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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

BSF detects tunnel across IB in Samba

Ran 170 metres inside Indian territory | Soldier, three militants killed in Pulwama gunfight

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29
The Border Security Force (BSF) today claimed to have detected a tunnel near the India-Pakistan International Border (IB) in Samba district of Jammu province. This comes on a day a soldier of Army's elite counter-insurgency unit and three local Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in a gunfight in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Originating from Pakistan, the trans-border tunnel was detected in a field at Galar village. The tunnel's opening is around 170 metres from the IB on the Indian side.

IG (Jammu frontier) NS Jamwal did not rule out the involvement of Pakistan establishment in digging the tunnel.

20FT DEPTH 2-3FT WIDTH 700 METRES FROM PAK'S BORDER POST 8-10 SANDBAGS FOUND WITH PAK MARKINGS



"After inputs, special teams were constituted and one of these detected the tunnel on Friday," Jamwal said, adding:

"Pakistan-made sandbags with markings of Shakargarh and Karachi factories were found at the mouth of the tunnel."

"The tunnel is about 20 feet deep and 2-3 feet wide," the BSF Jammu tweeted. "With this detection, the alert BSF

troops foiled the nefarious design of Pakistan to infiltrate terrorists into Indian territory.



TERROR PLAN FOILED
Alert BSF troops foil a major terror plan, an attempt by terrorists to infiltrate into the Indian side through a tunnel on the International Border in Samba. BSF Jammu

SIX UNEARTHED SINCE 2012

- July 28, 2012: Chachwal in Samba
- August 23, 2014: Akhnoor's Chakla area
- March 3, 2016: RS Pura sector, Jammu
- February 14, 2017: Ramgarh sector, Samba
- September 30: Arnia, Jammu
- August 28, 2020: Galar, Samba

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India not to attend war games in Russia

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

India today pulled out of a multi-nation military exercise hosted by Russia in which Chinese and Pakistani troops too were expected to participate. With tensions brewing, India did not want its military seen alongside that of China and Pakistan.

This decision was taken at a high-level meeting where External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat were present. It was decided that with India locked in a military conflict with China in eastern Ladakh, it could not be business as usual. China has stalled all efforts to disengage along the Line of Actual Control.

Tension up, didn't want troops seen alongside those of China, Pak

Jaishankar and General Rawat also took into account the worsening global Covid-19 situation. India and China clashed in the Galwan valley on June 15 in which 20 Indian troops lost their lives while the Chinese suffered an undclared number of casualties.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit Russia on September 4-6 for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers' meeting, where India may raise the issue of China amassing troops along the Indian border. —TNS

Xi for building 'new, modern socialist' Tibet

BEIJING, AUGUST 29

Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for building a "new modern socialist" Tibet, constructing an "impregnable wall" against separatism in the sensitive Himalayan region and "sinicisation" of the Tibetan Buddhism, the official media reported today.

Xi, also the general secretary of the ruling Communist Party of China, underlined the need to fully implement the CPC policies on governing Tibet for a new era. Tibet remains deeply devoted to Buddhism where the Dalai Lama is revered as the spiritual head.

While Beijing views the Dalai Lama as a separatist who seeks to split Tibet from China, the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize laureate says he only seeks greater rights for the Tibetans, religious freedom and autonomy. —PTI

MoD panel to suggest changes to enhance combat capabilities

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WHAT IT'LL DECIDE

- Which administrative posts are occupied by civilian staff, but require military field experience
- Panel will interact with various branches and directorates of the services' headquarters
- Aim is to enhance combat capability and rebalance defence expenditure

Lt Gen DB Shekatkar (retd). Two other members on the panel are R Chandrashekhar, a former AFHQ cadre officer, and AN Das from the MoD finance wing.

The committee will conduct a study and identify such appointments in the three services that may be within the domain of the AFHQ civilian staff. It will also identify posts at the headquarters where civilian

officers had been posted despite the positions requiring only those with strict military field experience.

The panel has been tasked to interact with various branches and directorates of the services' headquarters of the MoD and the inter-service organisations for undertaking the study and submit a report of its recommendations by the first week of October.

The scope of the study will be to collate data on authorised and actual strength of the AFHQ officers allotted to the respective services.

It will also collect data on brigadier-level officers of the armed forces posted in the administration, finance, policy formulation, coordination, personnel management, training, vigilance, legal wings and land and works.

NO TROPHIES, ANOTHER CEREMONY ON CARDS

- Those conferred with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awards may be honoured a second time when they will actually get their trophies
- Due to the Covid-19 protocol, no grand ceremony could be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday, the event was held virtually
- The Sports Ministry was to send trophies to the winners through courier but changed its mind as it was unable to procure all trophies
- Starting with para-athlete Mariyappan Thangavelu, awarded the Khel Ratna, all winners paid their respect to President Ram Nath Kovind, they were given certificates
- Arjuna awardee Manu Bhaker said they were told that another 'ceremony or get-together' may be held where they would get their trophies
- Only 60 of the 74 winners could attend the ceremony. The absentees included Khel Ratna winner Vinesh Phogat, who has tested positive for Covid-19. — Vinayak Padmadeo

Women's hockey captain Rani Rampal in PPE gear arrives at SAI Centre in Bengaluru to receive Khel Ratna award. TWITTER



UNLOCK 4.0 GUIDELINES

METRO RAIL FROM SEPT 7, SCHOOLS STAY SHUT

ALLOWED

- Metro services from September 7 in a graded manner
- Inter-state, intra-state movement; no e-permit needed
- Social, political, religious events with ceiling of 100 persons from Sept 21
- Classes 9-12 pupils can attend school outside containment zones with parents' consent
- 50% teaching, non-teaching staff in schools for online teaching/tele-counselling

PROHIBITED

- Schools, colleges & other educational institutions stay shut till September 30
- International air travel, except as permitted by MHA
- Cinemas, pools and theatres, except open air, shut till Sept 30
- No local lockdown outside containment zones without consulting Centre

Martyr Major Sudhir Kumar Walia's father Rulia Ram salutes his son at the unveiling of his statue in Palampur. PHOTO: RAVINDER SOOD

Martyr's statue installed after 21-year battle

PALAMPUR, AUGUST 29
After struggling for nearly 21 years, the family of martyr Major Sudhir Kumar Walia, an Ashok Chakra awardee, managed to get his statue installed in the heart of Palampur town today.

Incidentally, it was the martyr's his 21st death anniversary today. Having sacrificed his life fighting militants in Jammu and Kashmir in 1999

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At 1.81%, India's death rate among lowest

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29
As India on Saturday recorded world's highest single-day rise of 76,472 Covid cases, the government cited 76.47 per cent recovery rate and 1.81 per cent case fatality rate to stress that the country had made tremendous strides in containing the infection.

After the total cases rose to 34,63,972 today and the toll reached 62,550, the Group of Ministers (GoM) reviewing the pandemic met for the 20th time to take stock of the situation. As many as 1,021 deaths have been reported in 24 hours.

Addressing the meeting, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said national recoveries had reached 26,48,998 and seven in every 10 patients had been discharged.

He said the global comparison showed India had one of

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Trump bats for woman prez, but says Ivanka better than Kamala

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 29
Kamala Harris is "not competent" to be President, US President Donald Trump has said as he launched an attack on the Indian-origin senator's credentials for the top post.

Addressing his supporters at a Republican campaign rally in New Hampshire on Friday, Trump said he would support seeing a female President in the US, but suggested that his daughter and senior White House adviser Ivanka Trump would be better candidate for the role.

Harris, 55, was a presidential aspirant until last year before she dropped out of the race because of lack of popular support. Harris returned to political limelight after Joe Biden, the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, picked her as his running mate in the November 3 election.

Born to a Jamaican father and an Indian mother, Harris is the first Indian-American and first Black woman to be picked by a major American political party for one of the top posts. "You know I want to see the first woman President, but I don't want to see a woman



She's not competent and withdrew from the presidential race before the primary season kicked off as her popularity dropped down to single digit. They're all saying we want Ivanka. Donald Trump, US PRESIDENT

president get into that position the way she'd do it, and she's not competent," Trump said, amid applause from his supporters, a few of whom screamed Ivanka Trump, at an election rally on Friday.

"They're all saying 'we want Ivanka'. I don't blame you," he said, responding to his supporters.

This was Trump's first election rally after he formally

accepted the nomination of the Republican Party on Thursday for the presidential election. Trump said Harris withdrew from the Democratic Party's presidential race before primary season kicked off as her popularity dropped down to single digit. "She (Harris) starts off her presidential campaign sort of strong. Within a few months, she goes down, down 15, 12, 11, nine, eight, five, three, two," he said. — PTI

Govt explores possibility of single voter list for LS, local body poll

Move aims at avoiding discrepancies, bringing uniformity

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29
After implementing one-nation-one-voter card, the government is now exploring the possibility of having a common electoral roll for the Lok Sabha, Assembly and local body elections to avoid discrepancies and bring uniformity in the voter list.

Sources in the government said the move aimed at avoiding discrepancies, bringing uniformity in the voter list and reducing the cost of preparing separate electoral rolls.

At present, the Election Commission prepares the electoral roll or voter list for the Lok Sabha and Assembly poll. The state election commissions, which are altogether separate bodies as per constitutional provisions, hold elections for local bodies such as municipalities and panchayats in their respective states based on their own voter lists.

The government is discussing whether there can be a single electoral roll for these



TRIMMING EXPENSES

■ Money is spent on the same exercise twice. Often discrepancies have been noticed when names of voters go missing from voter lists

■ In a letter written to the government in November 1999, the Election Commission had said that separate rolls prepared by the EC and State ECs "not only created confusion among the electors because their names might be present in one roll but absent in the other, or vice versa, but also resulted in duplication of effort and expenditure"

■ The EC and parliamentary panel on Law and Personnel Ministries have supported the idea in the past too

three types of elections. Now, states have to be persuaded to adopt the central electoral roll

(the one prepared by EC)," said a senior functionary. According to another official, it is "desirable" to have one electoral roll as the entire exercise gets repeated. (with inputs from PTI)

LeT ultra linked to UK airport attack plotter in NIA custody

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29
The NIA has arrested Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative Shabeel Ahmed, who is believed to be a close relative of the 2007 Glasgow airport attack mastermind.

Agency officials said the accused was arrested last night after he was brought back to India from Saudi Arabia.

They said Ahmed had moved from Bengaluru to Saudi Arabia in 2010-11. He is a cousin of UK airport attack mastermind Kafeel Ahmed, the officials said, maintaining that after getting his remand from a special NIA court here, he would be taken to other places, including Bengaluru, for further investigation.

The officials said Ahmed was also wanted in a case registered by the Delhi Police Special Cell in 2015 and was declared a proclaimed offender by a Delhi court on July 12, 2016.

In August 2017, Indian agencies had brought in another Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) suspect Syed Mohammed Zishan Ali from Saudi Arabia. He is believed to be married to Ahmed's sister. — TNS

ED freezes ₹46.96 cr of firms running Chinese betting apps

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MODUS OPERANDI

Initially, dummy Indian directors were used to incorporate the companies and, after some time, Chinese nationals travelled to India and became directors in these companies

tered offices of the companies, their directors and chartered accountants involved in running online betting apps from websites, which are hosted from outside India."

The ED official said the agency had initiated investigation under the PMLA based on the FIRs lodged by Cyber

Crime Station (CCS) of the Hyderabad Police under the IPC, Telangana under the Gambling Act -2017 and Prize Chits & Money Circulation Scheme Act.

As the FIRs were registered against Dokypay Technology Private Limited and Linkyun Technology Private Limited, and others, the ED officials said three persons were arrested by the state police.

They included 24-year-old Yan Hao (S/o Yan Hongge), working as a manager at Beijing Tomorrow Power Compa-

ny, and is a permanent resident of Room 1009, West Flourishing road, Haidian di street, Beijing, China, and two Indians Dhiraj Sarkar and Ankit Kapoor.

Investigations revealed that with the help of some Indian chartered accountants, some Chinese nationals floated multiple Indian companies and initially dummy Indian directors were used to incorporate the companies and, after some time, Chinese nationals travelled to India and took directorship in these companies,

said the ED officials.

Rhea faces 2nd round of CBI questioning

Mumbai, August 29

Actor Rhea Chakraborty, who is accused of abetting the suicide of film star Sushant Singh Rajput, reached the DRDO guest house here for the second consecutive day on Saturday for questioning by the CBI.

Earlier in the day, the CBI requested the Mumbai Police to provide security to the actor and the cops acted on the request. Rajput's flatmate Sid-

harth Pithani, cook Neeraj Singh, domestic help Keshav, manager Samual Miranda and accountant Rajat Mewati were already being quizzed by the CBI team since Saturday morning at the guest house.

On Friday, Rhea was interrogated by the agency for more than 10 hours and was allowed to return home under police escort, as a large number of media personnel were present outside her building. — PTI

In a hole



A traffic cop inspects a caved-in portion of a road after heavy rain in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

SC: Cops can't arrest, register FIRs under Drugs and Cosmetics Act

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'Let's talk about the positives of judiciary'

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29
Police officers can't register FIRs, make arrests, prosecute or investigate in regard to cognisable offences under Chapter IV of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, which deals with the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs and cosmetics, the Supreme Court has ruled.

A Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, however, said its ruling "that police officers don't have the power to arrest in respect of cognisable offences under Chapter IV of the Act will operate with effect from the date of this judgment". The verdict, hav-

had quashed an FIR registered by the police with respect to an offence registered under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The top court said with regard to cognisable offences mentioned under Chapter IV of the Act, arrests could be made by the drugs inspector without any warrant and otherwise, treating it as a cognisable offence.

Taking note of the fact that the police have registered many cases in regard to cognisable offences under Chapter IV of the Act, the court said such cases should be shifted to drugs inspectors, if not done already, for further action in accordance with the law.

Onus of party victory in Bihar on MPs: Nadda

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

BJP president JP Nadda today held a meeting with party MPs, including ministers, from Bihar to assess the ground situation before going for seat-sharing talks with the NDA allies ahead of the Assembly poll in the state.

During the deliberations, the BJP president is learnt to have asked the party MPs to take the onus of ensuring the NDA's candidates' victory in the elections, likely to take place in October-November. The BJP chief also asked the MPs to camp in at least 60 panchayats next month.

"The MPs have been asked to celebrate the birth anniversary of PM Narendra Modi on September 17 as Sewa Diwas (service day) by camping in their respective constituencies and ensuring that relief material reaches those affected by Covid-19 and floods," said a senior BJP functionary. Nadda is likely to start campaigning in the state after the Covid-19 restrictions are eased by the state administration, said the BJP functionary. — TNS

Martyr's statue installed...

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at the age of 28, Major Sudhir was posthumously awarded the country's highest peacetime military decoration in January 2000.

Subedar Rulia Ram (retd), Major Sudhir's father, had to run from pillar to post to get his demand accepted for a statue either in Palampur or their native Banu village in Kangra district.

It was after The Tribune highlighted the issue recently that the local administration got cracking and announced the statue would be opened to the public on his death anniversary. — OC

8 arrested with 504 gold bars at Delhi rly station

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) busted an international gold smuggling racket on Friday with the arrest of eight passengers at the New Delhi railway station. As many as 504 gold bars with foreign markings were recovered from their possession.

The gold bars, valued at Rs 43 crore, were found hidden in the specially tailored cloth vests worn by the eight men, who were travelling on the Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Express using fake Aadhaar cards, an official said.

"Intelligence inputs indicated that the recovered gold bars carrying foreign markings were smuggled into India from Myanmar through the international land border at Moreh in Manipur and the smuggling syndicate operating from Guwahati was attempting to dispose of the contraband in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, which have thriving markets for the yellow metal," a senior DRI official said. — TNS

BJP trying to muzzle voice of people through draconian measures: Sonia

Tribune News Service



Sonia Gandhi

one – our youth, our tribals, our poor, our women – should remain quiet. They want to muzzle the voice of India," she said, urging the Bhupesh Baghel-led government in Chhattisgarh to work with the interests of the last man in mind.

Attending the virtual ground-breaking ceremony of the new building of Chhattisgarh assembly, Sonia, without naming the Centre directly, said dictatorial forces appeared to be trampling the democratic ones. "Dictatorship appears to be trampling democracy these days. What do these people want? They want that every-

she said, adding that Indian democracy was facing multiple challenges.

"The country is at the crossroads. Divisive forces that instigate citizens and rule in the name of fear and polarization are ruling the roost. Freedom of expression is in danger. Democratic institutions are being destroyed. The founders of our Constitution would have never imagined that India would ever witness such days as it neared the 75th anniversary of its independence," said a combative Sonia Gandhi, conscious of ongoing dissent in the party.

There had been regular inputs about the presence of terrorists in villages along the IB on the Pakistan side, who are desperately looking to cross over to the Indian side, he added.

Meanwhile, joint teams of the police, Army and CRPF cordoned off Zadoora village following an input about the presence of militants.

"As a suspected house was being searched around 1 am, militants hiding in a cowshed opened fire, criti-

BSF detects tunnel across IB in Samba

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Efforts of alert Border Security Force troops deployed in their multi-tiered counter-infiltration grid once again resulted in neutralising the evil designs of terrorists in deep connivance with Pakistan Rangers," said a BSF public relations officer.

The BSF detected a tunnel across the International Boundary (IB) in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, which was being used by militants to cross over to the Indian side. The BSF had earlier detected a tunnel in the same area in June this year. The tunnel was detected during a routine patrolling operation by BSF troops.

According to BSF officials, the tunnel was detected by a BSF soldier who noticed a slight depression in the ground while patrolling near the IB. On closer inspection, he found a hole in the ground, which led him to detect the tunnel.

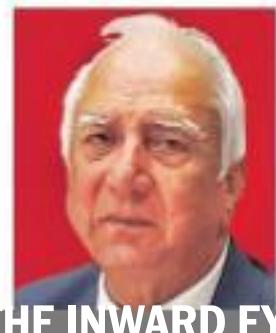
The BSF has been conducting regular patrols along the IB to detect any such tunnels or infiltration attempts by militants.

cally wounding a soldier of 50 Rashtriya Rifles. The soldier was shifted to a medical facility where he succumbed to his injuries. In the gunfight that followed, a militant was killed. The forces maintained a tight cordon and other two militants were killed this morning," a police official said.

The slain soldier was identified as Sepoy Prashant Sharma, 23, a resident of Khanapur in UP's Muzaffarnagar. Prashant had joined 26 Mechanised Infantry Battalion of the Army in November 2016.

The three slain militants have been identified as Adil Hafiz, Arshid Ahmad Dar and Rouf Ahmad Mir, all residents of Pulwama. Two of them had joined militant ranks last week, officials said.

Fear of unknown stalks land



THE INWARD EYE

GURBACHAN JAGAT

A COLLAPSED economy, a spreading pandemic, a divided country and enemies at the border — any one of these would be a disaster; taken together, it's a catastrophe which will require tremendous leadership and willpower from our elected representatives to steer this nation out of troubled waters. Yet, the reaction from Delhi on the crisis reminds me of the Nawabs sitting playing their board games and saying, 'Delhi door ast.' Or maybe not, for politics continues as state governments are overthrown and agendas of distraction and division are pursued. What of the country and its unemployed millions... tens of millions? Yes, tens of millions because that is the reality we are facing — everything from the small kiriyana store to the MSMEs lies shattered, even some of the big houses and banks have their foundations shaken and staff have been laid off in wholesale quantities.

You can sense it now, the fear — the country reeks of it. It's in the eyes of the unemployed waiting at labour chowks knowing that there is no work, in the office workers dreading the pink slip. It's in the eyes of the frontline workers fighting coronavirus and those who have been exposed to it, knowing very little support if at all will come. It's in the eyes of the families of soldiers whose young men are heading to the hostile borders in the higher reaches of the Himalayas, where life itself is a struggle. Yes, fear, it surrounds us now.

Our youth and the fact that the median age of the Indian popula-

tion is in the twenties was supposed to be our asset, now it could become our biggest problem, because unemployed youth form that most volatile ingredient on which everything from civil strife, riots, crime and political movements can be built. It's a powder keg waiting to be exploited and lit.

'Youth' is the bedrock on which nations are built or flounder. For a nation to be on the road to progress, it should have a solid foundation of a well-educated, healthy, well-employed and disciplined youth. This can only be built through well-thought-out educational systems and a health policy for all, especially the poor. Educationists and industrialists have to sit together to formulate long-term employment needs and tailor educational policies accordingly.

Millions of arts graduates are unemployable and money spent on them goes down the drain. Unfortunately, at no point in the history of Independent India has any government given sufficient thought to this, with the result that the youth dividend is turning into a liability.

In recent years, the situation has grown worse with the unravelling of the economy. Brain waves and midnight interventions have taken the place of policy. We no longer know as to how policy is formulated in these times of 'the eclipse of institutions'. All reliable institutions, including the RBI, have given sufficient warnings, but the corridors of power remain silent, as also the Opposition.

An ominous silence has descended upon the land, a silence overlaid with the fear of the unknown. What does this portend for our

youth dividend? What do I see when I look at the youth today — faces without hope. I saw this hopelessness during militancy in Punjab, in J&K, Manipur and other parts of the North-East. In utter despair and sometimes at the prompting of enemy countries, they have turned to the gun to fight the State, they have turned to extortion, they have turned to drugs for a few moments of stolen ecstasy. The inevitable happened and the State won, or did it? For, thousands of young men perished and the youth dividend stood diminished. The protests died, the youth were still unemployed and no special efforts were made to bend them to the national cause.

As a result, they became more embittered and some took recourse to drugs and others to fundamentalism and arms. Still others started to look towards foreign shores and a better life. They left in hordes to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, the Gulf. They fulfilled the lower-level needs of these economies. A few had access to higher education and did well. However, these countries no longer want them and in addition to turning out those already there, they are refusing to take new entrants. The jobs abroad are gone, and the villages and towns in the North and South are awash with these freshly unemployed. So now we have the unemployed youth fresh out of colleges, rendered unemployed by the failing economy. The media is not presenting the case of the unemployed and the social media spreads only mischief.

We see no signs of constructive planning for generating jobs on a

massive scale for the next decade at least. Both private and public sectors have folded their tents indefinitely. Whatever little hope was left, the pandemic has wiped out. In one fell swoop, it emptied out towns and cities, pulled the plug on industry, may brought the whole country, economy, government to a standstill. The all-enveloping silence spoke of our silent fears, of our fervent prayers. The Opposition parties are but mute spectators — I suggest that they keep on wearing their masks even after the pandemic is over.

I only hope that the government and Opposition parties sit together and at least seriously discuss the problems and, if possible, find solutions. We are lucky so far that protests have not hit the streets. It will only be a matter of time if the drift continues or the planning for mayhem continues. No one will know when the silence was broken and finally the street spoke. God forbid, let us not turn the dividend into a curse, let us not let them go the way of drugs and violence. Let us break the cocoon of silence and fear, let the people speak, let the government and Opposition speak, let the editors and anchors speak, let the youth speak. Let us break this vicious hold of silence and fear, let us converse with each other. Talking to each other will be the first step out of all our problems. Let the government not silence the people, let it encourage discourse. Finally, let us give our youth a chance.

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

5th August and India of future



MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS

KEKI DARUWALA

c) Was this a national event, or an amalgam of Hindutva/BJP/RSS combine? Was it a government event? Will RTI take questions like, what was the expenditure? Will the party pay for the PM's journey to Ayodhya? Mr Charan Singh, a lame-duck PM though he was, had to pay for every non-official flight he took. The money came from the fast emptying coffers of the Lok Dal. The same principle cannot be applied to the UP Chief Minister, for he was making arrangements for the PM.

d) Does 5th August mark the de facto ushering in of the Hindu Rashtra? After all, the event was played out at the national stage.

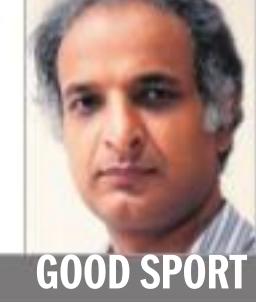
e) Scholars will also have to face other questions. Do minorities matter anymore in our Hindutva republic? We are told there was one Muslim in the congregation. Maybe two. The fact that not a single ticket was given to a Muslim by the BJP for the Lok Sabha elections in 2019 is a pointer. The only Muslim majority state has been in a year-long lockdown, its status lowered and leaders in endless incarceration. A day could come when to be called secular would be an embarrassment. You could be accosted by the police and asked, 'Are you secular?' If you are, could you be an Indian, the way the DMK MP was asked, 'If you can't speak Hindi, are you an Indian?'

If we have understood the Vice President, 5th August is a date comparable to 8/9 August, when the Quit India Movement was launched by Gandhiji, or 15th August, 1947.

"These events were a culmination of long drawn struggles that offer certain lessons for the present and the future." Are we seriously comparing 15th August with 5th August? It was a 60-year struggle; in fact, as a nation, we go back to 1857. Some of the greatest names pass through this road, starting with Dadabhai Naoroji, Tilak, Gokhale, Ranade, Gandhi, Maulana Azad, Subhas Bose, Nehru. (Sorry I slipped up, mentioning Jawaharlal Nehru is almost inviting a sedition charge.) And the places dot this landscape of struggle — Dandi and the salt march, and Jallianwala Bagh are unforgettable signposts. Can really all this be compared to a Toyota truck being dressed up and moved from Somnath to Ayodhya? Incidentally, none of the rightist heroes of the RSS lifted a finger, twiddled a thumb in this struggle. Nathuram Godse never took up a flag or shouted a slogan against the British in 1942. Bhikaji Cama did, unfurling the flag at Stuttgart in 1907.

Lastly, it was a great day in Indian historiography — we have defined the place where Lord Ram was born. Now all that remains is defining the year when his birth took place.

As Messi prepares to leave Barcelona



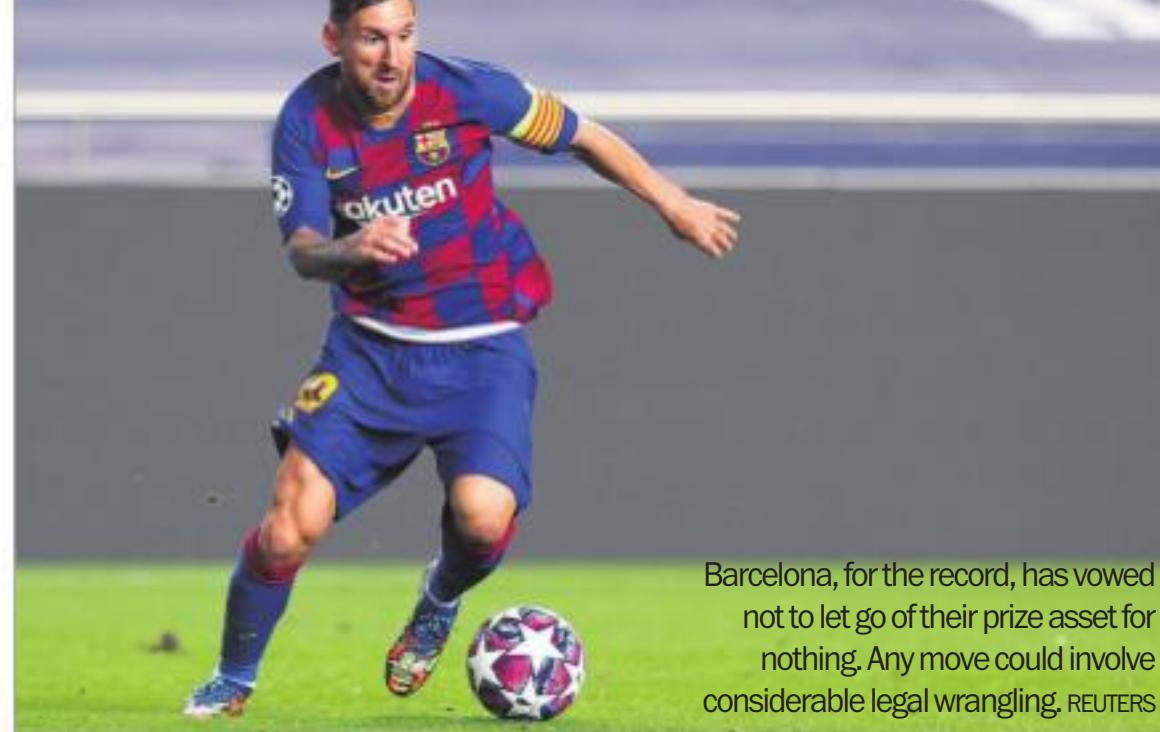
GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHAJAN

LIONEL MESSI is Barcelona. His decision to sever ties with the club seems almost fratricidal — he was signed by Barcelona when, at age 13, he was desperately small for his age due to growth hormone deficiency. The cost of treatment was high, and Barcelona footed the bill and made him big — a giant. Barcelona didn't do it in a spirit of pure benevolence — Messi was a precious talent, and there loomed the possibility that he might go to Real Madrid. Barcelona's wager on Messi paid off — both became giants.

Messi has been grateful. Thus, his desire to exit Barcelona points to the extreme frustration he feels with the state of affairs at the club — bungled signings, lack of cohesive planning, sacking of coaches, dipping performance. To top it, there was Messi's spat with the club's sporting director, Eric Abidal, after Abidal alleged that the players "were neither satisfied nor worked hard" under coach Ernesto Valverde. Messi reacted with anger, but his playing level never dipped. However, Barcelona didn't win a single trophy this year; were hammered 8-2 by Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarters. That could end up being Messi's last hurrah with Barcelona — a shocking result after which divorce seemed imminent.

Messi is Barcelona, but he's also Rosario, the Argentinean city he was born in. Some hopefuls of Rosario have rekindled the faint dream that Messi would return and play for the



Barcelona, for the record, has vowed not to let go of their prize asset for nothing. Any move could involve considerable legal wrangling. REUTERS

local team, Newell's Old Boys, which he had joined as a six-year-old.

Messi is also of the World — his fans across the world could very easily outstrip the combined populations of Argentina and Spain, the two countries he's played in. Possibly the greatest footballer of all time, Messi exemplifies the height of human — not Argentinean or Spanish — sporting excellence. He can be an inspiration to all human beings.

Talking of inspiration

Azhar Ali, the Pakistan cricket team captain, played a match-saving innings in the third Test against England. Pakistan lost the series, but Ali's innings helped them salvage pride. Before the game, it was reported that Turkish TV series *Ertugrul* was "being used as an unlikely moti-

vator" for the team. In fact, Ali merely answered a pointed question on how he was inspiring the team. "Ertugrul, everyone is watching it here... Obviously, in the whole team, there would hardly be a player who's not watching it," he said.

Ertugrul carried prime ministerial recommendation — Imran Khan believes that *Ertugrul* shows that "we too have a culture — it too has romance, it too is part of history", the implication being that Turkish TV dramas such as *Ertugrul* represent Pakistani culture.

Another Pakistani cricketer, Shahid Afridi, said: "Watching the Turkish series *Diriliş: Ertugrul*, I'm just overwhelmed by their achievements and victories that came as a result of their faith in Allah and the empire of justice which they were

able to establish as a result of. May we be like that once again."

Afridi seems to think that "we", Pakistanis, are Turks.

Early this year, Imran enthusiastically gushed, in the presence of Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan: "Turkey is a country which... for centuries we've had... Because for some 600 years, Turks ruled Hindustan." Turks of the modern Turkey didn't rule India — their cousins, who also emerged from modern Turkmenistan, did.

Imran is either unaware of or ignores the conflicts in the Ottoman Empire, which was founded by Ertugrul's son. Saudi Arabia, UAE and Egypt banned *Ertugrul*, seeing it as an attempt to impose Turkish hegemony over Arabs.

"Who are we?" is a question that troubles us; religions and myths provided the early answers. It's best answered by science: We are animals, not created or designed, but who have evolved into our current state. Our origins are in Africa. Under the skin, we are the same. Europe is largely comfortable with the scientific answer. In the subcontinent, though, various ethnic, religious and social differences, and centuries of conflicts among them, stoke anxieties. The scientific answer is rejected.

Imran or Afridi, great cricketers, would do well to inspire cricketers and people in general with cricketing advice. Azhar Ali, too, can seek inspiration from Lionel Messi of Rosario, Barcelona and the World.

If literature teaches anything, it's to slow down judgment



IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT

NATALASH BADHWAR

It is important to examine why so many public intellectuals and academics find themselves being targeted by the state with serious charges of anti-national conspiracies.

I OFTEN ask my students, how many of them are studying Hindi literature as their first choice," says Professor Apoorvanand in response to my question about his experience as a teacher for more than two decades. "I know that many students are trapped in a forced marriage or a co-living arrangement with Hindi. They may have aspired to other subjects, but the competitive admission process often forces them to opt for Hindi to stay in the university.

"At the end of the course, I ask them if the time they have spent with Hindi literature has changed their relationship with it. At least half of my post-graduate class admits that what started as an arranged marriage has now transcended into a love affair."

"What is the role of the teacher in this upgrading?" I ask him.

Apoorvanand, who teaches Hindi literature to post-graduate students at Delhi University's Faculty of Arts, is reticent about assuming too much credit for himself. The bigger role is played by teachers at the undergraduate level, he says. The most pre-



cious time with a student is when they have just arrived in a university, fresh out of school and free from the restrictions of their homes. This is a time when they are curious and energetic and open to new friendships. They are confident of their power to influence the world they are stepping into.

"Many of the bonds with our students are formed unknowingly," shares Apoorvanand.

"They are silent relationships. Often a student will startle me with a memory or a letter acknowledging how they are shaped by my presence in his or her life. I cannot always place a finger on what may have touched the other so deeply. Often, they

speak of a book or a short story that they discovered in my class. Sometimes a student mentions a particular discussion. I met a student at a Metro station who reminded me of a world literature class where we were studying Albert Camus. We had debated and arrived at the conclusion that violence can never be deemed necessary. After three years with me, this was the one lesson he had internalised. Someone else will quote Muktidobhi that she remembers from my class. Small gifts like these make me feel that one's life's work has been worth it."

At a time when many teachers like Hany Babu, Shoma Sen, Sudha Bhardwaj and other writers and activists find themselves accused in the Bhima Koregaon case and incarcerated in prisons without bail and basic rights, it is important to examine why so many public intellectuals and academics find themselves being targeted by the state with serious allegations of anti-national conspiracies.

In a series of recent reports carried by some media houses, Apoorvanand has been described as one of the main instig-

tors of the violence that took place in northeast Delhi in February this year. Within a few days, more than 50 people were killed, thousands injured, and properties were destroyed by arsonists. These news reports that indict Apoorvanand are based on selective leaks by the Delhi Police of confessions that they claim have been made by young anti-CAA activists in their custody.

After he returned from being interrogated by the Special Branch of the Delhi Police, Apoorvanand shared a statement that was widely circulated in solidarity and quoted in mainstream newspapers. "It is disturbing to see a theory emerging which treats the supporters of the protesters as the source of violence. I would urge the police and expect their probe to be thorough, just and fair so that truth prevails," he wrote.

I reached out to Apoorvanand to talk about the times we find ourselves in. How do we contest the false narrative that is being thrust upon us? What are the tools that literature and history teach us to call out lies that come out dressed as the truth?

"More than anything else, literature offers

us an insight into differences as well as the universality of the human condition. Stories inspire an interest in the wider world. In a nutshell, literature teaches us to slow down our judgments," says Apoorvanand. "To offer each other a leeway. A freedom to be diverse."

As we do every year, we will be celebrating Teachers' Day on September 5 in India. Now is as good a time as any to remind ourselves of what our best teachers have contributed to our lives. There is no need to thrust greatness upon each other. If anything, we have learnt together that our lives are interlinked with those who we may feel we have nothing in common with. Each one of us is shaped by our circumstances and we need to acknowledge those whose work inspires greater good.

This is the time when our teachers need the protection of our solidarity as the long overdue *guru-dakshina* they never asked from us.

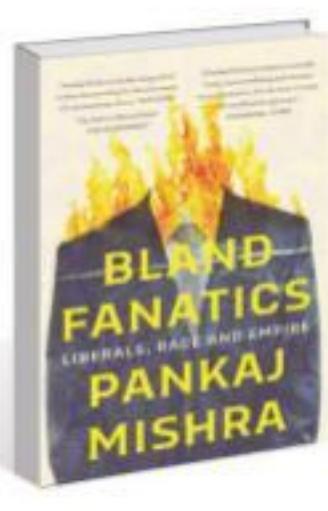
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The Anglo-American 'delusions', laid bare

ROHIT MAHAJAN

PANKAJ MISHRA, who's been stinging the neo-liberals of the West with regularity, displaying erudition and breathtaking breadth of knowledge, believes Covid-19 has exposed the two foremost exemplars of liberal politics and economics, the UK and USA. "Heavily indebted states, bailed out corporations, impoverished working classes, and eviscerated public health systems," he writes in the introduction to his latest offering, a collection of essays in which he clinically dissects the "Anglo-American delusions" of the recent centuries.

The pandemic has forced the Americans and British to examine the ideas of neo-liberalism, which advocate maximum individual choice and freedom from constraints, achieved through small government, free markets and privatisation. "Anglo-American self-deceptions, which always exacted a high death toll



BLIND FANATICS: LIBERALS, RACE AND EMPIRE
by Pankaj Mishra.
Juggernaut.
Pages 224.
₹599

abroad, from the Irish famine to Iraq, have become mass-murderous at home; a blusteringly casual attitude to the pandemic has resulted in tens of thousands of premature deaths," he writes.

Britain's National Health Service (NHS) was born in the immediate aftermath of World War-II, which "did awaken a spirit of social egalitarianism". The Conservatives were beaten at the hustings, Labour figured that to attract its under-class away from the dangerous seductions of communism, they must be given something — this resulted in a consensus on a mixed economy, leading to, among other things, pensions for the old, widows and those injured at work; NHS was created. However, in the last few years, it has been suffering severe funds cuts, in line with neo-liberal ideals of *laissez faire* economic principles.

Consequently, when the coronavirus arrived, NHS was found horribly inadequate, and private companies had to

Mishra shows — such as the race out of Europe to establish colonies, inspired by classical liberalism, which was clearly an accomplice of imperialism; or the neo-colonial race to capture resources and markets. This has resulted in grave human and economic problems.

Mishra's writings are bound to stoke White guilt; but clearly, Anglo-America didn't invent imperialism — they only perfected the land-grab and resource-theft that primitives have always perpetrated. History never goes away, argues Mishra; yet, at some stage, the blame game must end, mustn't it? And if not capitalism, what method should be employed to end poverty? Did liberalism yield only bitter fruits? Surely, some good must have come from it. And isn't a society that accepts sharp criticism from an outsider — as Mishra is in the UK — better now, despite its bloody colonial past, than societies where even mild criticism is forbidden?

be hired. The US has fared worse — the most powerful country suffers in comparison with European and Asian nations that are deeply invested in healthcare.

Covid-19 is only the newest symptom, in Mishra's view, of the mortal ailment that has Anglo-American liberalism in its grasp. With vast scholarship and sharp forensic analysis, Mishra pricks the self-important promoters of the idea of Western exceptionalism — the neo-liberals and conservatives. Such thought leaders have, over the last 20 years, advocated wars to bring Western liberalism and democracy to the "benighted" parts of the world; they justified the transportation of indentured labour to the colonies; they euphemised torture as "permissible duress".

Mishra demonstrates that the economic and cultural anxieties Anglo-America is going through have their roots in the classical liberalism of their past and the neo-liberalism of their present. Dangerous ideas can have horrible effects on ground,

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Isher couldn't have been more truthful

SURESH KUMAR

MOST of us have risen in our lives with grit and determination, but not everyone remains as truthful as Isher Judge Ahluwalia is in her book, 'Breaking Through — A Memoir'. It is a lucid story of a middle-class girl who grew and changed with circumstances without being overawed by the riches of the people or prevailing circumstances. Paving her own path in education, family and profession, she fully convinced her peers and more importantly her father, who felt proud of his ninth child of a total of 11.

With no hesitation, Isher Judge Ahluwalia writes of her background and how she faced social and financial difficulties for being the daughter of a pickle maker (*achar wala*). She crossed all hurdles to achieve scholarship and distinctions in Calcutta's Presidency College, Delhi School of Economics and the MIT in USA. An accomplished economist in IMF and an economic policy researcher in her own right, she did not allow the arrogance of an elite education and status to reflect upon her personal, social or professional conduct.

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BREAKING THROUGH — A MEMOIR
by Isher Judge Ahluwalia.
Rupa.
Pages 184.
₹395

and think-tanks, while peeking through the gross inadequacies of the systems and structures in order to find solutions. The book sums up all such efforts and accomplishments. Dr Udharm Singh, Dr Manmohan Singh, Mrs Kincaid (a local guardian at Boston), Prof Paul Samuelson at MIT, Walter Robineck at IMF-Washington, LK Jha, IG Patel, CPR and ICRIER are some that she fondly and repeatedly mentions in her memoirs.

She also had a brief teaching experience at the University of Maryland before immersing herself in urban policy, planning and development in India. She has been a constructive critic of the non-liberal school of thought, though she has acknowledged their viewpoint as well.

A quote from sage Yagyavalkya —

"In Bhartakanda, everything is policy. From policy, policy arises and into policy it returns. Take away policy and policy remains" — seems to have left an indelible impression on her. Her practical economic policy research was seen more prominently after 1991 when an era of econo-

mic reforms was ushered in by Dr Manmohan Singh, who had by then risen to the position of Finance Minister and later as the Prime Minister in 2004, ably assisted by Montek Singh Ahluwalia.

Her interests in social pursuits, music, culture and travel are eloquently stated, but efforts to remain away from allurements of power that her husband enjoyed were more noticeable. Polite denials to accept gifts, remaining away from attractions of business houses, and refusing to get into insider trading or promoters' shareholdings speaks volumes of the value system she cherished and nourished. She, of course, admits her mercurial temperament, which we had experienced when she was the Vice-Chairman of the Punjab State Planning Board in 2005-07.

Despite the pain of her illness, she has penned these memoirs with stellar literary and linguistic prowess, for which she acknowledges research assistance from her husband. The book is an inspirational read and can motivate the younger generation who are struggling to find their way through life and a respectable place in society. It is an authentic telling of the tremendous contributions of Isher Judge Ahluwalia to society and the nation.

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Migration makes the world

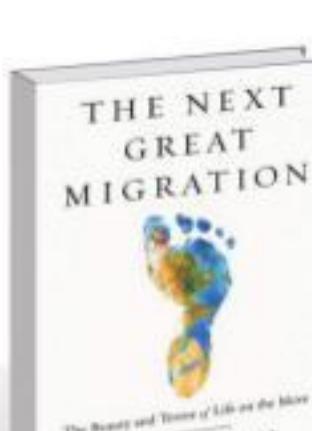
MANU MOUDGIL

HERE is a cartoon. A rich man and a poor man are dining while a distraught migrant in tatters looks on. The rich man has eaten most of the meal and is telling the poor guy that the migrant is trying to steal his crumbs. The political irony of this message never fails to elicit a few shares on social media.

'The Next Great Migration: The Story of Movement on a Changing Planet' by journalist Sonia Shah extends this thought. It examines the politics and science behind claims of "messy migrants", mostly spread by the well-to-do. In India, this can be seen in depiction of Bangladeshi refugees as terror suspects instead of their actual occupations: house maids of Noida or sewerage cleaners of Bengaluru.

The book couldn't have come at a better time — when borders are closing down, new walls are coming up and flag-bearers of racism are being toppled across the world.

Race remained the ground for opposing in-migration for a long time in the West, with scientists peddling wrong research to prove that non-whites are less evolved humans and engaging with them would disrupt the native superiority. Travelling shows displayed seemingly strange bodies of slaves while explorers cooked up stories of tailed monsters in faraway lands. Researchers fielded culturally distant questions to the newly arrived to prove they are dumber than the whites. Big names like Harvard University, MIT and New York Times aided such research.



THE NEXT GREAT MIGRATION: THE STORY OF MOVEMENT ON A CHANGING PLANET
by Sonia Shah.
Bloomsbury.
Pages 388.
₹599

Even after enduring the horrors of Nazi-led racism during World War II, anthropologists and geneticists refused to sign a United Nations' statement condemning race as an ideological concept. The author tracks the timeline of research in genetics to deflate the race theory.

The current post-truth world has devised new ways to defuse migrants. False claims around migrants as security threats, carriers of diseases, burden on economy, etc, get rebutted in the book. The author instead illustrates how migrants enrich their new homes with skills, culture, hard work and genetic diversity, making the whole population more resilient to diseases. Shah draws parallels with plants and animals. Stories about checkerspot butterflies, Norway's lemmings, wolves of Isle Royale and Polynesia's sweet potato save the writing from being exclusively human-centric and make it universal, just like migration. Non-humans also cross borders and get labelled invasive even though they mostly enhance the ecosystem. In the US, for instance, migrant species increased biodiversity by 18 per cent over 400 years.

Thankfully, the book is not all science and tells stories of people. Only if there could be information about recent migrations into India. That could have offered a good contrast to European and American policies and public reaction.

The book maps historical migrations, examines reasons for movement and predicts its future amid rising conflicts and climate crisis. While people are running away from violence, marine creatures and terrestrial wildlife are moving towards cooler climates. Opposing migration is like working against a strong life force which will overcome all barriers and biases.

Wrangled 'House of Jaipur'

CHANDNI S CHANDEL

MOST of us are enamoured by the life of Maharani Gayatri Devi, nee Ayesha, of Jaipur as an epitome of grandeur, opulence and magnificence of Indian royalty. But unravelling details of feudalism and uncovering the secrets of palaces, without wearing the tinted glasses of bias, is John Zubrzycki.

'The House of Jaipur' revolves around Sawai Man Singh II or Jai, his lineage, and his third wife, the enigmatic Gayatri Devi. Also in focus are his first two wives, Jodhpur maharaja's sister Marudhar Kanwar, 22, and her niece, Kishor Kumari, 5, who were betrothed to nine-year-old Jai.

Infested with intrigue and internecine conflicts for property post-Jai's death, this book is full of well-cross-checked facts quoting many authors, giving different perspectives yet presenting a holistic view.

Commoners have always worshipped the royals as being descendants of gods (the present-day Jaipur royal and BJP MP Diya Kumari claims that her father was the 311th descendant of Lord Rama's son Kush). However, the author uncovers the mysteries of Jaipur lineage beginning from Maharaja Madho Singh II, who was adopted from the small *jagir* of Isarda near Jaipur to the present heir, Padmanabh, who was adopted by his maternal grandfather Bhawani Singh aka Bubbles, the stepson of Gayatri Devi.

The British Residents took over the

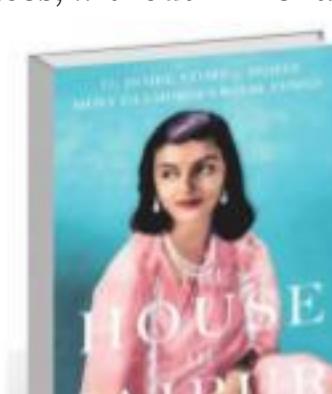
guardianship of young princes, born mostly abroad, not necessarily to mould them, but to educate them. Till then, the royals were deep into old worn-out shibboleths and unscientific experiments based on hearsay. Once Sawai Madho Singh was made to roll over in the ashes of a cremated *sadhu* to get him cured of a medical ailment. Most princes were forcibly educated.

It was difficult to get them out of the "soft love of ease and luxury".

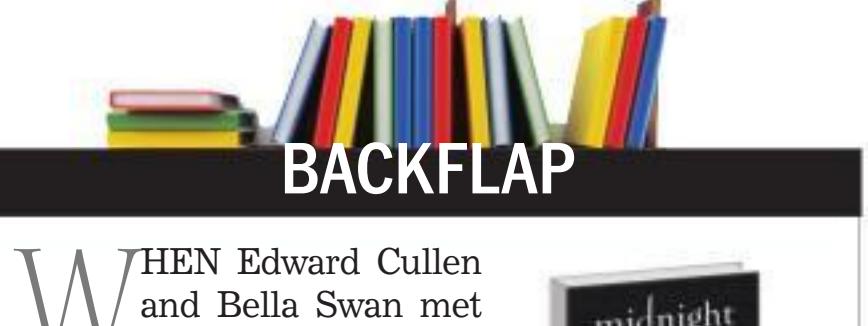
The readers also get enlightened about the fact that when the common people were on the streets fighting for Independence, these rajahs were either ensconced in the *zenanas* or enjoying their summer sojourns in England, and managing ancestral fortunes. There was hardly anything Indian about them. Gayatri Devi was fluent in English and French but couldn't speak Hindi at all initially. She would only listen to Sinatra or Cole Porter; the princes and princesses were nicknamed Bubbles, Pat, Joey, Mickey by their British nurses.

After Independence, they suffered the loss of privy purses, property, and that they would be governed under the Indian Constitution brought them on par with the hoi polloi. But to distance themselves, they started dabbling in politics. Some, like Gayatri Devi, were successful, others like Bhawani Singh weren't.

Though the author has culled out facts so close to truth that the line between the common and royal gets blurred, Zubrzycki has painted the British only in a positive light, with only the right decisions of the British being showcased. However, overall, it is a good read, interesting and informative.



THE HOUSE OF JAIPUR
by John Zubrzycki.
Juggernaut.
Pages 358.
₹599



BACKFLAP

WHEN Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in 'Twilight', an iconic love story was born. But until now, fans have heard only Bella's side of the story. At last, readers can experience Edward's version in the long-awaited companion novel 'Midnight Sun'. This unforgettable tale as told through Edward's eyes takes on a new and decidedly dark twist.

MIDNIGHT SUN
by Stephenie Meyer.
Hachette India & Little, Brown Book.
Pages 768. ₹799

KINTSUGI — named after the ancient Japanese art of mending broken objects with gold — is the story of young women breaching boundaries, overcoming trauma, and challenging the social order. And about men surprised by women who are unconventional, unaframed and independent. Set between Japan and Jaipur, Kintsugi follows the lives of these characters as they intersect and diverge, collide and break and join again in unexpected ways.

KINTSUGI: A NOVEL
by Anukriti Upadhyay.
HarperCollins.
Pages 220. ₹499

IT is the 1960s. Delhi is a city of refugees and dire poverty. The Malayali community is just beginning to lay down roots. This is the Delhi young Sahadevan makes his home. Then, unexpectedly, China declares war on India. In a moment, all is split asunder. As India tumbles from one crisis to another, Sahadevan is everywhere — walking, soliloquising and aching to capture it all. This is a novel about ordinary people whose lives and stories have leached into the very soil and memories of Delhi.

COURAGE, CONVICTION, CONTROVERSY AND CRICKET
by Vedam Jaishankar.
Westland.
Pages 324. ₹699

ON THE TRAIL OF BUDDHA is a sojourn in search of the spiritual, philosophical, and cultural linkages that bind India to the East Asian civilisations. From the wandering monks of Asia to the temples and monasteries they visited; from the statues and frescoes in grottoes to those in the museums — the book explores the 'ancient India', preserved in the traditions, art, and architecture of China, Mongolia, Korea and Japan.

ON THE TRAIL OF BUDDHA — A JOURNEY TO THE EAST
by Deepankar Aron.
Niyogi.
Page 310. ₹1,995

AFTER defeating Pakistan in the second biggest armed conflict since the World War II, Indian PM Lal Bahadur Shastri arrived in Tashkent to sign a peace accord. After days of extended negotiations, the peace agreement was signed between India and Pakistan. Hours later, Shastri died in his dacha. It's been 50 years since his death, and we still don't know how. Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri investigates the mystery behind the death.

WHO KILLED SHASTRI? THE TASHKENT FILES
by Vivek Agnihotri.
Bloomsbury.
Pages 313. ₹699

THIS guide examines the crème de la crème of smart thinking books, including classics on psychology, mindfulness, rationality, the brain, mathematical and economic thought and practical philosophy. The tour starts as far back as the Epictetus classic 'The Enchiridion' and Bertrand Russell's charming 'The ABC of Relativity', before proceeding through bestsellers such as Edward de Bono's 'Lateral Thinking'.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO SMART THINKING
by James M. Russell.
Hachette.
Pages 274. ₹399

THIS book for children by Kanwalpreet, celebrates the joys of childhood. Children are today living in a world that faces changes in the family set up, clash of values, environmental issues, leaving them wondering how to connect with their roots. The short stories and poems in the collection talk to them in their own language and don't impose thoughts.

A MAGIC COMBO: POEMS AND SHORT STORIES FOR CHILDREN
by Kanwalpreet.
TGI Press.
Pages 124. ₹190

Space savers for bathroom

Pooja Khanna Tyagi

If you have a small bathroom, it is essential to create a well-organised layout which has provision for the storage of toiletries and other essentials. Here are some features which can be incorporated within the decor of the bathroom to create a highly functional and aesthetically pleasing space:

MIRROR WITH CABINET

These units comprise a mirror unit with narrow storage. A great way to keep the clutter out of sight, the cabinets, also called medicine cabinet, can be used to store essential bathroom items, medicines and toiletries.

WET AND DRY ZONES

Strategically divide the bathroom into a wet and dry area with a shower curtain. You can also create a walk-in shower area with a frameless glass partition as it provides an unobstructed view. It also lets light pass and gives the bathroom a visually larger look.

FLOATING VANITY

Consider a floating vanity which incorporates a cabinet below the sink as it clears the floors space and makes the bathroom appear bigger. If there is a space constraint, install a pedestal sink or corner sink.

WALL-MOUNTED COMMODE

Make provision for a wall-mounted commode, instead of a floor-mounted one, as it takes lesser space and imparts a sleeker look.

SLIDING DOORS

If the bathroom is tight on space, go for a sliding door or pocket door so that you can make use of precious floor space. Alternately you can open the bathroom swing door in the outward direction instead of opening it inwards.

DOOR-MOUNTED RODS

If there is no space to hang towel rods on the bathroom walls, install these on the back of the door but make sure that the depth of the tow-



Adding some design elements will make your bathroom space efficient & aesthetically pleasing

el rod is not more than that of the door knob. One can also screw a towel hook behind the door.

CORNER SHELVES

Make optimum use of the bathroom corners by installing corner shelves. These can be efficiently used for storing and displaying toiletries.

VERTICAL STORAGE

Make maximum use of the vertical space by making provision for open or closed storage above the bathroom door so that it is out of sight and does not look imposing. Incorporate built-in storage within the bathroom niches and install sleek floating shelves on the walls.



Expedite house construction, & how

A look at some aspects that can help in cutting short the completion period

Jagvir Goyal

MOST house builders begin construction of the house with much energy and enthusiasm but by the time of completion, they often get exhausted. Yet the carpenters and painters seem to never finish their jobs while few others wait to install the pending fittings and give final touches to the house. Taking care of the following can help you expedite the construction:

ENLIST YOUR PREFERENCES

Once you hire the services of an architect, immediately finalise the house plans. Be clear about your preferences like the storeys of the house, provision of basement, a side passage, number of bedrooms, etc.

GET THE PLANS APPROVED

Once the house plans are finalised, get these approved from the local authority. Ask the architect to ensure that the plans comply with the building bye laws. Hiring the services of architects on approved panel list of the local body makes the task easy. Get permission for water supply and sewerage connections.

MAKE ESTIMATE MATERIAL

Prepare material estimates on the basis of plan and elevation of the house. Estimate



the quantity of bricks, cement, steel, wood, sand and coarse aggregate (bajri). For rough estimation and cost involved of these six materials, thumb rules can be applied.

CHOOSE YOUR SUPPLIERS

Go for reputed brands of cement and steel. Choose a dealer supplying fresh lots of cement. Survey the brick kilns around, examine the ready lots and finalise your bricks supplier. For supply of steel, ensure that steel bars are IS marked. Go for straight bars instead of coils, which demand extra time and labour. Look for fresh, rust-free steel. Both sand and bajri are normally supplied by one dealer. Keep cross-checking the rates being charged. It pays dividends to timely engage suitable labour contractor to raise structure of the house.

**FOCUS ON WOODWORK**

Once the construction is started, buy the required quantity of wood, get it cut to major sizes and store it as per prescribed methods for air circulation among the cut pieces for natural seasoning. Choose wood carefully. Natural drying and seasoning of wood minimises chances of its warping after use. Carpenters are the last to leave the house. Get electric connection where carpenters can work independently to assemble door and window frames and shutters and later to shift them to site.

TIME-SAVING SPECIFICATIONS

Choose floor tiles instead of marble to save time required for grinding and polishing of marble. Go for wood laminates to save time lost in wood polishing. PoP work for ceilings saves much time than required for false ceiling which needs fixing of GI hangers.

Grow your own microgreens

VANDANA AGGARWAL

ONCE seen as a fancy add-on at expensive restaurants, microgreens have gained popularity as a superfood that can be grown cost-effectively, with minimum supplies at home. Often confused with sprouts which are eaten once the seeds germinate, microgreens are the next step in plant growth. These are harvested after the germinated seeds develop tiny leaves and roots.

Don't fret if you live in a small flat with no garden. Microgreens need little space to grow and if you have a windowsill or balcony that catches a couple of hours of daily sunshine, you are good to go. Though some taste better than others, seeds of almost all edible plants can be grown as microgreens. It's a good idea to start with familiar and easy-to-grow seeds.

Choosing and preparing the seeds: Take about half a cup of larger seeds like green beans or dry peas. If using smaller seeds like mustard or fenugreek, two tablespoons are enough. Rinse gently and soak. Keep covered in a dark place for at least 24 hours, changing the water once in between.

Three different mediums for growing

GREEN BEANS IN A KETTLE: Green beans or moong is the most popular, the fastest and



Packed with nutrition, these healthy superfoods can be grown cost effectively from seeds of all edible plants

easiest to grow. Soak in a kettle to start with. After 24 hours, rinse and allow all the water to drain out of the spout.

Cover and keep on the kitchen counter. Moong doesn't require much sunshine. Rinse at least two or three times a day. Your microgreens will be ready within 3-4 days. They will be white and plump. Alternatively if you grow these in soil or expose these to sunlight, these will be green but will take longer to mature.

MUSTARD SEEDS ON CLOTH:

Mustard greens are small and delicate but have a distinctive wasabi flavour that adds a zing to your palate. Spread a cotton cloth in a sieve and gently transfer the soaked seeds onto the cloth. Spray with water to keep the cloth moist at all times. These seeds love partial sunlight and take five to seven days to grow. Harvest by gently pulling out plants to sep-



arate them from the cloth.

DRIED PEAS IN A PLASTIC TRAY: Use a fruit tray which has holes (for excess water to drain out) and half fill with potting mix. Spread the soaked peas in a single layer. Spray with water and press down with another plastic tray. Cover with a cloth to keep the light out and moisture in. Once sprouts emerge, keep the container in a sunny spot and continue watering at least twice a day. Harvest the shoots in about two weeks, by cutting just above the soil line.

Microgreens taste best when fresh but can be safely refrigerated in a plastic bag for a couple of days. Use the tender and edible greens as a nutritious side dish, delicious and anti-oxidant addition to smoothies or a colourful topping to salads.

Enjoy this fresh produce grown organically in your kitchen.

From left: Green beans, dried peas and (encircled) mustard seeds grown with minimum supplies at home. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER

When the winter comes

Prepare your garden for the floral bonanza of winter annuals

AMARJEET BATTH

ONCE the monsoon recedes, humidity level goes down considerably in September and there's a drop in the night temperature. This is the time to prepare the planting of winter annuals. Here's how to go about it: The nursery beds are made 15-20 cm high and 60-90 cm wide under partial sunlight. The nursery medium is prepared by thoroughly mixing one part each of garden soil, river sand and leaf mould. Drench this with 0.2 per cent Bavistin to take care of soil-borne diseases. Depending on the seed size, sow these at a depth of 0.5-1 cm and cover. Maintain moisture levels but there should be no water logging. As the seeds germinate, uncover to do thinning and separation of lumps. When 3-4 leaves appear, reduce watering and expose them to sun for few days. In the evening hours, using a narrow blade, loosen the soil. Holding its leaves, gently pull the seedling with soil intact and plant into flowerbeds.

For the flowerbeds: Prepare levelled, inch-deep well-drained flowerbeds in a sunny location. Clear the weeds and dig to expose in sun for a week. Mix 5 kg of farmyard manure and 500 gm DAP in 100 sq ft area (10'x 10').

THE OVERALL EFFECT

When mixing the annuals, keep in mind not only the colour but the foliage and texture also. Do not plant these in stiff rows but in clumps or groups. Petunia colour tones present an excellent monochromat-



Annuals can be planted in a single colour or in harmony with complimenting textures. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER



ic approach. For vertical effect, use larkspur, lupin or snap dragon. To generate mass effect, plant annuals in proportionate volume with synchronised flowering. These can be in a single colour or in harmony with complimenting texture. Some varieties that can be grown are acroclinium, African marigold, antirrhinum, brachycome, calendula, California poppy, China aster, cineraria, cosmos, dahlia, dimorphotheca, French marigold, gypsophila, kale, lupin, nasturtium, nemesis, sweet sultan, Sweet William, stock, salvia and wall flower. To add colour and softness in the rockery, plant Alyssum (sweet), Brachycome, phlox and nasturtium. Flow-

ers like antirrhinum, alyssum, petunia, stock, sweet peas, sweet sultan and wall flower will fill the air with fragrance.

Compact low-growing annual ties the flowerbed into a large identity. When planted along pathways, these soften the hardness and straight lines of the building. Sweet alyssum, ibris (candytuft), ice plant, brachycome, dianthus dwarf are some options.

Fast-growing holly hock, larkspur, peas (using support) make excellent screening plants to demarcate or make temporary division or partition. Lady's lace gives good effect when sown against herbaceous border.

BLOOM IN THE POTS

Low-growing annuals are the best for pots. As a basic consideration, a fully grown plant should be more than 1½ times the size of pot. Bellis perennis, brachycome, pansy, kale, dahlia, sweet William, carnation, pink, matricaria, gazania, lupin, ice plant, nemesis, petunia, salvia, cineraria, nasturtium and pansy are successful pot plants.

Best suited for interiors are cut flowers like acroclinium, Lady' lace, amobium alatum, antirrhinum, calendula, callistephus chinensis (Aster), centaurea, (corn flower), larkspur, dianthus caryophyllus (carnation), dianthus barbatus (sweet William), gerbera, gypsophila, helichrysum, iberis, matthiola incana (stock), bells of Ireland with long and hard stem have long bloom.

A colour at an eye level is best offered by low growing and trailing varieties of petunia, geranium, verbena and nasturtium.

CAPTION CONTEST 1270

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A restrained chronicler of India

Homai Vyarawalla, first woman photo-journalist of India, would often say she just happened to land up at the right places at the right time



ART & SOUL

BN GOSWAMY

"One must always know when to stop, however good things might be. People change. That graciousness and that dignity (among her peers and subjects) were just not there. It was not worth it anymore..." "We had rules for photographers; we even followed a dress code. We treated each other with respect, like colleagues. But then, things changed for the worst. They were only interested in making a few quick bucks; I didn't want to be part of the crowd anymore." "...I missed that graciousness and when it was gone, my interest in photography was gone as well." — Homai Vyarawalla on retiring in 1970

With her ethos of respect and restraint, Ms. Vyarawalla was a different kind of photo-journalist from many today... (Her) range was narrow, her tone subdued. If the times she lived in automatically set her photography within an epic frame, her individual images, with some outstanding exceptions, tend to be undramatic, unelevated, sometimes even awkwardly grounded. This down-to-earthness, (however), has the effect of making you turn your attention to her as a participant in her pictures, to thoughts about her physical position in relation to her subjects from shot to shot, and about her place as a woman within her larger culture. It required enormous courage and commitment simply to be who she was, doing what she was doing, when she was doing it.

— Holland Cotter in the New York Times

C OMING as she did from a Parsi family — one speaks here of Homai Vyarawalla, the photographer — she was named probably after Huma, that legendary bird of Iranian mythology, who, it is believed, never comes to rest, living its entire life flying invisibly high above the earth, never alighting. She certainly shared some characteristics with the bird: restless, at work ceaselessly, living her life at an ethical high. She was visible, but was always pushing herself, it seems, to the point of virtual invisibility while working. In any case, she was *rara avis*, a 'rare bird', in so many ways.

So much has been written about Homai, especially after she passed away in 2012, that one seems to know it all by now: that she was born in 1913 at Navsari — that most 'Parsi' of all towns in Gujarat; studied at the Bombay University and the JJ

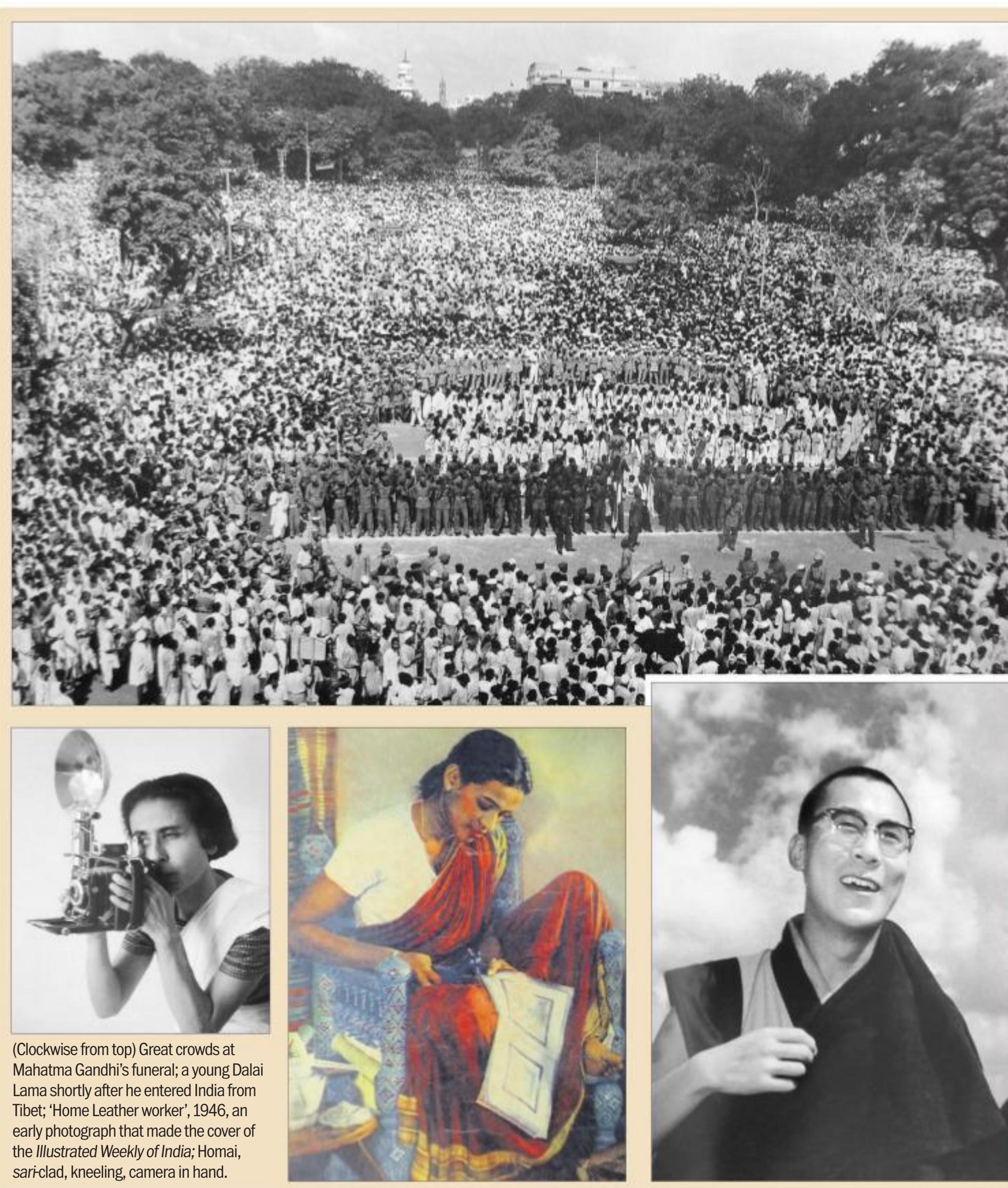
School of Art; got married to another Parsi, the photographer Maneckshaw; began taking photographs as a professional in 1938; worked for the magazines, Current and Illustrated Weekly of India; was employed by the British Information Services for some years; and kept covering for nearly four decades the people of India and the history of the land as it was unfolding in those life-changing times.

Such a large body of her work has survived that one can almost see her cycling

through streets and lanes, massive Speed Graphic camera on shoulder; making her sight frame through crowds of men, many of them photographers, and click at close quarters men and women of the highest rank in the world: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Queen Elizabeth, Jackie Kennedy, Ho Chi Minh, Eleanor Roosevelt, Chou-en Lai, Ayub Khan, Dalai Lama, Martin Luther King, Helen Keller, the Shah of Iran, U Nu, Sukarno, Mountbatten, among them, and of course, in far greater numbers, great Indian leaders of the past: Gandhiji, Nehru, Jinnah, Vallabh-bhai Patel, Abu'l Kalam Azad, S Radhakrishnan, Indira Gandhi, included. Through the pictures that she took, one can get a sense of almost being present at stirring moments: the departure of the last Viceroy of India, the great 'Tryst with Destiny' when India stepped into freedom on the 15th of August, 1947, the surging sea of humanity gathered for Gandhiji's funeral following his assassination.

There is thus great interest that resides in the thousands of photographs that Homai took and has left behind. Discerning critics have remarked that there are not too many among them that keep returning to one's mind as works of art: "her range was narrow, her tone subdued". For me, however, two things mark her work, as they do her life: her warmth, not unmixed with a slight sense of fun, and her simple, straightforward honesty. The latter — one says it with a degree of sadness — has been long gone from the field, new developments (one hesitates in naming them as 'advances') in technology, like new editing tools or photo-shopping, hastening the process further. Time was when a photograph stood the test of authenticity, but that time has faded. In Homai's work there is barely a piece, an exposure, in which one can discern the presence of artifice. Surely the moments are chosen; surely there is a scale of preferences: but deception? Trickery? No. Her photographs are like her statements. Thus: "I was not a part of the freedom movement. I took pictures of freedom fighters and covered most of the big meetings... I was very interested in the freedom struggle, but my job was to do good work for my employers and myself and to look after the family." Or: "It was after fifty years of having taken these pictures that I started to see the value of my work. I was just earning a living at that time with no thought of preserving it for posterity." She was touched by candour: the simplicity of Ho Chi Minh appealed to her and, for her, stood in contrast to the self-importance of Marshal Tito; Jawaharlal — for whom she had great admiration — never struck a pose for her and that she liked.

There are myriad aspects to Homai that her biographers and others will keep speaking of. Letters filled with warmth and respect from the highest of the land have been preserved and published. But, in the end, one knows that she herself had no sense of self-importance. She was just a Parsi girl from Navsari who happened to land up at the right places at the right time, she used to say about herself. When asked by a chronicler about being remembered for her work by the coming generations, she simply turned around and said: "In a country where a great man like Gandhiji has been forgotten, why would I be remembered?"



(Clockwise from top) Great crowds at Mahatma Gandhi's funeral; a young Dalai Lama shortly after he entered India from Tibet; 'Home Leather worker', 1946, an early photograph that made the cover of the Illustrated Weekly of India; Homai, sari-clad, kneeling, camera in hand.

How the pandemic shouldn't change things for music

SHAILAJA KHANNA

USTAD RASHID KHAN is perhaps the most visible face of north Indian classical music in his generation, carrying the audience to heights of delight whenever he performs, in India and abroad. Gifted with a beautiful baritone, he represents the 10th generation in an unbroken line of vocalists of the Rampur Sahaswan gharana.

Ustad Rashid Khan says digital might be the future, but music will always be best enjoyed live



Rakesh Bharadwaj

Incidentally, I see the same happening with my son, Armaan, today. He, like me, hates the relentless repetition. But without that monotonous hard work, one just can't achieve anything. It's not enough to have a good voice, the genes and a good teacher. It's backbreaking work as well. As I am home these days, I am teaching him quite intensively.

Coming back to my early years, those days of hardship were good days. I slowly started getting a few concerts. I encountered appreciation early on. What I really miss about those days is that the elders used to come to listen and encourage the younger generation at the Sangeet Research Academy, as also other places.

You got married in Kolkata and now live there. But do you ever think of a home elsewhere?

I love living in Kolkata; it has been my home for years now. But there is something that draws me to my roots, to my home in Badayun, Uttar Pradesh. I also love the hills, but have to confess that once it gets dark in the evenings, I find them too silent. That way I prefer being near the sea. There is beauty and there is more *raunaq*.

You say singing was not really a passion initially. Did you ever see yourself doing something else other than music?

I started life in music very young and never got a formal education. Even if I had, I don't think I would have been able to work for anyone else. But today music is my world. That's all I know and love. I love listening to other forms of music too. I like folk music, and am aware that our classical tradition emerged from folk.

People have been saying that digital platform will be more relevant for concerts in future. However, I wonder if they can ever replace the experience of a live concert. The interaction between the artistes on stage and the nuances that you understand when you are face-to-face with the artiste are unparalleled. Maybe one will get so used to sitting at home and receiving the finest entertainment digitally, one would not mind. But I do feel that paying for tickets to hear music is important; these free concerts are harmful.

Khan sahib, you have faced hard times in your life. Tell us about that.
I was 10 when I came to the ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Kolkata. I didn't really know anyone and was quite lonely. My Ustad was very strict too. Singing was not a passion for me back then; it was something I was forced into as the elders thought I had potential. I always found the monotony of practice boring.

Lilting journey with Pt Jasraj

Three generations of Pt Nayan Ghosh's family have played tabla with the classical legend. He remembers the luminary

KRISHNARAJ IYENGAR

TRANSCENDENTAL meditation in form" is how many of his listeners describe the experience of listening to Pt Jasraj. His fingers caressed the *swarmandal* as he cast a spell with eyes shut in a deep trance, his luminous and agile voice illuminating every *swar*. For sitar and tabla maestro Pt Nayan Ghosh, his passing away earlier this month has been a personal loss. The family had a long association with Pt Jasraj, one that spanned three generations.

DAYS OF GLORY

"Panditji once told me that when he came to Bombay in 1946, he, then 16, and his brothers met my uncle, bansuri pioneer Pt Pannalal Ghosh. On the request of his elder brother and guru, Pt Maniramji, Panna babu played Raga Shuddh Sarang; my father, Pt Nikhil Ghosh, accompanied him on tabla. Panditji spoke eloquently about how deeply moved he was by the music," Pandit Ghosh recounts.

In 1955, Pt Jasraj delivered his first major performance at the then prestigious Sur Singer Samsad's Haridas Sangeet Sammelan in Bombay, where Pt Nikhil Ghosh accompanied him on tabla. Their musical association was to continue for decades. "I too have been fortunate to accompany Panditji and shared a special bond with him. In the recent years, he took a fondness for my son Ishaan, who was also blessed to accompany him. Panditji's long and illustrious career created the opportunity for three generations of tabla players from our family to perform with him," shares Pt Nayan Ghosh.



Pt Nayan Ghosh accompanying late Pt Jasraj; (below) with Pt Nikhil Ghosh.

SPIRITUAL GAYAKI

Pt Jasraj's spiritual approach saw him compose innumerable compositions with devotional lyrics. Three of his hallmark renditions would be requested in almost all concerts — 'Mata Kalika' in Adana, 'Om Namo Bhagavate' in Bhimpalasi and 'Govind Damodar Madhaveti' in Nat Bhairav. "He was a repository of the Vaishnavite Haveli Sangeet of the Pushti Margi tradition. Usually *kirtans* in Dhrupad style, these added a unique dimension to his evolved vocalism," shares Pandit Ghosh.

LASTING LEGACY

Pt Jasraj was instrumental in transforming a huge body of lay listeners into avid music lovers. "He was always immersed in music and was an introvert by nature, but also had a warm, jovial and witty side to his personality. He was charismatic on and off stage." Pt Nayan Ghosh reminisces. Pt Jasraj, he says, was among the last of the most popular ambassadors of Indian classical music and an era has ended indeed.



A JOURNEY BEGINS

Born in Hisar, Haryana, Pt Jasraj began as a tabla player of exceptional talent, something many don't know. He initially learnt the instrument under his elder brother, Pt Pratap Narayan, who was a disciple of Delhi doyen Ustad Nathu Khan. Later, he switched to vocal music.

Pandit Ghosh says Pt Jasraj incorporated through pure genius, ornate *swar* embellishments to his *khayal gayaki* and created a distinct style. His audiences had the privilege of listening to several rare traditional ragas in his magnificent voice, ranging three octaves.

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Wanted 2-1 kanal kothi preferably facing park in Chandigarh. Spot payment. Jeet Associates 96468-09090. (CL20033256)

Wanted 1 kanal kothi for NRI in Chandigarh. Genuine buyer, ready payment. Contact Anuj Khamma 98140-16622. (CL20033336)

Mohali industrial: 4330 yard shed, B-Road. North East, newly-built good infrom space, Phase-VII, 4.00 lakh rent coming from half portion, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20035510)

Ten marla B-Road facing kanal phase 3A. Ten marla B-Road, phase 10. Ten marla double storey, phase-2 at reasonable price. 95017-00049. (CL20033761)

8 marla newly built triple storey side park house Sec.71, 8 marla double storey, facing park, phase-3A. 95017-00049. (CL20033765)

8 marla corner facing park side B-Road plot no. 51, beautiful location. Sec. 99. 95017-00049. (CL20033770)

HIG ground floor corner three sides open fully renovated with huge parking, phase 9, Mohali. 95017-00049. (CL20033778)

8 marla, 3049, double marbled, facing park, 10½ Marla; 3247, North-East, second floor, both Sector 71. 99143-27641. (CL20033782)

Mohali: 5 kanal industrial plot, IT Sector Phase VII-B, @ 2400/- sq.yds. going very reasonable. Sampark Estate: 98142-11400, 0172-4627889. (CL20035619)

HL double Phase 9, plot 250 sq. yards Sector 104. Best location, both Mohali 98763-30999, 99141-39399. (CL20035609)

14 marla tastefully built duplex Posh Sector 11. Kanal Plot Panchkula. Janinder Jain: 98140-65590. (CL20035610)

8 marla duplex near big park modular kitchen MP tank person of high taste Sector 67, Mohali. 70092-83003. (CL20035653)

Commercial shop 10x30, newly builtup with basement, front Airport Road, Janta Land, Sector 66. Empire Estates 98150-83500. (CL20035731)

PROPERTY WANTED

8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 Kanal House, Best location. 14, 10, 8, 7, 5 Marla House. Best location. Showroom, Booth any Sector, Chandigarh. Contact only Owners 62845-59816. (CL20033935)

Wanted: Aerocity/IT City 400-500 gaj normal/premium location plot. Owners please Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775. (CL20035759)

Duplex plot 8 to 12 marla Phase 3B1, 3B2, 7, 10, 11 Sector 68, 69, 70, 71, only owner contact 98970-05550, 90450-64400, payment by cheque. (CL20032365)

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Aerocity- 4 Marla N/W, 5 Marla Structure and facing park, 8 marla facing park Block-G & IT City-12 marla facing park Sector-66-A. Orbit Estates 8728883540, 8968799143 (CL20034222)

Plot no. 1611 Sector-80, 10 marla 25% Builtup (Reasonable price) Owner: 9780082341. (CL20034333)

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WIDOW

Widow, 42, 5'-2", Khatri MA, non-transferable Government job Chandigarh. Having 12 years girl. Preferred Government employee. Upper caste no bar. 99998-60959, 99117-17735. (CL20028446)

Widow near about 50 year working in Govt. Department, earning about 50 to 60 thousand per month. Children settled in Canada. Seeks genuine and well-established person as life partner. 78144-26727, 94174-27299. (CL20035453)

BRAHMIN

Suitable professional match desired for Ph.D.Net qualified girl teaching in Private University, 5'-3"-30. May 1987, 1:15pm, Solan, additional training at TNAU, Coimbatore, one year diploma in Computer Applications at NIELIT, Chandigarh. All degree in first class. Early marriage. 07832867141. (CL20034170)

SM for beautiful fair complexioned Punjabi Brahmin girl, MA, B.Ed., 18/09/87, 12:40 am, looks 26, 5 ft, Malwa preferred. 94643-50531, 9630-0742. (CL20030912)

Match for beautiful Brahmin 1990, 5'-4", Graduate, working Chandigarh seeks well settled tricity match. 90410-64880. (CL20034341)

Match for beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl 5', 05/06/1991, 6:20 am, Chandigarh, BCA, MSC (IT). Contract based job Haryana Govt. Chandigarh. 9464561836. (CL20035374)

PQM preferable medico, scientist, Govt. Officer for a beautiful Brahmin girl Feb 88, 5"-2". M.Sc., PhD life science from a leading medical institute. Working as post doc fellow in a medical institute in Chandigarh. 9815551466. (CL20035706)

Well settled match for beautiful slim Punjabi Brahmin vegetarian girl, 21.6/92, 9.50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.Com. B.Ed. Private Teacher. Contact after matching kundi, 94170-52545. (CL20035712)

Brahmin manglik girl, B.Tech. Computer Science, job in I.T. Chandigarh Senior Developer, 16.4.1993, 12:18 p.m., 5"-2". Match from Tricity preferred. Contact: 92185-96427, 97360-80227. (CL20032954)

Himachali Brahmin manglik girl, M.Sc. B.Ed. job in private school, 12.8/92, 11:25 a.m., 5'-3/2". Preferred Himachali and Tricity. Contact: 94180-30147, 99966-89295. (CL20029473)

Saraswat Brahmin BDS, MBA girl, running own clinic, 23.09.1994, 5:31 p.m., Chandigarh, 5"-2". Tricity preferred. 94635-94403. (CL20032853)

Central Govt. employee for Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, 28, 5'-4", permanent TGT Kendriya Vidyalaya, Delhi. 81684-59630. (CL20033061)

SM4 Punjabi Vashishit Brahmin girl, non-manglik, vegetarian, 5"-4", 26.7.1984, 08:28 am, Delhi, MBA, working as Asstt. Program Officer in Delhi, 6+ LPA, Delhi based. Kaushal gotra, behind Ropar Distt. (Punjab). Contact 98183-70897, Email: sahilrampal@rediffmail.com (CL20033072)

Unmarried qualified match for 1975, 5"-7", Brahmin, BAMS Doctor girl. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp: 9815087722. (CL20033089)

SM4 Himachali Brahmin vegetarian girl, 30, 5"-1", MBA (NMIMS), working in MNC on a good package. Upper caste welcome, share kundi. 88949-88501. (CL20033212)

Match for Brahmin beautiful girl, May 1994, 5"-3", M.Sc. Maths, B.Ed., CTET clear, working in Private School Chandigarh. Panchkula, Chandigarh and Pinjore area preferred. Contact: 94633-9030. (CL20033220)

Gaur Brahmin girl vegetarian MCA working in IT Park, Chandigarh, 16 Feb, 1993, 5"-5", educated Family. 98965-05515. (CL20033232)

Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl 5'-4", Aug. 87, MBA, Bank Manager Una/ Chandigarh, dtao3@gmail.com (CL20033357)

Suitable match for beautiful, slim, very fair, Sharma girl, 04.07.1988, 5:15 PM, Amritsar, 5"-3", qualification M.Sc. (IT), Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp bio with pic 99159-67247. (CL20033417)

Suitable match for saraswat Brahmin manglik beautiful /slim girl 28.02.1988, 03:30AM, Gurdaspur, 5feet, M.Tech, Lecturer or adhoc basis in private engineering college. Contact 97281-06313. Early marriage. (CL20035181)

SMF Sarwarth Brahmin fair girl, B.Tech. (CS), working in MNC, 5"-5", 20.2.1990, 9:03 a.m. Ludhiana, 9 LPA. Father retired Senior position from private sector. 74831-30007, 79732-8894. (CL20033446)

Professionally qualified well settled match for beautiful Punjabi Gaur Brahmin girl (Prosthodontist), 5"-7", 3.6.1990, Patiala. 73411-32217. (CL20033532)

Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, 5'-4" / 02.12.1987, 3:50 p.m., Patiala, double M.A., B.Ed., CTET & PSTET cleared. Near Patiala preferred. 9888045478, 9888218550. (CL20033520)

Preferably Brahmin match for Saraswat Brahmin beautiful girl, 16.07.1995, 5.25 pm, Fazilka (Punjab), 5"-7", B.Tech. (IT) Chd, doing job in MNC, Gurgaon. Required Canada PR. 78376-75968, 94784-81217. (CL20035170)

Well established Gaur Brahmin family seeks alliance for their Manglik daughter slim, smart, cultured PG, 1988/173 cms. Convent educated. Working Chandigarh and Pinjore area preferred. Contact: 97281-06313. Early marriage. (CL20035180)

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Saraswat Brahmin Karnal based female girl, 29.07.1993, 12.06 pm/ 5"-4", M.Sc. (Maths), B.Ed., teaching in reputed school, good salary. Father Bank Manager. Contact: WhatsApp: 94161-09758, 94667-0604. vinotharauco@gmail.com (CL20033538)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl born on 2.03.1991, 7.45 pm, Ferozepur, 5"-1", BCA, M.Sc. (IT), private job. Boys having job (private/Govt). Brahmin Khatri, Arora acceptable. Contact after kundi matching. 94171-03273. (CL20033471)

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Suitable match for Himachali Brahmin Manglik girl, January 1991, 15 cm, MS Computers from USA. Working on HIB Visa in USA since 2016. Green card under process. Boys working in USA correspond with particulars. drpraveen2002@gmail.com, 94180-38200. (CL20033716)

Saraswat Brahmin girl Manglik slim 5"-4" / 33 Graduate private job, 18/000-4, sister Panchkula, Mobile: 81462-18146. (CL20033781)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 30, 5"-8", MS Computer Science, working in Bay area- USA, Software Engineer, HIB visa. Contact 98103-40618. (CL20033877)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl March 1994 born, B.Tech., employed with MNC height 5"-4", Contact: 98154-09057, 98154-9189. (CL20033878)

God Brahmin 29.03.1989, 5"-2", 7 am, MA, M.Phil. (Vocal Music). Professor/ Music related Trinity boy. Caste no bar. 95308-03535. (CL20033429)

SM4 beautiful Punjabi Vashishit girl 5"-2", 1899, M.Ed., M.Phil (Vocal Music). Professor/ Music related Trinity boy. Caste no bar. 95308-03535. (CL20033416)

Match for beautiful Brahmin girl, 4.45.93, 11:30 am, Chandigarh, 5"-4", MCA, preferred Tricity or Dists. 98555-41392. (CL20034136)

Sharma girl from Jammu, Feb 1985 born, BE, MBA, 5"-4", working in MNC. 94192-02385. (CL20034192)

B'ful Doctor girl 28, 5"-5" MD Radiology, MBBS wkg. in reputed hospital 12.5 LPA. Well settled finely in Punjab req. educated match 98271-08134, 82698-3938. (CL20034206)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl, 4.45.93, 5"-6", working in MNC. Send photo. Preferred Mohali or Patiala based boy. Contact on WhatsApp only 94661-15615. (CL20034207)

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SCHEDULED CASTES

Suitable match for Ravidasia beautiful B.Com, girl, 5'-1", age 30, well educated family, vegetarian/ Radhaasomi, Tricity preferred. 93162-3221. (CL20033110)

Professionaly qualified match for Chamar girl, 26/ 5'-4", B.Tech, Serving MNC Bangalore, 7 lakh, belongs Himachal, settled Ambala, Father chief cashier, Prefreda, Himachali, WhatsApp 98964-14566. (CL20035460)

Suitable match for Chamar girl, 26, 5'-2", B.Tech, Father senior manager, Belongs Himachal, settled Ambala, Preferred Himachali, WhatsApp 94160-01893. (CL20035480)

Suitable match for Chammar, Ravidasia girl, Nov, 90, 5'-3", B.Tech, (CSE), job Digital Marketing, MNC Mohali, Preference Mohali/ Chandigarh, Mob. 88475-84602. (CL20025958)

SM for Ramdasia Sikh girl, born 1987, 5'-4", permanent Govt. job, Tricity preferred. 62395-02212. (CL20033137)

SM4 Hindu Ravidasia girl MA B.Ed 5'-4", Nov, 87, Radhaasomi, 99106-62537, 97120-00537, Una, Chandigarh, Ludhiana area. (CL20033330)

Suitable match for 5'-2", 7th July 1989, Punjabi Balmiki SC girl, BA COPA contract basis job in Central Government organisation, gatar Ghayari, mother Dhuori, Contact Number: 98881-84281. (CL20033343)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh family seeks Govt. employee match for their daughter 1993/ 5'-6", Banker preferred Distt. Sangrur and Ludhiana. 98778-00522. (CL20035567)

Ramdasia Sikh Girl (SC) 1989, 5'-3" Govt. Regular Lecturer Bathinda, Mob. 84271-93361 (CL20034850)

Ramdasia Sikh Weaver girl 1990, 5'-2", BA, B.Ed., MA, M.Phil., Ph.D. Govt. Lecture Economics, seeks only Govt. job preferred Tricity, 98145-56091. (CL20035568)

Balmiki girl Chandigarh based on Oct, 89, 5'-4", M.Sc.(F.D.) wheatish Asstt. Professor (Regular) Hoshiarpur. Job/ Businessman boy near Hoshiarpur/ Jalandhar, Caste no bar, WhatsApp 7508893980, 7508893982. (CL20035580)

SM4 1989 Balmiki girl, 5'-6", M.Sc. preparing for GATE. Father retired officer. Malhotra and Gill, Well educated family. 0172-4191011. (CL20033481)

Suitable match for Mazbhi Sikh girl SBI Branch Manager Scale-3, Mumbai, 1988, 5'-6", Caste no bar, 77194-82426 (Bathinda). (CL20033515)

Beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl April 1987, 5'-1", Bank Manager, Father, Brother, Sister Bank Manager, 98771-14723, 98034-33847. (CL20033624)

Seeking a suitable match for Ad-dhamri girl Jan 1992, 5'-2", B.Tech, (IT) from Delhi University. Two years Postgraduate Diploma in IT from Vancouver. Having three years work permit & recently moved to Chilliwack (BC) working as Retail Supervisor. Radha Soami family living with younger brother who is also on 3 years work permit after study. Father retired from Bank. Mother in Govt. job, Vegetarian only and PR holder in Canada preferred. Contact: 82646-98891. (CL20033626)

Beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl August 1992, 5'-3", B.Tech, M.E., now pursuing Ph.D., worked as Assistant Professor I year. Father SDO (retired), mother in Govt. job. Preferred in Tricity. Contact: 81469-19188. (CL20033640)

Beautiful, slim SC Ravidasia girl (Chamar) girl September 1987, 5'-5", Assistant Professor (Contract basis- 6 years) (UGC NET qualified). Father retired Sr Bank Manager. Well qualified well settled family. Preferred Govt./ Bank Officer, College/Teaching cadre. Marriage bureau/ sites please excuse. 94172-81656, 40.manoj.k@gmail.com (CL20033676)

Suitable match for SC (Ad-dhamri) Punjabi unmarried girl, 20.3.1983, 5'-4", MA, B.Ed. Private school teacher, Jalandhar. Mob. 9855473038. (CL20033750)

Match for MBBS 5ft fair Dec 1988, Ravidasia Govt. job girl. Wanted Doctor/Officer/ Focigner. Parents Govt. employees, Elder sis Australian citizen, 75288-14105 Dobaia. (CL20033862)

Suitable match for Manglik Adriani (Ravidasia) girl 10.1.1993, 5'-3", Master Computer Security (from Canada), Canada PR, preference Canada PR or willing to settle Canada, 98146-39279, 92568-09009. (CL20033913)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh beautiful girl, DOB 24.06.1992, Time 11:15 pm, Height 5'-5", Graduation in Honors school in English Masters in English, B.Ed., private job, issueless divorcee girl/ all Contacts - 90097-35296, 91110-05508. (CL20034047)

Hindi Khatri Divorcee girl, 5'-3", 14 August 1989, 5.30 pm, Mohali, job NCR Gurgaon, package 18 LPA. 92564-5248. (CL20034183)

Suitable match for upper class 5.7.84, Canada, 5'-3", Brahmian girl, B.Sc., B.Ed. (Non-Medical), M.Sc. LLB, divorced, seeks well settled boy from similar status family. Contact: 94637-84960, 98883-80515. (CL20034548)

MD/MS/DNB match for DA DNB Doctor slim fair Jatti Sikh girl 1987, 5'-4". 98889-88755. (CL20035446)

Suitable match for SC Manglik Punjabi Educated (12th) girl, 5'-2", 1990, Tricity preferred. Caste no bar, WhatsApp 98661-25215. (CL20034199)

Valmiki girl 3/ 1984, 5'-2", Govt. job, Ambala. Caste no bar Tricity preferred. 93151-13022. (CL20034230)

SM4 for Ravidasia girl, 86 born, PCMS, doing final year MD Pediatrics. 9465248088. (CL20034567)

Suitable match for Majhabi Sikh Gill girl, 1989, 5'-2", Govt. employee, working in PSPCL. Preferred Govt. employee boy, NRI also welcome. 98141-58716, 86995-03303. (CL20034688)

Adharmi girl 31, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing, known French language PR preferred. Contact: 98555-93274, 98146-36280. (CL20034745)

Seeking match for Ravidasia girl, Govt teacher, 5'-1", 13.11.86, Jalandhar based. Govt. job, Doaba Area preferred. Mob: 9463791897, 987245624. (CL20035021)

SM4 Balmiki girl, fair, 5'-3", born 1984, Govt. job, Jalandhar. Mob: 9041163892, 9815940433. (CL20035076)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh girl 26/ 5'-2", Graduate M.A Punjabi, family settled near Chandigarh. Contact 98149-75246. (CL20035164)

Match for 88 born, 5'-5", BAMS Doctor divorcee, SC Valmiki girl, selected as CHO in Punjab Govt. Doctor MBBS Doctor, Tricity preferred. 95010-4872. (CL20035311)

Ravidasia unmarried girl, 1984, 5'-3", BA, B.Ed, Private School Teacher Salary 30.000/- month, Chandigarh. 95929-17033. (CL20035355)

Scheduled Castes Suitable match for Ad-dhamri girl 5'-3", 1985, Postgraduate, B.Ed. Cont. 94175-36970. (CL20035378)

Suitable match for Valmiki fair educated girl, MA Eng. B.Ed, 27, 5'-3", father Govt service: 94173-29462. (CL20035387)

Ad-dhamri girl 84/ 5'-1", Govt. service need Govt. employee. Phone: 70094-46997. (CL20035435)

Hindi Ravidasia girl Chandigarh 1991/ 5'-3" M.B.A. (Healthcare). Contact 98152-16579. (CL20035439)

Suitable match for Ravidasia Sikh girl Oct 92, 5'-5", B.Tech Scale-2 officer, (Punjab National Bank) 98761-18696. (CL20035502)

Match for beautiful Ravidasia Chamar girl, 01-12-1991, 5'-3", Nationalized bank officer, Sikkh excuse 80531-66084, 70152-31436. (CL20035513)

Match for earning girl working as Digital Marketing Manager in a reputed firm, Mohali, 25.12.93, 5'-7". Tricity preferred, dowry less. Contact: 75082-48114 Chandigarh. (CL20035074)

NRI Wanted suitable match for Khatri Sikh beautiful girl Oct '84 (looks younger) India born & raised 5'-5", MS (USA) Green card presently working in NY based Fortune 500 Company, issueless & divorced. Required qualified working boy in USA. Send biodata & photo WhatsApp +1(913)-741102. (CL20028620)

Well-settled match from US or Canada only for an extremely beautiful, tall, fair, working Canadian PR girl born 06.05.1984 (innocently divorced in less than 6 days). 83603-10721 chawlahs1958@gmail.com (CL20031503)

Looking for professionally qualified US born groom for a 38 years old Doctor, 5'-5", tall Punjabi girl. Please email/ WhatsApp details with recent pics at sballu330@gmail.com, 89681-07808. (CL20030326)

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Suitable match for Mazbhi Sikh girl SBI Branch Manager Scale-3, Mumbai, 1988, 5'-6", Caste no bar, 77194-82426 (Bathinda). (CL20033515)

Smart Ramdasia Sikh girl 10/ 84, 5'-5", BA, B.Ed. Father retired Gazette Officer, Brother PR Canada. 80544-02774. (CL20035072)

Karnal based beautiful, slim, fair Balmiki girl September, 1990/ 5', M.Sc (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D. final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL20033355)

Match for Chandigarh based SC girl, 5 feet, 26.04.1995, B.Sc., Fashion Designing (Graduation). Contact: 98722-42458, 98886-51980. (CL20033481)

Suitable match for Mazbhi Sikh girl, born 1987, 5'-4", permanent Govt. job, Tricity preferred. 62395-02212. (CL20033137)

SM4 Hindu Ravidasia girl MA B.Ed 5'-4", Nov, 87, Radhaasomi, 99106-62537, 97120-00537, Una, Chandigarh, Ludhiana area. (CL20033330)

Suitable match for 5'-2", 7th July 1989, Punjabi Balmiki SC girl, BA COPA contract basis job in Central Government organisation, gatar Ghayari, mother Dhuori, Contact Number: 98881-84281. (CL20033343)

Match for beautiful Ravidasia Sikh family seeks Govt. employee match for their daughter 1993/ 5'-6", Banker preferred Distt. Sangrur and Ludhiana. 98778-00522. (CL20035567)

Ramdasia Sikh Girl (SC) 1989, 5'-3" Govt. Regular Lecturer Bathinda, Mob. 84271-93361 (CL20034850)

Ramdasia Sikh Weaver girl 1990, 5'-2", BA, B.Ed., MA, M.Phil., Ph.D. Govt. Lecture Economics, seeks only Govt. job preferred Tricity, 98145-56091. (CL20035568)

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BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Indian Engineering Service, working as ADEN in Indian Railways, Ramdasi/Adharmi girl, Sep/ 92, 5'-3". Parents both working in Indian Railway. Specifically IAS/IPS/IES well qualified groom required. 81466-32817, (WhatsApp only). (CL20033485)

B'f'l IRS Officer 1988, 5'-2", Govt. of India Asstt. Commissioner, well settled family, father retired officer. Req. business, Doctor, Officers, caste no bar. 82698-39838, 98271-03134. (CL20034208)

MAHAJAN

Suitable match for Gupta girl, Nov. 1982 (BTech+MBA), working MNC, Decent well educated family. Upper caste no bar. 95969-78787, arungupta7272@gmail.com (CL20032992)

Suitable match for beautiful slim, Post Graduate LL.B., Goyal innocent divorcee few days. Tricity preferred. 94178-68384. (CL20033816)

Qualified Aggarwal match for Manglik beautiful Bansal girl 06.11.1990, 06:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-5", B.Eds, PGDHA, 62397-76174. (CL20033903)

Patiala based Manglik Aggarwal beautiful girl 5'-2", MCA. Wanted high businessman boy. Budget 50, 93567-22798. (CL20033914)

Suitable match for Aragal girl 39, looking certify divorcee, alone Panchkula, 5'-1", BA, B.Ed. 99696-60074. (CL20034134)

Very beautiful Aggarwal 1995, 5'-3", B.Tech. high status family, well qualified settled boy required. 82645-39790. (CL20034214)

Aggarwal divorcee working girl 6.1.1993, 10:30 am, Ambala. Preferred well-settled boy. 94662-87753, 91363-70628. (CL20034304)

Match for Aggarwal Singla D.Pharma, BA, fair girl 4'-7", 1.04.1993, Panchkula, reputed family. 94679-46767. (CL20034419)

Established handsome educated businessman for October 94, 5'-4", very beautiful educated girl, Chandigarh. 90340-83138. (CL20034222)

Bindal girl 22.04.1995, 5', M.Com., Govt. job, only Aggarwal Kurukshetra, Ambala, Karnal. 98882-26808. (CL20034425)

Garg slim, 12.8.82, 12:50 a.m., Chandigarh, 5'-3", B.Ed. Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula only. 98143-93725. (CL20034691)

Most beautiful three doctor Aggarwal girls 1986 MDS 5'-4". Govt. Medical Officer. 1991 and 1988 own practice. Required high status businessman, Doctor, Officer boys. Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Patiala. 96465-12312, 86993-72414. (CL20035064)

Seeking Government Officer in Tricity for Goyal girl November 1993 born, 5'-5", B.Tech. PEC, serving as Assistant Audit Officer at Pune. 98150-79183. (CL20035250)

Age 25, height 5'-4", Edu.- MCA, Pvt job. Beautiful girl want suitable match. 97542-81106, 96698-31161. (CL20033949)

Aggarwal fair girl, graduate, Fashion Designer, 5'-6", 8.11.1992, Non-Manglik Panchkula. Tricity preferred. Upper caste welcome. 95012-59777. (CL20035301)

Very very beautiful fair slim 8.12.94, 5'-4", Aggarwal Well Qualified girl. Required very High Status Industrialist. Businessman, Civil Service, IIT, IIM boy. 62849-11126. (CL20035309)

Beautiful Jindal girl 28.06.1992, 06.02 am, Kurukshetra, 5'-2", 52 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. (CL20035222)

Preferred qualified high status match for beautiful slim 5'-2", Bansal girl chartered Accountant 1993 born Amritsar. 84274-7528, 80543-87959 (CL20033196)

Beautiful Goyal girl 5'-2", Government job, 29.07.1993, 12:45 pm (Barnala). Preferred Ludhiana. 79737-08241, 90343-0795. (CL20033186)

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Garg slim 4.1.91, 7.30 a.m. Karnal, 5'-3", slim, fair, Gupta girl, Ophthalmologist, completed Cornea Fellowship. Contact 70150-12389, 94163-79659. (CL20033157)

Jain A Class reputed industrialist family, birth date 5.08.1985, height 5'-8", very fair & beautiful, MBA. Contact 79830-40438. (CL20033073)

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Suitable match for Garg B.Tech girl 5', 26.5.1989, 2:35 am, Bathinda, Deloitte Gurugram 15 Lac. 9356-74985, 76969-9223. (CL20033447)

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Suitable match for very beautiful Aggarwal girl 11.05.1994, 5:52 pm Kurukshetra, 5'-2", B.Tech. (CSE), working as Business Development Manager, preferred job or well settled businessman/ industrialist. Contact: 92551-29994, airandivanshu@gmail.com (CL20033651)

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546 new cases; 7 deaths take toll to 685

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	2,105	25
Srinagar	9,025	217
Anantnag	2,276	49
Baramulla	2,784	99
Shopian	1,690	28
Kupwara	2,045	46
Budgam	2,427	58
Jammu	2,903	39
Udhampur	796	02
Ganderbal	1,371	20
Kulgam	1,907	35
Pulwama	2,565	48
Samba	714	02
Rajouri	889	05
Kishtwar	216	01
Kathua	841	03
Ramban	651	01
Reasi	368	00
Poonch	409	04
Doda	410	02
Total	36,377	685

UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	4,57,336
Persons completing surveillance	3,58,355
Samples tested	9,43,981
Negative results	9,07,604
Positive cases	36,377
Patients cured	28,020
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tive cases, 7,672 were active, 28,020 have recovered and 685 have died — 60 in the Jammu division and 625 in the Kashmir valley.

The bulletin said out of 9,43,981 test results available, 9,07,604 samples had tested as negative.

Meanwhile, after direction of the higher-ups, the Doda district administration is bracing itself for sending asymptomatic Covid patients to home quarantine.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Dr Sagar D Doidode chaired a meeting of the officials concerned of the Health and Revenue Departments and discussed the modalities.

The Deputy Commissioner listed in detail the important measures to be taken for the home isolation patients.

He said a team of 50 guardian officers would be

constituted at the block level to provide the facility of pulse oximeter to every Covid patient, put up red flags and information poster at the entry of the patient's house, awareness of surrounding public and family members, besides testing of Covid patients.

The DC also directed the District Epidemiologist to frame comprehensive SOPs with regard to the home isolation. The Tehsildars were asked to take in writing from home isolated patients that they would follow all the SOPs strictly.

Terming it a highly crucial exercise, the DC said only the medical team was empowered to take final call whether the Covid patient was eligible for home isolation or not, subject to the fulfilment of some necessary guidelines, like having the facility of separate bedroom, bathroom, etc.



NC president Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah attend the party's meeting in Srinagar on Saturday. PTI

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Farooq Abdullah, who has been the driving force behind the joint statement of reiteration of the "Gupkar declaration", had been speaking of Delhi's betrayal. These were reflected in the statement released after over six-hour-long meeting.

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Round 2 of sero-survey begins

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LT GUV SINHA OPENS TALK ON COVID

- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday inaugurated a panel discussion on "Covid-19: Challenges and effective management".
- The digital event was organised to observe the 105th jayanti celebrations of Shivaratri Rajendra Mahaswami. It facilitated student exchange and teacher training programmes between J&K and Karnataka.
- Sinha said the country, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, had responded strongly amid Covid pandemic.

FIRST ROUND HELD IN MAY

- The survey is being conducted to see the changing trend of population response to SARS CoV-2 infection over these months since the first round was held in May.
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against SARS-CoV-2, which would determine infection in the recent past and the body's immune response to the SARS CoV-2 infection.

"Each selected site collects data and blood samples of 400 participants comprising children over 10 years and adult population," he said.

The ICMR is conducting the study through its regional centres. However, Dr Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR, and Secretary, Department of Health Research,

MOHFW, again asked GMC, Srinagar, to conduct the study in Pulwama on its behalf.

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Jammu-Srinagar NH reopens after 4 days

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 29

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was today reopened, but for one-way traffic, after remaining blocked for four consecutive days due to falling stones and landslides at different locations triggered by heavy rains.

"The traffic on the highway was restored around 11.30 am and we cleared all stranded vehicles, nearly 500 in numbers, on

A portion of the road was washed away in a mudslide at Dalwas in Ramban district on Wednesday.

The landslides and falling stones at seven different locations triggered by heavy rains had posed a major challenge for the authorities to clear the road for traffic.

priority. Since then, the traffic was allowed to move from Srinagar to Jammu," Ajay Anand, Deputy Superintendent of Police, National Highway (Traffic), told The Tribune.

All leaders agreed that the leadership should widen the scope of acceptance of the "Gupkar declaration" without compromising on basic issues and called for making the cause of the restoration of Article 370 all inclusive.

The attempt to broaden the areas and people of support for the August 4, 2019, "Gupkar declaration" and its reiteration by six Kashmir-centric parties last Saturday is to serve three basic objectives — to reinforce supremacy of the NC that has footprints in all three regions of Jammu, Val-

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In this connection, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shrine Board, Ramesh Kumar and Director (Headquarters), Postal Service, J&K, Gaurav Srivastava signed the agreement at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

For facilitating the devotees, especially during the prevailing circumstances, the Shrine Board introduced the facility of delivery of 'prasad' at their places.

"This initiative of the board will greatly help the devotees, who could not undertake the yatra due to the circumstances created by the pandemic, to avail the prasad," an official spokesperson for the Shrine Board said.

In this regard, three categories of 'prasad' have been launched by the board on "no profit no loss basis", which can be booked either through the official website of the Shrine Board, ie. www.maavaishno-devi.org or through telephonic mode on the dedicated mobile number 9906019475.

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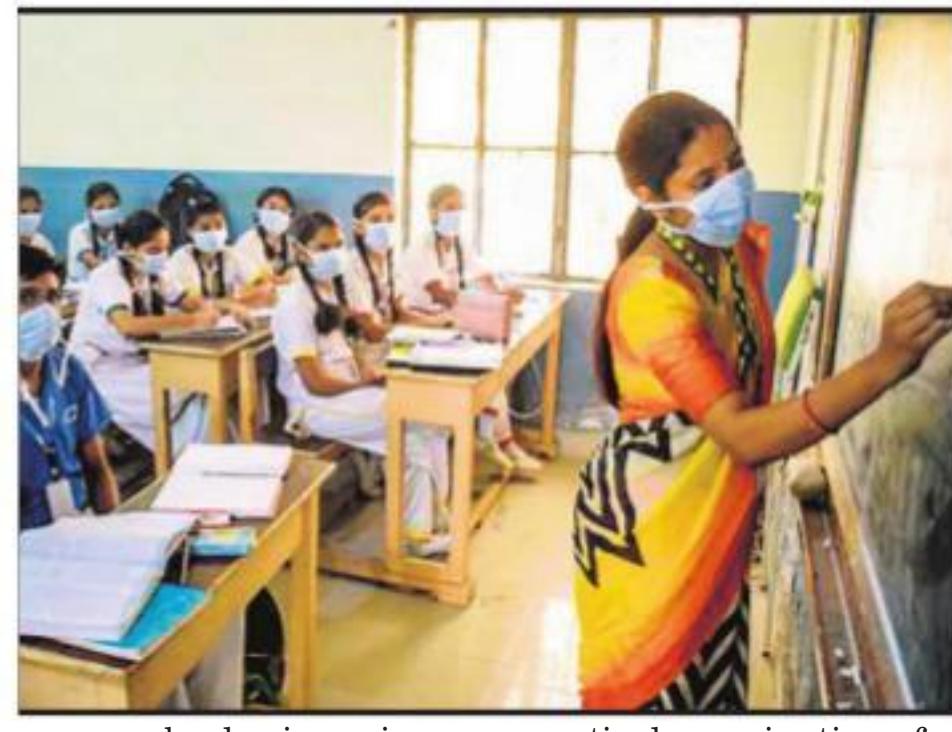
Soon, 10+2 med, non-med through open schools

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, AUGUST 29
The board of directors of the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBSE) at a meeting held here today decided to allow 10+2 medical and non-medical through open schools.

Earlier, the HPBSE allowed only arts and commerce through open schools. Sources said the decision was taken in view of the situation that had arisen due to Covid-19.

However, the board spokesperson said only those schools that had adequate infrastructure would be allowed to run centres for



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open schools in science stream. "The students, who pass out 10+2 in science stream through open school, will have to clear practical examinations for the subjects they have opted for," he said.

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schools that have proper boundary wall and gated premises would be given affiliation for the next academic session.

HC: Activate helpline to check suicides

SHIMLA, AUGUST 29

Expressing concern over the sudden rise in suicide cases, the HP High Court has directed the state authorities to activate an anti-suicide helpline number within three weeks. It has directed the authorities to issue an advertisement in this regard and ensure that the public gets the message through media.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice CB Barowalia, passed this order on a petition filed by a law student, Tushar, seeking activation of a suicide prevention helpline number immediately. He urged the court that NGOs should be roped in for efficient handling of the helpline round the clock.

He stated people having adequate knowledge should be hired and they should also be given the support of psychiatrists, psychologists and other ancillary staff.

The court issued a notice to the state government and directed the authorities to file their response within six weeks and listed the matter for October 15. — TNS

Kangra woman dies of Covid; 51 new cases in Sirmaur dist

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, AUGUST 29

The surge in Covid cases continued in the state with 144 cases being reported today, taking the total number of positive cases to 5781, including 32 deaths.

With one death in Kangra, the highest number of 51 cases was reported from Sirmaur and 27 from Solan. There were 19 new cases in Una, 14 in Kangra, 12 in Hamirpur, 12 in Shimla, four in Bilaspur, three in Chamba and two in Mandi.

Deceased was cancer patient
A woman, who had tested positive for coronavirus, died at Tanda medical college in Kangra today. This has taken the total number of people died due to the infection in Himachal to 32 and in Kangra district to seven.

Cancer patient Meera of Bhoura in Bhawarna was admitted to Fortis, Mohali. She was discharged from Fortis on August 20. A week later, she developed complications and was admitted to Tanda medical college and kept in

STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	211,028
Recovered	4,266
Active cases	1,439
Positive cases	5,781
Deaths	32

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	450	1
Solan	1,409	6
Kangra	797	6
Chamba	403	4
Hamirpur	505	4
Sirmaur	840	1
Mandi	397	7
Bilaspur	300	-
Shimla	320	2
Kullu	271	-
Kinnar	81	-
Lahaul & Spiti	8	-
Total	5,781	32

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27 cases in Solan

Solan: Twenty-seven Covid cases, including 17 from the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh belt, were detected in Solan district today, taking the tally to 1,407 with 417 active cases. There were eight cases from the power house colony, Rabon, Salogra and Kather in Solan and two from Kothi and Kund villages in Arki. They comprised inter-state travellers, direct contacts of positive persons and those having influenza-like infection, said Medical Officer, Health, Solan, Dr NK Gupta. In the BBN area, cases emerged from Panjhera, Johog, Nalagarh, Ramshehar, hotel Ashish, housing board's phase-III colony at Baddi.

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No NOC, former MLA's marriage palace sealed

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, AUGUST 29
The Municipal Corporation Bathinda (MCB) today sealed a marriage resort (Jeet Palace) owned by former SAD MLA Sarup Chand Singla. The marriage palace had been operational without obtaining permissions from the departments concerned.

Besides two more resorts, Skyland Resort located on Bir road, and Kingfijer Resort on Malout road, were sealed due to similar reasons.

Bathinda MC Commissioner Bikramjit Singh Shergill said, "Building branch of the MCB have sealed three unauthorised marriage palaces in the

city." He said the state government had brought a policy for regularisation of unauthorised marriage places, but owners of these three places failed to obtain no-objection certificates (NOCs) from various departments, including forests and national highway.

Shergill said the owners were issued notices earlier, but they used to take time on false assurances. It has been learnt that owners of these resorts had submitted maps for approvals, but they failed to submit the NOCs.

The state government had implemented a new policy for regularisation of marriage palaces. Under this policy, some relaxations were given to old resorts.

Corrigendum

PCDA (WC) Sector-09, Chandigarh
Tender Notice for Outsourcing of Services
Corrigendum No.AN/XII/1828/OS, Dated 26/08/2020
Reference to tender notice published in Local Newspaper Dainik Bhaskar and Tribune on 31/07/2020. Due to some technical reason tender for 21 Housekeeping and 04 Watch & Ward (without arms) has been extended upto 15. 09 .2020, 03 PM. The tender has been e-published on CPP portal earlier received earlier in this office are also valid. Last Date of submission of tender is amended to 15/09/2020 till 03.00 PM. Technical bids will open on 15.09.2020, 4.00 PM. For complete details and further corrigendum, if any, please visit <http://pcdawc.gov.in> and CPP portal.

Sr. Accounts officer (AN)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, DR. RADHAKRISHNAN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, HAMIRPUR (HP)
No. HFW-HMR-GMC-Store/Tender/(M&E) Gen/2019-11059-64
Dated 28.08.2020

OFFICE ORDER

In continuation of this office letter of even No. 10122-28 dated 06.08.2020 the date of sale of tender document & submission of properly sealed tenders for providing of small Machinery & Equipments, in the department of Paediatric, Dr. RKGMC, Hamirpur is hereby extended up to 10.09.2020 (05:00 P.M.) due to administrative reasons. Thereafter no tender shall be entertained/accepted. The tenders will be opened on 11.09.2020 at 12:30 P.M. in the presence of prospective bidders or their authorized person who may wish to remain present.

Other terms & conditions of tender will remain same. In case any date mentioned above happens to be holiday, next day will be considered a due date.

**Additional Director (Admin.),
Dr. RKGMC, Hamirpur (HP).**

**Office of the Executive Engineer,
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EXTENSION NOTICE-3
NIT No. TLMD-VI/ 01 of 2020-21 (RE-TENDER) DT.23-04-2020
(Extension Of Dates)

NAME OF THE WORK: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 3x53.33 MVA Transformer Bank for Augmentation of Delina Grid Station.

Due to poor response, the date of bid submission for NIT is extended as:

A E-Bid Submission (end) date & Time 05.09.2020 upto 02.00 PM
B Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid 08.09.2020 at 02.00 PM

C Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders)

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per attached SBD, BOQ and other documents uploaded on site
No: TLMD-VI/ Executive Engineer
Dated: -08-2020 DIP/K/2022

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No: TLMD-VI/09 of 2020-21 Dated: 27.08.2020

Superintending Engineer Operation & Maintenance Circle II, Bemina Srinagar on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory invites e-tenders (InTwo Cover System) valid for 180 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Electrical Contractors and Executors fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents for the work detailed below. E-Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR/BG from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost plus to Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle-II, Bemina, Srinagar, PDD, Kashmir, J&K. The complete bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender Fee & EMD (original instruments) in cover and Techno-Commercial bid (as per SBD) in cover II has to be submitted only by the Lowest Bidder in the office of Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle-II, Bemina, Srinagar on the day which will be communicated to lowest bidder. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document is available on website <http://jkttenders.gov.in>.

Scope of Work Qty Estimated Cost Tender Fee EMD Time of Completion

Supply, installation, Testing and Commissioning of 50 MVA 132/33 KV Three Phase Transformer with OLTC, RTCC, NIFPES & other required accessories & fittings at Mattan Grid Station.

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES:

1. Issue of NIT 27.08.2020 (10.00 A.M.)

2. Downloading of bidding documents (Start) 28.08.2020 (10.00 A.M.)

3. Downloading of bidding documents (End) 21.09.2020 (4:00 P.M.)

4. E-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats) 28.08.2020 (2:00 P.M.)

5. E-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats) 21.09.2020 (4:00 P.M.)

6. Start date of clarifications 02.09.2020 (10:00 A.M.)

7. End date of clarifications 10.09.2020 (4:00 P.M.)

8. Pre Bid meeting 11.09.2020 (2:00 P.M.)

9. Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date 21.09.2020 (2:00 P.M.)

10. Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids Office of the Superintending Engineer, O & M Circle 2nd, Bemina, Srinagar

11. Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of Demand Draft Pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, JKPTCL, Bemina Srinagar Rs. 5,000/-)

12. Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Tenderers) Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Tenderers

13. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (2% of Advt cost) Rs. 5.50 Lacs

• Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.

• Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the undersigned on above given Email IDs or Phone Nos.

• Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.

• The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

**Executive Engineer,
TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar.**

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CM orders probe into scholarship scam

Says no question of shielding anyone, but won't succumb to Opposition pressure

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

Making it clear that nobody found guilty of complicity in the alleged scholarship scam would be spared, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday asked the Chief Secretary to conduct a thorough probe into the case.

"Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan will look into all aspects of the case, and anyone found involved, whatever his position within or outside the government, would be penalised and punished in accordance with the legal provisions," said the Chief Minister Law will take its course, he asserted.

Capt Amarinder said nobody could be put on the mat without a fair probe and proper inquiry, which Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot also deserved. "There is rule of law, which needs to be followed," said the Chief Minister, adding that he would not succumb to Opposition pressure in the case.

However, there was no



DHARAMSOT DESERVES FAIR PROBE

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question of protecting or shielding anyone, and action under the law would be taken anyone found guilty of any involvement in the case, he added.

The Chief Minister also lashed out at the Aam

Aadmi Party (AAP) for behaving like a rogue party by baying for Dharamsot's blood without a proper inquiry.

"Are we living in a state of anarchy, with no rule of law?" Capt Amarinder

SACK DHARAMSOT: AAP

Reiterating his demand for immediate dismissal of Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, AAP state president Bhagwant Mann said if the ruling Congress did not sack the minister, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi would have to give an explanation on the issue during the monsoon session of Parliament.

₹959 CR FRAUD: BJP

The BJP claimed that the scholarship scam said to be Rs 63.91 crore was in fact not less than Rs 959 crore. Meanwhile, Union Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal today requested Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot to recommend a CBI inquiry into the scholarship scam.

asked, reacting strongly to the completely unwarranted and uncalled demand of AAP and Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) MLAs, who had yesterday created a din in the Vidhan Sabha over the issue.

'Bajwa behaving like Oppn leader'

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29 Ridiculing Congress MP Partap Singh Bajwa for "trying to score political points" over the Rs 55.71 crore scholarship scam, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today said if he believed in following "jungle raj", he would have sacked Bajwa back in 2002-2007 when the then PWD minister was under the scanner in the bitumen scam and some other cases.

Besides weapons and heroin, in the BSF had recovered two mobile phones from the spot, indicating that the intruders might be in contact with their accomplices on this side of the border.

Tarn Taran Senior Superintendent of Police Dhruman H Nimble said though investigation was underway to identify Indian contacts of the intruders, a drive had been launched to verify the credentials of those who go across the fence to work in their fields. A large number of farmers and labourers go across the fence for limited time to work in their agricultural land.

"Smugglers on both sides of the International Border use different ways to sneak in contraband and weapons," said the SSP.

SAD used Covid excuse to avoid voting on ordinances, says Capt

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder today dismissed the Akali charge of running away from burning issues on the pretext of Covid. He said it was the SAD which had taken refuge in the pandemic to keep away from yesterday's session, as it did not want to be party to the resolution rejecting the anti-farmer ordinances of the Central government.

Having supported the ordinances as part of the NDA-ruled Central government, the Akalis could not afford to vote for the resolution, and yet did not want to appear to be anti-farmer, said the Chief Minister, adding that in the circumstances, they found an easy way out in the guise of the pandemic to stay out of the Vidhan Sabha completely.

"The Speaker and I had only appealed to those MLAs who had come in contact with any infected legislators not to attend the session, but not a single Akali member turned up for the session," said Captain

Amarinder. It was clear that the Akalis who were running away, he said, adding that at no point were Opposition MLAs asked not to attend and the appeal/advice was for all members, including the ruling party.

"In any case, if the Akalis are really so concerned about spreading the Covid and heeded the advice to stay away from the House on this ground, then why are they continuing with their street protests despite my repeated pleas to all political parties not to indulge in such activities, which endanger the lives of our people," he asked.

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Former minister Bikram Singh Majithia said, "If the Speaker does not act and plays a partisan role to justify illegal acts of Zira as well as of the Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, who was supposed to safeguard Covid-19 protocols, the SAD will be forced to seek removal of the Speaker." The duo said Zira tested positive on August 26 in Ferozepur. — TNS

Senior Medical Officer Dr Bhupinder Singh said six workers who had 60 per cent to 90 per cent burns, were referred to the GMCH-32, Chandigarh, and four were admitted to the Civil Hospital. — OC

10 suffer burns in furnace blast

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, AUGUST 29 Ten workers suffered severe burns in a blast at a furnace unit in Mandi Gobindgarh on Saturday.

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Akal Takht to felicitate founder of radical outfit, 10 others

NEERAJ BAGGA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 29

The Akal Takht's decision to felicitate 11 Sikhs, including founder of a radical outfit, the Dal Khalsa, Bhai Gajinder Singh, who had hijacked an Indian aircraft in 1981, is likely to court the controversy. He will be conferred 'Panth Sewak' award.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the five Sikh high priests on August 24. Four awards would be

granted posthumously. Earlier, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh had courted controversy by endorsing separate Sikh state during 36th anniversary of Operation Bluestar on June 7.

SAD spokesperson Daljit Singh Cheema said the party was not aware of the

State's Covid count crosses 50K mark

1,474 fresh cases, 41 deaths | Ludhiana remains worst-hit district

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Villagers oppose tests

Meanwhile, a large number of residents of Bhuttiwala village in Muktsar district on Saturday opposed the Health Department's team, which had come to collect the samples for Covid-19 testing. The villagers, including some panchayat members and farmer leaders, passed a resolution that the team could not take the sample of those asymptomatic or unwilling. They even raised doubts over the

authenticity of the testing.

Lakhwinder Singh, a pan-chayat member, said, "We are against the testing of asymptomatic and unwilling people. However, we will not stop anyone willing to undergo test. A number of residents of Bhuttiwala, Haraj, Sarainaga and Warring villages had gathered today."</

Power Minister also tests +ve; nine more die

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29 As many as 1,391 persons, including Power Minister Ranjit Singh, tested positive for Covid-19 in the state on Saturday, taking the tally to 61,987. Also, nine persons died of the virus.

Earlier, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Agriculture Minister JP Dalal and Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma had tested Covid-positive. Two deaths each were reported in Karnal, Panchkula, Bhiwani, and Yamunanagar and one in Gurugram.

In Karnal, a 75-year-old woman of Mall Road and a 73-year-old man from Sadar Bazaar succumbed to coronavirus. In Panchkula district, an 82-year-old man from Sector 4 and a 71-year-old woman from Sector 12-A died. — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	12,462	168
Gurugram	11,693	133
Sonepat	4,251	41
Ambala	3,608	29
Rewari	3,441	20
Panipat	3,397	43
Rohtak	2,873	30
Karnal	2,613	30
Hisar	2,170	14
Panchkula	2,075	19
Kurukshetra	1,647	30
Mahendragarh	1,636	1
Yamunanagar	1,486	19
Palwal	1,464	11
Bhiwani	1,335	12
Sirsia	1,252	12
Jhajjar	1,176	17
Kaithal	1,006	9
Fatehabad	873	9
Nuh	730	14
Jind	533	8
Charkhi Dadri	266	1
Total	61,987	670

CWC asks schools to continue online classes

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AMBALA, AUGUST 29

As the impasse between private schools and parents over annual charges continue, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Ambala has directed the institutions not to stop the studies of any child and instructed the Education Department to get the issue resolved.

While the schools are claiming that they have been allowed to charge the annual charges by the High Court, parents are waiting for an official statement from the Education Department, and have launched the 'No School No Annual Charges' campaign. Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party has also come out in parents' support and threatened to launch a statewide agitation."

Meanwhile, Deputy District Education Officer Sudhir Kalra said: "As per the orders, the schools have to work out actual expenses but they are seeking full charges. There are no instructions regarding the annual charges from the Education Department so far. The party has extended its support to the parents in their campaign. We have submitted a memorandum in this regard and if no relief is given to parents, the party will launch a statewide agitation."

AAP leader Gagandeep Kapoor said: "As per the last direction from the department, schools can charge only tuition fee. We have instructed the schools not to pressurise the parents for annual charges and wait for the directions from the Education Department."

KHATTAR NOT FEVERISH: HOSPITAL

Chandigarh: Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram on August 25 after contracting Covid-19, "is afebrile, has slept well and has a normal appetite". In a medical bulletin issued by the hospital today, Medical Superintendent Dr AK Dubey said that there was no oxygen requirement and Khattar walked for over a kilometre. He said that the Chief Minister would undergo repeat Covid tests on Monday, after which the treating consultant team would decide on the further course of treatment. TNS

KIDS SHOULD NOT SUFFER, SAYS PANEL

Some parents gave written complaints against schools, after which the CWC directed the latter to make sure that online classes are not stopped. The dispute over annual charges is between parents and schools. Children shouldn't suffer due to this. The DEO has been directed to resolve the matter.

Rekha Sharma, MEMBER, CWC, AMBALA

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UNFORTUNATE DECISION'

Haryana Veopar Mandal Karnal unit president Krishan Lal Taneja said it was an unfortunate decision of the government and was not in favour of traders. He said they would meet the Deputy Commissioner on Sunday in this regard. Karna Veopar Mandal chairman Narinder Bamba has written to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, requesting him to withdraw the order on the weekday lockdown

opposed the government's new decision and the presidents of around 40 markets and members of the Sanyukt Vyapar Mandal and Sanyukt Vyapar Samiti have held 4-5 rounds of meetings on the issue on Saturday here.

Anil Madaan, patron and ex-president, Sanyukt Vyapar Mandal, said the decision to shut markets on Mondays and Tuesdays was against the traders.

Meanwhile, Rajesh Suri, Sanyukt Vyapar Mandal Samiti president, said: "A meeting has been scheduled with the DC on Sunday afternoon after which we will be able to decide the next course of action."

Local traders have now

also, 10 gamblers held, drug peddler with 1,100-gm ganja nabbed

force ventured out from 10 pm to 4 am in order to keep the criminals at bay in the district.

During this exercise carried out on Friday night, the police laid 47 check-posts across the district, including all entry and exit points, and checked all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists found moving out in the night. Besides, public places, hotels, restaurants, dharamshalas, slum colonies and other suspected hideouts of the criminals were also recovered.

Under the drive, almost 90 per cent of the total police

ments were challaned besides, several vehicles were impounded and illicit arms, ammunition and liquor were seized.

He appealed to the district residents to cooperate with the police and inform the police about the presence or movement of any criminal, suspected or anti-social element in their vicinity.

2 phones recovered in jail
Ambala: Two mobile phones were recovered from the Central Jail here, the police said on Saturday. Central Jail Deputy Superintendent Bhupinder Singh reported to the local police that two mobile phones with batteries were recovered on August 28. — TNS

BEOS asked to identify addicts; order withdrawn within 24 hrs

Panipat man rapes FB friend

PANIPAT, AUGUST 29

A 26-year-old woman here alleged that two persons, including her Facebook friend, raped her in the city. The police have booked the accused under the IPC.

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav.

"The DEO's order sent out a wrong message. The intention was to identify students addicted to drugs so that they could be counselled. There might be a communication gap. I read the DEO's order and directed him to take it back."

Nishant Kumar Yadav, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

'COMMUNICATION GAP'

Within 24 hours of issuing a controversial order directing every Block Education Officer (BEO) in the district to submit a list of 40 drug addicts or drunkards, the District Education Office (DEO) has withdrawn the order after teachers raised a hue and cry.

The DEO had, on Friday, even issued a pro forma to the BEOs to fill the details. "All BEOs have been directed to submit within a week a list of 40 drug addicts or drunkards or students or staff members with the help of school principals and head

masters," the order stated.

It caused outrage among teachers. Even the Opposition hit out at the district authorities. Senior Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala tweeted, "Now the teachers will collect details of drunkards. When will they teach students?"

When contacted, District Education Officer (DEO)

Ravinder Kumar Chaudhary

said he was home-quarantine and officiating DEO Sushil Kumar, who is the district science specialist, had issued the order.

The officiating DEO said the order was issued during a meeting of the district task force under the "Drug-free India" campaign held on Friday and chaired by

Subsequently, the higher authorities of the department warned all DEOs to take permission from the Director before issuing such an order in future.

Additional Chief Secretary Dr Mahavir Singh said, "No work shall be allocated to teachers without the approval of the Director."

The accused, Sonu, on Tuesday allegedly called her to celebrate his birthday and took her to a dairy shop near Pehalwan Chowk. His friend Vikas was already there.

She alleged that they gave her a cold drink laced with some sedative due to which she fell unconscious and both the accused raped her. — TNS

Release GST dues: Dushyant

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala yesterday requested the GST Council to pay the compensation of Rs 5,840 crore to the state at the earliest, which was pending for the past four months.

While participating in the 41st GST Council from Chandigarh through video-conferencing, Dushyant requested the Union Government to provide the maximum financial support to Haryana, as Covid-19 had adversely affected the economy. He demanded that the revenue loss of

the states should be compensated even after five years of the GST implementation, which would culminate in 2022.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur and other senior officials were also present during the video-conferencing.

Dushyant said, "Haryana is a leading state in terms of manufacturing and export. Before the GST rollout, the state used to get the maximum revenue in the form of tax on products. The revenue collection across the state has been adversely affected after the implementation of the GST".

The Deputy CM drew the attention of the GST Council towards the provisions of the constitutional amendments, wherein Parliament is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure the payment of compensation to the states. He said that Parliament should come forward in this matter.

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3.	M/s Rakesh Industries, Prop. Rakesh Modi, R/o H. No. 120, Sector 20-D, Subhash Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab and Building constructed thereon registered in the name of M/s Aggarwal Steel Rolling Mills and Metal Industries.	Equitable Mortgage on Commercial Property i.e. Land admeasuring 5 Bigha 1 Biswa comprised in Khata No. 639/970-971, Khasra No. 256(1-25), 257(1-6), 259(1-7), situated at Village Jasra, Tehsil Amloh, Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab and Building constructed thereon registered in the name of M/s Aggarwal Steel Rolling Mills and Metal Industries.	Rs. 2,87,56,942.17 as on 01.03.2014 + future interest	Rs. 22,50,000/-
4.	M/s Himalaya Steel Rolling Mills, Village Ambey Mazra, G.T. Road, Sirhind Side, Mandi Gobindgarh.	Industrial Plot of Land and Building constructed thereon admeasuring 3 Kanal, 6 Marla, 6 Sarhsahi comprising in Khata No. 83/165-172, Khasra No. 31/24 (4-0), 36/4 (1-0), 31/24 (4-0), 25(7-4), 36/6 (7-4), 15(7-4), 7(8-0), 8(8-0), 13(8-0), 33 Min (1-11), 4 Min (7-0), 14(8-0), 56/6 (1-0-4), 6/2(0-2) total land 116-15 Kanal of which 600/21015 share admeasuring 3 Kanal, 6 Marla, 6 Sarhsahi, at Village Ambey Mazra, Tehsil Gobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, registered in the name of Smt. Nirmala Devi.	Rs. 2,66,21,831/- as on 31.07.2013 + future interest	Rs. 49,06,000/- Rs. 4,90,600/-
5.	Shree Ram Cattle Feed Industries	Plot Area 1 Kanal 19 Marla (1167.6 Sq. Yard) Bakader 39/98 Share of 4 Kanal 18 Marla Vide Khewat Khatauni No. 73/6/20 Khasra No. 22/10 Vakia Village Chapaar, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana.	Rs. 1,82,94,575.41 as on 01.03.2014 + future interest.	Rs. 10,48,100/-
6.	M/s Puran Padam Auto Ind, Sh. Mandip Parwinder Singh, Sh. Sarbjit Padam, Smt. Harcharan Kaur, R/o House No. 73, Ibrahim Basti, Jalandhar - 144001.	(a) All that part and parcel of Land measuring 11.5 Marlas at Ibrahim Basti, Jamabandi 1998-99, Hadbus No. 402, Khata No. 56/61, Khasra No. 4/23(7-11) in the name of Parwinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh (b) All that part and parcel of Land measuring 20 Marlas at Ibrahim Basti - Jamabandi 1998-99, Khata No. 79/90, Khasra No. 5/6/1/		

BRIEFLY

AMBALA

Two killed in mishaps
Two persons were killed in road mishaps in the past 24 hours, the police said here on Saturday. The police have registered cases of causing deaths by rash and negligent driving against the accused drivers and launched investigations. TNS

Man held for abduction, rape
Baru Ram, alias Lucky, has been arrested in a case of abduction and rape, the police said here on Saturday. A local resident had complained to the police that the accused had kidnapped his daughter on the pretext of marrying her and raped her. The police have registered a case and started investigation. TNS

UP man held with illegal gun
The district police have arrested Sachin, a resident of Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, and seized an illegal pistol and two cartridges from his possession, officials said here. He was produced before a local court, which remanded him in two-day police custody. TNS

Four persons go missing
Four persons, including three women, had reportedly gone missing from their homes in the past 24 hours, the police said on Saturday. The police have lodged missing persons' reports and launched a man-hunt for them. TNS

Narnaul BJP leader's son shot at

MAHENDRAGARH, AUGUST 29
Amit Yadav (37), son of senior BJP leader Daya Ram Yadav, was shot at and injured by a masked assailant at his house in Sector 1 at Narnaul town here around 9 pm last evening. The bullet pierced through Amit's leg. The assailant demanded Rs 50 lakh from him before fleeing on a motorcycle.

The police have registered a case on the complaint of the victim and started investigation. No arrest was made till the filing of the report.



HOMAGE PAID: CRPF DG AP Maheshwari plants a sapling at the CRPF Academy in Kadarpur on National Sports Day on Saturday. Tributes were paid to four CRPF martyrs, who were awarded Gallantry Medals (posthumously) on Independence Day. S CHANDAN

Shelter home founder booked for naming rape victim

PALWAL, AUGUST 29
The police have booked the founder and operator of a children's shelter home at Bahrola village here for allegedly naming a minor rape victim on social media. However, no arrest has been made so far.

As per complaint, the name or the identity of the victim was revealed from the children's home at Bahrola village after some dispute over lodging the girl there. The victim, who is a minor, had delivered a baby in the shelter home a few months ago, on the directions of a local court. She was denied admission to the shelter home earlier.

It is alleged that the girl had been pressured on certain issues and her name was revealed on social media. "We've lodged a case and have launched a probe," said Naresh Kumar, IO. —TNS

Even after green nod, state's first waste-to-energy plant hangs fire

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, AUGUST 29
The fate of the first waste-to-energy power plant of Haryana, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for which was signed over three years ago, still hangs in balance, as not much progress has been made on the ground.

A Municipal Corporation (MC) official said that the power plant was slated to produce 10 MW daily but the project execution had been marred with delays for various reasons, including no timely follow-up. While it took 28 months to get clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest, the slow processing of garbage led to an acute shortage of space at the dumping site.

The power plant was expected to be ready by June 2019, and a project management unit had been set up to monitor the progress and compliance with the penalty clause in case of delay or violation of the norms included in the MoU, according to sources.

"The dumping site has damaged the ecology and



The waste dumping site at Bandhwari village on the Faridabad-Gurugram highway. FILE PHOTO

TIMELINE

- **June 2017:** An announcement of a waste-to-energy plant to come up at Bandhwari village in three years was made. The Faridabad and Gurugram MCs signed an MoU with a private company to outsource the work of garbage collection, segregation and treatment at the dump site
- **April 13, 2018:** Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the stone of ₹330-cr power plant at Bandhwari village on the Faridabad-Gurugram highway
- **2019:** A formal clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest received, but the work on the plant has not started to date

polluted groundwater due to the constant leakage of waste residue," said

Jitender Bhadana of local NGO Save Aravallis.

The MoU agreement has a

SPACE CRUNCH AT SITE

■ The work on the ₹330-crore plant will start after the creation of adequate space at the Bandhwari site, for which an alternative dumping spot is being developed. A leachate treatment plant has been made functional here to prevent damage to soil. ■ Birinder Kardam, SE, FARIDABAD MC

lease period of 22 years, including 18 months for the installation.

15 members join JJP nat'l executive

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

The Janayak Janta Party (JJP) constituted its disciplinary committee and expanded the national executive today. The new list included the names of the chairman of the disciplinary committee and three other members, 15 members of the national executive and 13 special invitees. Jagdish Kadyan, former registrar of Kurukshetra University and Beri resident, has been appointed the chairman of the disciplinary committee. Earlier, Kadyan was the state chief of the party's intellectual cell. Sonepat resident Babita Dahiya, Mehmod Khan, JJP's MP candidate from Gurugram advocate Ranbir Dahiya will be the members of the disciplinary committee.

Two-time MLA and Sonepat resident Dr Maha Singh, former Badra MLA Col Raghuvir Chhillar, Kaithal resident Bachan Singh Majri, former Nuh JJP district president Badrudin, Yamunanagar resident Gurvinder Singh Tejli, state chief of the Janayak Sewa Dal and Kurukshetra resident Maya Ram Ror and national spokesperson for the Janayak Sewa Dal Dinesh Dagar have been appointed as members of the national executive. —TNS

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Now, VB to probe SET findings

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AMBALA, AUGUST 29

Accepting the recommendations made by Home Minister Anil Vij, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has handed over the probe into the liquor scam to the Vigilance Bureau.

Talking to mediapersons on Saturday, Vij said a committee comprising three IPS officers had been formed to carry out further investigation into the references regarding the Home Department and irregularities indicated by the Special Enquiry Team (SET) in its report.

The committee will also probe similar irregularities in the entire state along with the districts in which irregularities have been indicated. It comprises ADGP Kala Ramchandran, DIG Shashank Anand and SP Himanshu Garg.

Vij said: "To know about illegal liquor-related activi-



BOOZE SCAM

PANEL COMPRISSES 3 IPS OFFICERS

■ The CM accepted my recommendations and forwarded the case to the Vigilance Bureau. I've formed a three-member team of IPS officers to probe references made by SET and irregularities in the districts concerned along with the entire state. Guilty won't be spared. ■ Anil Vij, HOME MINISTER

ties in the state, a three-member SET under the chairmanship of senior IAS officer TC Gupta was constituted. After

involved in illegal activities," Vij added. had submitted a report. On the basis of the SET report, I gave a recommendation to conduct a vigilance probe and call the explanation of some of the officers, whose names were involved in the report. There were serious comments regarding the Home and Excise and Taxation Departments. I had recommended that all departments about which the comments have been made, to form departmental enquiry teams to conduct a probe if any irregularities are happening in the state."

"The SET has also made some references about the Home Department in its report and signalled towards irregularities. ADGP Kala Ramchandran will lead the committee, while DIG Shashank Anand and SP Himanshu Garg are other members. Strict action will be taken against those found

Branch, Gurugram.

Shashank Anand, awaiting posting orders on return from deputation to the Chandigarh Administration, has been posted as DIG, CID. Naazneen Bhasin, SP, Rewari, has been posted as SP, RTC, Bhondsi.

Sulochana Kumari, SP, Mahendragarh, has been posted as Commandant, IV Bn, IRB, Manesar.

Abhishek Jorwal, SP, Ambala, has been posted as SP, Rewari. Chandramohan, DCP (East), Gurugram, having additional charge of DCP (Traffic) and CEO, GMDA, has been given

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Hooda seeks ₹30,000 per acre relief for cotton growers

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

Senior Congress leader Ashok Arora has extended support to the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) for its upcoming rally on September 10 against the three farm ordinances introduced by the Central Government.

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8 IPS officers shifted

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

The police on Saturday arrested two more accused in the murder case of three persons of Basai village on August 21. The murders were a result of a gang rivalry.

So far, the police have arrested four accused. The main accused, however, is at large.

The accused, arrested on Saturday from Jhajjar's Badli, were identified as Sunny of Bhiwani's Mitathal village and Gaurav of Basai village.

They were remanded to police custody. They belong to the Hari Om gang of Basai.

"The accused said the murder was pre-planned. Raids are on to nab the main accused," said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, Crime. —OC

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Cong extends support to farmers for Sept 10 rally

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Arora said, "The state government's decision to close shops on Monday and Tuesday will badly affect their

businesses. On the one hand, everything is being unlocked, on the other, shops are being closed. The government should withdraw the decision, as it will destroy the shopkeepers."

"The state should bring a resolution in the Assembly against the three ordinances, as these will help only the corporate sector. Farmers will be forced to sell their produce at cheaper rates. The Congress has extended its support to the farmers for their September 10 rally," he added.

"The government should order a special girdawari without delay," he said in a statement here on Saturday.

CONG WILL PROTEST
■ The state should take action against officials who failed in their duty to release compensation to farmers. As a responsible government, it should sanction the relief amount immediately. The Congress will protest if the government fails to compensate farmers. ■ Bhupinder Singh Hooda, LOP

The former Chief Minister said that last year, untimely hailstorm hit the rabi crop in several districts of the state, but farmers had not received compensation to date.

"Farmers have been hit by a series of setbacks ranging from crop diseases to locust swarms, from unseasonal rain to hailstorm."

"The state government should take action against officials who failed in their duty to release compensation to farmers. As a responsible government, it should sanction the relief amount immediately," the Congress leader said.

He added the Congress would take to the streets if the government failed in its duty to compensate farmers.

Govt cuts 30% commission of arthiyas for 'lustre loss'

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, AUGUST 29
State government agencies — Hafed and Haryana State Warehousing Corporation (HSWC) — have cut more than 30 per cent commission of arthiyas for the loss of lustre of the wheat produce procured.

In terms of rupees, it translates into a cut of Rs 14.43 per quintal against the commission of Rs 48. The arthiyas termed the cut as "unjustified".

This year, more than 730 lakh quintals of wheat were procured at the rate of Rs 1,925 per quintal across the state. The arthiyas get 2.5 per cent of the minimum support price (MSP) per quintal as commission in lieu of the procurement.

"Hafed, HSWC and the Department of Food and Civil Supplies had procured more than 18 lakh quintals of wheat in Rohtak district.



A labourer unloads wheat in the Jhajjar grain market. FILE PHOTO

Hafed and the HSWC recently paid the commission after imposing a cut of

Rs 14.43 per quintal. We have learnt that the department, too, will deduct the same amount," said Harsh Girdhar, vice-president, Haryana State Anaj Mandi

Arthiyas' Association.

He further said arthiyas had raised the matter before

Agriculture Minister JP Dalal during his recent visit to Rohtak and requested him to ensure payment of their full amount. "He assured us of considering our demand, but nothing has happened so far. We will launch an agitation if our demand is not met soon," he added.

Chand Singh, president, New Jhajjar Grain Market Arthiyas' Association, made another point. He said, "Wheat is procured only when the purchase agency approves it after the quality check. So, there is no logic behind the cut. It is for the first time that commission has been cut because of lustre loss."

Devender Singh, district manager, Hafed, said: "The department was the nodal agency for procuring wheat. On its directives, the deduction in the commission of arthiyas has been made."

Pramod Gupta, district manager, HSWC, simply said it was a statewide matter.