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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27
Ahead of the phase-2 Covid vaccinations beginning Monday for 60-plus people and those aged 45 to 59 years with specific comorbidities, the Centre today capped the cost of inoculation in private hospitals at Rs 250 a dose while it will be free for people visiting government facilities.

The government also listed 20 conditions (see box) to prioritise those aged 45 to 59 years for Covid jabs. The people with any of the listed conditions would need to get a proforma signed by doctors as a certificate of eligibility, which would have to be produced at the time of registration for vaccination.

The details were shared with the states at a virtual meeting chaired by Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, who said more

PHASE-2 INOCULATION BEGINS TOMORROW

PRICE BREAK-UP

₹250/SHOT

₹150 VACCINE COST

₹100 SERVICE CHARGE

20 HEALTH CONDITIONS FOR SHOTS

- Intellectual disabilities, muscular dystrophy, acid attacks affecting respiratory system, deafness and blindness
- Heart failure, post cardiac transplant; significant left ventricular dysfunction
- Moderate-severe heart disease, congenital heart disease; coronary artery disease
- Hypertension, diabetes; angina, kidney and liver transplant; end-stage kidney disease, HIV
- People on steroids and immunosuppressants; those with cirrhosis, lymphoma, sickle cell disease, thalassemia
- Diagnosed with cancer on or after July 1, 2020, or currently on cancer therapy

THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION

- People aged 60 and above and those in the age group of 45 to 59 with 20 specific comorbidities
- Healthcare, frontline workers left out in first phase

BAN ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS EXTENDED TILL MARCH 31

With the MHA extending February Covid guidelines by a month, aviation regulator DGCA has decided to continue the ban on international commercial flights till March 31.

than 1.5 core vaccinations of health and frontline workers had been done in phase-1 that began on January 16.

"The states have been explained that the private hospitals functioning as Covid vaccination centres

can charge beneficiaries subject to a ceiling of Rs 250 per person per dose. User names and passwords will be provided



PB: 2 DAYS, 1,200 CASES

With almost a three-fold increase in cases in two weeks, Punjab seems to be heading towards second wave. The state, which recorded 60,000 cases in September, has seen 1,200 cases and 27 deaths in two days.

20 MONKS POSITIVE

Twenty monks have tested positive at the Gyuto Tantric Monastery of Karmapa at Sidhpur in Dharmsala. Seventy of the 400 monks at the monastery were tested for Covid.

capacities, the states can use as vaccination centres around 10,000 private hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat Prime Minister Jan Aarogya Yojana, over 600 hospitals empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme and other hospitals empanelled under state health insurance schemes. The government has shared a list of empanelled private hospitals with states. From March 1, eligible beneficiaries can self-register on Co-Win-2, register on site or attend state-led camp vaccination drives.

In his first comments since the militaries of both countries on Thursday agreed to enforce the ceasefire along the LoC, Pakistan PM Imran Khan said they were ready to move forward to resolve "all outstanding issues" with India through dialogue.

Meanwhile, Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba held a review meeting with the Chief Secretaries of Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Telangana and J&K. These states have been reporting a high active caseload since a week.

Imran: Ready for talks on all issues

Says onus off further progress on India

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

Pakistan's civilian leadership has backed the ceasefire agreement on the border, but said the onus of creating an "enabling environment" for further progress in bilateral relations rests with New Delhi.

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"I welcome restoration of ceasefire. The onus of creating an enabling environment for further progress rests with India. It must take steps to meet the long-standing demands of the Kashmiri people according to UNSC resolutions," Khan tweeted.

Though India also maintains that the onus of initiating talks lay with Pakistan by cracking down on terror launch pads, the MEA was yet to react on Khan's statement.



ANTI-TERROR OPS TO GO ON: LT GEN JOSHI

■ The Army's northern commander Lt Gen YK Joshi on Saturday said the understanding to strictly adhere to the ceasefire pact would have no bearing on the counter-terrorism operations in J&K.

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(From left) Congress leaders Raj Babbar, Ghulam Nabi Azad (who recently retired from the RS), Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal and Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a 'Shanti Sammelan' in Jammu on Saturday. PTI

US report: Saudi prince okayed op to kill Khashoggi

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 27
Saudi Arabia's crown prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) approved an operation to "capture or kill" exiled journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the kingdom's consulate in Turkey, according to a declassified US intelligence report released by the Biden administration on the grisly murder of the leading dissident in 2018.

The US has announced "Khashoggi Ban" that imposes visa restrictions on 76 Saudi individuals for "threatening dissidents overseas". The Saudi government said it "completely rejects the negative and false assessment". — PTI

IN BRIEF

EC halts transfers by Assam Govt

NEW DELHI: Citing the poll code, the Election Commission has stayed the transfer of 12 IPS and six Assam Police Service officers ordered by the government. — TNS

AG's no to contempt case against Gogoi

NEW DELHI: Attorney-General KK Venugopal has refused sanction to initiate contempt proceedings against ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi for his alleged remarks against the judiciary. — TNS

Nikki: Boycott Winter Olympics in China

WASHINGTON: Accusing China of human rights abuses, Republicans, including Indian-American politician Nikki Haley, want the US to boycott the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. — PTI

Ram Temple: Chirag donates ₹1.11 lakh

PATNA: Lok Janshakti Party president Chirag Paswan on Saturday donated ₹1.11 lakh for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, asking everyone to contribute. — PTI

17-yr-old boy confronts sister's stalkers, stabbed

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27
A 17-year-old boy was beaten up and stabbed for allegedly opposing three boys who were stalking his sister and passing "indecent remarks" in southeast Delhi's Kalkaji area, the police said today.

The incident took place near a school on Friday. The injured boy was taken to the AIIMS Trauma Centre for treatment. Sources said he was not in a condition to get his statement recorded.

The victim's sister said she was with her brother on Friday when three boys followed them and passed indecent remarks. When her brother objected to

Three accused beat up teenager, one of them stabs him

that, they all started beating him up and one of them stabbed him in the abdomen and fled, the police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) RP Meena said, "We have registered a case under Sections 307, 354-D, 509 and 34 of the IPC." — PTI

Social media cos with 50L users to be accountable under new IT rules

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27
The government has fixed 50 lakh registered users as the threshold for defining "significant social media intermediary", which will have to adhere to additional obligations and compliance under the new IT rules that seek to crack down on misuse of social media platforms.

The new rules, announced earlier this week, require "significant social media intermediaries" to follow additional due diligence, including the appointment of a chief compliance officer, nodal contact person and resident grievance officer. All three officials



RULES NON-STATORY

■ I do not find any restraint in this government... Vast powers have been granted to bureaucracy without statute, without parliamentary assent or scrutiny. Abhishek Singhvi, CONG SPOKESMAN

will have to reside in India. They will have to publish a monthly compliance report and details of the contents removed proactively.

"The Central Government hereby specifies 50 lakh registered users in India as the threshold for a social media intermediary to be considered a significant social media intermediary," the notification said.

At present, the country has 53 crore WhatsApp users, 44.8 crore YouTube users, 41 crore Facebook subscribers, 21 crore Instagram clients, while 1.75 crore account holders are on microblogging platform Twitter. — PTI

Tikait: Meet demands or face 'kisan hartal'

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GHAZIPUR, FEBRUARY 27

National spokesperson of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) Rakesh Tikait has raised the spectre of "kisan hartal" in the coming days.

Tikait, who returned to the Ghazipur protest site after attending a panchayat in Baghpat, said the farmers might take the extreme step if their demands were not met.

"Kisan hartal may well happen if the situation doesn't improve soon," Tikait told The Tribune on Saturday.

"Farmers can decide to sow less in their fields, if the situ-

LAKHA'S FACEBOOK PAGE DISABLED

Republic Day violence accused Lakh Sidhana's Facebook page has been removed. He had more than 3 lakh followers. Sidhana was posting videos on Facebook while on the run. INSIDE

tion regarding prices stays the same. Suppose if someone owns 12 bighas, he will only sow on 10 or less," he said.

Tikait also made a fresh plea to farmers not to destroy their crops. "Please don't destroy your crops. That will not help," he said.

ISRO launches Brazilian satellite today

BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 27
An Indian rocket will launch a Brazilian satellite for the first time from Sriharikota spaceport on Sunday, the mission being Indian Space Research Organisation's first in 2021.

Subject to weather conditions, the blastoff is scheduled at 10.24 hours from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

PSLV-C51 rocket, the 53rd mission of PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle), will launch Amazonia-1 of Brazil as primary satellite and 18 co-passenger payloads from the first launch pad of the Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district.

These co-passenger satellites include Satish Dhawan

FIRST MISSION OF THE YEAR

637 KG

10.24 HOURS

BLASTOFF TIME

18 CO-PASSENGER PAYLOADS TO TAKE-OFF TOO

DIGITAL GITA, MODI PIC TO GO INTO SPACE

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- It has a picture of PM Modi engraved on the space-

Sat (SD SAT) from Chennai-based Space Kidz India (SKI). A picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been engraved on the top panel of this spacecraft.

This is to show solidarity and gratitude for his (PM's) Aatmanirbhar initiative and space privatisation," said SKI, adding it would also send 25,000 names on board SD SAT. It's also a big day for Bengaluru-headquartered ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited. PSLV-C51/Amazonia-1 is the first dedicated commercial mission of NSIL, which is undertaking it under an arrangement with Seattle, US-based satellite rideshare and mission management provider, Spaceflight Inc. — PTI

G'gram court: SIT to probe illegal detention

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27

In a judgment liable to change the way police officials show the arrest of the accused days after taking them in custody, a Gurugram court has ordered initiation of inquiry in an illegal detention case by constituting a special investigation team of an IAS and two IPS officers.

Notice has also been issued to five police officials, belonging to a special task force. They have been asked to show cause why proceedings should not be initiated against them for perjury. Additional Sessions Judge

Issues show-cause notice to 5 cops

Ashwani Kumar made it clear that the decision behind illegal confinement of the accused in an abduction case did not appear to be confined to the officers at the lower level as "there appears (to be) active connivance of the higher-ups in the special task force". He said once the factum of illegal confinement and false statement stood established, the court was required to initiate legal proceedings, irrespective of the victim's interest in it.



BUMRAH TO MISS FOURTH TEST

■ Pacer Jasprit Bumrah will miss the fourth and final Test against England as he was released from the Indian squad due to personal reasons' ■ The BCCI said no addition to India's squad would be made for the final Test at Motera, Ahmedabad

Rise in cases likely to hit restoration of rail services

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAL, FEBRUARY 27

The Railways may not go ahead with its programme to restore local trains from April 1 due to the sudden increase in Covid-19 cases in some states.

North-West Railway General Manager Anand Prakash, who arrived for inspection in Sriganganagar after visiting Bathinda in a special train, said due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Railways had suffered a revenue loss of Rs 50,000 crore since March-end last year.

Agreeing that withdrawal of coaches earmarked for Chandigarh from the Barmer-Bathinda-Kalka



₹50K-cr revenue loss due to pandemic

Link Express caused inconvenience to passengers in Punjab and Rajasthan, he said a plan to launch a new train for Chandigarh was under active consideration.

2nd wave? 1,200 cases, 27 deaths in 2 days

Active Covid-19 cases double from 2,000 in January to 4,436 now

VISHAV BHARTI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27

With almost a three-fold increase in Covid cases in the past two weeks, the state seems to be heading towards second wave.

With almost 1,200 cases and 27 deaths in the past two days, the state seems to be inching towards September-like situation, when over 60,000 cases were reported. After September, there was continuous decline in cases. By January-end, the daily average of cases had come down to just 200.

Though health officials say there is no doubt the cases are dramatically



increasing but vaccination can save situation.

"A significant section of society has already been vaccinated. Now in two days, it will open for the

VACCINATION TO HELP

● A significant section of society has already been vaccinated. Now in two days, it will open for the general population, which will help to stop further spread of the virus.

Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, COVID NODAL OFFICER

<< A health official collects a sample at a centre in Jalandhar.

general population, which will help to stop further spread of the virus," said Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, nodal officer for Covid.

The state reported 628

cases and 16 deaths on Friday and similarly, 595 cases and 11 deaths were reported today.

The bigger worry for the state is doubling of the

number of active cases. Last month, the number of active cases had come down to around 2,000. However, now it has more than doubled. As per a media bulletin released today, the number of active cases has increased to 4,436.

Even the number of casualties is increasing. In the district-wise break-up of casualties, Hoshiarpur district with four deaths remained worst affected. It is followed by Ludhiana with three deaths, Patiala two, Mansa and Tarn Taran one each. Apart from that around 79 persons are on oxygen support and 14 on ventilator support.

11 Sangrur jail inmates test positive

SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 27

Eleven inmates of the Sangrur Jail and seven teachers are among 37 persons who tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 24 hours.

As per details, of the 37, four are from the Malerkotla block, three from Sangrur, two from Moonak, three from Dhuri, three from Amargarh, one from Longowal, 14 from Fatehgarh Panjgrayan, one from Kauhrian, four from Sherpur and two from Ahemdgarh.

"Patients include 11 inmates of the Sangrur Jail and seven teachers of a private school. Our teams are conducting tests across the district," said Dr Anjna Gupta, Civil Surgeon. — TNS

Slash VAT on fuel, SAD asks govt

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BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 27

Former Union Minister and SAD Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today asked the Centre as well as the state government to reduce the fuel prices by Rs 5 per litre to give much-needed relief to the common man.

Harsimrat Badal today the city to congratulate Akali workers for wresting seven of the nine seats in the recently concluded local bodies elections. Talking to mediapersons, Harsimrat said prices of

After a long gap, Badal visits Lambi

BJP demands CBI probe into scholarship scam

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BJP leader Tarun Chugh

Says 50K SC students face bleak future

ment, putting the future of SC students at stake. Seeking a inquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the embezzlement of the central funds, he urged the state government to help save the future of SC students.

In a statement, Chugh said more than 50,000 SC students had been groping in darkness after their degrees were blocked due to non-payment of the scholarship amount.

The BJP national general secretary alleged since 2017 more than Rs 1870 crore had been embezzled by the Amarinder govern-

AAP to raise MSP, loan waiver issues in House

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has decided to raise the MSP, post-matric scholarship, farm loan waiver and electricity issues in the upcoming Budget Session. The decision was taken during a meeting of MLAs presided over by Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema today.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Cheema said Captain Amarinder Singh had failed to fulfil all promises that he made in 2017. "It has been four years since then and we have reached the final Budget Session and promises are yet to be fulfilled," he said.

Cheema said as the principal opposition party in the Assembly, the AAP would



AAP leader Harpal S Cheema

Says govt yet to fulfil its poll promises

take up all these issues in the session so that people come to know about the failures of the Congress government. Taking a dig at the CM, Cheema said Capt Amarinder along with the SAD helped the "black laws" passage. — TNS

Punjab Bhawan declared extended precinct of House

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh has declared Punjab Bhawan, Sector 3, here, as an extended precinct of the House for the Budget Session in view of Covid-19 resurgence.

The order, issued by Secretary, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, said the House had been summoned to meet for its 14th session on March 1 at 11 am. In view of the rising Covid-19 cases, the Speaker has ordered that Punjab Bhawan would be an extended precinct of the House from 10 pm on February 28 till the completion of proceedings of the session.

All rules and regulations of the House would be applicable in the extended precinct, he said. — TNS



Suspects in the Bathinda police's custody. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

2 held for red mercury fraud in Bathinda

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BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 27

Two men have been arrested in an alleged red mercury scam in Bathinda.

The accused have been identified as Surjit Singh, alias Bhola Singh, of Bir Behman, and Balraj Singh, alias Doctor, of Mandi Kalan village in Bathinda. A motorcycle, Rs 4.50 lakh in cash and an alleged red mercury tube were recovered from them.

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Bathinda SSP Bhupinderjeet Singh Virk said, "People have been deceived by this scheme for the past few months. Radios and small glass tubes of TVs were being used by the accused. They spread rumours on social media that some of the glass tubes contained a metal called red mercury, which could be used to treat Covid-19 and had many other benefits."

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He and Balraj Singh started contacting people to sell the tube. Balraj Singh managed to convince Swaraj Singh of Bhagu village to buy the tube for Rs 5 lakh and promised him triple returns by selling it further. A case under Sections 379B, 420 and 34 of the IPC was registered against the accused at the Cantt police station.

Newlyweds hand over shagun to Tikri farmers

SAMEER SINGH

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BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 27

In a noble gesture, an NRI couple from Vancouver, Canada, who got married recently, donated the shagun amount of Rs 50,000 to the ongoing farmers' agitation against three contentious farm laws at the Delhi-Tikri border.

She said if the Congress government was really concerned about the welfare of the people it should reduce VAT on petrol and diesel to bring down prices. "It is a shame that the Congress is trying to befool the people by resorting to fake protests".



A newlywed couple donates ₹50,000 to farmers at Tikri.

relatives went to the Tikri border and donated the amount to farm leaders. During his address, he exhorted everyone to contribute to the farmers' movement.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Baljit said, "Our family has

been involved in philanthropic activities in the past as well, we will come to India for some time and assist poor families in getting their daughters married. After holding successful protest rallies in Vancouver, I wanted to contribute

my bit to the farmers' movement here as well. So, instead of taking the shagun during the marriage, we had put up a box at the venue to donate money to the cause."

Baljit, who has been financially assisting village and block-level units of farm unions in Mansa, said, "Many farmers have lost their lives, it's high time that the governments shun its obdurate stance and accedes to the just demands of farmers and repeal these farm laws. I also urge the youth not to lose patience and support the movement wholeheartedly peacefully because their have been attempts to sabotage the movement with misguided youth."

Union leader Jagrup Singh Lehras said, "While the government is making claims of providing one lakh jobs, it is retrenching staff in the garb of privatisation." — TNS

Mansa contract workers demand regular jobs

MANSA, FEBRUARY 27

Contractual employees from different government departments under the banner of Theka Mulazam Sangharsh Morcha organised a district-level convention in Mansa. Among other demands, they sought regularisation of jobs. The union has started mobilising support for the state-level protest rally in Patiala district on March 12.

Union leader Jagrup Singh Lehras said, "While the government is making claims of providing one lakh jobs, it is retrenching staff in the garb of privatisation." — TNS

I had promised to improve the situation during campaigning. Now as people have elected me, instead of waiting for the government machinery to work, I have hired a private trailer mounted suction machine (Gully Emptier) at Rs 6,000 per day to clean the drains and sewer lines," he said.

For the past four days, Babu Ram along with his supporters has been sweeping the ward. "I have plans to install dustbins in my ward through public contributions so roads can be garbage-free," he said. Chander Ram, a resident, said: "Babu Ram is setting an example for other politicians by fulfilling his poll promise. He also encouraging residents not to depend on the government, and take the initiative in keeping the area clean."

5 yrs on, horticulture institute in Amritsar remains on paper

NEERAJ BAGGA

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AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 27

Residents of Chhiddan village on the Amritsar-Attari road are peeved at the long delay in setting up of the Post Graduate Institute of Horticulture Research and Education (PGIHR).

The announcement had given a hope to farmers of the region of diversifying their crops. The residents of villages around the proposed site of PGIHR believe it would herald tremendous business opportunities for them. Ahead of the state budget, the demand is growing for a separate budgetary allocation of funds for the proposed institute.

Even five years after the announcement of the ambitious PGIHR, the state government is yet to acquire land for it. Four months back, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had issued a notification for the commencement of social impact assessment to purchase over 32 acres of land. The task was to be undertaken by Guru Nanak Dev University.

A chunk of 100 acres was transferred in the name of ICAR at Attari village in 2015



Make budgetary provision for funds: Farmers

The proposed site for the institute on the Amritsar-Attari road.

and three years later, a site selection committee of the ICAR had approved the site at Chhiddan village, which is situated 10 km from the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post and nearly 12 km from the holy city.

Kulwant Singh, a farmer, said, "The development of the prestigious institute of national importance remains in the initial stage. The undue delay in the establishment and functioning of the institute is causing huge losses to the farming community as researchers and scientists of the institute will be instrumental in providing modern techniques, infrastructure and horticulture-related knowledge to us. Crop diversification, drip irrigation and spray irrigation will be promoted among farmers which will also improve the depleting water table."

Manmohan Singh Brar, president of the Amritsar Vikas Manch, demanded that the government must authorise the finance and agriculture ministries to complete the formalities regarding budget allocation for the purchase of land, so that ICAR may start the development of PGIHR, Amritsar, at the earliest.

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FULFILLING MY POLL PROMISE



I fought the election on the cleanliness issue. Now as I have won, instead of waiting for officials to act, I have taken up the responsibility of fulfilling the poll promise myself. Babu Ram, KOTKAPURA COUNCILLOR

had hit cleanliness drive for the past many years in Kotkapura. "For the past many years, there has been

no cleaning of the drainage and sewer lines in my locality. Choked lines have been overflowing," he said.

Lakha Sidhana's Facebook page disabled in India

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Lakha Sidhana at a rally in Bathinda. FILE PHOTO

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 27
The Facebook page of gangster-turned-activist Lakha Sidhana, wanted for the Republic Day violence, has been 'disabled' in India. He used to upload videos on the page to connect with his more than three lakh followers regularly.

While his supporters in India claimed they couldn't access the page, those in the US, Italy and other parts of the world aren't complaining of any such restriction.

Reacting sharply over the development, the Lakha Sidhana Fan Club page on Facebook has posted a video of the gangster and written that the "government can't suppress the voice of Lakha Sidhana, this is illegal." It urged people to create posts in favour of the activist.

On the run, Sidhana had last week posted a video on his page in which he announced holding a rally against the farm laws at Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's ancestral village Mehraj in Bathinda district on February 23.

After hearing Sidhana's message in the 13-minute-long video, a large number of people, including youth, turned out in the rally in the support of Sidhana.

On February 23, Sidhana again posted a video in which thanked people for coming out in large numbers in the rally.

BJP: Why is CM mum on Lakha?

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27
The BJP today accused CM Capt Amarinder Singh of maintaining "silence" and adopting a "no-action strategy" against two gangsters for vote bank politics. Former state secretary Vineet Joshi said by not arresting Lakha Sidhana and not transferring Mukhtar Ansari to Uttar Pradesh, Capt Amarinder was being selective in his action. — TNS

HC: List steps to frame uniform policy on MTP

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27

Nearly a year has lapsed since a Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971, for termination of advanced-stage pregnancies in view of medical opinion. But the same was stated to be still pending.

Referring to the Bill and other aspects related to termination of pregnancies in advanced stages, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that a uniform policy was required to be formulated to deal with all such cases. The assertion came as the High Court issued a notice to the Union of India for March 1.

Justice Arun Monga also asked Additional Solicitor General of India Satya Pal Jain to apprise the court on the steps being taken or contemplated to frame a uniform policy on legal termination of pregnancies, where medical opinion was strongly in its favour. Apart from easier access to justice, such a policy would also ensure the deserved dignity



and confidentiality to the women, confronted with such legal impediments, Justice Monga added.

The matter was brought to Justice Monga's notice by a pregnant woman through counsel Ranjan Lakhapal. Justice Monga asserted the legal and moral predicament of the court, yet again, was whether to permit a pregnant mother to abort the life of foetus aged 23 weeks plus five days, before completion of gestation period. Medical reports to terminate pregnancy were in the mother's favour. But, legal impediment in view of the statutory mandate envisaged under the provisions of the Act did not allow the doctors to implement their medical recommendation. — TNS

Masters of martial arts



Nihangs perform 'gatka' during a national-level competition to mark the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur in Patiala on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

₹30L transferred fraudulently, case filed

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allegedly transferred from the bank account of a local. transferred Rs 30 lakh from his bank to their accounts. "We have registered a case and conducting further investigation," the SHO said.

SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 27

The Sangrur city-1 police have registered a fraud case after Rs 30 lakh were

Black marketing of ₹2,000 notes up due to short supply

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MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 27
Even though the Rs 2,000 note was brought into the system after demonetisation to curb black money and hoarding, large-scale black marketing of these notes is under way. Some local businessmen said they got 100 notes of Rs 2,000 denomination for Rs 2.2-2.4 lakh.

Notably, the printing of Rs 2,000 denomination currency notes has been significantly lowered. A bank employee said fewer Rs 2,000 notes were being deposited in the banks these days.

"New currency of Rs 2,000 notes is not coming, thus the circulation has lowered in the market and this created a shortage. Some people might be making money due to this shortage," he said.

A businessman said, "I needed 200 notes of Rs 2,000, but nobody was willing to give

Accused escapes from CIA custody

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SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 27
Arrested in an Arms Act case, a Sirsa resident allegedly escaped from the custody of Crime Investigations Agency (CIA), Mansa, near Cheema town of Sangrur last night while cops thwarted the escape attempt of another man wanted in the same case.

On the complaint of ASI Gurtej Singh, who is posted in the CIA, Mansa, the police have registered a case under Sections 224 and 225B of the IPC. Gurtej, ASI Ujjagar Singh and Balwinder Singh had taken Surjit Singh from Muktsar and Jashandeep Singh from Sirsa to the office of the Counter Intelligence in Mohali for questioning in an FIR registered at the Sardulgarh police station on February 24.

CM announces ₹50 lakh relief, job for martyr's kin

TRENDING NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 27
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced an ex gratia compensation of Rs 50 lakh, along with a government job to a family member of Naib Subedar Parwinder Singh from 22 Punjab, who laid down his life in the Batalik sector (Leh) along the Line of Control. The JCO is survived by his father, wife and two sons.

Cremation to be held in Jagraon today

Extending his sympathies to the family of the martyr, the Chief Minister said the state government would provide all possible help and support to them. The mortal remains of the martyr will reach his native place in Jagraon on Sunday and the cremation will be held the same day.



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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 2			
1.	Operation mtc. watch and ward of sewerage sump at Village Kishangarh and Shastri Nagar under the jurisdiction of SDE, MCPH Sub Division No.20, Manimajra, UT Chandigarh for the period of 12 months (Ch. to A/mtc. of sewerage system, Revenue Collection) Estimated Cost: Rs. 16,60,848/- EMD : Rs. 33220/- Time Limit: 12 Months	26.02.2021 To 05.03.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
2.	Emergency hiring of high pressure mechanical means for cleaning of sewerage manhole chamber with Mechanized suction pump at Septic Tank Sector 54 falls under the jurisdiction of SDE MCPH Sub Division No.17, Chandigarh. (Ch to Non Plan) Estimated Cost: Rs.8,55,000/- EMD : Rs.17100/- Time Fee: Rs.1000/- Time Limit: 06 Months	27.02.2021 To 05.03.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 3

2.	Emergency hiring of high pressure mechanical means for cleaning of sewerage manhole chamber with Mechanized suction pump at Septic Tank Sector 54 falls under the jurisdiction of SDE MCPH Sub Division No.17, Chandigarh. (Ch to Non Plan) Estimated Cost: Rs.8,55,000/- EMD : Rs.17100/- Time Fee: Rs.1000/- Time Limit: 06 Months	27.02.2021 To 05.03.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4

3.	Providing and fixing of pre-cast RCC road gully cover and frame, RCC machine hole covers & frames and RCC slabs and frames (on dividing road 20/30/side 30), 19/27(both), 7/26(side26), Sector 26, Bapudam Colony, Ramdarbar Colony Chandigarh (re-invite). Est. Cost: Rs. 5,72,500/- EMD : Rs. 11,450/- Time Limit: 02 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 02:00 P.M.	04.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
4.	Hiring of machinery for cleaning of machine hole chamber mechanically at various locations in Ward No.1 Chandigarh (re-invite). Est. Cost: Rs. 14.25 Lacs EMD : Rs. 28,500/- Time Limit: 02 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 02:00 P.M.	04.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
5.	Providing additional SWD line and making new road gullies in left part near Sai Enclave Sector 49 & BSNL Society Sector 50, Chandigarh (re-invite). Est. Cost: Rs. 18,23,752/- EMD : NIL Time Limit: 03 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 02:00 P.M.	04.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
6.	Desilting/cleaning of sewer line by mechanized with the help of Super Suction Machine including disposal of malba waste to appropriate disposal place at various location in Sector 41 & 42 Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 6,25,000/- EMD : NIL Time Limit: 01 Month	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 05:00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 10:00 A.M.
7.	Providing and laying of 450mm and 300mm RCC line for smooth flow of storm water drainage system whole MIG Houses block near #1615 in Sector 40-B, Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 7,66,743/- EMD : NIL Time Limit: 02 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 05:00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 10:00 A.M.
8.	Providing public health services for construction of Civil Dispensary in Rehabilitation Colony, Sector 52, Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 10,10,300/- EMD : Rs. 20,206/- Time Limit: 04 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 05:00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 10:00 A.M.
9.	Providing and laying of 900mm RCC pipe for the smooth flow of storm water drainage system near #190 Sector 41-A, Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 11,67,700/- EMD : NIL Time Limit: 02 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 05:00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 10:00 A.M.
10.	Renovation of existing toilet block at Sector-8, (near Vaishno Dhaba) Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 20,21,231/- EMD : NIL Time Limit: 06 Months	26.02.2021 To 04.03.2021 at 05:00 P.M.	05.03.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th January, 2021

S.O. 263(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Takoli-Kullu4 Section of Nerchowk to Manali Segment of NH-21 in the stretch of land from Km 190.000 to Km 310.400 (P-4/17 Jaral Colony Pandoh Distt Mandi (H.P)) in the district of KULLU in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

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

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

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final. The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH21 in the stretch of land from Km. 190.000 to 310.400 km (P-4/17 Jaral Colony Pandoh Distt Mandi (H.P)) in the district of KULLU in the State of HIMACHAL PRADESH

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH District: KULLU

Sr. No. Survey / Plot Number Type of Land Nature Of Land Area (in Local Unit) Area (in Hectare)

Taluk: Bhuntar

Village: Hat

1 745 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

2 746 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

3 747 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

4 748 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

5 749 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

Village: Kashauri

1 4016/3902/2754 Private Ropa Doyam 0.0045000(Hectare) 0.0045000

2 4072/3860/2761 Private Ropa Doyam 0.0004000(Hectare) 0.0004000

3 4073/3862/2762/2 Private Ropa Doyam 0.0075000(Hectare) 0.0075000

4 4074/3862/2762/2 Private Ropa Doyam 0.0257000(Hectare) 0.0257000

Village: Shillihari

1 4186/2 Private Bathal Abbal 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

2 4346/6476/4104/1 Private Gair Mumkin 0.0085000(Hectare) 0.0085000

3 4374/2 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0214000(Hectare) 0.0214000

4 6543/1 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0178000(Hectare) 0.0178000

5 7226/4212/2 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0162000(Hectare) 0.0162000

6 7227/4213/1 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0131000(Hectare) 0.0131000

7 7314/7132/4103/1/1 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0026000(Hectare) 0.0026000

8 7314/7132/4103/2 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0352000(Hectare) 0.0352000

9 7476/7320/4212/2 Private Bathal Doyam 0.0121000(Hectare) 0.0121000

10 8993/6714/4176/2/2 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0061000(Hectare) 0.0061000

11 8995/6716/4180/1 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

12 8995/6716/4180/2 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0081000(Hectare) 0.0081000

13 9162/4181/2 Private Gair Mumkin Abadi 0.0020000(Hectare) 0.0020000

Taluk: Kullu

Village: Banontar

1 20/2/1 Private Gair Mumkin Makaan 0.0013000(Hectare) 0.0013000

2 21/2/1 Private Gair Mumkin Makaan 0.0018000(Hectare) 0.0018000

3 22/2/1 Private Gair Mumkin Makaan 0.0042000(Hectare) 0.0042000

4 23/2/1 Private Gair Mumkin Makaan 0.0044000(Hectare) 0.0044000

5 24/2/1 Private Bathal Soyam 0.0286000(Hectare) 0.0286000

6 633/2/1 Private Bagicha Bathal Faldar 0.0010000(Hectare) 0.0010000

Village: Gharakar

1 26/2/4 Private Bagicha Bathal Faldar 0.0249000(Hectare) 0.0249000

2 26/5/1 Private Bagicha Bathal Faldar 0.0294000(Hectare) 0.0294000

Total 0.3274 0.3274

[F. No. 11012/2014/LA/PIU-SML/3A1]

RAJESH GUPTA, Director

BEFORE THE COURT OF SH. ARVIND PAL SINGH SANDHU, IAS,
MARRIAGE OFFICER-CUM-DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, FAZILKA
No. 1360/MA Dated 26-02-2021
Sub: To issue Marriage Certificate to Abhishek Bathla s/o

BJP trying to muzzle dissent: Shukla

Says the suspension of five Congress MLAs is contrary to parliamentary norms

AMBIKA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, FEBRUARY 27

Rajiv Shukla, in-charge of Congress affairs in Himachal, today said that the BJP was trying to muzzle the voice of dissent. Those raising their voice against the party were being victimised, be it the media or the Opposition.

He said Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur was following this new narrative and sedition cases were being slapped against those opposing the BJP government. Shukla was addressing mediapersons near Kasauli after convening the meeting of the Political Affairs and Coordination Committee of the party.

He termed the suspension of five MLAs from the



State Congress in-charge Rajiv Shukla being felicitated by PCC president Kuldeep Rathore near Kasauli on Saturday.

remaining period of the Vidhan Sabha Assembly session as contrary to the parliamentary norms. "I've been the Union Parliamentary

Affairs Minister. The House can't take action on an act that happened outside and that, too, after it has been adjourned till Monday and

without issuing a notice".

Shukla said, "It is the duty of the state government to take the Opposition into confidence to dispel their resentment. The safety of the Governor is the responsibility of the government and it has failed to ensure it. It has never happened that the Deputy Speaker and a minister were seen pushing Opposition MLAs.

The Opposition has the right to raise its voice against the government but the BJP merely wants everyone to eulogize it. The government has to be accountable for its deeds and one can't expect praise alone in a democracy".

Shukla urged the Congress leaders to work in unison and ensure the party's victory in

the next Vidhan Sabha elections. He denied there was factionalism in the party. He said the atmosphere for the Congress was positive in Punjab, Himachal, Haryana and Uttarakhand. He added that the common man was upset at the high fuel prices and anti-farmer policies.

Shukla recalled the contributions of the Congress leaders such as Indira Gandhi and Himachal's first Chief Minister YS Parmar to the formation of the state. He said that block-level functions would be held on April 15. He added that the BJP had done precious little for the state except organising rath yatras that, too, by spending public money.

Kaul Singh, Harsh Mahajan conspicuous by their absence

AMBIKA SHARMA

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SOLAN, FEBRUARY 27

The absence of senior Congress leaders, including former PCC president Kaul Singh Thakur, former Cabinet minister Harsh Mahajan and former minister and in-charge of Punjab Asha Kumari, from the key Political Affairs and Election Strategy committee meeting near Kasauli today raised many an eyebrow. This was the first such meeting convened by Rajiv Shukla, in-charge of

Opposition MLAs.

The members pondered upon the strategy for the forthcoming Municipal Corporation elections to Solan, Mandi, Palampur and Dharamsala as well as the 2022 Vidhan Sabha

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Strategy for MC and Assembly elections discussed at meeting

elections at the meeting. The absence of senior leaders remained a topic of hot discussion, hinting that not all was well in the party that was trying to put a united front. Former CM Virbhadra Singh, too, did not attend the meeting owing to his poor health.

The suspension of the five MLAs from the Vidhan Sabha session and the line of action for Monday were also discussed.

Several leaders were in favour of fixing the criteria for the Vidhan Sabha ticket aspirants such as doing away with

those candidates who lost the successive elections or had forfeited security as well as fixing an upper age of the candidates. The need to make relevant changes in the block and district level bodies to promote younger leaders well in time and not at the eleventh hour was also suggested.

Pradesh Congress Committee president Kuldeep Rathore, Leader of the Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri, Sukhwinder Singh Sukkhi, Rajinder Rana, Viplove Thakur, DR Shandil, GS Bali, Sudhir Sharma, Harshwardhan Chauhan, Jagat Singh Negi, Pawan Kajal, Kuldeep Kumar, and Rajesh Dharmani attended the meeting.

20 monks test Covid +ve

SHIMLA/DHARAMSALA, FEBRUARY 27 As many as 55 Covid cases, including 20 in the Gyuto Tantric Monastery of Karmapa at Sidhpur in Dharamsala, were reported in the state on Saturday, raising the tally to 58,598. However, there was no death from the virus.

The highest number of 24 cases was reported in Kangra, followed by 16 in Shimla, six in Sirmaur, five in Una, two in Mandi and one each in Hamirpur and Solan.

GD Gupta, CMO, Kangra, said that around 400 monks

Bali's son Raghuvin appointed Cong secy for Bengal

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

Raghuvin Singh Bali, son of former Himachal Cabinet minister GS Bali, was today appointed the AICC secretary in-charge of election-bound West Bengal. He will be attached with AICC in-charge of Bengal Jitin Prasada.

The appointment order was issued by AICC general secretary, organisation, KC Venugopal. Raghuvin will assume charge with immediate effect. — TNS

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Samples tested	1093,715
Recovered	57,311
Active cases	292
Positive cases	58,598
Deaths	982

stay in the Gyuto monastery. Twenty of 70 monks tested for the virus today were found to be infected. However, only one monk displayed symptoms and was shifted to the Covid ward at Tanda medical college. — TNS

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[1] NIT No. 525/U.I. (E/Elect. Unit-2/A.C./Shodhpeeth/GKP/UPRNN, DT-24/02/2021, Name of work: D/S/I/T/C of Air Conditioning system (VRF) of Guru Shree Gorakhnath shodh peeth at Pandit Deep Lal Upadhyay, Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 125.86 lakhs), Earnest Money: Rs. 2.52 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 3 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 26.03.2021. (3) NIT No. 912/U.I./Unit-18(E)/MGPS/KGMU/RNN/21, DT-25/02/2021, Name of work: S/I/T/C of Medical Gas Pipe Line Work at Extension of Lari Cardiology Department, KGMU Lucknow, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 127.18 lakhs), Earnest Money: Rs. 2.55 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 3 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 26.03.2021. (3) NIT No. 914/U.I./Unit-18(E)/MGPS/KGMU/CTVS/RNN/21, DT-25/02/2021, Name of work: S/I/T/C of Medical Gas Pipe Line Work at Extension of CTVS Department, KGMU Lucknow, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 41.30 lakhs, Earnest Money: Rs. 0.83 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 1 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 12.03.2021. The bid forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the website: https://etender.up.nic.in. The NIT is also available on http://uprnn.co.in.	

The Project Manager, Electrical Unit-2, GKP/Unit-18 (E), Lucknow invites for and on behalf of Managing Director U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd. online percentage rate bid in two bid system for following work:

[1] NIT No. 525/U.I. (E/Elect. Unit-2/A.C./Shodhpeeth/GKP/UPRNN, DT-24/02/2021, Name of work: D/S/I/T/C of Air Conditioning system (VRF) of Guru Shree Gorakhnath shodh peeth at Pandit Deep Lal Upadhyay, Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 125.86 lakhs), Earnest Money: Rs. 2.52 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 3 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 26.03.2021. (3) NIT No. 912/U.I./Unit-18(E)/MGPS/KGMU/RNN/21, DT-25/02/2021, Name of work: S/I/T/C of Medical Gas Pipe Line Work at Extension of Lari Cardiology Department, KGMU Lucknow, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 127.18 lakhs), Earnest Money: Rs. 2.55 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 3 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 26.03.2021. (3) NIT No. 914/U.I./Unit-18(E)/MGPS/KGMU/CTVS/RNN/21, DT-25/02/2021, Name of work: S/I/T/C of Medical Gas Pipe Line Work at Extension of CTVS Department, KGMU Lucknow, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 41.30 lakhs, Earnest Money: Rs. 0.83 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 1 months, Last time and date of submission of bid: 1500:00 PM on Dt. 12.03.2021. The bid forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the website: https://etender.up.nic.in. The NIT is also available on http://uprnn.co.in.

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MANDI, FEBRUARY 27

MATRIMONIALS

BRIDEROOMS WANTED

KHATRI/ARORA

Suitable match for Khatri business family working slim girl B.Com, MBA, 7th June 1992, 8:30 p.m. Chandigarh, 5'-4". Preferred Businessman/ reputed job from tricity.

Professionally Qualified match for beautiful Arora girl Working in Ireland, 5'-4"/ 16.08.1993, 4:45 pm, Patiala, B.Tech, MBA, Handsome salary, Family in Chandigarh. WhatsApp 94633-00109. (CL20100383)

Suitable match for CA girl, Practising in Ambala City 5'-1", 20-09-1991, 00:42 am, 98172-67551. (CL20100779)

SM for convent educated beautiful Jat Sikh girl August 1993, 5'-4"

M.Tech Computer Science, Central Govt. Gazetteed Officer Group A Scientist in ISRO, Radha Soami Clean Shaven family, MBA or Officer vegetarian family preferred. Father Manager SBI (rd). Mother Punjab Govt. Teacher. WhatsApp 98728-26339, Email: sunrenders11@gmail.com (CL20100834)

Arora girl Sept. Sept. 1980, 5'-3" Post graduate, working primary Teacher UT Chandigarh school non transferable. Boy working near Chandigarh send biodata. WhatsApp: 987203988. (CL20101128)

Suitable match for slim, beautiful girl (Ahuja) Patiala, 12 Nov 1992, 11:20 AM, 5'-3", M.Com Required Businessman, 99143-78381, 82880-34883. (CL20101294)

Match for smart, beautiful, Arora girl (unmarried), 5'-7" 1978, Manglik/ Non-Manglik (looks 30), B.Ed., CTET clear, seeks handsome boy (unmarried), good earning business or job from status family, NRI welcome. Marriage bureau excuse. #7974-16468. (CL20101353)

SM4 very beautiful, Hindu Arora, Manglik girl, 5'-8", 06.03.1991, 01:16 p.m., Chandigarh, BE (CS), working in MNC Chandigarh, 9 Lacs PA. Preference Tricity based family. Send biodata & pics after matching kundi. WhatsApp: 98151-94455, 81464-87861. (CL20101360)

Match for Manglik/ Non-Manglik Hindu Khatri Punjabi, working girl, M.Sc. It, 29.04.1990, 5'-4", 2:15 pm, Batala (Punjab). M: 78371-67166. (CL20101381)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl 5'-3", 5.8.1995, Chandigarh, MA, D.E.L.D, pursuing B.Ed., Tricity preferred. 97371-65843. (CL20101894)

Wanted pur-veg. teetotaller non-smoker, Engineer match for extremely beautiful Punjabi girl 26 yrs, 5'-6", B.Tech., working MNC Bangalore, Ambala based Radha Swami family. Send pic & details on WhatsApp No.: 94468-96841. Bureau excused. (CL20101959)

Veg. non-drinker NM match for Arora beautiful 34 years 5'-2.5", M.Tech., Scale 1 Manager in Nationalised Bank, legally divorced. Tricity preferred. 98726-94368. (CL20102988)

Match for Arora innocently divorced girl, MBE, 5'-3", 20.06.1989, 06:05 am, Chandigarh, working private Bank. Parents retired. Tricity preferred. 98439-06957. (CL20100775)

Khatri girl, M.Arch., 5'-1" 6.10.91, 00:26 a.m., working in University. Mob: 7696406091. (CL20100629)

Match for Arora Khatri girl, 25/ 5'-1/2", M.Com., Non-Manglik. Business Service preferred. Contact: 94639-06957. (CL20100488)

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NRI purely vegetarian teetotaller match for Hindu Khatri Canadian PR girl, 30/ 5'-2", CS Engg. (India), CST (Canada). Contact: 9417702215. (CL20099859)

Suitable match for Khatri Manglik beautiful, Slim girl B.Tech, 5'-5", 29 Nov 1990, 5.40 pm, Patiala, Working as Senior Engineer in PUNE in MNC, Father Businessman. Send Bio-data. 97381-4326. (CL20100413)

Non Manglik girl B.Com., MBA, 5'-5", 21.12.1989, 10:30 a.m., Ludhiana, NRI considerible she is having Visitor visa of U.S & Canada 98150-66699, caste no bar. (CL20100483)

M4 Hindu Khatri Oct. 77 born, (looks much younger), 5'-1", regular Govt. Teacher in Chandigarh, issueless divorcee. 95011-06957. (CL20100488)

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Highly qualified good looking match for beautiful Khatri girl aged 29/ 5'-00", weight 46 kg, B.Tech., seven year experience in MNC. Currently doing MBA from Singapore. WhatsApp: 97814-84772. (CL20100882)

SM4 Hindu Arora girl 5'-3", 1995 born, Rajkot, Gujarat. Required well-settled businessman. Mobile: 92464-60713. (CL20103169)

SM4 for working M.Sc. (Physics) GATE qualified, preparing for NET, August 1989, 5'-2". Contact: 88375-14256. WhatsApp: only. (CL20100950)

Respected well established Hindu Khatri Business family invited proposals for their extremely beautiful well educated daughter, done MBA, 5'-3%", 15.12.1995, 5:09 am, Patiala, Punjab. Only reputed Business family invited. Contact: 98765-82190, 98140-52451. (CL20100951)

Professionally qualified handsome match for good looking Punjabi Khatri non-manglik girl 5'-6" B.Com. C.A, 9.10.93, 8:40 p.m. Chandigarh, job Chennai 18 LPA- 90414-65883. (CL20101118)

Suitable match for very very beautiful Khatri Manglik girl, 1994 born, 5'-2", MBA. Preferred high class businessman. 88148-61774. (CL20101181)

Hindu Wali girl 87 born, 5'-3", M.B.A, working as Deputy Manager in Govt. Bank. 94789-49005, 78141-13620. (CL20101193)

Match for beautiful M.Tech. Hindu Khatri girl, Manglik, 6.6.1990, 7:15 a.m. Patiala, 5'-0", working Software Engineer. Punc 13 LPA. WhatsApp: 7743096884. (CL20101270)

Suitable match for slim beautiful fair CA girl 5'-7", 25 May 95, 6:05 pm. Panchkula/ Call after matching kundi. Required only Tricity boy. WhatsApp: 99882-92946, 96464-97383. (CL20101285)

Beautiful Khatri girl, 27, 5'-2", M.Sc. Maths, Govt. Teacher. Preferred Govt. employee. 99143-62003. (CL20101345)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl, Aug. 1992, 5'-1", MA Economics. Educated business vegetarian family near Jalandhar preferred. 98157-9290. (CL20101392)

Match for Hindu Khatri Manglik educated 07 Feb. 1993, 5'-5", 1:40 am contact after matching kundi, upper caste welcome. 75080-17204/ 76960-6117. (CL20101458)

Professionally qualified match for Punjabi Khatri Manglik girl, 07.07.88, 5:00 pm, ambala, 5'-2", MBA, Manager Scale-2 Govt. Bank Panchkula, 99964-95487, 72066-17979. (CL20101909)

ARORA

Suitable match for working Hindu Arora girl 5'-3", 1.12.1993, 1:45 am, M.Sc. (Biotech) Ludhiana. Cont. 62391-87710. (CL20101172)

Required well settled businessman for B.Tech. (CSE), beautiful Arora Manglik girl 25/ 5'-2", well educated and well establishment Pharmaceutical Business. Radha Swami family. Tricity preferred. 92167-44110. (CL20101398)

Hindu Arora girl 5'-2", 90 born, required NRI citizen or Civil Servant (IAS, IPS, SDM, Custom Department). 94666-24483 bureau excuse. (CL20101476)

Arora Manglik Radhasoami girl, 11.7.1993, 12.30 pm, Khanna, 5'-4", M.Sc (Maths), B.Ed., UGC NET, Professor at Chandigarh University. 97794-59029. (CL20101630)

Arora beautiful girl July 1993, 5'-6", MBA. Father business Sharapur, good status family. Contact: 83075-69919. (CL20101956)

Hindu Arora girl issuesse divorcee 32, 5'-4", MBA Finance Govt. Bank Officer. Amritsar. 97798-23217. (CL20102909)

Suitable match for Hindu Arora beautiful girl 16.12.92, Time 7.58 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-4", B.Tech, B.Ed, working in company Mohali. 98888-08622. (CL20103179)

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Khatri girl, 10.02.1989, 12:30 pm, Ambala, 5', BA, LLA, LLM, working Legal Assistant Directorate of School Education, Haryana. 85718-27711, 83980-44695. (CL20101917)

Govt. Maths Teacher, Hindu Goldsmith girl, Jan. 1989, Distt. Sangrur, 5'-1". Preferable Govt. Teacher/ Officer. 98780-51690. (CL20102020)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri beautiful girl, 1988, 5'-5", MBA from London. 98727-24857. (CL20102440)

SM4 Khatri girl 14.08.1988, 23:50 Hissar, 5'-1", Govt. job (Gazetted Officer) Chandigarh pkg 13 Lacs only Tricity. 98110-19090, 89504-22022. (CL20102753)

Handsome educated Khatri boy preferably from Tricity for beautiful, 79 born, 5'-2", MBA girl, Manager in Chandigarh. 82830-37322. (CL20102756)

Seeks well educated, handsome financially sound businessman match for beautiful, issueless widow, MD (Homeopathy) Doctor Manglik Khatri girl, 5'-1", 22.02.1987, 9:35 pm. Running well settled owned clinic. Brother also Doctor. Kapurthala, Sultanpur Lodhi, Nakodar, Jalandhar preferred only. 81466-77754. (CL20102815)

Match from Khatri beautiful girl 29, 5'-8", MCA. Teaching experience. 87250-09329. (CL20103012)

Suitable match for Punjabi Khatri girl 25/5'-1", M.Sc, doing B.Ed. Father bank Manager, mother retired Principal, sister married to Custom Officer, preferred. 92800-51200. (CL20102845)

Match for Khatri divorcee issueless girl 29.6.1985, 7 am, Dasuya, 5'-2", Double MA. 81950-99090. (CL20102860)

Suitable match for Manglik Khatri girl, 5'-4", 20.08.1989, 10:15 pm, Chandigarh. B.Tech (CSE), own business, well settled family in Panchkula. 98555-10063. (CL20102890)

Highly rich most beautiful Khatri girls, Chandigarh, 1995, B.Tech., 5'-3", 1994, MBA, 5'-1". Contact only royal brand family. Tricity. 86991-50414, 96465-12312. (CL20102917)

High status Chandigarh settle, Khatri girls, anshik Manglik 1991, M.Com., 1993, T.Mech. Industrialist, business tricity. 86991-50414, 96465-12312. (CL20102918)

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BRAHMIN

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin M.Pharma girl, working MNC Bangalore, 25.1.90, Amritsar, 5'-4". Upper caste no bar. 94635-6056. (CL20101226)

Suitable proposal invited for Saraswat Brahmin girl from well established family, 5'-4" 1994 born, M.B.B.S., born and brought up in Jind (Haryana) basically belong to Amritsar distt. Preferably Doctor or Class-I officer. Send biodata at WhatsApp: 94163-61286, 87082-62895 or mail at sangeetabhattagi@gmail.com (CL20103118)

Manglik/ Non-Manglik match for beautiful, slim, Brahmin, 21.06.1992, 9:30 pm, Ludhiana, M.Com., B.Ed. Teacher. Officer/businessman preferred. 94170-5245 (CL20103285)

SM4 Gaur Brahmin girl 28, 5'-3", MA English, M.Ed, preference Central Govt. employee, Bank employee, IT employee. Brahmin boy. Contact: 90416-82533. (CL20103188)

Well settled professionally qualified match for Punjab Saraswat Brahmin, 1983 born, beautiful slim girl, working MNC Gurgaon, 10 LPA, Delhi/ NCR based Brahmin/ Khatri match preferred. Send biodata pk6_@yahoo.co.in , WhatsApp: 09816-72003. (CL20095293)

Seeking Well educated working boy for Gaur Brahmin girl, 1981 born, 5'-2", M.Com., M.Phil. (Com.), M.A. (Eng.), pursuing regular Ph.D. (Com.). All upper caste welcome contact at 94164-14257. (CL20097374)

Suitable match for 5 ft 2 in, M.A. Economic Canada study visa approved, match well qualified expensive from boy early marriage. 9478-40100. (CL20102491)

Suitable match for very fair, beautiful, slim HCS (Judi) Brahmin girl, 76, 5"-2", Upper caste no bar. 97817-81524, s.a.n.j.e.v.a.t.s 47 @ y a h o o . c o m (CL20102542)

Extremely beautiful (Anshik Manglik) Saraswat Brahmin girl 1997, Ludhiana, 5'-4". MBA. Father Industrialist, seeks well established businessman boy. 76961-66662. (CL20103257)

Sm for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 18 Feb. 1994, 4.50 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-1", MBA, 6.5 bands 9876565453. (CL20102645)

Himachali Brahmin girl, 24.07.1990, 10.46 pm, 5", B.Tech working Mohali. Family settled in Tricity: 98883-35110. (CL20100325)

Suitable match for Gour Brahmin fair, beautiful, purely vegetarian Vashishth/ Attri, 5'-2", smart girl, 19/08/91, 15:20 hrs, Pkg 9 Lacs working company Delhi, M.Tech (CS). Father Class-I Officer retired Jagadhar. Kundli matching must. Contact: 70567-0018. (CL20100375)

Suitable match for beautiful manglik Modgil Brahmin girl, 26-05-1983, 10:30 pm, 5"-5", B.Tech (Computer Science) working Pvt company Bangalore, Good salary. Contact 99144-04480. (CL20100363)

M.Tech CSE 26.12.1991, 5'-6" girl, suitable match boy at least B.Tech Govt/ Defence Officer nearby Mukerian, Hoshiarpur. 94782-95479. (CL20100443)

Match for Gaur Brahmin girl 03-02-91, 06:45 am, Ambala/ 5"-2", B.Com., B.Ed, Ambala/ Kurukshetra/ Yamunagar/ Panchkula Preferred. 99962-29797. (CL20100525)

Suitable match for vegetarian Brahmin Manglik girl, MA, B.Ed. PET UGC NET, 9.2-90, 3:30 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-3", working as Asst. Professor on contractual base. 987600-2747. Contact after matching Kundli. Marriage bureau excuse. (CL20100518)

Manglik Brahmin girl 28/5'-3", MCA, working Multinational Company Gurgaon. Preferred boy settled NCR. 94784-48958. (CL20100730)

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SIKH KHATRI/ARORA

Suitable match for Sikh Arora girl 42/ 5'-6", MBA. Mobile 6280727076. (CL20100580)

NT/ ND match for Gursikh girl, Aug/1994/ 5'-2", fair, slim, B.Tech., MBA Business family. 9888323623. (CL20100932)

Gursikh Non-drinker/Non-trimmer match for Arora Sikh girl, 36, 5'-4", B.Tech working MNC, Gurgaon (20 LPA). bsingh1953@gmail.com (CL20101241)

PQM/ businessman NT/ ND

vegetarian Gursikh/ Khatri match

for 1992, 5'-5", Gursikh Amritdhari

fair, beautiful, M.Sc. Physics.

Jalandhar based family. Whatssapp:

628467657. (CL20101600)

Match for Khatri Sikh unmarried

girl, April 1980, 5'-5", working in IT company. Whatssapp: 99151-02936. (CL20101859)

RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN

SM4 Ramgarhia Sikh girl, 5'-4", 1989, B.Tech, M.Tech, Class-1 Officer in govt. bank. Well settled family in Mohali. Gotra Deura & Vaseer Preferred Govt. job or well settled business. 98140-93402. (CL20100943)

Match for Una (HP) based Hindu

Dhiman girls. 27-06-1991, 1.30 p.m.

Talwara (PB), 5'-4", M.Com. &

23.09.1992, 1.35 a.m. Talwara (PB), 5'-4",

M.Com, Diploma in Costume Designing.

Now residing in Bikaner (Rajasthan).

94611-59387. (CL20101133)

Suitable match for innocent divorcee

beautiful girl, 5'-7", 1986, degree in

Health psychology from UK. Doing

service. Tricity preferred. 98142-

57732. (CL20102212)

Suitable equally qualified match for

Ramgarhia Sikh girl, 36, 5'-5", upper

personality Assistant Professor, Govt. job in Chandigarh. Preferred Govt. employee, Doctor, Engineer, Defence Officer, upper

caste welcome. Marriage bureau excused.

82740-0779. (CL20095273)

SM for Hindu Dhiman girl 5'-4", 1989, working in IT sector Delhi, B.Tech. 94168-53744. (CL20100515)

Well-settled match for beautiful,

slim, Sikh Ramgarhia girl 5'-3", 1985,

working Chandigarh. Whatssapp

95017-04656. (CL20100656)

Ambala settled family seeks clean

shaven boy match for Brahmian Dhiman

girl 25-12-1992, 08:15 am. Lucknow

born, 5'-4", MBA serving MNC (Chd),

Upper caste no bar. 97819-78767,

89501-30043. (CL20100786)

Match for Ramgarhia Matharu

Canadian PR girl 29/5'-3", Post-

Graduate, seeks smart educated

Canadian PR or work permit groom,

Contact: 12049633636, 9199143-

02990. (CL20100821)

Suitable match for staunch veg.

Ramgarhia very fair girl, 24/ 5'-4",

M.Com. (Hons), Govt. outsourced

Service with five lakh package. Bro-Sis

only. Living in joint & simple religious

natured family. Own house, Parents

Officers in Govt. Circle. Contact:

samecan99@yahoo.com (CL20100841)

Dhiman Hindu unmarried girl,

1981 born, M.A.Ed., 5', Teacher,

9815607276. (CL20100941)

Beautiful Ramgarhie M.Pharmacy

Gold medalist Punjab Govt job 1985/

5'-4", divorce girl health department

Chandigarh permanent job good salary

Army Retd. Required educated

boy marriage bureau excuse. 79868-

61272. (CL20102354)

Well placed match for 1987 Sikh

Ramgarhia beautiful issue-less divorce

girl 5'-4", Architect. Contact:

8427003247. (CL20101275)

Ramgarhia Sikh Khiyamali (near

Hoshiarpur) girl, Aug/ 92/ 5'-7",

MA, B.Ed. CTET, PTET pass. Seeks Govt.

job, boy. 98781-90500 (Patiala).

(CL20101245)

Match for NRI girl 1992/ 5ft inch,

M.Tech, Diploma (IT), present in

India. 74899-02699, 88151-01801.

(CL20102931)

SM4 b'ful educated Himachali

Ramgarhia Khiyamali girl, slim, fair

color, 1992 born, 5'-3", B.Tech.

(NIT/ CS), M.Tech., working in IT

Company at Chandigarh. 91484-

83400. (CL20102952)

Ramgarhia girl, Sept. 91, 5'-4",

M.Tech, UGC qualified, working as

Assistant Professor. Business-class family. Contact: 9815452360,

980388040. (CL20103110)

Ramgarhia Sikh girl 25,

5'-7", B.Ed., M.Sc. Computer

Science, having good health, need boy

from educated established family.

98880-40535. (CL20102804)

Suitable mate for Amritdhari

Ramgarhia issueless divorcee

beautiful Chandigarh girl 5'-1",

1980, +2, Diploma (Press Designing),

WhatsApp 98728-07974, 98762-

0154. (CL20102823)

Match for Hindu ramgarhia girl

28.9.1992, 5', regular professor

Commerce SD College M.Com, UGC

NET. Mob.: 98788-62083, 98151-

11752 WhatsApp. (CL20102832)

SM for Hindu Dhiman girl

5'-3", 07.04.89, BCA, MBA (HR),

working in IT Company Mohali.

Preferred Engineer & Manager.

Belongs to Hoshiarpur. 62805-55730.

(CL20102922)

Match for NRI girl 1992/ 5ft in,

M.Tech, Diploma (IT), present in

India. 74899-02699, 88151-01801.

(CL20102931)

SM4 Khatri/Arora girl

42/ 5'-6", MBA. Mobile 6280727076.

(CL20100580)

NT/ ND match for Gursikh girl,

Aug/1994/ 5'-2", fair, slim, B.Tech.,

MBA Business family. 9888323623.

(CL20101032)

Ramgarhia Radhasoami girl,

26.1.87, 5'-4", M.Sc (Fashion

Technology), 98170-00652.

(CL20103265)

Canadian PR Ramgarhia girl,

1985, 5'-3", MCA, seeks clean/honest,

vegetarian match. 98886-70132.

(CL20103267)

Qualified Aggarwal mate for

Manjlik girl

beautiful Bansal girl

06.11.1990, 06:50 pm, Ludhiana,

5'-5", B.Ed., PGDHA. 62397-76174.

(CL20101323)

Ramgarhia Radhasoami girl,

26.1.87, 5'-4", M.Sc (Fashion

Technology), 98170-00652.

(CL20103265)

Aggarwal match for Goyal M.Sc.

Maths, B.Ed. girl, Ghauran. 21 Sep

1993, 8:45 am, 5' ft. C.No. 86998-

00990. (CL20101361)

Match for smart, content educated,

Guru Nanak Dev University. 13-01-1991,

09:38 a.m., (Gurgaon), 5'-7",

B.Tech., MBA. Contact: 94170-55990.

(CL20101323)

SMF beautiful Goyal girl 5'-3",

12.02.1995, 7:00 PM, Bathinda,

B.tech in CS. Working as Senior

Software Engineer in MNC

Bangalore, package 10 Lac. Contact:

98120-2645. (CL20103240)

Match for qualified

CLASSIFIEDS

8x16 Booth freehold with basement, Sector 44-C & leasehold corner, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh. Safeways Real Estate, Booth No. 6, Sector 44-C, 98786-11225, 81462-44771. (CL2010473)

4 marla liveable, Sector 8, Chandigarh & 1 kanal Sector 21, Chandigarh. Safeways Real Estate, Booth No. 6, Sector 44-C, 98786-11225. (CL2010477)

Sector 23D, 132.7 sqyard (5.5 marla), corner, 3 side open first and second floor only, just opp. dream park, recently renovated. Contact: 98555-35780. (CL20103050)

10 marla old triple storey North East facing Sector 34, Chandigarh. Contact: only genuine buyers. M: 98140-27529. (CL20103060)

Highly Tasteful HIG independent (228 ga) in 38 West Duplex corner facing North. 76580-00003, 78371-62383. (CL20103112)

2 BHK CHB flat Sec. 51A, GF corner with Lamin side B-road near park. 81465-24248, 76580-00003. (CL20103175)

5 Marla facing park old triple freehold Sector 38A. 5 marla triple old plot price Sector 22C Chandigarh. Yours Properties 98143-33330, 98787-8444. (CL20103252)

Chandigarh free hold MIG three bedroom, first floor ready to shift Sector 45-D, immediate settlement. 98156-03148. (CL20103270)

Owned freehold 7 marla 3 storied livable house in Sector 37-D, Chandigarh. Owner: 98551-63005. (CL20103329)

2 kanal beautiful newly built house prime location American/ Indian style Sector 15, Chandigarh. Genuine buyer. WhatsApp 98725-55574. (CL20103330)

PANCHKULA

10 marla builder floors with stilt parking, lift, ready to shift/ advance booking at discount, Sector 4, 7, 8. Gulati Estates: 88006-66233. (CL20100888)

Kanal & 14 marla premium furnished builder floors/ villas Sector 6, 7, 8 12. Gulati Estates: 88006-66233. (CL20100889)

10 marla old duplex Sector 9. Also triple liveable Sector 8. Contact owner: 88006-66233. (CL20100892)

1 kanal double storey B-road Sector 2, duplex on main road Sector 4, triple storey Sector 16. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103024)

10 marla fully marbled excellent duplex North East facing Sector 8, 16. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103037)

1 kanal single storey Sector 7, single storey, prime location Sector 8. 6, duplex, excellent built Sector 8. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103041)

10 marla excellent duplex B-road, Sector 21, another single storey brandnew Sector 2, Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103045)

14 marla single storey Sector 8, facing park single storey Sector 7/ brandnew duplex Sector 12. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103048)

14 marla excellent duplex Sector 2 another duplex near market on B-road Sector 21. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103051)

14 marla single storey B-road Sector 4/ duplex almost new Sector 9/ duplex Sector 16. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103052)

10 marla triple storey well maintained Sector 10 another triple storey Sector 15. Gulshan Wadhra 98154-80358. (CL20103057)

10 marla triple prime location (Sector 7). Another facing North/ East (Sector 8). 82888-78339, 98767-82699. (CL20102805)

1 kanal marbled extraordinary location Sectors 4, 15. Two kanal, B-Road (8.75), 98767-82699, 82888-78339. (CL20102810)

Ready to move 14 marla corner floors available Sector 6 MDC Panchkula. Kitti Estates 99883-6191. (CL20097286)

Floor for sale: Desperate deal - one kanal, 4 BHK, 2nd floor with new lift, facing East, in front of 60 feet VIP road, Sector 7, Panchkula @ 2.5 Cr. No negotiable. Dealer & investors please to excuse. 99880-49922. (CL20097101)

Panchkula: Kanal single liveable Sector 2 corner single, 6 duplex. Param Real Estate 98786-39991. (CL20100479)

10 marla triplex fully Italian marble all MP teak woodwork East facing House No. 979 See. 4, Panchkula. File key with us. Call: Maa Jagdambe Property. 98885-70222. (CL20101235)

14 marla plot Sector 17, another triple sector 4, contact Sabharwal Real Estate: 94173-78881. (CL20101249)

6 marla double marbled Sector 10, another triple Sector 4. Contact Sabharwal Real Estate: 94173-78881. (CL20101246)

1 kanal plot Sector 6, MDC, another old Sector 8. Contact: Sabharwal Real Estate 94173-78881. (CL20101318)

10 marla house on green belt, A-Road & North facing # 947-P, Sector 26, Panchkula. Ph: 94650-33140. (CL20101757)

Beautiful 10 marla Northeast facing duplex house for sale in Sector 4, Panchkula. Contact: 98760-83784. (CL20101977)

Batra Estate- 1 kanal plot available on A-road in Sector 6, Panchkula. 94179-77016, 94638-37635, 70093-27189. (CL20102806)

Batra Estate- 10 marla plot available in Sector 11, Panchkula. 94179-77016, 94638-37635, 70093-27189. (CL20102809)

Batra Estate- 10 marla facing East plot available in Sector 12-A, Panchkula. 94179-77016, 94638-37635, 70093-27189. (CL20102814)

Manimajra- Commercial Showroom (16.5'x60'), prime location, triple storey, reasonable price. Arya Real Estates 98769-97777. (CL20102903)

Chandigarh: 1 kanal Sector 21 and Sector 32, confirm deals. Contact: Verma 98766-35909. (CL20102969)

9 marla plot Sector 28, Panchkula, good location, going cheap. Direct deal. Owner: 98769-88648. (CL20102984)

Panchkula 8 marla plot 877, Sector 17. Contact: 98140-27529. (CL20103030)

Panchkula - One kanal duplex on dividing Sector 7 & 8 main road another two kanal duplex Sector 6 main road reasonable rate. Sethi Estates - 98140-30249. (CL20103142)

Panchkula: Pre rented bayshop 18'x4' Sector 7 and top floor of SCF Sector 7. Sethi Estates: 98140-30249. (CL2010318)

Panchkula: Brand new 10 marla facing Sector 8, brand new 10 marla Sector 21, newly built 10 marla Sector 21, 15.5 marla plot Sector 2, one kanal Sector 7. Note many more proposals available. Exchange also possible. Sunil Veerwanshi 98555-15555, 93160-02028. (CL20103223)

Panchkula: Pre-rented showroom Sector 5 another vacant/ plot of showroom, Sector 5. Sethi Estates: 98140-30249. (CL20103228)

6.5 marla park facing, triple storey house for sale in Sector 26, Panchkula. Pannu Properties: 97790-88123. (CL20103256)

14 marla single old house in Sector 8, Panchkula. Rare deal. 99884-72111. (CL20103258)

Panchkula: Fourteen marla livable house Sector 21, builtup showroom 10, 12-A, Nand Estate 98140-33277, 99888-99131. (CL20103347)

MOHALI

10 Marla triple / Single B-road, Single lane & Corner Phase-2, 1, 2, 7, 10-11 & 71. Full / floorwise. Mohali Realtors: 98698-11011, 98782-78277. (CL20101111)

Mohali: 4 Marla triple storey park facing, North-East Phase-7. 98698-11011, 98782-78277. (CL20101111)

Brand new 100 sqyd Double triple approaching park, near B-road, East facing. Sian Properties Sector-89, 9041700048. (CL20101178)

1-kanal Corner B-road Phase-10, Brand new Sector-71, 79 & Corner facing park Phase-3B2. Orbit Estates-8969799143, 9915534500. (CL20102027)

Kothi 6 marla floor wise beautiful two bedroom, drawing dining, ground floor, North East facing, Sector 77, Mohali. Satinder Singh: 98720-23591. (CL20103205)

200 gaj floor renovated 1st floor facing park 257/40, Khanna Realtors. 89686-98888. (CL20103214)

1 kanal kothi 7 BHK 6 bath, luxurious house +2 servант quarter built by NRJ for self use Phase 3B1, Mohali. 98720-23591. (CL20103232)

16 Marla: Double storey livable excellent location Phase-10. For immediate sale. Yours Property: 98787-84444, 98143-33330. (CL20103248)

5 marla first floor 2BHK with parking single lane, Sector 78, Mohali. 73823-00072, 73829-00072. (CL20103307)

6 Marla Double Facing Park Sector 78, 80 & 8 Marla Single Story Corner Sector-71, 79 & 10 Marla B-road Sector-80. Orbit Estates-9878200042, 9915534500. (CL20102079)

Kothi for sale area 105 sq.yds. newly built ready to move Sunny Enclave near Jalayat flats Kharar @ 45/- Lakh contact Balaji Estates 97725-10003, 9915534500. (CL20102083)

Mohali 1 kanal beautifully built duplex house in Phase 3B1. Subhash Mangat & Co. 98155-70278. (CL20102897)

10 Marla B-road Triple B-road New Full or Floorwise Phase-3B2 & 7. Orbit Estates-9915534500. (CL20102027)

8 Marla House Corner Facing Park Sector-71, B-road new Phase-4 & Single East facing Phase-7. Orbit Estates-9915534500, 8968799143. (CL20102077)

10 Marla Double Facing Park Sector 78, 80 & 8 Marla Single Story Corner Sector-71, 79 & 10 Marla B-road Sector-80. Orbit Estates-9878200042, 9915534500. (CL20102079)

Available Independent Houses Category HL 100 Sq. yds. Phase-1, 2, 7, 9 & 10. Orbit Estates-7526961444, 9915534500. (CL20102083)

Mohali 1 kanal beautifully built duplex house in Phase 3B1. Subhash Mangat & Co. 98155-70278. (CL20102897)

10 Marla Corner, facing park, Phase-7, 3B1, 3B2, 10, Sector-70, 71, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and Sector-71. (CL20100745)

Built-up showroom on Chandigarh Kharar highway, just half kilometre from Mohali bus stand, direct entry from new flyover, established market. Rare bargain owner 98151-05988. (CL20100745)

Wanted one kanal & two kanal in Chandigarh only owner may contact Karan Sandhu 98788-82747. Dealers excuse. (CL20100705)

Wanted HUDA plots/ kothies in Panchkula, Karnal, Gurgaon. Buyer ready. RV Associates 98140-06638. (CL20102013)

Land required (all sizes) with clear title in Panchkula/Ambala/ Tepla preferably on road. 9470-04758. (CL20102078)

Wanted/available Adv Loi in Aerotropolis in Block A, B, C, D. Narinder 98144-20560. (CL20100343)

Required urgently any size of properties residential, commercial, industrial Chandigarh or surrounding.

98149-67149. (CL20101236)

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BUSINESS

Melting Steel scrap business in Chandigarh with good returns. Interested parties contact at 98880-09445. (CL20102813)

<http://mortgagemall.com> - Own such Website for 2000 per year - Global Mall Fatehabad. 98105-70740. (CL20102906)

Partnership/ lease/ sale franchise for Hotel, Restaurant, Resort, sweetshop, dhaba any hospitality business collaboration. 98150-42927. (CL20103211)

Large open space available on Landran-Banur (Mohali) highway for genuine profit-sharing business. 94785-01691. (CL20103308)

Are you a Sales professional and looking for investors for starting your own business? We facilitate such joint ventures. KV's Chanakyaashala, Panchkula. 98795-04347. (CL20100505)

New Chemist Shop, Showroom (2 side open) in Hospital Sector, Chandigarh. Top-notch fitting in fixture for immediate sale/lease (Approx 35 Lacs plus stock) Direct deal. Contact Number: 99883-70656, 98881-64833. (CL20101138)

Our investors want to buy running businesses, restaurants, schools, automobiles or commercial projects with property within 50 kms from Chandigarh, genuine sellers please contact Franchise King 98146-98146, 93161-93161. (CL20103334)

INVESTMENT

Life long stable income. Invest safely upto 100 cr in commercial or industrial property in and around Tricity with 8-10 percent rentals from brands or big companies. All adjustments, flexible payment terms. Contact Franchise King 98146-98146, 93161-93161. (CL20103333)

MACHINERY FOR SALE

Paper bag making machine two colours Flexo printing machine, good condition Chandigarh. Mob: 92166-50489. (CL20103182)

Machine for sale: Press machine 50T, 10T (working condition) 477, Indl. Area, Ph. 1, Panchkula: 98154-59888. (CL20102817)

FOR SALE

For sale: 4+3 sofa set, 2+1+1 sofa set, wooden center table and teak box bed in top condition. 152-B, 27-A, Chandigarh. (CL20103068)

CAR FOR SALE

Mahindra Thar 2018 Green 4WD CRDE 19000 kilometres Chandigarh registration, showroom condition. Contact: 98140-08191. (CL20103151)

Bank Officer's well maintained Swift Dzire VDI, May 2010, done 113500 km, Mohali, Rs. 340000/- Dealers excuse. Contact: 98787-95131. (CL20100785)

Brand new condition, Audi Q3 2018, White colour, premium plus, low mileage. Owner 98881-61688. (CL20100905)

2016 Breeze Zdi + Teacher driven, 56000 kms, Chandigarh number. Last price 8.00,000, no negotiation. 97801-18642. (CL20101639)

BMW X6 Sport 2011 white VIP No. Diesel, 114000 km. 1st owner with BMW record, non accidental. 97805-24494. (CL20102775)

Tata Xenon five seater, Model 2010, single owner driven, going abroad. Chandigarh Regd. Contact: 98140-79692. (CL20103034)

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Sale newly constructed ten room hotel 16'x8'5' corner site with green belt and parking, Debarassi. 62848-13302. (CL20103106)

If you require professional staff for hotel, restaurant, sweet shop, cafe chat and corporate catering. 98150-42927. (CL20103204)

Running hotel for sale (16 rooms) Zirakpur-Panchkula highway monthly rental 2.50 lacs going cheap good condition genuine buyer only. 94175-67249. (CL20103313)

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Roop Kiran Saroya d/o Gurdarshan Singh, H.No. 1272, Urban Estate, Phase-I, Garha, Jalandhar, have changed my name to Roop Kiran Sethi. (CL20102948)

I, Lovepreet Singh s/o Ravinder Singh, H.No. 213, Mohan Vihar, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, have changed my name to Lovepreet Singh Bhullar. (CL20102986)

I, Jasbirat Singh s/o Paramjit Singh Kondal r/o # 1877/1, Housefied Complex, Phase 10, Mohali, have changed my name to Jasbirat Singh Kondal. (CL20103038)

I, Harbhajan Singh S/o Ujagar Singh r/o Ghuman, Tethi, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, have changed my name Harbhajan Singh to Harbhajan Singh Kalsi. (CL20103086)

I, Kamala Rani w/o Shri Ragbir Dass r/o H.No. 175, Preet Vihar, Nabha, Distt. Patiala, have changed my name to Kamla Rani. (CL20103274)

I, Rajesh Duddi (new name) s/o Sh. Devi Lal r/o WPSO Madhoshingha, Distt. Sirsa, have changed my name from Rajesh (old name) to Rajesh Duddi (new name). (CL20103320)

I, 1494666Y Hav. Satnam Chand 52 ENGR REGT C/o 99 APO declare my father Nanak Chand's DoB mentioned in my service record 01.07.1957 instead of correct DoB 01.01.1944. (CL20103327)

I, Radha Devi, D/o Sh. Joginder W/o Akash Deep Ghai R/o # 387, The Amrita Shergill Co-op. House Building Ist Society Ltd., Sector 48-A Chandigarh have changed my name to Aaradhy Ghai after marriage. (CL20101271)

I, Manoj Kumar s/o Moti Lal r/o # 3352 Mouli Jagran Complex, Chandigarh declare that my daughter Usha is out of my control. I disown her from all my moveable/immovable property. I shall not be responsible for any of her acts and anybody dealing with her shall do so at their own risk. (CL20102748)

EUCALYPTUS

Safeda 11 acre for sale Bara Kot Kachhwa, Near Shahpur, Ambala Cantt. 094180-21320. (CL20100739)

DOMESTIC SERVICES

Available house Cook, maid, patients care, watchman, old care, child care, Neetr Hospitality Mohali. 73800-28968. (CL20103053)

FINANCIAL

Financial solutions: Big ticket size business loan, joint venture Capital, NPA solutions, viability study, due diligence for investment in distress assets, business deals. Panchkula 98150-20234. (CL20102040)

Solution: NPA problems, Restrict Property possession/ sale, E-auction assistance. Aggarwal - 79730-50542. www.npagalaxy.com (CL20097320)

LOST & FOUND

It is inform that I have lost my Degree Certificate of Bachelor of Opt from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, University in Allahabad, UP, Niram Singh s/o Duleep Singh, # 2B, Saachi Homes, Kharar-140301, 98152-28498. (CL20103366)

We Karan A. Singh S/O A.S. Thind and Nirmat Thind W/O Karan A. Singh declare that we have lost Original documents related to our plot no. 239, The Punjab IAS-PCS Officers Cooperative House Building Society Ltd. Mohali i.e. 1. Membership certificate No. 377 (77 phase 2) in the name of Karan A. Singh. 2. Allotment letter in the name of Nirmat Thind, if anyone finds these, please contact Mobile 95018-22666. (CL20101531)

COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Jaginder Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-2, Phagwara.

Mohan Singh son of Nirmal Singh son of Puran Singh, r/o Village & P.O. Palahi, Tehsil Phagwara (Kapurthala).

...Plaintiff/ Decree Holder Vs.

Balbir Singh son of Nirmal Singh resident of V.P.O. Palahi, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala and Ors.

...Defendants/ JDs

CNR No.: PBKPA-000486-2019

Next Date: 15.03.2021

Application for passing Final Decree. Publication issued to: Defendants/ Judgment Debtors No. 5 & 6

5. Salinder Kaur wife of Balde Singh

6. Baldev Singh son of Gurmeet Singh

Both are resident of V.P.O. Palahi, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 15.03.2021 at 10:00 am:

For details logon to:

https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=kapurthala

Dated, this day of 24.02.2021.

Sd/- Jaginder Singh

Civil Judge Junior Division-2, CL20102264 Phagwara.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Renuka Rani,

Civil Judge (Junior Division), Phagwara.

Gurmit Saini son of Sh. Onkar Singh son of Sh. Teja Singh, aged about 41 years R/o H. No. 62, near Sam Baba School, Gobindpura, Phagwara, District Kapurthala and others.

Versus

Sukhjot Singh son of Sh. Anoop Singh son of Sh. Gurbachan Singh aged about 40 years, resident of near Railway Line Mohalla, Gobindpura Phagwara, District Kapurthala and others.

CNR No.

PRB/HP/785

Next Date: 15.03.2021

Suit for Declaration

Publication issued to: Defendant No. 3. General Public

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https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=kapurthala

Dated, this day of 19.02.2021.

Sd/- Renuka Rani,

Civil Judge (Junior Division), CL20102411 Phagwara.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Ms. Aprajita Joshi

Additional Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Amritsar.

Harbhajan Kaur

Versus

General Public

Succession

CNR No.:

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Next Date: 16.3.2021

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97 new cases in J&K, tally reaches 1.26 lakh

Srinagar, February 27

Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 97 new Covid-19 cases, taking the infection tally to 1,26,333, officials said. No fresh deaths were reported in the past 24 hours, they said.

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The FM's announcement in the Budget of a voluntary vehicle scrapping policy is aimed at reducing pollution and galvanising sales. While consumers keenly await the list of incentives and the industry as to who foots the subsidy bill, the challenges are many — an aversion to let go of possessions, lack of preparedness to deal with waste and the complex reality of the Delhi-NCR experience



SCRAP AGE



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VIBHA SHARMA

THE end-of-life for petrol automobiles in the Delhi-NCR region is 15 years and for diesel 10. The order was passed in 2018 by the Supreme Court as a desperate measure to rein in the precipitous fall in the national capital's air quality index, blamed largely on emission of noxious fumes by ageing vehicles. The move substantially reduced the resale value of vehicles, but a ready market emerged overnight — be it in the adjoining states, Chandigarh, or even Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, which do not have such strict provisions. Environmentally, the pollution burden of Delhi-NCR continues to get shifted to other areas.

A 2016 study by the Central Pollution Control Board and GIZ (a German development company) estimated that more than 87 lakh vehicles reached the end-of-life (ELV) status in Delhi-NCR by 2015. "By 2025, the ELV numbers are expected to be 2.18 crore. Two-wheelers account for about 80 per cent," says Anumita Roychowdhury, who heads the air pollution and clean transportation programme of the Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi. "Old vehicles are used extensively in India," she adds, pointing to the grim reality of how a vehicle deemed un-roadworthy and certified as having outlived life in the national capital region could change hands several times before being considered for disposal as scrap — if at all.

It is not just automobiles that are subjected to the reuse-recycle craft of 'jugaad'. A vibrant second-hand market ensures a price for practically every item, but the problem arises when it comes to disposal. And the absence of a clear policy on disposal can turn it into an arbitrary, crude, unscientific and dangerous process, like in the case of e-waste.

"The Supreme Court in Delhi-NCR and the High Court in Kolkata as well as the National Green Tribunal (NGT) have made good interventions. Some cities, including Kanpur and Lucknow, initiated the phase-out of older vehicles while states like Maharashtra and Karnataka levy green tax that increases with the age of vehicles to disincentivise old vehicles. The NGT has issued a directive to identify cleaner areas in the country where these polluting vehicles could be exported," says Roychowdhury.

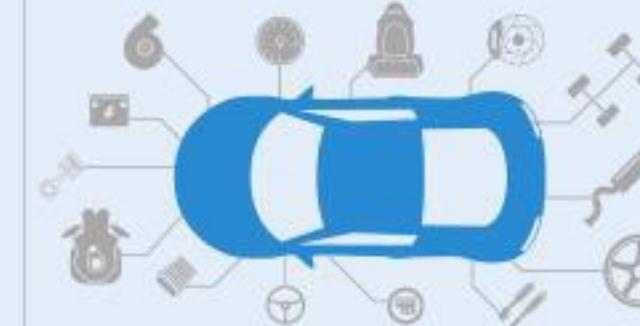
However, transferring unfit vehicles elsewhere defeats the very purpose of air pollution control to protect public health. "The fact is that most cities do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards required to implement clean air action plans under the Centre's National Clean Air Programme for the target of 20-30 per cent reduction in particulate pollution by 2024. They may have phase-out strategies for old vehicles, but in the absence of a comprehensive policy guid-

EXPECTATIONS FROM THE NEW VOLUNTARY SCRAP POLICY

CHECK VEHICULAR POLLUTION	BENEFIT AUTOMOBILE SECTOR	BOOST ECONOMY	CREATE JOBS
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A TAILOR-MADE POLICY NEEDED FOR INDIA

CURRENTLY, a vehicle that has outlived all its possible uses is sold to a 'kabadi', who pays by the kilo. Automobile expert H Kishore Singh says India has no organised system of disposing of a car or any motorised vehicle. "Different countries have different policies for scrapping old/unfit vehicles. No country has a foolproof system that can be emulated. England, France and Germany have a 'cash for clunkers' policy that has not been successful. The government is said to be considering new taxes for those who opt out. But taxing and re-taxing is not the solution to pollution, rather the whole exercise is counterproductive," he says. Therefore, Singh says, any policy India formulates has to be an original one. "It should have different classes for different cars. For example, vintage and



classic cars should be a separate category. Every component in a car can be recycled and the scrapping policy should address these aspects intelligently. For example, in Canada, old tyres are used to build roads. Rims and engines can be melted to create a new economy. Which is why the policy should pass through a whole lot of thought and experts who know automobiles and engines well."

PROJECTED GAINS



- A 30 pc boost expected for the Indian automobile industry from the present ₹4.5 lakh crore turnover to a likely ₹10 lakh crore turnover in future
- The export component of ₹1.45 lakh crore of the present turnover is likely to go up to ₹3 lakh crore
- Availability of scrapped material like steel, plastic, rubber, aluminium, etc, will increase. This will be used in manufacturing of
- automobile parts, which in turn will reduce their cost by 30 to 40 per cent
- Will boost/promote new technologies with better mileage of vehicles besides promoting green fuel and electricity
- Will decrease India's huge ₹10 lakh crore crude import bill
- Will lead to new investments of around ₹10,000 cr and create as many as 50,000 jobs

DISINCENTIVES

- Green tax, higher levies, registration charges on pollution-causing ageing vehicles
- Older vehicles that fail fitness test will attract huge penalties and can also be impounded
- Green tax will be utilised to tackle pollution

VEHICLES TO BE EXEMPTED



- Strong hybrids, electric vehicles
- Those using alternative fuels like CNG, ethanol and LPG
- Farm and agricultural equipment like tractors, tillers and harvesters

WHAT IS PROPOSED

- Personal vehicles would undergo fitness test after 20 years, commercial vehicles after 15
- Policy would cover an estimated 51 lakh Light Motor Vehicles above 20 years of age, while another 34 lakh LMVs are above 15 years
- Also covered would be 17 lakh medium and heavy motor vehicles which are above 15 years and without valid fitness certificates



tractors, tillers and harvesters is expected to remain out of the purview.

BUMPS AND ROADBLOCKS

Industry experts agree the policy will boost efforts to position India as a global manufacturing hub, help clean the environment and improve road safety. However, there are speed-breakers that need to be dealt with, like incentives.

A top industry representative, who did not wish to be identified, said for the policy to succeed, the major chunk of incentives should come from the government. "It has already announced disincentives, but there must also be clear incentives. On any car sale, the manufacturer makes 10 to 15 per cent and the government more than 50 per cent by way of taxes, registration, etc. Therefore, the government should give incentives for every incremental vehicle sale. The whole concept is based on incrementality rather than revenue loss, assuming that the vehicle will not be sold if the policy is not there," he explains.

There is more. Industry watchers say the concept (of a scrapping policy) came when India, Delhi-NCR in particular, was fighting environmental pollution. However, while the industry made the transition in Bharat Stage (BS) emissions standards from III to IV to VI, old vehicles kept operating. "Earlier, it was called the Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernisation Programme. It was after the industry and economy hit a rough patch that growth became a priority. But the transition from BS-IV to BS-VI (in 2020), which reduced emissions substantially and improved road safety, came at a huge cost to the industry," points out an industry representative. In other words, the government may be open to offering more incentives but the industry may not be as keen to increase its share on the grounds of an economic slowdown and investments made to 'leapfrog' to BS-VI. This even though the policy is expected to affect car-buying, usage patterns, and increase demand.

ENVIRONMENTAL & OTHER GAINS

Roychowdhury says old, ill-maintained and malfunctioning vehicles can become energy guzzlers and emit high amounts of heat-trapping carbon dioxide that causes global warming. The other tangible benefits from the policy are scientific disposal and recovery of waste. Recycle and reuse can contribute towards import substitution and improve India's balance of payments.

"The ultimate scrappage policy is to minimise the environmental footprint of junk vehicles and clunkers. This requires maximum recovery of material for reuse, an increase in the share of recyclable material, and a reduction in the usage of environmentally harmful materials. This calls for a strong waste recycling and recovery system and cooperation from manufacturers." Great expectations, but not impossible ones.

ance and legislative backing, only some cities, where the judiciary is directing action on air pollution, have issued specific directions to cap the age of old vehicles for phase-out," she adds.

This is one part of the story about the much-delayed but much-needed scrapping policy which the BJP-led NDA is planning to bring. There are others, including the tricky one about subsidies and incentives. Who will foot the bill, the government or the company, to replace the vehicle offered voluntarily for scrapping? And what do states have to say?

ENVISIONING NEW START

In her Budget speech on February 1, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government will "separately announce a voluntary vehicle scrapping policy to phase out old and unfit vehicles". This, she added, will help in encouraging fuel-efficient, environment-friendly vehicles, thereby reducing vehicular pollution and the oil import bill. Vehicles would undergo

fitness tests in automated centres after 20 years in the case of personal vehicles, and after 15 in the case of commercial vehicles.

Officials say a draft note is being finalised for Cabinet approval. Several rounds of inter-ministerial consultation have been held, and the states would need to be brought on board.

Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari's post-Budget observations did indicate the broad outline of what the policy, expected to stimulate investment of ₹10,000 crore and create 50,000 jobs, will look like. "The policy would cover an estimated 51 lakh light motor vehicles (LMV) that are above 20 years of age, and another 34 lakh LMVs above 15 years. It would also cover 17 lakh medium and heavy motor vehicles, which are above 15 years, and currently without valid fitness certificates. These are estimated to cause 10-12 times more pollution than the latest vehicles," Gadkari said, highlighting benefits like recycling of waste metal, improved road safety, reduc-

tion in air pollution and oil imports due to greater fuel efficiency.

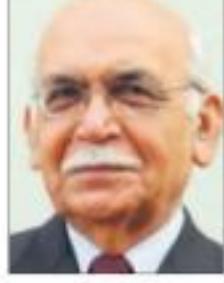
With India becoming an automobile hub, the industry turnover is expected to more than double in the years to come. The policy, it is being claimed, will boost new technologies with better mileage and promote green vehicles, strong hybrids, electric vehicles, and those running on alternative fuels like CNG/ethanol, etc. It is estimated that one crore vehicles will be scrapped for harvested material like steel, plastic, rubber and aluminum used in the manufacturing of automobile parts, thereby reducing their cost by 30 to 40 per cent.

The keyword here is 'voluntary', and those opting for scrapping will be incentivised, apparently by the manufacturer. Those who opt out will have to pay green taxes, higher levies, registration charges, etc. Such vehicles will also have to undergo strict fitness tests. Vehicles that fail will face heavy penalties and can also be impounded. The green tax is to be used for reducing pollution. Farm equipment like

Eye miniatures: Witness to love

The paintings (miniature portraits that were exchanged) acted as tiny proxies to be kissed, pressed to bosoms and talked to when the subject was out of reach. But lover's eyes were different. Instead of standing in for the whole person, they depicted just a minute feature. What's more, they embodied a specific action: the gaze. It is the look of someone that [lover's eye] is a carrier of. It is the look that someone wants to imagine, and wants to feel as resting upon themselves."

— Hanneke Grootboer in *Treasuring the Gaze: Intimate Vision in Late Eighteenth-Century Eye Miniatures*



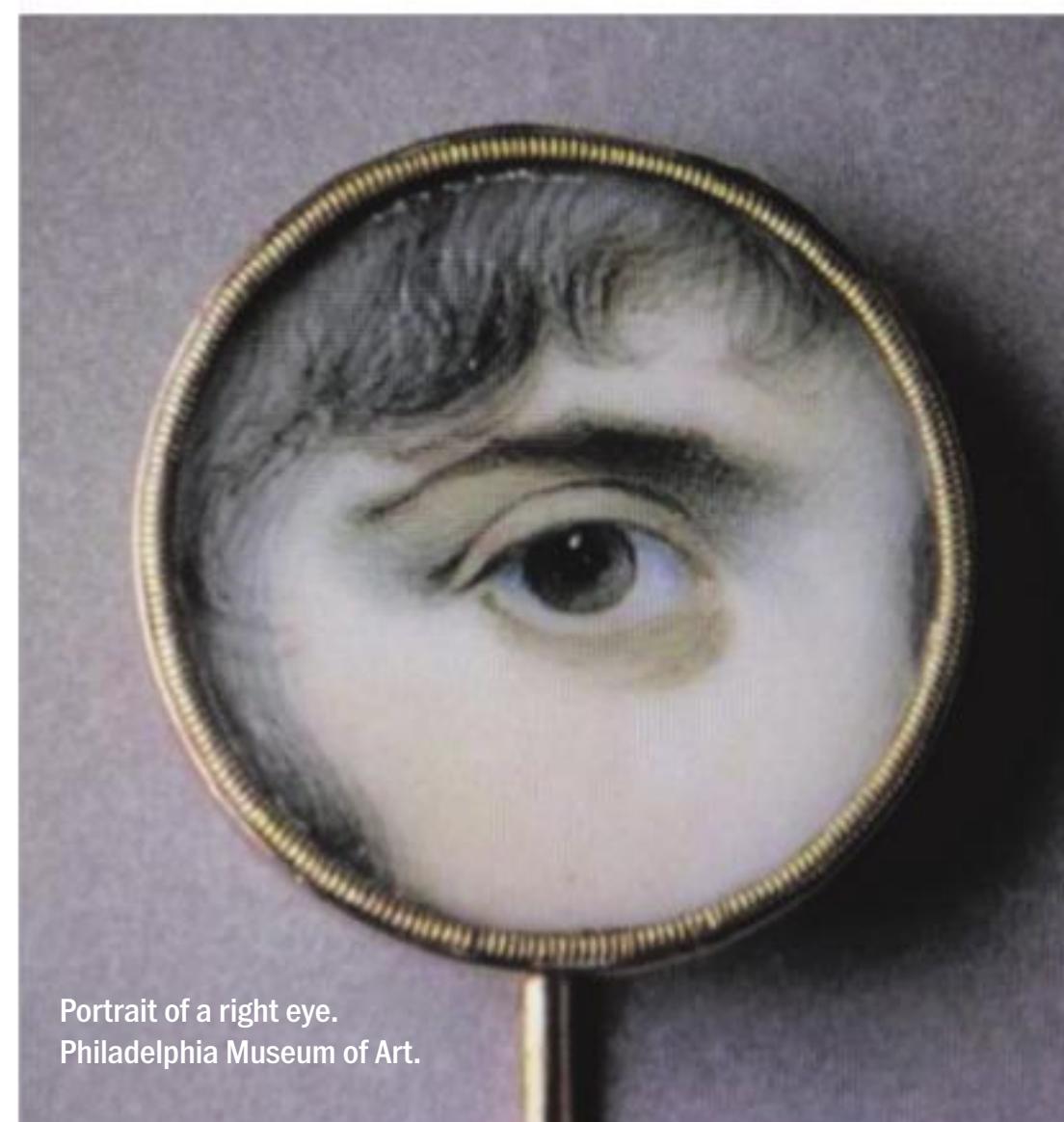
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BN GOSWAMY

Eye miniatures, also known as lover's eyes, cropped up across Britain around 1785 and became en vogue... most were commissioned as gifts expressing devotion between loved ones. All were intimate and exceedingly precious: eyes painted on bits of ivory no bigger than a pinky nail, then set inside ruby-garlanded brooches, pearl-encrusted rings, or ornate golden charms meant to be tucked into pockets, or pinned close to the heart... As objects, lover's eyes are mesmerising—and bizarre. Part-portrait, part-jewel, they resist easy categorisation. They're somehow steeped in mystery.

— Alexa Gotthardt

EVEN though we are still in the month of February, the Valentine's Day, at least of this year, is long gone. For me to be writing about or around it now, therefore, must sound a bit odd. It is not, however, because I have, personally, ever been a great follower of that day — the day is, after all, named not after some celebrated lovers, but of Christian martyrs of long centuries ago; it is also not because of a natural tendency towards not saying the right things at the right time (following Munir Niazi's famous poem: *Hamesha der kar deta hun main?*). It is because I chanced only recently upon the notice of an exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art showcasing a delicious but long-forgotten lovers' fashion that I knew nothing about till now. It goes back to the late

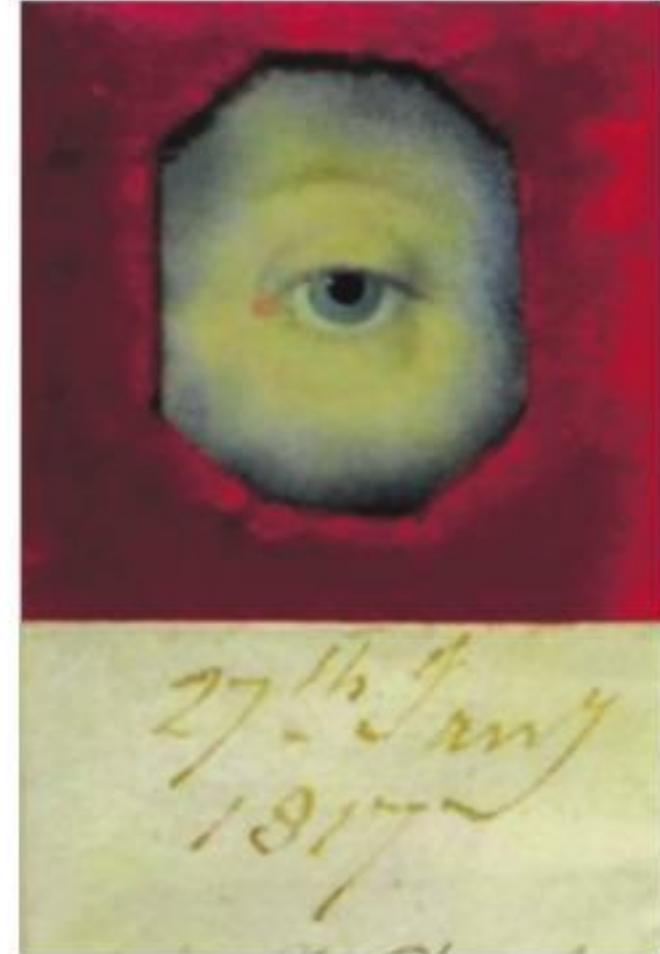


Portrait of a right eye.
Philadelphia Museum of Art.

18th and early 19th centuries in England, and it was all related to exchanges between lovers, especially at this time of the year. Sending each other 'eye miniatures' was what it used to be called.

To this practice, or fashion, is attached a story that belongs to the history of British monarchy. It centres around the Prince of Wales, the young heir-designate to the throne of England, the future George IV (1762-1830). Young George was known, from the age of 17 years, to have been 'rather too fond of women and wine'. In 1784, he fell desperately in love with a widow: a lady of rank, Maria Anne Fitzherbert by name. Their courtship, as records say, was, however, disastrous because royal laws forbade a Catholic widow from becoming the spouse of a monarch. All the same, the Prince proposed to her. Not seeing any future in this, and to save herself from avoidable controversy, Maria left the country and went to Europe. But would the Prince give up? He persisted, and sent her a passionate letter asking for her hand in marriage. This was no ordinary proposal, however, as they say, because with his letter arrived for her a 'spellbinding gift'. "I send you a parcel," the postscript said, "and I send you at the same time an Eye." It was a painting of the Prince's own right eye, 'floating uncannily against a

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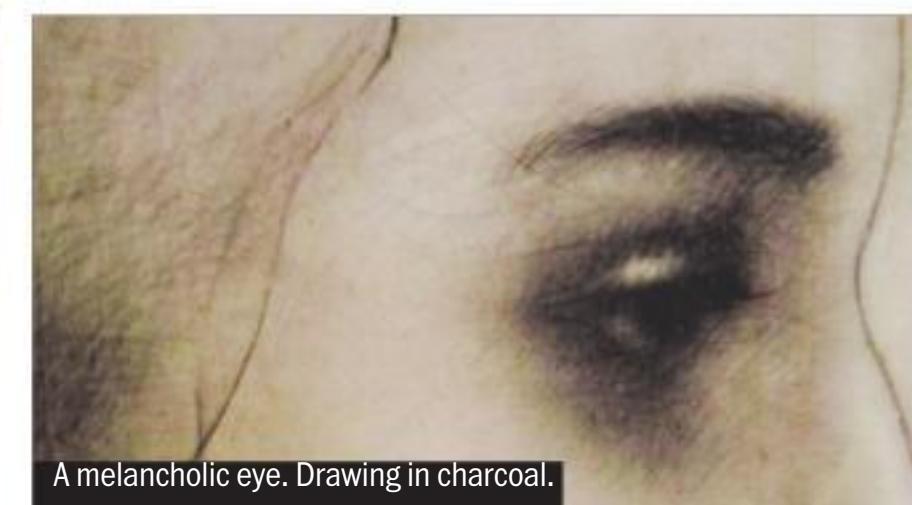


Eye miniature in an ivory case. Dated and signed, 1817, Victoria & Albert Museum, London.

SALVADOR DALI



Eyes of Mae West, by Salvador Dalí



A melancholic eye. Drawing in charcoal.



Lovers' eyes: in jewelled frame

monochromatic background'. No other facial features appeared in the painting except for a 'barely-there' eyebrow. 'All focus was on the composition's core, where a dark iris gazed ardently behind a soft, love-drunk lid.' Whether it was this most uncommon of gifts that melted Maria's heart, or something else, one does not know. But it is known that the 'star-crossed lovers' wed soon afterwards in a secret ceremony. This time, however, another eye was painted — in Maria's likeness — 'which nestled into a locket for the Prince to treasure'. 'No matter where his royal duties took him,' the account ends, 'George could open the jewel and receive his bride's amorous gaze.' The painter, in both cases, was the court miniaturist, Richard Cosway.

It is astonishing, however, how quickly having 'eye miniatures' made and sent caught on in British society. Not in imitation of a royal fancy alone — there is also the view, one needs to mention, that eye miniatures were in fashion even before the Prince got one made, lovers on their own seem to have realised the power of the image, especially when it also ensured communication in secrecy, in an ambience of alone-ness. Not everyone could afford the luxury of having eyes painted by a professional painter — photography had not been invented yet — but those who could,

went for it. Somehow, as a historian of the fashion notes, British culture was 'infatuated with seeing and being seen'. Further refinements set in, and these little miniatures started being framed and put on rings, pendants, brooches and lockets. Frames of diamond represented strength and longevity; those of coral were believed to protect the owner from harm; garnets stood for loyalty; and so on. Exhibitions today put an astonishing range on view. But one has to read the mood in those painted eyes: adoration in some, longing and lust in others, melancholy in still others. The gaze was the thing.

Speaking of the theme, however, one is reminded of the 'eye' in Indian literature and art. One speaks here not only of the types of eyes that poets have been singing about and painters painting for centuries here: maidens with sobriquets like *kamalayani*, *mriga-nayani*, *khanjan-nayan*, *meenakshi*, abound, and keep jumping from the pages of one romance to the next. And, as far as the gaze of the *nazar* goes, I find it hard to forget a session of *qawwali* I heard once. *Nazar jhuk gayi to hayaa ban gayi*, the leading *qawwali* began slowly, and then raced on: *nazar tirchhi kar li, adaa ban gayi / Nazar pher li to qazzaa ban gayi / nazr uth gayi to dua'a ban gayi*.

It was magical; but of that magic another time. Perhaps.

The fine craft of devotion

SARIKA SHARMA

KULLU VALLEY is steeped deep in faith. It isn't an exaggeration to say that nothing moves in the valley without the consent of the local gods. The many deities from the valleys spread across the length and breadth of the district — from Manali (that shares its border with Lahaul-Spiti district) to Seraj (that meets Mandi and Shimla) — are at the centre of life. The colourful palanquins, or *raths* as they are called, are the fulcrum of all activity; not just during the world-famous Kullu Dussehra, but also at every major and minor festivity, in times of trouble too.

The deities' faces are depicted by metal masks or *mohras*, their heads adorned by *chattras* (umbrellas) and music played by traditional instruments. A recent award by the Himachal Pradesh Lalit Kala Akademi celebrates an artiste who has been painstakingly keeping alive the tradition of mask and instrument-making in a world increasingly threatened by commercialisation.

Khimi Ram, the Man-

ali-based artiste, has won this award in the traditional sculpture category for 2018.

The 43-year-old was initiated into the craft by his brother. "I don't remember how old I was when I took to metal craft. As a child, I was fascinated to see metal being moulded into so many things. But I took it up professionally only around 15 years ago," he says. Same goes for his son, Krishan Kumar, who is 24. He too has taken up the family profession for the love of the craft.

Masks are hollow reliefs, the most prominent feature of the *raths* of the gods and goddesses. They could either be grand or subtle, but never really understated, depending on the deity. From *ashthadhatu* (made of eight metals) to bronze, silver and even gold, the choice of metal depends on how much a *devta* can and would like to spend.

Like all other artistes, Khimi Ram makes these masks, along with *chattras* lamps and jewels for the deities, besides local musical instruments such as *karnal*, *dhol*, *nagara* and *narsingha*.

He says each mask takes about a week to make, the most complicated, and time con-

suming, of his oeuvre being the many jewels adorning the *raths*. "There is a lot of detailing in jewels and *chattras*. Hence, these take more time than the masks or musical instruments," he says.

Sadly though, the craft does not find many takers among the young. "In the area surrounding Manali, one would find hardly any sculptors. The bulk of artistes comes from Seraj and Banjar valley. Most of those who have set up shop in Kullu are also from Banjar," he says.

Most youth, especially in the Kullu-Manali belt, have taken to tourism and allied professions — thanks to the glamour and monetary gains associated with it. The government, Khimi Ram says, has been making efforts to save the craft, with regular exhibitions organised across the state and outside of it. Still, it would be long before metal crafts of Himachal gain popularity nationally.

Despite the fact that Khimi Ram and his son's shop is located right in the heart of Manali, only an odd tourist comes asking for his works. Ready audience is, as of now, found only in the deities. And that will keep it going for long.

Manali artisan Khimi Ram is one of the few involved in the traditional metal craft in Kullu region



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Arun Khetarpal, the 21-yr-old Param Vir

Dauntless courage, dogged determination, supreme sacrifice of the Second Lieutenant from The Poona Horse

Lt Col Dilbag Singh Dabas

SOME spoken words become immortal, like: "No Sir, I will not abandon my tank. My gun is still working and the b..... are within range" — Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal's radio message to his Squadron Second-in-Command when told to abandon his tank after it was hit by the enemy tank. Or: "Your grandfather was a brave soldier, so is your father. Go fight like a lion till the end" — Mrs Maheshwari Khetarpal to her 21-year-old son Arun, while seeing him off for the war at the New Delhi railway station.

Arun Khetarpal was a fourth generation soldier and wars were not new to the Khetarpals; his great-grandfather fought the British as part of the Sikh army, his grandfather fought the Turks in World War I and his father, Brigadier ML Khetarpal, was a decorated Sapper.

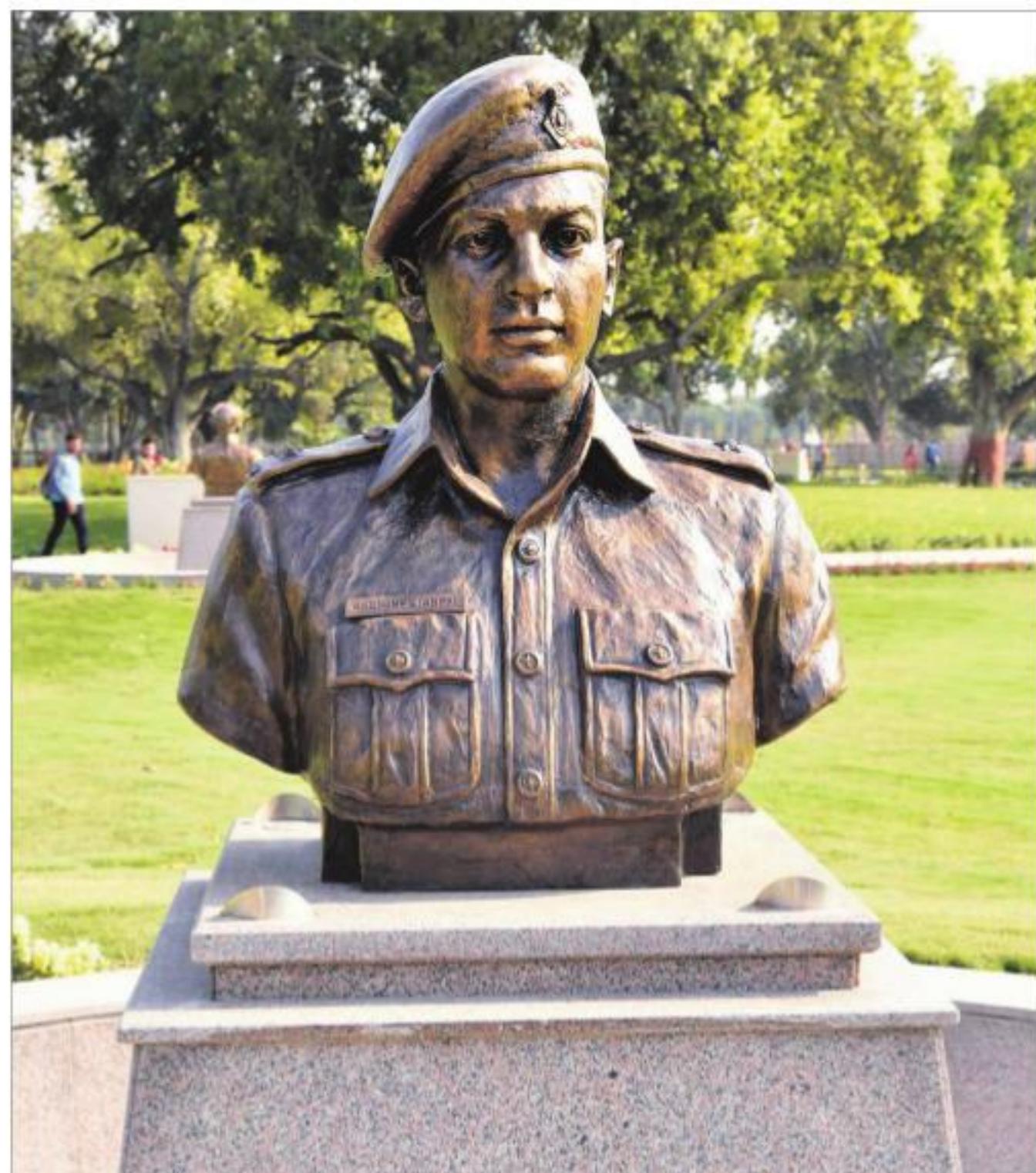
Arun was born on October 14, 1950, and spent five years at Lawrence School, Sanawar, wherefrom he was selected for the National Defence Academy. He carried forward his remarkable performance to the Indian Military Academy and was commissioned into The Poona Horse on June 13, 1971.

The Poona Horse was raised in 1817 near Corygaum (present-day Koregaon between Pune and Ahmednagar). Under the British East India Company, after the very first successful battle it fought on January 1, 1818, at Corygaum on the banks of Bhima river against the numerically superior forces of the Peshwa, it earned the Battle Honour "Corygaum".

With a formidable combination of a squadron each of Jats, Sikhs and Rajputs, The Poona Horse was, and is, the highest decorated cavalry regiment in the Indian Army and also possibly in the Commonwealth. Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal was all too aware of the glorious past of his regiment — five Victoria Crosses and one Param Vir Chakra — and aspired to carry forward this legacy.

During the third round with Pakistan in December 1971, some fierce tank battles raged in the western theatre at Barapind and Jarpal in the Basantar Nadi area of Pakistan's Zafarwal-Shakargarh sector. Many classic encounters took place between tanks of the Indian Army's 16 Independent Armoured Brigade, comprising The Poona Horse and Hodson's Horse (16 Cavalry, the third regiment, deployed in a defensive posture), and forward two regiments of the Pakistan Army's 8 Independent Armoured Brigade, comprising 13 Lancers and 31 Cavalry, whilst its third regiment, 27 Cavalry, remained in reserve.

During the Indian Battle of the Bulge-like scenario around Jarpal, in the initial encounter in the early hours of December 16, a couple of tanks were hit. The battle, however, raged on through the



(Left) Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal's bust at Param Yodha Sthal, National War Memorial, New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL



After a headlong, daring dash, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal chased the withdrawing tanks and even destroyed one. Soon, the enemy re-formed. A fierce fight ensued; 10 enemy tanks were hit, of which he personally destroyed four, but was himself severely wounded. He was told to abandon his tank but realised that if he did so, the enemy would break through. He gallantly fought on and destroyed another tank, before taking a fatal hit



morning with unequal tank casualties on both sides. Finally, by 9 am, three tanks (that of Capt V Malhotra [Mallu], Lieutenant Avtar Ahlawat and 2/Lt Arun Khetarpal) participated in the epic tank versus tank battle at Jarpal. At this most crucial stage, Avtar's tank was hit and he had to pull back to douse the fire, and Mallu's tank developed a snag in its main gun. Thus, for around half an hour, it was Arun alone who stood like a rock of Gibraltar between defeat and victory.

Mallu and Avtar rejoined the battle as soon as their tanks were functional; however, in that unequal battle of around 30 minutes, Arun knocked off four Patton tanks. Just then, his tank was hit and caught fire but he refused to abandon his now-damaged tank named 'Famagusta', since its gun was still firing. Not willing to concede even an inch to the onrushing Pakistani forces, this young subaltern, the lone fighter, was finally killed when his tank received another direct hit, this time from a tank commanded by Major Khwaja Naser, the opposing Squadron Commander of 13 Lancers. But by then, Arun had done more than enough to carve not just his own name, but also the name of The Poona Horse into the pages of Indian military history.

For his dauntless courage, dogged determination and supreme sacrifice in the face of the enemy, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra. The battle account reads:

"On December 16, 1971, the Squadron Commander of 'B' Squadron, The Poona Horse, asked for reinforcements as the Pakistani armour, which was superior in strength, counter-attacked Jarpal in the Shakargarh sector. On hearing this transmission on the regimental net, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, who was in 'A' Squadron, voluntarily moved along with his troop to assist the other Squadron. En route, while crossing the Basantar river, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal and his troop came under fire from enemy strong points and RCL gun nests that were still holding out. Time was at a premium and as a critical situation was developing in 'B' Squadron sector, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal threw caution to the winds and started attacking the impending enemy strong points by literally charging them, overrunning the defence works with his tanks and capturing the enemy infantry and weapon crews at pistol-point. In the course of one such daring attack, one tank commander of his troop was killed. Khetarpal continued to attack relentlessly until all enemy opposition was overcome and he broke through towards 'B' Squadron position, just in time to see the enemy tanks pulling back after their initial probing attack.

He was so carried away by wild enthusiasm of battle and the impetus of his own headlong dash that he started chasing the withdrawing tanks and even

managed to shoot and destroy one. Soon thereafter, the enemy re-formed with a squadron of armour for a second attack and this time, they selected the sector held by Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal and two other tanks as the point for their main effort. A fierce tank fight ensued; 10 enemy tanks were hit and destroyed, of which Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal personally destroyed four but in that fierce engagement, he himself was severely wounded. He was told to abandon his tank but he realised that the enemy, though badly decimated, was continuing to advance and if he abandoned his tank, the enemy would break through; he gallantly fought on and destroyed another enemy tank. At this stage, his tank received a second hit which resulted in the death of this gallant officer.

Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal was dead but he had, by his intrepid valour, saved the day; the enemy was denied the breakthrough which it was so desperately seeking. Not one enemy tank got through.

Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal had shown the best qualities of leadership, tenacity of purpose and the will to close in. His was an act of dauntless courage and self-sacrifice far beyond the call of duty".

He was not the only hero to emerge from the Battle of Basantar. Major Hoshiar Singh, commanding 'C' company of 3 Grenadiers, just a few hundred yards away, lived to tell his tale and the courage and bravery of his company, as the only surviving PVC awardee from the 1971 war.

More than 30 years later, a poignant meeting between Arun Khetarpal's father and by now Brigadier Khwaja Naser of Pakistan army, who is believed to have fired the fatal shot on Arun's tank, reveals that despite the prolonged enmity between the two countries, deep professional respect for each other exists within their militaries.

Brigadier Brijendra Singh (then Second Lieutenant and the writer's course-mate at OTS, Madras) and Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, both from The Poona Horse, had reported to Ahmednagar on October 11, 1971, for the Young Officer's Course, a necessary initiation for all officers prior to taking command of their tanks and men. Due to war clouds hovering rather low, the course was terminated after just three days. They celebrated Arun's 21st birthday on October 14 in a hurry, and boarded the Punjab Mail on their journey back to the regiment, with an interlude at New Delhi, where Arun received his mother's blessings.

Having noticed Arun carrying his ceremonial Blue Patrol clothing and golf clubs along, Brij asked why he needed these on way to fighting a war. And the reply by the 21-year-old was classic: 'Sir, I plan to play golf in Lahore. And I am sure there will be a dinner night after we win the war, so I'll need the Blue Patrol dress as well.'

Some people are like that.

— The writer is Gunner Veteran

Action-packed tank war film *Pippa*, starring Ishaan Khatter, is based on Brigadier Balram Singh Mehta's book

A tale of valour and sacrifice screaming to be told

GURNAAZ KAUR

WHEN 1971 war hero Brig Balram Singh Mehta (retd) got down to writing *The Burning Chaffees* following a regimental lunch in 2015, he had never imagined that his book on the valour and bravery of tank crews during the 1971 India-Pakistan war would be turned into a film. *Pippa*, the action-packed tank war film based on his book, is being directed by Raja Krishna Menon and produced by Siddhartha Roy Kapur and Ronnie Screwvala. Ishaan Khatter is playing the lead role of real-life war veteran Brig Balram Singh Mehta, while the music of the biopic is being given by none other than AR Rahman.

Brigadier Mehta, who lives in Dharamsala, narrates how he decided to write the book. "I was commissioned into 45 Cavalry in June 1966. Immediately after the 1971 war, I had promised the tank crews that one day I would publish a book describing their valour, sacrifice and bravery," he says.

However, after raising 13 Armoured Regiment in 1988, Brigadier Mehta took premature retirement from the Army. Several years later, he was reminded of his promise. "I was invited for the regimental lunch of 45 Cavalry in 2015 by Lt Gen Amit Sharma, then Colonel of the Regiment. Serving and retired officers present there



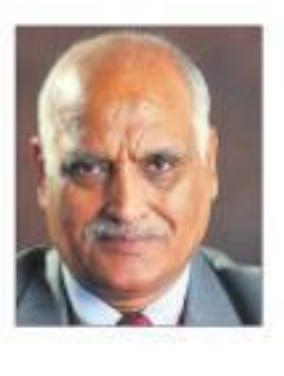
PHOTO COURTESY: THE AUTHOR

A PROMISE WELL KEPT

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BRIG BALRAM MEHTA (RETD), AUTHOR

A PROUD MOMENT

 It is a matter of pride that a brother's gallantry is subject of a big-ticket film. Had my mother, sister and brother Col Narinder been alive, they would have been so happy.

MAJ GEN RAJ MEHTA (RETD), BROTHER

Initial response to the book, he says, was rather sluggish but over time, it has gained circulation. "A military book, about a war fought nearly five decades back, was not expected to generate excitement among the younger generation. But now it has been translated into Gujarati; Hindi translation of the book is complete and is awaiting publication. Bengali translation of the work is on the anvil."

He was surprised when Siddhartha Roy Kapur approached him to make a film based on his book. Siddhartha invited the Brigadier for lunch in Mumbai. "I was thrilled; convinced that this would be a far bigger tribute to regimental martyrs and others who fought alongside, especially 14 Punjab," he says, adding that "besides laying the foundation of India-Pakistan war, the tank battle on November 21, 1971, gave recogni-

THE FLOATING PIPPA OF 1971

The film *Pippa* takes its name from an incident surrounding tank PT-76 (Palavushi Tanka — a word for amphibious). The Indian Army was not familiar with this equipment or fighting in riverine terrain. Designed like a boat with a three-man crew, the tank was allotted to 45 Cavalry after the 1965 war. Deployed in the East, it was conducting a demonstration for troops to display its amphibious potential. The troops witnessing were mostly from Punjab. A JCO, standing next to a mike, expressed his amazement on watching the tank floating on water, a sight he could correlate with a ghee tin bobbing in the village pond; his enthusiasm and amazement at what he witnessed made him call out with joy: "Pippa tair reha ve!" The mike had not been switched off so the 1,000-odd spectators burst into laughter in the middle of this formal presentation. The General and other officers joined in, soon converting 'Pippa' into military lexicon and a codeword for the Regiment. PT-76 was a major battle winning factor. It served its role of movement across the riverine terrain to the surprise and shock of the enemy.

ROLLER COASTER OF THRILLS

 *Pippa* chronicles one of the most important battles of Indian history narrated from the point of view of war veteran Brigadier Balram Singh Mehta. The film promises a roller coaster of thrills through genres right from action to drama.

SIDDHARTH ROY KAPUR, PRODUCER

conceptualised a war movie while reading the narrative. In his own words, 'It was a story screaming to hit the screens in India.'

On Ishaan Khatter essaying his role, Brigadier Mehta says, "Selection and talent of the cast is beyond my purview. I can, at best, comment on my interaction with the actor: 'A born Cavalier' who was destined to play the pivotal role assigned!"

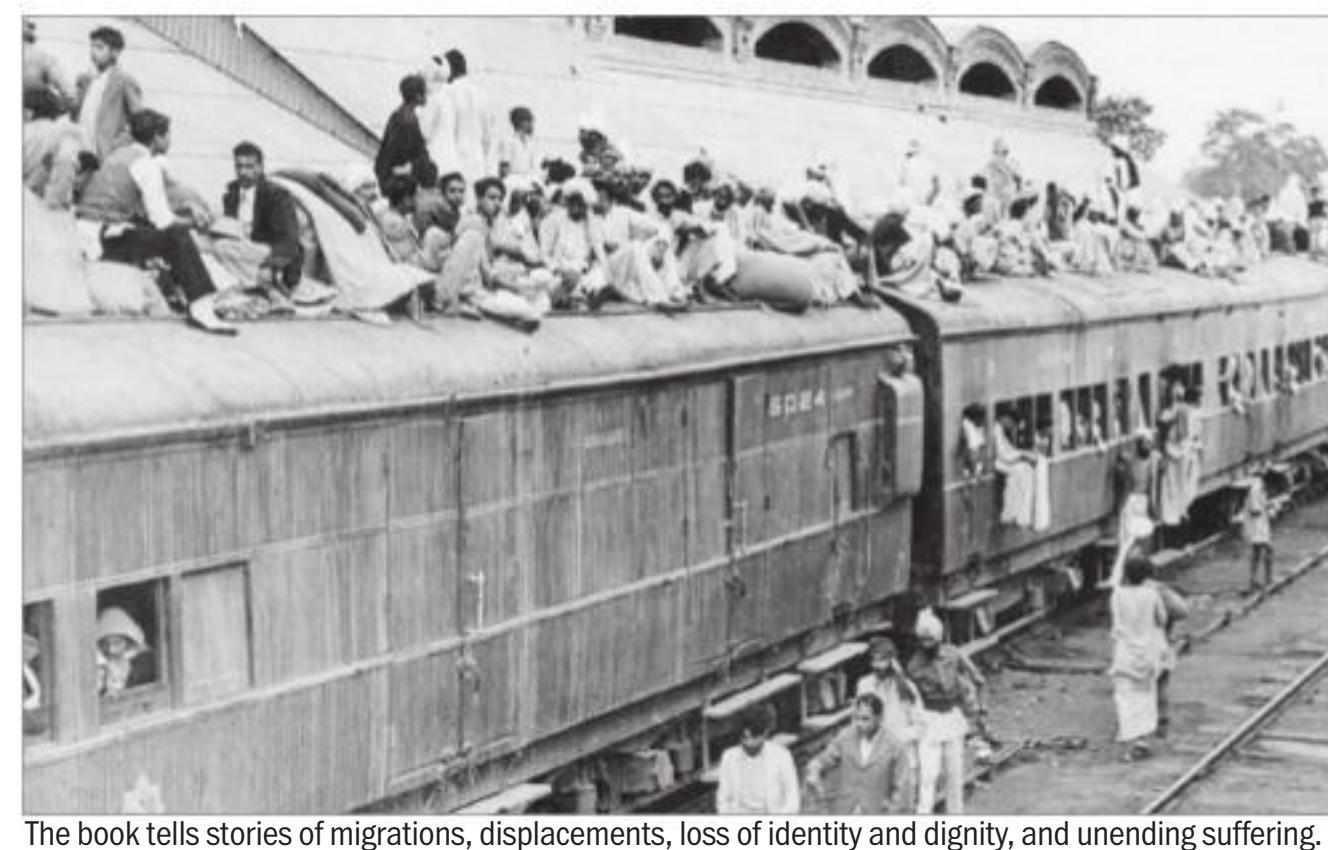
Understanding India through her borders

BHUPINDER BRAR

MIDNIGHT is a strange hour: it is the darkest, and yet it gives the inkling of a new day. In 1947, Nehru saw this hour as the dawn of a new era for his country. Many years later, in 1981, novelist Salman Rushdie coined the phrase "midnight's children". In an allegorical way, these children were caught in the anxiety and near impossibility of being embodied as one protagonist.

Now, in 2021, we see yet another twist to the phrase. Lawyer, journalist and human rights activist Suchitra Vijayan has titled her new book 'Midnight's Borders'. There is a similarity between Rushdie and Vijayan. Both problematise the simplistic and overoptimistic picture of One India that Nehru had envisioned. Yet, there is a difference as well. Rushdie looked at the tensions from within the core of a tumultuous India; Vijayan chooses to cast long and critical glances at this core from the peripheries.

All borders eventually tend to appear eternal and sacrosanct, yet all borders have a history. Three lines were drawn on the face of the subcontinent at different points of time: Durand in 1893, McMahon in 1914 and Radcliffe in 1947. All were named after British colonial



The book tells stories of migrations, displacements, loss of identity and dignity, and unending suffering.

administrators. None of these administrators had any deep knowledge of the region, its peoples and cultures. And other than vested colonial interests, they did not much care either.

What is worse, the time given to Radcliffe to partition India was "so short". As he admitted later, "If I had two to three years, I might have improved on what I did." However, Vijayan refers to something even more crucial: "It was assumed by everyone that the resulting lines were a 'makeshift border'... The prevailing wisdom was that the two countries would at a later date 'agree to a mutual frontier

based on people's wishes'."

This 'prevailing wisdom' did not prevail for long. People of different faiths were pushed into mass migrations across these lines. A million lost their lives, some three to four million lost home and hearth. Seventeen million people would live with the trauma forever.

Even though often disputed, the lines became permanent borders, or lines of control. Wars were fought over them in 1948, 1962, 1965 and 1971. The Kargil conflict occurred in 1999, war clouds hung heavily in 2001-02 at the time of Operation Parakram, and most recently,

the Indian and Chinese armies came to confront each other in Ladakh.

Vijayan's book focuses not so much on the lands that have been turned into borders and zones of constant conflict by scheming men and the quirks of history; it is rather centered on what happens as a result to the lives of ordinary people and communities inhabiting those areas from times immemorial. That is why she calls her book "a people's history of modern India".

Vijayan travelled 9,000 miles of these borderlands over seven years to find out. She writes on Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan in the West, to Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland in the East. She interviewed ordinary people, kept clippings and diaries, made lists and took photographs. Based on these, hers is a multilayered, non-chronological work with shifting zoom and perspective. It tells stories of migrations, displacements, loss of identity and dignity, and unending suffering as people eke out their lives in heavily militarised zones, getting frequently used and abused in the name of security and treated with suspicion and hostility. These stories are likely to haunt a reader long after the reading is done.

Not many books manage to be evocative and provocative at the same time. This one does. It is written with passion, poignancy and anger. At times, the anger makes her descriptions and characterisa-

tions appear one-sided, exaggerated, overly judgmental and excessively condemnatory of the state. A part of the explanation could be autobiographical: "I have spent my entire adult life thinking about state violence and justice." She tells the story of her father who was nearly killed in an attack and continued to suffer from multiple injuries for years later. The attack, she suspects, was planned by ruling state politicians. But 18 years later, all the accused were acquitted. Also, as an international human rights activist, she experienced more personal losses: "I had myself lost friends," she says, "in Kabul, Fallujah and Aleppo."

But the greater explanation, I would like to think, are her humanist-universalist concerns, her rationalism pitted against hatred born of prejudices: "What function does a nation still perform if it has consistently failed to offer the most basic dignities to its people?" and "How vast and expansive would their world be if they were not restricted by borders, ID cards, checkpoints, tear gas, violence and funerals?"

This may sound like an outcry of a romantic idealist, but in times when a majoritarian and unitarian version of India is closing in even while we live in the core of the nation, it might pay to take a peek at the peripheries, for as Vijayan says in the beginning of the book, "In my quest to understand India through her border, I found a nation in the middle of an extraordinary crisis."

Shock, awe and a spurt of emotions

HARVINDER KHETAL

MARKED by a racy, staccato beat, it takes a few short stories — spanning one page to three-four pages — before one gets accustomed to and starts admiring Gracy's literary style. Each word and sentence is pregnant with a fervent intensity and imagery. And it is this economy of language that lends this anthology of stories translated from Malayalam to English a brilliance that truly radiates Gracy's superb writing. In her note, Fathima EV, the translator, shares how it took hours to get over the most frustrating turns before the joyously rewarding phrases emerged. Readers of English now get to savour Gracy's bold and unabashed take of the contemporary world and its ways and appreciate why the author is placed on the pedestal of modern Malayalam literary giants and has won many awards, including the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, in her kitty.

The depth of each character unfolds and hits the reader like liquor shots in sudden wide-ranging spurts of emotions, it is the underlying dark, macabre theme gluing the collection of tales that leaves him awestruck and compels him to keep turning the pages of the book, 'Baby Doll'.

Doom pervades the atmosphere, around which are woven in a hauntingly enchanting manner everyday lives of common women, girls, men, and boys. Even the dead, ghosts, animals and toys are tools that are frequently brought into play to lay threadbare the scars of conflict left by human inter-play. Trapped in situations oozing with desire, longing,

hatred, misery, indifference, coming-of-age and intimate relationships, the battle of each character is depicted with shocking effect. The aridity of the contemporary society comes to fore as spunky protagonists — mostly females — defy patriarchal and misogynist norms with astonishingly unexpected twists in the tale. The vengeance unleashed, at times laced with lunacy, mostly leaves the arrogant male diminished. Staggered by the force of the startling denouement and metaphorical portrayals, the reader is often constrained to scan some passages again for better comprehension of the complex drifts. And, wonders why there is no relief from the morbidity, from the scary bylanes of laughter sans happiness.

The reader is rewarded with an answer to this query by Gracy herself in 'This is Joseph's Story; Anna's Too'. She starts it with: "My dear reader, your question is my story never traverse the luminous paths of life. It is not that you are not aware that all the paths of this world are being taken over by darkness. Since those responsible are human beings themselves, what is the point of being disappointed that I am not a storyteller who spreads light?"

The book gives a peek into the ebb and flow of the private worlds of mundu-clad Ammas and Ammachis, Echis, Chechis, and Chettahis, Achans, Appans. Dotted by a liberal sprinkling of Malayali terms and folklore, Hindu customs and Biblical allusions, Kerala's landscape in the stories is variously reinforced by the sights and sounds of sea waves, palm trees, baby coconuts falling, toddy, cashew groves, black coffee, Gulf expatriates or the torch of dried coconut fronds.

Whodunit that keeps interest alive

RAJDEEP BAINS

THE lockdown made me want to murder people. Hopefully, I've done it well!" That's Anuja Chauhan's candid take on her upcoming murder mystery, and she has certainly pulled it off. Her foray into the world of crime, police investigations and murder is a success, and not just because the story is good (it is), but also because it keeps alive all the elements her fans have come to expect of her — fast-paced, character-driven stories with a deep sense of location.

The spice, the drama, the juice, the craft — it's all there. And so is the upper class world of Lutyens' Delhi that all of Chauhan's characters seem to inhabit; a world of easy wit and engaging conversations, of privileged lives and the sad little secrets they hold. All of this is presented in the salty lan-

guage that has come to be accepted as her hallmark. The setting is a delicious little murder that involves the elite Delhi Turf Club (DTC). It's pure 'masala'.

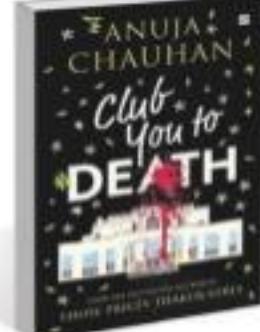
The world of DTC members is astir. It is election season, and for the first time a woman wants to be the club president. Then just a day before the votes are to be cast, Leo, the hot personal trainer, is found dead, and ACP Bhavani is brought in to solve the crime. Things keep getting stranger till almost every member of the club is a suspect.

In a time of short attention spans, Chauhan has managed the near impossible — to sustain the reader's interest. The privileged world of DTC is contrasted against the underbelly of Delhi — shadowy, seedy, and fraught with suffering. This is a world of blackmail, revenge and desolation, where hope is lost in the grimness of reality. The book

addresses privilege, social hierarchies and hypocrisy.

The author believes balance is key — a mix of humour, depth and frivolousness. "In earlier books, the romances, a boy and a girl coming together was the propulsive thrust. In this one, it's the mystery being solved. This one is also definitely a romantic book in a way, but I'm going beyond the 'happily ever after' and exploring the element of mystery," she has told an interviewer.

A fan of Agatha Christie, she has succeeded in creating her own version of Mrs Marple in ACP Bhavani. An old-school character people readily opened up to, there's just so much scope in him that it would be a pity if we didn't see him return in subsequent mysteries. 'Club You to Death' is surely another winner for Anuja Chauhan.



CLUB YOU TO DEATH
by Anuja Chauhan.
HarperCollins.
Pages 432.
₹399

Poor lives of the intellectually rich

CHANDNI S CHANDEL

CONTEMPORARY, entertaining, unputdownable, original — Siddharth Chowdhury's 'The Time of the Peacock' is a delightful work of fiction for any person associated with the world of editing and publishing. By way of three stories, assorted, yet intertwined with each other, this 'short novel' offers a sneak peek into the real world of publishers, writers and the literati.

It puts the reader in the shoes of writers, translators and editors and feels like a sort of reality check into the penurious lives of the intellectually rich, whose works are devoured by their own ilk, social thinkers, influencers and the elite.

The book shows you the mirror on the travails of Hindi poets and writers and how idealism and intellectualism never translate into monetary benefits. There is a conversation where a literary agent asks a writer: "How are you placed for money?" It reverberates so much with the present 'black & white' literary

world. The novel delves strongly into the vicissitudes and insecurity that print journalists go through. It is a befitting tribute to many unknown and unread authors, writers, poets. If you don't like writing fiction, it doesn't mean you are not a good writer — this book helps you let go of the guilt.

With the kind of intolerance to wit, humour and sarcasm that the country is witnessing today, it is the right time to grab a copy and see how a common man is affected by any ruling regime. In this context, the relevance of a song from Sharmila Tagore's film 'Safar', which finds a mention in the book, is too hard to miss: *'Jo tumko ho pasand wahi baat kahenge/ tum din ko agar raat kaho, raat kahenge.'*

Everything — from 'gaurakshas' to demonisation, Bihar, Lalu Yadav, Narendra Modi and Balakot — finds a reference to the extent it affects the common man, and not as somebody who is a part of the powers-that-be. A particular incident shows how favours are needed from politicians or big shots to even get a bed in a

hospital, something true of any city or town across India.

A first-person account, it conjures a visual imagery that does not let you get off the hook. Phrases carved to convey the subtleness of the characters, like 'lazy cadence of her accent' or 'it was not a disagreeable scent' and 'nowadays everyone Ubered', or 'observing the proceedings with native hauteur' and 'you didn't need to wet-nurse them anyway', will leave you in awe.

The peacock that has been introduced in the last story is one of the few fibs the author has incorporated in his fictional writing.

Overall, the book is a reader's delight, with beautifully woven self-devised expressions showing the reality of life, far from fiction.

The author, Siddharth Chowdhury, got his first work published when he was just 19. He is known for social commentary through his story-telling and has five critically acclaimed books under his belt.



THE TIME OF THE PEACOCK
by Siddharth Chowdhury.
Aleph.
Pages 136.
₹499

COME to terms with death. Thereafter anything is possible," said Camus. Easier said than done as this is, her husband's death by suicide left author Nandini Murali lost. As she struggled to find her feet, she realised how little support survivors of suicide get. This book is her story and that of several others whose needs and concerns often go unrecognised and unheard. She writes of the angst of the survivors and of the feelings of shame, loneliness and guilt that overwhelm them. Nandini's experiences inspired her to set up an organisation for those grappling with suicide and for survivors of suicide loss. 'Left Behind' is about picking up the pieces and moving on.

LEFT BEHIND: SURVIVING SUICIDE LOSS
by Nandini Murali.
Westland.
Pages 188. ₹350

WHAT makes genius brains tick? Why do scientists become scientists? Do they run out of the shower shouting 'Eureka!'? Author of novels, short fiction, graphic novels, non-fiction and comic books, Shweta Taneja takes a dive into science and scientists this time, chronicling the weird and mindboggling discoveries and inventions by Indian scientists. Two books in one, 'They Made What?' 'They Found What?' releases on National Science Day today. So, there are stories of an ecologist who stumbled upon a rare species of frog, a physicist who revealed newer secrets of light, a scientist who insisted that plants could feel emotions... Packed with activities, the book aims to awaken the intrepid innovator in kids.

THEY MADE WHAT?
THEY FOUND WHAT?
by Shweta Taneja.
Hachette.
Pages 304. ₹399

WITH a legacy that he himself describes as "controversial", Jeff Immelt stepped down as General Motors' CEO of 16 years in October 2017. What would he possibly have shared with people — his biggest achievements amid his biggest failures? The global financial crisis of 2008-09, the nuclear meltdown at GE-designed Fukushima nuclear reactors, the giant faced it all under him. However, pushed to set the record straight, he wrote 'Hot Seat', offering a rigorous and candid interrogation of himself and his tenure. Immelt explains how he pushed through even the most caustic criticism: by staying focused on his team and the goals they tried to achieve.

HOT SEAT:
HARD-WON LESSONS IN CHALLENGING TIMES
by Jeff Immelt.
Hachette.
Pages 342. ₹699

DESPITE the fact that his father was always absent during his growing up years, Shivaji's eldest son, Sambhaji, is his true heir. Following the sudden death of his father, he must now fight Mughal king Aurangzeb, while preserving the legacy of his father. Valorous and wise, he has the makings of a capable statesman. But there are dark forces at play in the palace. What price will Sambhaji pay for the throne and the homeland? Portrait of an often misunderstood braveheart, 'Sambhaji', written by Vishwas Patil, has sold more than 1,00,000 copies in Marathi and is now out in English. The book has been translated by Vikrant Pande, who has 10 works to his credit.

SAMBHAJI
by Vishwas Patil.
Translated by
Vikrant Pande.
Westland.
Pages 538. ₹899

The wonder that is Vancouver



THE ITINERANT

NECHAL SANDHU

Recollections of a memorable trip to British Columbia in the late 1990s — the harmonious co-existence of cultures stood out, as did conscious efforts by the Canadian province to preserve its rich and heterogeneous heritage



A spectacular display of flowers at the sunken garden at Butchart in Vancouver. iStock

WITH autumn quickly fading away in Ottawa in 1997, the materialisation of a long-awaited visit to Vancouver was welcome. If nothing else, the prospect of having to contend with an extended winter stood deferred. As it transpired, the January of 1998 was vicious with ice-laden trees snapping, exposed surfaces covered with thick ice encrustations, and high tension power lines feeding the city disrupted, leading to an extended power outage and blocked thoroughfares. It took the civic body several days to clear the roads and restore power in Ottawa, while surrounding conurbations remained inaccessible and in darkness for a few weeks.

We flew into a sun-bathed Vancouver Airport after a five-hour flight having traversed three time zones. The woollens were doffed and we settled into easy gear suited to handling a cool breeze coming over the Pacific and occasional rain. Conclusion of official meetings by early afternoons allowed time for exploration of the Vancouver core. One day, we walked into the first Vancouver neighbourhood, established by an English seaman, in the mid-19th century, who was loquacious and had earned the epithet "Gassy". He was to become the eponym for Gas Town, which had travelled a long way from being an agglomeration of warehouses to the centre of the city's drinking life in the 1930s onto the venue of tony boutiques, night clubs and upscale housing by the time we visited there. In other instances of delicately executed urban regeneration, Yale Town had supplanted warehouses and with impressive housing developments overlooking marinas replete with expensive yachts. And Coal Harbour, on the opposite side of downtown, had buried its past and developed a verdant waterfront with bistros for the well-heeled and resi-

dences with breathtaking mountain views. Opposite our hotel were the Canada Place convention centre, with teflon sails forming the roof, and a terminal for cruise liners making for a pleasing sight after dusk with multi-coloured lighting.

A couple of days later, an intense cloud cover over Whistler Blackcomb, the famed ski resort that was to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, and a developing squall put paid to our plans to fly to that idyllic locale by helicopter. Our quick-thinking guide, John Schneider, reckoned that a visit to Vancouver Island, then bathed in sun, would be rewarding. And so, after a pleasant drive to Horseshoe Bay followed by a 150-minute ride on a RoRo ferry, we went past the Bastion on the Harbourfront, from which cannons are fired in summer; before disembarking at Nanaimo. Known as "hub city" due to streets radiating from the shoreline like the spokes of a wagon wheel, it is famous for Nanaimo bars, a popular unbaked Canadian dessert. Our first halt was Chemainus, a draw for tourists for its 50-plus outdoor murals many of which depict the community's past as a logging town and its fabled connection with a brave native who had

survived a serious arrow injury in his chest to become the powerful chief of a First Nation band.

And then we went on to see what was left of a town established by three Sikh migrants in 1916, who seem to have travelled as steerage passengers to North America. Reckoned as the first South Asian settlement and originally named Mayo, after one of its founders Mayan Singh Minhas @ Mayo, the name was changed 20 years later to Paldi, the birthplace of the trio in Hoshiarpur district. Only the gurdwara built in the 1920s and about 15 of the 250-odd homesteads remained, with occupants of others having migrated for employment. The sons of Doman Singh, one of the pioneering trio, went on to establish Doman Industries in Duncan in the early 1950s, which became a billion dollar enterprise providing lumber and associated products to Western Canada and Western USA, before showing signs of enervation under a mounting debt burden in 1989. The forested swath between Paldi and Duncan was detected by police as the venue for testing of an explosive device by Inderjit Singh Reyat, the likes of which brought down Air India 182 with more than 300 pas-

sengers off the coast of Ireland and caused casualties among baggage handlers at Tokyo's Narita Airport in June 1985.

On our way out, we coursed through the downtown core of Duncan, the site of an impressive collection of totem poles — colourful cedar pillars with carvings commemorating First Nation ancestors, and symbolising spiritual reverence, clan lineages and familiar legends. This diverse array justified Duncan's appellation as the "The City of Totems". Headed southwards, we made it to Victoria on the craggy southern tip of Vancouver Island. This quaint capital city of British Columbia province is marked by historic Victorian buildings set amidst parklands and, having earned "The Garden City" sobriquet, is rated among the top 20 of world cities for quality of life. Like the provincial Parliament, the chateauesque Empress Hotel built on the cusp of the 19th and 20th centuries was declared a National Historic Site of Canada. Freshly baked scones served with clotted cream and jams are the piece de resistance in the traditional afternoon tea served in the historic Lobby Lounge.

With the day running out, we dashed to Butchart Gardens, an uninterrupted series of spectacular displays of nearly a thousand varieties of flowers set inside an exhausted limestone quarry, partly sunken. Aesthetes among the descendants of founder Jennie Butchart have made subtle and consonant additions, like the Ross Fountain and illumination, serving to enrapture the millions that visit this wonder each year. Reflecting during the ferry ride to Vancouver, which gingerly found its way through narrow straits, the harmonious co-existence of cultures stood out, as did conscious efforts by the province to preserve its rich and heterogeneous heritage.

Our democracy



MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS

KEKI DARUWALA

jumbo vaccine and our Health Minister attends the show and supports it. We vote because of *bhai-bhatija* and *biradari*. Liquor drums were prevalent in Punjab during Partap Singh Kairon's days. But our elections won us this title of 'largest democracy'. I support the BJP for being so innovative, giving democracy another dimension by nullifying electoral results. What the Burmese army or the Pakistan army has always done, our polity presided over by eminent right-wingers manages so smoothly.

The same goes for Sonar Bengal. One loses count of the guys in TMC ranks who basked in the Mamata sun for 10 years and have now hopped, stepped and jumped over to the BJP. I hope we are training these guys for the Olympics. Ennui must have set in with the Bhadrakal members of the Assembly. The powers-that-be have also seen to it that the Enforcement Directorate does not feel neglected. With a snap of its fingers, it summoned this redoubtable outfit. In Mumbai quite recently, the party summoned the Narcotics Bureau, CBI, NIA, sent an actress to jail in aid of Sushant's family. In Kolkata, the stakes are high. One can't opine on a matter which is under investigation, though the timing favoured my favoured party, the Jana Sangh. A coal scam has been exhumed I am told, very rightly so, just at the moment when elections are near. None of the Opposition parties have this sense of timing.

Columnists are at sixes and sevens these days. For instance, I am not sure who is conspiring in this toolkit case. Was it Disha Ravi and friends and the redoubtable Swedish activist, Thunberg, conspiring against India? Or was the state, meaning the BJP and the Delhi Police, conspiring against Disha Ravi and Greta Thunberg?

After the judgment granting bail to the arch secessionist, I would not know who were the conspirators? Still, I would like to caution the aforesaid state, don't mess with Sweden or you will have the entire poetry lobby against you. For, since 1913, every Indian poetaster who can rhyme 'trees' with 'bees' aspires to the Nobel Prize. I read a Khushwant Singh article where he mentioned that Subramania Bharati wrote to Tagore asking for the 'mechanics' of securing a Nobel. At the end of this rumination comes the news that Disha Ravi was communicating with an organisation called 'Poetic Justice Foundation'. The state saw to it she met with 'poetic justice'. The venerable judge, Dharmender Rana, granted bail to Disha Ravi after passing some strictures against the police. But there is a snag, there always is. He talked about the 'scant and sketchy' evidence marshalled by the police. This is an incentive for better patch-ups, slings around broken joints of the police case. Next time the patch-up will be perfect.

Here I wish to say something about political scientists — out of respect, I won't touch on Harold Laski. Firstly, these theorists are not scientists. They have raised the cry that we are the largest democracy. Why? Because we have an election. None of the other parameters of a democracy do we fulfil. There is hardly any rule of law, godmen flourish, Baba Ramdev comes out with some mumbo

Why couldn't Modi say no to the name



GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHAJAN

Those who wish to flatter a great leader will find ways and means to persuade him that it's only right that a stadium — a great place to influence young people — is named after him. The PM is said to be a modest, self-effacing man, isn't he?

In 1933, the Maharaja of Bhavnagar, Krishna Kumar Sinhji, presented New Delhi a stadium. It was only two years since New Delhi had been inaugurated as the new national capital by Lord Irwin, the then Viceroy of India. In true subjugated-Maharaja style, bowing to the mighty colonial power, the stadium was named Irwin Amphitheatre, sometimes referred to as Irwin Stadium. It was inaugurated by Lord Willingdon, who had replaced Lord Irwin as the Viceroy.

Lord Willingdon, a patron of sports, had a pavilion at the Feroze Shah Kotla cricket stadium named after him. Mumbai's super-exclusive Royal Willingdon Sports Club still carries his name.

When India became free, and hosted the inaugural Asian Games in 1951, Irwin Stadium was renamed National Stadium, and so it remained until Dhyan Chand's name was appended to it, much after the hockey legend died.

After Independence, an idealist would have imagined that with the expulsion of the British and India becoming a democratic republic, it would be a country of equals; that there would be no princes among the men who governed the country; that the days of the British potentates and their representatives in New Delhi were well and truly over.



The renaming shows that in New India, we still follow the ways of Old India. PTI

Yet, India made new princes, through vote. The country then saw a profusion of stadiums named after the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty — there are several stadiums or arenas named after Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi across the country. Some were named after towering figures from the Independence struggle and early democracy — such as the Lal Bahadur Shastri stadiums in Hyderabad and Kolkata, or the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad.

It's unlikely that those named

above would have given their consent to a stadium being named after them; except, perhaps Indira Gandhi, who did have a strong authoritarian streak in her character. It is a fact, though, that no stadium was named after Nehru or Gandhi or Shastri in their lifetime.

Naming game

The Nehru-Gandhi stadiums across India, perhaps deservedly, mock our 'sporting tradition' — a country of over a billion people gets humiliated every four years at the Olympics, trying to get its hand on a bronze or two, while countries that are a dot on the world map — Slovenia, Slovakia, Fiji — merrily took home a gold in 2016.

When you walk to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, your breath is taken away by the huge statues of cricketers such as Dennis Lillee, Shane Warne, Bill Ponsford, Keith Miller and Don Bradman. The stadium also has statues of athlete Shirley Strickland and several Australian football legends.

In India's grounds, which are almost always named after politicians/administrators, we're often greeted by statues or busts of politicians. Why can't a politician say no?

Why could not Narendra Modi say no to his name replacing that of Sardar Patel when the recon-

structed cricket stadium in Ahmedabad was inaugurated? He's said to be a modest, self-effacing man, isn't he?

Apart from the debatable propriety of a place being named after a living person, there's also the matter of divesting the Ahmedabad stadium of the name of Sardar Patel, one of India's greatest modern leaders — and a man revered by Modi. So, is nothing sacred any more?

Those who wish to flatter a great leader will find ways and means to persuade him that it's only right that a stadium — a great place to influence young people — is named after him. It's very likely that it was due to the sycophants that stadiums were named after Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin in their own lifetime.

Last month, the Sports Ministry had declared that all upgraded and new Sports Authority of India facilities would be named after athletes who have made the nation proud at the world stage. This declaration suggested an ambition to do things differently from the times of the old, entrenched dynasties.

But democracy creates new princes and dynasties. They follow the ways of the old dynasts. The renaming of the stadium at Ahmedabad shows that in New India, we still follow the ways of Old India — 1933 isn't all that far back.

It is true that the onslaught of daily injustices wears us down and the victories of victims who dare to stand up to the powerful are few and far between. That is precisely this reason that we must absorb all the learnings we get from this story of triumph.

"I was going to take this case to its end, whatever it was. I also knew that I had already won by fighting this battle, whether or not I won in court... because I stood up to a powerful man without feeling scared," Ramani has said. I cannot think of a better example of how best we can all add courage and solidarity to the mix of privilege and opportunities we already have to make this world a better place for all of us.

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What Ramani's win taught me about courage & solidarity



IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT

NATALASHA BADHWAR

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IT WAS there in court when ACMM Ravindra Kumar Pandey read out the judgment that acquitted journalist Priya Ramani of criminal defamation against former minister MJ Akbar and upheld her right and that of every woman to speak her truth and expose sexual abuse fearlessly and publicly.

Along with others, I heard the judge say that a woman cannot be punished for raising her voice against sexual abuse. She has the right to put her grievance on any platform of her choice and even after decades. The shame is not the victim's but of the society in which crimes and violence are perpetrated on women.

I did not immediately realise how big the impact of this judgment would be. This defamation case had come as a backlash against women who — inspired by the global #MeToo movement — had shared their experiences of sexual harass-

ment on social media. #MeToo refers to the fact that workplace harassment is so pervasive that nearly every woman, across generations, has experienced the humiliation of being targeted, even if she has stayed silent for decades.

Tears were stinging my eyes and I saw another senior journalist trying to hold back hers as the judge finished reading the verdict. I assumed it was a personal quirk that was making some of us emotional in this moment of validation from a court of law. Within minutes of leaving the courtroom, the news began to break across social and mainstream media and the resonance was stunning. Just like the sharing of stories of abuse had empowered each other's voices, this ruling too was being received as a shared triumph.

Among other cases, this judgment brought back memories of the 17-year-long struggle for justice endured by IAS

officer Rupan Deol Bajaj, who had been forced to file an FIR against the IPS officer, KPS Gill, when she found that her complaint of having been sexually harassed by him in the presence of other bureaucrats was not being addressed by her own seniors. In a historic judgment in 2005, the Supreme Court had convicted the celebrated police officer, holding him guilty of the charges of molestation.

"Letting it go meant living with lowered self-esteem and gulping down my humiliation. I did not fight against KPS Gill. I fought against society's mindset," Bajaj said in an interview to the BBC that is being shared again. The line that reassures me the most is when she says, "When I fought, it was me alone, now it is #MeToo."

In a text to Ramani earlier this week, I asked her what it meant to her to witness this phenomenon of her case judgment being celebrated so inclusively.

"It's great to feel that 'yes! we did it' frisson of excitement run through women of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds," she texted back. "It's also sad because clearly we all empathise with the issue of sexual harassment at work. And after all these decades of fighting for safety in the workplace, one reason we are likely celebrating so loudly is because our victories are so few."

For me, this is also a time to applaud the support networks that have enabled a person like Ramani to fight the battle that was thrust upon her. I was witness to the rigour and hard work of her lawyer, Rebecca John, and her team, who represented Ramani pro bono. Her friends and thousands of supporters spoke up in solidarity to ensure that Ramani was never alone. Her husband, the journalist Samar Halarnkar, who wrote this in an article when Akbar had filed the defamation case

against Ramani, "She has always had a strong sense of right and wrong, black and white, and she has never lacked courage. It is one reason I married her."

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Raunchy song at CPM rally raises eyebrows

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27
Gone are the days when Sukanta Bhattacharya's poem was played by Left parties to mobilise crowd for rallies in Kolkata. Instead, "Tumpa Sona", a recent raunchy number released on a web platform, has been turned into a parody by the CPM to draw crowd for the rally jointly organised by the CPM-led Left Front, Congress and Indian Secular Front at Kolkata's Brigade Ground on Sunday.

Justifying the song, Shubha Prasad Nandi Majumdar, cultural activist of the CPM, said turning a popular song into a parody and then singing it at Communist Party events had taken place in Bengal in the past too. "The use of 'Tumpa Sona' by the CPM for drawing crowd for the rally shows how desperate they are to impress voters," Saptarshi Biswas, award winning Bengali poet, said.—TNS



Children play near wall graffiti with slogan 'Khela Hobe', in support of the Trinamool Congress, ahead of the West Bengal Assembly elections in Kolkata, on Saturday. PTI

WB wants its daughters, not an aunt: BJP counters TMC slogan

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

Days after the ruling Trinamool Congress unveiled election slogan "Bengal wants its own daughter Mamata", the BJP launched a counter campaign on Saturday saying "Bengal only wants its own daughters but not Pishi (aunt)".

State BJP unit splashed collages bearing its new slogan and featuring pictures of leading women leaders from state organisation, including Minister of State for Women and Child Development Debasree Chaudhuri; Lok Sabha MP from Hooghly Locket Chatterjee; BJP farmer call vice president Sreerupa Chowdhury; state vice chief Bharati Ghosh, spokesperson Roopa Ganguly among several others.

"Mamata is only Abhishek Banerjee's aunt. Bengal does not want Pishi. It wants its daughters and every woman of the state is the face of Bengal," Chatterjee said today as the war of words between the

BPF TO BE PART OF 'GRAND ALLIANCE' IN ASSAM

Guwahati: The Bodoland People's Front (BPF), a part of the BJP-led Assam government, on Saturday said it would join the 'Grand Alliance' helmed by the Congress to contest the poll. "To work for peace, unity and development, the BPF has decided to join hands with the 'Mahajath,'" its chief Hagrama Mohilary said. The BPF will no longer maintain any alliance with the ruling BJP. PTI

EC replaces Bengal's ADG (law & order)
Jawed Shamim with Jag Mohan

BJP and TMC intensified.

TMC's poll strategist Prashant Kishor also weighed in on the issue tweeting, "One of the key battles for democracy in India will be fought in West Bengal and the people of Bengal are ready with their message and determined to show the right card — Bangla Nijer Meyekei Chay (Bengal only wants its own daughter Mamata)."

"On May 2, hold me to my last tweet," Kishor dared the BJP which continued to unleash top guns on the campaign scene keen to improve its previous tally of 27 MLAs among several others.

as against TMC's 209 in a 294-member Assembly.

With women's empowerment emerging as a prominent election theme, the TMC took a dig at the BJP today saying it treated women unequally.

The reference was to the RSS which doesn't enroll women in core ranks.

Minister Smriti Irani, however, hit back saying, "We are led by a Prime Minister who ensured 33 per cent reservation for women in the party organisation. We do not need certificates on women's empowerment from anyone."

Bizman quizzed in coal scam

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

The CBI on Saturday interrogated a Kolkata-based businessman in connection with its probe into the multi-crore coal pilferage scam. Randhir Kumar Baruwal was quizzed a day after the agency raided his office and residence. —TNS

IAF marks 2nd anniv of Balakot

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

The Indian Air Force carried out a long-range precision strike against a practice target to mark the second anniversary of the Balakot Operation, sources said on Saturday. The strike was carried out by members of the squadron which conducted the air strikes on terror launch pads in Balakot, Pakistan. —PTI

Tribute to Ravidas



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with Sant Nirajan during her visit to Sri Ravidas Janmsthan Mandir in Varanasi on Saturday. PTI

■ The BJP and Congress paid tributes to Guru Ravidas as the country marked the poet-saint's birth anniversary on Saturday on Magh Purnima.

■ Priyanka Vadra said, "Guru Ravidas preached equality, service and compassion for all. May the entire humanity benefit from his teachings." TNS

Strandja boxing meet: Deepak settles for silver

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Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

Naib Subedar Deepak Kumar's wonderful run at the 72nd Strandja Memorial boxing tournament came to an end in a controversial split decision. The judges awarded the fiercely-contested flyweight final to Bulgaria's Daniel Asenov, a two-time European Champion.

While the local boy shaded the first round of the final with his quick counterattacks, it was the Indian who did admirably well in the next two rounds. Deepak's combination punches caught the Bulgarian several times. Despite his heroics, the judges

handed the gold medal to the Bulgarian and the irony was not lost on the young Indian.

"I was not hit in the third round at all. Therefore, as a boxer you can guess that you have given your all in the ring. So I am disappointed," Deepak said after the bout.

"Look, I know that I did not start well in the first round. I concede that. I did very well in the next two but the judges didn't consider it. What can you do about it?" he added.

Deepak had raised eyebrows in the tournament after he stunned the reigning Olympics and world champion Shakhorbin Zoirov of Uzbekistan 4-1 in the semifinal.

IN BRIEF

Hockey: Germany beat Indian women

DUSSELDORF: World No. 3 Germany defeated the Indian women's hockey team 5-0 in their first match of the four-match tour here on Saturday. The five goals for the winners were scored by Pia Maertens, Lena Micheel, Pauline Heinz and Lisa Altenburg. PTN

Trafficking: NIA names four in chargesheet

NEW DELHI: The NIA has filed a supplementary chargesheet against four human traffickers from Jharkhand under IPC, Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act and Juvenile Justice Act. TNS

No video-conference links on WhatsApp: SC

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

Days after the Centre announced the tightening of rules governing social media and streaming companies, the Supreme Court on Saturday decided to stop sharing video-conference links for court hearings with WhatsApp groups.

"It is notified for the information of the advocates-on-record/party-in-persons that the creation of groups in WhatsApp for sharing of VC links for hearing of their matters is restricted/barred due to new guidelines or regulations issued by the Government of India pertaining to social media apps and OTT platforms," the SC announced.

India, B'desh agree to step up coop in border management

Hold Home Secretary-level talks to prevent human trafficking

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27

India and Bangladesh today held the 19th Home Secretary level talks, in which the two sides agreed to step up the level of cooperation between the forces and agencies in preventing smuggling of fake Indian currency notes (FICN), contraband and human trafficking across the borders.

Significantly, the meeting was held ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh scheduled next month and also in the backdrop of "Mujib Barsho", 50 years of Bangladesh Liberation War and the establishment

APPRECIATE ACTION IN CHECKING TERRORISM

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between the two countries.

The Indian delegation, which was led by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, held interactions in the virtual mode with a team of senior Bangladeshi officials led by Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Senior Secretary, Public Security Division of that country's Ministry of Home Affairs, the government

ing fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border as agreed by the Prime Ministers of the two countries," said the MHA in the release.

It added that both sides appreciated the cooperation between the two countries and the action taken to address "the menace of terrorism and extremism in an effective manner".

"Both sides discussed early completion of the pending

of the Coordinated Border

Management Plan to control the illegal cross-border activities was appreciated by both sides. The two sides also agreed to further enhance the level of cooperation to prevent the smuggling of FICN, contraband and human trafficking," the MHA release noted.

It also mentioned that the two sides appreciated the holding of the inaugural Police Chiefs' Dialogue in January 2021, as a decision in this regard was taken at the Home Minister-level talks held in August 2019.

According to the MHA release, Bangladesh "appreciated" assistance provided by India in the field of training and capacity building for various security agencies.

Kuldip gets addl charge of CRPF DG

NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday gave the charge of "looking after" the office of CRPF Director General (DG) to senior IPS officer Kuldip Singh following retirement of incumbent chief AP Maheshwari on Sunday. Singh currently holds the post of special DG, CRPF's central zone. TNS

Bajaj given addl charge of Revenue Secretary

NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday issued an order giving additional charge of Revenue Secretary to Tarun Bajaj, who is currently heading the Department of Economic Affairs in the Finance Ministry. Bajaj will take charge from Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey. TNS

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR NCHM JEE-2021

Date: 28.02.2021

The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct the National Council for Hotel Management Joint Entrance Examination (NCHM JEE 2021) for admission to the B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration Course at the Institute of Hotel Managements (IHMs) affiliated to National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHM&CT) for the Academic Year: 2021-22 in Computer Based Test (CBT) Mode. 3-Years (6 Semesters) B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Administration Degree program is delivered through the India's largest chain of best Hotel Management Institutes affiliated to NCHMCT all over India viz IHM Pusa, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Goa and many more (total of 74 IHMs). This is a full time, regular, job oriented program. It equips the candidates with knowledge, technical skills, service aptitude and exposure to Hospitality Industry. More than 90% students of these IHMs get in-campus selection in Hospitality Industry not only in India but globally. Most of the top management and middle management level personnel of the Indian Hospitality Industry are the alumni of the NCHM affiliated IHMs. This program is generic. For vegetarian candidates, separate vegetarian practical classes facility is provided in all Institutes.

Examination	Date of Examination	Timing of Examination
NCHM JEE 2021	Saturday, June 12, 2021	09.00 a.m. to 12.00 (noon)

Eligibility: Passed or appearing in 10+2 or equivalent from any stream with English as a compulsory subject.
Age: 25 Years for General/ EWS / OBC Categories and 28 Years for SC/ST/PwD Categories as on 01.07.2021.

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- Management Trainee / Executive in international and national fast food chains;
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- Marketing/Sales Executive in Hotel and other Service Sectors;
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- State Tourism Development Corporations;
- Self-employment through entrepreneurship and
- Multinational companies for their hospitality services.

The eligible candidates who desire to appear in the said Examination may see the Information Bulletin available on the Website of NTA: nchmjee.nta.nic.in for the relevant details, such as career prospects, eligibility criteria, examination fees, examination cities, application procedure and apply for the same between 02.02.2021 and 10.05.2021 at nchmjee.nta.in.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th January, 2021

S.O. 264(E)—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Takoli-Kullu Section of Nerchowk to Manali Segment of NH-21 in the stretch of land from Km 190.000 to Km 310.400 (P 4/17 Jaral Colony Pandoh Distt Mandi (H.P)) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH21 in the stretch of land from km. 190.000 to 310.400 Km. (P 4/17 Jaral Colony Pandoh Distt Mandi (H.P)) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH		District: MANDI			
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