati exports from the country.

Oil-producing countries are major basmati importers. Countries such as Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, the UAE, the US, the UK, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman had a share of almost 80% in total basmati shipments from India in 2021-22.

"The increase in demand is mainly because of increased exports to Iran, which is a major buyer for Indian basmati," said Vijay Setia, former vice-president, All India Rice Exporters Association.

IRAN MAJOR BUYER

	Apr-Sept (2021-22)	Apr-Sept (2022-23)	Increase (in %)
Quantity (in MT)	19,45,526	21,57,091	10.87
Value (in ₹cr)	12,268	17,897	45.88
Value (in US $mn)	1,660	2,280	37.34



Tata Motors' net loss narrows to ₹945 cr in Q2 on improved sales

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Tata Motors on Wednesday reported narrowing of consolidated net loss at Rs 945 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, as sales picked up in marquee brand Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) and across domestic as well as commercial vehicle segments.

The auto major had reported a net loss of Rs 4,442 crore, attributable to shareholders of the company, in the July-September period of the last fiscal.

Consolidated net loss for the second quarter stood at Rs 898 crore. It was at Rs 4,416 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income increased to Rs 80,650 crore in the period under review, as compared to Rs 62,246 crore in the year-ago period, Tata Motors said in a regulatory filing. On a standalone basis, the company reported a net loss of Rs 293 crore as against Rs 659 crore in the year-ago period. — PTI



INCOME UP AT ₹80,650 CR

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Asian domination?

Jos Buttler's England stand in India's way to final and face-off with Pakistan

ADELAIDE, NOVEMBER 9

India cannot afford to put a foot wrong as they square off against a formidable England side on a tricky Adelaide Oval track in the T20 World Cup semifinal tomorrow.

England's premier all-rounder Ben Stokes has already admitted that they have not played their best cricket, and the Indian team needs to ensure that Jos Buttler and Stokes don't choose the semifinal to bring their A game to the fore.

History is also against India when it comes to the business end at the ICC events. India have struggled to cross the final two hurdles on four occasions – the 2014 T20 World Cup final, 2016 T20 World Cup semifinals, 2017 Champions Trophy final and 2019 ODI World Cup semifinals.

England too have their share of bitter memories. Their last World Cup match at the ground saw Bangladesh knocking them out of the 50-over tournament in 2015. However, that has proved to be a turning point, with England reaching the semifinals or better at every World Cup since.

"There's some moments or memories that will not always be good ones, unfortunately," said Buttler, who played in the 2015 defeat along with several current teammates.

While England sweat on the fitness of key players, India's sole selection dilemma is whether to bring back Dinesh Karthik as wicket-keeper or stick with Rishabh Pant as a left-handed batting option to counter England's spinners.



With short square boundaries and longer front of the square dimensions, it makes the toss crucial and batting first becomes all the more important. The battle at the death is also likely to be important, if not decisive, in the teams' first meeting in the tournament's knockout rounds given England's bowlers and India's batters have been standouts in the final overs.

With a rejuvenated Virat Kohli and the marauding Suryakumar Yadav in ominous form, England's bowlers may have their hands full against India's heavy hitters. The likes of Sam Curran, Mark Wood and Chris Woakes will face their biggest test against the firepower of India.

Kohli may be jumping out of his skin to take strike in Adelaide, where he has scored five hundreds and three fifties across 14 innings in all formats. He would like to get the better of his old nemesis Adil Rashid, while Yadav's 360 degree skills against Curran's cutters will be an enticing match-up.

"We have done one part of it really well. There are two more parts to go. But tomorrow is going to be one part of it where we have to play well to get the result," India skipper Rohit Sharma said. -- Agencies



While Virat Kohli has been on fire, skipper Rohit Sharma *(right)* needs an innings of substance to silence his critics. ANI PHOTOS

2-1 India lead the head-to-head record in T20 World Cup matches against England by 2-1. The Men in Blue won the battles in 2007 and 2012 but lost in 2009.

11.90 Though India have been among the slowest starters, no team has scored at a faster rate in the final four overs than their figure of 11.90 runs per over.



"He's been great to watch, hasn't he? I think he's someone who has probably been the batter of the tournament so far. But as with any batsman in the world, it takes one chance to create a wicket. We desperately need to find a way to do that. His biggest strength looks to be the amount of freedom he plays with. He's obviously got all the shots but allows himself to play them as well" **Jos Buttler,** ENGLAND SKIPPER

Grass is greener on Pak's side

Pakistan crush Kiwis by 7 wickets to reach final

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 9

Pakistan will continue their rollercoaster ride at the T20 World Cup into the final after beating New Zealand by seven wickets in front of a raucous crowd largely made up of their compatriots at the Sydney Cricket Ground today.



Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi took 2/24 against the Kiwis. AP/PTI

Paceman Shaheen Afridi led the way with 2/24 as the Black Caps were restricted to 152/4 before openers Mohammad Rizwan and Babar Azam finally found their touch with half-centuries in a 105-run stand to lay the foundation for victory.

Pakistan scraped into the last four only after the Netherlands had upset South Africa last Sunday but will now play India or England, who face off in the second semifinal in Adelaide tomorrow, in Sunday's title-decider in Melbourne.

"It means a lot (to reach the final)," said Pakistan captain Azam. "We did not start the tournament well but after South Africa lost we took our opportunity and we are playing our best cricket and in the final."

Riding the momentum of their great escape from the group stage, the 2009 champions lost the toss but still looked charged with confidence from the moment Afridi took the ball for the opening over.

New Zealand's powerplay maestro Finn Allen cracked a four off the first delivery but had to be rescued from an lbw decision by DRS on the second before departing trapped in front on the third. Devon Conway was run out by a direct hit from Shadab Khan for 21 on the final ball of the powerplay to leave New Zealand on 38/2. Another danger man, Glenn Phillips, fell meekly, caught and bowled by spinner Mohammad Nawaz for six soon afterwards.

Skipper Kane Williamson steadied the ship with Daryl Mitchell but departed for 46 when he attempted to paddle a slower Afridi delivery, which rattled into his unguarded stumps.

Mitchell, New Zealand's batting hero on their run to last year's final in Abu Dhabi, continued to an unbeaten 53 but his 35-ball innings featured only four boundaries as tight bowling and athletic fielding kept him shackled.

Azam and Rizwan had failed to deliver on their considerable reputations in the group stage but made up for it in some style with a blockbuster opening partnership.

The captain enjoyed a stroke of luck when he was dropped by wicketkeeper Conway off his first ball from Trent Boult but hammered 53 runs off the next 41 deliveries he faced before holing out in the deep.

Man of the Match Rizwan reached the half-century mark soon afterwards before also holing out for 57, but Mohammad Haris kept up the pace with a bright 30 and Shan Masood got them over the line at 153/3 with five balls to spare.

"Credit to Pakistan, they were too good today," said Williamson. "At the halfway stage we felt we had something to defend there... Pakistan were outstanding with the bat and they ran that down with ease. We certainly wanted to make them work harder for those runs."

Brief scores: New Zealand: 152/4 (Williamson 46, Daryl Mitchell 53*; Afridi 2/24); **Pakistan:** 153/3 in 19.1 overs (Azam 53, Rizwan 57; Boult 2/33). — Reuters

BRIEFLY

JAMSHEDPUR

ISL: Hyderabad FC go seven points clear at the top

Hyderabad FC registered their fifth successive win this season as they edged past Jamshedpur FC 1-0 to consolidate their top spot in the Indian Super League here today. Mohammed Yasir scored for the defending champions in the second half to end their winless streak against the Red Miners.

HYDERABAD

Para Shooting World C'ships: Singhraj secures Paris berth

Double Paralympics medallist Singhraj Adhana secured a quota for India at the 2024 Paris Paralympics after signing off at the fourth place in the P1 men's 10m air pistol SH1 event at the Para Shooting World Championships today. Singhraj was also part of the Indian team — comprising Manish Narwal and Nihal Singh — which claimed its second gold medal in the ongoing Championships in the team event of the P1 men's 10m air pistol SH1.

PUNE

Bulls clinch hard-fought win over Steelers

In-form Bengaluru Bulls took their revenge on Haryana Steelers with a 36-33 win in their reverse game and climbed to the top of Pro Kabaddi League table here today.

MUNICH

Senegal forward Sadio Mane a doubt for World Cup

Senegal forward Sadio Mané is in doubt for the World Cup after Bayern Munich said on Wednesday he would miss the last league game before the tournament with a leg injury. The African had an injury to the head of the fibula bone in his lower right leg. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

T20 WORLD CUP (SEMIS)
INDIA VS ENGLAND
STAR SPORTS 1:30PM

ISL
ATK VS NORTHEAST
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

How can IOC not involve us in qualifying for 2024 Oly, asks IBA

VINAYAK PADMADEO
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

It is clear that there is no love lost between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Boxing Association (IBA), which was formerly known as AIBA. Ever since AIBA was suspended in May 2019 over governance and refereeing standards, the two bodies have had a frosty relationship. With Russia's Umar Kremlev taking over the mantle and trying to make the sport more transparent, there was hope. The IOC, though, has not shown any inclination to reinstate the boxing body into the IOC fold.

Instead, the IOC announced in September a new qualification pathway for the 2024 Olympics, and it doesn't involve the IBA. "After deciding last June that the boxing qualifying events and competitions for Paris 2024 would not be run under the authority of the IBA, the IOC EB was presented with an additional qualification model, which was approved during its meeting in Lausanne," the IOC had said.

As per the IOC, alternate arrangements for qualification will be made during the boxing competitions at all the various continental games, to be held next year. Two world qualification tournaments will also be held in 2024.

"The IBA has accomplished 100 per cent of the recommendations by the IOC. The new body is a transparent and honest organisation and we continue to stick to those recommendations," IBA president Kremlev said.

Who will participate?

However, IBA secretary general George Yerolimpos was more forthcoming and questioned the IOC decision for keeping the IBA out.

"How will they select the athletes for participation? They need to follow our rankings and they will have to use our system," Yerolimpos said.

The Greek sports administrator, who only recently took over, added that the delays will hurt the athletes.

"We are waiting for the announcement but they cannot do it without our athletes, tech support of referees and judges," he said. "We want clarity on how the athletes will participate in the qualification system. We are about to enter 2023 and nobody knows what will happen," he added.

Yerolimpos said the IBA does not want to fight the IOC. "We are doing it for our athletes. Of course the problem exists... We do not understand why the IOC is not satisfied. We did everything they asked us. We are ready to take more steps to improve," he said.



BFI president Ajay Singh, IBA president Umar Kremlev and boxer Nikhat Zareen in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

India to host 2023 women's Worlds

India will host the women's world boxing championships in 2023 in New Delhi, two years after the country was stripped of the hosting rights of men's event for not paying the requisite fee to the global governing body.

Chips in gloves: Boxing gets tech-savvy

The International Boxing Association is betting big on technology to cut down on refereeing errors that has dogged the sport for long. Starting with next year's Women's World Championships, to be held in India, the IBA will introduce a video review system. Four cameras will be put in the ring to monitor all the decisions. An evaluator will oversee the entire process and have the power to change the points awarded during a bout. "The evaluator will see how the referees have scored every point," IBA secretary general George Yerolimpos said.

By 2024, the IBA will start using chips in the gloves and mouth guards of the boxers. The chips will be synced and tell whether a punch has landed.

"We started a project based on smart gloves. This will be very important because not only will it show the contact, it will also help the doctors decide whether the athlete can continue or not. It will be operational by 2024," Yerolimpos said.

Lovlina, Alfiya march into finals

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and Elorda Cup champion Alfiya Pathan produced power-packed performances to enter their respective finals at the Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan, today.

Lovlina (75kg) clinched a 5-0 victory against Seong Suyeon of South Korea in her semifinal bout. This will be the best performance in the Asian Championships for Lovlina, who already has two bronze medals in the event.

Alfiya (81+kg) cruised past Lazzat Kungeibayeva of Kazakhstan in a 5-0 win. This is the second time this year that Alfiya has defeated her. She stunned the Kazakh in the Elorda Cup. — PTI

Pique leaves Barca: Too late or too soon?

YUVRAJ BHARDWAJ

"I am the first to offer myself to leave Barca if new blood is to come."

The modern-day great Gerard Pique said this after the humiliating 8-2 battering at the hands of Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinals in August 2020.

Now that he has finally decided to hang up his boots, could it be that he's done it a little too late? As one of the captains and the main defender of FC Barcelona, he was criticised for the repeated disastrous European performances of the club in the past few years. But given the current injury crisis at the club, especially in defence, is the move coming too soon in the season? Could not he have stretched it out a little longer, and then maybe the entire "old guard" could have left at the end of the season? That would have enabled them to share their invaluable experience with the relatively young squad, also providing decent back-up for the injury-ridden squad.

That's not really an option now since the towering defender has already got a farewell from a packed Camp Nou, a privilege that even the likes of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Ivan Rakitic were deprived of in recent years.

The centre-back, known for his eventful life off the field as well, has had a career to envy. He is one of the five most decorated players in the history of the sport, winning almost every major trophy there is to win. His trophy cabinet includes the World Cup, the Euros title, four Champions League crowns and eight La Liga titles.

Despite being mercilessly trolled in recent years for being 'too slow', in his career he formed solid defensive partnerships with the likes of Carles Puyol, Javier Mascherano and Sergio Ramos for club and country. Though a defender, he was never afraid to venture forward and help the team when needed, scoring 50-plus goals in his club career and earning the moniker "Striker Pique".

A controversial figure on and off the field, he was always in the limelight, be it his relationship with global pop star Shakira, business ventures, leaked audio tapes, unabashed support for Catalonia, taunting opposition players and fans.

Pique might have done a huge favour financially to the club by retiring now and reportedly foregoing much of the 80 million which the club owes him. It could allow the club to buy some reinforcements in the January transfer window.

In his retirement announcement video, he promised the fans that he'll come back. Could it be as 'El Presidente'?



Barcelona's Gerard Pique with his children after playing his last home game for the Catalan club. REUTERS

Raphinha gives 9-man Barca edge vs Osasuna

MADRID, NOVEMBER 9

With an improbable win, Barcelona made sure they will go into the World Cup break at the top of the La Liga standings.

Robert Lewandowski was shown his first red card in nearly a decade and Gerard Pique was sent off from the bench in his last career match, but Raphinha scored late as Barcelona rallied to defeat Osasuna 2-1 and secure the Spanish league lead ahead of the World Cup stoppage. Lewandowski's second career red card came in the first half of Tuesday's victory, which left the Catalan club five points ahead of Real Madrid. Madrid, who have a game in hand, were handed a shock 2-3 loss — their first league loss — at Rayo Vallecano on Monday. The defending champions will host Cadiz on Thursday. — AP

Recall Governor: DMK, allies to Prez

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The MPs of the ruling DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to President of India Droupadi Murmu against Governor RN Ravi, alleging obstruction in governance, and sought his recall.

The DMK, Congress and CPI — part of the alliance in the southern state — have upped the ante against the Centre as the Governors are its representatives.

In a memorandum to Murmu, the MPs said, "We must place on record our dissatisfaction that the work being done by the Tamil Nadu Government and the legislature is being operated by the office of the Governor by openly contradicting its policy in public and unduly delaying assent to Bills." DMK Rajya Sabha MP P Wilson, who is signatory to the memorandum, said the Governor had withheld assent to Bills passed by the state Assembly and thus, was obstructing the process of governance.

"We are pained to note that the Governor is unduly delaying assent to the Bills passed by the state legislature. This amounts to interference in the administration of the State and transaction of business by the legislature," the MPs stated in the memorandum.

"The framers of the Constitution would have never imagined a situation where a Governor openly contradicts the policy of the elected state government or impedes legislation passed by the legislature by indefinitely delaying assent or acts against secularism," they stated.

UN council to assess India's human rights record today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

An inter-ministerial team will present India's case when its human rights record will be examined by the United Nations Human Rights Council on Thursday.

This is India's fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle. Its first, second and third UPR reviews took place in April 2008, May 2012 and May 2017, respectively.

Led by Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta, the team consists of MEA's Secretary (West) Sanjay Verma, India's Permanent Representative in Geneva Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Solicitor General of India, Vice Chancellor of the National Law University, Delhi, and officials from the MEA and Ministries of Home, Women and Child Development, Social Justice and Empowerment, Minority Affairs, Rural Development, and the NITI Aayog, said the MEA in a release on Thursday.

FOURTH REVIEW

- This is India's fourth Universal Periodic Review cycle
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The documents on which the reviews are based are: national report — information provided by the state under review; information contained in the reports of independent human rights experts and groups, human rights treaty bodies, and other UN entities; and information provided by other stakeholders, including national human rights institutions, regional organisations and civil society groups.

The UPR involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 UN member states. Since its first meeting in 2008, all UN member states have been reviewed thrice. During the fourth UPR cycle, states are again expected to spell out steps they have taken to implement recommendations posed during their previous reviews which they committed to follow-up on, as well as to highlight recent human rights developments in the country, said the UN in a statement.

The three-country representatives serving as rapporteurs (troika) for the review of India are Sudan, Nepal and the Netherlands.

30 mins of 'national interest' content now must for channels

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The Centre today approved revised uplinking and downlinking guidelines for satellite TV channels, in a step aimed at making India a hub for such businesses.

The guidelines were first issued in 2005 and revised in 2011.

The first such change in 11 years, the guidelines entail a 30-minute slot for the broadcast of programmes of national interest and national importance.

The rules are aimed at easing issues regarding permissions to the companies registered in India for uplinking and downlinking of TV channels, setting up of 'teleports' and 'teleport hubs'.

The policy will also address issues related to digital satellite news gathering (DSNG), satellite news gathering (SNG) and electronic news gathering (ENG) systems, uplinking by Indian news agencies and temporary uplinking of a live event.

As per the guidelines, no prior permission for live telecast of events would be needed. However, prior registration of events to be telecast live would be necessary. A channel can be uplinked using facilities of more than one teleport or satellite as against only one teleport or satellite at present.

Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry Secretary Apurva Chandra said, "We have taken the approval of the Union Cabinet and have made multiple improvements in terms of ease of doing business." The 30-minute slot is for things of national importance or national interest and this has seven themes, including women empowerment, agriculture and teaching.

Currently, only 30 channels are uplinked from India out of the total 897 registered with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, officials said.

The guidelines also grant permission for a news agency for a five year period against one year at present.



GOVT REVISES GUIDELINES

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EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

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Rajnath: Ought to be ready for operational contingencies

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The senior-most leadership of the Army today briefed Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on how the force was transforming itself to meet future challenges.

The Defence Minister was participating in the Army Commanders' Conference, an apex biannual event, in New Delhi. He was briefed on the "transformational imperatives for a future-ready force".

Rajnath complimented the Army for the high standard of operational preparedness and capabilities. He commended its efforts in developing niche technologies in collaboration with industry and premier educational institutions.

"I have full faith and confidence in the Army and its leadership," he said, asking the Army to be ready for operational contingencies.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Army commanders in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

During the conference (November 7-11), Army's senior leadership is comprehensively deliberating upon all aspects of existing security scenarios and challenges for the present security apparatus. In addition, the conference is also focusing on issues pertaining to organisational restructuring, logistics, administration, human resource management, modernisation through indigenisation and induction of niche technologies.

Malabar naval drills begin off Japan coast

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

The Malabar series of naval exercises involving India, Japan, Australia and the US began off the coast of Japan today in the backdrop of China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.

The Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), the host, said the aim of the wargame was to "realise a free and open Indo-Pacific and improve the inter-operability of the JMSDF with the US, Indian and the Australian Navies".

"Free and open Indo-Pacific" is a euphuism for opposing Chinese hegemony and attempts to impede traffic at sea and air. China is the past has been objecting to warships in the South China Sea.

The opening ceremony was hosted by the JMSDF onboard JS Hyuga, a flat-deck helicopter carrier, at Yokosuka, Japan. Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla is leading the Indian delegation.

The Malabar series of maritime exercises commenced in 1992 and have grown in complexity over the years. It includes four prominent navies in the Indo-Pacific region; incidentally, all four are partners in the Quad. Indian ships INS Shivalik and INS Kamorta and surveillance plane P8-I are participating. From the US, the super carrier USS Ronald Reagan is part of the exercise. — TNS

Now, publishing journals not needed before PhD thesis

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

It will no longer be mandatory to have research papers published in peer-reviewed journals before submitting a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) thesis, according to new regulations for doctorate programmes — University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022.

Earlier, MPhil (Master of Philosophy) scholars were required to present at least one research paper at a conference or seminar and PhD scholars at least one research paper in a refereed journal and make two paper presentations at conferences or seminars prior to submitting their thesis for adjudication.

Chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar said by scrapping the mandatory publication requirement, the UGC recognised that the one-size-fits-all approach was not desirable. "For instance, doctoral scholars in computer science prefer presenting their papers at conferences rather than publishing them in journals," he said.

At the same time, he said even though publication of research papers in peer-reviewed journals may not be mandatory anymore, "it does not mean PhD scholars should stop doing that altogether".

He also urged universities to ensure the PhD evaluation process was strengthened and research scholars were trained to publish in peer-reviewed journals, present at conferences and apply for patents where feasible. "Focussing on high-quality research will lead to publications in good journals, even if it is not mandatory. It will add value when they apply for employment or post-doctoral opportunities," he said. The UGC also dropped its plan to make universities and colleges reserve at least 60 per cent of their annual intake of doctoral candidates for the National Eligibility Test/Junior Research Fellowship-holders.

UGC scraps rule, but says students shouldn't stop doing it altogether

SWITCHING SUBJECTS

Chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar told *The Tribune* that students could do PhD in subjects other than the subject they have done their post-graduation in provided the university concerned modifies its ordinance to facilitate such migration from one discipline to another discipline. "The National Education Policy encourages multi-disciplinary education. Universities need to modify their ordinances to facilitate such migration," he said.

Centre opposes reservation for Dalit Christians, Muslims

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

Maintaining that untouchability was not prevalent in Christian and Islamic societies, the Centre has opposed before the Supreme Court petitions seeking seeks Scheduled Caste status for Dalits who have converted to Christianity and Islam.

"The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order, 1950, was based on historical data which clearly established that no such backwardness or oppression was ever faced by members of Christian or Islamic society," the Centre submitted in an affidavit filed in the top court.

"In fact, one of the reasons for which people from SCs have been converting Islam or Christianity is so that they can come out of the oppressive system of untouchability which is not prevalent at all in Christianity or Islam," the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment affidavit said.

It faulted Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission for favouring SC status for Dalits converted to Christianity and Islam, saying it was not based on field studies.The Centre said the commission took a myopic view of the social environment in India and failed to take into account the effect that the inclusion would have on the present castes listed as SCs.

Says Ranganath Mishra panel took a myopic view on the issue

Last month, the Centre had appointed a three-member commission headed by former CJI KG Balakrishnan to examine whether SC status could be given to those members of SC community who had converted to Christianity or Islam. The first Dalit CJI, Justice Balakrishnan, also served as Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.

Noting that the legal issues involved had to be settled, the Supreme Court had on August 30 given three weeks to the Centre to spell out its stand on the issue. The Constitution (SC) Order, 1950, says that no person professing a religion other than Hinduism or Sikhism or Buddhism could be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

However, Muslim and Christian groups have been demanding similar status for Dalits who have converted to Christianity or Islam, arguing that the restriction went against their fundamental right to equality, religious freedom and non-discrimination.

The petitioners contended that the change in religion did not change social exclusion and caste hierarchy continued to hold fort within Christianity even though the religion forbade it. However, the Centre asserted that "the object of the reservations and identification of SCs is over and beyond the 'social and economic backwardness'... the identification of SCs is centered around a specific social stigma (and the connected backwardness with such stigma) that is limited to the communities identified in the Constitution (SC) Order, 1950."— TNS

SC defers hearing on DeMo pleas to Nov 24

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday deferred to November 24 the hearing on petitions challenging the Centre's November 2016 decision to demonetise currency notes of denomination of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 after the Centre sought time to file its response.

"Normally, a Constitution Bench never adjourns like this. We never rise like this once we have started. It is very embarrassing for this court," a five-judge Constitution Bench led by Justice S Abdul Nazeer said after Attorney General R Venkataramani sought time to file a comprehensive affidavit in the matter.

Venkataramani apologised to the Bench for not being able to prepare the comprehensive affidavit and sought a week for filing the Centre's response.

"We could not get the affidavit ready. We require about a week's time. The affidavit will be useful for all of us to proceed in some structured way. Otherwise, the course of action may be unnavigated. I will present it by Wednesday or Thursday…I am deeply sorry," the Attorney General submitted.



'CONSIDERING NAVLAKHA'S PLEA'

The SC on Wednesday said it was considering allowing activist Gautam Navlakha's plea seeking to be transferred from the Taloja jail to "house custody" in the Elgar Parishad case.

Pointing out that four-week time was granted to the Centre for filing its response, Justice Nazeer said, "The time that you have been granted can't be said to be insufficient time."

Senior advocates Shyam Divan and P Chidambaram, representing petitioner Vivek Narayan Sharma and others, said it was highly unusual and embarrassing to ask a Constitution Bench to adjourn a matter. — TNS

Decide on Azam's petition in 24 hrs, special court told

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed a Uttar Pradesh Special Court to decide in 24 hours Samajwadi Party MLA Azam Khan's petition seeking a stay on his conviction and three-year imprisonment in a hate speech case to save him from being disqualified as an MLA from the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud also asked the Election Commission not to notify till November 10 the bypoll to the Rampur Sadar constituency which fell vacant following Khan's conviction and his subsequent disqualification.

The Election Commission was free to issue the notification for the bypoll on or after November 11 after the Special Court decides on Khan's plea, it said. Khan was convicted in a hate speech case on October 27 and awarded a three-year jail term by a Rampur court. The next day, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Secretariat had announced his disqualification from the House.

Testimonies of 2 psychiatrists clinched case: CBI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

With fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi losing his appeal in the UK High Court against his extradition to India, the CBI today said that testimonies by two psychiatrists during the final hearing was crucial in debunking his poor psychological state argument.

Nirav Modi today lost his appeal against extradition to India on mental health grounds as the High Court ruled that his risk of suicide "is not such that it would be either unjust or oppressive to extradite him to face charges of fraud and money laundering".



Nirav Modi

Officials in the CBI said, during the final hearing, Professor Andrew Forrester of Cardiff University and Professor Seena Fazel of the University of Oxford gave evidence before the High Court, which dismissed the appeal filed by the fugitive.

"Today's judgement of the UK High Court is a significant achievement in the context of CBI's efforts to curb corruption and is a reminder that fugitives, who have eluded the process of law after commission of large value frauds, cannot consider themselves above the process merely because they have changed jurisdiction," the CBI said in a statement. The agency also commended and acknowledged "the painstaking and continuous efforts made by the counsel of the Crown Prosecution Service in forcefully presenting the Government of India's case".

It lauded the efforts of various government agencies, especially officers of the High Commission of India, London, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs in coordinating the trial, timely submission of evidence and prompt follow-up of the case at all stages.— TNS

Shah: Need to control left-wing extremism

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said there was a need to control left-wing extremism (LWE) in all its forms by dismantling its financial, ideological and logistical support system in the country.

Chairing a high-level meeting of Intelligence Bureau (IB) officers from across the country here to discuss various aspects of India's security, Shah said besides dismantling "the financial, ideological and logistical support system" to the LWE, there was an urgent need "to further strengthen the process of information sharing and enhancing liaison between counter-terrorism and anti-drug agencies of the states".

"The meeting held discussions on issues related to national security, including counter terrorism, threat from extremism, cyber security and aspects related to securing India's frontiers," the MHA said in a statement. — TNS

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