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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

## Must probe rape cases within 2 months: MHA advisory to states post Hathras

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10  
Amid a raging controversy around recent crimes against women in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras and a few other places in the country, the Centre has issued an advisory to all states and union territories (UTs) directing them to take mandatory police action in such cases.

CBI TO PROBE HATHRAS CASE;  
CENTRE ISSUES NOTIFICATION

Besides recommending compulsory registration of first information report (FIR), the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) advisory said the investigation should be completed within two months of reporting of a case.

The advisory said any failure on the part of the police to adhere to the mandatory norms in crime against



Valmikis hold a protest against the Hathras gangrape and murder incident, in Jalandhar on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

### JAMSHEDPUR GIRL RAPED AT GUNPOINT

Jamshedpur: Five persons have been arrested for the alleged gangrape of a 17-year-old girl in Jharkhand's Jamshedpur. The girl was out with her boyfriend in Bagbera area late on Tuesday when the accused forcibly took her away at gunpoint. PTI

### STUDENT 'BEATEN' TO DEATH OVER AFFAIR

New Delhi: Rahul Rajput (18), a Delhi University student, was allegedly beaten to death over his friendship with a woman in his locality. The woman's brother, a relative and three juveniles have been arrested in connection with the case. BACK PAGE

GOVT REITERATES: 'ZERO FIR' IF CRIME COMMITTED OUTSIDE POLICE JURISDICTION  
CAN'T DISCARD DYING DECLARATION EVEN IF NOT RECORDED BY MAGISTRATE

women "will be inquired and necessary action will be taken immediately against the offi-

cers concerned". The advisory reads: "It is requested that the states and UTs may suitably

issue instructions to all concerned to ensure strict compliance with the provisions in

the law relating to crime against women."

The states and the UTs have also been asked to monitor the cases on the Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences to ensure suitable action is taken on the chargesheet against the accused in a timely manner. The advisory came days after a 19-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly gang-raped by four men at Hathras, leading to her death. Such crimes have also been reported from Jharkhand, Rajasthan and other states.

The ministry also referred to its 2019 advisory on "failure to record information under sub-section (1) of Section 154 of the CrPC punishable under Section 166A of the IPC". The MHA referred to another advisory issued on December 5, 2019, regarding timely and proactive action in cases of crime against women.

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 10

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### QUAD NATIONS AT RISK

Quad nations need the US to be their ally. They face risk associated with threats by Chinese Communist Party.

Mike Pompeo,  
US SECRETARY OF STATE

NO INFO ON CHINA ROLE IN PoK  
MISSILE SITES, SAYS ARMY

Eye on China,  
MoD plans  
airstrip in Spiti

BHANU P LOHUMI

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SHIMLA, OCTOBER 10

In the wake of tensions along the India-China border, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has given the green signal to the state to pursue the issue of construction of an airstrip at Ranigiri in Spiti. The airstrip would act as a landing ground in case of any exigency.

In a letter to HP Governor Bhandaru Dattatreya, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said National Highway No. 5 would be widened up to Poon in Kinnaur district. He further said the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways be consulted for funding the construction of the road beyond Kunzam Pass to boost tourism in the region.

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their northern border... Quad nations have real risk associated with the threats imposed by the Chinese Communist Party," said Pompeo. — PTI

## PA(Y)NDEMIC PANGS



Doctors and nursing officers of Hindu Rao Hospital, a Covid-19 treatment centre, protest against the North Delhi Municipal Corporation over non-payment of salaries. PTI

## Can't extend loan moratorium: RBI to SC

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Maintaining that mere continuation of temporary loan moratorium would not be in borrowers' interest, the RBI has told the Supreme Court a moratorium exceeding six months might vitiate the overall credit discipline and have a "debilitating impact" on the credit creation process.

Announced by the RBI in March for three months, loan moratorium is a legal authorisation to debtors to postpone the

Says it could vitiate  
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payment of EMIs. It was extended to six months till August 31. The government said more than 50 per cent of the borrowers didn't avail moratorium. The apex court is hearing a bunch of pleas, including the one which has sought a direction to declare the portion of an RBI notification, issued on March 27, "ultra vires to the extent it charges interest on the loan amount during the moratorium period".

In its affidavit, the RBI said

any waiver of interest or interest would entail "significant economic costs" which cannot be absorbed by the banks without serious dent on their finances and this, in turn, would have huge implications for the depositors and the broader financial stability.

It also requested the top court to vacate "with immediate effect" its September 4 interim order restraining banks from classifying accounts into NPAs. — TNS

## Republic TV moves SC against police summons



### CFO DOESN'T RECORD STATEMENT

Republic TV's chief financial officer S Sundaram did not appear before the Mumbai Police on Saturday to record his statement in connection with the TRP racket, saying the channel had approached the Supreme Court.

In his petition, Sundaram has challenged the October 9 summons issued to him and sought an early hearing in the matter. Earlier, he had urged the Mumbai Police to stop the probe against Republic TV Network and its employees till the matter was heard in the apex court.

The police have already arrested owners of channels Fakt Marathi and Box Cinema after they claimed to have busted a TRP scam to the tune of more than Rs 100 crore. They alleged that some

employees of a company involved in TRP measurement were manipulating "sampling metering services" by bribing people to watch certain TV channels. — TNS



### Former DGP Saini named accused in Kotkapura case

BALWANT GARG

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FARIDKOT, OCTOBER 10  
A special investigation team (SIT) probing police firing incidents has named former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini as an accused in the Kotkapura case. It sent a letter in this regard to the Kotkapura police today. On September 27, the Bajakhana police in Faridkot had named Saini as an accused in the Behbal Kalan police firing incident.

The SIT has already filed three charge-sheets in the

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## Tally crosses 7 mn; 1 in 8 under treatment

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

India's Covid caseload breached the seven-million mark on Saturday with recoveries making up 85.81 per cent of all confirmed cases, leaving only one in eight infected persons currently ill.

It took India 12 days to move from six million to seven million after previously adding a million cases in 11 days. The country had crossed 20 lakh cases on August 7; 30 lakh on August 23; 40 lakh on September 5; 50 lakh on September 16 and 60 lakh on September 27.

While cases took 21 days to double from 10 lakh to 20 lakh, the doubling time from 30 lakh to 60 lakh cases has been 35 days. The signs of stabilisation of the disease graph remained

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 59,88,822  
COUNCIL 69,79,423  
FRESH FATALITIES 926  
TOTAL DEATHS 1,07,416

### WORLD

TOTAL 3,73,13,888  
RECOVERED 2,80,12,701  
DEATHS 10,75,358

### DGCI SEEKS PH-2 DATA

Bharat Biotech, which had sought DGCI's nod for phase-3 clinical trials of its vaccine candidate, has been told to submit data of phase-2 trial.

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Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said: "With

## In Pb, active cases fall below 10K after weeks

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

After several weeks, the number of active Covid-19 cases in Punjab has come down to less than 10,000.

Last month, the average number of active cases on any given day was about 20,000. The graph started witnessing a decline in the beginning of October with a dip in the number of fresh cases and a higher recovery rate. In the first 10 days of October, the average number of active cases stood at 12,000.

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### GRAPH IMPROVING

9,752 active cases as on October 10  
30,000 samples collected daily  
4% positivity rate  
89% recovery rate

norms for home isolation made simpler, people are now coming forward to get themselves tested. The number of patients undergoing treatment in hospitals has come down considerably." — TNS

## Three suspended for wrong blood transfusion

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 10

Acting on the report of an inquiry committee in connection with the wrong blood transfusion incident at a hospital here, the Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, has issued orders suspending three employees for the negligence.

As per the orders, blood transfusion officer Dr Krishma Goyal, and medical lab technicians Baldev Singh Romana and Richa Goyal have been suspended with immediate effect.

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## BJP lines up 8 ministers to tackle protests

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

To counter the farmers' protest in Punjab, the BJP has lined up eight Cabinet Ministers — Hardeep Puri, Kailash Choudhary, Smriti Irani, Anurag Thakur, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Som Parkash, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Dr Jitendra Singh. Beginning October 13, they will answer queries by

farmers and arthiyas on the new farm laws during district-specific video-conferences.

Significantly, Union Agriculture Minister NS Tomar is

not on the list. The Congress government in Punjab too has been opposing the new laws. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi last week led a tractor march in Punjab in solidarity with the agitating farmers.

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# Situation critical, power plants low on coal stock

No supply as farmers block major rail routes across state

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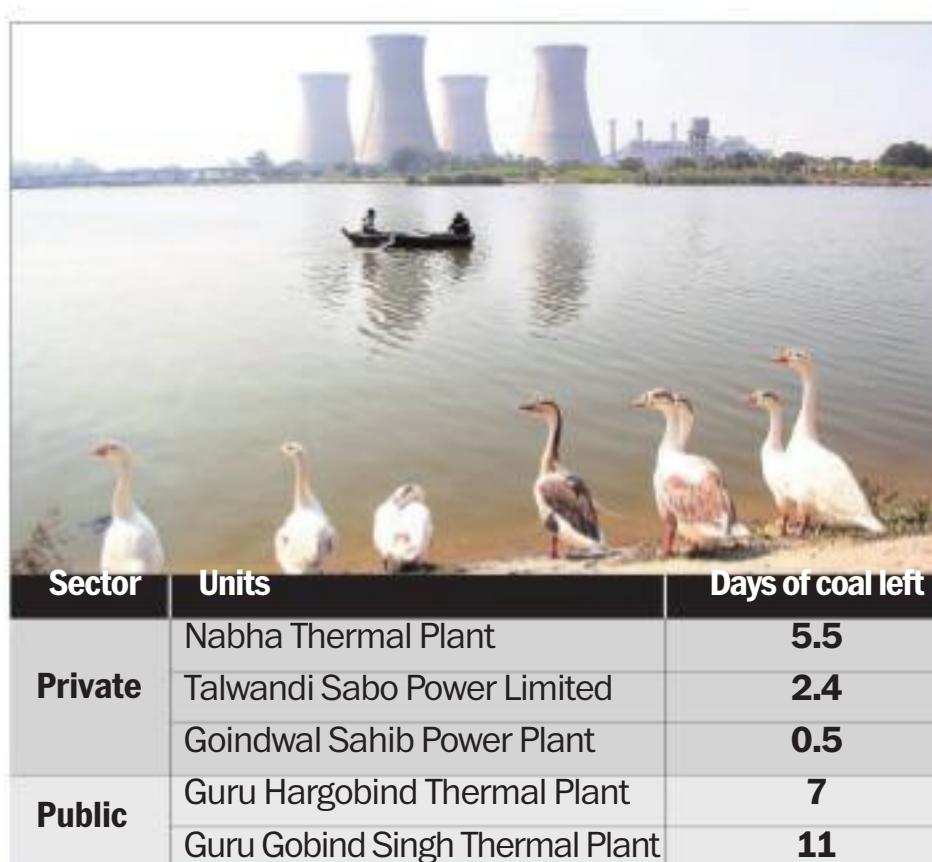
PATIALA, OCTOBER 10

With nearly all major rail routes in the state blocked in the face of farmers' protest against the agriculture laws, state's thermal plants have curtailed power generation, limiting supply to the farm sector as their coal stocks have dwindled.

Since the farmers are blocking over three dozen major rail routes, coal stocks from the mines are not reaching the thermal plants. "If the situation continues, power supply to various sectors will be hit badly, given the state's dependence on thermal power," said a senior official.

The three thermal plants in the state are trying to save on coal by limiting power generation. In the private sector, Rajpura-based Nabha Thermal Plant is left with only 5.5 days of coal, while Talwandi Sabo Power Limited has stock for only 2.4 days. The situation is critical at Goindwal Sahib Power Plant in Tarn Taran, which has only half a day of coal stock left.

With seven days of coal left,



Sector	Units	Days of coal left
Private	Nabha Thermal Plant	5.5
	Talwandi Sabo Power Limited	2.4
	Goindwal Sahib Power Plant	0.5
Public	Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant	7
	Guru Gobind Singh Thermal Plant	11

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY MANDATES 22 DAYS OF STOCK

## KEEPING CLOSE WATCH: PSPCL

"We are keeping an eye on the coal situation and as of now we are managing it," A Venu Prasad, CHAIRMAN-CUM-MD, PSPCL

state-owned Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat, has stopped power generation, while Guru Gobind Singh Thermal Plant in Ropar has 11 days of stock.

"We are meeting our present demand in all sectors through hydel and thermal generation from private

plants. State-owned units will be put to use once we feel the need," said a top official.

"A majority of our plants are running at less than half their capacity, as shutting and then restarting a unit costs lakhs of rupees," said a PSPCL officer.

"Industry has finally started operating after the Covid-

induced lockdown and any power pangs now will hit it and the state's economy hard," he said, adding the government had been apprised of the matter.

Senior PSPCL officials said the total power supply in the state was 1,570 lakh units (LUs), of which Nabha Thermal plant accounted for 350 LUs and Talwandi Sabo 158 LUs, in addition to solar and hydel power. The maximum demand in the state was 7,700 MW with an evening peak at 6,242 MW.

In March 2020, the coal stock at thermal power plants in the country had risen to its highest-ever level of 39.48 million tonne. As per the mandate of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), thermal plants have to maintain 22 days of fuel stock.

Farmers alleged tube-wells were getting only two to three hours of supply a day, while certain domestic consumers were facing outages during peak hours. However, PSPCL denied any power cuts as of now. "Power supply has been hit at certain places only due to snags or repairs. As of now, we are not resorting to power cuts," said an official.

## Letter to Sonia still relevant, says Tewari

ROPAR, OCTOBER 10

Local MP Manish Tewari has asserted the letter written by senior Congress leaders, including him, two months ago to party chief Sonia Gandhi for organisational reforms was still relevant. He said the signatories were hopeful that their constructive suggestions for strengthening the party would be implemented.

In August, 23 senior party leaders, including former chief ministers, Congress Working Committee members, MPs and former Union ministers, wrote to Gandhi seeking drastic

### CENTRE DESTROYING FCI

"The FCI is under ₹3 lakh crore debt. It is being done by the Centre under a calculated move to destroy it."

Manish Tewari,  
CONG LEADER

changes, including devolution of power to state units, revamping the CWC, and having a "full-time, active and visible" leadership. In political circles, the letter was seen as a challenge to the party leadership.

Tewari, who was here to visit grain markets, said a majority of the signatories to the letter had devoted over four decades of their life to the party. Their only aim was to strengthen the party so that the Congress could form a government by winning more than 272 seats in the 2024 parliamentary elections, he said.

"These suggestions are still relevant now," he said, adding it was unfortunate the letter came out in public domain though it was not for public consumption. —TNS



Farmers stage a sit-in on a rail track at Devi Dass Pura village in Amritsar on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Centre ignored farmers' concerns, burdened agri sector: Kisan union

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#### UP IN ARMS

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Meanwhile, activists of the BSP unit of the Fatehgarh Sahib Lok Sabha segment organised protest marches at Payal and nearby localities and demanded ouster of Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot for his alleged involvement in the scholarship scam.

Speakers condemned the UP Government and the Centre for "inaction" against perpetrators of the Hatheras gangrape and murder case. They also supported the ensuing struggle launched by various organisations for the withdrawal of the farm laws.

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of the nation in general and Punjab in particular, the Prime Minister wants to appease the corporate houses," he said.

Addressing the gathering, Amarjit Singh alleged that the Union Government had ignored the concerns of farmers of the border state by bringing in the farm laws, thus burdening the already ailing agriculture sector.

"Though members of all sections of society are convinced that these laws will shatter the economy

## Punish officials who pulled cop's turban in WB: Longowal

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 10

Gobind Singh Longowal, SGPC president, has sought strict action against guilty West Bengal police officials for "pulling" the turban and disrespecting the 'kesh' and religious symbols of Balwinder Singh, a Sikh policeman, during a BJP march at Howrah in Kolkata yesterday.

Expressing displeasure at the incident, Longowal said such incidents were recurring in the country.

He asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to issue guidelines to all state governments to ensure respect to all religious symbols of the Sikh community. In a strongly worded statement, he said pulling off the turban and holding a Sikh man from hair amounted to desecration of his religious symbols. —TNS

## Ensure procurement of cotton at MSP, Sukhbir urges Modi

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 10

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal yesterday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure that cotton was procured at the minimum support price (MSP) in Punjab, saying farmers were being exploited at the hands of private traders because the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) was "hesitant" in procuring cotton in the state.

While talking to the media, he alleged that cotton farmers were suffering because the CCI had "deliberately delayed" entry into the market due to which farmers were forced to sell their crop at Rs 4,800 per quintal to private traders against the MSP of Rs 5,725 per quintal.

While interacting with farmers in the cotton yard, the SAD



SAD president Sukhbir Badal examines cotton in Fazilka on Saturday.

president assured them that the party would launch an agitation to force the CCI to procure cotton at MSP from October 12. He said he would not let the farmers be exploited under any cost.

He said 1.25 lakh quintals of

cotton had arrived in the mandis in Punjab, but the CCI had purchased a minuscule amount of 12,000 quintals. "We demand constitutional guarantees for MSP and no farm produce will be procured at prices less than the MSP," he said. —OC

## Bar defaulting sugar mills from running units, PM urged

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring in legislation that bars private sugar mill operators from running their units if they default on payment to cane growers.

Quoting the data submitted in the Lok Sabha, Bajwa said Rs 15,683 crore was still owed from the 2016-17 season, Rs 242 crore from 2017-18, Rs 548 crore from 2018-19 and Rs 12,994 crore from 2019-20. As a result, farmers had been waiting for their payments for years together.

Due to the policies of the Centre, sugar prices were allowed to increase to make the mills viable. There had been a 35 per cent increase in the sugarcane price from Rs 230 per quintal in 2011-12 to Rs 310 per quintal in 2019-20, Bajwa said.

A sudden drop of sugar price during 2017-18 led to financial crisis for both farmers and mill operators. The government declared the SMP of sugar in 2017-18 at Rs 2,900 per quintal, which was further enhanced to Rs 3,100 per quintal for 2018-19 and to Rs 3,300 per quintal for 2019-20. These measures were not sufficient in ensuring that mill operators cleared their dues to farmers, he said. —TNS

## Nobody to look after at home, kids join kin at protest venues

PARVESH SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 10

The number of children in protests against the farm Acts has been increasing by the day. Singing self-composed songs against the laws and waving banners, children can be seen mobilising support at several places.

At Kaljhar, six-year-old Randeep Kaur from Sangheri village is the youngest at the protest site. Though she doesn't much knowledge about the protest, she is excited to wave a small banner to catch the attention of passers-by.

Whenever their parents and grandparents raise slogans, the children try to mimic them and start waving flags and banners. There are many teenagers such as 15-year-old Mehakpreet



Children join protesting farmers in Sangrur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Acts," said both of them.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, general secretary, BKU (Ugrahan), said though there were multiple reasons for the increasing number of children at protest sites, the main is that there is nobody at home to look after them in the wake of ongoing protests. They, therefore, accompany their family members to the protest.

## Ensure strict vigil to stop stubble-burning depts told

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10

Almost 200 incidents of stubble burning were reported within two weeks of the start of paddy procurement.

The details were presented at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan. Total 1,791 cases of stubble burning have been reported till October 8. Environment compensation has been imposed in 499 cases, red entries have been made in land record in 320 cases, six cases have been registered under the Air Act, 1981, and three FIRs have also been filed against violators.

The Chief Secretary today concerned to ensure strict monitoring to eradicate the stubble burning menace.

She stressed that no com-

200 farm fire incidents reported within two weeks of start of procurement

bine harvester should be allowed to run without the Super SMS and legal action should be initiated immediately in case of any violation as this trend would further exacerbate the Covid-19 situations.

She said many panchayats had already joined hands with the state by passing resolutions against stubble burning, but the target of zero stubble burning would only be achieved when all panchayats would pledge to shun this practice.

The Chief Secretary asked Deputy Commissioners to impress upon the remaining panchayats to come forward to end the menace.

## Bathinda varsity looks for alternative to farm fires

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 10

Extensive research on the presence of heavy metallic content in groundwater in Malwa region and to find out a viable alternative to stubble-burning will be the two key research areas of the Central University of Punjab in the coming years, said Prof RPT Tiwari, Vice Chancellor of the university, during a media interaction here.

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Professor Tiwari said, "Our research projects will primarily be focused on ensuring that they provide a solution and be of utility to people of the region and state. The university has already tied-up with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to map the uranium concentration in the drinking water in the region. We will be laying more emphasis on experiential learning for our students and research scholars. Agriculture is not considered as a lucrative profession by many today, we will also conduct research to that effect as well. Moreover, we will introduce botanical garden and medicinal plants in the university campus, where plants from the region will be grown for research purposes."



The CUP will do research to find a viable alternative to stubble-burning.

# Doaba shuts over 'atrocities' against Dalits

Protesters block highways over Hathras incident, post-matric scholarship scam

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 10  
All markets in the Doaba region remained shut throughout the day as various Dalit organisations held a protest against the Hathras rape and murder case and the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scam in Punjab.

Roads and highways leading to Phagwara, Pathankot, Nakodar and Hoshiarpur were blocked. Even as the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) did not organise any protest today, the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, Sant Samaj, Bhim Army, BSP (A), Valmiki Tiger Force and Bahujan Samaj Front took up the issue of atrocities committed against the Dalit girl and her family in Uttar Pradesh.

While ex-Congress minister Joginder Mann led the protests in Phagwara, Bhim Army president Chandrashekhar Azad



Members of the Valmiki community protest in Jalandhar on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

Ravan took part in the protests held in Jalandhar, Phagwara, Phillaur and Ludhiana. He also paid obeisance at a prominent dera in Doaba. At the dharnas, he condemned the Hathras incident and demanded a government job for the family of the victim.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders, including Manoranjana Kalia, KD Bhandari and Mohinder Bhagat, organised a parallel dharna at BSF Chowk over the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scam. In Bathinda too, various organisations held a protest against the

Hathras incident. The protesters were seen holding placards demanding justice for the victim. The Bathinda Social Group, Democratic Right Sabha, Punjabi Sahit Sabha, Kendri Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Bhim Army, Bathinda, Suchet Punjabi, Bathinda, and

## BHIM ARMY CHIEF JOINS PROTESTS

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Istri Sabha, Punjab, were among the organisations which took out a march in Bathinda city against the incident. The members said all the proof was buried as the victim's body was cremated in the middle of the night. They demanded justice for the victim's family.

# Amritsar couple, man kill self; blame police in suicide notes

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 10

Three persons, including a couple, took their lives here today. Interestingly, the victims in their suicide notes blamed police officials for taking the extreme step.

The deceased have been identified as Rajinder Kumar, his wife Sunita Mannan, both residents of the Sundar Nagar area, and Vikramjit Singh, alias Vicky. Kumar and his wife were upset over alleged police inaction in arresting their son-in-law Nitin Dutta, who allegedly killed their daughter Sarika Mannan in 2015. In a suicide note, the couple alleged the police had failed to nab Dutta over the past five years. Besides, the note read the latter's parents, who were arrested on the charge of dowry death, had come out on bail after serving three-and-a-half years in prison.

The Mohkampura police had done a "shoddy" probe into the matter, read the note, adding that Nitin's



Rajinder Kumar and Sunita



Vikramjit Singh Vicky

family knew about his whereabouts, but the police weren't questioning them.

The deceased's son, Sandeep Kumar, has demanded the arrest of Dutta, his parents and other suspects involved in the crime.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Harpal Singh said it was wrong to blame the police, as following their probe, Nitin's parents were sentenced to seven years of imprisonment by the court. Nitin was declared a proclaimed offender in the case and efforts were on to nab him, he added.

In another incident, Vicky

of Nawapind village on the Mehta road took his life in a hotel room located on the Batala road here. A suicide note recovered from the scene held a woman sub-inspector responsible for driving him to suicide.

The note read he was perturbed as the cop was blackmailing him. Besides, she had taken Rs 18 lakh from him in the past. The family of the deceased alleged SI Sandeep Kaur had been harassing him for some time. The police said a case of abetment to suicide had been filed against the SI. — TNS

# Courts can extend OTS scheme period, rules HC

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10  
Amid the Covid-19 pandemic and economic slump, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that courts have the jurisdiction to extend one-time settlement (OTS) scheme period for repayment of settlement amount.

The judgment comes as a relief to borrowers who had settled their accounts under the OTS schemes before the situation was adversely affected by the pandemic.

The issue was raised before the Bench of Justice Jaswant Singh and Justice Sant Parkash after a petition was filed against the Pathankot District Magistrate and another respondent by the founder members of a foundation that had set up educational institutions.

The question for determination before the Bench was whether the HC under Article 226 of the Constitution had the jurisdiction to extend the OTS scheme period.

Referring to Supreme Court and High Court Division Bench judgments, the

## BORROWER BE GIVEN FLEXIBILITY

Adeserving borrower, who has deposited substantial amounts within the originally stipulated period of settlement... should be considered with some flexibility to achieve the ultimate aim of such settlements. HC BENCH

Bench asserted the courts had taken a view that a borrower in deserving cases was entitled to extension in time for payment of balance settlement amount if he had already made substantial payments, but could not make remaining payment within the schedule prescribed under an OTS scheme for reasons beyond his control.

Justice Jaswant Singh asserted the court was informed that several banks had already provided for extension under their settlement schemes.

The court was also informed that even the State Bank of India had

granted extension to all borrowers who had settled their accounts under the schemes "keeping in view the current situation where the entire country has been adversely affected by Covid-19 pandemic".

Justice Jaswant Singh added it was clear the banks had the discretion to extend OTS period keeping in view attending and demanding circumstances to ensure achievement of the ultimate purpose of settlement.

The court was conscious that each institution had its own set of settlement policies. But reference to the settlement schemes by nationalised banks was only for illustrative purpose to bring home the point that OTS was not cloaked with rigorous principles which might not permit extension.

"If the settlement policies of the banks itself provide for an extension, subject to payment of interest, there is no reason to hold that the courts in exercise of their equitable jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India cannot extend such time period of settlement," Justice Jaswant Singh added.

Moga, OCTOBER 10  
In a case of alleged gross negligence on part of the authorities, a woman today gave birth to a child at the district hospital parking lot without any assistance from doctors or paramedical staff.

The woman, who works at a brick-kiln, walked to the hospital with her husband, but the doctors referred her to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot, claiming she had acute anaemia. As the family came out of the maternity ward after a check-up, the woman went into labour and gave birth to a child on the ground.

Ravinder Kumar, patient's brother, alleged the doctors did not attend to his sister properly. "It was a normal delivery, that too without medical assistance. How come C-section was advised by the doctors?" he said, while urging the Punjab Government to take legal action against the erring doctors. Senior Medical Officer Rajesh Attri said the doctors had referred her to the Faridkot hospital due to high risk, but the family desired to take her to a private hospital. "They wasted time," he added. The authorities later claimed they had admitted the woman and her child to the hospital and both were doing fine. — TNS

# Woman delivers in hospital parking



The woman being taken on a stretcher at a Moga hospital.

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# Six cars gutted



■ Six cars were gutted near the Truck Operators' Union complex in Abohar on Saturday. The vehicles were reportedly parked in an empty plot behind a car showroom.

■ Preliminary inquiry indicated that someone had burnt a garbage dump behind the showroom. Residents called fire tenders after which the flames were doused. — TNS

## IN BRIEF

**2 ASIs, three others booked**  
Muktsar: Two Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASI), two Home Guard jawans and a Covid patient have been booked after the latter managed to escape from the Civil Hospital on Thursday. The patient was reportedly nabbed in a theft case. — TNS

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# Ministers seek action against Cong dissidents

## Hit out at Sidhu over his remarks at Moga rally

Moga or Patiala in the presence of Rahul Gandhi and Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat. Sidhu, he said, had shown indiscipline before resigning from the Cabinet as well. "As a sensible leader, one has to apologise for any act of indiscipline. Still, the Chief Minister was magnanimous enough to share the stage with Sidhu and other dissidents to give a message of

unity when Rahul Gandhi visited Punjab," he said. Joining the issue with Mohindra, Randhawa said this was a serious matter. "The indiscipline stemmed from the very fact that party leaders were acknowledging Sidhu's utterances in the Moga rally as 'Sidhu's style'. Rawat should have snubbed Sidhu on the stage as the slip to conclude the speech was sent by the



A banner with Rahul Gandhi's photograph in Fazilka.

# Rahul banner at DC meetings stokes row

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 10  
A banner bearing the photograph of Congress Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi at a series of meetings chaired by the Deputy Commissioner here has raised eyebrows.

Deputy Commissioner Arvind Pal Singh Sandhu conducted the meetings with officials over Covid-19, stubble-burning, student issues and free tool kits for the youth at his office on Friday.

A 'Ghar-ghar rozgar' banner bearing the photographs of Gandhi and Chief

Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was seen in the background at the meetings.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal condemned the display of Gandhi's photograph at government meetings. "I strongly condemned this as it is against the Constitution. Rahul Gandhi doesn't hold a constitutional post," Badal said during a visit to the district today.

On his part, DC Sandhu said similar banners were released by the government in each district and the meetings were conducted regarding the welfare schemes for the people.

## शशक्ति महिला योजना

### अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बालिका दिवस - 2020

#### सशक्ति महिला योजना के अन्तर्गत इस वर्ष का विषय

#### मेरी आवाज - हमारा समान भविष्य

श्री जय राम ठाकुर  
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री, हि.प्र.

**विभाग द्वारा जिला स्तर पर वर्ष 2019-20 में "सशक्ति महिला योजना" के अन्तर्गत 10 वीं की बोर्ड परीक्षा में 60 व 12 वीं बोर्ड परीक्षा की 55 मेधावी छात्राओं को 5 हजार रुपये प्रति छात्रा प्रोत्साहन राशि में सम्मानित किया गया**

राज्य सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण महिलाओं के उत्थान हेतु चलाई जा रही विभिन्न योजनाओं के बारे में जागरूक करना

सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण के माध्यम से ग्रामीण महिलाओं को एक मंच प्रदान करना

सहयोगी विभागों के समन्वय से पोषण एवं स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा सुनिश्चित करना

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## CORRIGENDUM

क्रमांक : पीआरके/2020/4405 दिनांक : 01.10.20  
उपरोक्त विषय के अंतर्गत इस कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक पीआरके/2020/4386,  
दिनांक 01.10.2020 द्वारा आमंत्रित किये गये गांव गोविंद माजरा व गांव चनारथल  
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## WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/24/2020 Date 08.10.2020			
S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
628	Ambulatory B P Monitor	2 Nos.	19.10.2020
629	Seal-O-Ring	608 Nos	21.10.2020
630	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IR-ORDO Bio-toilet tanks with mounting bracket for LHB Double Decker AC Coaches	30 Sets	27.10.2020
631	Fabrication & Supply and Commissioning of Light Load Run Test Facilities for Traction Motors	1 Set	30.10.2020
632	Narrow Jaw Adapter for Class E, 6 X 11 CTRB	5000 Nos.	02.11.2020
633	Lock Bolt with Collar	20210 Nos.	02.11.2020
634	Single phase to three phase static converter	35 Nos.	06.11.2020
635	Radiation Protection Lead Free Apron	8 Nos.	07.11.2020
636	Relay QN1	8 Nos.	09.11.2020
637	Bearing RWE NO. MM-67981/M-67919 and GWE NO-M-67982/M-67919	59 Sets	16.11.2020
638	Revised IRS Side Buffer	227 Nos.	23.11.2020

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in).

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PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 29/PWSSD/2 DATED 09.10.2020

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb.W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2, Patiala invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Description of Work	Earliest Money	Cost of document/ Tender Processing Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	DNIT for 3 Nos. four wheeled push type trolley mounted mini Jetting Machine with high pressure water triplex plunger pump of discharge up to 13.0 LPM coupled with Auxiliary Diesel Engine (Other details as per attached Technical Specifications).	Rs. 20,500/-	Rs. 100/- * As applicable on website	1 Month	Lump sum
2.	Providing Hydrant outside the 25 MLD STP at Mandi Gobindgarh Distt. Fateganj Sahib.	Rs. 5500/-	Rs. 100/- * As applicable on website	1 Month	Rs. 2.72 Lacs

1. Important dates are as under:-

- i) Period of availability of tender online shall be Sr. No. 1 : From 12.10.2020 to 27.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM
- ii) Period of availability of tender online shall be Sr. No. 2 : From 12.10.2020 to 22.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM
- iii) Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be Sr. No. 1 : 27.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM
- iv) Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be Sr. No. 2 : 22.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM
- v) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid Sr. No. 1 : 28.10.2020 at 03.00 PM
- vi) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid Sr. No. 2 : 23.10.2020 at 03.00 PM

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2, Patiala.

DPR/Pb/88128

Government of Punjab

Department of Public Works

(B&R III Branch)

Notification for commencement of SIA

Notification No. PWD-BR307/25/2020-1BR-3/49715/2020 Date: 15.07.2020

Whereas it appears to the Government of Punjab that the land is required in the jurisdiction of Punjab Government, at public expense, for public purpose, namely, for construction of Rajpura-Bathinda Double Line Project of Ambala Division of Northern Railway. It is hereby notified that land in the area specified below is likely to be required for the above purpose.

This notification is made under the provisions of Section II(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, to all whom it may concern.

The Social Impact Assessment Study for these Villages has already been carried out by the SIRD and Centre for Research in rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh under Section 4 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, of the same project as above and the same was reviewed by the Expert group, the recommendation Report is available in Punjabi & English in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Barnala, District Barnala and is also available on website of Punjab Govt. Therefore, there is no likely need to conduct new SIA Study.

In exercise of the powers conferred by aforesaid Section, the Government of Punjab is pleased to authorize the officer for the time being engaged in the undertaking with their servants and workmen to enter upon and survey any land in the said area and do all other acts required or permitted by that section.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the persons interested within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Barnala, District Barnala regarding the issues to:

(a) The area and suitability of land proposed to be acquired.

(b) Justification offered for Public Purpose.

(c) The findings of the Social Impact Assessment Report.

Plans of the land can be inspected in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Barnala, District Barnala on any working day during the working hours.

For the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Barnala, District Barnala is appointed as Administrator.

The details of the Khasra numbers of the land to be acquired are as below:-

Tehsil: Barnala

Village List with Area Details

Village – Handiaya-C (58)

Sr. No. District Tehsil Village & H.B. No. Khasra Type of Land Area Remarks

1 Barnala Barnala Han-diaya-58 132//9 Min Chahi 2-0

2 11 Min Chahi 2-0

3 12 Min Chahi 0-1

4 133//17 Min Chahi 0-16

5 24 Min Chahi 0-1

6 137//25 Min Chahi 0-2

7 138//21/3 Min Chahi 0-2

8 22//2 Min G.M. 1-2

9 178//1/1 Min Chahi 2-11

10 1/2 Min Chahi 0-7

11 2//1 Min G.M. 0-7

12 179//5/2 Min Chahi 1-8

TOTAL AREA 10.17

Village – Khuddi Kalan (57)

Sr. No. District Tehsil Village & H.B. No. Khasra Type of Land Area Remarks

1 Barnala Barnala Khuddi Kalan-57 175//15/2 Min Chahi 1-8

2 16 Min Chahi 1-11

3 17//1 Min Chahi 2-5

4 176//11 Min Chahi 0-5

5 198//6/2 Min River 0-3

6 14//2 Min River 0-13

7 15 Min Chahi 2-18

8 17//1 Min Chahi 0-11

9 17//2 Min River 0-11

10 18 Min Chahi 4-1

11 199//2/2 Min Chahi 0-16

12 3 Min Chahi 4-10

13 4 Min Chahi 5-15

14 5 Min Chahi 1-10

15 7 Min Chahi 0-19

16 8 Min Chahi 0-6

17 9 Min Chai 1-12

18 9//1 Min G.M. 0-2

TOTAL AREA 37-16

SUMMARY

Sr. No. Village & H.B. Additional Area Remarks

K.M. Acre

1 Handiaya-C (58) 10.17 1.35625

2 Khuddi Kalan (57) 37.16 4.7250

TOTAL 48-13 6.08125

Area of Total Additional Land to be Acquired in two villages 48 Kanal 13 Marla

Sd/- (Vikas Pratap, IAS)

Dated: 14.07.2020 Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab,

Department of Public Works (B&R).

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Farmers show black flags to BJP's tractor rally at Dighal village in Jhajjar district on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## BJP tractor rally shown black flags

Tribune News Service

the All-India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee showed black flags to the rally when it was passing through Dighal village. The protesters were standing on one side of the road while Sharma was driving the tractor at that time. They also shouted slogans against the BJP government.

The yatra, led by Member of Parliament (MP) Arvind Sharma, was inaugurated by BJP state president Om Prakash Dhankar in Dighal by driving a tractor.

"The protest was aimed at expressing our anger against the three legislations which will have long-term consequences for the farm sector and rural liveli-

hood," a protester said.

Subedar Satyanarayan, Preet Singh and Sumit Dalal of the AIKS, Dr Jagmati Sangwan of All-India Democratic Women's Association, Pehalwan Om Singh and Jai Bhagwan of the BKU (Tikait) were among the protesters.

Earlier, Dhankar, while addressing party workers, said the Congress was misleading farmers by spreading lies about the three laws. The fact was that the laws would not only help the farmers doubling their income, but

also provide them economic freedom, he said.

"The Congress is upset and frustrated by these laws. It is trying to sell lies but we will not let it do so. Hence, a tractor rally has been organised to make the farmers aware about these laws and to expose the Congress agenda," Dhankar added.

Sharma said the laws would not affect the mandi and the MSP system in any way. The farmers would continue to get the MSP as usual, he added.



WORD OF ADVICE

“The Centre and state governments must remember former US President Harry S Truman words that ‘prosperous farmers make for a prosperous nation and when farmers are in trouble, the nation is in trouble.’

Bhupinder S Hooda, FORMER CM

## 1,158 new Covid cases, 10 deaths

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER



# 635 cases in J&K, 85 in Ladakh

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10  
J&K on Saturday reported 635 fresh Covid cases and seven more deaths, officials said. The UT's Covid tally had reached 83,064 and the death toll mounted to 1,313, they said.

"The UT recorded 635 fresh Covid cases in the past 24 hours — 235 in the Jammu region and 400 in Kashmir," the officials said.

Srinagar district reported the highest number of 173

**Leh:** Ladakh reported 85 new Covid cases in the last 24 hours, taking the virus caseload to 4,987, an official bulletin said on Saturday.

With 346 more patients cured of the infection, the number of active cases in the region dropped to 1,038 — 772 in Leh district and 266 in Kargil district, the bulletin released by the Directorate of Health Services said. — PTI

new cases, followed by 109 in Jammu, the officials said.

There were 10,796 active cases, while 70,955 patients had recovered so far, they said.

Of the new deaths, three were recorded in the Jammu region and four in the Valley.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA		TENDER NOTICE			
S.R. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE & CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/BID PRICE (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT
1	PANCHAYAT RAJ, HISAR	RE-TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 5 NOS. GVD & RE-TENDER FOR CONST. OF AND UNIT OF BIO GAS PLANT AT VILLAGE NAYA GAON, BLOCK BARWALA, DISTT. HISAR	01.10.2020 12.10.2020	1.40 CRORE	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a> <a href="mailto:prexeeng.hsr@nic.in">prexeeng.hsr@nic.in</a>
2	PWD B&R, KARNAL	STG-OF ROAD WITH WBM + BM + PC ON (I) GOLPURERO TO BHOLA KHALSA TO MOHRI JAGR (ROAD ID:7438 & 7440) (II) GT ROAD TO JANHAT & KARAD (ROAD ID:459) IN KARNAL DISTRICT UNDER NABARD SCHEME + OTHER WORKS	12.10.2020 02.11.2020	559.69 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a> <a href="mailto:pwd-eepd.karnal@hry.nic.in">pwd-eepd.karnal@hry.nic.in</a>

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**INDIAN RAILWAYS DIESEL LOCO MODERNISATION WORKS PATIALA - 147003 Tel.: 2396000, 2396001, Fax No. : 91-0175-2306413**

**"Adalat for Pending Compassionate Appointment Cases"**

An Adalat for pending compassionate appointment cases will be held on **10.11.2020** from 10:00 hrs. to 12:30 hrs. in the chamber of PCPO, DMW/Patiala. The family/wards of deceased employees of Diesel Loco Modernization Works, Patiala, having any complaint regarding appointment on compassionate grounds are requested to send their grievances latest by **02.11.2020** to Sh. Des Raj, Assistant Personnel Officer (**Welfare**), DMW/Patiala. Keeping in view the COVID-19 pandemic, the outcome of the case discussed/finalized in the Adalat held on 10.11.2020 will be advised by post. This information is also available on our official Website (<https://dmw.indianrailways.gov.in>) News & Announcements > Recruitment > Compassionate Ground Appointments > Status of Recruitment & List of Recruited)

2185/2020 Principal Chief Personnel Officer SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**

**TENDER NOTICE-2020-21/11 ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES**

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/Sites at PG1, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Shops/sites	Last date for downloading of tender forms from PG1 Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1	Built up Shop No. 15, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
2	Open space for running STD/PCO & Photostat at New OPD Block, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
3	Built up Cafeteria, New OPD Block, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
4	Tea/Coffee/Soup Vending Machine, at level-II, APC, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
5	Built up Doctors' Canteen, 5th floor, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
6	Space measuring (3 feet x 4 feet) for installation of ATM on the right side of the entrance gate at Advanced Eye Centre, PGIMER, Sector 12, PG1, Chandigarh.	04.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	05.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	06.11.2020 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.

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

Website: <http://pgimer.edu.in> DI-11358

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Executive Engineer, National Highway Division HPPWD Hamirpur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of the following work from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of tender form (Rs)	Period of completion	Eligible class of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Entry gate on NH-70 at Km. 58/400 (Gagret) Jallandhar- Hoshiarpur- Gagret- Amb- Nadaun- Hamirpur- TauniDevi, AwahDevi- Sarka- ghat- Mandi road in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Sub Head:- Providing and installation of entry/information gate)	36,50,583/-	63,000/-	1500.00	One Month	Class B & C

2. Cost of Bid document against each as shown above (non-refundable) should be in form of demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer NH Division HP.PWD Hamirpur payable at Hamirpur.

3. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online mode on website <https://reprocure.gov.in/reprocure/app> bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) Class-III from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA).

4. Key Dates: (I)

1. Date of Online Publication	14-10-2020 at 6:00 PM
2. Document Download Start and End Date	14-10-2020 at 6:00 PM to 28-10-2020 5:00 PM
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	14-10-2020 at 6:00 PM to 28-10-2020 at 01:00 PM
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	29-10-2020 at 11:30 AM
5. Date of opening of Technical Bid	29-10-2020 at 02:30 PM

(II) Objections/ representation if any against the bidders will be entertained only with in five days after up loading of technical evaluation online. And thereafter the financial bids of technically qualified bidders will be opened and uploaded online.

5. Tender Details:- The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:- a.i) Cover 1 : Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information". a.ii) Cover 2 Shall contain "BOQ/ Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

6. Submission of Original Documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security duly pledged in favour of **Executive Engineer, NH Division HPPWD Hamirpur (H.P)** in approved form and other Technical Documents which are uploaded online in the O/O Executive Engineer, NH Division HPPWD Hamirpur (H.P) as specified in Key dates at Sr. No. 4, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

7. Bid opening details: The bids shall be opened on **29-10-2020 at 02:30 PM in the office of Executive Engineer, NH Division HPPWD Hamirpur (H.P)** by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of bids. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **120 days** after the deadline for bid submission.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to review the website for the latest information related to the tender.

10. The bidders are required to submit experience in successfully completing or substantially completing at least one contract of similar nature at least **40% (Forty percent)** of the value of proposed contract within the last five years.

11. The contractor should inspect the site before putting the tender and made himself conversant with the site conditions.

12. The contractor must produce original GST registration at the time of submission of original documents.

Executive Engineer,  
NH Division, HPPWD  
Hamirpur.

## Prime accused in job racket in Army arrested

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

The crime branch of the J&K Police today arrested the alleged prime accused in the fake appointment racket in the Army after a hunt of five years, a spokesperson for the investigating agency said.

Abdul Hamid Dar, alias Zahid, a resident of Kalantra village of Baramulla district, was wanted in nine FIRs lodged at various police stations, he said. He said the Crime Branch, Jammu, arrested the man who was presently living in the Zainakote locality of Srinagar.

"Gullible unemployed youths were duped of their hard-earned money by the gang of fraudsters. The arrested cheat was not cooperating in the investigation and was constantly absconding to evade his arrest by changing his locations frequently," the spokesperson said.

He said a written complaint was lodged in the crime branch Jammu by one Radhay Sham of the Kanah-Hiranagar area of Kathua district. — PTI

# Four militants killed in two encounters

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

Four militants of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfits, including a top commander, were killed in two encounters with security forces in Kulgam and Pulwama districts today, the police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Chingam area of Kulgam district on late Friday night following specific inputs about the presence of militants there, a police official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after militants fired at a security forces party, who fired back in retaliation.

In the exchange of fire, two militants were killed, the official said.

As per the police records, both killed terrorists were part of groups responsible for carrying out attacks. They were involved in many terror crimes and civilian atrocities, including killing of police official Khursid Ahmad at Furah Mirbazar and attack on sarpanch Ararif Ahmad at Akhran Mirbazar in which he was critically injured," the official said.

An Army official said an M4 rifle and a pistol had been recovered from the site of the encounter.

## PAK VIOLATES CEASEFIRE IN POONCH

- Jammu: Pakistani troops violated ceasefire by unprovoked firing and mortar shelling in civilian areas along the LoC and IB in two sectors of J&K, officials said on Saturday.
- "At about 1.30 am, Pakistan initiated firing with small arms and intense shelling with mortars, targeting civilian areas along the LoC in the Makote sector of Poonch.
- The Army retaliated befittingly," a Defence spokesman said. The shelling stopped around 4.30 am, the official said. PTI

IAF skydivers land at Khardung La, create record

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 10  
The Indian Air Force (IAF) has created a new record for the highest skydive landing at the Khardung La, near Leh, touching down at an altitude of 17,982 feet, while commemorating its 88th anniversary on October 8.

With this feat, the IAF has broken its own earlier record. Wing Commander Gaganad Yadava and Warant Officer AK Tiwari carried out the successful skydiving jump from a C-130 Super Hercules aircraft, an official statement said.

The landing at such an altitude is extremely challenging due to low oxygen levels combined with low air density and rough and inhospitable mountainous terrain. Both the Air Warriors have shown a high degree of professionalism, grit and determination in overcoming adverse conditions.



Cadets during the passing-out parade at the JAKLI Regimental Centre in Srinagar on Saturday. PTI

# No indication on China setting up missile sites in PoK: Army

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

Amid reports that China is helping Pakistan set up sites for surface-to-air missiles in the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), a top Army commander here on Saturday said there was no indication of any tactical help being extended by Beijing to Islamabad.

Corps Commander of the Army's Srinagar-based Chinair Corps Lt-Gen BS Raju, however, said there was military cooperation between Pakistan and China in terms of equipment.

Amid the continuing stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops in Ladakh, media reports quoting intelligence inputs have claimed that China is helping Pakistan set up sites for surface-to-air missiles

in the PoK as soldiers of their armies have been carrying out joint patrols in the region.

Gen Raju said there had not been any such indication.

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## SHOPIAN CASE

- The Army on Saturday expressed hope that the "summary of evidence", a step before a possible court martial, in July's Amshipura encounter in Shopian district would conclude soon.

- Commander, Chinair Corps, Lt-Gen BS Raju, said the Army had begun the "summary of evidence" as some wrongs were committed during the encounter. PTI

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Gen Raju said there had not been any such indication.

"I have seen the reports in the media. Whether Pakistan is helping China or China is

helping Pakistan, we have no such indication," he told reporters on the sidelines of a passing out-cum-attestation parade at the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre on the outskirts of the city here.

"But because of the CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor), there is the presence of China in Pakistan. The military cooperation in terms of equipment is there, but we are not seeing any tactical help," he said.

According to the reports, the construction work for the installation of surface-to-air missile defence system is being carried out by the Pakistan army and China's People's Liberation Army at Pauli Pir near Lasadanna Dhok of the PoK. — PTI

# New technology to boost fish farming

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10

The J&K Administration is introducing biofloc technology (BFT) to boost fish farming in the potential areas across the union territory, a senior government official has said.

Navin Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Fisheries, Animal-Sheep Husbandry, Agriculture, Horticulture and Cooperative, said the department planned to promote the novel technology among the farming community and unemployed youths for adoption as an income-generating fish farming unit.

# MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

### KHATRI/ARORA

**Match for Arora Manglik fair girl,** 21.06.1991, 10.45 pm, (Ferozepur), 5'-3", B.Ed, M.Sc (Math), Convent Teacher, Parents Govt. Retd. 94787-74447. (CL20050181)

**Qualified match for M.A., B.A. (Hons) English, 5'-3", 7.9.1986, 7:15PM, Amritsar contact : 94171-80951 (CL20042530)**

**Wanted Suitable match for Hindu Khatri Arora girl** 32/35"-5", Looks as though she is 25 years old ToB:8-3.4 a.m. Caste no bar. Very fair and beautiful, M.Sc. in Bio Tech from Panjab University Employed permanently with MNC Head Office located in USA holding post Senior Scientist Research Scholar with attractive package, Tricity preferred. Marriage bureau please excuse, Mobile No.: 98151-82953. (CL20047635)

**Match for Khatri slim, beautiful girl, 29, 5', Mtech CSE, Radha Soamini family, Tricity preferred.** 8624207009 (CL20047772)

**Match for beautiful Hindu Arora aankhi manglik girl** 09.08.90, Abohar, 00:25 am, 5'-3", M.Tech (ECE), Private School Teacher, settled at Bathinda. Send Biodata at WhatsApp 95928-0389, 94632-58389. (CL20048090)

**Professionally qualified match for fair Punjabi Khatri girl 5'-2", Non-Manglik, 24.11.1986, 4.00 am, Rohtak, MBE, BA English (Hons), B.Ed. Father retired Bank Manager, mother retired Lecturer. Chandigarh based family. WhatsApp: 98159-88709. (CL20048348)**

**Beautiful fair status Businessman family Arora girl, Dec. 1997, 5'-6", B.Sc. Fashion Designer. Seeks very high status businessman family boy. WhatsApp 81687-37784. (CL20048444)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Arora Khatri Manglik girl, 28.11.1986, 01.05 am, 5'-6", M.Sc Microbiology, Panjab University. Regular Microbiologist (Group A) in Punjab Govt. WhatsApp: 78140-05252. (CL20048763)**

**PQ Soulmate (age +2 or-1) for vegetarian, fair complexioned 02 Jan, 85, 06.35 am/Gurgaon, 5'-3", MBA, girl Product Manager MNC Gurgaon. Contact: 97173-15444. (CL20048867)**

**Match for Manglik Hindu Khatri girl, Gurgaon settled on 09.04.93, 5', 1 p.m., Ambala. B.Sc Maths Hons. & Actuarial Sciences-cleared CT series, Sr. Manager Gurgaon CTC 13 LPA, veg. 94162-49649. (CL20049084)**

**Vegetarian match for Hindu, Arora girl 19.3.1986, 11.15 a.m., Chandigarh, M.Com, 5', Assistant Manager Nationalised Bank, own house Panchkula. WhatsApp: 75808-6951. (CL20049431)**

**Looking qualified match for 1994 born, 5' girl, B.Tech, working in Gurgaon, smart, MNC package 8.5 lacs p.a.. Contact: 8303-95505, 87082-99740. (CL20049515)**

**Hindu Khatri Non-Manglik 5'-4", 2.12.89, 12:40 pm, Panipat, MCA, working in Gurugram. Apx. 9L. Wanted non-drinker, non-smoker veg. boy. WhatsApp 98964-26560. (CL20049654)**

**Beautiful, fair colour 25/ 5', M.Sc. Dietician girl. Right leg lightly weak, not visible. Require handsome well-settled boy may be issueless divorcee/widower, not more than 30 years age also can contact. WhatsApp 98787-18948. (CL20049572)**

**PQ for beautifull practicing BDS, 32/ 5'-4", convent educated. Father Advocate High Court, Chandigarh, send biodata. 79737-54789. (CL20049610)**

**Chandigarh born 11.3.1988, 9:45 am, 5'-5", B.Com, MBA working in Punjab District Court. Tricity boy preferred. 98159-69092. (CL20049791)**

**Aaror unmarried beautiful girl 1979, 5'-4", M.Sc, MCA, M.Tech, (Computer Science) Kendriya Vidyalaya, PGT Teacher (Karnataka), 70,000/- monthly, father Govt. retired. 87089-25796 (Karnal). (CL20049809)**

**Suitable match for beautiful Khatri girl non-Manglik 5'-1", Nov. 1994 born. Masters in Fashion Management NIFT Mumbai, job in MNC Bangalore. Parents settled in Panchkula. WhatsApp: 98880-16876. (CL20048108)**

**Non-Manglik Khatri girl 15 Dec, 1989, 10:34 am, Chandigarh, 5'-5", MBA. Preferred MBA boy surrounding Ambala. Kundli matching must. 81686-55110, sapnabhasin21@yahoo.com (CL20049839)**

**Match for Arora slim, beautiful, MBA, 5'-1" girl, 20.07.1992, 2:40 am, Shimla. 85805-84182. (CL20049949)**

**Suitable match for beautiful, slim Arora/Khatri girl, M.Com., B.Ed., school teacher reputed school in Chandigarh. 04.08.1987, 5'-4". Time 9:15 am, Chandigarh. Salary 55000/- pm, veg. business family, only Chandigarh preferred. 76964-71616. (CL20050142)**

**Beautiful, qualified, employed, 4 LPA, 28.5' girl, Gazetted Officer, Jalandhar, Ludhiana. Amritsar prefer. 94595-31467. (CL20050167)**

### ARORA

**Most beautiful, 1993, 5'-4", MA (English), M.Phil, working Lecturer Chandigarh. Father landlord, own Banquet Hall. Wanted well settled boy. Decent marriage. 98767-34670 (WhatsApp). (CL20048332)**

**Well settled educated Manglik for Arora beautiful girl, July 1994, 5'-2", MBA Finance, employee Private Bank. 99887-57518, 98150-94096. (CL20048418)**

**Match for Arora Sikh 5'-4", Gazetted Officer, M.Com, girl, Nov. 1984, working at Chandigarh, salary around 12 LPA. Well connected and established officers family. Preferred officer at Chandigarh. Send biodata and pictures on WhatsApp No. 98888-97457. (CL20048870)**

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**PQM for smart Hindu Khatri girl, 1.1.1991, 8:40 pm Nabha born, BA, B.Ed. (Maths teacher), 3 yrs experience in teaching, seeks educated well settled Khatri boy. 81988-53655. (CL20048871)**

**Hindu Wali girl Ludhiana 1987 born, 5'-3", B.Sc, MBA, Deputy Manager in Govt. Bank. 94789-49005, 78141-13620. (CL20048735)**

**Required educated, working boy for Hindu Manglik Punjabi Khatri girl, 23.01.1990, 8:25 am. Ludhiana, M.Sc., working in company. Contact 70097-60071. (CL20048784)**

**Compatible match Sr. Lecturer**

**Medical College Mullanwai first May 89, 5'-4", 5.30 p.m., Karnal, 98694-09843, 98135-71143. (CL20048880)**

**Khatri MCA girl, 1st Sept 1993, 11:55 am, Patiala, 5'-3", employed IT Company Mohali. 97795-82622. (CL20048930)**

**Suitable match for beautiful Chawla Punjabi girl, 9.11.1986, 5'-1", MCA (Software Engineer). Required good looking well qualified boy. 99975-59966. (CL20050076)**

### KHATRI

**Status match for beautiful fair unmarried Hindu Khatri girl 5'-0", July 1978, MBA, working as Vice President in an MNC at Chandigarh. Father retired Senior IAS Officer. In and around Chandigarh preferred Mohali. 88722-88888. (CL2005194)**

**Match for Hindu Vohra Khatri beautiful girl, M.Sc. Chemistry, B.Ed., CTET qualified, 20.07.1992, 9:00 am, 5'-7". Belongs to educated family from Kaithal District. Contact & WhatsApp No. 89011-24621, 89293-57235. (CL20050092)**

**Suitable Manglik/ non-manglik match for Hindu Khatri girl, M.Sc., B.Ed., 5'-4", 8/12/87, 2:10 pm at Chandigarh. Permanent Govt. office job at Chandigarh. Family based at Chandigarh. Only WhatsApp pic/pic. Mob: 98725-69796. (CL20048266)**

**Match for Hindu Khatri Canadian PR girl, 16.05.1993, 3:35 p.m., 5'-6", B.Com., CA Inter. Pursuing CPA, working in CA firm Brampton. Contact 99962-99483. (CL20047636)**

**Sood (Khatri) girl, 21.10.1990, 01:08 am, 5'-6", fair, BE (CS), MBA Finance, working MNC Gurgaon. Post Graduate match preferred. Bureaus excuse. 98156-19158, 75080-49034. (CL20047658)**

**Suitable match for Punjabi Suri Khatri girl, 8 Jan 1990, Time 2:00 pm Chandigarh, height 5'-7", Send biodata at Email: chiragsuri@rocketmail.com Mob: 9888409447. (CL20047678)**

**Bhatia Khatri girl, 07.10.1992, 1:00 pm, Chandigarh, CA, working in IT, Panchkula. Tricity preferred. 94174-46294. (CL20049084)**

**SMS unmarried Khatri smart, pretty girl born November 77 (looks 30), 5'-3", MA, in Political Science. 98726-7922. (CL20049638)**

**SM4 unmarried smart girl, 10.87 born, 8:45 am, Chandigarh, working in MNC, 11 LPA, 5'-6", simple marriage. Castle no bar. Contact: 82838-0893. (CL20049827)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri beautiful girl, 5'-1", 25-12-1988, 09:15 am , Ambala. Preferred Army, Airforce, Naval officer. Para Military officer. Govt. officer. Mob: 98131-42493. (CL20049178)**

**Match for Arora/Khatri 5'-1", 23.90, 10.30 a.m., Chandigarh, CA, working in IT, Panchkula. Tricity preferred. 94174-44735. (CL20049444)**

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**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl, 21.1**

## BRAHMIN

**Suitable professional match for Ph.D.** Net qualified girl employed in Private University, 5'-3"-30 May 1987, 1:15 pm, Solan, (HP). May call after kundli match on 78328-67141. (CL20048048)

**Suitable match for Punjabi Sarswat Brahmin girl** 11.01.1992, 3:42 am, Mohali, 5'-5", fair, Master's Psychology, working in PGI Chandigarh. Seeking in Tricity only. (92172-72068). (CL20049034)

**IAS or Allied Services Govt Officer** Brahmin match for educated, smart, Brahmin homely girl, 22 years, 5'-10", sharp features. Wheatish health, highly Senior Govt officer's daughter. Bureau excuse. beekay06112@gmail.com (CL20042244)

**Professionally suitable alliance invited for beautiful Saraswat Brahmin Advocate girl** Feb. 1985, 5'-4", Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. Send biodata, photographs. WhatsApp 81469-40432. (CL20043155)

**Saraswat Brahmin girl, 09.07.1983, 5:33 PM, Chandigarh, 5'-2", M.Sc. Computers, Convent school Teacher, Anandpur Sahib based family.** M: 95307-64239, WtsAp: 83604-29086. (CL20040563)

**Gaur Brahmin, issueless divorcee, fair, slim, beautiful, Jind (Haryana) based Software Engineer, girl, US return, Nov. 86.5'-4", working in MNC Pune with good package. Looking for tall, handsome, teetotaller, 33 - 37 years, preferably from Haryana, Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Bangalore of same caste and same profession or post graduate doctors. Contact 099918-88046 or Email : docseem@gmail.com (CL20049474)**

**Well settled match for Kalia (Bhardwaj)** smart homely girl 14.09.1994, 6 a.m., height 5'-4", M.Com., B.Ed., belongs to Una (HP). Birth place- SNS (Haryana). Contact after matching Kundli. Himachali/Punjabi Brahmin preferred. Mobile 98130-65544. (CL20049871)

**Brahmin unmarried girl, 1971 born, fair, slim, M.A., B.Ed., 5'-4". Caste no bar. Contact: 98144-05632. (CL20050146)**

**Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl 5'-4", Aug. 87. MBA, Bank Manager, Una/ Chandigarh. dvtav03@gmail.com (CL20042444)**

**Brahmin girl, B.Tech., 5'-5", 30.09.1990, 10:05 a.m. Ambala, Administrative Office in Central Govt, 94661-57029, 82955-48877. (CL20044817)**

**Wanted professionally qualified match for intelligent, confident Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, Sept. 1994 born, height 5'-2", very fair complexion, B.Com., MBA (Banking and Finance)- Birla Institute of Management Technology, IELTS 6.5 Bands. Also interested in moving and settling abroad. Right people should contact, dowry seekers please excuse. Contact at: 89389-31024, contact@room2020@gmail.com (CL20046026)**

**Match for Manglik Saraswat Brahma girl, M.A., B.Ed., 5'-3", 8.5.1992, 5:15 a.m. Dhuri. 94633-80635. (CL20047600)**

**SM4 Himachali Brahmin vegetarian girl 30/ 5'-2", MBA (NMIMS), working in MNC on a good package. Upper class welcome. Share kundi. 88949-88501. (CL20047753)**

**Suitable match for beautiful, slim 5'-3", Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl 5.8.1983, 1720 Delhi. Senior Consultant MNC Gurgaon, Delhi NCR Tricity match preferred. Send BHP. pks\_46@yahoo.co.in 098106-72003. (CL20047790)**

**Qualified match for beautiful Brahma girl 21/5"-8", final year Engineering, already placed MNC, 12 LPA. asharma65@outlook.com (CL20047867)**

**Employed match for Sarswat Brahmin girl 12.5.91, 7:42 pm, Karnal, 5'-2", M.Sc., B.Ed. Private college Karnal teacher. 94682-14300. (CL20047869)**

**Match beautiful Himachali Saraswat Brahmin girl, 7.10.1991, 5'-5", 7 pm birth, Jalandhar, B.Tech (ECE) and MBA (Mkt). Preference Defence Officer. 98168-51706. (CL20047872)**

**Match for smart Brahmin girl 5'-6", August 1983, MCA, job CBSE school Jalandhar. Educated family. 9877461831. (CL20048010)**

**Suitable USA citizen, Green Card holder Canadian citizen, PR match for beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl MBBS Master's Degree in Epidemiology USA, 29.03.1990, height 5'-1", working on H1 Visa. Marriage bureau only. Contact: 98778-51522, 94172-54381, 98762-98226. (CL20048022)**

**Suitable match for Kaushal Saraswat Brahmin Dental Surgeon (MDS Endodontics) girl, minor defect in speech due to lip surgery, 12.4.1992, 4:45 am, 5'-3", from Patiala. Mother-Father Govt. employed. Younger brother doing BDS. Malwa preferred. Upper caste no bar. Contact 94647-40575. (CL20048034)**

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 29/ 5'-3", B.Sc. Nursing contract Red Cross UT Chandigarh, 97799-62611. (CL20049070)**

**Required handsome well settled NRI groom for Saraswat Brahmin 1990 born, Software Engineer, fair complexion, height 5'-7/2", well culture girl. Please contact No.: 62839-83645. (CL20049159)**

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin manglik girl, 17.3.1979, 3 p.m., Kurukshetra, 5'-3", B.A. 98034-60016. (CL20049159)**

**Himachali Brahmin girl, December 1987 born, Palampur, M.Sc. Chemistry, B.Ed., HPTET, CTET & CSIR NET, working Asstt. Professor on contract basis. Himachali preferred. 98824-49988. (CL20049458)**

**Suitable Tricity match for MA (English) Honors, 86 born, 5'-6" Brahmin girl. WhatsApp 90410-2036. (CL20049482)**

**Looking for a grom 27, with IELTS band scores, seeking a family who will be able to expense. 98550-39662, 85570-25510. (CL20049593)**

**Match for beautiful Prashar Brahmin, MBA HR Manager girl, 25.04.87, Delhi, 6:55 am, relatives settled in Canada, England, brother in Dubai, uncles settled in Punjab Chandigarh. Early decent marriage. 90150-63191 & 98101-61898, diyasharma170@gmail.com (CL20049548)**

**Match for beautiful Himachali Saraswat Brahmin girl, 7.10.1991, 5'-5", 7 pm birth, Jalandhar, B.Tech (ECE) and MBA (Mkt). Preference Defence Officer. 98168-51706. (CL20047872)**

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**Patiala based vegetarian Brahmin girl, 11.11.93, 12:15 a.m. Sunam, 5', working as Software Engg. Gurgaon, 9417120170, 7087230554. (CL20048048)**

**Govt. Employee/ Professionally Qualified match for Gaur Vashishth girl 27/ 5'-3" M.Sc (Math) B.Ed., PSTET qualified, preparing for NET. Father Bank Officer. Well connected family. 997505091. (CL20048105)**

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**Looking for suitable match for April 1994/ 5'-5", BE, MBA, Assistant Manager HDFC Lubana beautiful Sikh girl, belonging to upper middle class Jalandhar based family. Father retired Army Officer. Government or Bank Officer preferred. Upper caste no bar. Dowry seekers please excuse. Contact: 98551-05995. (CL20049981)**

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**Suitable match for Gupta girl, Nov. 1982 (B.Tech + MBA), working MNC, decent well educated family. Upper caste no bar. 95969-78787, arungupta7272@gmail.com (CL20047819)**

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**PQM for Garg, CA girl, working in Big 4, fair, 5'-2", Ludhiana born, 28.07.1995, 2.55 p.m. (non-Manglik), belongs to well educated family. Preferred vegetarian, teetotaller boy. Contact: 99147-28055. (CL20048262)**

**Match for Manglik Bansal girl, 27.10.1992, 10:40 am, 5'-2", M.Com, B.Ed., Panckhula, 94161-03576, (CL20048583)**

**MBBS MS Aggarwal girls smart intelligent 1992 gynecologist 1991 ophthalmology. Required high status doctor family. Chandigarh Panckhula, 96465-12312, 86993-72414. (CL20049583)**

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**PQM4 Mittal girl 27.3.88, 5'-3", B.Tech, NIT, MBA IIM L, etc 24 LPA, FBD bsd family, 98917-70473, smittal1962@gmail.com (CL20047656)**

**Manglik match for beautiful Garg girl 5'-4" 84, M.Com, MBA, Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp 9878104033. (CL20047755)**

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**PQM4 1992 born, 5'-1", MDS, Singh girl, Canadian PR under process. +91-62844-52431. (CL20047870)**

**Match for beautiful Jindal girl, 30.07.1991, 6.30 pm, Mansa (Pb), 5'-4", wheatish, B.Tech from Delhi University, working in MNC, 28 LPA, residence Delhi, 99683-80492. (CL20047957)**

**1994 Jindal, PSPCL Govt. employee, 5'-5", preferred nearby Patiala. Contact: Govt. employee. 62844-13485. (CL20047990)**

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**Mittal girl, non-manglik, Govt. employee Panckhula, 4 May 1983, 21:33, 5'-3", MCA. Preferred near Panckhula. 9417465165. (CL20048086)**

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**Suitable match for Gupta girl, 30-06-1994, M.Com, 5'-2", 10:10 am. Shimla (H.P.) 9418485515, 98131515 (CL20048206)**

**Match for Garg girl, 3.3.84, 5 a.m. Patiala, 5'-1", M.A. B.Ed. Mob: 9815247571, sarojgarg1@gmail.com (CL20048206)**

**SM4 Bansal convent educated beautiful girl 1980/ 5'-2", Ludhiana, MA (English) Degree in Journalism reported established, industrialist family of Ludhiana, descent marriage. 91159-9602 (tannamaanta@yahoo.com (CL20048655)**

**Suitable match for slim, MCA Kansal girl, 5'-3", 18.10.1989, 9:22 a.m. 92172-86785. (CL20047950)**

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**Few days divorced beautiful, educated Garg girl 1990/ 5'-3" from high status family running own IELTS Institute, seeks boy nearby Patiala. 85670-77007. (CL20048671)**

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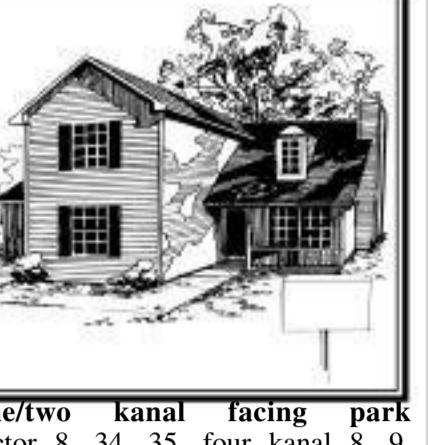
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# Halt couture!

The wedding season may not be able to salvage the fashion industry in the throes of a pandemic

ARUSHI CHAUDHARY

No drapes and lighting, no exclusive guest list, no front-row view, no celebrity showstoppers, no cameras or dizzying clicks — fashion runways have fallen silent. In a first, haute couture shows for Autumn/Winter 2020 collection have been compelled to make an egalitarian shift to the digital world. Reason?

The unabating tide of Covid-19 that has forced people to embrace an isolated, socially distanced existence.

The 'new normal' has brought in its wake job losses, financial instability, remote work arrangements and shrinking social gatherings. Just like much else, the fashion industry has also felt the ripples of a shrinking

economy. At a time when even the most affluent aren't immune to financial instability, can high-end fashion stay relevant?

Some of the pioneers in the Indian fashion world have been embracing the change and thinking out-of-the-box to reinvent themselves as per the demands of this pandemic-ravaged world.

Designer JJ Valaya managed to launch his couture 2020-21 collection 'Bursa'. Inspired by the Ottoman history and heritage, the collection, reflective of his take on the impact of Covid-19, was showcased virtually at the FDCI India Couture Week in September last. The blend of Swarovski crystals, silk threads, beads, pearls and zardozi sewed into the folds of silks and velvets made one forget the grim reality of the pandemic's spread, albeit momentarily.

And what about Covid-19's long-term impact on the fashion world? "All things, good or bad, are transient and in that phase of time, they leave their temporary imprints. Of course, the pandemic will affect the fashion and wedding industry, just like it has everything, but it shall pass. I am confident that we shall emerge in a more appreciative and grateful world. One must always look at the positives hidden within the adversities. A passing phase can slow down activity, not change the ethos of a brand," says Vallaya.

"I am glad that the world has realised that it needs to slow down. A similar decision I took for myself when I went on a two-year sabbatical some time back. We don't have to try so hard. All we have to do is focus on our core skill, take it to the nth level. Having said that, there is no room for laziness and resting on one's laurels. The creative process, in the end, is also a business and must be respected and treated as one," he adds.

Master couturier Tarun-



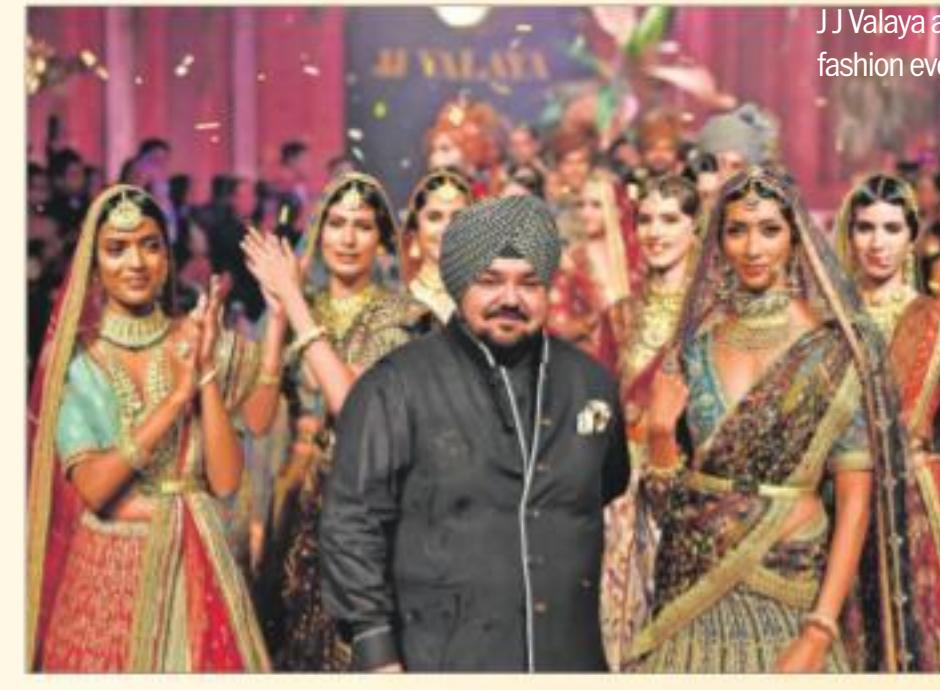
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JJ Valaya at a fashion event



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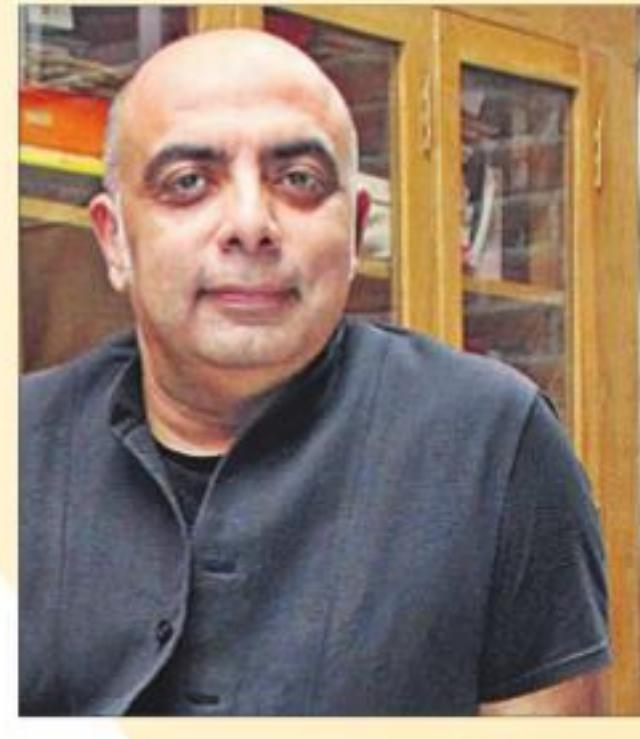
JJ VALAYA



Ritu Kumar at work

“For the first time, we had to make a shift to the virtual realm, arranging photoshoots while adhering to the norms of social distancing and such, so that buyers can get a sense of what the collection is all about and make up their mind. Even so, a complete virtual shopping experience is hard to deliver in the world of haute couture.”

RITU KUMAR



“Most brides want a tactile touch and feel experience before they buy. In India, people are not used to buying expensive things online, unless there is proper customer interface with a couture team or certain store managers.”

TARUN TAHILIANI

thought about the digital fashion show.”

**From ramp to camera**

But how has the shift from the ramp to the camera been for the models? Supermodel Laksmiti Rana, who was part of Tarun Tahiliani's first virtual fashion show, says, "The format has changed considerably. Today, only five to six models are working on one campaign. Besides the scope to reshoot and redo until you achieve 'perfection' means longer working hours. Since this is new to everyone, one is clueless about the right fee to charge, the stipulated hours and other logistics."

Lakshmi, currently in Mumbai shooting for the upcoming Lakme Fashion Week, is glad that the fashion industry is up and running after a lull. "A lot of people have been affected adversely by the pandemic. Many models, backstage teams, makeup artists are out of work. Many design labels won't be able to sustain operations."

Jaspreet Chandok, head of lifestyle businesses at IMG Reliance that organises the LFW, agrees, "Unfortunately, some designer businesses may not survive an extended period of low consumer demand. The ones that do emerge will be more agile, think out-of-the-box and adopt new-age communication formats." As a fashion week platform, we are developing a technology interface that will aid business with a buyer-designer interface through virtual showroom as well as spur demand directly through tech-focused digital showcases with 'See Now, Buy Now' built into them," adds Chandok.

Be it designers, models, organisers and show directors, there is a consensus in people from every fold of the fashion industry that while a virtual experience is no match to displaying haute couture on a ramp, it is a dire necessity of the times we live in. Fashion stylist and designer consultant Nishank Sainani feels the need to optimise virtual shoots and shows as well as consider a way to safely open fashion week, exhibitions, etc. in a staggered manner. "This way, at least, people will be able to earn their



Supermodel  
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bread and survive in the industry. A lot of models are broke today while others are surviving on their savings or loans."

Says fashion model and model coach Jatin Khirbat, "Designers, models, backstage style and makeup artists have all suffered setbacks. Many have gone back to their hometowns. But on the bright side, India's online market is growing and we can see more opportunities digitally."

Show director and fashion choreographer Lokesh Sharma says that while the fashion industry is no exception to the impact of the pandemic, the problem gets compounded by a lack of government support.

"The current measures such as virtual fashion shows, online photoshoots and shifting the physical store to e-commerce and online store are taking away the essence of the display culture, and assessing the products by look, touch and feel method. But it is also important for us to change our concepts, creativity to adapt to this new normal," he adds.

As they say, the show must go on.

# Daily rituals, captured by Mrs Belnos

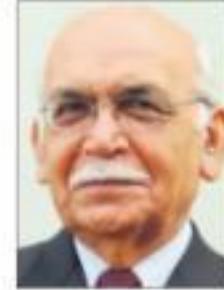
*Every plate is executed from sketches after nature, which I made chiefly during my pedestrian excursions in the interior of the country, on the banks of the Ganges, where the restraints which confine respectable Europeans to the Palkee are laid aside, and they can enjoy in uninterrupted freedom the contemplation of the various scenes presented by the country, and its inhabitants to their view.*

— Mrs Belnos, introducing her book

*Madam, I have with great pleasure looked over your drawings, and read your descriptions of them, and I now have the satisfaction to inform you, that they are true representations of nature, so much so, that they have served to bring to my recollection, the real scenes alluded to of that unhappy country. ... The drawings are so expressive in themselves, that the descriptions however excellent, are scarcely necessary to anyone acquainted with India.*

I remain, Madam, Your most obedient Servant.

— (Rajah) Rammohun Roy, writing to Mrs Belnos from London, 1832



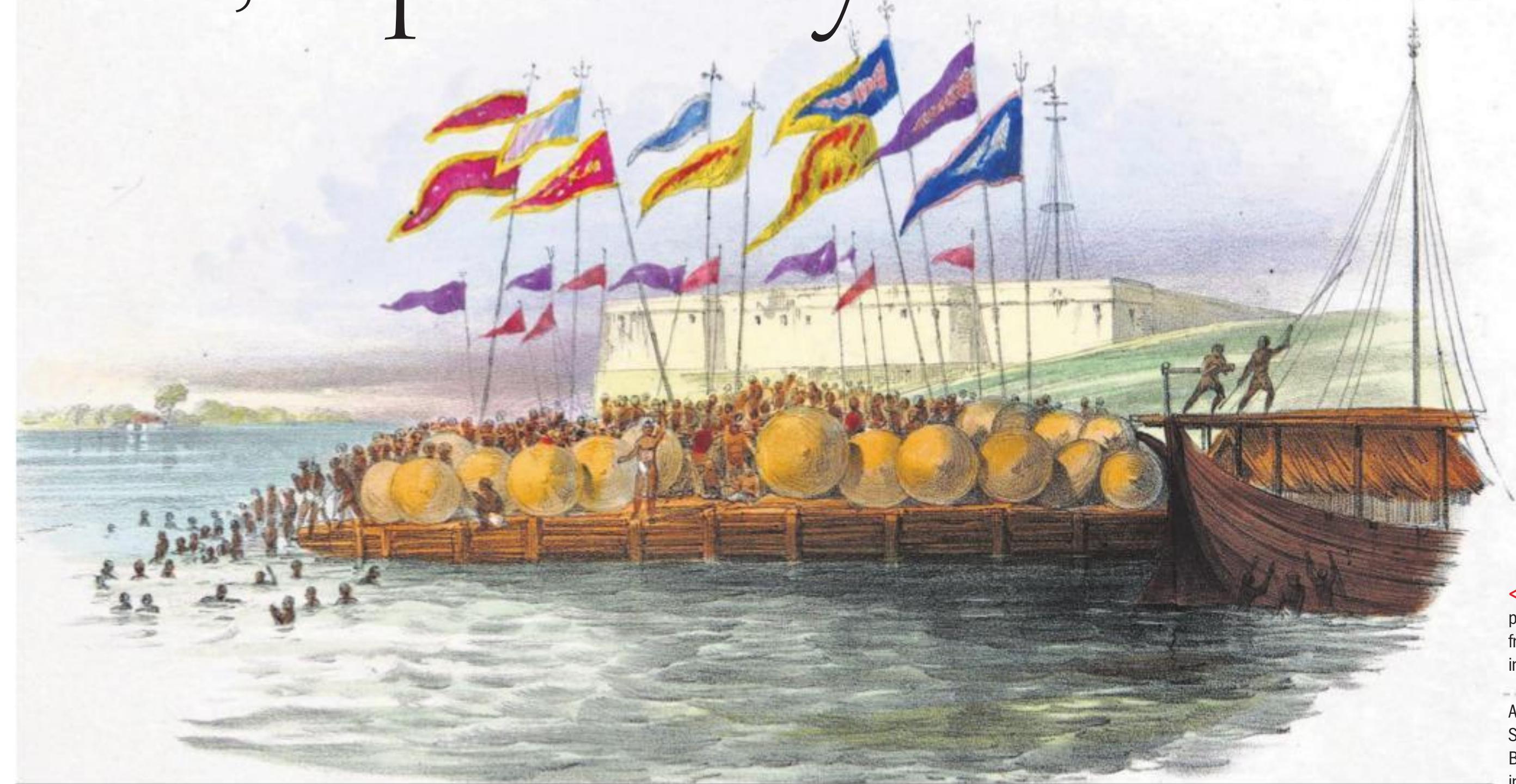
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**I**t is very unlikely that anyone among us today would know anything about Mrs Belnos as I sit down to write about her and her work: at any rate hers is certainly not a household name. And yet she, a British woman, needs to be spoken about with regard, for she drew, lithographed, and published — a little less than 200 years ago — some of the most sensitive studies of Indians at prayer, as she observed them. Sophie Charlotte Belnos was her full name and, from what one can glean from the extremely thin records that have survived, she was born in Calcutta in 1795; she married a French miniature

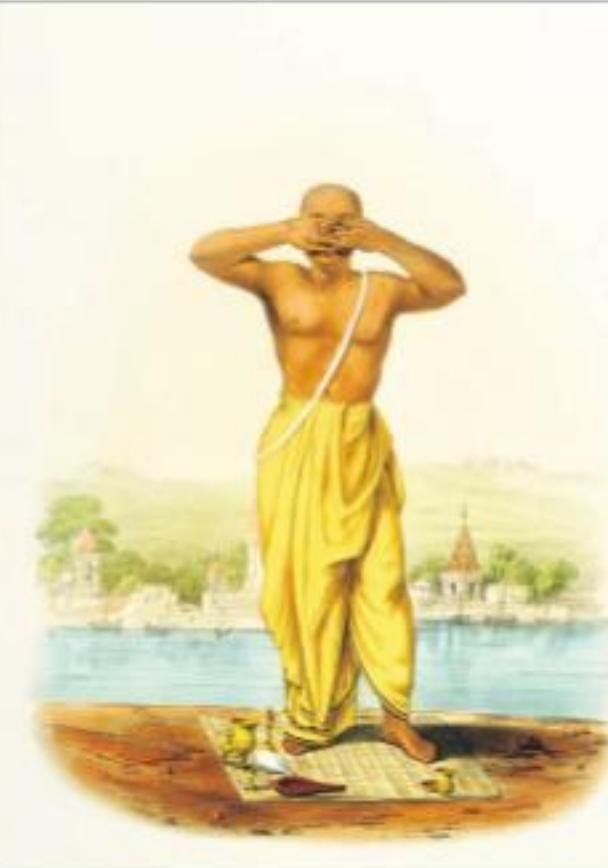
The British artist spent a lot of time observing priestly devotions by the ghats of Ganga 200 years ago and brought them alive on her canvas with great precision

painter, Jean-Jacque Belnos; and produced drawings on the basis of which lithographs were prepared in 1832 by A. Colin for a book, *Twenty Four Plates Illustrative of Hindoo and European Manners in Bengal*, which won high praise, including from the highly respected reformer and scholar, Raja Rammohun Roy, as cited above. By 1847, however, Sophie Belnos had emerged from the shadows of others and had, surprisingly, set up a lithographic press of her own in Calcutta. It is from that press that the remarkable studies I speak of here emerged in 1851: her book bore the

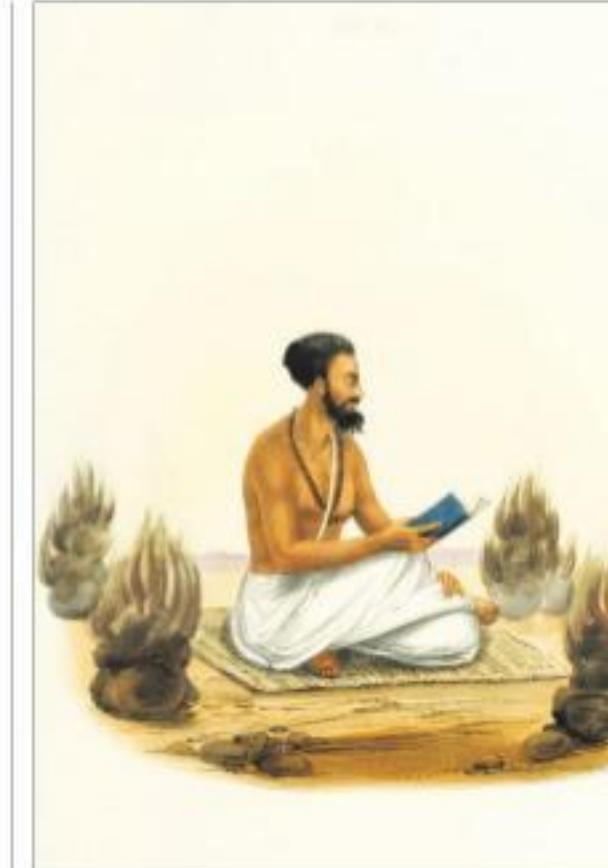


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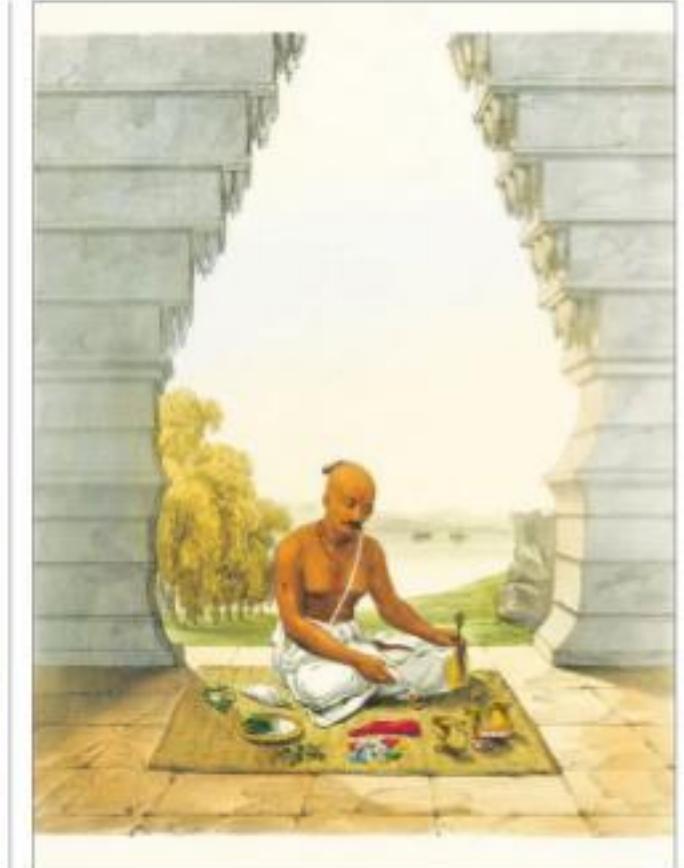
All works are by Sophie Charlotte Belnos. Published in 1851



Worship of the Sun: 'Soorya'



Fire worshipper: 'Punch Agnee'



'The Poojah of Vishnoo'

heads often shaven except for a top knot of hair, bare upper part of the body with a sacred thread worn so as to cross the frame, and an unstitched lower garment, the *dhoti*. She must have quickly come to learn that the objects of their devotion differed: it was the great god 'Vishnoo' for one, and the 'Devee' for another; 'Shiva' for this person and 'Soorya' for the next. Each had his own way of chanting, of using implements of worship — the 'urgha', the 'ghanta', 'the arutideep', the 'shunkha', the 'dhoomdaun', and so on — and each made mysterious, lightning-quick gestures with his hands while chanting. This was the world Sophie Belnos wanted to, and did, enter in her own words, "I resolved to engage in the accomplishment of a task which had hitherto been unattempted ..." But she had to

encounter 'difficulties as serious as unexpected', since a general sketch of 'attitudes and gesticulations' is not what she was interested in: she was looking for an 'opportunity to delineate them with precision'. This amounted to "asking the performer to exhibit rites considered by him as solemn and sacred, for a secular and profane purpose". Nearly all of the priests, at least in Calcutta, refused, she recorded in her book: "none of them would consent to perform those rites in my presence, or impart to a female, and an impure European, any of the mysteries of their religion". Not being able to make any progress in Calcutta, therefore, she undertook a visit "to the Upper Provinces, and to the Holy City of Benares" where she hoped "to meet priests less intolerant".

Did she succeed? One has only to look at the illustrations, including the stunning image on the cover of the book — a multitude of priests descending from a 'buderow' into the sacred waters of the Ganga — to see how splendidly she did: turning out crisp, precise, finely drawn, uncluttered, acutely observed studies of different priests in different locations: by the waterfront, inside a temple, on a riverine island, and so on. The quality of her images remained amazingly constant, but there is something truly remarkable — observation, sympathy, wonder, all combined — about the way she renders a priest paying homage to the Sun, standing, eyes protected from its brilliance but one eye looking up and gaining *darshan* through an aperture made in the interlaced fingers in front. It is moving.

## A canvas consumed by virus

MONICA ARORA

**D**HARUVI ACHARYA'S paintings and watercolours are an intrinsic and in-depth commentary on her experiences and emotions drawn from life itself. As part of her exhibition, 'Evaporating Voices', she created nine works on paper during the lockdown, and these are being showcased online by Nature Morte art gallery in Delhi.

These were created as the artist's reaction to the "lockdown" endured by people all over the world after being struck by the epidemic. As the Mumbai-based artist says, "The paintings were made in July, when both my home and studio (both in the same building) were sealed due to Covid. I set up a work area in my living room from where I could see the constant stream of trucks dumping rocks in the Arabian Sea to build the coastal road, obliterating the original coast and preparing the ground for more floods. I made these works thinking not only about life and death that humans are enduring due to the virus, but also about the crisis our planet is in — sinking cities, fires, destruction and extinction of animals. My work also reflects social isolation and the silencing of dissenting voices."

Dhruvi quintessentially dwells on femininity and women protagonists whose angst, pathos, struggles, apprehensions and turbulence are brought alive in her creations. The current work is exuberant with robust colour palettes amidst grey, misty backdrops. The artist makes an interesting contrast of sorts between the melancholy and restlessness brought about as a

Dhruvi Acharya's new works illustrate the fear, isolation and hardships that humans are enduring due to the pandemic



result of isolation during the pandemic. And yet, with activity resuming, there is a burst of hope.

Entitled 'Lockdown', 'Burble' and 'Exhaust', three artworks resonate the social distancing dichotomy and sheer exhaustion brought about in society. 'Last Rites' and 'Blessings' seem to refer to the gloomy pall of death hanging like a shroud of fear of contracting the virus. Other creations feature women wearing masks or simply breathing through their mouths as a result of the health mandates being endured by all and the suffocation it entails.

Inspired by "miniature art, graffiti art, and comic books", Dhruvi's body of work

is refreshing despite the heavy undertone of the side effects of this unusual time on mental and physical wellbeing.

On how has the pandemic affected the art scenario, she says, "Reduced funding, travel restrictions and other logistical issues could possibly lead to a permanent reduction in the number of art fairs and biennales. But at the same time, there has been an increase in free events, discussions and art exhibitions in the virtual space. Also, just as museums are making their collection more accessible online, contemporary galleries also have an opportunity to make art more accessible to those who say they don't understand it."

## Painting the Presidents

SARIKA SHARMA

**I**n a gallery at Upper Loggia in Rashtrapati Bhawan hang 14 portraits of former Presidents of the country. The last three are special for this region for they have been painted by an artist from Punjab. For the third time in a row, RM Singh has had the rare honour of painting the official portrait of the President of India, a task that has major portrait artists of the country lobbying for. President Ram Nath Kovind's portrait was inaugurated last week.

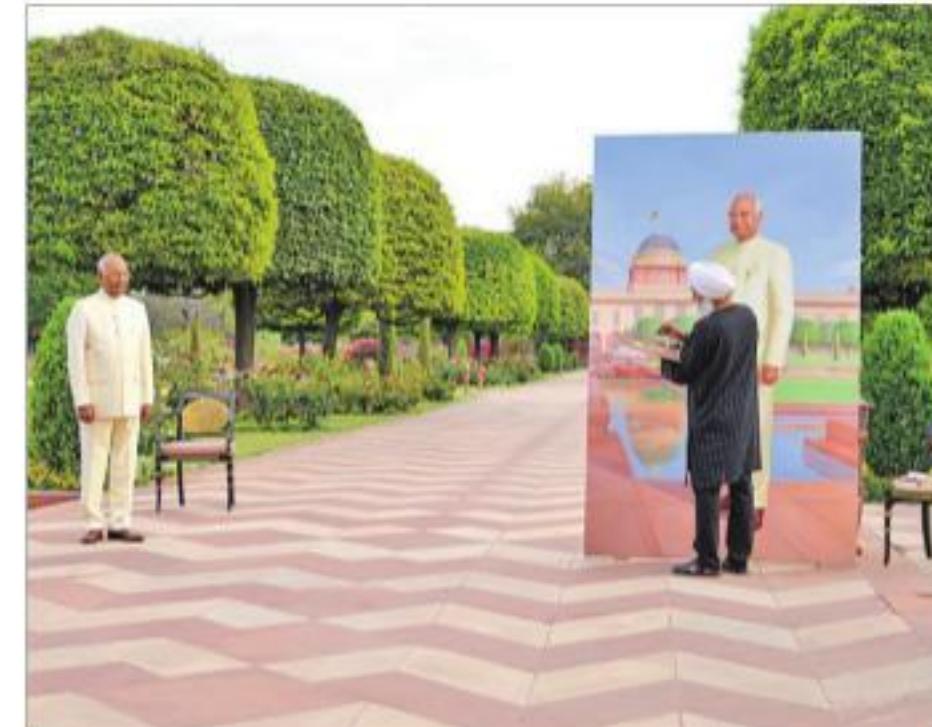
Known for his life-like work, RM Singh was commissioned the work in November last and he completed it within six months, returning from his sojourn amid the strictest phase of lockdown in April.

It is a rare honour indeed, and Singh says he feels humbled each time he has been entrusted with the huge opportunity. "The best of the names are always in the running for the task. These are people I have immense respect for, people whose work I look up to. To do it for the third time is something that I could not have imagined."

Before him, the only one from the region to have been commissioned the project was iconic artist Sobha Singh. "Giani Zail Singh had expressed the desire to be painted by the artist. However, he died before work on the portrait could be started," says RM, adding that his works are a tribute to the master painter as also Meher Singh, who recently passed away.

What's special about the current work is that it takes the President out in the open. While all the portraits on display have been painted indoors, President Kovind wanted the Rashtrapati Bhawan's dome to figure in the painting. "The subject is

RM Singh has become the only artist to have painted the portraits of three heads of state



most important to me. Before beginning my work, I asked him if he had anything in mind. The President even showed me a few spots in the Mughal Gardens where he wanted to be clicked." However, the imposing building would have dwarfed all else. Singh then pushed it to the background, a stream of water adding subtle movement to the backdrop. The idea, all the time, was to keep the backdrop minimal. "Add more elements to a portrait and they start disturbing the work. It is a challenging job. One learns it with experience and by never stopping to learn," he says, calling himself a student of art. "I might have been painting since I was in Class VI, but I study my craft every night. I read. I study works of masters online. One must never stop learning, and then one never stops growing," he says.

RM Singh paints the portrait of President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

# Brave new world

The Dharamshala International Film Festival, going online this year, is poised to cash in on the flexibility that the digital format offers

**SAIBAL CHATTERJEE**

**T**HE Dharamshala International Film Festival (DIFF) is unique as much for its eclectic programming as for the beauty of its scenic setting. The quality of the selection, going by the initial slate of films that DIFF unveiled recently, is intact. The location has, however, been rendered out of bounds by the pandemic. DIFF's ninth edition (October 29 to November 4) will be entirely online. The ineffable joy of dissecting cinema under the mellow sun over piping hot coffee, walnut cakes and chicken dumplings will have to wait until next year. But the festival's 2020 line-up will be accessible across South Asia via the online delivery platform Shift72.

Going online has allowed DIFF to add three days. This year, it will run for a full week. "We used to show around 26 features, narratives and documentaries," says Ritu Sarin, who helms the festival with life partner filmmaker Tenzing Sonam. "This year we will be showing more than 40. This has been made possible because the digital format is more flexible." The decision to go online wasn't easy. Says Sarin: "We're from a generation that grew up watching films in cinemas.... Also, DIFF is so much about the place and its intimate ambience. It took us a while to get our heads around the idea."

"There are definitely a few advantages," she admits. "The main one is that an online festival allows DIFF access to a much wider audience. With the exception of a few that have to be geo-blocked to India, all our films will be available to viewers in South Asia. And a large part of our shorts programme will also be available to international audiences. The other advantage is that audiences can technically watch more films during the weeklong window."

"It's a completely new medium, and everyone involved is still learning and innovating.... We had to understand the technicalities of organising a digital film festival," says Sarin. "But yes, we are working with the foremost online delivery platform in the world, Shift72, so that has made the transition a lot easier."

One aspect of DIFF that we can blindly bank upon is the quality of the curation. A foretaste has already been provided by the festival's first bunch of films — six acclaimed documentaries and four narrative features. Watch out especially for the Chinese documentary *76 Days*, about frontline hospital workers in Wuhan, a city of 11 million where Covid-19 first struck, who staked their all to treat patients dangling between life and death. The film — the title refers to the number of days Wuhan was under lockdown — goes beyond pandemic statistics to capture the human dimension of the terrifying health crisis.

Two documentaries travel to the heart of India and tell incredible stories of adversity and resilience. Pushpendra Singh's *Pearl of the Desert* follows a 12-year-old Manganiyar boy from a remote Rajasthan village, who must balance his musical tradition with the demands of a changing world. The other Indian documentary in the DIFF 2020's initial selection, *A Rifle and a Bag*, is the first

feature-length film from the No Cut Film Collective launched by Arya Rother, Cristina Hanes and Isabella Rinaldi, three graduates of DocNomads, the European Union's documentary direction programme.

*A Rifle and a Bag* transports the audience into the world of an ex-Naxalite couple preparing for the birth of their second child even as they have to find a school for their son. But as former Communist rebels who fought for the rights of tribals, they are up against an unsympathetic, even openly hostile, bureaucracy. They surrendered to ensure for themselves a workable future. But is there one for their ilk in contemporary India? Also in the documentary selection are Lauren Greenfield's *The Kingmaker*, which documents Imelda Marcos' push to win her son Bongbong the Filipino vice-presidency; David France's *Welcome to Chechnya*, about the homophobic regime of Chechenyan leader Ramzan Kadyrov; and Sam Soko's *Softie*, a portrait of Kenyan political activist Boniface Mwangi.

The four narrative features in DIFF's initial selection include Polish director Jan Komasa's *Corpus Christi*, the story of a young man who leaves a correctional centre after serving time for unspecified crimes and fakes the persona of a priest, and Fernanda Valadez's Mexican film *Identifying Features*, in which a desperate mother travels across the country in search of a missing son, who left his central Mexican home to look for work in the US.

## How an identity platform became a tool of governance

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

THE making of the world's largest identity project, to fix India's 'leaky' welfare distribution infrastructure, has captured the imagination of the people and the book is an account of the process. Ram Sewak Sharma, an IAS officer who was the first Director General of the Unique Identification Development Authority of India (UIDAI), describes in detail the making of Aadhaar.

A product of IIT Kanpur, Sharma used technology during his postings as the district collector to keep a record of land holdings and arms licences.

The book gives an account of the difference in approach between the working in government and private sectors. Nandan Nilekani, who headed the UIDAI project, thought that if someone was suitable for the job, it was enough. But in the government sector, posts have to be advertised and all candidates have to be given an opportunity. Those drawn from the private sector did their work primarily on the basis of emails, while the government officials could not do without notes on files. Ultimately, the differences were reconciled and it proved to be a great learning experience for everyone.

Many of the problems plaguing India can be solved with the help of technology and the country should strive to build more such products that would help make a positive impact in the lives of our countrymen, says Sharma, who has been instrumental in Aadhaar-enabled innovations such as attendance systems, pension transfers, registration platforms, eSign and DigiLocker. The last two are components of IndiaStack, a set of products that allows governments, businesses, start-ups and developers to enable presence-less, paperless and cashless serv-



The author says more Aadhaar-like products can make a positive impact in the lives of Indians. ISTOCK

ice delivery, e-Aadhaar and e-KYC also have the author's imprints. The importance of Aadhaar is evident from the fact that the government used it for direct cash transfer during the coronavirus-induced lockdown to millions who needed financial support.

Aadhaar is digital ID infrastructure, while a smartcard is just an offline token. The number is a random sequence of 12 digits. It is impossible to guess any part of it from the details you may know about the person, and the number itself does not disclose any information about its holder. A semantics-free 12-digit number was chosen to be Aadhaar where the last digit is the check digit, to minimise data entry errors, and the first digit is reserved for denoting the number type. The rest of the digits are generated in a random manner. Only about one per cent of the number is actually assigned from the available universe of numbers (100 billion), says the author.

The book dwells on the difference between breach of privacy and data protection and says that privacy is not to be confused with data security. The problem of checking duplication and ensuring its preparation, trial and delivery are all wonderfully documented. The book is a relevant insight into one of India's most relevant initiatives that has gone on to become a significant governance tool.

THE MAKING OF AADHAAR: WORLD'S LARGEST IDENTITY PLATFORM

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## Plotting the perfect jailbreak

RAMANPREET SINGH VIRDY

WHAT is the most foolproof formula to escape from a highly fortified jail in India? In his debut book 'The Most Notorious Jailbreakers', journalist Abeer Kapoor delves into the dark underbelly of the country's prisons to answer this question as he documents the events that led to the 16 most audacious jailbreaks. Kapoor uses his first-hand experience as a crime reporter to familiarise the reader with the "language of the prison" and calls it fascinating to "note how prisons are a world unto themselves". In fact, right at the introduction, he actually lists a five-step formula to escape from the biggest jail in the country!

Dreaded gangsters, unscrupulous policemen, a maze of rookie accomplices and, above all, a broken law enforcement system, all come alive, but the writer doesn't let the grotesqueness seep into the narrative. Rather, he wishes "to keep it fun" and makes the storytelling taut and edgy.

The stories are set in a vast range of time — from the 1940s to as late as 2016 — and explore the caste-ridden rivalries of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, to the gangster-cop nexus in Punjab. Quoting numerous writers and news reports, Kapoor manages to infuse a sense of authenticity and urgency into the narrative, giving a chilling glimpse of the sordid realities that convicts and prison staff have to confront every day. The criminals here aren't the usual stereotype who rape and murder without batting an eyelid. Rather, they are presented as devious, ambitious men who have the knack of disappearing into the crowd and becoming the ordinary once they have escaped. One of them also involves a former Prime Minister of the princely state of Hyderabad! To heighten the intrigue, the writer goes back and forth in time, beginning the story with the re-arrest after the jailbreak, and then leading you to the day when the actual crime took place.

The 16 short biographies feature some of the most macabre criminals the country has seen. In telling their stories, Kapoor also manages to drive home another important point: the absolute culpability and brazen participation of police officials in aiding the jailbreaks. Natwarlal, known as India's greatest con man, is quoted as saying, "As long as there is one dishonest cop, I will always find a way to get out!"

The chapter on Bitihota Mohanty, alias Raghav Rajan, is arguably the most fascinating because of the sheer audaciousness of the events. Yet, Kapoor neither glorifies violence, nor justifies the deranged behaviour. The law may take time to catch up but ultimately, retribution is inevitable. If gangsters and jails arrest your attention, this is the perfect escape for a lazy Sunday afternoon.

## The voice that made women heard

RENU SUD SINHA

THE title of feminist economist Devaki Jain's (87) memoir, 'The Brass Notebook' has been inspired by Doris Lessing's 'The Golden Notebook'. Not just the title but the idea of the book itself was suggested by Lessing when Jain first met her in 1958. It took Jain 60 years to heed that advice. And we should be glad at this delay — what a journey these six decades have been!

The book divided into seven parts, follows an interesting format. It doesn't go the typical, traditional route of a memoir in chronological order but is segregated into personal and professional years/events.

Born in 1933, Jain calls herself 'the before midnight's child'. The events that scripted the history of free India also shaped her life. Hailing from an influential Tamil Brahmin family, and later married to Gandhian activist Lakshmi Chand Jain, she had the good fortune to meet various national and international leaders, activists and scholars and that understandably impacted her life. Jayaprakash Narayan, Vinoba Bhave, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Amartya Sen, Gloria Steinem, Dr Julius Nyerere, Kamaladevi



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Chattopadhyay, Iris Murdoch.. her list of acquaintances, friends, colleagues reads like an international who's who.

Always clad in sarees, her traditional appearance belied the free spirit that she always was — although she claims that she came across the concept of feminism only when she met Steinem. While her sisters had been married off before 18, she was vaulting across the UK and Europe acquiring degrees and experiences.

Professionally, Jain, who taught economics at Miranda House, New Delhi, for some time, has done pioneering work

in giving shape to women's movement in India, particularly at the grassroots.

A Padma Bhushan recipient (2006), Jain has founded and been involved with various initiatives and institutions that have done ground-breaking work in recognising gender inequalities in work force and establishing policies to address the imbalance.

Honesty permeates the narrative in whatever challenges she has faced in her life — whether sexual exploitation and harassment within the familial confines or at workplace. She has candidly narrated a molestation attempt by a professor during her Oxford years and how the trauma eroded her self-worth and affected her academic performance.

This candidness has also extended to several other areas whether she talks of her romantic encounters or her sexual escapades during her Oxford/St Anne years or her abortions before marriage.

But above all, this thoroughly enjoyable book is a must read for everyone — for women to know how to survive and succeed in a patriarchal society, for men to know that women are not a weaker sex but just unaware about their inherent strength, and for policymakers to know that even seven decades after Independence, the basic flaws in their policies on women empowerment have still not been addressed.

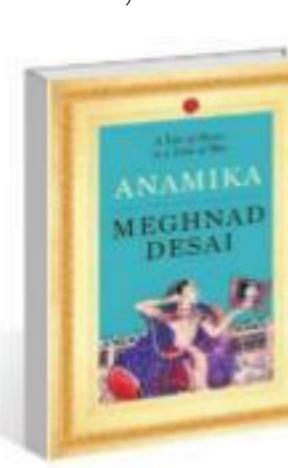
## A racy, pacey period romance

ARADHIKA SHARMA

THE novel is a page-turning potboiler, abound with beautiful, nubile

women, valorous noblemen, aristocrats warring over power and riches, and princes drunk on the love of their women. In the centre of it all is Lord Meghnad Desai's heroine — the beautiful and clever Anamika. Set in an indiscriminate location in the 18th century, described as "the period after 'emperor Aurangzeb had fallen", the story narrates the fortunes of Anamika, the daughter of the wily chief minister of "Purana Zilla", from whom she learnt statecraft.

The story begins with her marriage to Abhi, the handsome son of an affluent merchant family of Ranipur. However, misfortune strikes right after the nuptials and an unfortunate accident renders Abhi paraplegic. The two are thus unable to consummate their marriage and a hapless Anamika seems doomed to bear a child to her lascivious father-in-law

ANAMIKA  
by Meghnad Desai.  
Rupa.  
₹295

when Abdul, the gallant but illegitimate son of Shah Ahmad Khan, makes an appearance in Ranipur. Abdul's initial intention is of ravaging the village, but changes his mind when Anamika offers herself in exchange of the lives of the people of Ranipur.

Abdul's great adversary and the legal claimant to the throne is Hassan, the king's legitimate son, who thirsts for Abdul's blood and uses all kinds of strategies — including warfare — to bring him to his knees. The duty of keeping Hassan safe is entrusted to his concubine-turned-bodyguard, Nadya (who masquerades as Nadeer). The plot thickens with the interplay of these colourful characters who scheme their way into their desired conclusions, very often not achieving what they had set out to do.

Desai's women are strong and savvy. Anamika, for example, is hardly the archetypal shy and retiring heroine of Indian lore. Instead, she is unashamed of her sexuality and uses it not just to fulfill

her own desire but for the betterment of her husband and the people of her village. Nadya, a slave, takes on the role of a brave bodyguard for Hassan. Rajkumari Sonal Devi, younger sister of Raja Devi Singh, is interested in war strategy, guns and mathematics, and imbibes knowledge of warfare from a French general. The steeliest of them all and the greatest strategist is Hassan's mother, a formidable Afghani begum. She rules the zenana with an iron fist, punishing any perceived wrongdoer.

Into this melee, Desai introduces a holy seer, who brings an end to the bloody battle that ensues between the two adversaries by offering an unusual solution.

Lord Meghnad Desai is a man of many interests who pursues economics, history and anything else that catches his interest, including old Bollywood movies. Emeritus professor at London School of Economics and a life peer at the British House of Lords, he has authored over 25 books and more than 200 articles in esteemed journals. He has, at this instance, turned his attention to what seems an unlikely genre. Desai's book proliferates with provocative romance, lusty liaisons and dangerous deceptions. A racy read, it overflows with intrigue and conspiracy.

## The Saudi royal intrigues

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

WHEN the last King of Saudi Arabia, Abdullah, was buried in an unmarked grave as per Wahabi tradition, a wit remarked that in a billion years, he would be oil. That is the truth of kingship in Saudi Arabia. With the passing away of each king, his heirs and hangers-on who had wallowed in uber-luxury are slowly forgotten and sidelined. With each death, the battle begins anew in Riyadh's sole power centre — the Royal Court — for a grab at the fabulous billions that float beneath and in Saudi Arabia's palaces.

In 2015, with Abdullah's death, the battle among Saudi Arabia's 7,000 princes and princesses had been especially vicious. And it still continues. After brother Salman took over, his son Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) announced his entry on the world stage by administering a resounding slap to the Royal Court's Chief Keeper for withholding from him the gravity of uncle Abdullah's illness. In two years after Abdullah's death, his son Mohammed bin Nayef, as Crown Prince would have taken over from Salman, was jack-knifed politically and finally personally to make him a broken man, in no position to ever challenge MBS.

Since then, the deserts of Arabia have been roiled by an impatient king-in-waiting who seeks to distill power to just himself, is unwilling to tolerate dissidents in the family fold, and has declared war on Yemen, triggering one of the world's worst humanitarian crisis. That, say the author-journalists, was just the entrée course for MBS. In a graphic account, Riyadh's bid to economically strangle Qatar unravels, dissidents are coaxed and coerced to return to Riyadh where a seven-star hotel becomes a makeshift prison in which hundreds of sheikhs are disgorged of the billions they had filched from the treasury.



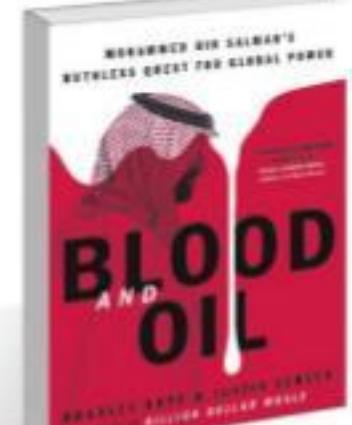
An impatient king-in-waiting, Mohammed bin Salman is 'unwilling to tolerate dissidents in the family'. REUTERS

On the flip side, the man is willing to let women drive cars, allows mixing of sexes in Riyadh's cafes and is trying to move the Saudi ship away from complete dependence on oil to the high-tech future that envisages a \$650-billion city, peopled by robots and flying saucers. All the while, he has to be fleet-footed to avoid being politically tripped by a marginalised clergy and status quo octogenarian cousins.

MBS is a Force 10 gale. Any book trying to capture his time at the Saudi tiller would have some part left out, such is his speed. Covid-19 was the perfect pause that helped the two authors catch MBS' previous five years. Both Bradley Hope and Justin Scheck are well suited to tell the tale of blood and oil, for they have specialised in white-collar crimes. And here in Saudi Arabia, where dollars flow like water, there were plenty of carpet baggers swarming around MBS with billions to disburse as he chases the dream of converting Saudi Arabia into a G-7 lookalike. The authors keep their noses close to the ground and tap hundreds of these Ameri-

cans who gather around the Royal Court — they include well-heeled politicians who double up as mediators for New York banks — for the main course or even the crumbs that fall from MBS' table.

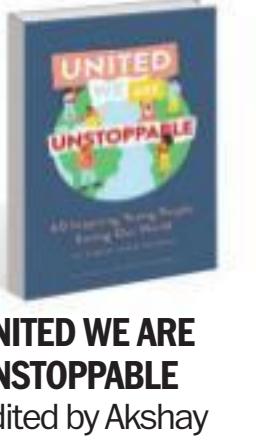
It is a matter of poetic justice that after MBS had somehow tiptoed over the Khashoggi butchery and tried to draw the curtains on the Yemen war, his attempt to dazzle the Trumps and the Modis with glamour, hospitality and networking at the G-20 summit got upended by Covid. Despite his many missteps that have cost lives and money, it is a brave duo that has pennied his vulnerabilities and "ruthlessness". The world, however, is willing to give MBS a free pass, largely because the man who controls every sinew of Saudi Arabian political power is set to rule the desert kingdom for another half a century.

BLOOD AND OIL  
Bradley Hope & Justin Scheck.  
John Murray/Hachette.  
Pages 368.  
₹799

## BACKFLAP

A 16-year-old Aditya Mukarji on the mission to stop use of plastic straw in India. An even younger Cecilia La Rose fighting the Canadian government for contributing to global warming. Delphin Kaze (19) running a company that produces eco-charcoal from organic waste.

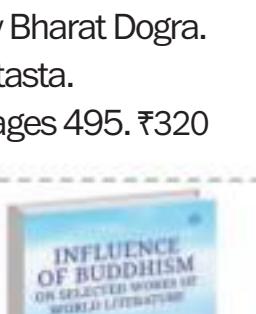
The book wants you to see the world through the eyes of 60 youth fighting for their futures in the face of climate change. Told in their own words, the stories are simple and eye-opening.

UNITED WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE  
Edited by Akshay Rathai.  
John Murray/  
Hachette.  
Pages 304. ₹699ESSENTIAL ITEMS  
by Udayan Mukherjee.  
Bloomsbury.  
Pages 258. ₹499

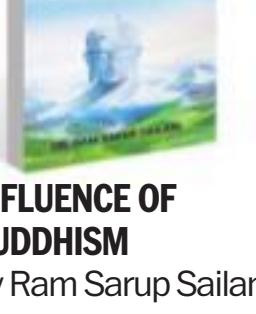
HOW has the pandemic changed the way we behave? As the unusual times put human emotions to test, former journalist Udayan Mukherjee set out to examine the oft overlooked attributes such as resilience, faith and endurance. His stark, minimalist prose tells dark yet funny tales that expose deep cracks in our societal structures papered over by the myth of growing popularity.

RED FEAR  
by Iqbal Chand Malhotra.  
Bloomsbury.  
Pages 420. ₹799

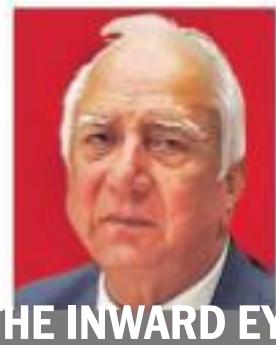
WITH the India-China border still ripe with tension, television producer Iqbal Chand Malhotra has come out with 'Red Fear: The China Threat', a book cataloguing, evaluating and inferring the consequences of the political and military confrontations between India and China. Malhotra tries to understand the mostly antagonistic relationship of not just the last six decades, but six centuries.

MAN OVER MACHINE:  
A PATH TOWARDS  
PEACE  
by Bharat Dogra.  
Vitasta.  
Pages 495. ₹320

MORE than 150 years after his birth, Gandhi is all the more relevant, activist-author Bharat Dogra writes in 'Man over Machine', his new book. He says only Gandhi's ideas on tolerance can avoid confrontations in today's volatile world and his simple lessons in sustainability are the big push the environment needs. Dogra's other book, 'When two Streams Meet', brings to fore untold stories from India's freedom movement.

INFLUENCE OF  
BUDDHISM  
by Ram Sarup Sailani.  
Blue Rose.  
Pages 236. ₹445

# When the entire system fails



THE INWARD EYE

GURBACHAN JAGAT

A citizen of India was raped, abused and broken in Hathras. She was then abandoned by the state and finally, a 'citizen' of India was cremated in the absence of the family at night. We have treated our enemies better in the past. But does this poor Dalit girl qualify to be a 'citizen'?

**A**DALIT lady and her 19-year-old daughter go to the fields near their home to bring fodder for the cattle. After some time, the two drift apart and the mother starts searching for her daughter in the tall crop — she finds her, but it is the naked, bleeding and broken body of her daughter. The girl's spine and other parts are broken and she is barely alive. With the son driving the motorcycle, the lady on the pillion and the daughter wedged in between, they set out for the police station. How they managed to carry her on a motorcycle defies my imagination — anyhow, they reach the police station and after one glance they're told to go to the District Hospital at Hathras. No paper work is done, no FIR lodged, no entry in the daily diary. At the District Hospital, they are told to take her to Aligarh. How do they go? Does the hospital offer an ambulance?

They somehow manage to reach Aligarh and after a few agonising days are told to take her to Safdarjung in Delhi. Mercifully, after a short time, she dies — all this while, the state sleeps... the police, the panchayat, the DM, the media... all are asleep. A girl being raped, abused and broken was not enough to awaken the state, whose primary sworn duty is the security of its 'citizens'. What critical matter of state was the local administration involved in that such a heinous crime was ignored? What should have happened from the beginning: the sarpanch, who is the representative of the local government, should have accompanied the victim to the police station and insisted on filing of a report. If not the sarpanch, the hospital should have arranged for an ambulance to take them to Aligarh and the police should have accompanied them to record the statements of the girl and her mother. It was the duty of the police, the hospital and the sarpanch to have followed up at Aligarh and ensured proper treatment, got her

medico-legal examination done and shifted her to Delhi earlier. Simultaneously, the police should have gone to the village and started the investigation of this most heinous crime and rounded up the accused as the girl had named four of them. The sub-division police officers and the District Magistrate should have visited the village and the hospital immediately after the crime. The District Magistrate claimed to be blissfully unaware, even though he's in charge of law and order — none of these actions were taken although these are mandated by law and departmental rules. The crime scene should have been preserved for the forensics team. Samples of soil and blood, clothes, hair and under the nail tests for DNA should have been done. Where were the clothes? They had to be taken into possession for semen samples, etc. Was all this done?

However, now you will see how promptly the state operates to save its skin and the skin of the upper caste accused. They descended upon Delhi and took the body in their possession, leaving the family to fend for itself and started driving to the village. The state now realised the potency of the Dalit girl's 'death' and the harm that could do to their beloved government. The family somehow follows and reaches the village, whereupon the body remains with the police, who promise an early morning cremation. However, the cremation is done at 2:30 am, under the cover of darkness (like all major current police activities, encounters carried out in the great state of UP). The family is not allowed to witness it, not even one last look.

The media starts to move in wanting a piece of the action, the Opposition parties start to move in. The police throw multi-tier cordon. The orders are simple — no media, no Opposition politicians, nobody from outside should be allowed even near the village or to meet the family. UP

Police do the *bandobast* very efficiently, after all their arrangements at the massive Kumbh Mela are flawless. The DM is in charge, the SP is there, people from Lucknow are there — stars and stripes galore. To cut a long story short, a few leaders are allowed to visit the family. The family does not say much because the DM has suitably briefed them that the media and others will go away, whereas he is the local 'Hakam' and they will have to deal with him. The state has suspended some police officers (there is always an assurance in such cases of proper rehabilitation after some time) and promises the guilty will be punished in an exemplary manner. Why does the DM escape suspension?

The upper caste villagers say their boys are innocent and the Additional DGP (no less) says there has been no rape... an efficient cover-up has begun. A citizen of India was raped, abused and broken, she was then abandoned by the state and finally a 'citizen' of India was cremated in the absence of the family at night. We have treated our enemies better in the past. But does this poor Dalit girl qualify to be a 'citizen'?

The entire criminal justice system failed, as in other cases. The entire system is now run by parties in power, personified by the Chief Minister. All power vests in them and the SP, DM, judges are merely pawns who are eager to perform forward and back flaps if they can to achieve the objective. The police now have the gumption to say there was no rape and quote medico-legal reports to buttress their case. The ML was done 11 days after the incident — what was it expected to show? What does the police investigation show? Has there been an investigation at all? When was the FIR recorded? When were the case diaries written? Did any supervising officer visit the spot? Did the forensic experts examine the crime scene? Did a copy of the FIR and copies of case diaries reach the judicial magistrate in the

prescribed time? Did the DM ensure that the prosecution branch was monitoring the investigation and did he himself keep a watch on the police investigation? I'm sure that nothing was done as per laid-down laws and rules and backdated entries will now be made. The system has been completely subverted by politicians.

Forgetting all of the above, the statement of the victim alleging rape and naming the accused is a dying declaration — why are the government and police shying away from admitting this? Anyway, the state has washed its hands of the case and recommended that the CBI investigate it, and that is a story for another day. I shall not prejudge the investigation but past performance does not inspire too much confidence. Meanwhile, as Hathras turns into a major story, the media warriors have been redeployed from the SS Rajput case (where they tried to convert a suicide into a murder and Bollywood into a drug cartel). Now they both have come up with conspiracy theories at the international and national level being conducted to defame the UP government, the latest spin being that the accused are now the aggrieved and the aggrieved the accused. Seriously? Is this the result of an investigation or is it a source report? Where is the evidence on the file which will now be transferred to the CBI?

My dear lady from Hathras, what justice do you expect from the state? The DM was right, the Opposition parties and media will disappear, the DM and the 'Daroga' will be there and they will always listen to the dictates of Lucknow and not the Constitution, its law and rules. The time calls for another Gandhi, another Bhagat Singh, but will the lament of this family be answered? I will keep my hope in the old saying: 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man.'

— The writer is ex-chairman of UPSC, former Manipur Governor and served as J&K DGP

## Misogynists, are we? Yes, for sure

MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS  
KEKI DARUWALA

THE examples of misogyny are just so overwhelming, that trotting them out would be boring. Women walking behind their men is a common sight in rural areas, eating after their men, tolerating their after-liquor blows, they even tolerated Sati and the funeral pyre adieu to both hubby and wife for centuries till Englishmen got rid of this practice, whatever Shashi Tharoor may want to say against the Brits. We could focus on some of the incidents that have kept a major part of our population riveted to the idiot box recently. It is better to move from the ridiculous to the sublime or the apocalyptic.

So let us start from the Sushant Singh Rajput case. Small question: had roles been reversed and Rhea Chakraborty, God forbid, *khuda na khasta*, committed suicide, would the entire male middle class have bayed and hollered for Sushant's blood? Would BJP and Bihar (alliteration unintended) have flexed their muscles, slapped their well-oiled thighs, as they do in wrestling pits, and boarded flights for Mumbai, only to be quarantined? Would Sushant have spent 28 days in jail, and earlier, spent 80 hours answering not very intelligent questions from the Narcotics Bureau? Would Rhea's family have had the gumption to suggest that she was murdered — look at the ligature marks carefully, Director, CBI, where is your microscope, pal? Would those humorous investigating agencies — three, or more? — beat the homicide drum if Rhea had committed suicide? Would Bihar have jumped on drug-taking Sushant's neck?

The Bihar DG, Gupteswar Pandey, who within a week of his resignation was inducted into the JD, Nitishji putting a green scarf round his neck, would have said that Sushant Babu did not have the standing to question Nitish Babu? Mr Pandey, in a democracy, everyone has the right to question any high-up. People around the world have questioned Aung San Suu Kyi for not speaking up for the Rohingya. Nitish Babu was facing a wronged actress who stood by her partner. Incidentally, how did Bihar get into this act, Bihar where nothing relevant to the case or the protagonists had happened?

Sushant's own

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# Indian netizens defy China, wish Taiwan on National Day

President Tsai Ing-wen mentions Delhi in her speech for the first time

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10**  
The Galwan valley killings and the ongoing tensions with China along the LAC have made "Taiwan" a much used currency on social media.

Indian netizens have vied to post "Happy Double Tenth National Day" to commemorate the island's separation from Beijing on October 10, 1949.

Besides, for the first time, the Taiwan President has mentioned India in her National Day speech. In addition, BJP supporters today hung pro-Taiwan hoardings for the first time outside the Chinese embassy in the highly protected diplomatic enclave here. Right-wing publications, in particular, have approvingly noted this act.

China maintains that Taiwan will ultimately join the mainland. It doesn't allow any country to have normal diplomatic relations with Taiwan under its "One China Policy". A furious Beijing has inflated the number of hoardings in front of its embassy to hundreds and warned via Global Times that India's provocation on the Taiwan question will lead to



Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen delivers a speech during National Day celebrations in Taipei, Taiwan, on Saturday. REUTERS

## DOUBLE TENTH DAY

October 10 National Day dates from the start of a 1911 rebellion against Qing, China's last empire, that led to the establishment of the Republic of China, which remains Taiwan's formal name. AP

## ONLINE SPAT

An online spat between Indians and the Chinese Government has been on since October 7, which was also briefly touched upon by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The Chinese embassy had emailed an advice to journalists, saying they should "properly" report Taiwan's National Day. To this, MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava had said, "The Indian media is free to report on any issue it deems fit."

## POSTERS NEAR CHINESE EMBASSY

New Delhi: Posters wishing Taiwan on its National Day came up near the Chinese embassy in New Delhi on Saturday, but were removed by the New Delhi Municipal Council within hours, an official said. The posters, reading "Taiwan Happy National Day October 10", were issued by Delhi BJP leader Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga. PTI

ers sending their best wishes to the people of Taiwan on the National Day celebrations as this year. What has changed? Perhaps it is time for Beijing to introspect."

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The MEA's observation has provided more ballast to hashtags #TaiwanisACountry and #TaiwanisNationalDay.

India has already indicated that it will not abide by Chinese rules for developing its ties with Taiwan after tensions broke out along the LAC.

## Final adieu



Chirag Paswan, son of Union Minister late Ram Vilas Paswan, along with his mother mourns near the mortal remains of his father before the cremation at Digha Ghat in Patna on Saturday. PTI

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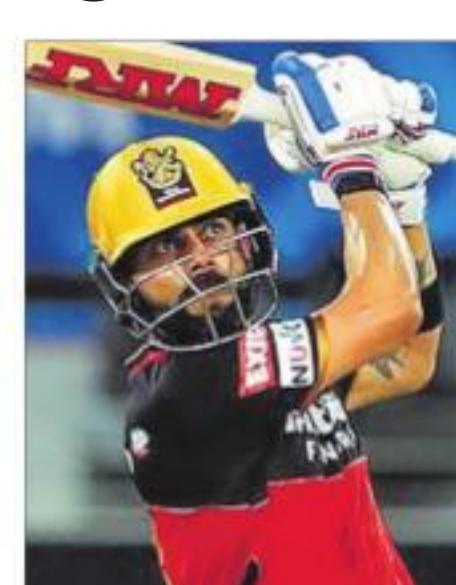
Meanwhile, the Civil Surgeon has written to the SSP seeking an FIR against the erring staff and also asked for necessary legal action.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, taking a serious note of the incident, had ordered formation of a probe committee. A

three-member inquiry committee was constituted by the Health Department, which in its report found the employees guilty of gross negligence.

A seven-year-old thalassaemia patient was given blood of an HIV positive patient at the Bhai Mani Singh Civil Hospital here a few days ago. —TNS

## KXIP lose again, face early exit



RCB captain Virat Kohli

## DU student 'beaten' to death over friendship with woman

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10**

An 18-year-old Delhi University student has been allegedly beaten to death over his friendship with a woman here.

Rahul Rajput was a second-year student in Delhi University's School of Open Learning. He also provided tuition to school students, the police said.

According to the police, the victim was friends with a woman from his locality, but her family was against the friendship. On Wednesday evening, the victim was called to Nanda Road on some pretext and when he reached the spot, he was physically assaulted allegedly by a group of four-five people, including the woman's brothers, a senior police officer



Sanjeev, father of victim Rahul Rajput, talks to mediapersons in New Delhi on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

had said on Friday.

The woman's brother and a relative were arrested and three juveniles apprehended in connection with the incident, the officer had said.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister

Manish Sisodia on Saturday met the victim's family and announced an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh. Sisodia said the Delhi Government would ensure that the culprits get strict punishment at the earliest. —PTI

Rahul asks why no bullet-proof vehicles for jawans

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10**  
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today said while the government had spent Rs 8,400 crore to procure an aircraft for PM Narendra Modi, it had made no provision for bullet-proof vehicles for the soldiers.

"Our jawans are being sent in trucks to get martyred and a Rs 8,400 crore aircraft is brought for the PM! Is this justice," he tweeted, posting a video showing soldiers objecting to their seniors using bullet-proof vehicles.

During a Congress campaign in Punjab against the farm laws, Rahul had accused the PM of "wasting" thousands of crores on the aircraft. The government has brought two VVIP planes for the President, Vice-President and PM. It says the process for procuring the aircraft was started by the UPA government. —PTI

## Activists condemn Father Swamy's arrest

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10**

Several activists have condemned the arrest of Father Stan Swamy by the NIA, saying the "kind" man fought for the rights of tribals.

Lawyer Prashant Bhushan said, "Just got news that the NIA has forcibly taken octogenarian Father Swamy from his ashram. It would be difficult to imagine a gentler and kinder person." He added: "It is the



Father Stan Swamy

sign of the venality of the NIA that they are trying to implicate him under the Unlawful

Activities Prevention Act." "Like Sudha Bharadwaj, Stan Swamy has spent a lifetime fighting for the rights of adivasis," historian Ramachandra Guha said.

However, BJP national secretary Sunil Deodhar endorsed the NIA action. "It's good that NIA arrested Swamy. This may reveal links between the Christian missionaries and Urban Naxals," he added.

## BJP top brass meets to finalise candidates for Bihar elections

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10**  
The Central Election Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) met at its New Delhi headquarters this evening to deliberate upon finalising names of some other candidates for the Bihar Assembly elections.

The names are likely to be for the second and third phases of the Bihar poll. The party has already announced 29 names with the first list that included 27 names and the second list two.

Besides PM Narendra Modi, BJP president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the meeting. This is the second CEC meeting on the Bihar Assembly election.

Meanwhile, the BJP will formally kick off the campaign in



Nadda to kick off poll campaign from Gaya's Gandhi Maidan today

Bihar on Sunday with JP Nadda scheduled to address a massive public gathering at Gaya's Gandhi Maidan.

The BJP will fight on 121 seats out of the 243 Bihar constituencies, while its ally JDU will fight on 122 seats. The JDU will accommodate the Hindustani Awam Morcha and the BJP will accommodate the Vikassheel Insaan Party. —IANS

## Second US presidential debate put off

**WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 10**

The second presidential debate between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden has been officially off.

The nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates confirmed on Friday that the October 15 faceoff would be scrapped. The decision was made a day after the commission announced the debate would take place "virtually" because Trump had contracted the coronavirus.

Trump balked at holding the debate in that format, and Biden scheduled a town hall with ABC News for that night once Trump said he would not participate.

Trump's team later countered with a call to hold the debates as scheduled once the President's doctor said he would be cleared to hold public events beginning on Saturday.

But the commission said it would not reverse its decision not to have the candidates on stage together, citing an abundance of caution with health concerns — particularly for the town-hall-style debate that was set to feature questions from average voters.

The third debate, scheduled for October 22 in Nashville, Tennessee, is still on.

Meanwhile, new Covid cases in the US hit a two-month high on Friday with over 58,000 infections reported and hospitalisations in the Midwest at record levels for a fifth day in a row. —PTI



Poland's Iga Swiatek kisses the trophy as she celebrates after winning the French Open on Saturday. REUTERS

## French Open: Teen Iga wins women's title

**PARIS, OCTOBER 10**  
Teenager Iga Swiatek became the first Polish player to win a Grand Slam singles title when she beat American fourth seed Sofia Kenin 6-4 6-1 in the French Open women's final today.

before 21-year-old Kenin got into her groove, only for the Pole to bag the opening set on her opponent's serve after another trade of breaks.

Kenin, who was gunning for a second Major title after winning this year's Australian Open, received off-court medical treatment on her left thigh after the third game of the second set. It all proved too much to handle for the American, who won only three points after coming back on court as Swiatek swept to the title.

Djokovic will face claycourt king Rafael Nadal in a dream French Open men's final on Sunday with more at stake for the world's two top-ranked players than just another Grand Slam title. —Reuters

## Ex-DGP Saini...

### MoD plans...

Rajnath also said the intelligence network should be boosted with coordinated efforts of the Army, ITBP, Ministry of Home Affairs, Border Roads Organisation and state government. He also laid stress on the security of the Atal Tunnel.

On July 27, the Governor had written a letter to Rajnath, observing there was an urgent need to have an air strip in the Spiti valley to act as an advance landing ground and developing helipads in forward areas. He had also sought a robust tele-communication network in border villages.

Kotkapura case. The first one

against IGP PS Umranangal and former SSP Charanjit Sharma was filed in May last year and the second in June 2019 in which six persons, including former Akali MLA Mantar Brar, were named as accused. In the third charge sheet, the SIT named the SHO and DSP, Kotkapura. He was accused of tampering with evidence. As per the charge sheet, the police action on protesters was the result of a conspiracy hatched by politicians and senior police officers in connivance with the dera chief.

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### \$1.5 BN OVER FOUR YRS

■ The World Bank (WB) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) are co-financing the India Covid-19 Emergency Response Project

■ It aims at addressing the adverse impact of disease containment measures on livelihood and creating capacities to deal with the consequences of viral transmission

■ While WB will offer India \$1 billion, the AIIB will give \$500 million

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In the environmental and social management framework of the project, the government has acknowledged the risk of social conflict within communities due to the adverse impact of the Covid containment strategies. It has assured action to mitigate these risks.

The Centre has also admitted to the potential risk of sexual abuse and harassment in Covid quarantine centres and other health settings and stressed the need to build gender-sensitive infrastructure, like segregated toilets and well-lit quarantine and isolation centres.

"Isolation rooms should be designed for single occupancy with attached toilet and bath," it said.

Under "Addressing behav-

ioral risks induced by livelihood related issues", the Centre's framework says, "The informal sector and daily wagers whose livelihoods are at stake may flout the health advisories, increasing the risk of infection. There is a potential risk of social tension and conflict within communities due to the adverse impact of containment strategies on people's livelihood."

The framework assures support to previous initiatives to enhance social protection for the poor and notes, "Another World Bank project — Accelerating India's Covid-19 Social Protection Response Programme — has been planned for this." The India Covid Emergency Project will involve the construction and expansion of health-care facilities in response to Covid-19, procurement of equipment, and transportation and disposal of bio-medical wastes from hospitals and labs.