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Worried patients at the Bhandara General Hospital. PTI

10 newborns die in Maha hospital fire

BHANDARA, JANUARY 9
Ten newborn babies died after a fire broke out at a neonatal care ward of a state-run hospital at Bhandara in eastern Maharashtra in the early hours of Saturday morning. The staff rescued seven of the 17 babies in the ward.

The cause of the fire is suspected to be a short-circuit or a malfunctioning air-conditioning unit. The state government has ordered a probe by fire experts. A BJP leader alleged that there were complaints about power fluctuations in the ward, but no action was taken. The deceased, eight girls and two boys, were aged between one

3 infants burnt to death,
7 suffocated; ₹5 lakh aid for families

and three months, a doctor at the hospital said.

State Health Minister Rajesh Tope said three infants died of burn injuries and seven of suffocation caused by smoke. Those responsible shall not be spared, said Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. A fire audit of all hospitals in the state has been ordered.

The CM announced Rs 5 lakh for family members of the deceased infants. —PTI

Indonesia jet with 62 aboard missing

JAKARTA, JANUARY 9
A Sriwijaya Air passenger jet carrying 62 persons lost contact with air traffic controllers after taking off from Indonesia's capital on Saturday on a domestic flight, officials said.

Indonesian Transportation Ministry spokesperson Adita Irawati said Boeing 737-500 took off from Jakarta at about 1.56 pm and lost contact with the control tower at 2.40 pm.

A statement released by the airline said the plane was on an estimated 90-minute flight from Jakarta to Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan province on Indonesia's Borneo island. —AP

BSF hands back 6 to Pak within 24 hours of arrest

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 9
The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday handed over six Pakistan nationals to the Rangers within 24 hours of their arrest.

They had inadvertently crossed over to India from the International Border (IB) near Moran village on Friday evening. This is the first time in recent history that so many Pakistan nationals strayed into the Indian territory from this part of the IB.

Inadvertently crossed IB near Amritsar village

A BSF spokesperson said the six youngsters from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province were challenged by the border guards after they crossed over to India. They were held in the buffer zone between the IB and barbed fencing, 150 yards inside the border. INSIDE

SYDNEY, JANUARY 9
The Indian cricket board (BCCI) has lodged a formal complaint with match referee David Boon after Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj were allegedly racially abused by a section of the crowd during the third day of the third Test against Australia today.

According to BCCI sources, Siraj was allegedly referred to as a "monkey" by at least one drunk spectator in one of



Jasprit Bumrah Md Siraj

ANOTHER 'MONKEYGATE'

Players were allegedly referred to as "monkey" by a spectator, reliving 'Monkeygate' episode of the 2007-08 Australia tour.

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hosts will probe and adjudicate on the case.

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Siraj, Bumrah racially abused by crowd, BCCI lodges complaint

The stands at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reliving the infamous "Monkeygate" episode of the Indian team's tour of Australia in 2007-08.

Unconfirmed reports said that abuse was directed at up to four Indian players multiple times. It is learnt that the abuse was reported by the team to the umpires on the field, and to Boon at the end of the day's play.

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Groundwater near Panipat refinery unfit for drinking

Fluoride, uranium above prescribed limit

in excess of the prescribed limit at other places.

The Public Health and Engineering Department now proposes to dig new borewells to provide clean drinking water. —TNS

Vaccine rollout from Jan 16, Modi calls it landmark step

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9
India will launch the Covid-19 vaccination drive from January 16, with healthcare and frontline workers receiving the first shots.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the schedule of the world's largest vaccination drive today after chairing a high-level meeting to review the country's pandemic status as well as vaccination preparedness.

"On January 16, India takes a landmark step in fighting Covid-19. Starting that day, the nationwide vaccine drive begins. Priority will be given to our brave doctors, healthcare and frontline workers, including safai karmacharis," the PM tweeted.

The announcement came days after emergency use authorisation for two vaccines was granted by the drug regulator.

Oxford-AstraZeneca-SII's



MAMMOTH EXERCISE

3 crore health, frontline workers to be vaccinated in Ph-1
27 crore people in Ph-2, all above 50 & those below 50 with comorbidities
79 lakh already registered on Co-WIN app
2,360 professionals trained during national-level exercise

MUTANT VIRUS CASES RISE TO 90

Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin will be used for vaccinating one crore health workers and two crore frontline workers, fol-

lowed by 27 crore people aged 50 and above and those below 50 with comorbidities.

According to Health Ministry guidelines, the latest

electoral rolls for the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections will be used to identify population aged 50 and above. The PM is scheduled to interact with chief ministers of all states via videoconferencing on Monday to review preparedness.

The vaccination drive is starting in India almost a year after the first case was reported on January 30, 2020, in Kerala. At the review meeting today, Modi was briefed on the Co-WIN vaccine delivery management system, a digital platform that will provide real-time information of vaccine stocks, storage temperature and tracking of beneficiaries.

This platform will assist the programme managers through automated session allocation for pre-registered beneficiaries, their verification and for generating a digital certificate upon successful completion of the vaccine schedule.

Twitter permanently suspends Trump a/c

The US is not China, say Republicans

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 9

US President Donald Trump has been permanently suspended from Twitter due to the "risk of further incitement of violence", the social media giant announced, days after his supporters stormed the US Capitol and caused the deaths of four civilians and a police officer.

The unprecedented move by the California-based social media platform comes after Trump tweeted that he would not attend the inauguration of his successor Joe Biden on January 20. "After close review of recent tweets from the @realDonaldTrump account and the context around them — specifically how they are being received and interpreted on and off Twitter — we have permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence," Twitter said in a statement.

SPEAKER PELOSI WARNS

It is the hope of members the President will immediately resign. If he does not, I have instructed the Rules Committee to be prepared to move a motion for impeachment.

ers, including popular Indian-American politician Nikki Haley, condemned Twitter for permanently deactivating the account of the outgoing President. "Silencing people, not to mention the President of the US, is what happens in China, not our country," she tweeted. —PTI

any popular dispensation, but the government believes it will be able to "tide it over". If laws are amended, it will be a proof of the BJP's intent towards the farmers.

The government is also willing to have a joint 10-member panel to "discuss and make changes in the farm laws".

Having relented on the proposed power Act, stubble burning ordinance and amendments to Acts, this is about as far the government is willing to bend. Any further concessions will end up in "opening possibilities of more protests."

Arrest JeM chief Azhar by Jan 18: Pak court to cops

LAHORE, JANUARY 9
An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has asked the police of Punjab province to arrest by January 18 Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar, designated global terrorist by the UN, in a terror financing case.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC), Gujranwala, issued an arrest warrant against Azhar, who is facing charges of terror financing and selling jihad literature. Following the Palwama terror attack in February 2019, Pakistan's Punjab police had launched a crackdown on terror financing and arrested six JeM militants in Gujranwala. Azhar is facing trial in this case.

The JeM had claimed responsibility for the Pulwama attack in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed. —PTI

Govt may have 'Plan B' ready

VIBHA SHARMA

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

After several rounds of fruitless negotiations with farmers, while the Centre appears to be waiting for the outcome of the January 11 Supreme Court hearing on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the three farm laws, it also seems to have a "Plan B" ready.

Sources indicate if nothing works out by January 15, the government may consider bringing amendments (as proposed to the farmers) to the three laws and the ordinance on air quality management in the Budget session.

"But it is certain that there will be no repeal of the three Acts," the sources say.

The ongoing agitation is an "undesirable" situation for



FATEHGHAR SAHIB FARMER ENDS LIFE AT SINGHU
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would go to the court on Monday in the pending case.

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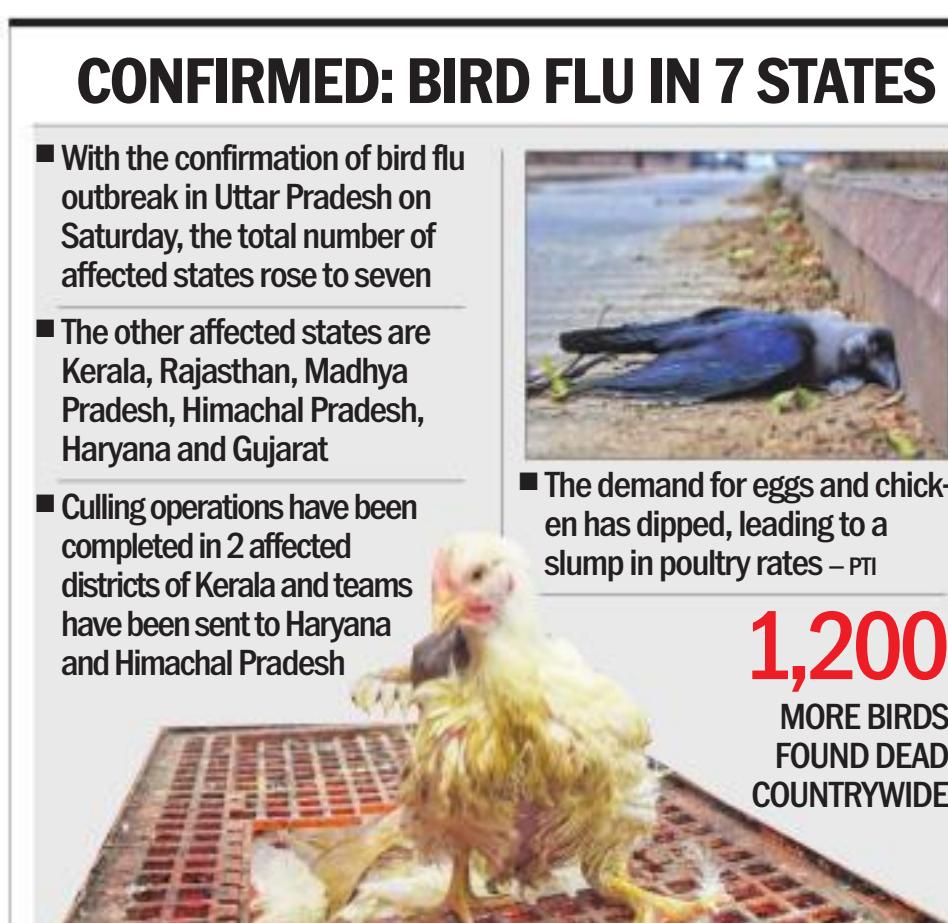
HIGH DEMAND

The MSP for premium quality is ₹5,725 per quintal

Pvt parties making purchases at ₹5,900 per quintal

Experts attribute it to the rise in cotton demand globally

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1,200

MORE BIRDS FOUND DEAD COUNTRYWIDE

With the confirmation of bird flu outbreak in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, the total number of affected states rose to seven.

The other affected states are Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat.

Culling operations have been completed in 2 affected districts of Kerala and teams have been sent to Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

The demand for eggs and chicken has dipped, leading to a slump in poultry rates — PTI

Takht refuses to mediate between Centre, farmers

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 9
The Akal Takht has refused to mediate between the Centre and farmers to break the deadlock on farm laws.

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh, in a video message released here on Saturday, stated that the matter pertained to Indian farmers. It has nothing to do with the Sikh religion and their code of conduct, he said.

Says stir has nothing to do with religion

He said the Union Government should resolve it on priority as farmers had been protesting for a long time.

He said he had appealed for support to farmers in the past and sought "bal" (bravery) for them and "sumat" (wisdom) for the government. He said there should be a swift resolution of the matter.

He appealed to the farmers to maintain peace and harmony during the protest as the entire world was watching them. Any negativity would lead to their disrepute. — TNS

Legal recourse to challenge farm laws ready, says Capt

Slams Mann for making 'frivolous' statements on constitutional matters

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9

Taking a dig at state AAP president Bhagwant Mann, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday said it was unfortunate that people like him (Mann), who had no knowledge about the Constitution and legislative procedures, were in politics, and making illogical statements with the sole motive of misleading the people.

The CM said the state government had already finalised requisite petitions for challenging the central farm Acts and would do so at an opportune time on the advice of legal experts.

"Just like his bosses, Mann too has mastered the art of lying and deception but while doing so he has exposed his incompetence as a parliamentarian by making frivolous statements on matters pertaining to the

WAITING FOR OPPORTUNE TIME

Contrary to Mann's claims, Advocate General Atul Nanda has already finalised requisite petitions for challenging the three central Acts. Since these Acts impact the lives and futures of our farmers, all decisions will be taken carefully and judiciously at an opportune time.

Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

Constitution and legislative procedures," said Captain Amarinder. He was referring to AAP leader's claims of a collusion between the Chief Minister and the Governor over sending the agriculture Bills, passed unanimously in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha to negate the farm laws, to the President.

"You really have no knowledge of how legislative work is done... If you think that you can mislead the people of Punjab by your lies, you are utterly mistaken, as

every Punjabi has seen through your webs of deceit and your betrayal of the farmers' cause," said Capt Amarinder. He said while his government's stand on the Centre's farm laws had been consistent from day one, both AAP and SAD had been doing flip flops over it.

"One day you unanimously support our Bills and your party leaders, including Leader of the Opposition, Harpal Singh Cheema, accompany me to the Governor and the very next day you

do a somersault and start opposing them," said the CM.

He further said AAP's double face and its collusion with the BJP to weaken the farmers' agitation had been further exposed with Arvind Kejriwal meekly notifying one of the farm laws in Delhi rather than following Punjab's example of bringing in legislations in the Assembly to negate the impact of the black farm laws.

Captain Amarinder said although matters related to agriculture were mentioned in List II (State List) of the Constitution and fell under the exclusive domain of the state, the Government of India had enacted the three contentious farm laws under the provisions related to Agriculture Marketing mentioned in List III (Concurrent List).

Being a central legislation, the state government had limited options under Article 254(2) of the Constitution.

AAP extends legal assistance to farmers to sue Kangana, others

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9

Announcing legal aid to farmers who have sued BJP leaders and celebrities, including actress Kangana Ranaut, the AAP today condemned the Punjab Congress for opposing the SGPC decision of not inviting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

During a press conference here, senior leader and Punjab AAP co-in-charge Raghav Chadha said the party today helped aggrieved complainant farmers in sending defamatory notice to Kangana for her libellous and malicious remarks against Mohinder Kaur.

"Along with Kangana, we have helped farmers send legal notices to BJP MPs Ramesh Bidhuri, Ravi Kishan, Manoj Tiwari and minister Raosaheb Patil Danve," he said.

He said the party condemned the remarks made by Punjab minister Sukhjinder Singh Rand-



AAP leader Raghav Chadha in Chandigarh. COURTESY: TWITTER

AMARINDER IS PM'S AGENT IN STATE

Capt Amarinder Singh visited Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah, but he did not bother to travel a few extra kilometres to meet the struggling farmers... he is the Prime Minister's agent in Punjab.

Raghav Chadha, STATE AAP CO-CHARGE

hawa opposing the SGPC decision not to invite the Prime Minister for the upcoming centenary events, including the 400th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

Claiming that the entire nation was against the PM due to the farmers' movement, Chadha said the Captain-led Congress government was advocating inviting him as the chief guest for the upcoming centenary events to be organised by the SGPC.

He said Capt Amarinder visited Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah, but he did not bother to travel a few extra kilometres to meet the struggling farmers.

Chadha further alleged that Capt Amarinder was the Prime Minister's agent in Punjab and it had been proven time and again during the farmers' struggle.

Moga farmer kills self

MOGA, JANUARY 9
A 41-year-old debt-ridden farmer allegedly killed himself by consuming poison at Bhinder Kalan village in Dharankot subdivision of Moga district, the police confirmed today.

Darshan Singh consumed the poison yesterday and died within a few minutes. He is survived by his wife and five daughters. The police took the body into custody and got the postmortem examination conducted from the district hospital. Investigating officer ASI Malkit Singh of the Dharamkot police station said the body was handed over to the family members after the post-

Was under depression over mounting debt

mortem examination.

The doctors prima facie confirmed that the said farmer died of consuming poison, but they have collected the samples of viscera from his body, which will be sent to a government laboratory so as to ascertain the nature of poison consumed by him. Darshan Singh's wife Sandeep Kaur said her husband had taken lakhs of rupees as loan from various sources due to which he had been suffering from depression for the past few months. — TNS

Gearing up for R-Day



Residents of Jalandhar and adjoining villages take out a tractor rally against the farm laws on Saturday. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

100 UK MPs write to Johnson over stir

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, JANUARY 9

More than 100 MPs, cutting across party lines, in the United Kingdom are signatories to a letter written by Punjabi MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi to Prime Minister Boris Johnson expressing concerns over Indian farmers' protest against the central farm laws.

Dhesi has urged Johnson to raise the issue with his Indian counterpart, expressing hopes of speedy resolution to the current deadlock. In the letter, Dhesi has stated that many constituents, especially those belonging to Punjab and other parts of India, were horrified to see water cannon, tear gas and brute force used against protesting farmers.

The issue has so galvanised the Indian diaspora community, especially those of Punjabi or Sikh origin, and others who have land or links to farming in India, that thousands of people were engaged in global protests, including in cities across the UK.

He has further stated that a cross-party letter was sent to Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab to raise the matter with his Indian counterpart.

The letter also states: "You were asked about this issue during the Prime Minister's questions on December 9, 2020. It seems you misunderstood the question since you made the reference to Pakistan and the need of two governments to settle these matters. The issue has nothing to do with Pakistan, but is regarding farmers from across the India expressing their con-



CONVEY CONCERN TO INDIAN PM

Could you please confirm that you will definitely convey to Indian PM the heartfelt anxieties of our constituents, our hope for speedy resolution to the current deadlock?

— Joint letter by lawmakers

cern of major corporate houses moving into the agriculture sector; as a result of new laws. Could you please respond to clarify your understanding of this important issue?"

Further, he has claimed: "We believe your January India visit has now been cancelled, but you intend to meet your Indian counterpart soon. Given the urgency of this matter, could you please confirm that you will definitely convey to Indian PM the heartfelt anxieties of our constituents, our hope for speedy resolution to the current deadlock and also for the democratic human rights of citizens to peacefully protest?" Other Indian UK MPs Seema Malhotra and Virender Sharma have also signed this letter.

Protesters to burn laws' copies on Lohri

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 9
The Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC), which has been spearheading a rail blockade for over 100 days on the city's outskirts, has announced to burn copies of the three controversial agricultural laws and an effigy of the Union Government on Lohri and Makar Sankranti on January 13 and 14.

The union today lit a bonfire in which photographs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and copies of three agriculture laws were burnt.

Sarwan Singh Pandher, KMSC general secretary, said the fourth jatha of farmers riding tractor-trailers would move to Delhi on January 12. Jathas of tractor-trailers from different districts would meet on the highway. — TNS



Farmers burn copies of farm laws in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Bathinda residents boycott BJP leader over statement

BATHINDA, JANUARY 9

The Sheesh Mahal Residents Welfare Society has taken a decision to boycott BJP leader Sukhpal Sra, who lives in a rented house in the colony. They have told his landlord to get the house vacated at the earliest.

Sra is facing flak from various quarters over his statement during a TV debate in which he allegedly drew a parallel between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Guru Gobind Singh.

Society members today held a meeting under the chairmanship of Charanjit Singh. They said he had given an irresponsible statement on TV, which had led to unrest among community members. They have asked Sra to clear his stand or ten-

Ask his landlord to get house vacated

der an apology on the issue.

They also demanded that to stop protesters, barricading should be done near the house of the BJP leader, not at the main gate of the colony.

Meanwhile, villagers of Gurusar Sainiwal village along with members of the Dal Khalsa and other organisations, too, announced to boycott the BJP leader.

Refuting the allegation, he said: "I have sent the video of the debate to the Akal Takht." He said he apologised to anyone whose sentiments were hurt. Meanwhile, the police have booked Sra. — TNS

SAD(D) to take part in R-Day tractor march

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, JANUARY 9

Former Deputy Speaker and Senior leader of SAD(D) Bir Devinder Singh presided over a meeting of the party to decide the strategy regarding the farmer's protest and civic elections at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib today.

He said the SAD (D) had decided to participate in the tractor march of the farmers on Republic Day. Party workers and leaders from the state will ride on tractors and other vehicles having farmer unions' flags to express solidarity with farmers.

Earlier, a two-minute silence was observed and 'ardas' was performed for the farmers who lost their lives during the ongoing struggle.

Rlys cancels, diverts trains

MOGA, JANUARY 9
Keeping in view the farmers' stir, the Northern Railway has cancelled, short-terminated and diverted many trains.

The Saharsa-Amritsar express special train commencing on January 10 has been cancelled. Consequently, the Amritsar-Saharsa special train will also remain cancelled on January 11. The Nanded-Amritsar express train will be short-terminated at New Delhi on January 10; it will short-originate from New Delhi and remain partially cancelled between New Delhi-Amritsar New Delhi on January 12.

The Mumbai-Central-Amritsar express special train will be diverted to run via Beas-Tarn Taran-Amritsar on January 9. The Amritsar-Mumbai central express will also be diverted to run via Amritsar-Tarn Taran-Beas on January 10. — TNS

Sabotage plans failing, farmers reclaiming lost republic: Sainath

VISHAV BHARTI

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9
Hailing the farmers' call for holding a Republic Day parade in Delhi on January 26, eminent journalist P Sainath said they are reclaiming the republic.

Sainath is in Chandigarh to deliver a lecture on farmers' uprising on Sunday. The event is being organised by Citizens for Farmers.

He said the way this government destroyed institute after institute, the idea of our republic was under threat. "The way farmers have risen against this, it has emerged as a hope to save the republic," he said. He termed the farmers' call for a tractor parade on Republic Day as historic.

Sainath said it was remarkable



Eminent journalist P Sainath

able how the uprising had countered every strategy of the government. He said the government's every plan to sabotage the movement failed. Sainath said the PM was

on an offensive and at the same time asking a section of Cabinet to play 'good cop'. There was a bid to divide the leaders on regional, religious or caste lines and troll armies had been unleashed. "After all these remained ineffective, now they (government) are dilly-dallying so that the movement wears out and dies," he said.

"The government is on the wrong path. I have been a student of history. So I can tell you that this protest has many parallels to movements against the Colonial rule. Even then the laws had to be repealed. I am hopeful, this time also same happens," he said. He said the middle class had shown sympathy towards farmers, which was not the case earlier.

Barnala groom takes guests to protest site

PARVESH SHARMA

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BARNALA, JANUARY 9

With display of flags of farm unions becoming common during weddings, a bridegroom hailing from Thikriwala village here went a step further on Saturday. He took his wedding guests to a farmers' protest site at the toll plaza in Mehal Kalan to take part in the agitation against the new farm laws. The guests had tea with protesters before leaving. The bridegroom also donated Rs 11,000 to protesters.

"Our farmers are fighting

for their rights on the Delhi borders against the new farm laws. Hailing from rural background, I just tried to express solidarity with them by taking guests to the protest site," said Jagdeep Singh, groom who is a junior engineer with the PSPCL. The wedding guests went to the toll plaza in vehi-

cles carrying the flags of farm unions. The Mehal Kalan protest has been going on for the past 100 days.

Initially, when the vehicles

stopped at the toll plaza, protesters thought that wedding guests were just gathering at one place before proceeding further. However, they were surprised when members of the wedding party joined the protest. "My family stands with farmers and we are offering our support to save agriculture in Punjab. Youngsters are well aware that if we want to save Punjab, we must save farming," said Balwinder Singh.

Narayan Dutt from Inquil-

abi Kendra Punjab said the agitation had brought a major change in the mindset of youngsters. "Apart from blurring caste lines, the agitation has also contributed immensely by making the youth aware of the importance of farming," said Dutt.

Two MP men held with cache of illegal weapons

'Linked' to gangsters, ultras | 12 pistols, 15 magazines seized

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PROBING TERROR ANGLE

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— Dinkar Gupta, DGP

from different individuals and it was found they had procured these from Rahul, who allegedly had links with gangsters and hardliners lodged in Punjab jails.

"The gang was also the source of a consignment of six .32-calibre pistols that was intercepted and seized by the Patiala police in September," he said.

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and hardliners lodged in Punjab jails," said the DGP.

Rahul was also in touch with Akashdeep Singh, the prime accused in the drone module bust by the Punjab Police in 2019. He is presently lodged in the Amritsar jail.

Besides, the name of Rahul's associate Gopal Singh Sikligat of Satipurain Khargone also figured during their interrogation. He said names of both Rahul and Gopal had been included in the FIR registered by the Gharinda police in Amritsar (Rural) area.

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Badal called upon both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind to personally expedite this gesture as "a

fulfilment

Both the PM and President must expedite this humanitarian gesture as a fulfilment of a national commitment made to the Punjabis in general and Sikhs in particular by the Centre.

Sukhbir Singh Badal, SAD PRESIDENT

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Officials of the BSF and Pakistan Rangers complete paperwork at the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post near Amritsar. TRENTE NEWS SERVICE

CROSSED OVER INADVERTENTLY

- Curious to see the border, the six youngsters, who worked as labourers at a border village, crossed over into India inadvertently, said a BSF spokesperson
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The personnel, who were authorised to shoot the intruders, chose to nab them, reflecting the humanitarian side of the professional frontier force, said the DIG-rank official. Upon investigation, the six, all between 14 and 25 years of age, were found to have crossed over inadvert-

During interrogation, they identified themselves as labourers working at a primary school in Warra Mangli village, 3 km from the IB. They were unfamiliar with the topography of the area, he said. Last year too, the BSF had returned six Pakistan nationals after they inadvertently crossed over into India.

Man arrested for sacrilege

Behbal firing accused denied bail in arms case

TRENTUE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 9

In a case of alleged illegal trafficking of foreign-made weapons into the state by some Bihar and UP-based gangsters, the Additional District and Sessions Judge here has dismissed the bail application of one of the accused, Pankaj Bansal, a Moga-based car agency owner.

Bansal is an accused in the Behbal Kalan police firing incident of October 2015. Charged with allegedly fabricating bullet marks on a police Gyp-

sy, he has been in jail since August 21, 2020.

In the six-year-old case, Bansal was earlier not named as an accused in the FIR, but cited as a prosecution witness by the police. However, after the probe was handed over to Punjab Police's Organised Crime Control Unit (OCCU) last year, the re-investigation pointed a finger at some police officers for shielding some accused in the case.

After the re-investigation, Bansal was arraigned as an accused and was arrested in August last year.

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1.	Dismantling of Existing PSC Pipe line and Providing, Fixing, Laying and Testing of 1200mm dia MS pipe line with cement mortar lining & coating for supplying Raw Water from Kajauli to Water Works Sector 39, Chandigarh coming under the widening stretch of Kharar-Ludhiana Road (NH-95) Near Village Mankheri, Punjab (Ch To: Deposit work for NHA) (Re-Invite)	EMD: Rs. 21,580/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,78,880/- Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit: 01 Month	09.01.2021 To 16.01.2021 Upto 06.55 P.M	18.01.2021 at 10.00 A.M
2.	Urgent Plugging of Leakage in 1200mm dia PSC line of Phase-III from Water Works Kajauli to Chandigarh under the Jurisdiction of MCPH Sub Division No.1, Chandigarh (Ch To: Revenue Head) (Re-Invite)	EMD: Rs. 18,180/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 9.09 Lac Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	09.01.2021 To 16.01.2021 Upto 06.55 P.M	18.01.2021 at 10.00 A.M
3.	Providing Necessary Arrangements for Scouring of M.E.S Water Supply line from Water Works Sector 39 to Chandimandir (Ch To: Deposit work for MES Authority)	EMD: Rs. 17,800/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 8.90 Lac Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	09.01.2021 To 16.01.2021 Upto 06.55 P.M	18.01.2021 at 10.00 A.M
4.	Cleaning of Sewerage Manhole chamber with mechanized suction pump at various locations under the Jurisdiction of SDE MCPH Sub Division No. 22, Chandigarh (Ch To: Revenue Head 2215 Non Plan)	EMD: Rs. 14,250/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,12,500/- Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	09.01.2021 To 16.01.2021 Upto 06.55 P.M	18.01.2021 at 10.00 A.M
5.	Horticulture & Landscaping of open Spaces/Lawns etc. at Water Works Sector-12, 26 & 32, Chandigarh for Period of 12 Months during year 2021 (Ch To: Revenue Head)	EMD: Rs. 15,600/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.80 Lac Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	09.01.2021 To 16.01.2021 Upto 06.55 P.M	18.01.2021 at 10.00 A.M
6.	Comprehensive operation, maintenance and watch and ward of public toilets in various location including the maintenance of civil, public health, electrical works complete in all respect under the MCPH Sub Division No. 11 & 21, Chandigarh. (Ch To: A/Mtc. of Toilet Blocks) (Re-Invited)	EMD: Rs. 77,280/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 38,64,000/- Tender Fee: Rs. 3,000/-	09.01.2021 To 18.01.2021 upto 6.55 PM	19.01.2021 at 10.00 AM
7.	Cleaning of underground reservoirs (UGR) of drinking water having different capacity at various installations under the charge of SDE MCPH Sub Division No. 17, Chandigarh (Ch To: 2215 (Non Plan) A/Mtc. Of W/S and running of t/wells at Chandigarh).	EMD: Rs. 19,060/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 9,53,000/- Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	11.01.2021 To 18.01.2021 upto 6.55 PM	19.01.2021 at 10.00 AM
8.	Providing and installation of pumping machinery for tubewell, const. of pump chamber, boundary wall, making connection with existing pipe line and other works contingent thereto complete in all respects near H.No.6700 Sector-56, Chandigarh (Ch To: 42:15 (P) Aug. of W/S)	EMD: Rs. 35,764/- Estimated Cost: Rs. 17,88,186/- Tender Fee: Rs. 1,000/-	09.01.2021 To 18.01.2021 upto 6.55 PM	19.01.2021 at 10.00 AM
9.	Desilting/cleaning of sewer line by mechanized with the help of Super Suction Machine including disposal of mala/ba waste to appropriate disposal place at various locations in Sector 25, Chandigarh.	EMD: Rs. 16,000/- Time Limit: 01 Month	08.01.2021 To 14.01.2021 at 05:00 P.M	15.01.2021 at 10:00 A.M
10.	Desilting/cleaning of sewer line by mechanized with the help of Super Suction Machine including disposal of mala/ba waste to appropriate disposal place in Deep Complex Hallomajra, Chandigarh.	EMD: Rs. 15,000/- Time Limit: 01 Month	08.01.2021 To 14.01.2021 at 05:00 P.M	15.01.2021 at 10:00 A.M
11.	Urgent repair and maintenance of existing sewage / SWD line, construction and repair of machine holes/road gullies (on dividing road 29/30, 27/28 (upto Madhya Marg) and Udyog Path (i.e. road dividing 28/29, 27/30, 19/20, 18/21) upto Bus Stand Chowk Chandigarh.	EMD: Rs. 19,720/- Time Limit: 03 Months	08.01.2021 To 14.01.2021 at 05:00 P.M	15.01.2021 at 10:00 A.M

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4

9. Desilting/cleaning of sewer line by mechanized with the help of Super Suction Machine including disposal of mala/ba waste to appropriate disposal place at various locations in Sector 25, Chandigarh.

Est. Cost: Rs. 7,99,950/- EMD: Rs. 16,000/- Time Limit: 01 Month

10. Desilting/cleaning of sewer line by mechanized with the help of Super Suction Machine including disposal of mala/ba waste to appropriate disposal place in Deep Complex Hallomajra, Chandigarh.

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SAD urges Centre to release Rajoana

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today urged the Centre to release Balwant Singh Rajoana immediately to put a "decisive end to his unending incarceration".

The "humanitarian gesture" of releasing Rajoana would be in conformation with civilised values and justice as he had already served more than the effective equivalent of a life sentence, said Sukhbir.

He asked the Congress leaders to rise above political opportunism and back Rajoana's release. "It is unfortunate that Capt Amarinder Singh has always hunted with the hounds and run with the hare when it comes to emotive Sikh issues. He tries to please masters in Delhi by opposing Rajoana's release, while maintaining that personally he is opposed to capital punishment."

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Farmers halt toll collection

PALWAL, JANUARY 9

Farmers protesting the three farm laws halted toll collection at Tumsara village on National Highway-19 this morning.

According to reports, the toll plaza had resumed collection a day ago after suspending it on January 1.

Bhagirath, a spokesperson for farmers sitting on a dharna near Antoha village here, said more than 200 protesters reached the toll plaza in the morning and halted toll collection.

He said no collection would be allowed till their demands were fulfilled by the Central Government.

Mahesh Chauhan, in-charge of the toll plaza, said although no written orders had been received either from the NHAI or the district authorities, toll collection had been suspended on the request of farmers. —TNS

Stone hurled at Dy Speaker's official vehicle in Hisar village

Farmers show black flags to Gangwa | Security guard hurt in melee

DEEPENDER DESWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JANUARY 9

A group of agitating farmers allegedly hurled a stone at the official vehicle of Deputy Speaker Ranbir Singh Gangwa during his visit to Arya Nagar village to attend a social welfare programme organised by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) today. He was the chief guest at the event. Gangwa escaped unhurt.

The incident took place when the Deputy Speaker was leaving the venue. The protesters showed him black flags and raised anti-government slogans.

One of his security men, Sandeep Kumar, was injured while trying to keep the crowd away. He was taken to the Civil Hospital, where doctors gave him first aid and discharged later.

Arya Nagar happens to be the village of the Deputy Speaker's in-laws. Gangwa stayed at the venue for nearly one hour and also visited the residence of local supporters.



RS Varma. Confirming this to *The Tribune*, the Deputy Speaker said some protesters carrying flags of farmer organisations gheraoed his vehicle and hurled a stone at it.

SHO, Azad Nagar police station, Rohtash Singh said they had registered a case on the basis of a complaint lodged by the injured security guard.

At Jakhod Khera village,

Village sarpanch Jagdish Singh, however, clarified that the protesters were from other villages and no resident of Arya Nagar village was involved in the incident.

Meanwhile, some BJP workers also faced a protest during a party programme in Barwala town today.

At Jakhod Khera village,

OUTSIDERS' ROLE

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CASE REGISTERED

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<< Protesting farmers at Arya Nagar village in Hisar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Stage set for Khattar's 'kisan mahapanchayat' in Karnal

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JANUARY 9

Security has been tightened at Kaimla village in the district, where Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is scheduled to address a 'kisan mahapanchayat' on Sunday to highlight the benefits of the three farm laws. Farmers from across the district are, however, adamant on opposing the event.

Some Kaimla villagers and residents of surrounding areas, including Kutail village of local MLA Harvinder Kalyan, today extended support to the protesting farmers at the Bastara toll plaza and said they would also oppose the CM's visit.

The police have installed barricades at all entry points to the village and a helipad has been constructed near the venue.

DC Nishant Kumar Yadav and SP Ganga Ram Punia today held a meeting with farmer leaders and made it clear that no one would be allowed to disrupt the event. However, sensing trouble, they dropped the idea and got the works inaugurated by the chowkidar.

Farmers said they would con-



Preparations being reviewed at Kaimla village in Karnal on Saturday.

tinue their protest and oppose the mahapanchayat.

"We have made it clear to the administration that we will oppose the visit of any BJP-JJP leader. We also requested officials to cancel the CM's visit to maintain the spirit of brotherhood in the village,"

The SP said they had made elaborate security arrangements and no one would be allowed to cross the barricades.

Meanwhile, local MLA Kalyan claimed that some residents of Kaimla and surrounding villages were in favour of the programme. On the occasion, the CM would also dedicate projects worth Rs 4,717 lakh for the district.

Will celebrate R-Day at official venue: Farmers

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

To hold tractor rally at Mahavir Stadium

HISAR, JANUARY 9

As the farmers' protest is gaining strength in the region, the farmers' body here today announced that they would hold a tractor march and celebrate Republic Day at the Mahavir Stadium in Hisar.

Farmer leaders said that they would reach Mahavir Stadium on January 26 after conducting a tractor march that will see the participation of farmers of the district.

40-yr-old ends life at Singhu

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 9

A 40-year-old protesting farmer reportedly consumed some poisonous substance near the central stage at the Singhu border on Saturday evening.

Farmer leaders immediately rushed him to a private hospital, where he died during treatment.

The deceased has been identified as Amarinder Singh (40), a resident of Machhra Khurd village in Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

The total deaths at the Singhu border reached 10, including two suicides.

Stay peaceful, artistes appeal at Tikri border

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

EXPRESS SOLIDARITY

SONEPAT, JANUARY 9

The farmers' protest against the three farm laws at Singhu and Tikri borders continued for the 45th day on Saturday. Thousands of people from Punjab and Haryana joined the protest on Saturday.

Artistes — Harbhajan Mann, Jazzy Bains, Kanwar Grewal, Rabbi Shergill, Swara Bhaskar, Aarya Babbar, Harf Cheema, Gurpreet Saini, Jass Bajwa, Noor Chahal, Gurshab Kular — reached Tikri border to express solidarity with the protesting farmers.

after the repealing of these laws.

Sukhbeer Singh of Fatehgarh Singh said that he, along with his friends, came here to support the farmers. He brought his bicycle in his car to roam about freely in the farmers' camps. Every day, farmers were dying at the Delhi borders. So, the government must accept their demands as soon as possible so that they could go home happily and safely, he added.

Balwinder Singh alias Vicky of Moga, who reached Singhu border along with six friends on bicycles, said that they have come here to support farmers. Earlier, he and his friends had come to Singhu border on motorcycles.

Jogender Singh of Ludhiana said that we have come to Delhi for a decisive battle against the three farm laws and for legal guarantee of MSP. We won't step back till our demands are fulfilled.



SHOW OF STRENGTH: Farmers participate in a tractor march in Ambala on Saturday. PHOTO: PRADEEP MAINI

Tractor rally in memory of Sir Chhotu Ram

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, JANUARY 9

Amid tight security, thousands of farmers, under the banner of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Charuni), on Saturday took out tractor march in Ambala City and Naraingarh block of the district to mark the death anniversary of Sir Chhotu Ram, who is remembered as a farmer leader. They termed the march just a trailer.

In Ambala City, the farmers gathered at the grain market and paid tributes to Chhotu Ram before taking out the march.

The farmers, some of whom were accompanied by children, raised slogans and played songs in

support of the agitation. The march passed through Aggarsain Chowk, Polytechnic Chowk, Kalka Chowk, Baldev Nagar, Jandli area and Prem Nagar before culminating at the grain market.

The farmers also tied the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in front of their vehicles.

A heavy police force was deployed and traffic was diverted. Some youths were seen sitting on speakers and the bonnet of their tractors, risking their lives.

District vice-president, BKU (Charuni), Gulab Singh, said, "Sir Chhotu

Ram always worked for the cause of farmers. He will always be remembered for creating a new awakening among them.

At least 3,000 tractors participated in today's march. Farmers are ready for any struggle. We are hoping for the best and prepared for the worst. It is just a trailer. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala is scheduled to visit Ambala on the Republic Day and we will hold a protest against him."

BKU spokesperson Rajiv Sharma said another tractor march was organised in Naraingarh block. The march started from Karasan village and after passing through Shahzadpur and Naraingarh, it culminated at Ambala Chowk.

Rates of poultry feed decline, farmers hit

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 9

The poultry crisis, first due to Covid and now owing to the bird flu scare, has not just hit the poultry farmers, but also the agriculturists in the state as prices of crops used as feed have witnessed a fall.

Maize which fetched farmers Rs 2,600 per quintal in 2018-19 sold for as low a price as Rs 900 per quintal this year while millet that sold for Rs 1,900 per quintal or more two years back is selling for Rs 1,350 per quintal now, according to Jasbir Singh, a trader at Ellenabad in Sirsa district.

"The prices have witnessed a further fall during the past one week ever since the bird flu scare has hit the poultry industry," said Surinder Bhutani, general secretary of Haryana Poultry Farmers Association, adding that 60 per cent of the maize and millets produced in this part of

INSURANCE COVER DEMANDED

Poultry farmers want the government's intervention in the insurance of their birds because the insurance companies had stopped insuring the birds a few years back.

"The insurance companies used to insure birds at a premium of Rs 5 per bird, but they stopped insuring birds five years back. Though they do insure our buildings, they refuse to insure the bird," Surinder Bhutani revealed.

the country is consumed in poultry farms alone. Besides these, broken rice is used as feed in the poultry industry.

The poultry industry in the state had suffered a setback with the Covid pandemic hitting the country in March last year. "The business had just revived partially when the bird flu scare hit the industry, forcing poultry farmers to sell their products at rates lower than their costs. As a result,

most of the farmers have consciously been decreasing the number of birds in their farms so that they have to spend less on the feed, resulting in lesser demand for maize, millets and

broken rice," said Bhutani.

Meanwhile, poultry farmers whose birds are to be culled are unhappy with the government's decision to cull even those birds which are not affected by the disease. The poultry farm owners would be given compensation for it.

Poultry farmers, meanwhile, have termed the compensation to be paid to them against the culling as too little.

As per the department's notification, the poultry farmers are to be compensated at rate of Rs 20 per layer bird if the age is less than eight weeks and Rs 90 if the age is more than eight weeks. For broiler, the compensation price is Rs 20 for less than six-week age and Rs 70 for above six weeks.

The compensation for eggs and feed is Rs 3 per unit and Rs 12 per kg, respectively.

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Khanna tries to bring together warring BJP factions in Kangra

Meets ex-minister, disgruntled leaders in Dehra, Jawalamukhi

LALIT MOHAN

Tribune News Service

DHARAMSALA, JANUARY 9

Avinash Rai Khanna, in-charge of BJP affairs in Himachal, has taken an initiative to restore order to the party in Kangra, the politically most significant district of the state.

Khanna was in Dharamsala since yesterday and met various disgruntled BJP leaders. A significant development was that former minister Ravinder Ravi, who had been sidelined in the government, was also invited to the meeting at the Circuit House yesterday. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Khanna chaired the meeting for the forthcoming elections to the Dharamsala and Palam-

IGNORING LEADERS WILL BE WASTE OF TALENT

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Avinash Rai Khanna, STATE IN-CHARGE OF BJP AFFAIRS

pur municipal corporations and other local bodies.

Ravi, who lost the last Assembly elections from Dehra, owes allegiance to the group of former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal.

Sources said that Khanna also met disgruntled BJP leaders in the Dehra and Jawalamukhi Assembly constituencies. In Jawalamukhi,

him at Palampur recently for making viral a message on social media highlighting alleged corruption in the Health Department in the present state government.

Sources said that Khanna also met disgruntled BJP leaders in the Dehra and Jawalamukhi Assembly constituencies. In Jawalamukhi,

supporters of BJP MLA Ramesh Dhawala and organising secretary Pawan Rana have been at loggerheads.

In Dehra, the BJP has been at loggerheads with Independent MLA Hoshia Singh, who is considered close to the Chief Minister. Dehra BJP leaders have been alleging that they are not even informed about the programmes of ministers visiting the area.

Asked if he tried to bring together the warring BJP groups in Kangra, Khanna said, "The leaders are groomed with the efforts of the party and party workers over a long period of time. Ignoring them will be a waste of talent created by the party over a period of time".

84 fresh cases, 3 deaths in HP

SHIMLA, JANUARY 9

As many as 84 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 56,366. Besides, three persons died of the virus in the last 24 hours. —TNS

STATE TRACKER

Recovered	54,284
Active cases	1,088
Positive cases	56,366
Deaths	946

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	2,807	39
Solan	6,597	69
Kangra	7,976	194
Chamba	2,910	50
Hamirpur	2,939	48
Sirmaur	3,265	29
Mandi	9,821	120
Bilaspur	2,889	24
Shimla	10,193	262
Kullu	4,388	83
Kinnaur	1,331	16
Lahaul & Spiti	1,250	12
Total	56,366	946



Forest employees dispose of dead crows in Mandi.

However, the authorities are yet to trace and bring the offenders to book.

Meanwhile, 12 crows were found dead at Sanyardi in Mandi district yesterday. An Animal Husbandry Department team took samples of the dead birds and sent these to the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Jalandhar.

The dead chicks were earlier recovered from Chakkii Ka Mor and near the Kumarhatti tunnel. Their samples have been sent to Jalandhar-based Regional Disease Diagnostic Lab.

The Kangra police today started a rescue operation under the supervision of DSP, Baijnath, BD Bhatia. Bhatia, who is camping at Bir, told The Tribune on the phone that the district administration had pressed

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The elections to the Nurpur MC, which had always been dominated by Congress supporters for the past many decades, have become a prestige issue for local MLA and Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania and Congress former MLA Ajay Mahajan. They have put in a lot of labour to garner urban voters' support in favour of

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Covid +ve to vote after 4 pm in Nurpur today

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NODAL OFFICER FOR MC POLL

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Nalagarh Army man martyred at Drass

SOLAN, JANUARY 9

Hawildar Kuldeep Singh (41) of 79 Medium Artillery Regiment, posted at Drass for Operation Snow Leopard, was martyred on Thursday morning. He hails from Jogo village of Nalagarh subdivision and is the grandson of freedom fighter Dola Singh.

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WESTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION SALE DURING FEBRUARY, 2021 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASER & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap & other various scrap material will be held in February, 2021 as per program given below:

1 st Round	2 nd Round	Depot	Depot Office in Charge	Contact No.
02/02/2021	15/02/2021	SBI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-SBI	0927500080
03/02/2021	16/02/2021	ADI	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-ADI	0972205888
04/02/2021	17/02/2021	BRC	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BRC	02652641592
05/02/2021	18/02/2021	RTM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RTM	07412200080
08/02/2021	19/02/2021	BVP	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BVP	0972444360
10/02/2021	22/02/2021	MMCT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-MMCT	022-23094142
09/02/2021	23/02/2021	MX	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-MX	09004495750
12/02/2021	26/02/2021	DHD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295
06/02/2021	20/02/2021	PRTN	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295
11/02/2021	24/02/2021	RJT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RJT	02812476943

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot Officers

Note:- 1. Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. 2. e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. 3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.irps.gov.in e-Auction portal. 4. In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction , digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation , please contact above mentioned depot Officer. 5. All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.

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WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/01/2021 Date 08.01.2021

S.N.	Short Description of item	Quantity	T.O.D.
1	Hanger for Bogie Pull Rod Roller	400 Nos.	15.01.2021
2	Complete Ladder Assy.	360 Nos.	15.01.2021
3	Stainless Steel Mug with One Mtr.Length	1467 Set	20.01.2021
4	Brake Disc for Wheel Set	20 Nos.	21.01.2021
5	H. S. Steam Sterilizer	1 No.	21.01.2021
6	Hearing AID	300 Nos.	22.01.2021
7	Safety Bracket for BOXN & BCN Wagon	7787 Nos.	22.01.2021
8	Lininglipin 5mg Tab	92444 Nos.	22.01.2021
9	Single Phase to Three Phase Static Converter	35 Nos.	25.01.2021
10	Internal Combustion Crank Case Diesel Engine Oil SAE30	10345 Ltr.	25.01.2021
11	Suction Machine with Food Pedal	1 No.	25.01.2021
12	Coronary Tray 13 Items	13 Items	25.01.2021
13	Element Filter	2800 Nos.	25.01.2021
14	Inhibited Mineral Insulating Oil	109537 Ltr.	27.01.2021
15	I.R. Gloves Un-Sterile	90000 Nos.	27.01.2021
16	Liquid Oxygen for Medical use	477000 CUCM	
17	1" X 33" Sanding Hose Connection	4090 Nos.	28.01.2021
18	TM Roller Suspension Bearing	950 Kg.	28.01.2021
19	Complete Gear Wheel and Canon Tube Assy.	8 Nos.	29.01.2021
20	Central Station High End Side Multiparameter Monitor	1 No.	08.02.2021

Note for Sr. No. 20 :- A pre-bidders meeting is being organised on 15.01.2021 at Zoom. The Zoom ID is 813 0021 9135 Password is 154244. Interested vendors may get the specification and tender details from www.irps.gov.in. For any clarification vendor may contact to Shri. S.B. Mishra (By CMM / Admin) on 9004490769. Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.irps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

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Snow avalanche blocks highway

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JANUARY 9

A snow avalanche occurred at the Mooling bridge on the Manali-Leh highway in Lahaul and Spiti district today. However, no loss of life or damage to property in the incident was reported.

According to sources, the snow avalanche occurred 10 km from Keylong towards the Manali side, blocking the highway. The BRO has pressed its machinery and workforce to clear the highway for traffic movement.

Dharamsala: An earthquake of the magnitude of 4.2 on the Richter scale hit Dharamsala at 8.20 pm today. The epicentre of the quake was located at the Kareri lake, about 10 km from here. The buildings shook with the impact of the quake, creating panic among people. However, there was no loss of life and damage to property reported in the incident. —TNS

Volvo bus services to Delhi begin

VACANCY OF ACCOUNTANT-CUM-CLERK FOR NPF (NON-GOVERNMENT)

OFFICER IN CHARGE, SNCO'S Mess, invites the application for Accountant-cum-Clerk as NPF employee (Non-Government) SNCO Mess, 12 Wing AF Station, and Chandigarh.

The applicant should have minimum qualification of degree of B.Com and can work in computer with the knowledge of handling various types of books of accounts.

Application for above mentioned vacancy should reach before 27 Jan 2021 at the following address:

Officer-in-Charge,
SNCO's Mess,
12 Wg Air Force Station,
Chandigarh - 160003.

DI-17888

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)**

NIT No. 148/SE(TIC), Dated: 07.01.2021

The department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 01 No. work (under PUEIP) as per schedule given below-

Pre Bid Meeting	Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents
Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
15.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of SE(TIC), Zone-A, MCL	18.01.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.	19.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of SE(TIC), Zone-A, MCL

Will be intimated later on

For details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note:- Detail of work, other terms and conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC),
Municipal Corporation Ludhiana.
DPR/Pb/617

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE,**

Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. - 173204

Tel. No. (01792) 273189 & 273105

Website: www.criksauli.nic.in, E-mail: director-crik-hp@gov.in

No: 1-10/2020-Admn Dated: 07.01.2021

ABRIDGED ADVT. NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for appointment on deputation basis (including short term contract) to one post of Stenographer Grade-I Group 'B' Non-Gazetted in Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

A detailed advertisement notice along with application format can be seen on Institute Website www.criksauli.nic.in.

Duly completed applications through proper channel should reach to the undersigned within 60 days of publication of this Notice in Employment News.

davp 17132/11/0014/2021 Sd/- Director.

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

Bid No. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/01/2021/Date:08.01.2021

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

On the behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. Ropar invites bids from the eligible bidders as per DNIT conditions for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Amount/ Time Limit
1	Survey Soil testing, design, supply & construction, Installation, commissioning of 2 MLD STP at Shri Kiratpur Sahib, including O&M for 60 months after stabilization period of 3 months or more.	Rs. L.S 9 Months
2	Digital Survey with Total Station of the area falling under the MC limit of Khara Town.	Rs. L.S 3 Months
3	Shoring of Existing W/S & Sewerage lines due to blockage of sewer on Railway Road at Nangal.	Rs. 18.71 lac 2 Months

Closine Date & Time → 01.02.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.

For detailed logon to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any Corrigendum(s), to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., Ropar. (01881-292030)
DPR/Pb/622

INDIAN RAILWAYS**DIESEL LOCO MODERNISATION WORKS**

PATIALA - 147003

Tel: 2396000, 2396001, Fax No. : 91-0175-2306413

Notice Inviting Electronic Tenders

On behalf of President of India Principal Chief Materials Manager/DMW/Patiala invites tenders in electronic form for following items:-

e-Tender Notice No. 32 ET/2020-21

SN | Tender No. | Description | Qty. | Tender closing date

1	Intercom System	79 Nos.	29.01.2021
2	Developmental tender of Winding Wire for AC Motors	3150 Kgs.	02.02.2021*
3	Anti Friction Bearing Grease	600 Kgs.	29.01.2021
4	Raw Material for Associated Components of 6FRA-6068	50 Nos.	03.02.2021

Tender closing Time: 15:00 Hrs.

Item marked with * is reserved for procurement from CLW approved Firms

The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or <http://www.dmw.indianrailways.gov.in> for detailed description of items & other terms and conditions of tender document. Please note that tenderers can submit their quotations only through <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

Corrigendum to E-Tender Notice No. 29 ET/2020-21

Tender No. 022057/8 closing date may be read as 18.01.2021 instead of 11.01.2021. 73/2021

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**E-TENDER NOTICE NO-20/PWSSB D-1/BTI DATE-08.01.2021**

On behalf of CEO, PWSSB, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sewerage Divn. No. 1, Bathinda invites bidders from eligible bidders for the project details in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for the following project:

Sr. No. Name of Work Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.) Cost of document/Tender Fees (Rs.) Period of Completion Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lac)

1	Construction & commissioning of 5 MLD STP at Raman Mandi Distt. Bathinda based on any suitable, sustainable & proven technology basis including O & M for a period of 60 months after stabilization (As per DNIT)	900000/-	1000/-	1 year	Lump sum
2	Prov. & laying W/S pipeline, desilting/lining of existing S&S tanks & other allied works at Maur Mandi (As per DNIT)	261860/-	1000/-	6 Months	130.93

Processing fees:- As applicable

Sr. No. 1 Sr. No. 2

Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be 08.02.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.

Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid 08.02.2021 at 4:00 p.m.

05.02.2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Pre Bid meeting (O/o SE PWSSC Bathinda) 21.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m. —

For details logon to: <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Bathinda.
DPR/Pb/636

NORTHERN RAILWAY**TENDER NOTICE**

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-II, Northern Railway, Chandigarh, for and on behalf of the President of India invite e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajputana-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh

2. Completion period of the work 06 (Six) Month

3. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 95. 80 lacs

4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) Rs. 1,91,600/-

5. Date & Time for submission Tender may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 15.01.2021 date on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 05.02.20216. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 22.01.2021 to 05.02.2021.

All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

7. Name of work and location Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajputana-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh

8. Completion period of the work 06 (Six) Month

9. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 95. 80 lacs

10. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) Rs. 1,91,600/-

11. Date & Time for submission Tender may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 15.01.2021 date on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 05.02.202112. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 22.01.2021 to 05.02.2021.

All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

13. Name of work and location Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajputana-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh

14. Completion period of the work 06 (Six) Month

15. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 95. 80 lacs

16. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) Rs. 1,91,600/-

17. Date & Time for submission Tender may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 15.01.2021 date on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 05.02.202118. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 22.01.2021 to 05.02.2021.

All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

19. Name of work and location Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajputana-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh

20. Completion period of the work 06 (Six) Month

21. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 95. 80 lacs

22. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) Rs. 1,91,600/-

23. Date & Time for submission Tender may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 15.01.2021 date on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 05.02.202124. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 22.01.2021 to 05.02.2021.

All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

25. Name of work and location Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajputana-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh

26. Completion period of the work 06 (Six) Month

27. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 95. 80 lacs

MATRIMONIALS

BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

JAT SIKH

Professionally qualified well settled match for Jat Sikh girl born 1986, 5'-4". M.Sc Chemistry, Ph.D. Issue legally divorcee. Employed at Amritsar. Contact: 9880663835, 7009032625. (CL20081150)

Suitable match for Sept/86, 5'-8", MBA, Punjab Govt. officer, Chandigarh, agri land 30 acres preferred. 98150-80344, 96466-3443. (CL20081234)

Groom wanted for Jat Sikh Nov 1984, 5'-4", MBA, B.Ed. (Australia settled), seeking well settled, Austria boy. (contact +61422751332 what's app) (CL20074053)

Practicing Doctor or doing Residency, match for Jat-Sikh beautiful girl 26, 5'-8", MD, doing Residency, US citizen, well established family. Email: sikhkamal2020@gmail.com (CL20071433)

Professionally qualified match for Convent educated girl, 1985/5'-7", B.Com, B.Ed, MBA, working in College, Repudied family, 8699257586, Email: jattsikhsandhu24@gmail.com (CL20080965)

Match for financially divorced Jat Sikh girl, 1988, 5'-4", MDS, Assistant Professor; seeks unmarried/divorcee boy from well settled landlord family. NRI/Marriage bureaus excuse. Call: 9914730688, WhatsApp: 9417930231. (CL20082696)

Well settled boy from USA/ Canada for a smart cultured girl, Feb 88 born, 5'-4", Public school educated, B.Com., MBA, Fashion Designer, running a women clothing boutique, Canadian PR applied, divorcee (short marriage). Brother and family in USA. Email: kbckh4@gmail.com Mob: +1(510)737-9277. (CL20080467)

Professionally qualified match for Australian citizen, smart Jat Sikh girl Sept. 94, 5'-8", Graduate from a reputed Australian University and working in a high status job in an MNC. Australian/ Indian Malwa background turbaned lat Jat Sikh preferred. E-mail: bjr1699@gmail.com WhatsApp: 0061411203088. (CL20080674)

A Senior Retired Army Officer from reputed Jat Sikh family seeks suitable match for his very intelligent, pretty and attractive daughter. B.Com. (Hons) MBA, 1993, Height 5'-5". In Canada on permanent resident basis since last year. Working in reputed Bank. The boy should be equally qualified, well settled with good job in Canada/ USA and abstainer from intoxicants. Please respond with complete details of family and boy with multiple recent photographs. WhatsApp: 90568-19191. (CL20080699)

Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh girl, 5'-5", 12/ 1993, M.Tech, CSE, working in Infosys. Preferred Jatt Sikh, IT Professional, having 8-10 acre agriculture land from vegetarian family. Contact: 98552-27083, 97794-58453. (CL20080700)

Only USA interested, doctor Jat Sikh, match for 27, 5"-5" girl, doing IM Residency first year, East coast USA. Please respond to: kaurroop9 6 9 4 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20080725)

Jat Sikh Chohan 1991/5'-4", convert educated Delhi University Graduate PSU Bank 2 Manager. Presently posted in Rajasthan transferable post 70177-71021. WhatsApp: 94120-06464. (CL20080754)

Jat Sikh 1985/ 5'-4", Govt. aided A.P., urbanised, vegetarian girl. Needs equally status boy with land. Dowry excuse. Prefer Patiala. 7694979037, 9855148802. (CL20080924)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl USA Permanent Resident Dec. 1990, 5'-3/2", B.Tech, doing job in America. Kindly send picture & biodata Email: bsinghvi01@gmail.com (CL20080935)

Suitable match for Oct. 89 born Bajwa Jat Sikh girl 5'-4", M.Sc., B.Ed., MBA (Global Business), M.Lib. Sci. UGC NET qualified, Librarian/ Asst. Professor under Grant in Aid Scheme Aided College. Contact Email: gallantsikh@98687-12889. (CL20080951)

Jat Sikh Tiwana, 28/ 5'-6", M.Tech, Computer Science topper, preparing IAS exam seeking good properties owner, good job/ businessman. 97794-07000. (CL20081004)

Professionally qualified match for Canadian PR, Jat Sikh, convert educated, 28 years, 5'-6", beautiful girl. Holds a good job. Contact: 98882-01862 (WhatsApp) or can182736@gmail.com with biodata and photograph. (CL20081013)

Jat Sikh girl 30, 5'-4", fair complexion, B.Tech. (2014), job SBI Card company. Wanted well settled/ educated, cursive Jat Sikh NRI boy. 95295-70330, 98155-23958. (CL20081025)

Well qualified & promising only USA based match for a pretty & slim 27 years old, 5'-4", US citizen Jat Sikh girl, school Graduate currently working in family business, please only text at 559-519-9596 or email at tejm@hotmail.com (CL20081116)

Professionally qualified/ Civil services match for tall, slim and beautiful Jat Sikh girl, 88 born, 5'-7", MDS (Endodontics). Father Senior Manager Bank retd. Mother Professor retd. Contact No. 98767-70262. (CL20081123)

Canada based well educated Jat Sikh parents invite matrimonial alliance for their Canadian citizen daughter, professionally qualified, very fair, beautiful, sober, cultured, family-oriented, 31, 5'-7", having permanent job \$80K with Provincial Government. Boy should be handsome, well qualified and belonging to a respectable Jat Sikh family. Please send biodata and pictures at matrimoni59@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 778-939-9393. (CL20081144)

For Circulation and Advertisement booking and other related queries please call at following numbers from Monday to Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

Advertisement:

Classified: 0172-2670257, 2670338, 2670258

E-mail at: classified@tribunemail.com

Display: 0172-2670256, 2670342

E-mail at: advt@tribunemail.com

Circulation: 0172-2670319, 2670250, 2670442

E-mail at: circulation@tribunemail.com

Jat Sikh match for beautiful girl, height 5'-6", Dob 9.4.91, job MNC, package 14 lakh. Malwa preferred. No abroad. Mail: harvinderkaurmann1@gmail.com (CL20082452)

Seeking handsome professionally qualified, well settled boy for doctorate in life sciences. Jat Sikh beautiful and charming, fair, slim, 5'-4", November 1987 born, family oriented girl from reputed highly educated status business landlord family. NRI considerable. Respond with complete biodata and recent photographs. (Upper caste no bar). Call/ WhatsApp: 9988015888. (CL20082551)

Suitable match Jat Sikh divorcee girl 1977 born, 5'-3", MA, looks very young fair complexion slim having one female child. Child (Canadian citizen) stay optional with maternal grand parents belongs to reputed family of Ludhiana. Only Jat Sikh families contact. Ludhiana preferred. Marriage bureau excused. 89682-16579. (CL20082716)

PQM for Jat Sikh girl 1991, 5'-5", LLM, well-settled. Above 25 acre land. 81687-52945. (CL20081318)

U.S. green card/ Canadian PR well settled/ professionally qualified match from respectable Jat Sikh family for convent educated B.Com, CA from India, Canadian PR, professionally employed in Ontario, 5'-5", June 89 born, pretty slim looks younger from urbanised educated well settled family. deesinghg@gmail.com (CL20082740)

33 yrs., 5'-5", beautiful, MDS Doctor, having her well-established clinic in Navi Mumbai. Looking Medico bachelor not above 34 years. 96198-55764. (CL20082754)

Required PQM from well-established family for Jat Sikh girl 25/ 5'-4", BDS, now doing MDS. Email: replyme.20@yahoo.com (CL20082805)

Jat Sikh Gill girl 1992/ 5'-3", Chandigarh Clerical service wants Jat Sikh turbanned boy Government service/ MNC job settled family Tricity/ Kharar. Waiting for Government job written test cleared can send photo/ biodata. WhatsApp: 97813-73853. (CL20082816)

Suitable educated match for July 88, 5'-6", Jat Sikh girl divorcee after short marriage, convert educated. M.Sc, B.Ed, Canadian PR, simple marriage, send detail with recent photo WhatsApp: 98761-22401. (CL20082861)

Suitable match for Mohali based beautiful Jat Sikh girl 32, 5'-6", M.Phil Psychology, working in reputed School, Canadian PR in process (express entry). Contact with recent photographs and full bio-data at sandhuksh@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 90412-34016, 99145-16000. (CL20081480)

MD/ MS/ MBBS match preferred for beautiful, Jat Sikh, 1990/ 5'-5", MBBs, girl. Contact: 92177-69396 WhatsApp: 70098-60490. (CL20081659)

Compatible professionally qualified Jat Sikh match for beautiful, intelligent MDS (ENDO) girl 1991, 5'-4", Intelligent NRI marriage, bureau Excuse, whats app +91 76529-56050 +91 98883-71991 (CL20082897)

Qualified Canadian PR match for Jat Sikh, 95 born, 5"-7", MBA graduate girl. Job in TCS. Preferred Ontario region. 94107-91696. (CL20081421)

Jat Sikh only girl BDS Masters from abroad 89, 5"-4", seeking suitable Canada/ USA citizen boy, Ludhiana: 98141-85960, 98554-21454, Email: b.h.singh.b.h.8 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20081475)

Suitable educated match for July 88, 5"-6", Jat Sikh girl divorcee after short marriage, convert educated. M.Sc, B.Ed, Canadian PR, simple marriage, send detail with recent photo WhatsApp: 98761-22401. (CL20082861)

PQM for BDS beautiful girl, 1989/ 163 cm, Canada PR seeks liberal minded, suitable match send details through Email: dhaliwalss57@gmail.com with photo. WhatsApp No. 95016-11595 marriage bureau excused. (CL20082888)

Compatible professionally qualified Jat Sikh match for beautiful, intelligent MDS (ENDO) girl 1991, 5'-4", Intelligent NRI marriage, bureau Excuse, whats app +91 76529-56050 +91 98883-71991 (CL20082897)

Non-drinker, vegetarian, Equally Qualified match for 5"-8"/1991, Govt. Class One Medical Officer (Specialist). 98789-60578. (CL20081696)

Govt./ job/well settled match for Ambala based Jat Sikh Bopar Aug 1992, 5"-4/2", B.Com., B.Sc, CS, working Clerk Haryana Govt. Dept. on contract at Panchkula. 90349-72723. (WhatsApp) 98153-32062. (CL20081710)

Match for beautiful Kamboj Sikh girl 1993, 5"-4", MBBS, Master in Clinical Embryology & Assisted Reproductive Technology (UK) working in MNC. Tricity preferred, marriage bureau excuse. 86990-51029. (CL20082907)

Professional qualified match Jatt Sikh, 1992 born, 5"-3", MBA girl. Seeks non-drinker, vegetarian, turbanned Jat Sikh only. Dowry seekers and marriage bureau excuse. 97800-37576, 95307-02506. (CL20081791)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh beautiful girl Oct 85, 5"-6", Arch from CCA Chandigarh (Gold Medalist). M.S. (Architecture) from USA, working in a reputed Architectural firm in San Francisco, California, USA on H1B visa, pursuing MBA in U.C. Berkeley along with job, high status family. Father retired senior class-I Officer. Doctor / Engineer/ MBA settled in USA / Canada preferred. Send bio data with photos to sjskj@yahoo.com, mob 98155-02914. (CL20081823)

Jat Sikh professionally qualified match for 1996 born, 5"-3", M.Tech, fair and good looking girl. Contact: 98142-67029. (CL20081982)

Status Jat Sikh match beautiful girls Canadian 25, 5"-6", Indian, 27, 5"-5". Own commercial, landlord. 76579-91389. (CL20082466)

Highly placed officer/landlord match for Jat Sikh well qualified girl, 5"-3" feet, 34 yrs, property in Tricity, match from Tricity preferred. Parents Ex-PCS Officers. Email: jsb.463@gmail.com Mob: 98729-40224. (CL20083049)

Jat Sikh PR Canada girl 92, 5"-4", fair, working in IT sector Toronto. Wanted PR, qualified doing job in Canada, ASR. 96460-20067. (CL20082086)

Suitable life partner for unmarried 56 years, smart, slim, healthy, tall, highly educated lady. Daughter of Senior Army Officer. Excellent well connected family. Looking for a smart, healthy and well settled gentleman with similar background. Religion no bar. Contact: 98157-90022. (CL20082219)

Well qualified & promising only USA based match for a pretty & slim 27 years old, 5'-4", US citizen Jat Sikh girl, school Graduate currently working in family business, please only text at 559-519-9596 or email at tejm@hotmail.com (CL20081116)

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Jat Sikh match for beautiful girl, height 5'-6", Dob 9.4.91, job MNC, package 14 lakh. Malwa preferred. No abroad. Mail: harvinderkaurmann1@gmail.com (CL20082452)

Seeking handsome professionally qualified, well settled boy for doctorate in life sciences. Jat Sikh beautiful and charming, fair, slim, 5'-4", November 1987 born, family oriented girl from reputed highly educated status business landlord family. NRI considerable. Respond with complete biodata and recent photographs. (Upper caste no bar). Call/ WhatsApp: 9988015888. (CL20082551)

Affluent businessman Jatt Sikh seeks alliance for their Canadian citizen daughter, professionally qualified, very fair, beautiful, sober, cultured, family-oriented, 31, 5'-7", having permanent job \$80K with Provincial Government. Boy should be handsome, well qualified and belonging to a respectable Jat Sikh family. Please send biodata and pictures at matrimoni59@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 778-939-9393. (CL20081144)

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ARORA

Professionally qualified handsone match for slim and beautiful Hindu Arora girl 5'-3", B.Com. (Hons.), ICWAII - 09.10.89, 10.47 am, Hoshiarpur. Working in Chandigarh. WhatsApp 94633-77020. (CL20081006)

Suitable match for Arora Manglik girl, 7.11.1986, 5'-3", Ph.D. Assst. Professor. Amritsar. 85569-46889. (CL20081432)

Suitable match for Arora Engineer girl 29 Oct. 1989, 1.04 am, Sangrur, 5' , job in Sweden (Europe), package 42 lac PA seeks Engineer boy from USA (Green Card) or Sweden, Europe. 78898-40848, (Upper caste no bar). (CL20081609)

Educated Arora girl in Govt. service, 30/ 5'-2", slim, family also in Govt. service. Preferred Govt./ PSU official. 62830-43467. (CL20081783)

Suitable match for Arora girl 13.09.1983, 3.35 p.m., Sirsa, Manglik, M.Com, LL.M, working as City Administrator in WCD. 94164-14031. (CL20082839)

Hindu Arora fair girl 5'-1", 10.03.1990, 2:45 am (Muktsar), M.Sc, MCA, permanent Govt. job (food supply), seeks handsome qualified non-drinker permanent Govt. employee, 98140-75525. (CL20083116)

KHATRI

Suitable match for Khatri girl M.Com, 5'-3"/ 07.10.1993, 7.57 pm, Patiala, Working as Assistant Manager Nationalised Bank. Sh.s on Gluton free diet, Father Govt. Officer. 70871-28270. (CL20080966)

Khatri Manglik girl 1989, 5'-2", HP Govt. Lecturer, Govt. employee or Tricity preferred. Upper caste welcome. 94597-04309. (CL20081657)

Suitable match for Converted Khatri beautiful MCA non manglik girl, 5'-4" February. 1989 born, Software Developer, 93 LPA. 98551-55764. (CL20082783)

Khatri Hindu Punjabi parents seeking a suitable, professional groom for their UK born Pharmacists daughter, 39, 5'-3", legally divorced, issueless. Vegetarian slim, fair complexion. purshotmmatri9@btinternet.com (CL20069220)

Prof. qifai prof for (Pune) based girl 1989, 5'-5", Data Scientist, wrkg Pune, educated Chd. based Jain family. Contact: matrimony300989@gmail.com with photo. Caste no bar. (CL20075927)

Required intellectual highly designed boy in Govt. or defence services for 5'-4"; Khatri Manglik girl, 19.7-1994, 10:07 pm, Ludhiana. Working or Professor of Law. Contact: 75080-78664. (CL20080748)

Vegetarian and teetotaler match from tricity for Khatri girl ((Radhwasi) 6.5.88, 5.5 a.m., 5'-5", Master of Fine Arts Rs 55000/- Teaching job. 98722-2950. (CL20080934)

Hindu Khatri girl 18.12.1888, 5'-3", non-Manglik, M.Sc Botany, B.Ed, seeking PR boy in Australia send biodata WhatsApp: 76968-09152. (CL20082988)

Khatri girl 11.11.1985, 12.20 a.m. Kurali, 5'-5", M.Com., B.Ed. Commerce teacher. 98880-68878. (CL20083048)

BDS/ MDS boy from Ludhiana for beautiful MBBS (Govt. job (PCMS), 29/ 5'-1", fair, Bed khatri, slightly overweigh girl. Father owning well established dental clinic at Ludhiana. Caste no bar. Please WhatsApp (92161-23114) biodata, photo. (CL20083146)

PQM for Delhi girl 1988, 5'-3". Soft. Engg, in Gurgaon, 15L. 098112-71305. (CL20082945)

Match for Aggarwal 5'-5", Delhi, 15 Oct. 87, MNC 25 Lac. Caste no bars. 98187-29624. (CL20082105)

Suitable match for Manglik Khatri girl, 20.05.1985, 06.20 pm. (Ludhiana), Fashion Designer. Preferred Ludhiana. 62841-15457, 94172-9822. (CL20081531)

Status service/ business small family match for Khatri beautiful girl, Aug. 1984, 5'-3", M.A. (English), B.Ed. Teaching professional. 98037-78899. (CL20081610)

Manglik/ Non-Manglik qualified match for convert educated, 5'-4", Sikh Maid Rajput, 1991, M.A., B.Ed. girl. 85569-86419. (CL20081594)

Suitable match for smart girl (Anshik Manglik) 5'-4", 18 March 1989, 11.20 a.m. Chandigarh. M.Tech. Assistant Professor IELTS clear. Contact after matching kundli. Tricity preferred. Upper caste welcome. 98889-19768. (CL20083161)

Suitable match for beautiful Ph. Khatri girl 5'-3", June 86, well educated working in USA. Respected business family. sat.mt1234@gmail.com (CL20083188)

Suitable match for Delhite Hindu Panjabhi Khatri girl, August 1989, 5 feet + 3 inches. V.Fair, smart, slim, beautiful, BA, Eco. Hons from D.U. Regular, MA, Eco. Regular, good job in MNC in Toronto, PR or citizen in good job in Toronto or around required. Caste no bar. M.Bureau excuse, A.C. Sethi avinashseth07@gmail.com or 98686-11677. (CL20083198)

Hindu Khatri PR or Australian citizen match for self employed, educated 26/5'-2", Australian resident girl. Apply with detailed biodata at email: aksavithkl@gmail.com (CL20081716)

Professionally qualified match for Punjabi Khatri Manglik girl, 07.07.87, 6:40 pm, Ambala, 5'-2", MBA, Manager Scale-2 Govt. Bank Peer Mucchalla, Panjabh. 99064-95487, 72066-17979. (CL20081720)

Well settled educated independent, handsome, respectable, age around forty years, loving and caring match for October 1981 born, 5'-6", very fair, well educated, healthy, never married, respectable upper middle class family, around Chandigarh/ Patiala. Govt. job preferred. Can consider widower/divorcee. Email: neetak955@gmail.com (CL20081787)

Postgraduate, Tricity settled match for Hindu Khatri girl, 15.11.89, 5.10 pm, Jalandhar, M.Sc. Nursing, MHA, working as Nursing Officer in PGI, Chandigarh, 95000. 78378-02342. (CL20081949)

Pure vegetarian Hindu Khatri girl 25.06.94, 14.45, Ludhiana, 5'-B Tech. Working MNC (Punjab) 75927, 97797-75927. (CL20082464)

Match for Hindu Verma 5'-6", 81 born, fair smart, good looking, B.C.A., P.G.D.C.A. girl, Computer teacher CBSE convent school. Send biodata, photo. 98154-44041, WhatsApp: 70092-53286. (CL20082353)

Qualified match for 27/160 Hindu

Khatri girl Postgraduate (Psychology), pursuing B.Ed. Currently freelancing, 76965-19515. (CL20082524)

Match for Khatri girl 27- Oct- 77, 06.10 am, Ambala, M.A, M.Ed, 5'-4", urgent decent marriage. 87087-34556. (CL20082541)

Slim, fair, M.Sc, B.Ed, 29.12.81, 5'-7", 6.35 p.m., Mohali, Science coaching, good earning. 98134-83823. (CL20082564)

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Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl 5'-3", 5.5 am, Ambala, M.Ed. WhatsApp details: 95011-02418. (CL20081212)

Suitable match for Saini girl

SAINI

SM4 fair complexioned Sikh Saini girl, 07.04.1994, 5'-2 1/2" convert educated, BFA, Graduate from DU. Recently finished Master in Visual Art from MSU (Baroda). Currently residing in Mohali. Contact: 97157-47471. WhatsApp: 98103-62126. (CL20080975)

Saini Sikhi girl 5'-2", 26.02.1990, B.Tech (Computer Science), doing private job seeking professionally qualified boy. 98149-51499, 98885-50112. (CL20082898)

Sikh Saini family settled in Chandigarh seeks well settled boy for beautiful girl 89/ 5"-6", MA, M.Ed. WhatsApp details: 95011-02418. (CL20081590)

Suitable match for Saini girl 09/ 5"-5", MSW, CDM, working with NGOs (paid) in Chandigarh. Preferred educated and decent boy, simple marriage. 94464-09373. (CL20081590)

Suitable match for Saini Sikhi vegetarian beautiful girl May 1993/ 5"-8", B.Com., MBA Finance, job as a Manager Chandigarh, Tricity preferred. 98159-03680. (CL20081635)

Saini Sikh Canada PR girl, 28 yrs, Software Engg., 5'-6", seeking professionally qualified boy. 98143-31806. (CL20081996)

Suitable match for Saini Sikhi girl 30/ 5"-6", B.Com, Diploma in IT, Ludhiana. Contact: 82840-24707. (CL20083307)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl 25.11.1993, 02:05 pm, Nangal Dam (Pb), 5"-2", Clerk in CA-TA Branch Punjab Vidhan Sabha Chandigarh, preference Mohali, Chandigarh, Zirakpur, Kharkar, Panchkula. 94175-24193. (CL20081996)

Suitable match for Hindu Rajput girl 05.09.1991, 5:58 pm (Hamirpur), 5"-4". M.Pharmacy, working in Chandigarh. 94188-66246. (CL20083284)

Required **Himachali well settled** match for 5"-3", 1995, Rajput girl. Schooling Sacred Heart, DAV, DPS, B.Com, Honour, MBA. Contact: 82195-84457. (CL20083291)

Match for Kashyap Rajput Manglik girl, 1993/ 5"-4", B.Com, Diploma in IT, Ludhiana based. 82840-24707. (CL20083307)

Suitable match for Hindu

Kashyap Rajput girl 14.04.1978/

5"-2", Ferozepur, unmarried, B.Sc. (Nursing), PGDCA. Job Home Tuition, Manglik/ Non-Manglik, caste no bar. Father Retd. Gaz. Officer. Email kumar51952@gmail.com, Mb. 97796-62300. (CL20081023)

PQM4 Rajput girl 28/5"-6", BA, B.Ed., Ludhiana. Contact: 96455-53821, 98154-43718. (CL20081267)

Suitable match for Mair Rajput born 1993, B.Sc. Nursing, currently in Canada on work permit. 97800-05159, 88720-92972. (CL20082892)

Tricity based Himachali Rajput match for Dental Surgeon 32 years 5"-7", divorced girl. Only decent family, contact: 99883-29811. (CL20083172)

Himachali Rajput girl, 15.09.1991,

5:58 pm (Hamirpur), 5"-4". M.Pharmacy, working in Chandigarh. 94188-66246. (CL20083284)

Medic match for 1990 born Rajput

girl 5"-5", 1990, 2:45 pm, B.Com, Honour, MBA. Contact: 98154-43718. (CL20081267)

MD/MS/ Allied services match for

Saini Sikhi girl, 91/5"-6", MD final year. Chd. Mother Class-I Officer. Father Central Govt. Chd. Upper caste no bar. Mob.: 98724-52489. (CL200876095)

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BRAHMIN

Match for Chandigarh based Himachali girl, 25.9.1991, 9:25 pm, Amritsar, 5'-4", B.Com, MA English, Diploma in Elementary Education, working private School Chandigarh, Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 99887-73460. (CL20083290)

SM4 Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, Veg., 28 yrs, 155 cm, B.Com., DU working MNC, Gurgaon, 7 lacs, Delhi NCR TT boy preferred 99115-63632, suitablegroom@outlook.com (CL20081209)

POM for Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, Fair complexion. Convent educated, B.Tech. July 1990 born, 5'-4", DLF working in IT Company Mumbai. Contact: 98887-32400. vasdev59n@gmail.com (CL20081209)

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Match for Graduate Computer Course, ETT, girl 36"-5"-Reputed family at Bathinda. (M) 95019-63574. (CL20081552)

Sarswat Brahmin girl, 3.1.1995, Raipur, 5'-3", B.Sc. Nursing, doing job in pvt. hospital. NRI preferred. 99151-72010, 87280-6286. (CL20081575)

Beautiful Brahmin girl 1986 born 5'-4", MCA IELTS cleared having 7 Bands. willingly settle abroad. Boy above. 7.5 Bands apply. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 98132-09700. (CL20081630)

Suitable match for Kumauini Hindu Brahmin girl, 05.02.1992, 5'-4", fair complexion, M.A. B.Ed., Govt. job at PUDU Ludhiana. Prefer Govt. job Kumauini Hindu tall, fair. 7814086997. (CL20081681)

Match for Gaur Brahmin girl, 27.12.1990, 7:20 a.m., Chandigarh, 5'-5", B.Tech., Govt. Bank Clerk, 3.5 Year. Contact after matching Kundli. WhatsApp: 98726-11555. (CL20081704)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 9.01.1995, 5'-5", 8:45 pm, Nakodar, BCA, MCA. Seeks well settled boy. Contact: 78143-44273. (CL20083057)

Canadian citizen Khatri boy 29/ 6', Graduate, slim (truck Driver) required beautiful, slim educated Khatri girl. +91 99880-65105. (CL20083075)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 5'-1", 11.07.1995, New Delhi, M.A., B.Ed. 84328-72087, 94145-53802. (CL20081795)

Beautiful Doctor Punjabi Brahmin girl, 25, 5"-9", seeks tall educated boy preferably Civil Services (IAS/ IPS/ IRS/ IES/ PCS/ PPS). Contact: 94639-48407. (CL20081806)

A respectable High Status Saraswat Brahmin Family Owns Land, Industrialist, Colonizers Business Family invites alliance for their beautiful daughter, 1995/54". M.Com, fair, charming, family oriented. Looking for well established family with high status.

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CL20082705

Match for Pulasth Brahmin girl, MA, 5'-5", fair, 19.2.94, (2 am), Udhampur Jammer. Contact: 99155-13417, sharmas56018@gmail.com (CL20081834)

Divorcee Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, 11.10.92/ 10:45 pm/Delhi/ 5'-7", B.Tech., MNC Gurgaon. Karnal based. 81688-49768. (CL20083191)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 3.10.1995, 11.20 p.m., Ludhiana, no time, MA (Eng), M.Ed., CTET & PTET clear. Send biodata with photo. WhatsApp 84275-75782. (CL20083105)

NR/Indian boy for Saraswat Brahmin, Sep. 88, B.Sc. Nursing girl. 98151-81252, 98728-23252. (CL20083190)

Gaur Brahmin Manglik, 11.10.92/ 10:45 pm/Delhi/ 5'-7", B.Tech., MNC Gurgaon. Karnal based. 81688-49768. (CL20083191)

BDS, MBA girl 32, 5"-4", suffered from depression for 3 days now normal. Tricity preferred. Contact 94638-90648. (CL20083200)

Divorcee Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, 12.09.93, Ambala Cantt, 5'-4", working Scale II Officer in PNB. Father Govt. Officer in Railways, brother Chemical Engg. in Reliance Industries required Govt. Officer or equivalent Tricity or nearby Ambala preferred. 99969-16678. (CL20083257)

SM for beautiful, convent educated Brahmin girl, 12.09.93, Ambala Cantt, 5'-4", working Scale II Officer in PNB. Father Govt. Officer in Railways, brother Chemical Engg. in Reliance Industries required Govt. Officer or equivalent Tricity or nearby Ambala preferred. 99969-16678. (CL20083257)

Match for beautiful diabetic girl, 5.3 ft., M.Sc. Professional Designing. 90416-66045. (CL20082597)

Wanted a suitable match for Brahmin girl, 3.10.1995, 11.20 p.m., 5'-4", Chandigarh, B.Sc. (Non-Medical). Father working in Govt. sector. Brother working in Club Mahindra. Tricity prefer. Contact: 86993-21787. (CL20080741)

Match for M.Tech. (Bio-Tech.) Saraswat Brahmin girl, working MNC, 13 Nov, 8:52 pm, 5"-3", convent educated. 88478-77899, 99158-04601. (CL20083311)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 20.9.1986, 4 am, Chandigarh/ 5'-4", B.Ed. WhatsApp 84272-49360. (CL20082858)

Match for Punjabi Brahmin girl, 25.08.1986, 4:53 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-4", MCA, MNC Bangalore, Bangalore Pune, Mumbai Hyderabad NCR preferred. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 97805-24454. (CL20082870)

Match for Brahmin beautiful girl, 5"-5", 8.2.1988, MA, B.Ed., Teacher, reputed School, Chandigarh. Well settled boy from Tricity preferred. Contact: 94633-70982. (CL20082908)

Match for Brahmin girl 5"-5", 21.11.1989, 12:28 am Bhopal, MA English, B.Ed., Teacher in reputed school. Doable boy preferred. 93573-06023. (CL20082925)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 1984 born, 5"-3", (never married), MCA, M.Sc. IT, Assistant Lecturer. Contact: 98761-75344. (CL20082926)

Malaysian citizen Saraswat Brahmin unmarried girl, 1978, seeks well educated Indian/ Canada/ New Zealand PR boy, 76961-66662. (CL20081954)

Match for Hindu Arora girl, 23.12.1992, born, 5"-3", B.Tech from India Project Management and Supply Chain Management from Canada. Now on work permit. WhatsApp: 82849-22466. (CL20082006)

Slim, beautiful 5"-3" Australian PR Singla, 5.5.1988, 23.32 Ludhiana, B.Tech, Mass Com, working in Bank, upper caste no bar, Foreign settled, boys in white collar job, girl is in India on vacation. WhatsApp: 82838-07146. (CL20082117)

Compatible match for Lubana Sikhs extremely beautiful, diligent unmarried girl, 40, 5"-9", B.Tech, MBA (USA), Senior Project Manager. Highly educated officers' family. WhatsApp: 8360776979. (CL20082751)

Suitable Doctor match for Christian (Pantecostal) girl, born 1985, 5"-4", currently in Canada, 94180-25367/ 89686-12320. (CL20081153)

PQM USA/Canada based for pretty smart, slim, fair Sikh Khatri girl, convenient education, 5"-4", 31 years, M.Sc. Ph.D. (USA), working as leading Scientist based in California on H1B visa. Caste no bar. 7657984487. (CL20082797)

NM, Garg girl 3.0.39, Delhi, 5"-2", NH, Toronto, PR holder, Pref. Canada std. boy. Coming soon India. WhatsApp 86890-09000. E-akr6064@gmail.com (CL20082873)

Chandigarh direct deal corner 4 kanal house & facing park, (going very cheap), required payment urgently, genuine buyers. 98149-67149. (CL20080687)

Chandigarh 2 kanal house B-Road huge driveway, green belt, facing park, prime location, generic buyers only. Plot price. 98149-67149. (CL20080689)

Chandigarh showroom for sale A-one location, Madhya Marg, Sector 7, 8, 9, 26, 17, 35, (good investment). WhatsApp 86890-09000. E-akr6064@gmail.com (CL20082873)

Professionally qualified match Doctor/ Engineer/ Advocate for April 1984 born, 5"-3.5" Arora girl Ph.D. CS (permanent resident Canada). Contact/ WhatsApp: 9194170-13454. (CL20082910)

Suitably settled boy for Chandigarh beautiful Hindu girl, 26, 5"-2", Masters Engineering from Sydney. Family from Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula preferred. 98888-77071. (CL20082913)

Suitable match for Katoch M.Com. B.Ed, beautiful Canada PR girl 5"-3". 11 Nov 1992, Time 11.50 p.m. at Mohali, preferred Tricity and Canada PR boy. Contact: 94631-89115, 96466-31121. (CL20083062)

Hindu Khatri girl 94 born, 5"-6", M.Sc., for further study in Australia on study visa. PR match required. 98887-44809. (CL20083117)

PQ well settled in Australia preferably Punjabi match for beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl, 91 born, 5"-3.5", working as Research Officer Sydney. 83601-62944, 98880-27677. (CL20083250)

Match for M.Tech. (Bio-Tech.) Saraswat Brahmin girl, working MNC, 13 Nov, 8:52 pm, 5"-3", convent educated. 88478-77899, 99158-04601. (CL20083311)

NRI/Indian boy for Saraswat Brahmin, Sep. 88, B.Sc. Nursing girl. 98151-81252, 98728-23252. (CL20083190)

Match for Chandigarh based Himachali girl, 25.9.1991, 9.25 pm, Amritsar, 5"-4", B.Com., MA English, Diploma in Elementary Education, working private School Chandigarh, Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 99887-73460. (CL20082858)

Match for Punjabi Brahmin girl, 25.08.1986, 4:53 pm, Chandigarh, 5"-4", MCA, MNC Bangalore, Bangalore Pune, Mumbai Hyderabad NCR preferred. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 97805-24454. (CL20082870)

Match for Brahmin beautiful girl, 5"-5", 8.2.1988, MA, B.Ed., Teacher, reputed School, Chandigarh. Well settled boy from Tricity preferred. Contact: 94633-70982. (CL20082908)

Match for Punjabi Saraswat B.Sc., MBA, 5"-4", IT professional Gurgaon, 7.9.91, 11.02 am New Delhi, 97176-47456. (CL20082068)

Match for very beautiful, slim Saraswat Brahmin MBA girl 5"-5", 20 Dec, 1988 born, 5"-2", WhatsApp: 99538-19705. Bureau Pl excuse. (CL20080865)

Beautiful and tall Saraswat Brahmin girl, 29 years, M.Com, B.Ed, NE1 and HTET qualified from high status business family. 94162-68311. (CL20080978)

Looking for well settled Brahmin groom for Ph.D Chemistry girl from Hoshiarpur, P.M., 5th Dec. 1992, 162 cm, Ph. 91004-42812. (CL20080981)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 5"-4", 5"-3", B.Sc (IT), MCA, 12-07-1992, 00:48 hrs, Ambala Cantt. Engg/ Govt employee Tricity required only Teetotaller, After matching kundli. 94168-26500, 0171-4061052. (CL20081005)

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PANCHKULA

New builder floors with stilt parking, lift 10 marla park facing, 12/14 marla corner B-road, 1 kanal floor pre building Sector 6/7 Main Road, going reasonable. Gulati Estates 880046-66233. (CL20081587)

10 marla well built, East facing, single storey kothi, Sector 25, Panchkula. Contact: 90085-98738, 98729-71738. (CL20081040)

Ten marla newly built top floor/ floorwise (with roof), 9th, BHK Italian, modular kitchen with stilt, lift, Sector 7, Panchkula. Sethi Estates: 98140-30249, 99141-30054. (CL20081513)

Fourteen marla newly built three storey floorwise with basement/ stilt parking, D/D, three bedrooms attached toilets and servant room with lift. Excellent construction. Sector 6 MDC, Pkl. Contact- Sethi Estates 98140-30249. (CL20081516)

10 marla corner Sector 26, 1 kanal Sector 21, Chirag Aggarwal 81466-88793. (CL20081759)

SCO site Sector 5, Panchkula Going cheap. Contact: Ajay Estates 98140-09586, 85588-2035. (CL20082854)

Two bays showroom opposite Sector 5 in Sector 8, 9, Panchkula. Gupta Associates, Showroom 176, Sector 17C, Chandigarh. 98159-04681. (CL20082863)

2 kanal kothi/ plot facing park, Sector 6, 7, 17 Panchkula. Gupta Associates, Showroom 176, Sector 17C, Chandigarh. 98159-04681. (CL20082877)

Mohali: 1 kanal (F/Park, corner) in Phase-3A, 2, 3B1, 3B2, 70. B-Road Phase-7, Sector-69, Empire Estates 98159-50922. (CL20082773)

Janta Land: Booth, bayshop, showroom (sites/ builtup), ample parking, Sector-66A, 82. Best Investment. Empire Estates 97796-36055. (CL20082775)

Mohali Acrocity: 12 marla park/ East-facing rare available excellent location. Block-E & F, Royal Castle, 98787-80000, 98767-60000. (CL20080995)

Mohali IT City: 300 gaj park/ North East facing, rare available location Sector 66-B, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20081008)

12 marla Sector 79 facing park/ corner double/ duplex. 94659-69154. (CL20082806)

Brand new 8 marla 2169 Sector 79, facing park NRI taste double storey registered. Owner Upinder Singh: 98721-68690. (CL20082807)

10 marla liveable house Sector 15, Panchkula. 14 marla plot Sector 17, Panchkula. Jindal 98800-09586. (CL20082920)

8.5 marla North-facing newly built house, Sector 23, Panchkula. Akash Property 94173-50856. (CL20082927)

Panchkula 1 kanal old kothi See 2. Contact Vasudev Real Estate Consultants. 98761-22000. (CL20082965)

Panchkula 14 marla very good liveable duplex kothi Sector 12. Contact Vasudev Real Estate Consultants. 98761-22000. (CL20082966)

Panchkula big showroom site Sector 11 reasonable price. Contact Vasudev Real Estate Consultants. 98761-22000. (CL20082967)

IT City, Sector 6 100 90 sq. yard plot corner, NE facing front berm 35 feet side berm- 16 feet huge front & side greenbelt. Rare availability dealers strictly excuse. Only genuine buyers contact 93161-56789. (CL20082865)

Rarest availability plot 204 gaj very prime location, corner, facing park. Front big berm. Side green belt. Phase-7, Sector 61, Mohali, new auction 25% paid. Balance payment in 4 years. Dealers strictly excuse. Only genuine buyers contact 93161-56789. (CL20082868)

14 marla new duplex look 1 kanal, very tastefully built. Owner going abroad Sector-12 @ 4.40 cr. 82888-78339, 98767-82699. (CL20083090)

Newly built floors 10 marla in MDC 6 Panchkula, confirm with A.A. Property 81465-45566. (CL20083164)

1 kanal brand new furnished duplex house in Sector 7/ 21, Satya Estates 99157-86900. (CL20083173)

1 kanal single storey liveable house in Sector 4, MDC, Satya Estates 99157-86900. (CL20083176)

Singh bay showroom for sale in Sector 5-MDC, Panchkula, Satya Estate 99157-86900. (CL20083177)

Pre-sale one kanal & 14 marla luxury designer floors with stilt parking and servant room in Sector MDC-6 Satya Estates 99157-86900. (CL20083180)

10 marla single, triple storey liveable house Sector 7, 9, Panchkula. Rama Estates 96468-29242. (CL20083226)

Pursons Property 94170-33899, 98888-86519 Mansadevi/ Panchkula-Ten/ Fourteen marla brandnew floors still parking, lift, facing park, North/East, Sector 4, 6, 7, 9. (CL20083236)

9 marla 2293/28: 14 marla 451/27; 6, 10 marla/ 25, 26, 27, 28. Arya Real Estates: 98769-37605, 89685-88468. (CL20083255)

Ten marla renovated good triplex B- road Sector 12, Eight marla B-road plot Sector 25. Shirdi Properties 98884-76525. (CL20083285)

Service booth 18'x45' basement, double storey showroom, 18'x72' basement, triple storey both Sector 16, Panchkula. Shirdi Properties: 98884-76525. (CL20083287)

MOHALI

8 Marla Single storey marbled house, near park Sector-67 & Corner facing park Phase-2. Mohali Realtors: 98151-15711, 98782-78677. (CL20080923)

Mohali showroom sites/built up on Airport Road, Sector 66A/78/79/ 80/82, Royal Castle 98767-60000. (CL20080979)

Showrooms for Sale (Ground floor) opposite college, Phase-2 Mohali. Newly renovated. Prime location. 94644-33929. (CL20081683)

Marla houses Corner & Facing Park available in Phase-2, 3B1, 3B2, 3A, 5, 6, 7 Orbit Estates-9915534500, 8968799143. (CL20082061)

10 Marla Big corner house in Phase-3B2, 7, 10 & Sector-71, Orbit Estates-9915534500, 8968799143. (CL20082068)

8 and 10 Marla Houses available in Sector-77, 78, 79 & 80. Orbit Estates-9878200042, 9915534500. (CL20082073)

JLPL corner showroom and showroom floors with lift, facing Airport Road, Mohali. Emmege 98150-29454. (CL20082961)

AeroCity: 8 marla, 3 BHK facing park, facing park, facing East kothi. Marbled and good work. Perfect Estates 98789-76775, 98767-24544. (CL20083147)

Mohali 10 marla good liveable house for sale in Phase 7, 3B1, 3B2. Subhash Mangat & Co. 98155-70278. (CL20082843)

10 marla facing park Mohali single storey. Contact Karan Sandhu: 98788-82747. (CL20080909)

10.5 marla double storey liveable house in Sector 71. Contact 99144-25837. (CL20081371)

5 marla triple storey facing park house in Sector 7, 8 front pocket. Contact 99144-25837. (CL20081372)

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PROPERTY

Well-built 16 marla duplex kothi for sale in Phase 7, Mohali. 3 bedrooms, 2 washrooms on each floor. Prime location. 98155-02857. (CL20080938)

Batra Estate - #99, Sector 17, Panchkula. 94179-77016, 85669-15000, 94638-37635, 70093-27189, property consultants specialised in commercial and residential accommodation. (CL20081507)

LOT FOR SALE

Janta Land: 1 acre corner, 4, 2 kanal, 733/667/550/500 gaj on main B-Roads, Sector 82, Royal Castle 98767-60000. (CL20080987)

Mohali: Gilco industrial 1035 gaj on B-Road, East facing, high potential investment. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20080990)

Mohali industrial: 2 kanal shed facing North-East/ acre plots, Phase 7. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20080995)

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1T. Industrial: 1 kanal plot, FAR-3, B-Road, near Infosys. Numbering draw this month. Right time to buy. Empire Estates 95177-60000. (CL20082768)

180 sq.yd. Plot No. 4797 on 100 ft. road Sector 125, Sunny Enclave, commercial location. Contact owner: 77400-78179. (CL20082808)

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Four years after he shot to fame with his first album Class-Sikh, 27-year-old Punjabi rapper Prabh Deep has made a mark for himself with his deeply political lyrics

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A decorated wall, a unique painting or panel, a contrasting sofa or a multi-coloured rug can brighten up and add character to neutral spaces in your house

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In the last edition of his memoirs, ex-President Pranab Mukherjee writes extensively on his ties with PMs Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi, the Congress, and lots more

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STOCK

ADITI TANDON

TRIPTA VASUDEV is not particularly vaccine sceptic, but she would rather wait for the first wave of Covid-19 vaccinations to be over before volunteering for a shot. "How do we know the vaccines are safe? All our lives we have been told it takes years to develop safe vaccines. Now two have been approved in less than a year of the Covid-19 outbreak. I have my worries," says the 62-year-old, who falls in the priority group that the Centre has listed for initial rounds of the Covid-19 inoculation to be rolled out beginning January 16.

Watching out for side-effects

Ever since the United Kingdom became the first country on December 12 last year to approve the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine, people have been watching out for news of potential side-

UNADDRESSED ISSUES

 The first set of dry runs was, by and large, smooth. It presented minor issues such as space constraints, network connectivity and technical challenges with the Co-WIN portal. These will be fixed. There are other issues – product-related concerns like vaccine research results, efficacy; prioritisation issues such as why immune-compromised children should not be a priority; and the most critical issue of potential adverse effects given that these are new vaccines with fast-tracked approvals – these need to be addressed.

RAJIB DASGUPTA, CHAIRPERSON, CENTRE OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, JNU

effects. Vaccine confidence took the first big hit earlier this month with the news of a nurse in Portugal dying within 48 hours of getting the Pfizer shot. Soon afterwards, a UK nurse said she had contracted Covid-19 while waiting for the second dose of the vaccine.

With clouds of disinformation hovering on the Covid-19 vaccine horizon, the Indian authorities are rushing against time to boost people's confidence in the two approved vaccines — Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

Covishield (an Oxford University-AstraZeneca vaccine) has shown over 70 per cent safety, immunogenicity and

efficacy in the UK trials and comparable safety in a bridging study on 1,600 Indians. The other approved made-in-India Covaxin is, however, yet to conclude phase-3 trials, triggering fears over its efficacy. Leading researcher Gagandeep Kang's remarks that she would not take Covaxin until efficacy data was available have exacerbated the fears, prompting other scientists to fill information gaps.

Experts downplay fears

"All three sets of data — safety, immunogenicity and efficacy — are required to approve vaccines in non-emergency situations. In a pandemic situation, the Indian laws allow the regulator to grant restricted emergency-use approval based on safety and immunogenicity data while phase-3 trials to judge efficacy are on," says Balram Bhargava, chief of ICMR, Bharat Biotech's collaborator on Covaxin, rejecting fears.

India's New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules (March 19, 2019) allow treatment of phase-2 immunogenicity data as a surrogate for efficacy data.

"If remarkable efficacy is observed with a defined dose in the phase-2 clinical trial of an investigational new drug, for the unmet medical needs of serious and life-threatening diseases in the country, it may be considered for grant of market approval by the central licensing authority based on phase-2 clinical trial data," state the Rules, explaining why Covaxin has been approved for use in clinical trial mode (all participants would be closely tracked).

Be that as it may, fears persist on the ground alongside hope.

Volunteers vouch for safety

A host of health and frontline workers who took part in Covaxin trials, however, vouch for its safety. They have urged people to shun hesitancy.

Paramedic Dhanesh Kumar, a native of Bharatpur, is happy to be part of Covaxin's ongoing phase-3 trials and received the first dose on December 31. The second is due on January 28.

"I felt no tenderness, swelling, pain or fever. I am proud to have participated in the trials to boost public confidence in the safety of an Indian vaccine. Fear of the unknown is normal, but I can guarantee that Covaxin will work. It posed no safety issues in phase 1 and 2 trials and the third phase is also going very well," says Kumar.

The first to receive the Covid-19 vaccine shots, health and frontline workers will be essential to the success of the Indian vaccine effort which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has termed "the largest drive in the world".

Positive communication strategy

The government is working to record beneficiary testimonials as part of the

FEAR & HOPE

As India rolls out the world's largest inoculation drive on Jan 16, adverse reactions in other countries to the Covid-19 vaccine and efficacy of the homegrown shot have raised concerns. Experts and volunteers, however, term these unwarranted



GETTING READY FOR JAB

2 lakh

Vaccinators trained so far

3.7 lakh

Vaccination team members trained; each vaccine team per site to have five members

29,000

Cold points

240

Walk-in coolers

70

Walk-in freezers

45,000

Ice-lined refrigerators

41,000

Deep freezers

300

Solar refrigerators to be used

29 states/8 UTs

Ready with state steering committees and state task forces to monitor vaccine movement

734 districts

Ready with district task forces

23 ministries

Identified for social mobilisation against rumour mongering

GUIDELINES

Estimation of electrical and non-electrical cold chain equipment
Management of last cold chain points and session sites

States have identified at least one Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) centre per block to handle side-effects of vaccination; each session site to be linked to AEFI centre

ROLLOUT TESTING

December 28-29

Co-WIN field tested in four states in the first pilot dry run (Punjab, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat)

January 2, 2021

First national dry run in 125 districts at 285 session sites

January 8

Second national dry run in 736 districts across 33 states and UTs; Co-WIN tested at three sites per district

January 11

Prime Minister to hold a virtual meeting with CMs to discuss the vaccination rollout

'VACCINE VOLUNTARY, BUT ADVISABLE'

DR RANDEEP GULERIA DIRECTOR, AIIMS, NEW DELHI



Are Indian vaccines safe?

Yes, Indian vaccines have been licensed only after the regulatory bodies studied safety and efficacy data. Indian vaccines are as effective as any other approved Covid-19 vaccine in the world.

Do I need to get vaccinated?

Covid-19 vaccine is voluntary but it is advisable to receive the shot and both doses 28 days apart. Those with a history of Covid-19 must get vaccinated for better immunity. Those with co-morbid conditions must absolutely get vaccinated. Those with current Covid-19 infection should wait for 14 days post recovery to get the vaccine. While Covishield is licensed for use in people aged 18 and above, Covaxin has been tested in people aged 12 and above.

Can we take any of the two vaccines?

No. It is advisable to take two doses of the same vaccine as the vaccines are not interchangeable.

When will I get protected?

Protective antibodies will normally develop 14 days after the second dose.

Will there be any side-effects?

All vaccines can have side-effects like mild fever, body aches, pain at the site of vaccination. These get resolved in a few days. Half-an-hour rest and watch is recom-

mended post vaccination. The government has readied a block-level plan to address adverse events following immunisation.

Can I buy the vaccine from the market?

No. The vaccines are currently not available in the market and are only available through the government in a priority setting. Registration on Co-WIN platform is a must for vaccination. Photo IDs are needed for online registration. General population can register once the government announces the second phase of vaccination.

Can India handle the world's largest vaccination drive?

Yes. India already runs a well-oiled Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) to vaccinate 26 million newborns and 29 million pregnant women. The UIP experience and that of conducting elections at booth levels will be used for Covid-19 vaccine delivery.

Will Covid appropriate behaviour be required even after vaccination?

Yes, people must continue to wear masks and practise distancing as studies are still being designed to measure the impact Covid-19 vaccinated populations will have on disease transmission trends.



CO-WIN APP

- Allows electronic allocation of vaccine session sites
- Aadhar authentication to prevent malpractices
- Creation of unique health IDs for willing beneficiaries
- Sends SMS in 12 languages to registered beneficiaries about date/vaccination site
- Sends QR code-based certificate to beneficiaries who have completed both doses
- Has provision for free DigiLocker to store electronic vaccination certificate

Covid-19 Vaccine Communication Strategy prepared by the Health Ministry.

The strategy will address vaccine hesitancy and vaccine hesitancy and use WhatsApp to spawn a web of pro-jab messaging.

"WhatsApp groups — ministerial, professional and community-based involving corporate partners, schools, parent groups, resident welfare associations, self-help groups — will be used to boost vaccine confidence," says the document.

Confidence-building measures

Vaccine trial participants are also keen to aid the confidence-building effort. AIIMS-Delhi nursing officer Mansingh Jat, a trial volunteer, says many of his friends have mixed feelings of fear and hope about the shots.

"A positive communication strategy is a must. I can say from my experience that there were no side-effects of the Covaxin trials. I even believe the vaccination

should be compulsory," Jat adds, arguing with experts who are now saying that 70 per cent of the population would need to be covered to achieve the herd immunity needed to resume normal lives.

Positive experiences of trial volunteers play a huge role in this process, with the ministry planning to make many of the shot recipients ambassadors of the Indian vaccine story.

Sreejith G, a nursing officer, part of ongoing Covaxin trials at AIIMS, says the vaccine is India's only option to go back to old, normal times. "I did not feel any adverse events in the trial. People must trust science and researchers. The vaccine is our only hope for normalcy," he adds, at a time when the government admits to vaccine uptake being the top challenge to the inoculation drive that will cover 30 crore people in phase one by July. The effort is huge as it means vaccinating five crore people a month and 15 lakh a day.

VACCINE ONLY OPTION TO NORMALCY



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VACCINATION SHOULD BE COMPULSORY



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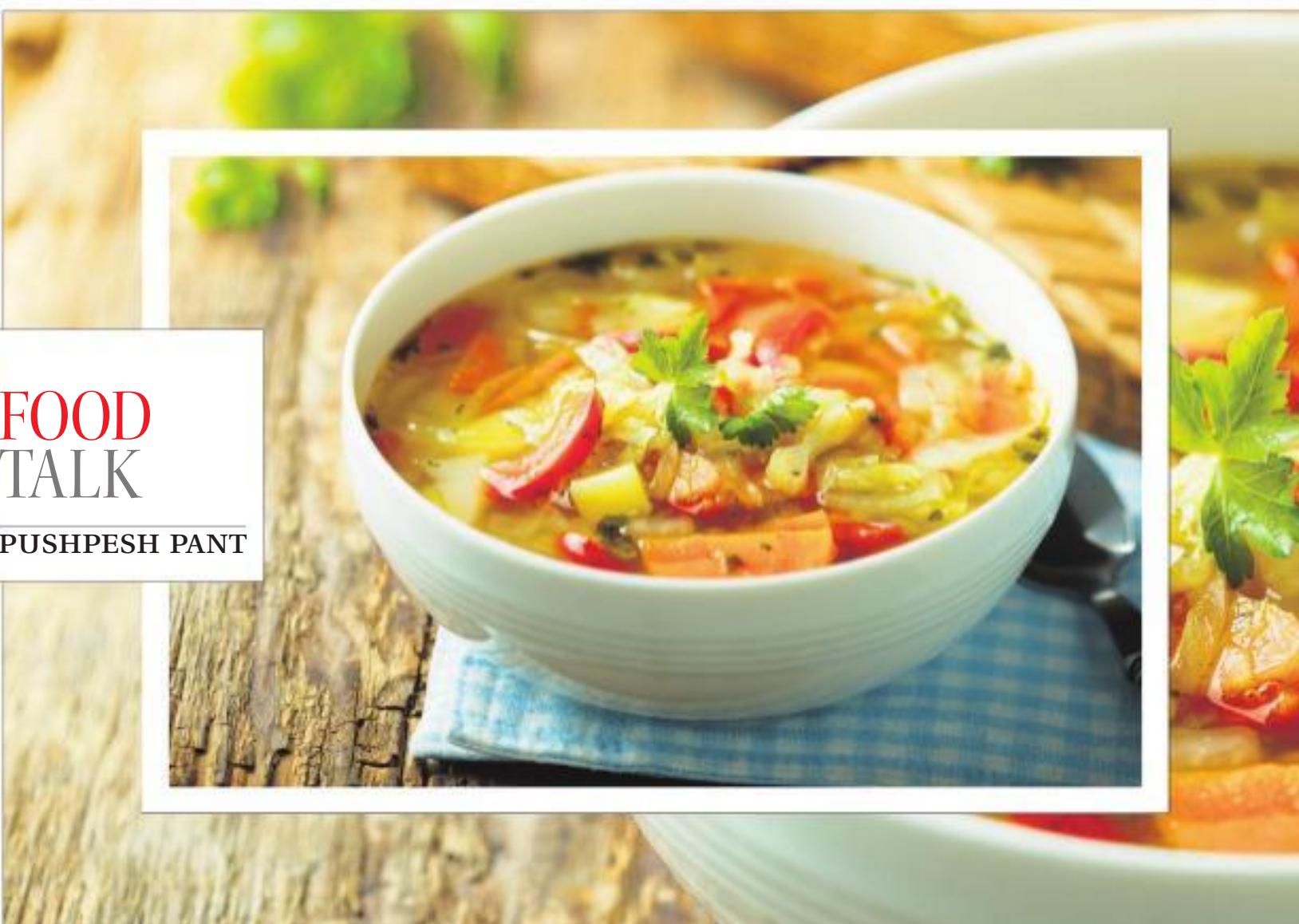
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NO SAFETY ISSUES IN PHASE-1, 2 AND ONGOING TRIALS



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DHANESH KUMAR, PARAMEDIC AND TRIAL VOLUNTEER, BHARATPUR



FOOD TALK

PUSHPESH PANT

A bowl full of pleasure

WHEN the fog around refuses to lift up and the mood turns sulky, we find comfort only in a bowl of steaming soup. Only, this one is not a run-of-the-mill soup served in restaurants imitating the first course of a Western meal. This one is a healthy wholesome broth, a substantial meal in itself.

In Hungary, they have goulash; Russia rejoices in borscht; and in the US, chowders are soul food. In Far East Japan and China, they have myriad soups to nourish the body and refresh the mind. *Gaduwa shurua* (derived from *shorba*) is an invigorating trotters broth popular in Uttarakhand. What else is *thukpa* encountered in the regions bordering Tibet, but a soupy one-dish meal?

Unfortunately, we have gotten so used to taking shortcuts that even at home we rely on soup premixes that require adding just a measured quantity of boiling water. Let us assure you that preparing a hot cuppa from scratch is as much fun as sipping the stuff. Just ensure that you include a variety of vegetables of different colour, taste and texture. The challenge is to blend them symphonically, without striking a discordant note. To add substance to the soup, you may use chunks of tofu/paneer or a small quantity of noodles. There are a lot of ways in which you can thicken the broth — stirring in corn starch or arrowroot powder. Our favourite, though, is pureed boiled potato, never more than a medium-sized one. There are those who insist that good soup can only be made with stock prepared beforehand, but don't let this stop you. Once the vegetables have been chopped, you can start enjoying the 'one-bowl meal' in little over half an hour.

ONE-POT SOUP

INGREDIENTS

Carrots 2	Potato 1 (medium sized; boiled, peeled and pureed with a little water)
French beans, a handful	Malt vinegar 1-2 tsp
Cabbage 1/2 of a small head	Sugar (optional)
Sweet corns 1/2 cup	Salt to taste
Green peas 1/2 cup (net, shelled)	Butter 50 g
Mushrooms 1/2 cup	SPICES
Tomato 1 (medium sized)	Bay leaf 1
Paneer/tofu 50g	Clove 1-2
Noodles/pasta 1/4 cup (optional)	Black peppercorns 6-8 (freshly pounded, coarsely)
Broccoli 1-2 florets, small	

METHOD

- Scrape the carrots. Wash well and cut into large dices. String the beans. Cut into small pieces. Remove the outer wilted leaves from the cabbage and shred it finely. Wipe clean the mushrooms to remove all grit and slice finely. Retain the stems and cut these into discs. Blanch the tomato, remove its skin and then chop sparsely. Cut paneer/tofu the size of sugar cubes. Boil and puree a potato separately.
- Heat half the butter in a thick-bottomed pan. As it melts, add the bay leaf and the cloves. Add the vegetables in this order: carrots, beans, peas, sweet corn, mushrooms and broccoli, keeping grated cabbage for the end. Add the chopped tomatoes and stir fry for a minute. Cover and cook on low-medium flame for about 2-3 minutes. Uncover and add 3-4 cups of boiling water and boil for 15-20 minutes. Pour in the potato puree, stir and then add the noodles/pasta, if using. Check the thickness. The soup will also thicken after it is taken off the stove. It should retain pouring consistency. Add vinegar, season with salt and sprinkle the black peppercorns. Pour into soup bowls or cups and top with a blob of butter. Enjoy, with or without soup sticks!
- This one is a pure vegetarian rendering. You may fortify the meal by stirring in a well-beaten egg.

Rapped in verse, angst of Delhi's underbelly

AMOLAK SINGH GREWAL

PRABH DEEP is discerning with words, but his music says a lot. Widely acknowledged as one of the best underground artistes in the country, the 27-year-old rapper made it big right at the beginning — with his very first album, *Class-Sikh* (2017).

Set in Tilak Nagar, which is home to him, the album painted a vivid picture of growing up in a locality reeling under high unemployment rates and the influx of drugs in the community. The first three singles — "Kal", "G Maane" and "Kal (Future)" — received widespread acclaim from the press and fans alike. Apple Music featured Prabh Deep under the banner 'New Artist Spotlight' and he went on to win the Toto Funds' The Arts Award for Music in 2018. Thereafter, as they say, there was no looking back.

Prabh was hailed as the next best thing in India's independent music industry. In the last four years, more titles have come his way. Rolling Stone christened him India's "most fearless rapper" in its cover story last year. His songs have spoken about students ending life due to pressure of exams and drug overdose ("Suno"), as has he made songs on the Kashmir lockdown ("Elaan"), with Ahmer featuring Sez on the Beat) and blamed governments in US-India for instigating violence ("KING"). He has made a mark in the entertainment industry as well, collaborating with Anurag Kashyap ("Sherni" from *Mannariyaan*) and Amazon Prime (*Paatal Lok*).

With his yet untitled new album, Prabh aims to break into a more mature audience. All this while, he has stuck to his mother tongue, Punjabi; the lyrics simple enough for a Hindi speaker to comprehend. Still, it comes as a surprise that he hasn't performed in Punjab. "It's not like I don't like Punjab, just that I've never felt a connection, especially with what's going on in entertainment in Punjab. The focus is on typical aspects that are just on the surface." Being unknown in Punjab is not something

27-year-old Punjabi rapper Prabh Deep is known for his deeply political lyrics

*Suno (Class-Sikh)*

Kann kholaan, har paason lavaan gyaan (Okay)
Chaney samme ch maa da lavaan naam (Hmm)
Kyunki jawaan jaddon gharon kalla baar (Fer)
Lage mainu burha hona ve anjaam (Kyun)
Kyunki galiyan ajeeb, uchchi rajda sangeet (Jhooth)
Ethe dil da hakeem fadaunda ve afeem (Sachh)
Ik karda ve nashe, duja karda ve rees (Kyun)

that bothers him too. "I didn't grow up there [Punjab]. We are from Peshawar."

Regarding music emanating from Punjab, Prabh says, "I know people who sold their land and made three tracks thinking they'll make it big. Now they have no money and are nowhere in the industry. It's tricky in Punjab. I am familiar with how stuff happens and it is not something I want to do." He says the structure of the industry in Punjab is not based on talent but rather the money that a label can make off a singer.

When power lines kill

A number of SC judgments have held discoms liable



BUYERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

■ Last year, my 26-year-old daughter, who was on her way home from college where she was studying in her final year of MBA, got electrocuted from a snapped power line. She was our only child and the tragedy devastated my wife. We are still unable to come to terms with it and have decided that the power distribution company should pay for its negligence. Can I file a complaint before the consumer court?

You can certainly seek compensation for the tragic death of your daughter through the consumer court. In managing director-cum-chairman AP Transco vs Mohd Noorullah Shareef (First Appeal No 235 of 2010, decided on March 7, 2018), the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission made it clear that there was no ambiguity about the jurisdiction of consumer courts in deciding such cases. Here, the victim had got electrocuted from a snapped power line near his home while returning from a mosque and the power company had raised the issue of the jurisdiction of the consumer courts. The Commission, however, held that once the deficiency of the power company was proved, it was liable to pay on the basis of strict liability.

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as ₹15,000 per month and the total compensation awarded was ₹12 lakh with 7 per cent interest calculated from the date of complaint, December 2, 2009, till realisation.

In your case, since your daughter was not employed, you need to refer to her educational qualifications and point to the fact that once she completed her MBA, she would have earned a good salary. If she had any offers of jobs — through campus recruitment, for example — you must quote that. You can also mention the salaries her classmates are earning. That would help in the computation of compensation. You can also ask for loss of your daughter's love and companionship and the loss of support that she would have been in old age.

The Supreme Court has consistently emphasised that the courts should take a reasonably compassionate view while determining compensation and value life and limb on a generous scale. So much so that when computing compensation, the courts are now valuing better the contribution of homemakers too. Recently, in Rajendra Singh vs National Insurance Company (CA No 2624 of 2020, decided on June 18, 2020), while assessing the compensation for the loss of a school-going child, the Supreme Court said: "It can safely be presumed that education would have only led to her better growth and maturity with better prospects and a bright future for which compensation needs to be granted under non-pecuniary damages."

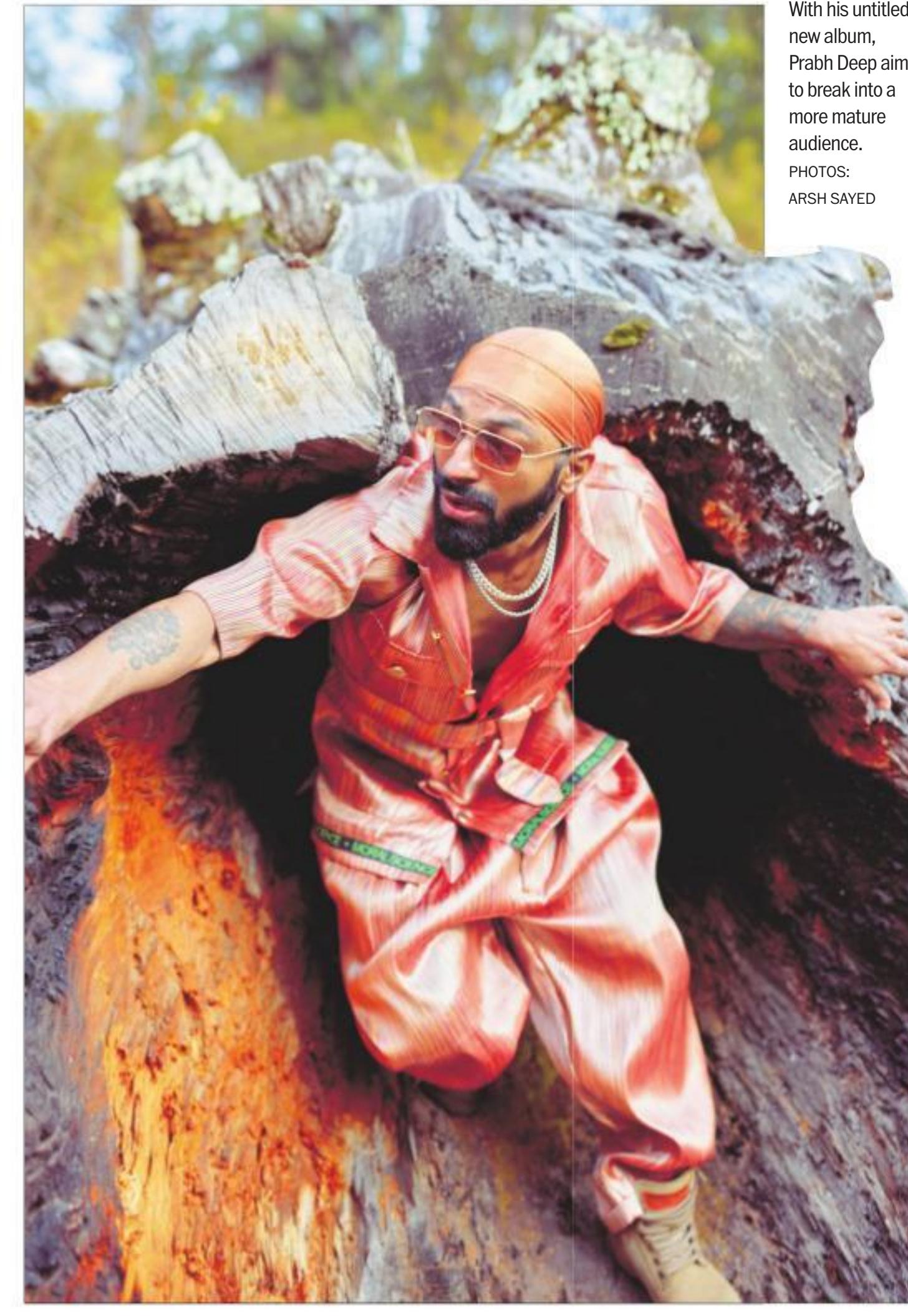
In Parmila Devi's case, the Commission took into consideration the salary of the deceased, his age and the future prospects,

besides the loss of companionship and fatherly love, and awarded a total of ₹8,18,000, which included ₹10,000 towards costs, along with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

In Shareef's case, the young man was unemployed, but had completed his BTech. So, his income was taken

into account.

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Winter's blooms

AMARJEET SINGH BATTI

OTS and hanging baskets are integral to the landscape of a garden. Potted plants extend the garden indoors, where it doesn't just offer a green relief but also mentally elevates while purifying the air. When placed outdoors, these add colour to the surroundings and brighten up dull spots. Here are some plants that are ideal for pots and hanging baskets:

Cyclamen

These demand cool weather and bloom during winter. A rich potting mixture and moderate watering help the plant flourish. Sprinkling water on the stems and leaves can cause them to rot. As the climate gets warm, the plant enters dormancy, the leaves turn yellow, flowers fade and growth stops. If maintained well by reduced irrigation, removal of dead foliage and kept at a cool and dark place, it survives for years. Before winter, bring it out of storage, start watering and leaves will gradually appear, followed by bloom.



If maintained well, cyclamen can survive for years.



Ideal for pots, primula comes in varied colours.

READYING THE BASKETS

- Line an open basket with sphagnum moss or coconut fibre cast with supporting wires or chains.
- Fill it with a mixture of coco peat, well-rotten manure or vermi compost and sand in equal ratio. Slow-releasing fertilisers, with half a kg of DAP and 'murate of potash' at the rate of 250 gm per cubic metre of basket mixture, are to be added, along with water-retaining granules and wood or coconut shaving.
- Do not hang the plants immediately; care in the nursery area till it is fully established. Regular irrigation and sprinkling water is beneficial. Pull down for maintenance and rotate the basket for uniform growth.
- Baskets give continuity to the garden and add more plants without using ground space. They look fascinating when foliage and flowers engulf the basket frame.
- Trailing varieties such as geranium, nasturtium, petunia, sweet alyssum, verbena hybrid and lantana sellowiana are ideal for baskets. You could also grow fruits like cherry tomatoes and strawberries.

Fern Boston

These embellish a basket with their shape and colour. These can be planted in soil or pots, but bloom best in a basket. Indirect sunlight and a cool moist place with high humidity, but no water logging, is the right place to grow these. Maintain with frequent misting, removal of dried fronds and light fertiliser. Recharge and resize the basket once a year in winter.

Callisia repens

Callisia is an evergreen greyish green ornamental perennial creeper which when planted in a basket trails long, making its appearance conspicuous. It tolerates full sunlight and needs rich but well-drained soil. In winter, water sparingly, only when the top layer of the soil becomes dry. Pinching promotes dense foliage and it can be multiplied through root cuttings.

Also ideal for growing in winter are *epipremnum aureum* (golden pothos), *hedera helix* (ivy), *portulacaria afra*, *tradescantia zebrina*, *ipomoea blackiana* and *syngonium podophyllum* (arrow head vines).

Chlorophytum comosum with pilea

The duo makes a beautiful combination with *chlorophytum* (spider plant) sprawling upwards and *pilea* drooping. A rich basket mixture — with high humidity and frequent misting, especially during summers — promotes growth. Harsh sun can burn the leaves so place it in a bright spot with filtered sunlight. *Chlorophytum* is a fast-growing plant and can be easily multiplied from its sprouts. The growth is retarded in winter. Protect from cold by moving it undercover.

Asparagus densiflorus

Asparagus fluffy foliage trailing downwards in a natural flow is pure elegance. Intense direct sunlight turns its leaves yellow and complete shade makes these light green. For optimum foliage richness, place at a point that receives morning-evening sunlight and indirect or filtered light in the day. Periodic trimming is desirable for good shape and form. In winter, repot and recharge with fresh potting mixture and prune the roots.

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Reflections on presidency, Cong, 2 PMs

RASHEED KIDWAI

PRANAB MUKHERJEE had a habit of saying: "There are three things—A and B." Somehow, the C part remained unspoken as if intentionally. 'The Presidential Years—2012-2017', the fourth and last edition of his memoirs, a treasure trove of political secrets, suffers from a similar weakness.

Mukherjee rightly points at the lack of charismatic leadership in his former party, the Congress, as a key factor for 2014's worst ever electoral performance. He, however, deftly glosses over his role in perpetuating the dynasty culture. Mukherjee alone was instrumental in getting rid of AICC chief Sitaram Kesri in favour of Sonia Gandhi. It was in March 1998 that Mukherjee, AICC general secretary then, invoked Clause J of Article 19 of the Congress Constitution to show the door to Kesri.

Incidentally, in 1998, when Sonia Gandhi had taken over as the AICC chief, she was not a Member of Parliament. Mukherjee piloted a crucial amendment to the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Constitution empowering her to appoint two leaders in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Clause 5 was amended to create a chairperson's post: 'The chairperson shall have the authority to name the leader of the CPP to head the government, if necessary.' In 2004, she exercised that authority to name Dr Manmohan Singh as leader of the House in Rajya Sabha and Prime Minister.

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Mukherjee was also an active participant at the Hyderabad plenary in 2006 when the Congress Working Committee 'requested' Sonia to appoint Rahul as AICC general secretary and a 'first among equals' in the party hierarchy.

However, author Mukherjee deserves full marks for writing extensively on his ties with two Prime Ministers—Dr Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi, his reflections on Parliament functioning, judiciary, foreign policy, interaction with world leaders and dealings with mercy petitions. Mukherjee may lack Barack Obama's genuine literary style, but his account is delightful, rich on facts and leaves a reader craving for more.

Mukherjee's presidential years were not 'remarkable'. The former Congressman remained a status-quoist, who unlike Shankar Dayal Sharma, KR Narayanan or APJ Abdul Kalam failed to assert himself or make any significant pronouncements. Sharma had questioned Narsimha Rao's handling of events leading to the Babri demolition. On December 6, 1992, Sharma issued one of the strongest presidential fiascos ever witnessed in Independent India. His directive to the government of the day to do all that was necessary to preserve peace and ensure the rule of law might have been an unusual step for a constitutional head of state.

Like Sharma, Narayanan too had a formidable reputation of going public in larger public interest. His Republic Day addresses were keenly heard and he made a habit of taking a dig at the government of the day. Narayanan's chides were not confined to BJP-NDA alone. In 1997, when the then

United Front government had tried to impose President's rule in Uttar Pradesh after a failed attempt to dislodge the Kalyan Singh government, Narayanan had returned the Cabinet's recommendation for proclamation of Central rule. It marked a decisive transformation of the much-abused powers of Central governments to end the rule of their political opponents in states. Kalam's sequel to his bestseller, 'Wings of Fire', gave an ample picture of his uneasy relationship with the Manmohan Singh government from May 2004 till his term as President expired in July 2007.

In contrast, Mukherjee, in his memoirs, claims he did not confront the Modi government's move to impose President's rule in Uttarakhand in March 2016 as it would not have served any purpose except to make some headlines. Mukherjee says he had advised Arun Jaitley and Nripendra Misra, principal secretary to Prime Minister Modi, to wait for 36 hours before taking a decision. But it was disregarded. For an astute politician like Mukherjee, this line of defence sounds a bit implausible.

Mukherjee had nursed a desire to be Prime Minister, perhaps deservedly so. This aspiration did not die even after completing five years in the magnificent Rashtrapati Bhavan. In 2019, Mukherjee was no longer President but he was expecting a coalition, "which could be either a pre- or post-poll alliance". Always measured with words, Mukherjee's observation is not without significance. There are no ifs and buts in history. Would Mukherjee have considered leading a coalition of non-NDA parties? He offers no clue.

The Mukherjee years saw the President

spending time to set up a museum where old treasures, such as a portrait of Lord Irwin, walking stick of VV Giri and other items were dusted, restored and granted a proud audience in a garage-turned-museum inside Rashtrapati Bhavan.

As President, Mukherjee rejected a record 30 mercy petitions involving 40 convicts. His predecessor Pratibha Patil had granted clemency to 34. Mukherjee says he had a simple view on it. If the government favours a mercy petition being accepted, the President does so and vice versa. Mukherjee avoids going into a debate whether he should have viewed these cases as an act of grace or correcting any possible judicial errors.

On a positive note, Mukherjee's memoirs offer riveting first-person accounts and explain the important decisions that were taken. But on the flip side, his silence on the growing cult of intolerance, majoritarianism, mob lynching, cow vigilantism, sordid toppling of state governments, reckless utterances of some Governors is disturbing. After all, he remained a politician in the Nehruvian mould who, for the most part of his life, served as a real priest of democracy and custodian of the Indian Constitution.

President Pranab Mukherjee remained status-quoist, who didn't assert himself or make significant pronouncements. PTI



Lament for broken dreams'

PARBINA RASHID

ELEGY FOR THE EAST comes with a statutory warning: this novel is a work of fiction; the characters bear no resemblance to any person dead or alive. Yet, anyone who has lived in Assam or followed its recent history of turbulence will be able to relate to the characters—the young boy Prabhat who loses his mental balance after being interrogated under TADA for suspected links with extremists; the young widow Sombori who gets raped by Army men; the mentally challenged Babula who is killed in an encounter and presented to the media as a dreaded terrorist; or Rondip, the son who can never return home.

Though a fictional account, this story brings forth the conflict between an overbearing State and a generation of youth that dreamt of a beautiful yet impossible dream.

Viewed through the eyes of a young Delhi-bred Assamese journalist Partha, who comes back to his home state to cover insurgency, events unfold as he, in his enthusiasm to do meaningful stories, jumps from one assignment to another—accompanying the Army on their raids, visiting the extremists' camps to know their side of the story and sometimes just helping out the innocent victims caught between the two powers, which are simply beyond their control.

A sympathiser of the cause of the extremist outfit, thought not a secessionist, more often than not Partha gets emotionally involved with the people he deals with, revealing the humane side of each situation in the process.

As Partha delves deep, unearthing Che Guevara's influence on the rebels, revealing the dark secrets inside interrogation cells to the fierce encounters that take place between the two sides, one feels the sadness, the anger the hopelessness the characters go through. A brief romantic affair which ends in a painful separation, and yet another which leads to a marriage add the much-needed tender touch.

The nuanced narration comes as no surprise as Borah is a powerful voice in Assamese literature with a mature perspective on the conflict, as seen in his debut English novel 'The Sleepwalker's Dream'. After all, Borah lived through the days of the anti-foreigner mass movement that began in 1978, which later gave rise to the armed struggle by its offshoot ULFA and finally, the broken revolutionaries giving up arms to avail the facilities provided by the State.

Translated into English by Borah himself from his original Assamese novel 'Kalantar Gadya', this elegy is indeed a lament for all those 'broken dreams'.

Insider's take on Vajpayee years

ASHOK TANDON

THE release of 'Vajpayee: The Years that Changed India', written by my former colleague in Atalji's PMO, on the occasion of the statesman's 96th birth anniversary was a befitting tribute. It will be an understatement to introduce the author, Shakti Sinha, as a close associate of the former Prime Minister. He was a family member of the Vajpayee establishment in his own right. The IAS officer's uncompromising personal loyalty is quite discernible in his brilliant description of the historic events of the 13-day and later 13-month NDA governments.

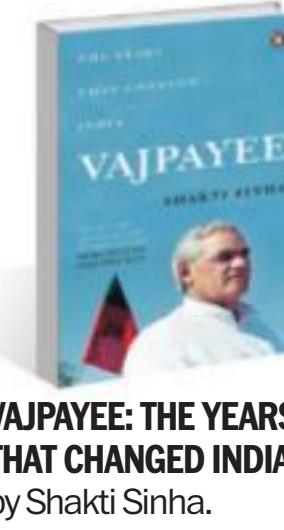
The lucid anecdotes of some of the hitherto less-known behind-the-scene developments make for interesting reading. The book offers significant reference material for contemporary as well as future students of Indian politics.

Vividly summed up in the first-hand account by an insider are the dramatic political turnarounds and at times tense moments leading to the formation and collapse of the NDA governments in 1996 and again in 1998; the functioning of the Vajpayee PMO; tantrums of the coalition partners, especially the triumvirate of Maya, Mamata and Jaya; and the unfolding of Pokhran-II nuclear tests and its impact on the Indian economy and New Delhi's relations with world powers. Then there's the Lahore bus peace initiative and Pakistan's Kargil misadventure. Pages 368.

Shakti was Vajpayee's personal secretary when he was Leader of



The author elucidates the challenges Vajpayee faced in achieving political glory. PTI



the Opposition and joined as private secretary to the PM in 1996 and again in 1998. He got a posting with the World Bank in Washington when the NDA under Vajpayee returned to power after the Kargil victory in 1999.

Within the constraints of his absence from the scene during the entire third innings of Vajpayee from 1999 to 2004, Shakti has done a thorough, well-researched and honest job in highlighting the multi-faceted per-

sona of one of the most charismatic politicians of his time in the subcontinent.

The book might disappoint those expecting Shakti to have gone for expediency to make it a bestseller. It is devoid of rumours and gossip and internal party intrigues of the Vajpayee-Advani era.

Shakti's carefully crafted balancing act, avoiding controversial incidents and the civil services rules of maintaining confidentiality, and yet elucidating with specific relevant references the challenges Vajpayee faced in achieving the pinnacle of political glory, is a remarkable piece of writing.

The author intentionally focuses only on Vajpayee and his achievements to give the readers an insight into Atalji's multidimensional personality as an orator, poet, writer, philosopher, thinker, political strategist, parliamentarian, administrator, policy-maker, decision-taker and statesman with a global vision.

On a personal note, my association with Shakti began in the post-13-day NDA government when Vajpayee as ex-PM had moved to 7 Safdarjung Road where he single-handedly managed the affairs of Leader of the Opposition. During the 1998 election campaign till the formation of the 13-month government, I, as part of the BJP media cell team, can't but completely endorse what Shakti has shared with his readers.

I joined the PMO within days of Vajpayee commencing his second innings in May 1998 and remained part of his team till he demitted office after the 2004 polls.

Shakti Sinha has refused to peep into the third innings of the Vajpayee regime from 2000 till 2004 and beyond. The accurate treatise on Vajpayee still makes it a glorious story.

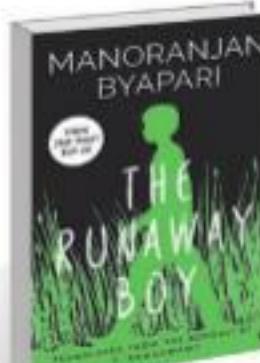
Touch of reality, felt and lived

IN a career spanning nearly 40 years, Manoranjan Byapari has written nearly a dozen novels and more than 70 short stories. 'Nothing much,' many could claim. However, if these works, most of them autobiographical, form the genesis of Bengali Dalit writing, it is a big deal.

A Dalit boy growing up in post-Partition refugee camps, a Naxalite rebel who taught himself to read and write in jail, a rickshaw-puller who became an author after a chance meeting with writer Mahasweta Devi, Byapari, like his protagonists, has perennially subsisted at the margins. Even numerous awards and recent appointment as chairman of a newly constituted Dalit Sahitya Akademi in Bengal have not been life-changing enough for Byapari, who worked as a cook till recently.

He doesn't need to imagine his characters. "I am one of them, so I write about them." The protagonist of 'The Runaway Boy', Jibon has many similarities with Byapari's own life. Jibon arrives at a refugee camp in West Bengal as an infant with his Dalit parents. He grows up perpetually hungry for hot rice in the camp, much like Byapari who recalls his own days: "We would get worm-riddled rice once every fortnight in the camps."

When he's 13, Jibon runs away to Calcutta to find work and bring back food for his starving siblings and clothes for his mother, whose only sari is in tatters. Set in mid-20th century India, the novel, first of the 'Chandali Jibon' trilogy, is a heart-wrenching account of a reality that India is still grappling with in the 21st century—hunger, caste violence and communal hatred. —TNS



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Securing India's interests in US-China tech war

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POLICY Perspectives Foundation, a think-tank based in Delhi, recently published a monograph titled 'Engaging China: Indian Interests in the Information Age'. The author is Pavithran Rajan, a retired Army officer who had served in the Intelligence Corps. After retirement, he has taken a keen and active interest in cyber and information warfare.

The monograph comes at a time when India is grappling with a growing challenge from China. While our attention is mostly focused on the border, the quest for economic and global power is mainly playing out in the domain of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Pavithran writes, "Domination of ICTs and related technologies is increasingly determining where power lies, as technological capability and economic prowess are now inextricably linked to the control of data."

Today, we see a US-China technology war, at the heart of which is the rollout of fifth-generation networks. India's choices are clear; we can either accept the US or China's growing financial and military muscle, it has adopted a strategy to push the US military away from its coasts and airspace by adopting the anti-access, area-denial strate-



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The monograph is a tightly written piece that is divided into three chapters. The first provides a historical perspective of India-China relations. Till the time the western powers occupied India, relations between China and India were marked by "spiritual and material linkages". The separation of the two countries by the Himalayan range and the Tibetan plateau ensured an absence of conflict. It was the British strategy of securing the northern borders and the manner in which the McMahon Line was drawn up in 1914 that sowed the seeds of discord in Sino-Indian relations.

Chapter 2 looks at the current geopolitical climate with specific reference to China's rise. The global security architecture was created in the aftermath of the two World Wars and was primarily US-led. With China's growing financial and military muscle, it has adopted a strategy to push the US military away from its coasts and airspace by adopting the anti-access, area-denial strate-

gy based on a network of sophisticated surveillance and long-range missiles to threaten US ships and air bases.

The monograph points out that China has embarked on an ambitious Digital Silk Road that has four interrelated components—investments in ICT infrastructure abroad, developing advanced technologies that will underpin economic and military power, e-commerce through digital free trade zones, and influencing the global digital environment through a combination of digital diplomacy and multilateral structures. The Chinese strategy is aided by its central planning and the shielding of domestic firms from foreign competition.

Today, India is being actively wooed by the western powers as a counterpoint to China and appears ready to forge a stronger partnership with the US. However, as Pavithran points out, India is still underprepared to deal with the challenges on the geo-economic front. This is reflected in the current economic weaknesses in the country. As we look into the future, the choices that India makes in the US-China tech war will have a significant impact on our technological sovereignty.

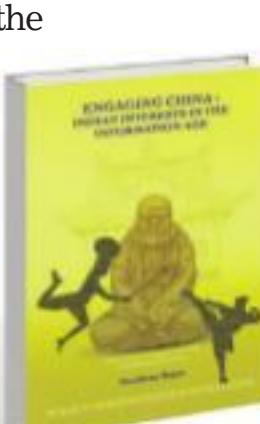
Chapter 3 is the strongest part that looks at the realities of the Indian ICT industry. The dependence on foreign hardware and software makes India extremely vulnerable to

surveillance and cyberattacks. China's domination of the Indian market gives it the potential to carry out surveillance over 70 per cent of smartphone users.

Pavithran outlines the hurdles faced by indigenous companies and recommends setting up of an India Tech Fund (ITF) and the Indian Association of Indigenous Companies (IAIC). The ITF is a government-sponsored venture capital fund with the IAIC as a non-profit company that professionally manages the fund to promote indigenous companies.

The existing problems with the R&D structure in India are brought out with refreshing frankness. Pavithran writes, "The problem is as much structural as it is financial. The scientific establishment gets hobbled by a bureaucratic framework that values administrative power over scientific achievement... such a system hamstrings the entire R&D edifice of the nation."

We must study geopolitics and national interests with cold logic and complete honesty, and these are areas where the monograph scores. It pulls no punches in analysing the weaknesses in our policy approach and offers an excellent starting point for a comprehensive debate.



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Needed, a strong Opposition



THE INWARD EYE

GURUCHARAN JAGAT

Today we have no national political or social organisation to stand up to the forces that are pushing us in a direction which perhaps was not visualised by our forefathers. There is an urgent need to spell out an alternative ideology. The farmers have shown us the way by their single-minded focus on their objectives, their mobilisation, their discipline and non-violence

SEVEN decades are but a blip in the history of a people and the nation they strive to build, but can change the direction of the 'march'— a march which began with the clarion call of 'we have a tryst with destiny...' in 1947 at the Red Fort. What we have witnessed in the last decade appears to be a complete change in the approach to the political, economic, social and parliamentary system in the country. The change appears to have happened so fast that it is almost unbelievable. However, has it been so fast? Or have we been sleeping while the seeds of corruption, nepotism and greed for power, sown in the 1970s and 1980s, have finally caught up with us and allowed a very determined political, social organisation to unilaterally present to the country a new polarising ideology.

Today, we have no national political or social organisation to stand up to the forces that are pushing us in a direction which perhaps was not visualised by our forefathers. In any healthy democracy, the alternative viewpoint needs to be brought out, debated in Parliament, in the media and on the street, if need be. It is only through open debate that the 'golden mean' can be aspired to and that standard is worth aspiring to by any society which respects the diversity of human thought and existence, and seeks to find harmony in the middle ground. Let us rewind to 1947 when, and for a couple of decades thereafter, the Indian National Congress was the only major political party in the country as it was the child of the freedom movement. The giants of the freedom movement became the torchbearers of the INC; there was a galaxy of them at the Centre — Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Maulana Azad, Vallabhbhai Patel, C Rajagopalachari, YB Chavan, to name a few. The Chief Ministers of the states were almost of the same stature — GB Pant, Dr BC

With the arrival of Indira Gandhi, things began to change. She again was a popular and charismatic figure but with some innate sense of insecurity. Within the Cabinet, there was a 'kitchen cabinet' whose membership was frequently changed. At the first opportunity she split the INC and demolished the 'Syndicate' and

Roy, K Kamaraj, N Sanjeeva Reddy, Biju Patnaik and so on. The Chief Ministers had no problem in addressing the Prime Minister as 'Jawahar' in their correspondence. The INC had strong party presidents at the national and state level and they were given sufficient latitude. The Prime Minister, the Cabinet ministers, the CMs, the PCC presidents worked together and there was no sense of insecurity.

Although there was no significant Opposition party and Nehru was an extremely popular and charismatic leader who could have usurped more powers than the Constitution mandated, yet he was quintessentially a democratic parliamentarian. He took the country, the Cabinet, the Chief Ministers and the people into confidence on all important matters. He felt no need to foist 'his men' as CMs or PCC chiefs. Similarly, as the Opposition parties began to grow, he did not do anything to impede their progress, except through parliamentary debate and public discourse. The media and judiciary were given their own space to function independently. It was as a result of this democratic ethos, impassioned and uncorrupted leadership that a recently independent nation began to find its feet in the modern world. The very formation of the republic (absorption of the princely states), the emphasis on education and the establishment of AIIMS, IITs, IIMs, the focus on and creation of our Atomic Energy Department, the adoption of our Constitution, the Five Year Plans — one can go on and on. A lot was achieved by Nehru and his team.

The Congress, despite its long stay in power, failed to strengthen the party; in fact, it did not even attempt to do so and as a result became totally dependent on the Gandhis for electoral purposes. On the other hand, the BJP-RSS developed an election machine which had a cadre, ideology and good leadership. With the arrival of Modi, a charismatic leader and an exceptional orator, this machine delivered stunning victories in 2014 and 2019 at the Centre and in the states at various times.

Coming to the present scenario, it is not disturbing that 'a' political party is in power; what is a matter of concern is that the country lacks a strong Opposition party as many misadventures have taken place in its absence. There is an urgent need to spell out an alternative ideology; there are a lot of Indians — silent Indians — who want to hear something different, who do not want to be told what to eat or drink or whom to love or how to dress, which religion to adopt, what to do with our land and assets. We don't want to be locked up for voicing opinions and dissent should not be labelled as sedition. In short, we want to live as free men and women, to live in peace and not be terrorised. The need of the hour is a strong and vigilant Opposition because a vibrant democracy needs one. In a democracy, debate should not be guided by charismatic leaders and hyperventilating mediapersons pulling emotional strings, but rather by Members of Parliament focusing on health, jobs, education, welfare, environment and security.

The only way the Opposition can come up is by visualising and laying out their own vision of the future. Whatever ideology they adopt, the struggle would be hard, requiring movements through inspiring people. Only philosophers can operate from their studies, political leaders have to be on the streets. The farmers have shown us the way by their single-minded focus on their objectives, their mobilisation, their discipline and non-violence. They have achieved all this without political leadership and with the help of the elements which have always guided them. Even in this non-violent struggle, many have died, but in the words of Mirza Azeem: 'Girte hain shah-sawar hi maidan-e-jung mein. Woh tifil kya gire jo ghutnon ke bal chale.'

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TOUCHSTONES

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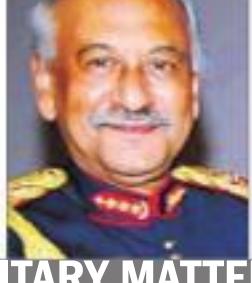
poor have no access to public support systems and so many people have lost their jobs that the city, he says, feels like it has been wrecked by an earthquake or a flood.

Similar stories are pouring in from friends in the UK and Europe. Countries that were tut-tutting at developing countries and wondering how they would cope should take back all that 'concern' and try and fix their own broken systems. And mark my words, despite all the questions raised over the vaccines being developed in our country and whether everyone will get vaccinated or not, I have full faith that we will rise to the occasion. Our government may be wrapped in red tape, our systems in desperate need of upgradation, but when pushed to the wall, we have always done what needed to be done. Here, I must place on record deep appreciation of our medical staff and those hundreds of social workers and NGOs that have helped the poor and needy. Cynics say that we have low rates of testing and that is why the real picture is not available. But can't we believe the evidence of our own eyes when our hospitals seem to be able to handle patients without any panic and when every neighbourhood has joined hands to help those afflicted? In my own complex, we are immediately alerted when a coronavirus case is detected and a well-practised protocol swings into action. Food and provisions are taken care of and the flat regularly sanitised. Today, we can proudly say that India is probably the safest country to be living in.

A few days before Washington's day of shame, the outgoing US Ambassador held a press conference where he loftily pointed out that human rights and people's sentiments must be respected. I wonder what he has to say about the civic behaviour of his own countrymen. More importantly, what can one say of a country whose outgoing President may be impeached by his own Senate and where a major debate will decide whether he can be forced to leave before January 20, the day the new President will take the oath of office. A popular joke doing the rounds on social media says that Mexico has promised to build a wall separating them from the US and that Canada is also considering doing so.

There is sweet revenge somewhere for Americans being banned from entering other countries because they bring disease with them. I feel like singing that popular Mehmood song, 'Hum kare hain to kya hua dilwale hain...'. So, as we step into 2021, join me in saying: 'East or West, home is best!'

In honour of American 'Hump' aviators



MILITARY MATTERS

LT GEN SR GHOSH (RETD)

In 1942, China was under pressure from Japanese & Americans were to supply aid from India. The only option was to fly a treacherous route over Himalayan uplift

SOON after the January 2003 surprise visit to the Indian embassy in Washington DC by three US Presidents and Laura Bush to sign the tsunami condolence book, I received a buzz from the receptionist that some Americans had arrived at the lobby in connection with the tsunami and that they wanted to meet me. The receptionist said they were insistent on only meeting the Military Attaché, and no one else. A little annoyed but intrigued too, I walked down from my third floor office to meet the visitors. Two elderly gentlemen got up to shake hands, supporting themselves on their sticks. And what followed were some remarkable stories from the past.

April 1942, America had just entered World War II. China was under tremendous pressure from the invading Japanese forces. Chiang Kai-shek's military critically needed supplies but there were no

viable land or sea supply routes. Burma was also occupied by the Japanese and Allied Forces were hard-pressed to stop this war machine. Aid for the Chinese military would have to go by air from India and it was the Americans who would have to do that. With the threat of interception by Japanese fighter aircraft, there was no other option but to fly a treacherous route over the eastern Himalayan uplift, nicknamed the 'Hump' by the American pilots of the Flying Tigers and the Tenth Air Force. This was the China-Burma-India Theatre, also called the "Forgotten Theatre".

And these two gentlemen, then dashing 25-year-old pilots, became part of this gallant band of brothers who volunteered and flew and saw many comrades never come back.

Flying over the 'Hump' through such inhospitable terrain and climate was extremely dangerous,

compounded by acute shortages of trained personnel and support equipment. A large number of overloaded planes crashed on take-off. Exhausted pilots often flew as many as three roundtrips every day. The 'Hump' route became known as the "Aluminum Trail" from the number of aircraft that crashed en route. More than 1,000 men and 600 planes were lost during these missions.

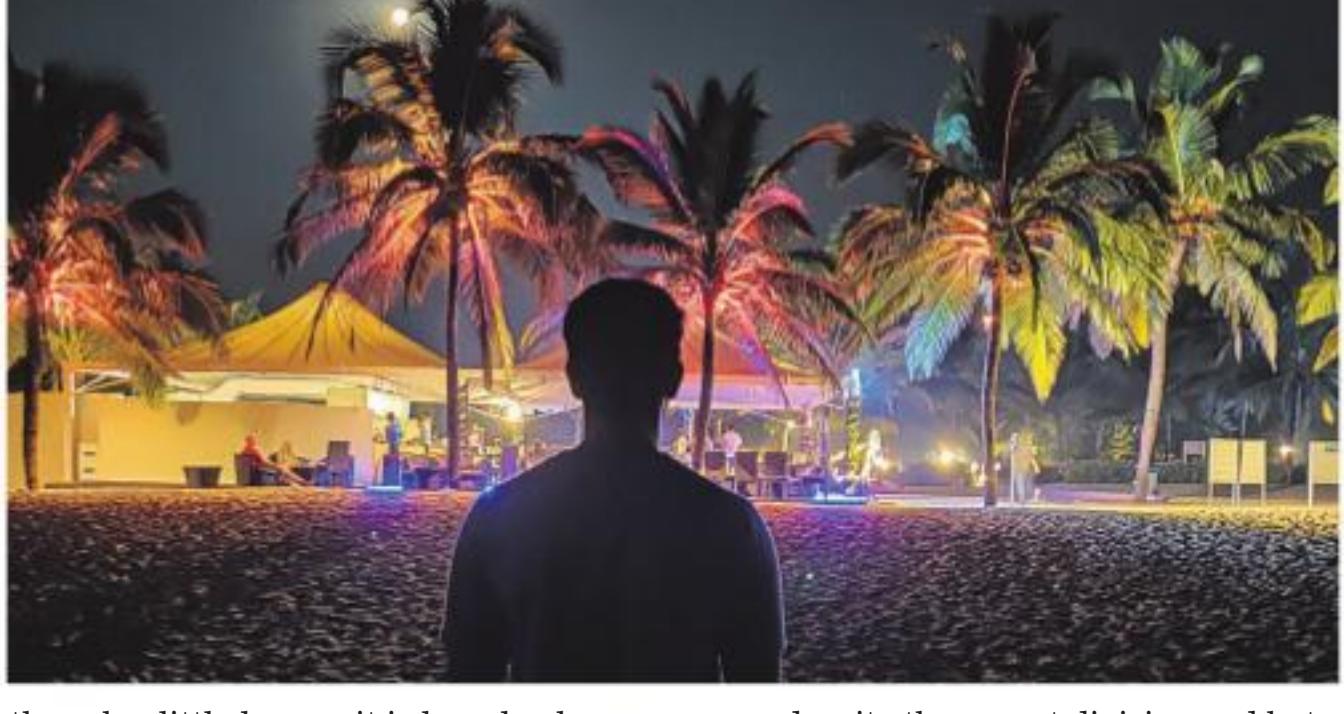
I listened in fascinated silence as the two recounted their stories about their daredevil missions, of being attacked by Japanese planes, about India and short leaves at Calcutta and the warmth of the Indian people. So strong were their memories that on return to America, the surviving veterans formed a China-Burma-India Veterans Association to meet every year in various parts of the US and reminisce about their days in India, flying the 'Hump' and to honour their dead comrades.

With sorrow in their voice, they told me that 2003 would probably be the last time that the Association would meet as those few still alive, now in their late eighties, did not have the health or energy to continue any longer.

As they got up to go, with trembling hands, they took out a cheque for \$1,500 — "General, this is all that we have. India has suffered due to the tsunami. We love your country and we want you to send this back for the people of India as a token of our love."

Emotion overcame me as instead of the wrinkled, weather-beaten faces of these two veterans, I suddenly saw the smiling faces of two young boys in leather jackets, flying helmets and goggles, giving a thumbs-up before climbing into their flying machines. It saddened me immensely. The last of the 'Hump' aviators would soon be gone forever.

The Goa sojourn and the New Year twists and turns



STOCK

IHAVE done what many of those living in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, even Chandigarh and Kasauli, have done — escape to Goa. Earlier in the year, I managed to take the last flight from Delhi to Mumbai on March 22, the day the 'Janata Curfew' was announced, followed almost immediately by a complete lockdown in the entire country. I was lucky. Nobody then had imagined how long and serious the pandemic would become, and the many ramifications it would have. To be cooped up in one place, and that, too, mostly in my Mumbai flat, was very trying for a constant traveller and socialiser like myself. When my local club opened its tennis courts — first only for singles play and then doubles as well — it was a huge relief.

The decision to come to Goa was another big step, as any kind of travel has its hazards nowadays. But driving down from Mumbai, a distance of a little over 600 km, seemed to be safer than coming by air, train or bus. Besides, having your own car while in Goa is more convenient, given the exorbitant rates charged by Goan taxis. Earlier, there used to be only one driving route to Goa from Mumbai, a picturesque one along the coast, winding through the ghats, via Chiplun and Sawantwadi. But it is now being widened to take the load off the increasing traffic, hence work is ongoing there. The other, more recent, route is via Pune, and

though a little longer, it is largely along a four-lane highway until Belgaum in Karnataka, after which it deteriorates when it enters a wildlife sanctuary, and then a ghat separating Karnataka from Goa.

During the Xmas and New Year season, Goa is at its festive best. Many of the houses are festooned with twinkling colourful lights and stars. Santa Clauses and enchanting Nativity scenes dot street corners and open spaces. The many churches ring out Christmas carols. It is a time for rejoicing for all communities, not only for the Catholics but Hindus as well. It is when Goa celebrates its inclusive character and communal harmony, happily intact till

now, despite the recent divisive and hate-filled voices of the BJP hardliners. To his credit, the BJP Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant, has kept them at bay.

Beef is the favourite meat of the Catholics and Muslims, as it is for most of the foreign tourists. With adjoining Maharashtra having passed a law against cow slaughter, Goa has been entirely dependent on Karnataka, the only other state with which it shares a boundary, for its supply of beef. But with Karnataka also just bringing in the same law, Goa was in a fix. It could not deprive some 35 per cent of its population — 30 per cent Catholic and 5 per cent Muslim — of their favoured food.

There is so much talk these days of measures taken in "the national interest". Is it in our country's interest to decrease the flow of tourists to Goa, and indeed, to India as well? There has been an accompanying precipitous fall in beef exports, particularly to the Gulf nations. And let us not forget the entailing blow to the once-thriving tanning and leather industry, which is dependent on quality hide as a raw material. Have our political leaders taken all this into consideration? Or is it only vote banks that count?

Goa is a favoured destination for other reasons as well. It has excellent social parameters. After Kerala, it has the highest literacy rate and the best sanitation and healthcare. If you fall sick in Goa, medical assistance is easily and quickly available. There are state-of-the-art hospitals in the main towns. The only major parameter sorely missing is good Internet connectivity.

But there is trouble even in paradise. In Goa, it has come in the form of venal and short-sighted politicians. The days after the 1961 'liberation' from Portuguese rule, when there were honest and motivated leaders, are long gone. There are, needless to say, corrupt politicians all over the country. But because Goa is such a tiny state with a population of only 1.4 million, corruption tends to get magnified. A prominent political family, one of whose members even became a Chief Minister, were

notorious smugglers; another minister would openly ask for a percentage when giving permission for real estate projects; yet another was into illegal mining (Goa is rich in iron ore, coal and manganese). The names of these politicians were exposed in the local papers, but they brazened it out.

As the festive season approached, Goa witnessed a sight that would have been welcome in pre-pandemic times: a huge and unexpected influx of visitors from outside. It was almost as if many Indians had got so fed up of the lockdown restrictions that they needed to go where they could enjoy themselves unfettered by stringent rules. Air fares to Goa more than doubled, hotels were full, restaurants packed. One popular Italian restaurant, 'Good Fellas' at Benaulim in the south, got so much business that they had to turn away customers. Maharashtra had declared a curfew from 11 pm onwards, but Goa, perhaps unwisely, decided not to impose any. Goa partied as if there was no tomorrow. The beaches were thronging with revellers, ignoring social distancing, and even masks. Many had driven down from across the border from Maharashtra and Karnataka for the celebrations they were deprived of in their states. Deplorable, yes, but can you blame them for wanting to let off steam after almost a year of virtual captivity?

The writer is a veteran journalist

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BRIEFLY



SPAIN BLIZZARD: Frozen laundry hangs outside an apartment after snowfall in Madrid on Saturday.

Eminent institutions can now set up campuses abroad

New Delhi: Indian universities and colleges with the Institutions of Eminence (IOEs) tag, which include several IITs, will now be able to set up campuses in foreign countries with the University Grants Commission (UGC) issuing fresh guidelines on the same. PTI

US-Indian Sabrina Singh named Harris' Dy Press Secy

Washington: Indian-American Sabrina Singh will serve as Deputy Press Secretary to the Vice-President in the White House, according to an announcement made by the Biden-Harris transition. Singh was Press Secretary to Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on the Biden-Harris campaign. PTI



Promote 'Make in India', PM appeals to diaspora

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked the Indian diaspora to promote "Make in India", beginning with tea, textiles and therapy.

Appreciating the contributions made by the diaspora to the PM Cares Fund, he appreciated their investments and repatriation of money to India.

"When your colleagues, your friends see you using 'Make in India' products, won't that make you feel proud?" he asked, while speaking at the inauguration of the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention, being celebrated virtually this time.

PM Modi says the Indian diaspora has not just helped their country of origin, but other nations as well.

The Prime Minister said India was ready with two made-in-India vaccines and said the world is not only waiting for them, but also watching as to how the country runs the world's biggest vaccination programme.

"Being the pharmacy of the world, India has supplied

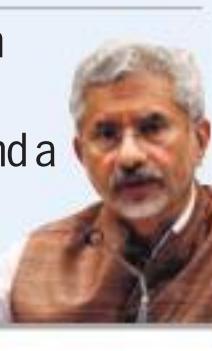
DIASPORA IS INDIA'S FACE ABROAD: PRESIDENT

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said the Indian diaspora is the country's face to the world and champions its cause on the global stage. "The diaspora has always come to India's aid, whether it is for advocacy regarding international issues of concern to India, or contributing to the Indian economy by way of investments," he said, addressing the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention.



'INDIA A TRUSTED PARTNER, RELIABLE SUPPLIER'

India with greater capacities can be an additional engine of growth for the global economy. It will also be a trusted partner and a reliable supplier in line with international norms. S Jaishankar, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER



important medicines to all those in need in the world," he added.

The Prime Minister appreciated the leading role by India in the fight for independence and against colonialism. All along, he said India had proved the doubters wrong. However, Chief Guest at PBD and Suriname President Chan Santokhi opted to use the word "Hindustan" and said Suriname-Hindustanis have established themselves in

other countries.

Santokhi appreciated PM Modi's congratulatory message last July when he became the second person of Indian-origin to become the Suriname President.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar once again sought to remove misconceptions about the Atmanirbhar Bharat policy and the "Make in India" slogan. Both were essentially aimed at creating national capacities, he clarified.

Cabinet panel to take call on upgraded Tejas

AJAY BANERJEE
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The jet will have some 43 improvements over the initial version

of the aircraft (Tejas). The decision of the DAC will need to be ratified by the CCS, which is headed by PM Narendra Modi. The CCS is expected to take up the mat-

ter next week, sources said. The jet will have some 43 improvements over the initial version and two of limited series production jets are conducting trials. Among the other improvements, the major improvements are to enhance operational capability.

These include easier maintenance, active electronically scanned array radar, electronic warfare suite and beyond-visual range missile capabilities, that will include the Indian made air-to-air missile Astra Mark 1. It will also have the ability to carry mis-

siles for long range.

The move, once okayed, will take the number of Tejas jets on order to 123 jets—in three variants, all powered by a general electric engine. So far 20 have been made in what is called the initial operational clearance version. Another 20 are being made in what is called the final operational clearance version.

The remaining 83 will be called the Tejas Mark 1A.

The Aeronautical Development Agency under the DRDO has designed the plane while Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is the manufacturer.

Nadda launches campaign to woo farmers in West Bengal

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and government's commitment towards the growth and prosperity of farmers. Nadda attacked CM Mamata Banerjee

for "blocking" Central schemes meant for farmers, accusations that were countered by TMC leaders point by point.

All-women team to man San Francisco-B'luru flight

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9 An all-women cockpit crew will fly into Indian aviation history on Saturday when it operates the inaugural San Francisco-Bengaluru flight, going over the North Pole and taking the Atlantic route to reach the Karnataka capital at the other end of the world.

In a statement, the national carrier said, "This will be the longest commercial flight in the world to be operated by Air India or any other airline in India. The total flight time on this route will be of more than 17 hours depending on the wind speed on that day."

The direct distance between the two cities at



opposite ends of the world is 13,993 km with a time zone change of around 13.5 hours, a senior Air India official said.

Later in one of his Twitter

FLYING HIGH 17 HOURS TOTAL FLIGHT TIME ON THE ROUTE 12 CABIN CREW 13,993 KM DIRECT DISTANCE BETWEEN 2 CITIES

cockpit crew consisting of Capt Zoya Aggarwal, Capt Papagari Thanmai, Capt Akansha Sonaware & Capt Shivani Manhas will operate the historic inaugural flight between Bengaluru & San Francisco." Flight AI176 will depart from San Francisco in the USA at 8.30 pm (local time) on Saturday and land at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru at 3.45 am (local time) on Monday.

"Capt Aggarwal is an accomplished pilot with a flying experience of more than 8,000 hours," Air India said.

The flight will operate with a Boeing 777-200LR aircraft VT ALG with a seating capacity of 238 seats.—TNS

Oldest living Olympic champion turns 100

BUDAPEST: For Agnes Keleti, the oldest living Olympic champion, the fondest memory of her remarkable 100 years is simply that she has lived through it all. The Holocaust survivor and winner of 10 Olympic medals in gymnastics, including five golds, celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday in her native Budapest, punctuating a life of achievement, adventure and perseverance. AP

Oz in control after India collapse

Jadeja fractures thumb, to miss next Test

SYDNEY, JANUARY 9

The Indian cricket team, in a day of terrible events for them, fell in deep trouble on the third day of the third Test against Australia — bowled out for 244 to concede a 94-run lead, India also suffered a serious injury setback as Ravindra Jadeja broke his left hand thumb after being hit by the ball while batting.

Australia tightened the noose on the Indians by extending their overall lead to 197, Marnus Labuschagne (47 not out) and Steve Smith (29 not out) taking the score to 103/2 in their second innings.

When India batted, the Australians managed to create opportunities almost out of nowhere, running three of the visiting batsmen out, and Cheteshwar Pujara, joint top-scorer with 50, got a ball that was just too good to escape.

Pujara's slowest Test half-century, a painstaking 50 off 176 balls, had helped India to 195/4, but then India lost five wickets for 21 runs to be in dire straits at 216/9. A few lusty blows by Jadeja took the total to 244 and Australia's lead to below 100, but the writing is on the wall — it would take a superhuman effort by the Indians to bat out time in their second innings to save the game. That seems very unlikely on a wicket with variable bounce.

Pat Cummins (4/29 in 21.4 overs) was brilliant on an unresponsive track with some effective short-pitched bowling, getting good support from Josh Hazlewood (2/43) and Mitchell Starc (1/61), having set up a leg-side trap.



Rishabh Pant (R) receives treatment after being hit on the arm while batting in the third Test between India and Australia on Saturday. PTI

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 338

Pat Cummins 21.4 10 29 4

Nathan Lyon 31 8 87 0

Marnus Labuschagne 3 0 11 0

Cameron Green 5 2 11 0

AUSTRALIA 2nd innings

D Warner lbw b Ashwin 13

W Puocski c Saha b Siraj 10

M Labuschagne not out 47

S Smith not out 29

Extras: (LB 1, NB 3) 4

Total: (2 wickets, 29 overs) 103

FOW: 1-16, 2-25

Bowling

Jasprit Bumrah 8 1 26 0

Mohammed Siraj 8 2 20 1

Mitchell Starc 19 7 61 1

Josh Hazlewood 21 10 43 2

Ravichandran Ashwin 6 0 28 1

India, there were three run-outs and two batsmen — Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja — were hit by the ball, on the left elbow and left thumb, respectively.

To make matters worse for

23 sailors stuck in China to return on Jan 14

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

One batch of India seafarers stuck for nearly six months off the coast of China will be returning to the country on January 14, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways Mansukh Mandaviya said in a social media post.

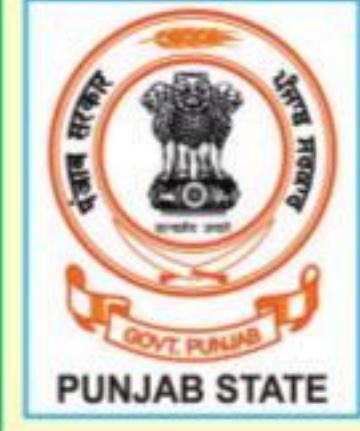
One of the ships, MV Jag Anand with 23 Indian crew, is set to sail toward Chiba in Japan to carry out crew change. It will then reach India on January 14, he said. The Ministry of External Affairs had been continuously following up the issue with the Chinese authorities. —TNS

GoAir sacks pilot over tweet against PM

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

India's economy airline service provider GoAir today took a decision to terminate one of its senior pilots from the services for his "misadventure" of posting tweet in which he made derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

An official spokesperson of the airline said, "GoAir has a zero-tolerance policy, and it is mandatory for all GoAir employees to comply with the company's employment rules, regulations and policies." —TNS



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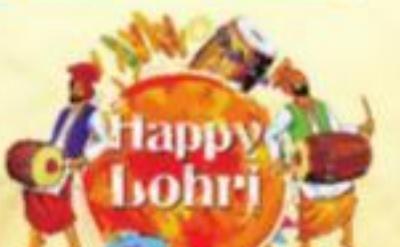


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