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Work in tandem for progress: PM to states



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a virtual Niti Aayog meeting. PTI



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at an event in Chennai. PTI

TIME TO DELIVER

Post corporate tax cut, the industry must come forward with its so-called animal spirits to position India as the world's fastest growing economy.

Private sector deserves equal opportunity: Modi

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged the states to work together with the Centre to make it easier to do business in India, repeal archaic laws and boost the agriculture sector.

Addressing the sixth governing council meeting of Niti Aayog, the PM said the private sector should be given full opportunity to become a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat programme.

The virtual meeting, moderated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, was attended by 26 CMs, three lieutenant governors and two administrators.

The PM stressed on becoming self-reliant in agricultural products that could also be

exported. "Reforms are very important for farmers to get the necessary economic resources, better infrastructure and modern technology," he said. The positive response to the Budget reflected the mood of the nation, he said.

Niti meet: Pb seeks pending GST dues; Haryana raises SYL

adding that the government would honour the enthusiasm shown by private investors to capitalise on the Atmanirbhar Bharat programme.

The meeting discussed manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure, accelerating HRD, improving service delivery at the grassroots and health and nutrition.

Budget was carefully thought out with the PM reviewing the inputs given by the business community. The PM brought in his immense experience and direct contact with the industry to shape the Budget and now

FinMin suggests state-Centre dialogue to cut fuel prices

the industry must make the best out of it, she exhorted.

Sitharaman defended the large-scale privatisation programme and easing of foreign investment norms by stating it reflected the mood of the nation since the logic of incremental change was no longer valid.

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MP city renamed Narmadapuram

BHOPAL, FEBRUARY 20
MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that Hoshangabad city in the state would be renamed as Narmadapuram and a proposal to that effect would be sent to the Centre. He made the announcement during the Narmada Jayanti programme held in Hoshangabad on Friday evening.

Addressing a gathering, the CM said, "We are sending a proposal to the Centre to change the name of Hoshangabad as Narmadapuram." — PTI



POLL DUTY: Paramilitary personnel collect their arms on arrival by a special train at Chitpur Yard, Kolkata, on Saturday. PTI

Punjab sees 47% rise in Covid cases

Face masks, social distancing must, says Centre

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

Punjab is among the five states witnessing an upsurge in daily Covid cases over the past week with the state recording a 47.30 per cent jump in 24-hour infections between February 14 and 20.

Along with Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, Punjab today contributed 87 per cent of new cases even as Kerala and Maharashtra alone made up for 75.87 per cent of the active caseload in India.

As against 260 new cases on February 14, Punjab saw 383 cases today, a surge of 47.30 per cent, while the correspon-

13,993 daily cases in the country after 22 days

87% new cases from Punjab, Maha, Kerala, C'garh and MP

75.8% of active caseload from Kerala & Maharashtra

COVID-19 VACCINATION

TOTAL 1,08,38,323
DAY'S COUNT 1,86,081
ADVERSE EVENTS 0

ding surge was the highest for Maharashtra at 69.26 per cent (from 3,611 cases on February 14 to 6,112 today).

The daily cases in the country climbed to about 13,993 after nearly 22 days.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan appealed for use of face masks and adhering to social distancing norms. The minister said the government would revisit the behavioural strategy part as the vaccination drive progressed. The Centre is hoping to push herd immunity by fast-tracking vaccination, but the pace of progress remains slow. — TNS

Long haul: Mist fans, freezers arrive at farmers' protest site



A freezer sent by villagers for protesters at Tikri. TRIBUNE PHOTO

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, FEBRUARY 20

Having braved severe cold for over two months, farmers from Punjab camping at Tikri border since November 27 are now gearing up for the summer season. They have made arrangements for mist fans and deep freezers. A submersible pump is also being installed to meet water requirements. They say they are ready to face

VILLAGES POOL MONEY

Arrangements afoot for ceiling fans, fridges, ACs, submersible pumps and water purifiers

every situation to get the three farm laws repealed.

Kewal Singh, a farmer from Moga district, said: "We have also placed orders for two air conditioners. We are ready for a long haul. Earlier, we braved bone-chilling cold and now we

are ready to face severe heat with same enthusiasm."

Labhpreet Singh, another farmer, said: "We have also begun replacing our sheds. For potable water, an RO system is being installed." Jasvinder of Ludhiana said farmers of various villages had pooled money to buy two deep freezers and five mist fans. "The freezers are required to keep eatables fresh during summer," he said.

On alleged delay in debt waiver, Deputy Commissioner Apneet Riyat said: "I have asked the SDM concerned to probe the matter. We will also check facts regarding their debt waiver application and eligibility." — OC

10th round on way forward

PULLBACK India, China commanders meet at Moldo border point

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

Even as China continues to blame India for triggering the Galwan clash, the militaries of the two sides today held the 10th round of Corps Commander-level talks to take forward the disengagement process in Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang in eastern Ladakh.

Coming two days after the complete withdrawal of troops from Pangong Tso, the talks started at 10 am at the Moldo border point on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), said sources. The focus was to bring down tensions in the region that witnessed a tense standoff between the two sides for over nine months, the sources said. After agreeing for pullback, the



Indian and Chinese troops and tanks disengage at Pangong lake in eastern Ladakh. FILE PHOTO

Chinese ministries of defence and foreign affairs have tried to wrongly blame the Indian Army for initiating the Galwan valley clash on the night of June 15 last year. Available evidence, however, shows the clash was initiated by the Peo-

LT GEN BS RAJU TO BE NEW DGMO

pe's Liberation Army of China as the Indian troops were unarmed and had visited the site to verify an agreed-upon disengagement process. The Chinese had set up a camp at

the bend of the Galwan valley along the LAC and refused to move back despite an agreement to do so on June 6.

Senior functionaries on the Indian side see the latest Chinese statements as a face-saver

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Toolkit case: Delhi court reserves order

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

Activist Disha Ravi on Saturday told a Delhi court that there was no evidence to show that the toolkit on farmers' protest was responsible for the Republic Day violence in the Capital, even as the Delhi Police accused her of preparing the toolkit with those advocating 'Khalis-



Activist Disha Ravi

tan'. "This was not just a toolkit. The real plan was to defame India and create unrest here," the police told Additional Sessions Judge

Dharmender Rana who reserved his verdict on her bail plea for Tuesday.

Ravi was arrested by the Delhi Police from Bengaluru last weekend and brought to Delhi. She has been booked on sedition and other charges. On Friday, a city court sent her to three-day judicial custody on expiry of her five-day police remand.

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US farm groups back protests

MINNEAPOLIS: Eightyseven farm organisations and allied agro-ecology, farm and food justice groups in the US have in a statement expressed support for Indian farmers' protests. The groups have urged the US and Indian governments to support localised food systems to protect food sovereignty and livelihoods of millions. INSIDE

Stringent social media rules, draft almost ready

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

The government is in advanced stages of finalising new guidelines to regulate social media platforms and make them accountable for the nature of content they host and peddle.

The new set of directives would mandate amendments to the Information Technology Intermediaries Guidelines Rules of 2011 which are part

of Section 79 of the IT Act.

The hallmark of the new rules would be the timelines social media platforms would

need to follow when asked by the government to take down unlawful content. The definition of unlawful content is expected to be widened under the new rules.

Government sources said discussions were underway on how much time to allow for removal of content, with a 36-hour to 48-hour range under debate.

Most countries follow the 36-hour timeline. The new rules would apply not just to social media platforms but

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FB war: Morrison reaches out

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

Australian PM Scott Morrison had discussed the issue of powerful tech companies holding governments to ransom with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi.

The conversation with the PM was the first as Morrison seeks to enlist global leaders to back Canberra in a fight with Facebook over its market power. "They may be

changing the world, but that doesn't mean they should run it," Morrison said, posting his comments on Facebook.

The social media giant had blockaded news for its Australian users after the House of Representatives passed the News Media Bargaining Code that would make Facebook and Google pay Australian media firms for the journalism that the platforms link to. — TNS

Joe Biden's Indian-US pick runs into hurdle

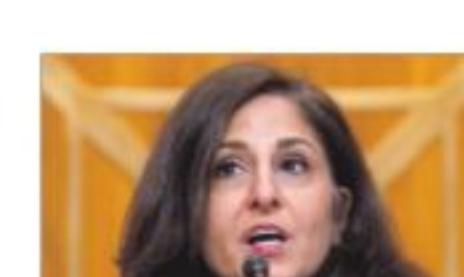
NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 20

President Joe Biden's Indian-American nominee for a Cabinet post is at risk of not getting the Senate's approval after a Democratic Senator announced he would not vote for her.

Joe Manchin said on Friday that he would oppose Neera Tanden's nomination to be the director of the powerful Office of Management and Budget, citing her history of attacking leaders of both Democratic and Republican parties.

"Her overtly partisan statements will have a toxic and detrimental impact on the

important working relationship between members of Congress and the next director of the Office of Management and Budget," he said. — IANS



Democrat Senator Neera Tanden speaks at a podium.

Farmer son take poison; note 'blames' agri laws

HOSHARUPUR, FEBRUARY 20

An indebted farmer and his son allegedly consumed some poisonous substance at Mohdipur village of Dasuya subdivision late last night. The bodies of Jagtar Singh (70) and his son Kirpal Singh (45) were found lying inside their house.

The police recovered two notes, one purportedly penned by Jagtar Singh and the other by his son. Jagtar's note reads: "I am taking my life over harassment due to an outstanding loan. The Congress government had promised debt waiver, but to no avail. Secondly, the Modi government is not repealing the farm laws. It is upsetting to see the farmers' plight."

The other note too mentions similar reasons. In the end it reads: "Kisanon ki suno Modi sarkar, sirf apne mann ki baat na karo."

Jagtar's brother Sukhvinder Bajwa said: "My brother was hoping that the Punjab Government would waive his loan. Both had earlier gone to take part in the agitation in Delhi."

Navjot Mahal, SSP, said: "We have taken the notes into our possession and are verifying the facts." On alleged delay in

Chandigarh: Expressing concern over 'disruptions caused by the new farm laws', Pb CM Capt Amarinder has urged the PM to take up farmers' issues & end the impasse at the earliest.

'WANTED' LAKHA GOES LIVE ON FB AGAIN

Bathinda: Wanted for Red Fort violence, gangster-turned-social activist Lakhvir Singh alias Lakha Sidhu posted a video on social media late Friday night. He announced a rally against farm laws at CM's native village Mehraj in Bathinda on February 23.

debt waiver, Deputy Commissioner Apneet Riyat said: "I have asked the SDM concerned to probe the matter. We will also check facts regarding their debt waiver application and eligibility." — OC

ED files chargesheet against Chd firm

NEW DELHI: The ED has filed a chargesheet against Chandigarh-based Kudos Chemie Ltd and its directors for allegedly defrauding a consortium of banks. — TNS

RIL to set up world's largest zoo in Guj

GANDHINAGAR: The Reliance Industries Limited will set up the world's largest zoo in Gujarat's Jamnagar. It will have around 100 species of birds, reptiles and animals. — IANS

Consult us over Covid priorities, says CM

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20 Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh today urged the Centre to consult the state before fixing priorities for Covid vaccination as it was a matter involving the population.

As the portal created by the Centre for registration of healthcare workers was not working, several frontline workers, willing for vaccination, had been left behind, he pointed out, calling upon the Centre to allow the entry of such workers.

In his circulated speech at the Niti Aayog meeting, the CM also requested the Centre to allow 100 per cent use of the SDRF towards the expenditure for the Covid management, instead of the present ceiling of 50 per cent. The state might also be allowed to utilise the previous years available funds, he suggested.

Captain Amarinder also urged the Centre to provide immediate financial assistance of at least Rs 300 crore to upgrade health infra-

Allow shots to those who have been left behind, Centre told



structure, equipment and other healthcare needs.

For the effective service delivery at health and wellness centres, liberal grants for the strengthening of infrastructure, drugs and diagnostic should be provided by the Centre, said he. He also sought the creation of a "Water Quality Kosh" in every state to enable Punjab to achieve the vision of providing potable water to each rural household on a sustainable basis. He requested the government to consider the Gurdaspur Medical College project on priority to provide better healthcare in the border district. —TNS

End farm impasse: Capt to PM

NITI AAYOG MEET Says law-making should be left to states

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20 Expressing concern over the threat to agriculture as a result of the "disruptions caused by the three farm laws", Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure urgent resolution of the farm unrest.

Calling for respect for the *annadata*, the CM, through his speech submitted for the virtual meeting of the NITI Aayog, reiterated his government's stand that agriculture was a state subject and law-making on the issue should be left to the states "in the true spirit of cooperative federalism enshrined in the Constitution". Capt Amarinder could not attend the meeting as he was indisposed.

In his speech, the CM asserted that any reform in a sector subsuming almost 60 per cent of the country's workforce must be done only through extensive consultation with stakeholders.



Border Kisan Union members take out a bike rally in Amritsar on Saturday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

DISPEL FARMER FEARS ON MSP, SAYS AMARINDER

Citing strong apprehension among farmers of the state that the MSP-based procurement regime introduced as part of food security measures in the 1960s might be discontinued in view of the Shanta Kumar

Committee report of 2015, the Chief Minister said the Government of India should dispel any such impression "to instil confidence in the farmers of Punjab".

The CM also used the forum to once again reiterate the state government's demand for a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal on paddy procured as "paddy straw management compensation".

Underlining the importance of aligning the cropping system with agro-climatic conditions for the optimum use of resources, Capt Amarinder called upon the Government

of India to designate agencies to procure and provide MSP matching the returns of wheat and paddy. This will motivate farmers to take up cultivation of alternate crops, he said.

Clear ₹8,253 crore pending GST dues, state asks Centre

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20 Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh today requested the central government to release the pending amount of the GST compensation amounting to Rs 8,253 crore to the state for April 2020 to January 2021.

The CM further reiterated the state's demand for releasing the compensation on a monthly basis in the coming fiscal year and sought extension in the period of the GST compensation beyond the current five years for states like Punjab, which had lost a significant portion of their revenue, especially on account of subsuming of Purchase Tax on foodgrains and were staring at a huge revenue shortfall after the end of the compensation period.

In his speech submitted at the Niti Aayog meeting, the CM said the practice of direct transfer of funds under certain central schemes to the implementing agencies bypassing the Consolidated Fund of the state had not only violated the provisions of the Constitution, but was also against the spirit of cooperative federalism. The Centre was requested to route all funds only through the Consolidated Fund of the state.

The 15th Finance Commission, in the final report for the FY 2021-22 to 2025-26, had recommended certain sector-specific and state-specific grants for Punjab, amounting to Rs 3,442 crore and Rs 1,545 crore.

Senior vice-president of the union Jhanda Singh Jaithuke said the rally was to be attended by people from 1,600 Malwa villages. "We are expecting 70,000 people from Sangrur district alone and around 50,000 from Barnala. There will be a huge participation of women," he said.

Wants compensation on a monthly basis

'BUILD RAIL INFRA'

- The state said the Ministry of Railways should kickstart and fast track the project to construct a new railway line from Beas to Qadian
- The ministry should sanction a special project for a new railway line from Mohali to Rajpura
- It should expedite the construction of new rail link between Khemkaran-Patti and Ferozepur-Makhu



structure and much-needed impetus to its economy.

To further enhance the ease of doing business, which has led to Rs 70,000 crore fresh investment in Punjab in the last 4 years, the Chief Minister suggested that the periodic assessment for reducing the compliance burden with ministries and agencies of the Government of India might also be done. He further sought steps to improve logistics/transportation for the land-locked state, which was unable to reach its potential due to distance from the ports in terms of freight movement.

He urged the central government to draw a scheme to facilitate the industrialisation in the states that were more than 1,000 km away from the ports by subsidising the industrial units for transportation of their finished product and procurement of raw material to and from the nearest port.

All set for mega rally against farm laws in Barnala today

VISHAV BHARTI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20 Barnala gears up to witness one of the biggest protest rallies ever organised by any farmer union in Punjab.

The rally against three farm laws is being organised by the BKU (Ugrahan) and the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union tomorrow. The organisations claim it is to be attended by over two lakh people at Barnala's grain market. "One person needs at least four square feet, so we have laid mats on nine lakh square feet," says Sukhdev Singh Kokri, general secretary of the union.



Apart from that four acres near the dais have been reserved for tea langar preparation.

COPS ON TOES

- The police are on their toes to make arrangements for smooth traffic movement
 - Police officials from outside the district have also been called
 - The traffic is to be managed by six SPs, 12 DSPs and 300 constables
 - Cops have prepared a special map for traffic diversions
- << Rally preparations underway at Barnala. TRIBUNE PHOTO

He said it was not possible to make arrangements for food, so they have asked people to bring their food along.

"Some villages may arrange langar as well," he said.

There will be around 1,000 volunteers who will help for the success of the rally. The organisations are expecting 6,000 vehicles, which will ferry people to the venue. The district administration is concerned about the traffic management.

The union has deputed around 300 volunteers for the smooth movement of vehicles and parking. Apart from that, 400 have been deputed for the security of the stage and serving water and tea to people attending the 'maha rally'. The Barnala police are on

their toes to make arrangements for the smooth movement of traffic. Police officials from outside districts have also been called. The traffic is to be managed by six SPs, 12 DSPs and 300 constables. The police have prepared a special map for traffic diversions.

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BJP's Muktsar block president resigns

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MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 20 Irate over the poor performance of the BJP in the municipal council elections, the saffron party's Muktsar block president today resigned from his post. He said the state party leadership forced them to field candidates, but nobody came for canvassing.

"I am angered and surprised that a number of BJP candidates got less than 20 votes in Muktsar town. Thus on moral grounds, I have resigned from the party. The party high command is to be blamed for this shameful defeat. When the senior leaders were anticipating poor results, they should have boycotted the election. Now, we are unable to even face the public. Everyone has seen the real picture of the BJP," said

Jail warden held with mobile sets, SIM cards

FEROZEPUR, FEBRUARY 20

The police today nabbed a warden posted in the Central Jail for allegedly trying to supply mobile phones to inmates.

Barinder Singh Gill, DSP (City), said the accused was identified as Constable Gurmeet Singh (40) who had been posted on jail duty. The constable was recruited in 2017 and had completed three years of service. When the warden came back on duty today, three mobiles, five SIM cards, two charges and two headphones were recovered from him during frisking.

He said farmers gheraoed him twice before the election, but nobody came in his support. On this, Rajesh Pathela Gora, president, BJP, Muktsar district, said, "Tarsem was willing to resign even before the elections. Now, I have got his resignation. In comparison to some other districts, we have performed better here."

At 65, Sangharshi fighting like a Yodha

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 20 The refusal of the Centre to repeal farm laws and violence in New Delhi have failed to dampen the spirit of Mahinder Singh (65), who has been designated as a Sangharshi Yodha by the Punjab Government as he remained in various jails during the Emergency.

Mahinder Singh has been attending the protest at the Tikri border since its start and convincing all against violence.

"I know that my age does not allow me to sit here in a biting cold. The threat of the pandemic also looms large. But the Centre has compelled me and others to protest. I have remained in various jails in Ambala, Patiala, Nabha and Sangrur for many months during the Emergency in the country for opposing the dictatorial decision of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. I will not leave Tikri until the black laws are



WAS JAILED DURING EMERGENCY

Mahinder Singh (65) has been given the title of Sangharshi Yodha by the Punjab Government as he remained in various jails during the Emergency.

repealed," he said.

When asked whether he sees any difference then and now, he says, "Things have changed a lot as that time, farmers were not united as we are now. After the police arrested me during the Emergency, my family faced many problems to locate me. Though protesters have become powerful these days, the mindset of rulers seems to be same."

His family owns three acres in Eral village and he has two sons and both are married. He also accused the Punjab Government of not giving the complete debt relief to farmers after winning the elections.

"In my life I have never supported violence. We have right to protest here peacefully. We will win this battle too. Since the start of the agitation, I have been trying to convince youngsters to maintain peace because the government will definitely try to provoke us to weaken our agitation," he said.

WILL WIN BATTLE

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“We have lost many youngsters and elders, but the government seems unmoved. We must prepare for a long but peaceful protest rather than waiting for a call from the government,” he said.

Bail plea of PWD XEN's father dismissed in corruption case

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MOHALI, FEBRUARY 20 A Mohali court has dismissed the anticipatory bail application of 85-year-old Surinderjit Singh Jaspal booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act and various sections of the IPC in a criminal case registered at the Vigilance Bureau police station, Mohali, on September 17, 2020.

The allegations of the prosecution against the accused were that Rs 5,75,71,907 was received by the accused in connivance with his son Nirmatdeep Singh, who was PWD Executive Engineer, and he purchased a house in

excess than his disclosed sources, the court noted.

On February 12, the Vigilance Bureau claimed to have unearthed 39 properties worth at least Rs 80 crore allegedly amassed by an executive engineer (XEN) of the PWD through corruption.

This included a two-kanal house in Sector 20, Chandigarh, where former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini was the tenant. Besides, more than Rs 10 crore was found in various bank accounts of the accused and family members. The XEN, Nirmatdeep Singh, was booked in September 2020 on corruption charges.

Three killed in wall collapse

ABOHAL, FEBRUARY 20

Three persons, including a father and son, were killed when the wall of a house collapsed today in Saliwala village of Hanumangarh district. Witnesses said the new boundary wall of the house owned by Sant Lal (42) was being constructed in the village after the old mud wall got damaged. Lal and his cousin Subhash (40) were digging the foundation to construct a new wall. Lal's son Mukesh (12) was also present there. Around 1.30 pm, the mud wall suddenly collapsed. All three were buried in the rubble. They were taken to the Civil Hospital at Hanumangarh, where doctors declared them brought dead. —OC

Burning issue



Punjab Youth Congress workers hold a protest against fuel price hike in Patiala on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

Action sought against MLA over rape charges

LUDHIANA, FEBRUARY 20 Youth Akali Dal district president Gurdeep Singh Gosha staged a protest in support of a woman, who had levelled rape allegations against an MLA, in front of the Commissioner of Police office, here today.

The woman had levelled rape allegations against MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains. However, Bains had denied the allegations. Gosha slammed the Congress government and the Ludhiana Police for not taking action against Lok Insaf Party MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains. He said, "Instead of taking action, the police are harassing the victim and didn't allow her to stage a peaceful protest." —TNS

Sidhana plans rally at CM's village on Feb 23

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 20

Wanted in the Red Fort violence case, gangster-turned-social activist Lakhvir Singh, alias Lakha Sidhana, on Friday night posted a video on social media in which he announced holding a rally against the farm laws at Mehraj village in Bathinda on February 23. Mehraj is Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's ancestral village.

He also urged the youth to be present at the grain market of the village to show solidarity with the protesting farmers. In the 13-minute video, he hinted that he might also attend the rally. "The government is trying to instil fear in farmers by registering false cases against them," Sidhana says in the video.

Besides standing up for farmers' rights, he has also asked Punjabis to promote their mother tongue

Asks youth to unite over farm laws in 13-min clip



Lakha Sidhana

throughout the world on World Punjabi Day (February 21). Sidhana has been absconding since the January 26 violence. After Deep Sidhu's arrest, the Delhi Police announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for information on Sidhana. Jaskaran Singh, IGP, Bathinda, said, "We have come to know that Sidhana's supporters will hold a rally at Mehraj on February 23, but there is no further information." —TNS

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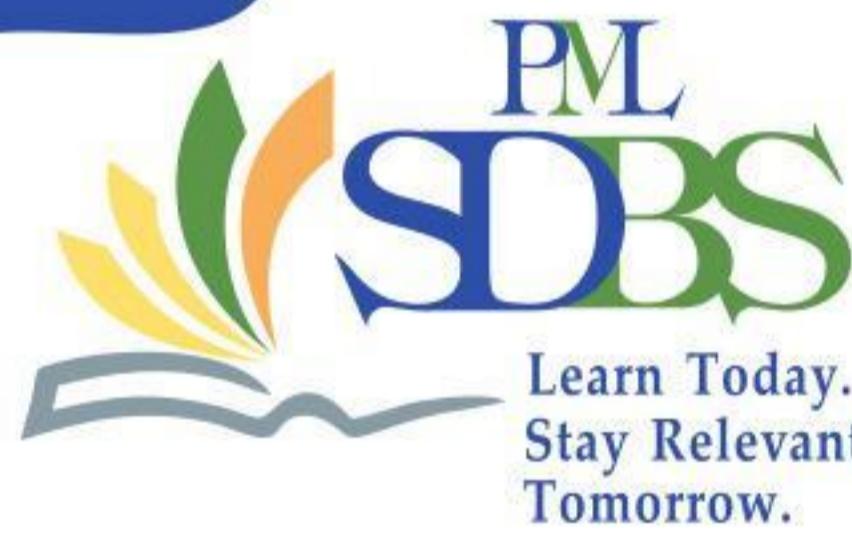
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Activist denied sexual assault charge: HSCW

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20
Haryana State Commission for Women (HSCW), Panchkula, has issued a statement that labour rights activist Nodeep Kaur has denied the allegations of sexual assault on her in police custody or prison after her arrest.

According to Preeti Bhardwaj Dalal, officiating president of HSCW, the injury to her on January 12 at Kundli was on her leg. SP Sonepat's report has also clarified the same.

"The presence of mahila police constable/s has been reported throughout—during rioting, during arrest, in police station Kundli, waiting room of police station and escort to Karnal district jail. Also, a woman Jail Deputy Superintendent is deputed at Karnal prison," said Dalal in her state-



Nodeep Kaur

ment issued on February 19.

"The victim refused to first undergo mandatory tests. However, not only routine medical tests, but also special medical tests were conducted on the victim by a woman doctor of Government Hospital, Sonepat," she claimed.

She added that the allegation of the victim being denied legal aid was also not correct as alleged by the Punjab Government. "Her case is being contested by renowned advocates," she said. —TNS

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150 booked for obstructing trains

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, FEBRUARY 20

About 150 farmers have been booked for allegedly obstructing the movement of trains and trespassing during the 'rail roko' agitation on the Delhi-Ambala railway track near Shahpur village on February 18.

The FIR has been registered under Sections 147 (trespass) and 174 (obstructing movement of trains) of the Railways Act at the Railway Protection Force (RPF) post at the Ambala Cantt railway station.

Shyam Sundar, RPF post incharge, has confirmed this.

In protest against the three new farm laws, farmers had blocked railway tracks from noon to 4 pm on February 18. Under the Ambala division, trains were stopped at railway stations of Ambala Cantt, Saharanpur and Sirhind, causing inconvenience to passengers.

Gulab Singh, district Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) vice-president, said: "Farmers will not be silenced. The state government has already got several FIRs registered against farmers under several sections, including attempt to



Farmer leader Dr Darshan Pal addresses a gathering at the Singhu border on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

WON'T BE DETERRED

◆ Farmers will not be silenced. The state has already got many FIRs registered against farmers under several sections, including attempt to murder. We will continue our stir until the laws are revoked.◆

Gulab Singh, BKU LEADER

murder. We will continue our struggle until the farm laws are revoked."

HKU seeks probe into Red Fort violence by independent agency

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20

The Haryana Kisan Union (HKU) on Saturday demanded a probe by an independent agency into the Red Fort violence on January 26 and the release of innocent farmers arrested in this connection without any delay.

Addressing the media, union president Randhir Singh Red-

hu, economist Ragbir Chand

Goyal and Baljit Singh Igarah alleged PM Narendra Modi had never participated in any non-violent democratic movement till date, so he did not understand the mindset of the agrarian society.

He said it was totally unacceptable to describe peacefully protesting farmers as tra-

tors and Khalistanis.

Redhu demanded withdrawal of the three farm laws, release of the arrested farmers and compensation to those who died during the stir.

Describing Agriculture Minister JP Dalal's remark on the deaths of farmers as insensitive, Redhu said he should be dismissed. —TNS

Khattar pushes for SYL canal at Niti Aayog meet

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday sought the Centre's intervention in resolving the long-pending issue of Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) and Hansi-Butana Link canal issues so that the state could get its "legitimate share of river water".

"To overcome the water shortage in the state, the government will soon be signing an MoU for Kishan dam. Besides, MoUs have already been signed with the Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh Governments for Lakhwar and Renuka dams," said Khattar.

He made the comments

GRIM SITUATION

◆ Several areas of the state are in the dark zone category due to depleting groundwater levels. Therefore, if the SYL and Hansi-Butana Link canal issues are resolved, the problem of water scarcity in Haryana will be resolved.◆

Manohar Lal Khattar, CHIEF MINISTER

while speaking during the sixth Governing Council meeting of the Niti Aayog held under the chairmanship of PM Narendra Modi

through video conferencing held on Saturday.

Highlighting the fact that though Haryana is at the forefront in GST collection, the CM said despite that, the state gets only 20 per cent GST due to Input Tax Credit. He urged PM Modi to formulate a plan for incentivising the states having the maximum GST collection.

He apprised PM Modi that for reducing compliance burden at the state level and for 'Ease of Doing Business', Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy 2020 has been launched. On the creation of jobs, the CM said the state has recently passed Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill.

MDU students change stance, seek online exams

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

should be conducted online as well as offline as is being done at the other universities across Haryana as well as the neighbouring states in view of the Covid-related constraints.

On the other hand, sources in the teaching fraternity state that certain groups of students have been demanding online exams so that they can use unfair means as they take the exams from their homes.

"The university authorities have allowed the students having genuine problems/difficulties to take the exams online, but even those students who can appear in the exams without any difficulty are demanding online exams," points out a senior faculty member at the university.

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of our beloved father SARDAR DARBARA SINGH VIRK. Senior Advocate on 14th February, 2021.

Bhog and Antim Ardas for the departed soul will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021, from 12 Noon to 1 P.M.** followed by **Guru Ka Langar at Gurdwara Sahib, Model Town, Karnal.**

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Entire Haryana knows me, Hooda tells ED on link with allottees

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20

With the Enforcement Directorate (ED) claiming that most allottees in the industrial plot allotment case are known to former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and he favoured them, the latter, in his statement to the investigating agency, recorded that "entire Haryana knows him".

"I belong to one of the oldest political families of Haryana and know so many people, of which some happened to figure in the final list of the allottees. It does not mean favouritism was done in the interview," he added in his statement to the ED.

Hooda had recorded his statement on July 25 and 26, 2019, and it is a part of the ED's prosecution complaint (PC) filed before the Special Court for the Prevention of Money Laundering Act on February 15.

As per the prosecution complaint filed on February 15, he had admitted that two allottees were from his village, one was son of his schoolmate, one was daughter-in-law of his OSD, one used to play tennis with him, one was family member of an MLA of his party, three allottees were family members of active party members and one allottee was son of his old acquaintance.

During the questioning, he was shown the list of 16 "worthier non-allottees" and

asked if he knew any of those. Hooda denied knowing any of them, but said it was only a coincidence that some of the allottees were known to him.

He also stated he did not ask any HUDA official about how the applicants were shortlisted in such a way that most of them were his acquaintances.

When questioned on why plots were offered at prices lower than the circle rates, he replied the HUDA was not an organisation for profit.

On changing criteria and dropping experience parameter, Hooda replied that it was done to give preference to new entrepreneurs or new start-ups and to effectively evaluate personal attributes, entrepreneur skills, experience and aptitude of the applicants, and thus the marks of the viva-voce were increased from 15 to 25. —TNS

Fake call centre busted in G'gram

GURUGRAM, FEBRUARY 20

A team of the CM flying squad

on Saturday busted a fake call centre being run in the name of Ganeshan Infotech and arrested three men, including its owner. About 35 workers

were detained.

The centre was involved in duping US nationals on the pretext of providing loans. Two laptops, a hard disk, two pen drives, a printer and five cellphones were recovered.

The accused have been identified as centre owner Sarjeet Kumar (21) from Rajasthan, and his accomplices Kapil Dev Patel (32) of Ahmedabad and Bhudev Lohar (27) of Rajasthan. —OC

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Expansion of Karnal Aviation Club gets nod

KARNAL, FEBRUARY 20

With consent from the majority of farmers for expansion, the high-powered purchase committee headed by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has given the go-ahead for the expansion and renovation of Karnal Aviation Club.

With it, the airstrip will be expanded to 5,000 feet from the existing 3,000 feet, enabling the majority of small and medium aircraft to land at the aviation club.

DC Nishant Kumar Yadav said a meeting of the stakeholders and owners of the lands was held through video conferencing. —TNS

26th Anniversary

We pay our respectful homage to our revered father Late Sh. Jiwan Lal Sharma who left us for his heavenly abode this day 26 years back.

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Dr. Nikhil Sharma

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Dr. Rahul Sharma

68 fresh Covid cases in J&K

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 20
Security forces have arrested two militant associates of the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and recovered incriminating material from their possession in Bandipora district, the police said on Saturday.

Of the 68 fresh cases, 18 were from the Jammu division and 50 from the Kashmir division, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 24 cases, including six travellers. While eight districts did not report any fresh cases, 10 districts had cases in single digits.

Jammu was the only other district to register double-digit positive cases with 10 fresh cases.

The death toll in the UT due to the infection was 1,954 as no fresh fatality was reported in the past 24 hours, the officials added. — PTI



Security forces' personnel check a vehicle at Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Saturday. PTI

other support to the active militants in the area.

They were tasked by their handlers to carry out a grenade attack on security forces in Bandi-

pura, he said.

Incriminating material, including two hand grenades, were recovered from their possession, the official said. — PTI

Centre notifies ₹28,400-cr J&K industrial development scheme

Registration will be done from April 1 this year till Sept 30, 2024

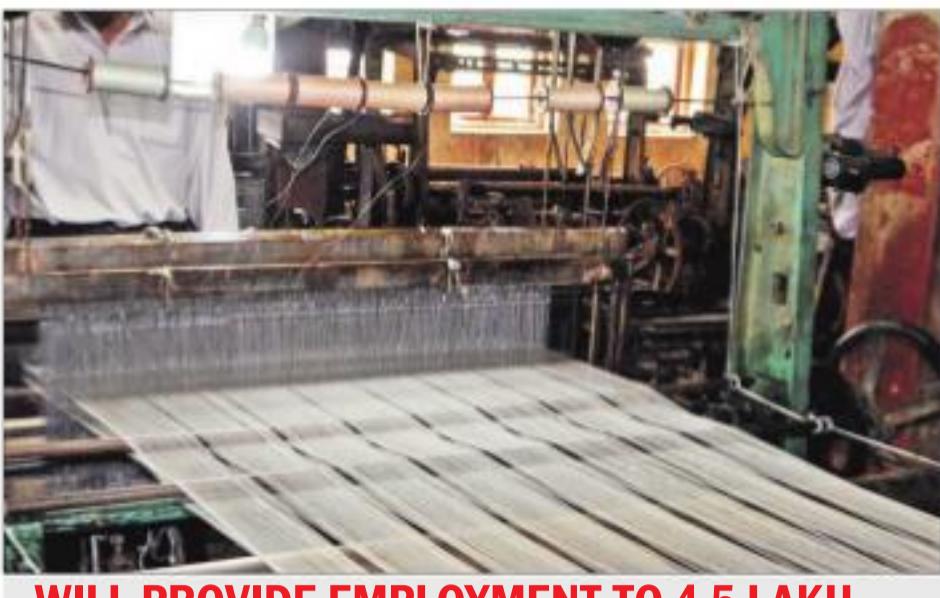
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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20
The government today notified the Central sector scheme for ensuring speedy industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir and said the scheme would be effective from April 1 this year until March 31, 2037.

Registration under the "New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J&K" will commence from April 1, 2021, and continue till September 30, 2024, for a period of three and a half years.

The notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade clarifies that the registration process of new units under the scheme whose projected financial liability reaches 115 per cent of the approved funds would be paused temporarily or permanently subject to availability of additional funds.

"The registration process may be resumed depending on the availability of approved funds,"



WILL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT TO 4.5 LAKH

The estimation is that the scheme, by attracting major investments, will give direct and indirect employment to 4.5 lakh persons and additionally on account of working capital interest subvention, it would give indirect support to about 35,000 persons.

the notification states.

It adds that merely submitting an application for registration will not entitle any applicant for registration under the scheme.

"No unit will have the right to register under the scheme or claim benefits unless it is specifically approved by the registering authority. The registration will be granted by the registering authority based on scheme guidelines which will consider the pri-

ma facie eligibility of the unit and availability of approved funds," the notification says.

The scheme with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore up to 2037 was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on January 7.

It aims to boost block-level development in J&K by offering various incentives to new industry in the UT.

The incentives on offer include capital investment incentive, capital interest

subvention incentive and GST-linked incentive.

Capital investment incentive will be offered at the rate of 30 per cent in Zone A and 50 per cent in Zone B on investments made in plant and machinery (manufacturing) or construction of buildings and other durable physical assets (service sector).

Units with an investment up to Rs 50 crore will be eligible to avail this incentive.

Maximum limit of incentive is Rs 5 crore and Rs 7.5 crore in Zone A and Zone B, respectively.

Under the scheme the amount of incentive in a financial year will not exceed one-tenth of the total eligible amount of the incentive.

Both smaller and larger units would benefit, government sources said.

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would give indirect support to about 35,000 persons.

Start dialogue with Pak to stop violence: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 20

A day after three policemen were killed in militant incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday asked the Centre to start a dialogue with Pakistan and also engage the local public to ensure there is no violence in the Union territory.

The PDP president visited Logripora Aishmuqam area in Kashmir's Anantnag district to express her sympathy with the bereaved family of J&K Police Constable Suhail Ahmad, who was killed in the militant attack in the Baghhat area of the city on Friday.

Speaking to reporters after her visit, Mehbooba asked the Centre to hold talks with Pakistan and the people of Jammu and Kashmir, saying the government must think as to till when the people of J&K, its policemen and youth will continue to sacrifice their lives. — PTI



Candidates undergo a fitness test at an Army recruitment camp in Jammu on Saturday. PTI

40,000 register for Army recruitment

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20

10 districts of the Jammu division.

The Army Recruit-

ing Office (ARO), Jammu,

in close coordination with

Shivalik Brigade,

civil administra-

tion of the Jam-

moo division and the J&K

Police is conducting

the ongoing rally in a smooth

and transparent manner,"

the spokesman said.

This is the first Army recruitment rally in the Jammu division after the Covid-19 restrictions.

"An overwhelming response from the exuberant youths has been recorded and approximately 40,000 candidates have registered online. Covid-19 protocol is being followed during the rally by all participants and staff," the spokesman said. — PTI

ures, the spokesman said.

He said the General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division, Maj Gen Vijay B Nair, reviewed the conduct of the recruitment rally on Saturday.

The GOC was briefed by Brig AP Singh, Commander, Shivalik Brigade, and Director Recruiting, Jammu, about various arrangements, including security, anti-touting and Covid-related meas-

CALENDAR

February 21, 2021, Sunday

- Vikrami Samvat 2077
- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Phalgun Shaka 2
- Phalgun Parvish 10
- Hijri 1442
- Shukla Paksha Tithi 9, up to 3.43 am
- Vishubhanga Yoga up to 5.34 am
- Rohini Nakshatra up to 8.43 am
- Moon enters Gemini sign 9.55 pm
- Gupta Navratri start

Haryana Staff Selection Commission

Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula — 134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)

Result of Written Examination and notice to candidates for Scrutiny of Documents for the post of Upper Divisional Clerk (Field Cadre) of HVPNL, Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 14.

On the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 24.02.2020 for the post of Upper Divisional Clerk (Field Cadre) of HVPNL, Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 14, the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 14, Upper Divisional Clerk (Field Cadre) (15 Posts)

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1191400621	1191400656	1191400706	1191400750	1191401106
1191401193	1191401306	1191401337	1191401623	1191401660
1191401724	1191401752	1191401868	1191401870	1191401955
1191402150	1191402245	1191402493	1191402516	1191402587
1191402615	1191402688	1191402786	1191402909	1191402916
1191402995	1191403067	1191403069	1191403165	1191403445
1191403529	1191403824	1191403969	1191404194	1191404366
1191404405	1191404446	1191404616	1191404713	1191404862
1191404971	1191405077	1191405131	1191405188	1191405219
1191405224	1191405252			

NOTE:- 1. The Scrutiny of Documents of the above candidates will be held on 24.02.2021. The candidates are advised to report at 09.00 A.M. in Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Sector-3, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.

2. In case a candidate does not appear for Scrutiny of Documents, no further opportunity will be given thereafter.

3. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.

4. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e., www.hssc.gov.in.

Sd/- Under Secretary
Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Dated - 20.02.2021

NATIONAL DEWORMING CAMPAIGN

22nd February to 3rd March 2021

Worms can make your child:
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IN ADDITION TO DEWORMING,

THERE ARE OTHER PRACTICES THAT HELP TO REDUCE WORM INFECTIONS



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Keep food covered



Drink clean water
Keep your surroundings clean



Wash your hands with soap, especially before eating and after using the toilet
Do not defecate in the open



Wash fruits and vegetables with clean water
Wear slippers/shoes

Do you know?

Following all COVID-19 safety guidelines, AWW/ASHA/ANM will administer Albendazole to all children aged 1-19 years and WRA (20-24 years; non pregnant, non lactating married women) at their doorsteps during National De-worming week February 22-28, 2021.

Children and WRA who could not be de-wormed during National De-worming Week must be administered albendazole tablet during Mop-up Days March 1 - 3, 2021

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Remember During Door to Door visits



Wear your mask/ face cover at all time including home visits. Make sure the mask covers the nose, mouth and chin.
Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet (2 Gaj) from everyone



Greet everyone from a distance
Before administration of Albendazole tablet, sanitize your hands by washing them with soap and water or using hand sanitizer.



Advise all members in the household to wear a mask/face cover
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th February, 2021

S.O. 711(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km. 5.95 to Km 25.5 (DC Office, SAS Nagar, Mohali) in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer, SAS Nagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from No Yet to be Assigned (DC Office, SAS Nagar, Mohali) in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB

State: PUNJAB District: S.A.S Nagar Mohali

S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Dera Bassi					
Village: Bakarpur (40)					
1	210 min	Private	Agriculture	0.5074000(Hectare)	0.5074000
2	227 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
3	228 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
4	229 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
5	236 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
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11	247 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
12	249 min	Common (nagar panchayat)	dam	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
13	250 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
14	252 min	Government (PWD)	rasta	0.1258000(Hectare)	0.1258000
15	253 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0000000(Hectare)	0.0000000
16	254 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
17	261 min	Private	River	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
18	268 min	Private	River	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
19	269 min	Private (panchayat)	River	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
20	270/1 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
21	270/2 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
22	275 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
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32	289 min	Private	gair mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
33	305 min	Common (panchayat)	bund	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
34	320 min	Common (panchayat)	bund	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
35	321 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
36	322 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
37	330 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
38	331 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
39	333 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
40	335 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
41	336 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
42	337 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
43	338 min	Common (panchayat)	River	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
44	339 min	Common (panchayat)	gair mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
45	346 min	Private (panchayat)	rasta	0.3488000(Hectare)	0.3488000
46	546 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
47	548 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
48	549 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
49	550 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
50	552 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
51	553 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
52	554 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
53	555 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
54	556 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
55	557 min	Private	gair mumkin	0.5661000(Hectare)	0.5661000
56	559 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
57	560 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
58	561 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
59	562 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
60	563 min	Private	Agriculture	0.4227000(Hectare)	0.4227000
61	571 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
62	757/340/1 min	Common (panchayat)	bund	0.0985000(Hectare)	0.0985000
63	757/340/2 min	Private (panchayat)	rasta	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
Village: Baroli					
1	136 Min	Private	agriculture	0.3271000(Hectare)	0.3271000
2	152 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
3	153 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
4	154 min	Private	agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
5	156 min	Private	agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
6	157 MIN	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
7	160 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
8	161 min	Private	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
9	163 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
10	164 min	Private	agriculture	0.4445000(Hectare)	0.4445000
11	165 min	Private	agriculture	0.4361000(Hectare)	0.4361000
12	166 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
13	167 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
14	168 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000

S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Village: Lehl					
23	6 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
24	7 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
25	8 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3378000(Hectare)	0.3378000
1	129 Min	Private	agriculture	0.3682000(Hectare)	0.3682000
2	130 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin	0.1411000(Hectare)	0.1411000
3	131 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin	0.1509000(Hectare)	0.1509000
4	132 Min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
5	135 min				



Cops stop protesters in Mandalay, Myanmar. REUTERS

Myanmar cops open fire on protesters, two killed

MANDALAY, FEBRUARY 20

Two persons were killed in Myanmar's second city Mandalay on Saturday when the police and soldiers fired to disperse protests against the military coup, emergency workers said, the bloodiest day in more than two weeks of demonstrations.

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across Myanmar with members of ethnic minorities, poets, rappers and transport workers among those demanding an end to military rule and the release from detention of elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi and others.

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and other protesters. Some of the demonstrators fired catapults at the police as they played cat and mouse through riverside streets.

The police responded with tear gas and gunfire, and witnesses said they found the cartridges of both live rounds and rubber bullets on the ground. "Twenty persons were injured and two killed," said Ko Aung, a

leader of the Parahita Darhi volunteer emergency service. One man died from a head wound, media workers, including Lin Khaing, an assistant editor with the Voice of Myanmar media outlet in the city, and a volunteer doctor said. Ko Aung and the doctor said the second man was shot in the chest and died later of his wound. — Reuters

S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
7	484 Min	Private	agriculture	0.2967000(Hectare)	0.2967000
8	485 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
9	486 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
10	487 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
11	493 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
12	494 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3358000(Hectare)	0.3358000
13	495 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
14	496 min	Private	agriculture	0.3237000(Hectare)	0.3237000
15	504 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3199000(Hectare)	0.3199000
16	593 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
17	602 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3199000(Hectare)	0.3199000
18	604 min	Common (saamlat)	agriculture	0.3354000(Hectare)	0.3354000
19	605 MIN	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
Taluk: SAS Nagar (Mohali)					
Village: Chharwar230					
1	197 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3314000(Hectare)	0.3314000
2	198 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0996000(Hectare)	0.0996000
3	199 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0151000(Hectare)	0.0151000
4	200 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000
5	201 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3303000(Hectare)	0.3303000
6	210 min	Private	Agriculture	0.1929000(Hectare)	0.1929000
7	211 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
8	212 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
9	213 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
10	214 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
11	215 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
12	216 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3438000(Hectare)	0.3438000
13	217 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0519000(Hectare)	0.0519000
14	220 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
15	221 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
16	222 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
17	223 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
18	226 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2432000(Hectare)	0.2432000
19	227 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
20	228 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
21	244 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000
22	245 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000
23	246 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.0624000(Hectare)	0.0624000
24	252 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
25	253 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
26	254 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3774000(Hectare)	0.3774000
27	255 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
28	256 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
29	257 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
30	258 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
31	260 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
32	261 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
33	262 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
34	263 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
35	264 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
36	265 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
37	266 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3285000(Hectare)	0.3285000
38	267 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
39	286 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.1508000(Hectare)	0.1508000
40	394 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2851000(Hectare)	0.2851000
41	395 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
42	396 min	Private	Agriculture	0.4154000(Hectare)	0.4154000
43	397 min	Private	Agriculture	0.4070000(Hectare)	0.4070000
44	398 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2851000(Hectare)	0.2851000
45	399 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3172000(Hectare)	0.3172000
46	400 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.0609000(Hectare)	0.0609000
47	409 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3606000(Hectare)	0.3606000
48	410 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3606000(Hectare)	0.3606000
49	411 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
50	414 min	Private	agriculture	0.2600000(Hectare)	0.2600000
51	415 min	Private	agriculture	0.2222000(Hectare)	0.2222000
52	416 min	Private	agriculture	0.4738000(Hectare)	0.4738000
53	417 min	Private	agriculture	0.2599000(Hectare)	0.2599000
54	418 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
55	419 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.0738000(Hectare)	0.0738000
56	424 min	Private	agriculture	0.0671000(Hectare)	0.0671000
57	427 min	Private	agriculture	0.3103000(Hectare)	0.3103000
58	428 min	Private	agriculture	0.2097000(Hectare)	0.2097000
59	429 min	Private	agriculture	0.2684000(Hectare)	0.2684000
60	429 min	Private	agriculture	0.2684000(Hectare)	0.2684000
61	430 min	Private	agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
62	431 min	Private	agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
63	432 min	Private	agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
64	432 min	Private	agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
65	433 min	Private	agriculture	0.2097000(Hectare)	0.2097000
66	434 min	Private	agriculture	0.0630000(Hectare)	0.0630000
67	435 min	Private	agriculture	0.3103000(Hectare)	0.3103000
68	436 min	Private	agriculture	0.4361000(Hectare)	0.4361000
69	440 min	Private	agriculture	0.2097000(Hectare)	0.2097000
70	441 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
71	453 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
72	454 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
73	455 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
74	456 min	Private	agriculture	0.4949000(Hectare)	0.4949000
75	457 min	Private	agriculture	0.1707000(Hectare)	0.1707000
76	458 min	Private	agriculture	0.3052840(Hectare)	0.3052840
77	459 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
78	459/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.0302000(Hectare)	0.0302000
79	466 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.0641000(Hectare)	0.0641000
80	467 rasta min	Private (private (panchayat))	rasta	0.1058000(Hectare)	0.1058000
81	509 min	Private	agriculture	0.3283000(Hectare)	0.3283000
82	510 min	Private	agriculture	0.2604000(Hectare)	0.2604000
83	511 min	Private	agriculture	0.4529000(Hectare)	0.4529000
84					



Members of the All India Progressive Women's Association during a protest over the Unnao incident in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

Cong leader booked for 'misleading' tweet

UNNAO, FEBRUARY 20

Congress leader Udit Raj has been booked for his tweet over the death of two girls in Unnao, with the police alleging he propagated fake news that the teenagers were raped and their bodies cremated against the will of their family.

SP Anand Kulkarni said the claims made were far from facts and the post was an attempt to create anger through rumours. The post-mortem report did not confirm rape and the families had

cremated the bodies without any pressure, the SP said.

Udit Raj said he had tweeted on the issue after talking to former MP Savitri Bai Phule, who had visited Unnao. Attacking the BJP-led government in Uttar Pradesh, he said cases were being lodged against all those raising their voice against the authorities. "In Hathras, when officials spread the rumour, no action was taken. No one can suppress our voice," he said. — PTI

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 20

COURT TAKES INFLATION INTO ACCOUNT

- A government employee, drawing take-home salary of ₹23,400, was ordered by a family court in Rohtak district to pay ₹7,000 to his wife and minor daughter
- At Punjab & Haryana HC, he requested his loan instalments be considered while awarding maintenance
- Citing inflation, HC says ₹7,000 as maintenance isn't a high amount for spouse, daughter unable to maintain themselves

monthly maintenance of Rs 7,000 to his estranged wife and a minor daughter residing separately.

Justice Madaan said he found the revision petition without merit and bound to be dismissed. Elaborating, Justice Madaan asserted the revisionist-husband, said to be working as a peon in a government primary school in

Rohtak district, was drawing Rs 23,400 as take-home salary. He had purportedly raised certain loans and was paying instalment. But the take-home salary was to be considered for granting maintenance to wife and minor daughter unable to maintain themselves.

"The husband may raise a number of loans and then

start saying that most of his salary goes towards re-payment of instalment of the said loans. Therefore, only his balance amount should be taken into consideration to return to his financial position. He cannot be permitted to take such type of pleas," Justice Madaan asserted.

Before parting with the case, Justice Madaan added Rs 7,000 awarded to both the petitioners collectively could not be said to be on higher side, taking into consideration the trend of rising prices and the fact that "things of even basic needs were getting very costly these days". As such, there was no ground to interfere with the impugned order. "I do not find any illegality or infirmity with the impugned order. Rather the revision petition is without any merit and is dismissed accordingly," Justice Madaan concluded.



'FALSE SUPERIORITY'

We wear a badge of competence in English with a false sense of superiority and look down on native languages. M Venkaiah Naidu, VP

petence in English as a false sign of superiority. Culture and language are the two sides of the same coin. They embody rich knowledge and practices accumulated over a long period. Extinction of a language results in the loss of precious legacy. We can't allow this to happen," said the VP and Rajya Sabha Chairman.

Fuelling anger



Activists of the Indian Youth Congress scuffle with police personnel during a protest against the fuel price hike in New Delhi on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

87 American farmer groups back protests in India

MINNEAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 20

Addressed to the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), 87 farm organisations and allied agro-ecology, farm and food justice groups in the United States have in a statement expressed support for Indian farmers' protests.

The groups have urged the US and Indian Governments to support localised food systems to protect food sovereignty and livelihoods of millions. "India's farmers have mobilised support to create one of the world's most vibrant protests in history against unjust farm laws that will increase agri-business' stranglehold over their food system. They have rallied around a cry for the repeal of three laws that aim to liberalise Indian agriculture and food sectors, not only at the

India, US urged to support localised food system

'IT'S MOCKERY'

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cost of farmers, but also the food security of India's poor", the statement read.

"Liberalising markets without taking into account farmers' political voice and protecting against concentrated buyer power makes a mockery of what markets should stand for; we denounce the three farm bills, the lack of consultation with farmers and their organisations, and stand in solidarity with the brave stance India's farmers are taking," Sophia Murphy, executive director,



Farmers during a protest at Ghazipur border. MUKESH AGGARWAL

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), said.

"The draconian steps that the Indian state has taken in response to peaceful farm law protests and against those supporting the strike (such as detention of Disha Ravi) is

making the fault lines of Indian democracy visible to the world. India is at a turning point: it can decide to honour the demands of its farmers or continue to stand by Indian billionaires who would benefit from these farm laws," said Shyne Varghese, senior policy analyst at the IATP.

A key demand of the protesting farmers is MSP for all crops to limit the market power of buyers in highly unequal markets. "The US has been a key opponent of India's limited use of MSP at the WTO, arguing that it represents an unfair subsidy. Yet, the US Government spends tens of billions of dollars on its agriculture, much of it in programmes that directly contribute to low prices and commodity dumping in international markets," the statement read. — IANS

Toolkit case...

Contractual employees on poll duty, BJP's Bengal unit moves EC

KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 20

The BJP's West Bengal unit on Saturday sought the intervention of the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to ensure that contractual staff and civic volunteers are not assigned poll duties.

In a letter to the CEO, the saffron party has argued that since contractual staffs are not regular government employees, in case of any complaint against them, there will be no scope of any recourse.

"To ensure a free and fair poll, the Election Commission must prevent the state government from 'misusing' central forces by deploying them only in cities and along highways, instead of sensitive zones," the BJP said in the letter written by Rajya Sabha MP Swapnil Dasgupta and state leader Shishir Bajoria.

The court repeatedly sought to know the evidence connecting Ravi with the violence. "Apart from the Khalistani link and that she was in touch....How do you connect the actual actors with these conspirators?" it asked.

At one stage, the court asked the ASG, "Should I assume that for now there is no direct link?" The ASG said it was under investigation.

"It has come to our notice



that contractual staff have been registered at district level, as Group D staff, to perform the functions of polling officers in the Assembly elections. This step is highly irregular, as these are not regular government employees and, hence, are not answerable to anyone. In the event of any complaint against them,

there will be no scope of any recourse," the letter said.

If there is a shortage of polling officers, the Election Commission may requisition polling officers from neighbouring states to ensure free and fair polls," the letter said.

Assembly elections in West Bengal are likely to be held in April-May. — PTI

WB BJP leader's convoy attacked

BARASAT, FEBRUARY 20

A convoy of cars led by West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh was on Saturday attacked in North 24 Parganas district, triggering a scuffle between activists of the saffron party and the ruling Trinamool Congress, police said.

While the BJP accused the Trinamool Congress of attacking the rally at Minakha, the ruling party denied the charge and alleged that workers of the saffron camp ransacked its party office in the area.

Police said that at least two vehicles, which were at the rear part of the saffron party's 'Parivartan Yatra' rally, were damaged after stones were thrown at them at Malancha under Minakha police station area. The BJP launched Parivartan Yatra rallies ahead of the assembly election in the state, which is likely to be held in April-May. — PTI

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Election ahead, tea workers' pay up

GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 20

With state elections round the corner, the Assam Cabinet on Saturday approved a proposal to increase the daily wage of tea garden workers in the state to Rs 318, including Rs 101 for ration. Tea estate labourers in the state will get a daily wage of Rs 217, a hike from Rs 167, and also receive Rs 101 for ration, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said after the meeting.

The wage revision has become a political issue in the state with the opposition Congress accusing the BJP-led government of failing to increase the daily income of the plantation workers. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has promised to increase the daily wage to Rs 365, if voted to power.

Assam has over 10 lakh tea labourers in the organised sector, working in around 800 estates, and the northeastern



Assam Congress chief Ripun Bora collects traditional gamosa from a household carrying an anti-CAA message in Guwahati. PTI

state contributes about 52 per cent of the country's annual production.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced in the Budget that the Centre would provide Rs 1,000 crore for the welfare of tea workers, especially women and their children in West Bengal

and Assam.

The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, also gave its nod to a proposal to set up a one-member committee for fixing an equal wage of small tea garden workers.

Principal Secretary, Labour, JB Ekka will be the only member on the panel. — PTI

Social media rules...

social media platforms, but also to over-the-top (OTT) platforms and web-based news portals, the sources said.

The draft provisions speak of a self-regulatory system with a code of ethics, as practised by TV channels. A compliance officer to respond to concerns flagged by law enforcement agencies, timely submission of compliance reports by social and digital media players, a grievance redressal structure and powers to bureaucracy to act in emergencies within 48 hours should the platform in question refuse to comply.

The sources said the social

Tech giants can be asked to reveal origin of unlawful content

media platforms could be asked to reveal the origins of unlawful content – an issue that is expected to create a stir with WhatsApp consistently maintaining that it cannot compromise user privacy.

Nations worldwide are grappling with social media giants' power with Australian PM Scott Morrison piloting a law to make Facebook and Google pay news firms whose content they host on their platforms.

10th round on way forward

for their local audience, which did not have access to independent media or global opinion.

Yesterday, the Chinese Defence Ministry blamed India and put out a transcript on its website quoting Senior Colonel Ren Guoqiang, its spokesman. "The responsibility of the skirmish at the Galwan valley lies entirely with the Indian side," it said. The Indian side had "repeatedly hyped the casualties, misled international public opinion, and slandered the Chinese border troops", claimed the Chinese Colonel.

The statements that have come within 10 days of commencement of the disengagement process show that China was under pressure to accept its casualties and, thus, honoured five soldiers for gallantry. This came eight months after India honoured its braves. The gallantry awards do not denote the casualties, which would be greater in number, sources explained to The Tribune.

"We are always committed to resolving disputes through dialogue and maintaining peace and stability in border areas," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying claimed at a press interaction. From the Indian perspective, the June clash was a re-run of the one on October 20, 1962, when the Chinese announced they had "peaceful intentions" and asked the Indian troops to vacate Galwan post. On being resisted, the post, manned by the 5th battalion of the Jat Regiment, was attacked. A bloody battle had ensued, just like the one in June last year. "History of the Conflict with China—1962", released for restricted circulation by the Ministry of Defence in March 1993, says "the gallant fight is glorious chapter in Indian history... the Indian troops fought a last-ditch battle (36 were killed). The Galwan valour imposed a caution on the Chinese."

Unleash...

"We need transformational change to get over decades of slow growth and lethargy," she said. In disinvestment, she said, "we have not behaved like other governments". The previous "disinvestment in trinkets" was not very successful in spreading the ownership pattern.

The minister underlined the government's commitment to spend on infrastructure and promised that the high capital expenditure would not be a one-year story. "Therefore, you have to contribute to sustaining growth because the government has chosen to spend on infrastructure in a big way," she reiterated.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. Office: PSEB, The Mall, Patiala - 147001

CIN No: U40109PB2010SGC033813

O/o Chief Engineer/HRD (Recruitment Section)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), a power generating and distribution organization of Government of Punjab, has played a key role in implementation of the Punjab Government plans for giving uninterrupted 24x7 power supply. PSPCL is looking for young & dynamic candidates with brilliant academic record for the various posts mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of posts (Tentative)
1	Clerk	549
2	Revenue Accountant	18
3	Junior Engineer/Electrical	75
4	Assistant Lineman	1700
5	Assistant Sub Station attendant	290
Total No. of Posts		2632

NOTE: The detailed advertisement along with Category wise breakup, eligibility criteria, pay scale, selection criteria and other terms & conditions will be available after 15.03.2021 on the PSPCL website (www.pspcl.in). Candidates are advised to visit PSPCL website after 15.03.2021 for regular updates.

Date: 20.2.2021
C75-21 DPR/Pb/1686
Sd/- Chief Engineer/HRD PSPCL, Patiala.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited by Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, from the individuals/firms/companies for providing & installation/erection of GERMAN HANGER and stalls underneath FOR SARAS FAIR AND GOVT. EXHIBITION being celebrated/held w.e.f. 12th March 2021 to 21st March 2021 at Paddal Ground, Mandi, Distt. Mandi (HP).

Tender No.: and date DRDA/SARAS/2020/21/

Name of Work Providing & installation/erection of GERMAN HANGER and stalls underneath having sizes 6'X8', 8'X8' and 10'X10'.

Date and time of submission of Tender Document 25th February 2021 (11:00 AM)

Date and time of opening of Technical Bid 25th February 2021 (3:00 PM)

Date and time of opening of Financial Bid 25th February 2021 (after evaluation of Technical bid)

Venue for submission of Tender O/o Distt. Rural Development Agency, Mandi

Venue for opening of Office of Project Director-cum-ADC, DRDA, Mandi

Terms and conditions can be downloaded from District Mandi website www.hpmandi.nic.in. Any query in the tender document can be clarified from DRDA office personally or through telephonically on the Telephone No. 01905-222191 on official working day and timing. Any corrigendum in the tender shall be published in the website only.

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner Mandi District Mandi (H.P.).

Dated: 17.2.2021

End No. 2724-29

WESTERN RAILWAY**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/07/2021 Date 17.02.2021**

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
140	Ferric Carboxymaltose 50mg per 1ml Inj -10ml	811 Nos.	26.02.2021
141	Fresh, supply and Return Bellow Duct made of Meta Aramid	1183 Mtr.	03.03.2021
142	High Build Epoxy paint.	3960 Ltr.	03.03.2021
143	Top Side Bearer Liner	1290 Nos.	04.03.2021
144	Equalising Lever Complete with Bushes	260 Nos.	04.03.2021
145	Body side lower panel of lavatory	1250 Nos.	05.03.2021
146	Guide bush for axle box	220 Nos.	12.03.2021
147	FRP Litter Bin Below Outside Wash Basin	994 Nos.	12.03.2021
148	Single Pan Pantograph	40 Nos.	12.03.2021
149	Low Maintenance Lead Acid Battery 90AH	64 Set	13.03.2021
150	Lock Screw	997 Nos.	15.03.2021
151	Poly Ring (Donuts)	3000 Nos.	15.03.2021
152	Modified Cattle Guard	80 Nos.	16.03.2021
153	Pressure Switch	410 Nos.	17.03.2021
154	Pin	2000 Nos.	17.03.2021

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.irps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

0678 For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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No. S.E. (O&M)/NIT-558/CE/WS/G Dt. 19.02.2021

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, JALANDHAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (Street Light Branch)**

(website: eproc.punjab.gov.in)

E-tender No. MCJ/SL/2021/58A

Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar invites e-tenders on Two Bid System, for the Electrical works mentioned at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from the contractors enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab & Co-Op L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt/CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide notification No. 5/82/2018-21g/4/1892 dt. 02.08.18.

01 Works Related to Street Light under UIP Ph-2

SCHEDULE OF TENDERS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last date & time for online Submission of E-Bids	Date & time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid	Date & Time of Opening Financial Bid of Qualified Bidders
From 23.02.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs.	10.03.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs.	10.03.2021 15:00 Hrs.	Notify later on

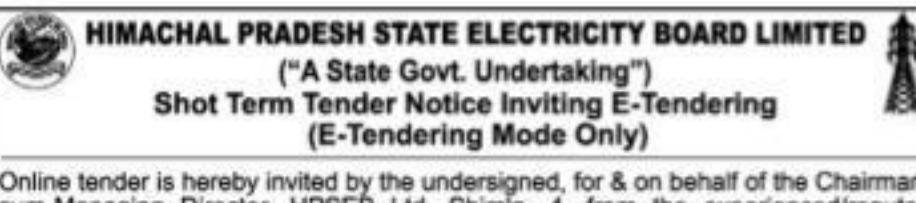
Other terms & conditions can be seen at e-tender website eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,

(Er. Satinder Kumar) Street Light br.

M:- 09646046223.

DPR/Pb/1664



HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
("A State Govt. Undertaking")
Shot Term Tender Notice Inviting E-Tendering
(E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online tender is hereby invited by the undersigned, for & on behalf of the Chairman cum Managing Director, HPSEBL Ltd, Shimla - 164101, from the experienced/reputed bidders/Joint Venture firms/ A Co-operative society of Retired Employees of HPSEBL Ltd. for the below mentioned work on the prescribed formats:-

Bid No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In ₹)	Earliest Money (In ₹)	Completion Period	Cost of Tender Documents	Sale of Tender Documents	Receipt of Tender	Download of Tender
HC-II/DB-E-Tendering Job No 20/2020-21	Job No 20/2020-21 E-Tendering Partial work on Turnkey basis for conversion of 33KV S/CT Line into D/C/L Line from Manjhi to Manjhi & shifting of 11KV HT line underneath premises & at Tower premises & at Tower	₹ 81,790/- Only	₹ 81,790/-+18% GST	One Month (30 Days)	₹ 2,500/-+18% GST	From 21/02/2021 to 01/03/2021	04/03/2021 (04:00 PM)	05/03/2021 (11:00 AM)

The detailed tender notification can be viewed/downloaded free of cost from the website <https://hpsebl.tenders.gov.in>

Key Dates
1 Date of online publication 21.02.2021
2 Start date and time of bid submission 24.02.2021 at 11:00 AM
3 End date and time of bid submission 04.03.2021 at 4:00 PM
4 Date and time of opening of Price Bid 05.03.2021 at 11:00 AM

Save Energy for the Benefit of Self and Nation

(ER.Rakesh Kumar), Superintending Engineer, (OP) Circle, HPSEBL, Solan

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154

(www.hssc.gov.in)

Result of Written Examination and notice to candidates for Scrutiny of Documents for the post of Lower Divisional Clerk of DHBVNL, Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 04.

On the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 25.02.2020 for the post of Lower Divisional Clerk of DHBVNL, Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 04 the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 04, Lower Divisional Clerk (440 Posts)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION, KULLU, DISTT. KULLU, HP
SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The sealed tender for the monthly rented cafeteria Building at Bhuntar for a period of 3 (Three years) are invited on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh for the following work from the approved and eligible persons, so as to reach in this office on or before 10-03-2021 upto 11:00AM and the tender will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in the presence of intending person or their authorized representatives. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment (non refundable) upto 05:00 PM on 06-03-2020. The earnest money in the shape of national saving certificate/F.D.R./Time deposit account in any of the Post office in Himachal Pradesh duly shaped in favour of District Tourism Development Officer, Kullu must accompany with each tender. Conditional tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 90 days. The undersigned reserve the right to reject the tender without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Property:- Way Side Amenities No. (WSA)	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	cost of form
1.	Restaurant / cafe, Kitchen, Washrooms (ladies & gents), Store room, Lobby, Manager Office, Reception & Ground floor Parking area (Wayside Amenity) at Bhuntar, Tehsil Bhuntar, Distt. Kullu, HP.	1. Rs. 61,725/- (per Month with maintenance by the owner). 2. Rs. 56,977/- (per month without maintenance)	1300/-	350/-

1. The intending persons shall produce their registration/renewal/income PAN/GST and earnest money.

District Tourism Development Officer,
Distt. Kullu, H.P.
E-mail:- dtdomanali@gmail.com
Ph.No.: 01920-226221

Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation HP Limited

(A State Government Undertaking)

US Club, Shimla-1

Phone No. 0177-2811001, 2811003, 2811004

**Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The General Manager, RTDC on behalf of Shimla Smart City Limited invites the Online bids on EPC tender for the under mentioned work from the eligible contractors/firms.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (INR)	EMD (INR)	Tender Fee	Eligible class of Contractors	Time for completion
1.	Construction of Sky walk from H.P. Sectt. Stairs to Ayurvedic Hospital	Rs. 93,43,779/-	Rs. 1,32,500/-	Rs. 2,000 +GST	Appropriate Class of Indian Railways/CPWD/ State PWD	4 Months

Availability of bid document and mode of submission: The Bid document shall be available on website <http://hptenders.gov.in> as per key dates schedule provided as under. The interested bidder may download the tender document and other instruction from HP Tender website <https://hptenders.gov.in> & www.rtdchp.org and submit their bids online on <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

Key Dates:-

1 Date of online Publication	22.02.2021 at 05:00 p.m.
2 Downloading of e-tender	w.e.f. 22.02.2021 at 05:00 p.m. to 15.03.2021 up to 10:00 a.m.
3 Last Date of Submission of e-tender	15.03.2021 up to 12:00 Noon
4 Date of Opening of Technical Bids	15.03.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

Downloaded Bid Document should not be tempered and if any such tempering is detected before or after the opening of bids, his tender will be rejected/cancelled. Detailed drawings/specification, terms and conditions can be seen in the bid document.

Sd/- General Manager,
R.T.D.C., US, Club, Shimla-1.
DI-2087

Office of the Project Director, HPCDP**JICA-ODA LOAN, Administrative Building Agriculture Complex Hamirpur Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.)**

Website: www.hpcdp.nic.in Telefax: 01972-223059 Email: pmucdp-hp@nic.in

Expression of interest (EoI) for selection/hiring of outsource agency/ company for providing services

of personnel of various categories to Project Management Units (PMUs) for "HP Crop Diversification

Promotion Project" JICA ODA Loan Phase-II.

Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project Funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency-Official Development Assistance (JICA-ODA) shall be implemented by Department of Agriculture (DOA) Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The main implementing and coordinating agency for Project is "Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Development Society" with the Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Department being the Nodal Department.

Submission of Expression of Interest (EoI)

The Project Director HPCDP JICA-ODA Hamirpur on behalf of HP State Agriculture Development Society invites EoI from the interested companies/ agencies for the selection/hiring of outsource agency/ company registered with the competent regulatory authority of Himachal Pradesh for taking up the role of outsource agency.

Procedure for submission of EoI: Detailed EoI along with documents confirming compliance with eligibility requirements may be submitted within schedule date and time given as under.

Last date for obtaining the EoI documents from Office 12.03.2021 upto 1:00 PM

Last date submission of EOI
Date of opening of Technical bid
15.03.2021 upto 3:00 PM
15.03.2021 at 3:30 PM

A complete set of EoI document may be obtained by the interested agencies or their authorized representative in person on submission of written request from the address mentioned below along with a demand draft (non refundable) of Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) in favor of Project Director HPCDP payable at Hamirpur. In case the EoI documents are downloaded from the project website the demand draft in lieu of cost of EoI documents should be attached with the technical bid proposal separately. The bid received without requisite fee shall not be accepted and shall be summarily rejected.

The selection of the Outsource agency/company shall be made on quality cum cost based selection (QCBS) in 80:20 ratio (80% weightage for technical and 20% weightage for financial as per JICA procurement guidelines).

Address for communication and submission of Expression of interest (EoI) (By Post/In Person)

Project Director, "Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (JICA-ODA)", Administrative Building, Agriculture Complex Hamirpur, District Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh-177001 Tele fax. 01972-223059 E-mail: pmucdp-hp@nic.in, Website: <http://hpcdp.nic.in>

Project Director,

HPCDP JICA-ODA, Hamirpur Distt Hamirpur (H.P.)

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NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021/MAGHA 28, 1942

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 17th February, 2021

S.O. 709(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km10.9 (DRO Office, SAS Nagar, Mohali) in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer, SAS Nagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from No Yet to be Assigned (DRO Office, SAS Nagar, Mohali) in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB

State: PUNJAB		District: S.A.S Nagar Mohali			
S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: SAS Nagar (Mohali)					
1	2796 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
2	2797 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
3	3496 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
4	3508 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
5	3526 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
6	3527 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
7	3532 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
8	3641 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3105000(Hectare)	0.3105000
9	3669 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
10	3674 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3361000(Hectare)	0.3361000
11	3697 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
12	3699 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
13	4332 min	Private	Agriculture	0.1642000(Hectare)	0.1642000
14	4524 min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
		Total		4.5013	4.5013

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

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केन्द्रीय विद्यालय क्र० 1 अमृतसर छावनी,

पंजाब—143001, दूरभाष :- <https://no1amritsarant.kvs.ac.in>, मेल :- kvascant2018@gmail.com

वेबसाइट :- <https://no1amritsarant.kvs.ac.in> प्राचार्य

नीलामी सूचना

कम्प्यूटर, वातानुकूल, फोटोस्टेटर, मरीन आवि "जैसा है वैसा है" के आधार

पर केन्द्रीय विद्यालय क्र० 1 अमृतसर छावनी में नीलाम किए जाएंगे।

नीलामी के इच्छुक इस सामान का निरोक्तान कर सकते हैं। नीलामी को तिथि एवं समय 09.03.2021, सुबह 11.30 बजे है। अधिक जानकारी के लिए विद्यालय के वेबसाइट <https://no1amritsarant.kvs.ac.in> पर विवरण प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PREPARING A PANEL FOR APPOINTMENT AS OMBUDSMAN UNDER THE MGNREGA IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

MATRIMONIALS

BRIDEROOMS WANTED

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Required Iii status officer, Post Graduation Doctor posted in Punjab for SDM Agarwal girl 1990, 5'-4". 94634-87508. (CL20100209)

MAHAJAN

SM4 Himachali Mahajan girl Dec. 90 born, 5'-6", Lt. in Indian Navy, preferred Defense Officer, upper caste no bar 98162-35373, 98050-71878. (CL20100204)

Mahajan Manglik girl, 15.5'-18.6', 7:10 a.m., Chandigarh, 5'-2", Private Teacher. Tricity preferred. 9876253993. (CL20098017)

Wanted Govt. Bank/ Office working in Tricity Chandigarh, Delhi, NCR match for Mahajan girl Officer Govt, Bank job transferable, 5'-2", 05.04.1989, 10:05pm, Ludhiana. Upper caste welcome. Contact: 97790-21693. (CL20099647)

AGGARWAL

Suitable match for Bansal girl, 08-09-92, 05.20 a.m. Chandigarh, 5'-2", MCA, job Gurugram. Package: 9.40 lacs. 98559-94044. (CL20099405)

Well Settled Professionally qualified match for convent educated, slim, fair, beautiful MDS Aggarwal girl, 31 Years, 5'-2". Father and brother both Professionals. Mother retired from Govt. Service, Chandigarh based family. Contact 094170-85010. (CL20100046)

Boy for Aug/1983 born beautiful girl, 5'-2", highly educated Govt. teacher @ Patiala. Preferably Govt. employee or base @ Patiala. Contact @ 99885-72272, 998008494. (CL20100052)

POM for Manglik 5'-2" 8.6.91, 8:03 p.m. Patiala, beautiful fair slim girl, Senior Associate MNC Delhi, CTC 18 Lacs, MBA Gold Medalist from reputed university. Established family want well educated service (good package) business boy. Status family. Contact: 98141-93806, kashish_rajiv@yahoo.com (CL20095425)

Status business family from Nabbi invites proposal for their Garg girl 1995 5'-3", B.Tech. (Computer Science), MNC employee. Bangalore. Package 20 lac. Decent marriage. Employed match with package more than 20 lac. Send biodata at gascnabha@gmail.com (CL20097347)

(Ludhiana) based Hindu Aggarwal girl, divorce after lawpanwari 1979/ 170 cm, MBBS, seeks suitable match in early 30's, very good marriage. Email: satishkumaragarwal1007@yahoo.com with photo Chat Wid WhatsApp 9198771-28591. (CL20097542)

Goyal boy, 11 May 1992, 12:00 B.Tech from Chitkara, doing family business. well educated Ludhiana based reputed family ashok.gtc@gmail.com, 78884-46592, 99688-44838. (CL20098856)

Aggarwal girl 30, 5'-1", IIT, MS working in USA on H1B Visa / green card 1-140 approved. Suitable match in USA or working in India (Qualified from reputed institute) desire to relocate in USA on spouse Visa. 9779584600 (Chandigarh), goyalrsgt@gmail.com (CL20096638)

Bansal girl 5'-3%", 27.05.1987, Chandigarh, 5:23 am, B.Sc. Biotech, MBA, Chief Manager Nationalised Bank. Contact: 98551-05819. (CL20099639)

Bansal girl B.Tech. 29.08.1988, 10:55 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-2", M.Com, NET cleared, Bathinda. 98551-05819. (CL20099649)

Suitable well settled match for beautiful Singal girl, M.Sc (Maths), B.Ed, 03.08.1992, 7.15 pm, Bhawan, 5'-2", teacher at Panchkula, family settled at Kalka. 8814041717. (CL20097780)

Manglik Singla girl, 08.05.1994, 12:35 pm, 5'-3", Chandigarh, B.Sc. (IT). Caste no bar 94786-46868. (CL20099782)

Beautiful Jindal girl 28.06.1992, 06:02 am, Kurukshetra, 5'-2", 54 kg, B.Tech, Ph.D., Computer Science IIT Delhi, working Intel, 25 lakh, looking for pure vegetarian teetotaller Aggarwal boy, location no constraints. 97804-62402. (CL20097810)

Suitable match for beautiful girl, 1995 born, 5'-4", B.Com, MBA (HR), working in MNC. Caste no bar. 96441-74807, 96850-08593. (CL20097814)

Match for Bansal girl 8.30 p.m., 5'-3", 23.02.1995, Ludhiana, PR Canada, Govt. job. Required match, already settled in Canada or interested to settle in Canada. 97817-01600. (CL20097931)

Suitable match from Tricity for beautiful, fair Singla girl, 5'-1", 05.11.1987, 1.02 pm, Chandigarh, B.Tech, M.Tech, Permanent Punjab Govt. job, (Dist. Mohali). Chandigarh based educated status family. Decent marriage. Contact: 98147-11609, Send biodata and Photo. WhatsApp 98147-37353. (CL20098002)

SM4 legally issueless divorcee girl, 1986 born, B.Pharmacy, Govt. job in Panchkula. 98148-02321, 01762-270421. (CL20098052)

MD/ MS only for Manglik Bansal girl, 15.9.92, 5'-6", MD (Anaesthesia), completing in May 2021. Educated affluent family, Aggarwal only. 94162-64661. (CL20098103)

Suitable match for beautiful, slim, BCA, Gupta girl, 19.01.1993, 10:30 p.m., Chandigarh, 5"-8", working Infosys Chandigarh, upper caste welcome. 98050-04771. (CL20098179)

Suitable match Garg religious smart slim 82 born, B.A. B.Ed, 5'-3", Chandigarh surrounding preferred. Mobile: 96468-31502. (CL20098209)

Manglik Mittal girl 29.11.1988, 11:45 pm/ Panipat, 5'-2", MBA, B.Ed, working DPS. 89011-12857. (CL20098293)

Well settled match for fair slim Manglik Garg girl, 5'-1", 6.10.1995, 17.43, Ludhiana, MBA. Doing job in reputed Company Mohali. 98885-07099. (CL20099873)

Bindal girl, 1995, 5', M.Com, Haryana Govt. job. Contact only Aggarwal from Haryana. 98882-26808. (CL20099878)

Required educated, handsome businessman boy for Garg beautiful girl, 17.6.1994, 12:10 pm, 5'-1", M.Sc. (Maths), B.Ed. 98158-20110. (CL20099907)

Garg girl 24.02.1989, 6.45 p.m., Barnala, 5'-4", M.Ed, B.Ed, 2 MA (Hindi + Publ Ed) PGDCA. 98766-50915. (CL20099927)

Suitable match for Microsoft Engineer 5'-5", Mang girl 15.2.1995, Pob Ludhiana, 2.01 pm, package 30 lac. Mobile: 98728-15137. (CL20099931)

Professionally qualified well settled match for Ludhiana based beautiful Aggarwal Jain CA girl, 5'-4", 30.05.91, 5:36 am, Patiala. Upper caste no bar. Ludhiana and Tricity preferred. 98141-01096. (CL20100002)

SM4 Singla girl (few days divorcee), 29.08.1992, 00:53 am, Bathinda, B.Tech, 5'-1". Contact: 98554-32781. (CL20100007)

Match for beautiful Jindal girl 30.07.1991, 6:30 pm, Mansa (Pb), 5'-4", wheatish, B.Tech, from Delhi University, working in MNC, 35 LPA, residence Delhi. Contact: 92555-20000 and 92552-2020. (CL20098557)

Professionally qualified match for Single girl, 26.04.93 born, 9:58 pm, 5'-1", Nanah, B.Tech. MNC Gurgaon. Package: 9.40 lacs. 98559-94044. (CL20099405)

Wanted Govt. Bank/ Office working in Tricity Chandigarh, Delhi, NCR match for Mahajan girl Officer Govt, Bank job transferable, 5'-2", 05.04.1989, 10:05pm, Ludhiana. Upper caste welcome. Contact: 97790-21693. (CL20099647)

Goyal girl 18.4.1996, 6:43 AM, Rupnara Phul, 5'-4", M.Tech (CS) IIT Bangalore, Software Engineer in Cisco Bangalore, 16 Lac. 98727-92361 (Bathinda). (CL20098556)

SM4 beautiful, slim CA girl issueless divorced girl, 5'-4", slim, smart, Gazetted Officer Chandigarh. Upper caste welcome. 82839-77231. (CL20098411)

Suitable match for Manglik Guel girl, 13.11.1986, 5'-3", 9:22 pm (Nahan) Himachal Pradesh, MCA, working Infosys Company (Canada) 95 thousand CAD. 97298-92601 (Ambala). (CL20098430)

Beautiful Garg girl, 26, 5'-4", non Chartered Accountant, required non-drinker CA from Haryana, Delhi. 98961-55688. (CL20098552)

Garg girl B.A., B.Ed., 12.8.82, 12:50 am, Chandigarh. Preferred local vegetarian. Caste no bar. 97807-21556. (CL20098684)

Goyal girl 18.4.1996, 6:43 AM, Rampura Phul, 5'-4", M.Tech (CS) IIT Bangalore, Software Engineer in Cisco Bangalore, 16 Lac. 98727-92361 (Bathinda). (CL20098556)

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Goyal boy, 11 May 1992, 12:00 B.Tech from Chitkara, doing family business. well educated Ludhiana based reputed family ashok.gtc@gmail.com, 78884-46592, 99688-44838. (CL20098856)

Aggarwal girl 30, 5'-1", IIT, MS working in USA on H1B Visa / green card 1-140 approved. Suitable match in USA or working in India (Qualified from reputed institute) desire to relocate in USA on spouse Visa. 9779584600 (Chandigarh), goyalrsgt@gmail.com (CL20096638)

Bansal girl 5'-3%", 27.05.1987, Chandigarh, 5:23 am, B.Sc. Biotech, MBA, Chief Manager Nationalised Bank. Contact: 98551-05819. (CL20099638)

Bansal girl B.Tech. 29.08.1988, 10:55 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-2", M.Com, NET cleared, Bathinda. 98522-81496. (CL20010213)

Suitable match for beautiful, slim Aggarwal (Garg) girl, 5', June 11, 1994, Ludhiana, MBA Gold Medalist 1995, 5'-3", Email: satiskumaragarwal1007@yahoo.com with WhatsApp 91877-218591. (CL20097868)

Seeking a suitable match for an early 30's for Ludhiana based Hindu girl, MBBS Gold Medalist 1995, 5'-3", Email: satiskumaragarwal1007@yahoo.com with WhatsApp 91877-218591. (CL20097868)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl April 1988, MA, height 4'-11". Contact: 98880-77163. (CL20097853)

Ahuja Khatri Anshik Manglik girl, 27/ 5'-2", March 1994, M.Tech. Engineering, working at Mohali. Preferred Chandigarh, private job. Father Joint Secretary, Government. WhatsApp: 98886-91061, satshamji@gmail.com (CL20097545)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl 30 yrs (Manglik) 5'-1", BCA, working in Pkt. Sector. 998993713. (CL20097655)

SM4 Diabetic type-I 1996, 5'-4", Hindu B.Tech CSE, working Mohali. 94784-02059. (CL20097689)

Suitable teetotaller vegetarian mate for Hindu Khatri girl MBA fair, slim, healthy 30 yrs. 94635-23091. (CL20097696)

Suitable match for beautiful girl, 26, 5'-4", M.Tech (Canada PR). Caste no bar. 82692-35586, 83491-02485. (CL20097812)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl April 1988, MA, height 4'-11". Contact: 98880-77163. (CL20097853)

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Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl 30 yrs (Manglik) 5'-1", BCA, working in Pkt. Sector. 998993713. (CL20097655)

SM4 B'ful fair Punjabi Khatri girl non Manglik 5'-4", horoscope match must, Dob: 05.03.93, 6 am, birth place at Amritsar, B.Tech. ICT S/W Engg. MNC working in Pune, 16 LPA. Father working PSB AGM, seeks sqp boy. Call 97792-44345. (CL20097899)

Professionally qualified teetotaller match for non-manglik Ph.D. girl 5'-2", 19.11.1984, 06:40 p.m., Chandigarh, Assistant Professor in Chandigarh College on regular basis. Reputedly Tricity preferred. Contact: 97792-44345. (CL20097899)

Suitable match for Punjabi Khatri girl 30 years, 5'-6". Business Graduate, working in MNC. Family settled in UK for over 20 years. Preferred for UK settled boy. Interested may WhatsApp details: 99154-387654312. (CL20098005)

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Match for Hindu Khatri girl 29.02.1992, 6:48 p.m., Panchkula, 5'-3", B.Sc. (Fashion Technology) MBA Yamunanager. 94662-59952. (CL20098093)

Beautiful Khatri girl 04.11.1984, 11:15 am, Yamunanager, 5'-4", M.Com, B.Ed, 98699-50414, 96465-12312. (CL20097865)

SM4 Khatri girl 1.1.1987, Moga, 9:00 pm, 5'-4", 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:40 am, Chandigarh, match kundi send biodata. WhatsApp 98179-44539. (CL20097852)

Suitable match for Non-Manglik Punjabi Khatri girl, 6.4.1988, 5'-6", 8:00 am, Postgraduate, seeks sqp boy. Call 97792-44345. (CL20097899)

SCHEDULED CASTES

MD, MS, PCS match for 29/ 5'-3", Ad-dharmi girl doing MD Microbiology. Central Doaba preferred. Contact: 98763-06212. (CL20099876)

Match for beautiful Ramdasia girl, B.Sc (Nursing), June1993/ 5'-2", preferred clean shaven boy settled in Canada. Contact No: 98555-73240. (CL20099955)

SM4, SC Ad-dharmi, Punjabi, Dec. 1991, Delhi born girl, 5'-5", fair, veg. Govt. Bank Officer, Delhi/NRI preferred only. M: 96506-20857. (CL20097372)

Suitable match for Hindu Adharmi beautiful girl, 5'-4", 1993, B.Tech, working as IT Recruiter (Noida) Father is Govt. service. 94666-19825. (CL20097549)

PQM for Ramdasia Sikh Australian citizen girl Aug 82, 5'-6", M.Tech. (CSE), working as Software Engineer in Govt. Department in Australia. WhatsApp 78371-01904. (CL20097705)

Professionally qualified match for Ramdasia/ Ad-dharmi Sikh girl, B.Tech., M.Tech. (CSE), July 1984, 5'-4", working IT Company. Govt. service/ MNC/ NRI preferred. Contact: 98775-05406. (CL20097706)

Suitable match for Ad-dharmi girl 1990/ 5'-4", M.Sc, CS, BCA, working school teacher. Father preferred as FCI Manager and brother working Govt. employees. Preference to Doaba based and purely vegetarian family. Contact: 97792-28668, 95010-38168. (CL20097795)

Ramdasia Sikh Julaha Weaver, Dec. 1989, 5'-5" girl, B.Sc. Nursing, CMC 7 years. Required NRI or Govt. employee. 98145-76728 (CL20097819)

SC Ramdasia girl 24, 5'-4", NHS worker on work permit in England seeks cleanshaven boy UK/ Canada. Contact: 96532-25909. (CL20098369)

Match for Valmiki girl 1986/ 5'-7", BA Psycho Honors, Post Graduate, Diploma Mass Comm., slim, dance teacher at Chandigarh, educated status family, caste no bar. Mob: 94176-95581. (CL20097846)

Suitable match for Ramdasia girl MCA (PTU), 5'-3", birth 27 Sept. 1988. Contact: 98888-78757, 94630-88847. (CL20097911)

Wanted educated SC/ ST Hindu boy for B. Pharmacy 35 years old girl. Preferred Doaba. 88723-38394. (CL20097671)

Match for SC Ad-dharmi Punjabi unmarried girl, 37, 5'-4". MA, B.Ed. School teacher, Jalandhar. 9855473038. (CL20097912)

Suitable match for SC Hindu Ravidasia sim girl, 1985 born, 5'-3", BA, B.Ed., Govt. regular Primary Teacher. Preferred Govt. job or well settled boy, prefer City. 94651-71416. (CL20097923)

Suitable match for Valmiki beautiful girl, Oct. 1991 born, 5'-4", BA, Stitching course. Preferred around Jalandhar or near. Contact: 9888511940. (CL20097956)

Match for beautiful SC girl, 29, 5", MA, B.Ed., PTET clear, job on contract. 81464-61750, 90418-62693. (CL20098135)

Jalandhar match for 30 years, 5'-5", fair complexion, Education Department, Govt. employee. Preference to the Education Department employee. Gharjawai. Caste no bar. Contact: 98780-93409-72483. (CL20098196)

Suitable match for Majhi Sikhs never married girl, 38/ 5'-2", Europe resident card holder. 98763-10176. (CL20098282)

SM4 Ravidasia girl Advocate, BA LLB, LLM, Sept. 92, 5'-3", pursuing Judicial Competition. Father retired Gazetted Officer, brother studying in Canada, mother homemaker. Well settled and reputed family. 93574-23573. (CL20098375)

Groom wanted SC Ramdasia Radhasoami 39, 5'-2", MA, Govt. contract job. Service/ businessman early/ simple marriage Tricity. 94785-47403. (CL20098478)

Ravidasia girl 86, 5'-3", three year Diploma ECE, private job, Tricity preferred. 99149-74236. (CL20098506)

Suitable match for Nai girl, 23.6.1996, 5'-2", B.Sc Nursing, required PR. boy. 98156-69794. (CL20098508)

Ramdasia/ Ravidasia Hindu slim girl, 5'-3", December 1989, M.Sc. Zoology, B.Ed., CTET clear, private school teacher. Upper caste no bar. 94172-86619. (CL20098543)

Match for Megh Bhagat girl, M Pharma, 2 Nov. 1989, 5'-2", Pharmacy Officer regular in Punjab Govt. Father St. Manager (Retd). 98766-91836, 94644-08782. (CL20098998)

Suitable match for Ravidasia Sikhs (Chopra), M.Tech. (Computer Science & Engineering), March 91, 5'-6", PR Canada (Toronto) IT. Requires PR/ well educated IT/ CA preferred. Send biodata, photo and company etc. WhatsApp No: 98744-55270, 94173-31656. (CL20098706)

Seeking match for beautiful smart Ravidasia Sikhi girl, 5", born August 1993, B.Tech, Central Government Class-II officer. Father Class-I Officer in Punjab Government, mother bank employee. One brother. Own house in Mohali. Match preferably from tricity. Contact: 98780-04830. (CL20098729)

Suitable match for Ad-dharmi beautiful girl, 1989 born, 5'-3", Graduate Hons, Private job. Father retired bank service, Jalandhar. Contact: 9815385756. (CL20098726)

Ramkiran Pharmasist girl, shortly open own clinic and Chemist shop, 1981, 5'-3". Issueless also considered. 98772-88368. (CL20098779)

SM4 Sikhi Ravidasia beautiful girl, very fair, 25/ 5'-1", B.Com. (Hons). Post Graduate. Live in Mohali. Preference NRI/ Govt. employee. Cont: 83609-46290/ 74004-28030. (CL20098880)

SC beautiful girl 17.3.1991, 5'-1", B.Sc Nursing preferred Australian/ Canada PR boy. 98154-12197, 94634-95017. (CL20098881)

Suitable match for Ravidasia girl 1992 5'-1", BA, JBT (HTET, CTET, ITI) (COPA) trying for job. Mob: 82192-3906. (CL20099027)

Match for Ravidasia beautiful girl, 5'-6", Jan 88, MDS Endodontics, Mohali based decent family. Father retd. mother in SBI. Whatapp: 9501100940. (CL20099126)

Suitable match for Ravidasia Sikhs girl, 87 born, 5'-3", Govt. employee. UT. Two brothers, one brother Canadian Citizen. Second brother Manager Telecom. Father, mother Govt. retd. teacher. 98766-13929. (CL20099266)

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Suitable match, for SC Ad-dharmi vegetarian family girl, 5', 32 yrs, regular Govt. teacher in Master Cadre, is required from Hoshiarpur/Pathankot Area. Teaching line preferred. M: 887156337. (CL20099634)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, Feb. 1988, 5'-4", Asstt. Professor Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana, on regular basis. 98150-11735. (CL20099685)

Preferably Canada PR work permit boy match for Addharmi girl born 89, 5', LLB, at present Canada Tourist Visa. Caste no bar. WhatsApp 98723-58963. (CL20099714)

Match for Ad-dharmi girl 1990/ 5'-4", M.Sc, CS, BCA, working school teacher. Father preferred as FCI Manager and brother working Govt. employees. Preference to Doaba based and purely vegetarian family. Contact: 97792-28668, 95010-38168. (CL20097795)

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Suitable match for Ramdasia girl, 1992/ 5'-3", B.Tech ECE, working

SIKH KHATRI

Sikh Khatri Beautiful Girl 1990, 5'-5" M.Tech (Electrical) PEC, A.E in PSPCL. Preferred Govt. Employee. WhatsApp 7079-00824. (Contact After 5.00 PM) (CL20096152)

Ambala based Sikh Khatri girl 36, 5'-3", regular PGT Haryana Govt., M.Phil, B.Ed, NET JRF Ph.D. Preferred Lecturer/ well established boy. 99964-84221. (CL20098449)

Suitable match for beautiful fair and slim Gursikh girl, 5'-4"2", US citizen. Interior Designer. Contact: 99998-26758, 97800-00434. (CL20096688)

Sikh NRI PR girl 1991/ 5'-4", MBA + Diploma working in Organisation, India allowed 88151-01805, 97705-02406. (CL2009704)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri Convent educated B.Arch girl, Sept. 92, 5'-4", own practice, 15 lacs. N.D/ NT only. Tricity preferred. WhatsApp details: 98149-04168. (CL20100011)

SIKH ARORA

Suitable match for fair, beautiful, Postgraduate girl, working, 5'-9", 1993 born. Mohali based. Tricity preferred. Contact: 84271-88448. (CL20097605)

PQM for fair Sikh girl from Amritsar 27, 5'-5", Interior Heater. Chandigarh & Pranic Healer. 88472-76910. (CL20098195)

Sikh Arora girl 29/ 5'-3". BA, Doing job in Bank. Required well Qualified match & well settled business, Chandigarh and nearby preferred. 99888-52435. (CL20100259)

SIKH KHATRI/ARORA

Match from Tricity, Ludhiana for Juncea Sikh girl, Feb. 1980, 5'-2", BA, early marriage. 98153-65386. (CL20097480)

Khatri/ Arora Gursikh status (preferably Govt. job) match for beautiful, slim Patiala girl, 5'-2.5", August 92, B.Com, CA (Inter), Pb. Govt. Inspector Cadre permanent job (through PPSC). WhatsApp/ Call 97995-86190. (CL20099377)

Suitable well settled match for beautiful Arora Sikh girl, October, 1993, 5'-5", M.Com, SRCC, Haryana. Businessman preferred. WhatsApp: 98158-90005. (CL20100008)

Gursikh Professional tricity match for Chd based Gursikh vegetarian girl, 31.Jan.1994, 5.20 p.m., 5'-7", BHMS Doctor girl, own practice. 98141-59668. (CL20100031)

JAT SIKH

Professionally qualified match for beautiful Jat Sikh girl, 5"-8", 1991 born, M.Tech, B.Ed/ Canada/ USA boy preferred. Contact: 98140-11436. (CL20097887)

Proposals are invited for a very charming, pleasing personality Jat Sikh girl, 5'-4", 1993 born. Convent educated, Graduated with Bachelor's in Pharmacy, very innovative. Daughter of a class One Officer, a well repudiated and cultured family, possessing handsomely Urban and Rural Property. Travelled well across Canada and USA. Kindly respond with full particulars on 98888-00063, 98140-1865. (CL20099746)

Affluent family seeks suitable match for highly qualified Jun 1993 born 5'-7", beautiful Jat Sikh girl, convert educated in Chandigarh, B.Tech from Punjab Engineering College, MS from Harvard University, Boston, USA. Working in Global Software company in Silicon Valley, USA - wants to come back to India long term. Father senior Army Officer (Lt. General), Mother PES Class 1. Please share biodata/pics at 91-9799134020 or pinkyboopara1966@gmail.com (CL20098118)

Tall status match for Jat Sikh girl, 93/ 5'-6", slim, pretty, LLB, Chandigarh employed. Status Chandigarh family. WhatsApp only at 84740-88058. (CL20077456)

Jat Sikh parents invite matrimonial alliance for their daughter 32 yrs old, 5'-11" tall, beautiful, family oriented, never married, MBA, professionally employed in California. The boy should be professionally qualified, tall and well settled in USA with family values. Serious enquiries only. Please respond with latest photo and biodata to gurpreet113@icloud.com or call at +916530142. (CL20088981)

Upper middle class Jatt Sikh landlord Garcha family looking for well educated match from reputed landlord family for their daughter, June 1991 born/ height 5'-6", beautiful, slim, B.A., M.A., B.Ed, M.Ed, homely. WhatsApp bio pic on 97992-5443 or call on 79866-55380. (CL20089666)

Professionally qualified Jat Sikh match for Canadian Citizen, beautiful 87/ 5'-5", girl Highly Paid, respectful job MNC Toronto/USA / Canada settled only preferred. contact with latest pics, bio data. gillkuldip158@gmail.com, whats app +14372366949 call 98554-76729. (CL20091803)

MD/MS/MBBS match preferred for beautiful, Jatt Sikh 1990, 5'-5", MBBS girl. Contact: 92177-69396. WhatsApp: 70098-60409. (CL20091983)

Jatt Sikh girl 1989, 5'-7", M.Sc, IT, MCA, Software Engineer, College job, seeks Foreign boy, Jagraon, 98554-21514, 88475-02620. (CL20097249)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh beautiful girl, 19 May, 1990, 5'-5", BBA, job in MNC Chandigarh. Contact: 97809-41254. (CL200987445)

Suitable Jat Sikh match for M.Sc. Fashion Designing Patiala girl, 30/ 5'-4". Father College Ex-Principal, 90410-00208. (CL20097560)

SGM for Canadian PR Jat Sikh girl, Dec. 1985, 5'-2", B.Pharm, HRM, issueless divorcee. Preference Jat Sikh Canadian US PR. WhatsApp 7629-38219. (CL20097703)

Suitable match for Canadian Jat Sikh Amritdhari girl, 5"-3", 31.12.1989, M.Com. from India, IBM from Canada. Now at work part time. Preferred only Canadian boy. Contact: 99882-12402. (CL20097711)

Seeking professionally qualified Jatt Sikh match, located in U.S. for our beautiful daughter, Nov. 88, 5'-7", U.S. citizen, grew up in Chandigarh. Bachelors and Masters from top U.S. Universities, working as a Healthcare Executive in California. Send biodata with pictures to: bksidhu14@gmail.com or WhatsApp 9818769-1612. (CL20097701)

Beautiful, slim 1983, 5'-5", well educated, working, Punjab Government. E-mail: giparam@rediffmail.com (CL20097397)

Educated Jatt Sikh family seeking match for their beautiful and smart daughter, 15-3-1991, 5'-4", US born, MD studying for USMLE exams. Looking for tall, handsome, well qualified boy belonging to respectable Jat Sikh family. Respond with biodata, pictures to lidharcolorado@gmail.com, 97805-68149. (CL20097755)

Jati Sikh girl, 1989 born, 5'-2", Professor in Government College (Guest Faculty) Patiala. Preference to Government employee. Phone: 98141-34568. (CL2009867)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh girl, 1991, 5'-5", MCA, worked with IT Company, IELTS 6.5 bands. 98783-17123. (CL20099571)

MD/ Ms/ Officer/ NRI match for Jat Sikh Sandhu girl Nov. 89/ 5'-5", MD Pathology serving as Asstt. Professor in Medical College. Father in Civil Services. Effluent educated family. 84277-99169, 97797-30055. (CL20099695)

Match for Jat Sikh girl 27/ 5'-3", Masters in Information Systems from America, working as Software Developer in Boston America, earning 100k + USD annually. Preferred IT Professional from America/ Canada. Correspond with latest photograph, biodata on WhatsApp: 75269-35125. (CL20099698)

Required well educated Jat Sikh parents seek professionally well settled match for convert educated, beautiful girl 5'-5" Dec. 1987, M.Pharma, working in reputed MNC brother. Sr. Analyst in Surrey. Father retd. Army Captain looking for same Caliber Canadian Jat Sikh match. WhatsApp: 88472-91553. (CL20099741)

Canadian Citizen Jat Sikh girl, 5'-10", May 1990 born, done system Engg from SFU now business analyst of two MNC brother. Sr. Analyst in Surrey. Father retd. Army Captain looking for same Caliber Canadian Jat Sikh match. WhatsApp: 88472-91553. (CL20099741)

Jatt Sikh only girl, BDS Masters from abroad, 89/ 5'-4", seeking professionally qualified & well settled/ Businessman boy, Ludhiana. 98141-85960. Email: bh.singh.bh8@gmail.com (CL2009762)

Teeotaller boy wanted for slim educated 1983/5'-1" born girl MA, B.Ed, M.Sc IT. Contact: 70879-11298. (CL20099764)

Well established Punjabi Jat Sikh business family seeks suitable alliance for their 5'6" pretty, professionally qualified and Canadian citizen daughter. We are looking for a tall, handsome, professionally well placed boy hailing from a well educated family preferably settled in Canada (Canadian Citizen/ Permanent Resident or on Graduate work permit).

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Professionally qualified status match for 33, 5'-7", convert educated, M.Com, (India), PG Diploma in Financial Planning and Wealth Management (from Canada), presently working as Manager Credit in Canada Belongs to well educated and well settled business family in India. We seek well educated, well settled, teetotaller, Jat Sikh boy. Preferably Toronto/Canada. Considering only those currently residing in US. WhatsApp: +1(408)768-6804. (CL20098055)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh slim, pretty girl, 93/ 5'-5", convert educated, M.Com, (India), PG Diploma in Financial Planning and Wealth Management (from Canada), presently working as Manager Credit in Canada Belongs to well educated and well settled business family in India. We seek well educated, well settled, teetotaller, Jat Sikh boy. Preferably Toronto/Canada. Considering only those currently residing in US. WhatsApp: +1(408)768-6804. (CL20098055)

Match for Jat Sikh Chahal Canadian PR girl, Nov.1992 born, 5'-8", studying Physiotherapy Programme in Toronto, Malwa or Canadian PR preferred. 9463280240. (CL20098080)

Suitable Jat Sikh medico/engineer match for slim, fair, Oct. 79, 5'-2", divorcee, issueless, MBBS, MD girl, two years residency from USA, registered with Florida Medical Board of Physician. Now working as Asstt. Professor of clinical medicine and biochemistry in medical university and pursuing Masters in Pain Management from well known university in USA. ajimersingh@iitdhu47@gmail.com (CL20098073)

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Well settled educated Jat Sikh family of professionals, seeking a match for their 44, slim, fair complexion, 5'-1", charming, well mannered daughter working as a Doctor (M.D) U.S citizen, never married. Looking for well mannered, handsome, qualified boy, willing to settle in U.S. Preferably Jat Sikh otherwise no bar. Respond with biodata & photograph. E-mail: asbsdr@gmail.com (CL20099916)

Match for 1982/ 5'-5", working in Medical Field, USA settled. Email: harneetgill73@gmail.com 99151-72267. (CL20099953)

Match for Jat Amritdhari July 8, 1993 born, M.Tech Engineering Physics (5 yrs) + Diploma in Embedded System Engineering (Punjab, Canada), 5 ft 4". Call: 88782-09197. (CL20099954)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh Sidhu girl, Dec 1989, 5'-7", M.Sc (Zoology), from reputed family, one younger brother settled in Canada, preferred Canada PR from good family. 93352-00007. (CL20099956)

Sweet, sober, slim Jat Sikh girl 87 born, 5'-7", MA M.Ed, PTET, two sisters only. Wants handsome boy. Contact WhatsApp 98151-94131. (CL20099963)

Status Jat Sikh match for March 1992, 5'-3", Canadian PR girl, Masters from top most Business School, Canada. Annual package 130 thousand dollars. 94634-11575. (CL20100009)

Parents looking for well educated, handsome, cleanshave, NRI, Ramgarhia match for beautiful daughter, Sep. 1991, 5'-4", MBA (HR and Marketing) and currently working in recognised private Bank. Contact: 84274-48733. (CL20100056)

Beautiful Dhiman Brahmin girl 31/ 5'-2", B.Tech, MBA/ working/ 7 LPA. 99537-86947. (CL20099691)

Compatible match for Ramgarhia Sikh girl, January 30, 1986, Ph.D in Law, PGDCA Judiciary Mains clear, Law Officer in Punjab Govt. in Patiala. 98140-21730, 70313-00002. (CL201000194)

Ramgarhia Sikh girl 92 born, 5'-4", suitable match for Canada PR, Bank. Preferably Jat Sikh girl, 86 born, ht. 5'-4", beautiful, slim, MA, B.Ed, M.Ed, homely. WhatsApp bio pic on 97992-66268 or Call on 98150-66268. (CL20098666)

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Suitable match for Jat Sikh well qualified cultured girl, 29, 5"-5" Assistant Professor Economics. Boy should be handsome (minimum 5'-10") Well Qualified and Belonging to respectable Jat Sikh vegetarian family, Canada PR or Businessman or Job with minimum Agri Land 29 acres. Marriage bureaus excuse. Photos and details on 98202-13016. (CL20100023)

Suitable match for a beautiful Jat Sikh girl, 1991/ 5'-2", B.Com. (H). Working Pvt. firm in IT Park, Chandigarh, salary 4 LPA. 98769-0316. (CL20100180)

US citizen jat Sikh girl 26, 5'-5", Associate in Accounting and Business Administration, working with Santander Bank. Looking handsome, educated and having property. +9173473-52799 WhatsApp, lakhsingh4500@gmail.com (CL20100224)

Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh Sangha girl, 26, 5'-5", M.Sc (Mathematics), regular Govt. Teacher seeks Mohali, Chandigarh based boy. Boy should be on reputed Govt. job (Strictly Non-drinker with at least 15 acres of agricultural land). 99143-47125. (CL20100234)

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Suitable match for BDS girl, March 1986/ 5'-4", Canada PR, working Health Worker. 81

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CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

There's a whiff of empowerment as the long-drawn agitation against the farm laws turns the spotlight on Punjabi women, sharing the same political and social space as men. The recognition and respect for their contribution and active role — be it at Delhi's borders, tending to fields back home or managing and mobilising the protests — is being seen as a harbinger of change in a society where patriarchy runs deep

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

HISTORY is replete with stories of their heroism because valour runs in the Punjabi blood. But, unfortunately, so does patriarchy. And, there is absolutely no dearth of ghastly tales of honour killing, of female foeticide, of subjugation of the fairest sex and worse. These, however, are dark alleys and just not the place to be when the frost in the air gives way and spring is knocking, when the fields are yellow with mustard flowers, when the wheat crop stretches endlessly like a carpet of green and farmers await its shiny golden hues.

This, then, can't be a season for pessimism. Not in Punjab, most certainly. The farmers have been camping at the Delhi borders against the controversial farm laws right through the three long months of a harsh winter and though no end is yet in sight for their agitation, there is a silver lining to this cloud of struggle. And that comes from the very women who have always lived in the shadows of their men — of fathers and brothers and sons and husbands — and only stepped out when asked to.

"The young girls visiting the borders where the protests are on are realising there is a world beyond the confines of the four walls of their homes, life outside their village and rights they must fight for. This farmers' agitation has opened new vistas and given them wings to fly. It will be difficult to cage them and deny them this liberty they have tasted when they come back," believes 38-year-old Sarabjeet Kaur, a panch of Bhadaur village in Barnala district.

Adversity does bring out the best in most women and the sentiment of valour — dominant in the Punjabi lexicon — and qualities of perseverance are gaining new recognition and meaning amid the raging farmer protests at the Singhu and Tikri borders, while the build-up at the Ghazipur border is still gaining momentum.

A COUNTRY FOR WOMEN, FINALLY!

They are everywhere — leading from the front at the borders where the agitation carries on, holding tractor rallies, participating in meetings, conducting the stage, singing, reciting poems of revolution, cooking, making a splash all around with their presence.

But, that is not all. Back home, in the villages where they have been the behind-the-scenes workforce, they are holding fort while the men are away for the protest — watering the fields, spraying the crop while managing their homes, their traditional role all along.

In Jalandhar, Amritpal Kaur, a mother of two girls and a boy from Bahu Majra village, says this protest has been an eye-opener: "I will make sure both my daughters are financially independent before marrying them off. It was difficult for me to find my feet in the field since the men and hired labour managed everything. Now that we have learnt the ropes, we won't need to wait for the labour anymore," she states.

Out of this struggle and this juggling of work have emerged new faces and newer aspirations. *Karti Dharti*, a fortnightly publication for women at the borders, is chronicling this "stepping

out" by the women and getting their feet wet as the agitation spreads. The protest saw a 'Mahila Kisan Diwas' celebration to recognise the presence of women and their effort. A labour rights activist, 24-year-old Nodeep Kaur, became the poster girl as voices for her release grew following her arrest at Singhu. She is not alone in this discovery and recognition. Every woman counts. Across barriers of age and caste, religion and section they represent. In this unfolding, they are all one.

In her 20s, Ramdeep Kaur of Algon Kothi, a quaint village in Tarn Taran, has her own story to share. Her village, among a handful of border villages struggling with developmental issues for decades, has most families caught in a grip of debt, landlessness, receding income and a bleak future for their kids. "Most of the women in our village had never stepped out of their homes on their own and led restricted lives, limited to the house or the farm. The agitation has changed the way we are looked at," she says. Ramdeep is among the 40-50 women actively participating in the movement and mobilising others.

A NEW EPOCH IN MAKING

For Ramandeep and her mother Harjinder Kaur, the call to join farmer brothers at Singhu has been life-altering. "My mother is not educated and I have seen her do household chores. I grew up with a similar sense of gender stereotyping. In a community where one had to be veiled while going out or follow what the men in the family decided, coming out of the confines and joining the movement is a big step," she says.

Her trips to Singhu and Tikri have now made her mother an active participant as well. "I have been there thrice and even delivered a speech last time. I never thought I would be able to do it. I feel I will not have to live a pre-decided life," vows Ramandeep.

Will the movement bring a change in social standing of women? "It most definitely will. I have never seen women more determined to find their voice," she avers.

Transitioning from being a passive audience to an active player in leading campaigns and support rallies, women from many a village seem to have found their calling.

"From domestic abuse to unemployment to living debt-ridden lives, there was a deep sense of despair among women. The boiling point came with the pandemic and the

farmer movement gave them a chance to channel their anger and take the lead," says Rupinder Kaur, general secretary, Tarn Taran unit of Punjab Istri Sabha, a wing of the CPI-affiliated National Federation of Indian Women.

In Malanwali village of Gumtala in Amritsar district, at the ripe old age of 80, Avtar Kaur has been sewing flags for *kisan jathas* for free. She is contributing her bit to the agitation. This new-found usefulness to the cause keeps her going.

LEADING THE FIELD

Shamsher Singh from Bagli Khurd village near Samrala in Ludhiana district returned from the protest site and was awe-struck seeing how the women in his village were working the fields. "The field role was limited to arranging food for the labour. However, they are now working in the fields independently," he says.

"My wife and I alternate between home and the protest site. Being at the protest has made me realise that cooking itself is a full-time job and my wife does so much more with the same time," says Harbans Lal of Fazilka.

In Talwandi Sabo, Rupinder Kaur, who has worked on women's issues in Punjab, feels the change coming in. "This agitation is a game-changer about how women are perceived. Once back, nobody should expect to see the same timid, quiet women in their homes. Women will no longer be dummy sarpanches and will learn to question everything after having experienced the outside world and tasting liberation. Change is on its way and the first indication is that the men have begun to see their women and their work with respect," she maintains.

Barnala's Manveer Rahi, an advocate closely associated with the Lakhawal farmers' union, is relieved to see women at the borders and leading protests. "This is the change all of us were waiting for. Our girls who come back from protest sites will never be the same again. Once this agitation is over, these women will know no rest. They will take up other issues and forge ahead," she insists, adamant that the four walls of the houses will no longer hold the spirits ignited by this agitation.

Writing stories of women at the borders in *Karti Dharti*, Sangeet Toor echoes a similar sentiment. "This agitation has given value to the household chores which, so far, did not count. The arrival of women on the scene of the agitation underlined their discipline and commitment to whatever they were assigned and brought them together with the men in the same political and social space. All these are indications of

change that is bound to happen," she states.

VOICES OF APPREHENSION

While the picture may seem rosy from afar and things might be moving in the right direction for the women of Punjab through this agitation, for every few votaries of change is inevitable, there are the sceptics, though they, too, are keeping their fingers crossed.

Theatre director Kewal Dhalwal hopes this build-up will not go in vain. He is hopeful it will flow in the blood of the young ones, who will become harbingers of change. "Once the ball has been set rolling, there is no stopping it. How far it goes will depend on how the young carry it and take it forward," he observes.

"I have mixed feelings to this development. Though I am convinced that political and other organisations will focus on tapping women power to their advantage, I am not too sure if this change will translate into anything significant within the households. The agitation has had a positive impact on the way women are being seen but how long this will last is the big question since patriarchy is deeply-rooted in our psyche," feels Anupama of the Department of Economics, Panjab University, Patiala. She has been actively associated with surveys related to women.

Hers is not the sole voice of apprehension. "Those looking at this movement as a cultural revolution may just be too optimistic. If you see the songs that came out during the agitation, the women, subjected to taunts in Punjabi songs, were replaced with Delhi but the essence remained unchanged. I can't say about the men but there is a possibility of a slight change in the thinking of women who have been a part of the agitation. Again, how long this will last is anybody's guess," believes Neetu Arora of Panjab University's constituent college in Ghudha (Bathinda).

Lending credence to this scepticism is 70-year-old Jasmer Kaur of Sangrur, who has been camping at Tikri. "We never needed to step out from our homes. Once we get what is rightfully ours and the laws are repealed, we will go back to the lives we were living. We did not need to step out all these years. We won't need to after this," she quips. Her fellow villagers nod in unison.

The victims of a patriarchal culture are also its carriers, or so it seems, but all revolutions start with baby steps and storms usually begin with a gentle breeze. The farmers' protests have ignited the fire of hope for change. Now, this around-the-corner brand of hope may well fuel the change.

— With inputs from Aparna Banerji (Jalandhar), Manav Mander (Ludhiana) and Neha Saini (Amritsar)



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Ready for the highway

PURNIMA SHARMA

LONDON, it couldn't be (last year), but Lansdowne it shall be (this year)," smiles Nandini Sharma, a healthcare consultant based in Gurugram. After being 'grounded' for close to a year, she is looking forward to her sojourn in the mountains. As with most avid travellers, the pandemic ruined her plans not just for the city of the Big Ben but also for her onward journey to Croatia. "Tickets were done, bags packed, and then everything had to be cancelled," says the 33-year-old. Almost a year on, tourism is slowly but surely opening up. Avid hophodiles are gathering up courage and are all set to don their travelling boots. Although international tourism will still take a while, domestic travel is the way to go this year. According to a survey by travel portal booking.com, the five prominent trends that will be witnessed this year are going solo, weekend trips, luxury stays, breakaway bubbles and cuisine tours. Here's a look at these:

In one's own company

Having already tasted the pleasure of going solo while travelling, this trend will again be on an upswing, especially among the youngsters. "After being cooped up in the house for most part of the dreaded 2020, it'll be good to enjoy one's own company in delightful new surroundings," says PR consultant Abhinav Gupta, who will soon be heading from Delhi to Mysuru. Having done Europe solo twice before, he says, "It is a great way to rediscover yourself. You have your own space. You take decisions without being answerable to anyone." And for those who feel that solo travel is for loners, he says, "No way, when you're alone, you make more friends. I have struck meaningful friendships with total strangers."

Looking forward to her first solo trip, Nandini says, "It's an experience I am very excited about." She decided on planning the trip only after the vaccine came about. A tony resort in the picturesque Lansdowne town of Pauri Garhwal will be her 'workation' for the day ("since I am still in the WFH mode") and holiday resort for the evening. Her odometer won't stop there since she plans to hit the highway yet again — this time towards the beach — with a vengeance. "I plan to spend a few days alone in Goa lolling on the beach," she laughs.

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While corporate travel has seen a downslide, outings with family and friends are becoming more of a norm. Solo travel, which was much in vogue earlier, is getting back on track "more so, because the WFH lot is looking for a 'workation' amid beautiful surroundings. Small groups of colleagues are also taking breaks together. After

the lockdown, people are looking for companionship and moments of togetherness." Another reason for joint travel plans is that after job losses and pay cuts, sharing costs is making travel more affordable "even if the place is a trifle expensive. But as long as it's clean and well sanitised, travellers don't mind."

Forty-one-year-old Vir Nakai has been a mountain buff for as long as he can remember. The biker from Chandigarh is all set to enjoy the magic of Himalayas on his own. "I've always enjoyed going solo, though sometimes I travel with friends who share my passion," he says. With a trip to Arunachal Pradesh "for work" already done, Nakai plans to hit the dirt track for biking trips "to explore hitherto unexplored places in the Panigri valley (in Himachal) and the Mus-

tang and Manang districts of Nepal".

Friends for fun

Home confinement of the past year kept many away from their relatives and friends. "Although we were connected through phone and video chats, it was still tough," says food blogger and author Dipali Bhasin. No sooner were the clamps eased than she set out for two holidays in quick succession, first to experience the rugged jungles and wildlife of Ranthambore, and then

to enjoy the serenity of the mountains in Mukteshwar with her family and friends, respectively.

For one whose travel diaries invariably included international destinations, especially areas close to the Black Sea, Dipali is now "completely sold out" on what her 'backyard' or places at driveable distances offer. "We must take full advantage of the excellent deals being offered here," says Dipali. "Indian tourism has been badly affected and needs our

Solo sojourns, friendly breakaways, weekend jaunts, relaxury and cuisine tours —
here's looking at the post-pandemic travel trends that will dominate the year, which is packed with several long weekends

support now more than ever before."

Short 'n' sweet

With about 15 long weekends that the almanac is showing up this year, travellers are looking at these as a blessing, as Piyali Dasgupta, a keen traveller, asserts. "That's because while long holidays are still an afterthought for many, shorter breaks are a good substitute as they help you escape reality, even if it is for a few days." Piyali and her photographer husband have already planned breaks in places like Dalhousie and Deeg. "On the way, we'll be enjoying the hospitality of smaller towns where hygiene and cleanliness of facilities is the norm, especially now. But, we also carry our own sleeping bags and dry food for additional safety."

Soak in the luxury

The constant drill of household chores and office work last year has left many, as Asha Kiran, a Tirupati-based painter, says, "mentally and physically drained". No wonder, as she asserts, "many like me are planning to give ourselves a break — the idea being to just relax in luxurious surroundings without having a worry in the world." Already dreaming of a break at Bandhavgarh in Madhya Pradesh, she adds, "It'll be a good gift to ourselves from the money saved up from last year."

Ritu Mahajan, a businesswoman who shuttles between Delhi and Faridabad for work, says that she would be content with trips to her house in Mashobra. "The mountains are a perfect panacea, especially to beat lockdown blues," she says. Whenever she plans a trip with her family and friends, a day or two before they leave, what is mandatory is a corona test.

Local food tours

Having had their fill of *ghar ka khana* last year, many vacationers while planning their holiday are also looking to have a taste of local cuisine. "This in no way means that we will be reckless," says Abhinav. As someone who always books himself for a local food tour at the place he's visiting, he shall miss having street food, "that is always such a delight". But for now, it'll be avoided. "However, the places I will be staying at are popular for their food — that's the reason why I booked myself there," he smiles, getting geared up for a taste of a variety — from *shavige bhaat* to *saaru* — on his Mysuru holiday.

Laid defective tiles? Seller liable to pay

I have two queries pertaining to defective floor tiles sold to me. The first one is whether the manufacturer can escape responsibility on the ground that, as per conditions of sale, he will not replace the tiles once laid. Secondly, can the dealer say that only the manufacturer is responsible for defects? I spent more than ₹1 lakh on the tiles, but they are getting discoloured and also showing minute cracks in several places, causing me immense distress.

Manufacturers and dealers of tiles often say — on the box of tiles and in their receipts — that you need to return defective tiles before they are laid and there is no redress once the tiles are laid. However, such unilateral conditions cannot take away the consumer's right to defect-free goods or the right to redress of their grievance vis-à-vis such goods.

Such conditions are also totally unfair because, first of all, it is not practical to take out all the tiles from the box and examine them before laying them. Secondly, some of the defects, like discolouration or cracks, may show up months later. Besides, it is the duty of the manufacturer to ensure that the tiles he sells are defect-free and he cannot expect the consumer to do that kind of inspection.

The apex consumer court has held in a number of cases that the dealer cannot abdicate his responsibility towards the products that he sells on the ground that the manufacturer alone is responsible for defects. This is the law as laid down by the courts not only in respect of floor tiles, but in respect of other goods too.

Can you quote any recent case in support of these arguments?

In Chandra Marbles Vs Ramachandran CH (RP No 1250 of 2013), decided on June 19, 2020, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission made it clear that the ultimate responsibility for defective tiles (or any other product) may fall on the manufacturer. However, as far as the consumer is concerned, the dealer who sold the tiles is liable to refund not only the cost of the tiles but also the cost of laying them. It is open to the dealer to recover the amount from the manufacturer subsequently.

CONSUMERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI



A consumer can't be expected to check each tile before laying, the courts have reiterated

The Commission also reiterated that in cases of defective products, both the dealer and the manufacturer would be liable to pay and the consumer is entitled to recover the amount from either of them or both.

In this case, the dealer had filed a revision petition before the Commission and argued that since he had purchased the tiles and sold to the consumer, he could not be held accountable for the quality of the tiles. The complainant had purchased tiles worth ₹70,799 and paid ₹8,849 towards tax. However, after these were laid, he noticed that the sides of the tiles projected upwards, causing injuries. A court commissioner confirmed the defect. The manufacturer and the dealer, however, argued that it was a case of improper laying of the tiles.

The apex consumer court held that the report of the commissioner left no doubt that the tiles were projecting upwards not because of poor workmanship, but because of defect in the tiles. Besides, neither the manufacturer nor the dealer had produced any expert evidence to rebut the report. The Commission upheld the verdict of the lower consumer court, awarding ₹1,10,000 to the consumer.

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Recounting tragedy at Nankana Sahib

100 YEARS ON Sacrifice of the martyrs led to the liberation of historic Sikh shrines from the control of *mahants*

MOHINDER SINGH

SIKH shrines have played a vital role in shaping the course of events of the 550-year-old history of the Sikhs and in the development of the Sikh religious tradition. Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh religion, established the twin institutions of *sangat* and *pangat* where all could partake of food from the Guru's kitchen, sitting in one line without any distinction of caste and class. Earlier, these gurdwaras were managed by pious men, who following the advice of Guru Nanak did not look upon offerings as their personal property.

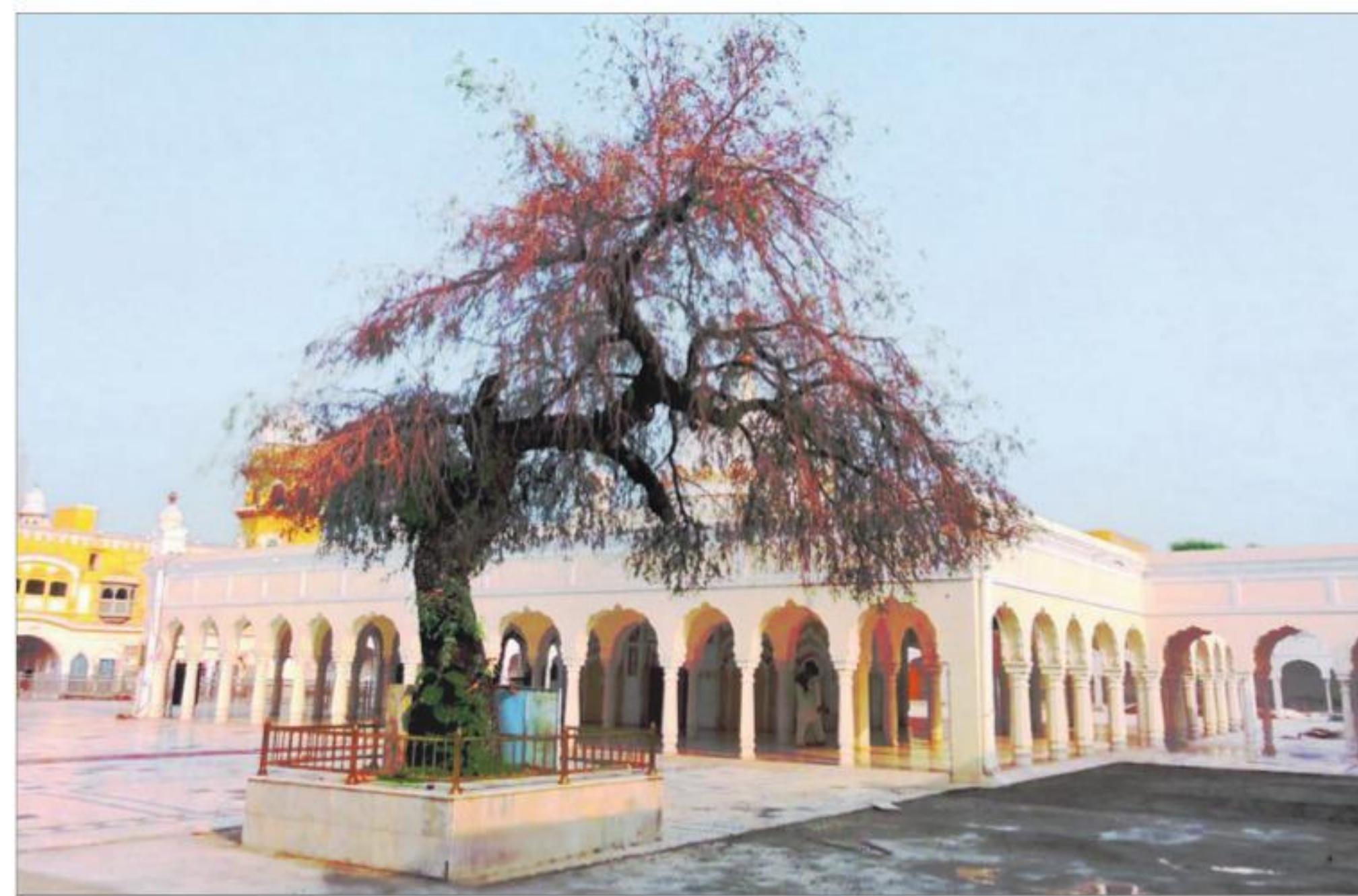
With the rise of the Sikhs to political power in the 19th century, historic gurdwaras were endowed with land grants. After the fall of the Sikh kingdom in 1849, Punjab came under British control and the Sikh community's hold over the *mahants* weakened. With the sudden increase in the income of the *mahants*, there came a change in their lifestyle — a shift from piety to indulgence in pleasures.

Realising the influence that the gurdwaras had in the daily life of the Sikhs, British rulers tried to establish indirect control over them by supporting the corrupt *mahants*, who, in turn, used these historic places to legitimise the British rule. When the country was busy condemning the killing of innocent Indians by General Dyer at Jallianwala Bagh, Arur Singh, manager of the Golden Temple in Amritsar, invited the General to the temple and tried to whitewash his bloodstains by honouring him with a *sirupa* and declaring him a 'Sikh'.

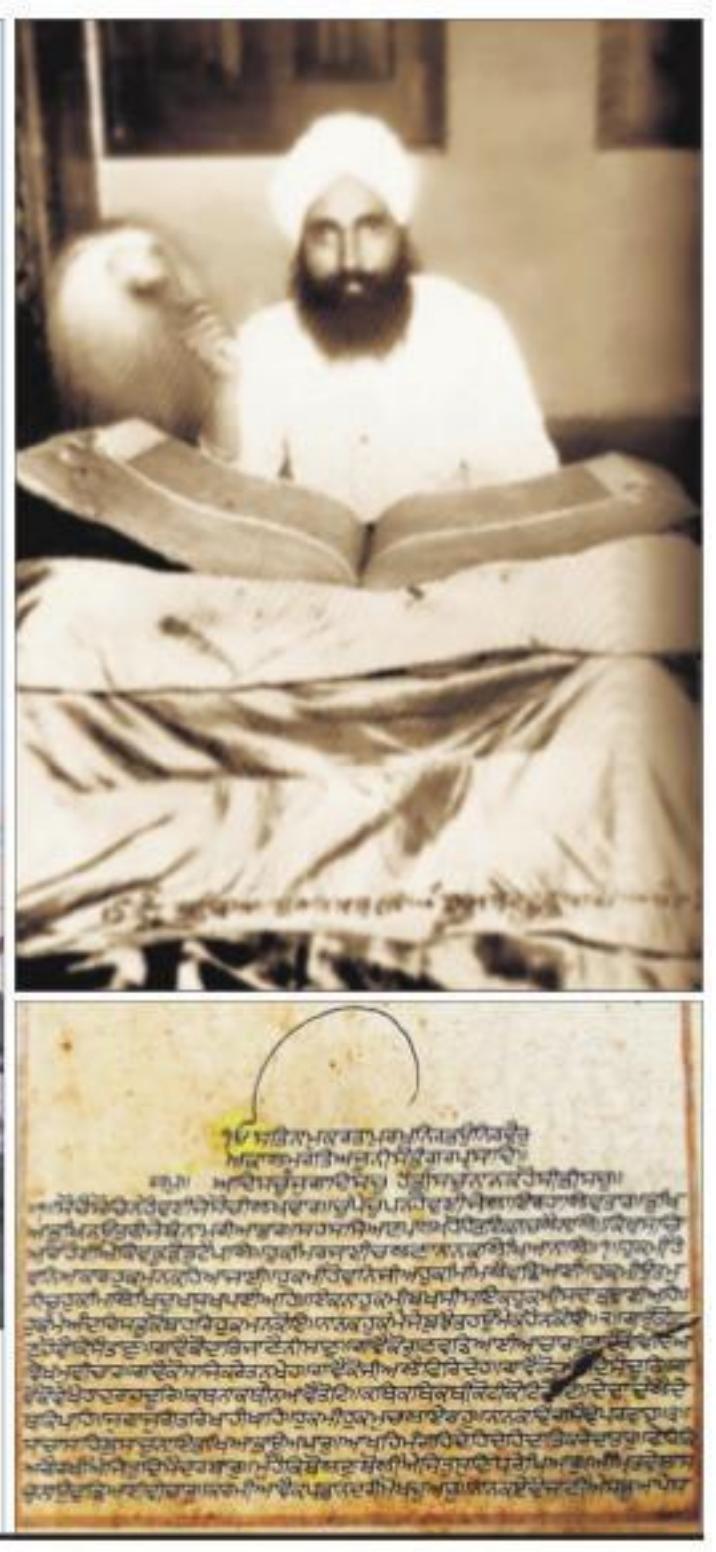
Nankana, being the birthplace of Guru Nanak, occupies the most important position among the Sikh shrines. During early decades of the 20th century, the gurdwara of Janam Asthan came to be controlled by Mahant Narain Das, who was leading an immoral life.

Bhai Lachhman Singh Dharowali, who had played a prominent role in the liberation of gurdwaras in Tarn Taran and other places, decided to take the initiative of liberating Nankana Sahib by leading a *jatha* from his village, which reached Nankana Sahib on the morning of February 20, 1921.

Unaware of the *mahant*'s intentions, he entered the gurdwara with members of the *jatha* and thus fell into the trap laid by Narain Das, who had hired nearly 400 mercenaries, including notorious crimi-



(Above) The historic *jand* tree to which innocent men, women and children were tied and burnt by pouring kerosene by mercenaries hired by the *mahant* of Nankana Sahib. PHOTO BY TAHIR IQBAL; (and right) Guru Granth Sahib *bir* was damaged due to multiple bullets fired on Bhai Lachhman Singh, who was in attendance of the sacred volume. In the picture, S Gurbax Singh Jhabalia is reading from the damaged volume. Below is the *bir* with visible bullet marks. Popularly known as Shahidi *bir*, this sacred volume is preserved at the Golden Temple in Amritsar.



nals like Ranjha and Rehana, armed with lethal weapons. According to an eyewitness account, on hearing the news of the arrival of the *jatha*, the *mahant* exhorted his men to action. Without any provocation, they started firing and, in the process, Bhai Lachhman Singh received a volley of bullets while trying to protect the holy Granth. The *mahant* took the extreme step of dragging him from his hair and after chopping off his arms, smashed his head on the ground. Similar treatment was given to the other members of the *jatha*. In order to obliterate all traces of the killed, the *mahant*'s men burnt the bodies. A few members of the *jatha*, who had taken shelter inside the rooms, were dragged out, tied to the *jand* tree and burnt by pouring kerosene. The historic tree, burnt from one side yet still green from the other, is a mute witness to

the cold-blooded murder of innocent men, women and children.

The Public Prosecutor confirmed that "the *mahant* tried to obliterate all traces of the killed by burning the corpses". Lord Reading, the Viceroy of India, in his report to the Secretary of State for India, also referred to the attempt to burn all the bodies.

On learning about the tragedy, Bhai Uttam Singh, a local factory owner, informed the higher authorities and also sent urgent telegrams to the Akali leaders. The Deputy Commissioner reached Nankana Sahib around noon. In the meantime, prominent Akali leaders also arrived. On noticing that the Akali leaders were greatly agitated over the inaction of the authorities in protecting the peaceful *jatha*, Mahant Narain Das and his henchmen were arrested and sent to Central Jail, Lahore, and the keys of the gurdwara were

handed over to the Akali leaders.

The tragedy greatly perturbed the Sikhs in different parts of the country who sent messages of sympathy for the Akali martyrs. Mahatma Gandhi visited Nankana on March 3, 1921. While condemning the cruel deed of the *mahant*, he described the martyrdom of the Akali reformers as an 'act of national bravery'.

With the help of volunteers who had also joined the Akali leadership in Nankana, mass cremation of the martyrs was performed. Prof Ruchi Ram Sahni, a trustee of *The Tribune* and author of 'Struggle for Reform in Sikh Shrines', mentions a touching incident when a very old woman talked to Sir Edward MacLagan, the Governor of Punjab, and said, "My child, my four sons and a grandson have been massacred. I request you for justice." Uttering these words, the old lady fell down senseless.

According to *Khalsa Samachar*, a young woman with prayers on her lips and tears trickling down her cheeks was complaining why her brothers had not allowed her to attain martyrdom just like them.

Bhai Jodh Singh, a respected Sikh scholar, who offered *ardas* for the martyrs, exhorted the Sikhs "to bear the suffering like their forefathers as a sacrifice without a reproach or curse", and mentioned that the crime committed in the holy shrine required a flood of innocent blood to be washed away. In their daily prayer, the Sikhs the world over remember the sacrifice of the martyrs of Nankana Sahib which led to the liberation of historic Sikh shrines from the control of *mahants* and provided democratic management of the historic gurdwaras.

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Courage over Srinagar: Flying Officer Sekhon

Recalling the 'sublime heroism, supreme gallantry' of Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon, IAF's only Param Vir Chakra recipient till date

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SPRINTING out of an underground shelter as the tannoy (a term used to denote a public address system in older colloquial British English) blares is bread and butter stuff for fighter pilots in the Indian Air Force as they respond to a scramble order to intercept intruding enemy aircraft. Not many, however, would have imagined in the wildest of their dreams that they would have to scramble their jets during an enemy bombing raid that involved four aircraft already in the process of dropping their bombs over targets on the airfield. This is exactly the situation that young Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon found himself in on December 14, 1971, at Srinagar airfield as part of an air defence detachment of four Gnat fighters from 18 Squadron, also called the Flying Bullets.

Srinagar during those days was not a base that had a fighter squadron permanently located due to the restrictions imposed on India not to base fighter aircraft at air bases in J&K following the UN-sponsored ceasefire in 1947-48. Strangely, this was not revised even after the 1965 India-Pakistan war. Air Marshal Manjit Singh Sekhon, himself a Vir Chakra awardee from the 1971 war for his exploits while flying Vampires from 121 Squadron out of Srinagar and who was closely related to Nirmaljit Sekhon, recalls that the latter was full of 'josh'. Much older and hailing from the same village Issewal in Ludhiana, he recalls having advised Nirmaljit to focus on becoming an officer in the IAF. He also remembers that both squadrons were put up in the same officer's mess at Badami Bagh and that during the conflict, Nirmaljit would often walk up to his room and say in Punjabi, 'Dhuan udani hai' — meaning that he wanted to 'smoke out the Pakistanis in battle'.

Battle-inoculated well before his epic dogfight over Srinagar airfield, Nirmaljit Sekhon had escorted Manjit



Sekhon's formation of Vampires a few days earlier as the latter attacked the Hajira Brigade of the Pakistan army and enemy artillery guns at Dwarandi, both in the Poonch sector. Unable to resist the temptation of joining the party, the Gnats emptied their guns on the targets after the Vampires completed their attack before returning to Srinagar.

Though Air Chief Marshal Lal had instituted several measures to improve early warning of incoming strike aircraft through a layered network of radars and Mobile Observation Posts (MOPs), the mountainous terrain and valleys offered excellent cover for enemy aircraft to conceal their approach while attacking airfields such as Srinagar. Therefore, the only way for air defence aircraft like the Gnats to inter-



On Dec 14, as PAF Sabres swooped down on the Srinagar airfield at 7.30 am, they did not expect the speed with which Flt Lt Ghuman and Flying Officer Sekhon would scramble into air. Ghuman couldn't join fray because of haze. Outnumbered 4:1, Sekhon fought on. Awarded PVC posthumously, he earned ungrudging admiration from all his adversaries

(Left) The statue of Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon at the Mini Secretariat in Ludhiana.

Tribune Photo: Inderjeet Verma



cept incoming strike aircraft was if they had at least five-six minutes of warning that would allow them to scramble in two-three minutes, and then allow the air defence radar to carry out an intercept before the strike hits the target. No such window was available on December 14, the day that Sekhon was part of a two-aircraft air defence mission that was on readiness at Srinagar.

Masking themselves with tactical finesse and penetrating the Srinagar valley with ease, a six-aircraft Sabre formation from the PAF's 26 Squadron led by their squadron commander, Wing Commander Changezi, swooped down on Srinagar airfield at 7.30 am. Comprising four aircraft for airfield attack and two staying high to provide air defence cover, the Sabres thought it would be a

cakewalk for them and like a few times earlier, they would exit the Valley before the Gnats were scrambled. This time, however, they did not expect the speed with which Flight Lieutenant BS Ghuman and Flying Officer Sekhon would scramble into the air. Having got airborne before Sekhon as the Number One, Ghuman gained height and turned around to pick up his Number Two, but lost sight of everything below as there was a thick layer of haze between 1,000 and 3,000 feet.

Sekhon, meanwhile, miraculously got airborne even as the first Sabre pair had dropped its bombs on the runway while the second pair was diving for the attack. So, you had two Sabres at over 750 km/hr with Sekhon's Gnat behind one of them as he built up his speed

quickly and commenced manoeuvring to get a shot on the Sabre leader, while the other Sabre attempted to get behind him. Two Sabres dropped their load and headed home while Changezi called on the two loitering Sabres to come into the fight from above. Despite being outnumbered 4:1, Sekhon fought on, calling for Ghuman to support him and forcing the Sabre behind him to exhaust the ammo. Unfortunately, Ghuman had lost contact in the haze and could not join the fray. Out of ammunition and vulnerable to the second pair of Sabres which had its ammo intact, Sekhon's aircraft was hit by several bursts of concentrated fire and went down close to Badgam, the site of another epic battle in November 1947 where Major Somnath Sharma was awarded a Param Vir Chakra as his company of 4 Kumaon stalled the enemy's advance towards Srinagar airfield. Sekhon attempted an ejection, but was too close to the ground and perished in action. Among the Indian accounts of that battle, a 2017 piece by KS Nair in *Indian Defence Review* and a terrific YouTube animation by Anurag Rana offer the finest accounts. Kaiser Tufail provides the best PAF perspective in his blog 'Aeronaut', where he calls Sekhon a 'hard nut to crack', and describes the combat with flair as Sekhon 'snatched degrees at a dizzying rate'.

While it is possible that Sekhon had scored a few hits, and inflicted some damage on one of the Sabres, the PAF claims that all the Sabres returned to Peshawar undamaged. However, there is ungrudging admiration for Sekhon from all his adversaries who were involved in that day's combat. For his 'sublime heroism, supreme gallantry, flying skill and determination above and beyond the call of duty in the face of certain death', Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon was awarded the IAF's only Param Vir Chakra till date.

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Glimpses of an extraordinary run

NONIKA SINGH

I AM a public person doesn't mean everything about my life has to be public knowledge. I get to choose what I share and when I share it." These words, in a nutshell, define the tone and tenor of Priyanka Chopra Jonas' memoir.

If you are purely looking for juicy trivia, this otherwise readable book is not for you. Sure, she has revealed a few salacious bits, but much of that is already in the public domain by way of news stories. Unlike the story wherein, during her stay in the US, her aunt busted her and discovered her boyfriend in the closet, there are no skeletons tumbling out. Even when she is at her candid best and talks about some of the unsavoury experiences she had to bear with as an outsider in the industry, there is no name calling. And those of you who are wondering whether she talks about her much publicised and insinuated affairs, well, she doesn't quite brush them under the carpet. Rather, she deals with them as a mature person would.

As the global star, the first India-born actor to headline American network television series, narrates her incredible journey, she speaks in a voice clear and honest. Priyanka doesn't gloss over her mistakes and has no hesitation in looking back and recalling her faux pas. The Miss World question on Mother Teresa is one of the many discomfiting truths she is ready to look in the eye.

Apart from the refreshing courage to unspool her vulnerable side, she certainly

has a way with words and a surefire felicity to create stories. Right from the moment we step into her childhood years, she weaves yarn after yarn of her boarding days, of being the daughter of two Army doctors who ensured that their daughter not only dreams of but reaches the stars.

Interestingly, the woman who wears the tattoo 'Daddy's Lil Girl...' on her wrist like a badge of love comes across as more of a mama's daughter. The role that her mother Madhu Chopra played, and still does, in the making of Priyanka is indelible, inspiring and relatable. Delightful accounts of how a 17-year-old found her place under the sun courtesy her mother's spirited guidance exemplify that in ample measure.

Surprisingly, unlike her crowning moments, both as Miss India World and Miss World, which she describes with vivid detail, the same enthusiasm is not perceptible when she recounts her tryst with Bollywood. In a book teeming with anecdotes and personal interfaces in the film world, you don't learn much about her closeness with others of her ilk; except a couple of mentions like that of Salman Khan and tipping the hat to the Roshans. Besides, by no stretch of imagination is the book a filmography of the actor who has acted/produced over 60 films. She talks about her craft and the hard work that has gone into creating characters like Mary Kom and films such as 'Bajirao Mastani', 'Don' and 'Drona'. As for the assessment of her craft, she leaves it to others.

Memoirs are meant to be a personal affair and Priyanka truly comes into her own when she covers personal ground — her life as a teenager, her student life in the US and her family, in particular. Her love, rather adulation, for her parents is more than palpable.

At one level, one is tempted to dismiss the book as an ode to her parents. Yet, as one gets engrossed in her retelling of her closeness with not just her parents but extended family, you relate to her as a human being. Finally, when she recreates her romance with Nick Jonas and her fairytale wedding, you are as awestruck as this very much in love woman. She may not have addressed the vicious memes that emanated from their age gap, yet, she refers to many a savage troll that has tried to vitiate her public image.

For the naysayers, she has a note in the acknowledgements, which goes: "...made me stronger and pushed me to keep climbing and wanting to achieve more." With many a feather in her crown, including a deal with Amazon Studios and a project with Mindy Kaling in the offing, the success story of the 'Quantico' star is clearly unfinished. But 'Unfinished', the book, is by no means incomplete. It gives you a well-rounded sense of Priyanka Chopra Jonas who, as a child, wanted her name on the nameplate outside the house and now has it emblazoned in global skies.

In the memoir, Priyanka Chopra, married to singer Nick Jonas, doesn't gloss over her mistakes. REUTERS



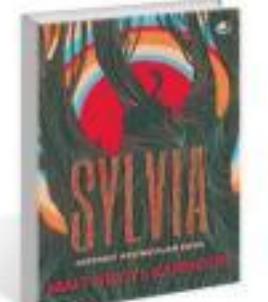
BACKFLAP

UR ANANTHAMURTHY called it the foundational text in Indian literary history along with Tagore's 'Gora'. More than a hundred years after it was written, yet another translation of 'Chha Mana Atha Guntha' is here, widening the reach of Fakir Mohan Senapati's book that is hailed as the first modern Odia novel. A story of village politics, caste oppression and land-grabbing, 'Six and a Third Acres' is about a piece of land owned by a god-fearing couple, threatened by the zamindar's avaricious gaze. As the two fight the landlord, they come face-to-face with the harsher realities of caste-riden life. As much a story of today as that of yesterday, isn't it?



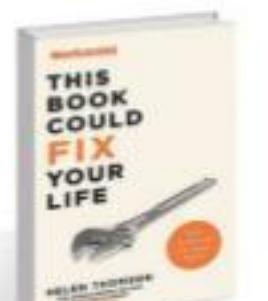
SIX AND A THIRD ACRES
by Fakir Mohan Senapati.
Translated by Leelawati Mohapatra, Paul St-Pierre & KK Mohapatra. Aleph.
Pages 208. ₹399

WITH awards for poetry and translation of prose under her belt, Maithreyi Karnoor is here with her debut novel 'Sylvia: Distant Avuncular Ends'. She employs both her strengths, poetry and prose, to tell the story of Cajetan Pereira, who lives in Goa but yearns for his childhood home in Tanzania, pouring that longing into the project of living near a baobab tree on soil that is his only for historical reasons. Into this strange idyll walks Sylvia, a young woman in search of a story. As they discover a past connection, they explore ways to build that relationship. Over the course of the novel, Sylvia comes into kaleidoscopic focus — how and why?



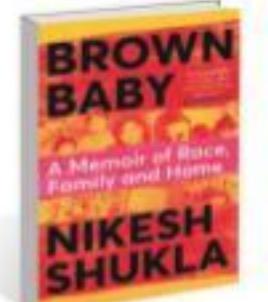
SYLVIA: DISTANT AVUNCULAR ENDS
by Maithreyi Karnoor. Westland.
Pages 184. ₹499

At the outset, award-winning science writer Helen Thomson says she has always hated self-help books. Yet, she is out with one — to help her readers understand the often surprising truths behind meditation, resilience, addiction, willpower, love, good sleep, dieting, antidepressants, intelligence, etc. Divided into 12 chapters, it takes on oft-discussed subjects like How to Find Love, How to Make Friends, How to Get Ahead in Life, How to Sleep Well. So, what does she do differently? Well, collaborating with *New Scientist*, she draws evidence-based advice from latest research and packs it with experiments you can try on yourself.



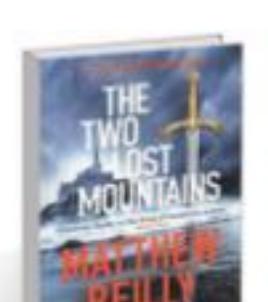
THIS BOOK COULD FIX YOUR LIFE: THE SCIENCE OF SELF HELP
by Helen Thomson, with *New Scientist*. Hachette.
Pages 330. ₹599

HOW early does one have a conversation with a child about the colour of his/her skin? If you are born brown in a largely white world, perhaps pretty early because racism rears its obnoxious head sooner than you expect. The book takes its title from Oscar Brown Jr's 1960s' ballad, 'Brown Baby'. If Brown's song wished a better world for his son, Shukla addresses this to his daughters, tackling questions on parenting and racism. His mother, who died of lung cancer at 59, remains a constant presence throughout the book, assisting him in his exploration of race, family and home. Shukla's earlier book, 'The Good Immigrant', reflected on race, immigration and being the 'other' in Great Britain.



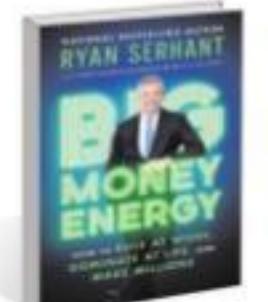
BROWN BABY: A MEMOIR OF RACE, FAMILY AND HOME
by Nikesh Shukla. Pan Macmillan.
Pages 256. ₹650

FROM the master of action Matthew Reilly comes another one in the Jack West series. 'The Two Lost Mountains' follows 'Seven Ancient Wonders', 'The Six Sacred Stones', 'The Five Greatest Warriors', 'The Four Legendary Kingdoms' and 'The Three Secret Cities'. The action-packed last novel ended on a rather solemn note. Jack found the three secret cities at a huge cost. As is Reilly's wont, he explores newer ancient technologies, realises newer myths in the book. With a new enemy to fight, Jack is running out of time in this penultimate instalment of his mission to save the world.



THE TWO LOST MOUNTAINS
by Matthew Reilly. Hachette.
Pages 422. ₹699

UNITL the end of the first decade of the 21st century, Ryan Serhant was a regular guy who fretted over every dollar spent. As his low-rent lifestyle started to bother him, he decided to leave it behind and earn big. Money, he believes, exudes energy, and big money means big energy. Serhant's book, that goes by the name 'Big Money Energy', explains how to rule at work, dominate life and make millions. CEO of a real estate brokerage company today, he shows how he tapped into his BME — firstly faking confidence and then finally making it his own. Does it work? Believe him you should; he earned his first million before he turned 30.



BIG MONEY ENERGY
by Ryan Serhant. Hachette.
Pages 230. ₹599

Making peace with nature

MAHESH RANGARAJAN

FEW books on the vanishing wildlife or nature in peril succeed in combining concern with awe. 'Wild and Wilful' is a remarkable debut for its range, from familiar animal icons like the tiger or elephant to the Amur falcons that winter in Nagaland.

In doing so, there is a slice of the natural world that comes alive and vibrantly so. The palpable sense of nature under threat is evoked, but in a lucid and simple way. The retreat of the forest that harboured wild elephants could serve as an instance and also a metaphor.

"Once, forests were like ink mixing in water," writes Sinha, "spilling everywhere. Forests stood on the border and mainstream of life." But we are in a different way, with the woods and grasslands shrinking as cultivation, townships, mines and industry have advanced. She cites studies to show how 36,500 hectares were diverted across India during 2014-17 alone.

Forests do endure but as "compressed dots on a map, not a way of life permeating the entire landscape". The retreat of elephants is mapped here not by numbers, but by a blend of story and anecdote. None is as painful as that of a herd near Kaziranga Park in Assam, the customary path of which was cut off by a new wall abutting a golf course. As the herd tried to break the wall, an elephant calf was injured and eventually died.

But ecological India is as much a story of survival and resilience as of despair and loss. Nature finds guardians and friends of all kinds. There is Forest Guard Shailendra Kumar near Chacahri station, Jharkhand, who manages to herd an elephant back into the forest. A



(Clockwise from above) Great Indian Bustard, by Dhrithiman Mukherjee; King Cobra, by Jignasu Dolia; Ganga Elephant, by Avijan Saha. PHOTOS COURTESY: HARPERCOLLINS

bird so rare its survival is in doubt, the white bellied heron is located near the Kamlang Tiger Reserve in Arunachal due to conservationist Ranjan Kumar Das.

And over the last three years, at a site in Jodhpur, eggs of the Great Indian Bustard are hatched and the young reared in a last-ditch effort to save the last of India's heaviest flying bird. Hunted in an earlier age, now losing grassland home, and finally dying due to high tension wires over its home that it does not know how to avoid, this is literally an eleventh hour intervention.

Creatures great and small do matter for lore and legend, and as symbols of a common heritage. It is here that this work goes the extra mile, reminding us how those who are close to nature have to be full partners, not bystanders, in efforts at course-correction.

The Amur falcons which flew in from Siberia to the Dayang reservoir in Nagaland fed on insects each October. In turn, they were

killed in thousands. It was only through patient and slow dialogue with Lotha Naga villagers that protection became a possibility. In place of 100,000 being killed in 10 days, the birds came to be a symbol of local pride, more valued in the sky or on a branch than on a plate!

Most original in this string of stories is that of the stone-faced creature, the fresh water crocodile. Kotni Sonar in Chhattisgarh has a community reserve for crocodiles. They are fed and left unharmed largely due to the efforts of a Babaji. He lost an arm in April 2006 to a female crocodile who was guarding her eggs. Yet, he is more than a priest of a temple, and has motivated many to volunteer to guard the crocodiles.

As co-habitants and neighbours, companions and adversaries, they are part of a living landscape of which humans form a small part. If the remaking of the land and water for development is to enable 'live and let live', every effort will count. This book helps begin a journey at a time when making peace with nature in India is as vital as it is elusive. For, the mosaic of life to endure needs a sense of wonder and that this book evokes and ever so well.

No man vs wild here, coexistence is the word

FOR those who have been wonderstruck by the recent viral video of cheetahs sleeping with a man in South Africa, a similar wonder awaits in Rajasthan. For decades, leopards and humans have coexisted peacefully at Bera near Udaipur. Telling their story is wildlife enthusiast Sundeep Bhutoria in 'The Bera Bond'. A coffee table book with photographs by conservationist Shatrunjay Pratap Singh, it tells the story of the wonderful relationship, more through pictures, less via words.

The leopard colony lies between Kumbhalgarh and Mount Abu wildlife sanctuaries, home to vivid wildlife and the Rabaris, animal herders who have never entered into a conflict with the leopards even as they often prey on their cattle.

Intensely private creatures, not given to flamboyant displays of magnificence like tigers, leopards are believed to have come down here from the Kumbhalgarh sanctuary more than 40 years ago. Today, more than 55 leopards inhabit this region. What works for them here is that the rocks merge beautifully with the spots on leopards, making it difficult to locate them. But then the bond shows when you see them frolicking on the steps of hill temples. Priests and leopards live in their own space, unperurbed, undisturbed, much to the delight of tourists, conservationists and wildlife photographers. Leopards reclining on the temple steps, ascetics going about their chores, visitors taken by surprise — the thread runs across the various small temples on the small hills.

The book is a result of the author's three-day stay in the area and he admits that the information is also from secondary sources. Even as he does not vouch for its authenticity, the photographs in the book and the heartwarming bond of the Rabaris and the ascetics with the leopards is enough for one to appreciate the effort, and pick up the book. — TNS

INVESTMENT in the field of science and technology (S&T) was "too limited" when the British left India, according to author Ajey Lele. This, he points out, prompted the newly Independent country's leadership to to establish the S&T architecture from scratch, and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is a foremost example of such enterprising forays.

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people like Dr Homi Bhabha and Dr Vikram Sarabhai for making S&T an important constituent of Independent India's national policy. They brought together an army of brilliant scientists, anthropologists, communicators and social scientists from all over the country to spearhead the Indian space programme — illiteracy being the first enemy they wanted to fight with the help of science. In due course of time, challenges emanating from climate change and geography were tackled.

The technological apartheid that India faced following the 1998 nuclear tests dealt a huge setback to the space programme. — TNS

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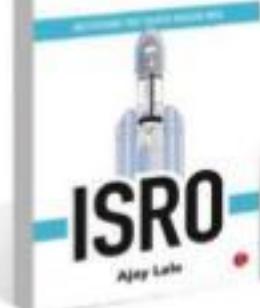
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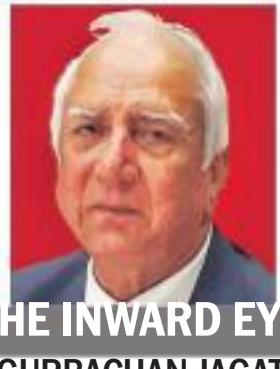
people like Dr Homi Bhabha and Dr Vikram Sarabhai for making S&T an important constituent of Independent India's national policy. They brought together an army of brilliant scientists, anthropologists, communicators and social scientists from all over the country to spearhead the Indian space programme — illiteracy being the first enemy they wanted to fight with the help of science. In due course of time, challenges emanating from climate change and geography were tackled.

The technological apartheid that India faced following the 1998 nuclear tests dealt a huge setback to the space programme. — TNS



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From 'steel frame' to 'Babu'



THE INWARD EYE

GURBACHAN JAGAT

Elected politicians head govt and All India Services are the instruments of governance. But, institutions have been destroyed, laws and rules compromised, conscience-keepers sidelined. In all this, most officers have become willing collaborators afraid to open their mouth, lest they anger the politician. If we are serious about bringing a change, we should begin with the political setup

WHILE speaking in the British Parliament in 1922, Lloyd George (then Prime Minister) stated in reference to the British civil service, 'If you take the steel frame out of the fabric, it would collapse.' Sardar Patel, while speaking in the Constituent Assembly in October 1949, stated: 'You will not have a united India if you do not have a good All India Service which has independence to speak out its mind.' He further said that 'if you want an efficient All India Service, I advise you to allow the services to open their mouth freely; these people are the instruments, remove them and I see nothing but a picture of chaos all over the country'. Speaking in Parliament on February 10, 2021, the current Prime Minister stated that the IAS officers were handling most departments and incidentally he also referred to them as 'Babus', a word made popular by the media. This came as a bit of a surprise because he has always placed great confidence in bureaucrats.

From the steel frame to the instrument to keep the country united and finally to a figure of ridicule — a 'Babu'. This journey from the sublime to the ridiculous has taken only 73 years. In this system of governance, we have chosen the elected politicians to head the government at the Centre and the states and the All India Services are the instruments of governance. Gradually, the political class has usurped the powers of the bureaucracy and has begun to run governments as personal fiefdoms. Laws are bent, rules are broken and the system circumvented in order to achieve political or personal objectives. With the passage of time, some unscrupulous officers began to collaborate with similar elements in the body politic and now the disease has spread to lower levels also. It has become a pandemic against which the only vaccination is your conscience or

your will to stand up and speak the truth to power. Mercifully, there are a few who do this and that is why the system has not totally collapsed.

I will not go into details of how institutions have been destroyed, laws and rules compromised, collaborators rewarded and conscience-keepers sidelined. In all this, most of the officers have become willing, subservient collaborators afraid to open their mouth, lest they anger the politician. The nexus of the politician, elements in the services (including the judiciary) and the crony businessman/industrialist is almost complete and is in a position to not only influence policy, but also define it. The common man for whom the welfare state came into existence is nowhere in the picture except at the time of elections, when votes are bought or obtained in the name of religion, caste, etc.

For 30 years or so after freedom, the public sector was built to galvanise the economy. There was no private sector worth the name when the British left. They left no developmental infrastructure behind as they had no interest in the development of the country. It had to be created from scratch and that was done by men of vision, intellectual brilliance, solid integrity and full faith in the rule of law. They had created the Constitution and they lived by the principles enshrined in it. Together, with the services, they laid down a network of dams, irrigation facilities, steel plants, science institutes for education and to develop nuclear power for peaceful purposes, agricultural universities, cement factories and various other things needed to kickstart a country's economy on the path of all-round development. The voice of India was respected in all international forums. This was because there was no nexus and all citizens, political leaders and officers were seen to be lending their shoulder to the national wheel of progress. How did the public sector start per-

forming at below-par levels? It was manned by officers of the All India Services who had entered through a very rigorous system of selection, got trained in the best institutes and were groomed by senior officers in the field and in the secretariat, men and women of proven competence and integrity. I was part of the UPSC from 2002 till 2007 and can say without hesitation that out of the lakhs appearing every year for the civil services exam, rarely has there been a complaint against the fairness and the integrity of the UPSC. The brightest of young men and women appear for this exam and about a thousand finally make it.

The problem begins when they go to the states and are posted in the field and get exposed to the electoral structure i.e. panchayats, municipal councils, corporations, MLAs, MPs, ministers, etc, and begin to see the difference between theory and practice. They seek support from their seniors when forced to do wrong, but very rarely does it come. So, what is it about the political environment in the field which does not allow the rule of law and good administration? It is the quality of men entering politics at all levels. About 200 MPs have criminal records and some of them are ministers. The same holds true at the state level and down to the panchayat. This kind of a political setup requires the same kind of instruments to do their dirty work. Thereafter, the young bureaucrats start getting wiser and most of them adapt to the ways of the system and you will find different shades of grey in their orientation.

If we are serious about bringing a change, we should begin with the political setup. There should be a special commission of eminent jurists, constitutional experts, representatives of all parties, etc. They should have a hard look at the prevailing conditions and come up with a code of conduct for all political parties, which should include the distribution of tick-

ets for elections, for selection of ministers, interaction with bureaucrats, interference in transfers and postings, redressal of complaints of bureaucrats, to mention a few of the requirements. This commission and code of conduct should have statutory backing. Instead of going in the direction of reforming the political setup, which is at the root of all problems, newfound ideas like lateral induction at the level of joint secretary have been introduced. How will they fit in? How will they affect the career prospects of the cadre officers? How will they be selected? Will there be reservations? We should stick to the UPSC, strengthen it and focus on the reforms of the political setup in the country. It is easy to destroy institutions, building them is the challenge. For instance, what was achieved by replacing the Planning Commission with Niti Aayog? Individuals and a plethora of organisations cannot be a replacement for cogent, well-thought-out, planned institutions which have been overwhelmed by unprecedented snow storms that have paralysed the US state and crippled normal life. My brother lives in Dallas and the pictures he has sent of frozen taps, huge snow drifts and a fountain festooned with icicles, really shook me. I remember going there one summer and we couldn't breathe without air-conditioning. I am certain many homes have no provision for heating in winter simply because the need for warmth was never in question.

In the light of the prevailing situation and the likely trends in the future, India leads the world in the number of high-net-worth individuals applying for permanent residence abroad and in the unemployed millions at home. They will both look to foreign shores to go and try their luck there. There is nothing for the *garib aadmi* or the honest businessman here. Since the system does not cater to them, they will have to speak for themselves (most of the media will ignore them). The farmers seem to have realised the peril they are in and are out in strength to demand their rights peacefully. Will others join in? Only time will tell.

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Doing with less



TOUCHSTONES

IRA PANDE

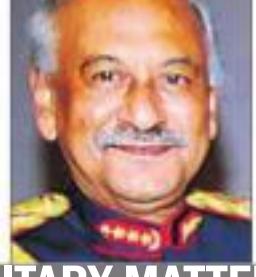
I am appalled at how much food is simply thrown away now. Abroad, I have seen huge baskets of bread and rolls outside bakeries for free distribution as it is a day old. A day old! In our homes, old *chapatis* were smeared with ghee to make *paranthas*, leftover rice was tossed with vegetables and made into a homely version of fried rice, and so on. In the absence of refrigerators, food was cooked so that it was consumed that day itself. What stops us from keeping these thrifty habits alive? Do we need lessons from some American or European know-all telling us how to conserve energy? On the other hand, we could teach them a thing or two about doing with less.

All over the Third World, people value food and natural resources deeply. Many rituals are created around such lessons to make them a part of everyday life. Similarly, trees, water sources, plants, and even stones, are worshipped to remind us how the natural world must at all times be respected. However, years of rule by people of another culture erased these basic lessons when missionary teachers would make fun of our idolatrous practices. Recently, on Basant Panchami, a festival celebrated in various ways across India, I was astonished to see that very few bothered to dress in yellow clothes or cook yellow, saffron-scented sweet rice. As for Saraswati Puja, associated with the festival, there is now no mention, except to score electoral points in Bengal. As children, we kept all our books and writing implements in front of Saraswati to bless them and loved that we were not supposed to open a book that day.

In the colony we live now, more children know about Valentine's Day than the significance of this lovely ritual. I have nothing against celebrating all festivals whether they belong to my religion or any other; what saddens me is how a marketing blitz unleashed by multinational companies that make and sell greeting cards and teddy bears is slowly taking over. We have already lost our food, languages and clothes to others. Let us at least keep our celebration of nature's bounty alive.

Our festivals and rituals carry within the distilled wisdom of centuries. The worship of nature is woven into all pastoral communities, whether here or elsewhere. However, many cultures have thrown the baby out with the bathwater when they turned away from these celebrations. Let us not forget that wearing yellow clothes to celebrate the onset of spring or dancing round a Lohri bonfire to say goodbye to winter are remnants of a pastoral way of life when Nature was saluted. Is there a better way of making children eco-conscious?

Bara Khana in faraway Vancouver



MILITARY MATTERS

LT GEN SR GHOSH (RETD)

An unforgettable meeting with veterans to discuss their problems, mostly related to pensions, and attending a *fauji* get-together 11,000 km away from home

IN August 2005, shortly before my assignment ended in the embassy at Washington DC, I received a call from a retired Army Colonel in Vancouver who said he was the president of the British Columbia Indian Ex-Servicemen Society. He complained that Military Attachés seldom, if ever, visited them, and that I must do so before I returned to India. Till that time, I wasn't even aware that there was such an organisation of Indian veterans in Canada. Intrigued, I promised I would do so, but the Colonel insisted that I visit them on September 12. Thus, a month later, my wife and I landed in Vancouver after a six-hour flight from Washington.

British Columbia is an extremely beautiful part of Canada and we were looking forward to some good sightseeing. But sadly, that was not to be! The Colonel, a smart, well-dressed Sikh, informed us that the following morning there would be a meeting with our ex-servicemen to discuss their problems, mostly relat-

ed to pensions, followed by a *Bara Khana* in the evening. The latter really took me by surprise, because for the life of me I couldn't imagine attending a *fauji Bara Khana*, 11,000 km away from home.

The next day, we met with two dozen veterans, mostly all Sikhs, in a makeshift conference hall. The Colonel introduced us and thereafter, it was all pure Punjabi... it was just like being back in India in a Sikh infantry battalion! Their problems were many and my Punjabi wasn't the best, so after a while, I handed over the meeting to my wife, who apart from being a Punjabi was also a senior civil servant in our government. Over the next two hours, she heard one complaint after another about non-release of pensions and the difficulties they faced getting their legitimate dues. It was all very upsetting and we left the meeting in a rather pensive mood.

The *Bara Khana* in the evening was very different. Nearly a hundred veterans, again mostly all Sikhs, sat

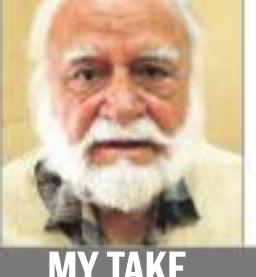
together on tables of six and eight toasting good health to each other. It was only when the master of ceremonies, a Subedar Major, came on stage, that I realised the significance of September 12. It was Saragarhi Day, of great importance to all Sikh warriors in general, and to the Sikh Regiment in particular. It would be recalled that on September 12, 1897, hundreds of Afghans attacked the British outpost of Saragarhi in North West Frontier Province. Twenty-one soldiers of the Sikh Regiment, led by Hav Ishar Singh (portrayed by Akshay Kumar in the recent film), fought to the last man defending the fort, in one of the most courageous battles in the history of warfare.

The 'josh', spirit and enthusiasm amongst these veterans from Punjab was unimaginable as the Subedar Major narrated the story of the Battle of Saragarhi (which all of them would have heard multiple times before), ending in the final soul-stirring '*Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal!*' This was surely India, not Vancouver!

The icing on the cake was the chance meeting with Brig Darshan Singh. No cadet of the National Defence Academy during the late 1960s can ever forget the burly head of Physical Training, especially those who were kicked off by him from the 10-metre diving board and fell spread eagle into the swimming pool below. Daka Singh, as he was then called, was sadly now a shadow of his original build, but it was such a pleasure for me to escort him to the stage and introduce him to the audience as my Ustaad! Everyone stood up and gave him a rousing round of applause.

We returned to Washington DC but my wife remained very disturbed. Over the next few months, she took it as a holy mission to ensure that our Vancouver warriors got their monetary dues. It took a while but soon after we returned to India, she received a letter from the Colonel that all the affected veterans had received lakhs of rupees as their pension arrears. What a joyful culmination of our journey to Vancouver!

UAE's mission to Mars and the inspiring new role models



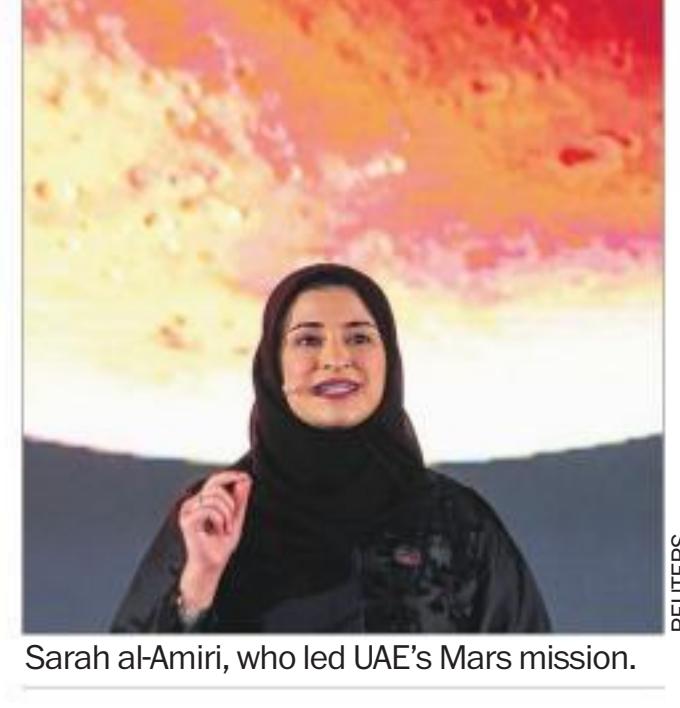
MY TAKE

RAHUL SINGH

Arab world is best known for producing oil, not major tech achievements or women being in forefront. The UAE intends to amend this impression

THE United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a strange and unusual country. Just the other day, it started the world by becoming only the fifth country (including India) to successfully put a spacecraft in orbit around Mars, the first Arab nation to do so. The intention of the Mars mission is to try and unravel the mystery of how the Red Planet, which was at one time warm and wet, became dry and cold. The UAE spacecraft was launched on July 19, 2020, and reached its destination on February 10, 2021. Just as striking as the launch itself is the leader of the Mars mission, Sarah al-Amiri, a 33-year-old computer engineer who is also the Minister of State for Advanced Sciences. Not only that, unbelievably, 80 per cent of her team comprises women.

One does not associate the Arab world with women being in the forefront of science and technology. On the contrary, the widespread notion is that in most Islamic countries women have a lower legal status than men, which, to be honest, is true, and that they are virtually treated as second class citizens. The Arab world is best known for producing much of the world's oil, not for any major scientific or technological achievements. The UAE clearly intends to amend this popular impression



REUTERS

Sarah al-Amiri, who led UAE's Mars mission.

of Islam. But before going further, a brief narrative of the spread of Islam is called for.

The faith had its origins in Saudi Arabia. Its founder, Prophet Muhammad, died in 632 AD and within a short period, Islam spread with astonishing speed all over the Middle East and North Africa, even across the Mediterranean into Spain. By 1000 AD, Islam was knocking on the doors of the Indian subcontinent. Later, the faith would spread further East, into Malaysia, Indonesia and parts of China. With Muslims numbering 1.7 billion, one out of four persons in

the world belongs to the Islamic faith. Contrary to popular belief, the conversions to Islam over the years in this vast area were not by force, but largely voluntary. Between the 8th and 14th centuries was the Golden Age of Islam, when the Islamic world was at the forefront of disciplines like science, astronomy, medicine, philosophy and theology, while Europe sunk into the Dark Ages. With so much Islamophobia around these days, it is worth recalling Islam's glorious history.

I spent almost a year in the UAE as editor of one of its leading newspapers. When taking up the assignment, I had no illusions about the kind of freedom of the press I would enjoy, since the respective royal families of the Emirates were basically the ones who ruled the UAE. They made the major decisions. For instance, I would never have been able to carry the recent news about the abduction of the Dubai ruler's daughter, Princess Latifa, allegedly by Indian commandos on the high seas and her return to captivity in Dubai. This made big international news, but dare not to delve into the underworld money from India and Pakistan flowing unhindered into the UAE. Dubai had a free-wheeling economy, and what would be seen as illegal, even crimi-

nal, activity in most countries, was winked at. After all, the smuggling of various goods from the UAE by dhows to the coasts of India and Pakistan had earlier been the basis of Dubai's prosperity. Once, while at Dubai's India Club, Dawood's presence at another table was pointed out to me by my host. If I dared point any of this, I knew I would be on the first flight back to India! But I was keen to learn something about Islam first-hand. This was a wonderful opportunity. Moreover, the newspaper was very professionally run, with first-rate staff. Though its circulation was low by Indian standards, it attracted plenty of ads, testifying to the buoyant economy. My pay packet was a very generous one. Since there is no income tax in the UAE, as a non-resident Indian, I could send back my entire savings.

The UAE consists of seven Emirates, the best known being Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah. Of the total population of a little under 10 million, only 11 per cent are UAE citizens. The rest are what are called "expatriates" (expats), of which Indians constitute 38 per cent, and Bangladeshis and Pakistanis 19 per cent. Abu Dhabi is the only Emirate rich in oil, while Dubai runs almost entirely on trade and business. Dubai is an incred-

ibly efficient, clean place, with excellent public transport. And, of course, there are the huge shopping malls.

The UAE attracts Indians like a powerful magnet, from workers lucky enough to get work permits (many get duped), to entrepreneurs and managers. Fortunes are made (and unmade as well) and remittances sent home. Kerala's prosperity is partly based on Malayalis working in the Gulf. Though it attracts plenty of tourists, the UAE is entirely work-oriented. If you don't have a job, you cannot stay. There is zero tolerance for any kind of labour agitation, the bane of Kerala. If you need proof that given sufficient incentive and acceptable conditions, Indians are the hardest working and most enterprising people in the world, go to the UAE (the Chinese might dispute that assessment). Though Abu Dhabi and Sharjah are conservative (no alcohol allowed), Dubai is extremely liberal, and tolerant. The hotels and many restaurants serve alcohol. Even Arabs are served it, if they take the precaution of not wearing the traditional dress! Few women wear *burqas*. Returning to the Golden Age of Islam may be a long way off, but with a UAE spacecraft orbiting Mars, a major step forward has been taken and the right signal sent.

The writer is a veteran journalist

China, India, Russia must lower emissions: Kerry

UNITED NATIONS, FEBRUARY 20 The world's big emitting countries, including China, India, Russia and Japan, need to "really step up" and begin to lower greenhouse gas emissions, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry has said as he called on all nations to raise their ambition to fight against climate change.

Kerry on Friday joined UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for a special virtual event to mark the United States rejoining the Paris Agreement.

"We need the United States and every country to determine they will get on a path toward net-zero emissions by 2050. That is not something we will do by countries just stepping up and saying, 'Hey! We commit, here we are. Yeah, we'll do it by 2050'. That doesn't work. That doesn't cut it. That is not the way that we get to go to Glasgow," Kerry said.

The United Kingdom will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in November this year. The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on



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Climate Change. Kerry said as nations go to Glasgow, they have to be real about exactly "what we need to do starting now. What steps will we take in the next 10 years? China, which is the largest emitter in the world, needs to be part of the 2020 to 2030 effort".

"India needs to be part of it. Russia needs to be part of it. Japan, all the big emitting countries, need to begin to lower those emissions," he said.—PTI

Trinamool slogan: 'WB wants its own daughter'

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20 The Trinamool Congress on Saturday launched its slogan for the upcoming Assembly elections — 'Bangla Nijer Meyakei Chaye' (Bengal wants its own daughter only), adding to the shrill insider vs outsider debate, while portraying Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the daughter of Bengal. The slogan with Mamata's photo was put up on hoardings across Kolkata as the state's ruling party officially launched it from its headquarters off EM Bypass.

"The slogan revolves around the sentiment that echoes across the state for the Chief Minister, who is the daughter of Bengal," a press note issued by TMC informed.

"As didi, Mamata looked after people of the state like an elder sister. Now, it is Mamata who needs help. She is beginning for votes and has decided to step into the shoes of a daughter," explained Anirban Bhattacharya, a journalist with a major Kolkata publication.

The new slogan will also resonate with the TMC recent agenda of fanning sentiments



MOTTOS COINED EARLIER

■ The party's slogan of 'Bodla Noy Bodol Chai', meaning 'don't want revenge but change', ahead of the 2011 polls turned out to be crucial in reaching out to the masses who toppled the 34 years of Left rule in Bengal.

■ The slogan of 'Chup Chap Fulay Chap' (vote for TMC in silence) during the Left rule is considered iconic.

■ 'Ma, Mati, Manush' — the slogan Banerjee gave during the land agitation of the mid-2000s became the ideology of the party.

VIP SECURITY COVER FOR TURNCOATS

■ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has accorded VIP security cover to more than a dozen political leaders, including those who recently joined the BJP from the TMC and other parties.

against "outsiders" to corner the BJP which has emerged as the most potent force in the state to challenge Mamata electorally. Ironically, Prashant Kishor, professional election strategist hired by Mamata to help her win the elections slated to be held in the state soon, is said to have coined the slogan that reeks of provincialism. Kishor, a former associate of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, is a Bihari.

(With inputs from PTI)

No chance of Adelaide re-run in Ahmedabad, says Pujara

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 20

The last time India played a Day/Night Test match, it ended up in unmitigated disaster for the team — they were bowled out for 36 in Adelaide in December, losing to Australia by eight wickets.

That was India's first Day/Night match outside India. India will take on England in the third Test from February 24, in a Day/Nighter here. England's formidable swing bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad are expected to pose serious danger to the Indian batsmen. "It's a different ball game in Australia," India's senior batsman Cheteshwar Pujara said when asked to compare Adelaide and Ahmedabad. "The ball was seaming around a lot, we had one bad session which led to disaster." "Here we are playing in familiar conditions and confident that we'll put up a good show, and we'll not look back at what has happened in the past," he said—TNS

Announcing the slogan at the TMC state office in Kolkata, Subrata Subrata Bakshi, general secretary, said, "Bengal wants her own daughter is the slogan". It is not a tough fight but an election the country is looking forward to. This election will decide the fate of the constitution in the country." TMC leader Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar said, "Every person of Bengal trusts the daughter.

(With inputs from PTI)

SPORT

Osaka slams Brady for fourth Major

MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 20

Naomi Osaka crushed Jennifer Brady 6-4 6-3 to secure her second Australian Open title today, cementing her standing as the new queen of the women's tennis.

Osaka's one-sided win over the 22nd-seeded American gave the Japanese juggernaut her fourth Major crown, with her career still budding at age 23. She joined Monica Seles and Roger Federer as winners in their first four Grand Slam finals, marking her out as the ultimate big match performer.

"My reaction is that that's very amazing company," Osaka told reporters. "Hope that I can have one grain of how their career has unfolded. But you can only wish and you can only just keep going down your own path. But it's definitely something crazy to hear."

More major trophies surely await if she can convert her irresistible hardcourt form to French Open clay and grass at Wimbledon. Having humbled Serena Williams in the semifinals, a victory that reinforced a changing of the guard, Osaka was untroubled by Brady in the clash of power hitters.

She romped to a 21st straight win in completed matches, a streak dating back more than a year. Fans hoping for a repeat of the pair's engrossing US Open semifinal last year were left disappointed as Brady froze in the spotlight of her first Slam final.



NAOMI'S FOUR SLAMS

2 US Open titles (2018, 2020)

2 Australian Open titles (2019, 2021)

4 Consecutive Grand Slam finals won by Naomi Osaka. Before her, only Roger Federer and Monica Seles won their first four finals

US Open champion Osaka was also short of her best tennis, joining Brady in producing a dour, error-strewn first set.

But she settled to clinch six straight games, roaring to a 4-0 lead in the second before serving out the match to love.

A big serve sealed it, causing Brady to fire a forehand return long, and Osaka held her racket over her head, beamed and gave a little leap in an understated celebration. "Tonight I felt like was (it) more of a mental battle," said Osaka, who won here in 2019 too. — Reuters

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Ties with Maldives poised to take quantum jump, says EAM

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 20

India's time-tested relationship with the Maldives is poised to take a quantum jump, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said following talks with his Maldivian counterpart Abdulla Shahid and handing over one lakh additional doses of Covid vaccine.

Jaishankar arrived here on the first leg of his two-nation tour, both of which are strategi-



cally situated in the Indian Ocean. India is currently executing the Greater Male Connectivity Project, the largest

civilian infrastructure project connecting Malé with three islands by a 7.7-km bridge-and-causeway link, which will boost economic activity and generate employment.

Once implemented, the GMCP will render the Chinese projects insignificant in comparison and help demonstrate India's overarching presence through a high-visibility project. —TNS

Court rejects Navalny's appeal against jail term

MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 20

A Moscow court on Saturday rejected Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny's appeal against his prison sentence, even as the country faced a top European rights court's order to free the Kremlin's most prominent foe.

Speaking before the verdict, Navalny urged Russians to stand up to the Kremlin in a fiery speech mixing references to the Bible and "Harry Potter".

A lower court sentenced Navalny earlier this month to two years and eight months in prison for violating terms of his probation while recuperating in Germany. —AP



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