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Laws-on-hold offer stays: PM Modi

Says Agri Minister a phone call away | Unions reciprocate, ready for talks

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30 Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reached out to the farmers, saying the government proposal to suspend the farm laws for one-and-a-half years was still on the table and the Agriculture Minister was only a phone call away, should the farmers decide to engage.

Leaders of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha welcomed the announcement, saying they were ready for talks. "We welcome PM's statement. We will go for talks whenever invited," said Dr Darshan Pal, president of the Kranti Kisan Union.

Dialogue was the only way forward, the PM told an all-party meeting, called to discuss



Farmers during a protest against farm laws at the Singhu border near Delhi on Saturday. REUTERS

cuss agenda for the Budget session. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said, "The PM assured

the leaders that the government was approaching the farmers' issue with an open mind. The PM reiterated

what Tomarji had said earlier, that he (Tomarji) was just a phone call away."

While the PM signalled the

DELHI MARCH ON FEB 7

In Hissar, 19 khap panchayats on Saturday announced a 'padayatra' from Jind to Delhi on Feb 7. It also announced boycott of BJP and JJP leaders.

38 CASES, 84 ARRESTS

Post Red Fort violence, the Delhi Police have filed 38 cases and arrested 84 persons for rioting and damaging public property.

NO NET AT PROTEST SITES

The govt has temporarily suspended Internet services at the Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri borders till January 31, sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs said. TNS

government's willingness to talk to the farmers, Leader of the Opposition in the

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Next 'mahapanchayat' at Baghpat, BJP misread farmers' agitation

VIBHA SHARMA

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The recent happenings revolving around BKU leader Rakesh Tikait have strengthened Jat brotherhood, with the BJP leadership making a miscalculation yet again.

A day after the Muzaffarnagar "mahapanchayat", a "sarv khap mahapanchayat" is being planned at Baghpat — the bastion of Jat leader Ajit Singh and son Jayant. The implications are expected to be felt by the BJP governments in UP and Haryana where the CMs are non-Jats.

BKU (Tikait) chief Naresh Tikait yesterday said supporting BJP's Sanjiv Balyan (now Union Minister) in the Lok Sabha polls was "a mistake." The BKU, after the demise of



Protesters at Ghazipur. REUTERS

its founder Mahendra Singh Tikait, had lost its support base. Rakesh Tikait was routed in the elections. But things

have changed now. After Naresh Tikait called off the stir following the January 26 Delhi violence, there were signs of the protest fading away in Ghazipur.

But visuals of Rakesh Tikait breaking into tears stirred the emotions of members of his community, who felt collectively humiliated. Perhaps, the BJP has inadvertently increased his relevance and brought the Jat community together.

Observers say the Modi government earlier underestimated not only Punjab farmers' anger, but also their determination and resolve.

Most Punjab BJP leaders, the observers claim, failed to give a correct feedback to the Centre regarding the ground situation in the state.

Spectrum



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IN BRIEF

Atal Tunnel thrown open to tourists

KULLU: Atal Tunnel was thrown open to tourists on Saturday. It had been closed on January 6 after snowfall. The Kullu administration had stopped tourist vehicles beyond the Solang Nullah as the road to the tunnel had become risky due to icing on the road and avalanche threat. TNS

Businessman Gupta held in Agusta case

NEW DELHI: In another breakthrough in the Rs 3,600 crore AgustaWestland VVIP chopper deal case, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested businessman and joint managing director of KRKB Limited Anoop Gupta. Produced before a Delhi court, he was sent to five-day custody. IANS

Sushant's cousin shot at in Bihar

PATNA: Three assailants shot at two persons, including a relative of late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, in Saharsa district on Saturday. Lipi Singh, SP, Saharsa, confirmed the incident. One of the victims was critically injured and is battling for his life in a private hospital. IANS

Convicted Kalka MLA disqualified

PANCHKULA: Haryana Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on Saturday disqualified Congress MLA Pardeep Chaudhary and declared the Kalka Assembly seat vacant. The decision was taken after an HP court sentenced Chaudhary and 14 more to three-year jail. TNS

Controversial verdicts: Collegium rescinds approval for HC judge

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The Supreme Court collegium is understood to have withdrawn its approval to a proposal for the appointment of an additional judge of the Bombay High Court, Justice PV Ganediwala, as a permanent judge of the court following her two controversial verdicts in sexual assault cases.

The decision was taken after the judge faced flak for her interpretation of sexual assault under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, a source said.

Justice Pushpa Ganediwala recently acquitted a man accused of groping a 12-year-old girl's breast because he did not make skin-to-skin contact and, days earlier, ruled that holding the hands of a five-year-old girl and unzipping the trousers did not amount to "sexual assault" under the POCSO Act.

On January 27, the Supreme Court stayed the Bombay High Court order

POCSO RULINGS

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■ SC collegium has withdrawn approval for her appointment as permanent judge



'Not well': Chirag skips NDA meet

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The BJP had invited Lok Janashakti Party president Chirag Paswan to attend the NDA meeting on Saturday to discuss the ruling bloc's agenda for the Budget session of Parliament, but the JD(U)'s protest to the move is likely to have prompted him to skip the event.

JDP sources said Chirag Paswan did not attend the virtual meeting due to health reasons, and noted he had also skipped the all-party meet held earlier in the day. — PTI

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 30

Secretary of State Tony Blinken has underscored India's role as a pre-eminent US partner in the Indo-Pacific during his maiden telephonic conversation with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and discussed ways to better seize the new opportunities and combat shared challenges in the region and beyond.

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Discusses Quad & steps for expanding ties

TELLS PAKISTAN TO BRING PEARL'S KILLERS TO JUSTICE

The US Secretary of State discussed with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi the accountability of terrorists convicted for US journalist Daniel Pearl's murder. He expressed concern over the acquittal of the killers.

US Secretary of State Tony Blinken

They discussed issues of mutual concern, including Covid-19 vaccination efforts,

regional developments and next steps in expanding bilateral ties, State Department

spokesperson Ned Price said on Friday. Blinken underscored the importance of working together to expand regional cooperation, including through the Quad, Price said.

"I was delighted to speak today with my good friend @DrJaishankar to discuss US-India priorities," Blinken wrote on Twitter.

In New Delhi, the External Affairs Ministry said Jaishankar and Blinken expressed their commitment to consolidate and expand the multi-faceted strategic partnership. — Agencies

Consumers' rights vital, says apex court

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

Consumer rights are "important rights" and non-manning of posts and inadequate infrastructure in district and state consumer commissions across the country would deprive the citizens of redressal of their grievances, SC

mens in appointing the president, members and staff in the district and state consumer disputes redres-

sal commissions and the lack of adequate infrastructure to run these fora. The court said the issue raised in the plea was important but the petitioner had filed a "very sketchy petition".

"We have given a thought to the matter and consider it too important an issue to be thrown out because of the laxity in collection of material," the Supreme Court said. — PTI

New vaccines: Serum's Covax likely by June

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J&J shots 66% effective in Ph-3 trials

COVID-19 VACCINATION

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case on January 30 last year, India has registered the highest recoveries at 96.98 per cent. Total active case load has dropped to less than 1.7 lakh (1,69,824) today and only 1.58 per cent of the infected people are currently under treatment. Twenty seven states and UTs have weekly positivity rate less than the national average.

ITBP posts new IG in Ladakh, will lead LAC troops

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) force today said it had posted Lhar Dörje Lhatoo, a 1999-batch IPS officer of the Manipur cadre, as the new commander in Ladakh to lead the troops along Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. Lhatoo would replace Inspector General (IG) Deepam Seth, who has been transferred to the ITBP Headquarters in Delhi, official sources said.

Lhatoo is 1999-batch Manipur-cadre officer

Israeli team to join embassy blast probe

Footage shows two men arriving in cab at site; driver grilled

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30 With the initial probe indicating an Iranian link to the blast near the Israeli Embassy here on Friday evening, the National Investigation Agency is most likely to take over the case from the Delhi Police, sources said.

A team of Israeli investi-



An NSG team inspects the blast site in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

gators is also set to join the investigation. An NIA team that visited the blast site on Friday evening carried out complete mapping of the area.

According to Delhi Police officials, initial investigations indicate that explosives and other materials used in the low-intensity improvised explosive device (IED) blast were locally sourced. The use of ammonium nitrate cannot be ruled out, they added.

Meanwhile, one year since

it reported the first Covid

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Varsity scam: 36,000 fake degrees detected... just the tip of iceberg

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, JANUARY 30 The fake degree racket of Manav Bharti University (MBU) in Solan is turning into one of the biggest scams of its kind following the detection of 36,000 fake degrees from 14 of the 55 hard disks scanned so far by a special investigation team of the CID.

This is just the tip of the ice-



ED ATTACHES ₹194-CR ASSETS OF KEY ACCUSED

Under PMLA, the ED has attached ₹194.17-cr properties and fixed deposits of main accused Raj Kumar Rana (Manav Bharti Charitable Trust chairman) and his family members. Rana allegedly purchased these properties by selling fake degrees over the past one decade; UGC had alerted the authorities in 2019 about the fake degree racket by Manav Bharti University in Solan

accused Raj Kumar Rana, the chairman of Manav Bharti Charitable Trust who is running the MBU, has been

revoked and extradition proceedings to bring back his wife, son and daughter from Australia are in progress, Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu told media persons here today. Of the Rs 440-crore properties belonging to Rana and his family, those valuing Rs 194.74 crore are linked to the proceeds of the crime and have been attached, the DGP said, adding that this is the biggest-ever attachment of properties of any educational institution in the country in a money laundering case.

Villages in three dists resolve to dispatch more protesters

Tribune News Service

**PM'S EFFIGY BURNT**

Farmers belonging to the BKU (Ugrahan) burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and corporates, and raised slogans against the Union Government in Mansa district. They said they would keep sending groups of farmers to Delhi borders.

FLAG MARCH IN FAZILKA

Farmers took out a motorcycle 'flag march', under the banner of BKU (Ekt-Sidhpura), in several villages to exhort people to reach Delhi borders. BKU activists appealed to the farmers to boycott BJP leaders in Fazilka villages.

<< Farmers burn an effigy of PM Narendra Modi in Mansa.

others also passed a resolution in support of the agitation.

Sukhwinder Kaur, sarpanch, Kotbhaktu village, said: "Today we organised a meeting of villagers. It has

been decided to send one member per house to the protest site on rotation. Any one not adhering to the decision will be fined Rs 300 daily. If even after one week, the

family doesn't send any member, it would face social boycott." Similar resolution was passed by panchayats of Wazidpur, Saini Majra and Ghuman villages in Patiala.

SGPC: Refrain from smear campaign against Sikhs

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 30

SGPC chief Jagir Kaur has warned the Centre against using the "stray incident" of hoisting Nishan Sahib at the Red Fort to smear the Sikh community as it may lead to communal disharmony.

After distributing scholarships worth Rs 1.31 crore among 2,636 Amritdhari students today, she said Nishan Sahib had been part of the Republic Day parade in the past and it was the same community that took on marauding invaders holding the Nishan Sahib.

SGPC chief Bibi Jagir Kaur

Team heads for talks with Rakesh Tikait

Urging the Centre to accept the farmers' demand, she accused it of creating trouble to disturb communal harmony to end the stir. — TNS

the pain of seeing bodies of our sons and brothers,

wrapped in the national flag, come home every second day," he said, adding the BJP had no empathy towards soldiers losing their lives to protect India's integrity.

Neither Chugh nor his party could relate to the anguish of those soldiers on seeing their farmer-fathers and brothers being beaten up and tear-gassed while fighting for their rights, said the CM, while accusing Chugh of spreading lies.

He said the BJP, which had ripped the constitutional fabric apart over the past six years had lost all moral and ethical right to talk of the honour of the R-Day. — TNS

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After Health staff, others to get jabs from tomorrow



ONLY 30% SUCCESS IN FIRST PHASE

- Ironically, only 30 per cent of the targeted frontline workers of the Health Department have been vaccinated so far.
- Around 60,000 health workers have been inoculated to date against the target of vaccinating around 1.98 lakh

"Some health workers opposed the drive and set conditions that their long-pending demands be fulfilled first — which, I think, is unjust. Instead of putting conditions, they should realise that we are giving vaccines for their benefit only."

He said health workers still might get a chance to get vaccinated until February 12. He said thereafter, they

won't get a chance. "Earlier, there were two chances for health workers. Now, we will give just one chance. If they don't utilise the opportunity, they will not get the jabs anytime soon."

When asked about any non-designated beneficiary getting the vaccination, Bhasker said the entire process of vaccination was very robust and there was no chance of any anomaly.

Earlier, builders would get

13 ex-councillors, kin get Cong ticket in Abohar

ABO哈尔, JANUARY 30
MC poll: Party releases complete list of 50

wards, MR Bathla, Subhash Dholia, Satish Narula and Chhinder Kumar got the ticket in place of their spouses.

Former BJP councillor Dharamvir Malkat's wife Sunil Lata Malkat will contest as a Congress candidate.

Names of Dussehra Committee chief Chand Setia's daughter-in-law Namita Setia, former councillor Gurmandeep Singh Sandhu's wife Rashpreet Kaur and Youth Congress leader Puneet Arora also figured on the list.

The SAD, which had eight councillors in the 33-member MC earlier, has so far announced 35 candidates. — OC

Ensure peaceful polls, BJP team urges Governor

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 30
BJP's state unit today alleged the ruling Congress and other Opposition parties had created an atmosphere of terror in the state in the name of farmers.

A party delegation, led by state president Ashwani Sharma, met Governor VP Singh Badnore and demanded peaceful local bodies' elections.

"Party workers are being attacked but the police have failed to take action," claimed Sharma. — TNS

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Court raps state for ignoring legal notices by contractors

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 30

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has virtually rapped authorities in Punjab for not paying heed to grievances raised by contractors who are executing works for the state. Justice Sanjay Kumar of the High Court also made it clear that the authorities could not sit over the matter after receiving legal notices from the contractors.

He asserted it was indeed unfortunate that the authorities chose to ignore the legal notices received from contractors regarding amounts allegedly due to them for exe-

Petitioners are seeking release of payments

cution of works. "In the event the authorities have any dispute with regard to the contractors' claims, it is for them to respond suitably to such legal notices and clarify their stand. It is not open to the authorities to remain silent and blithely ignore grievances ventilated by contractors through their legal notices," Justice Kumar added.

The assertion by Justice Kumar came on two petitions filed by JK Associates against the State of Punjab and other

respondents. The petitioners, among other things, were seeking release of payments for the works undertaken.

After going through the averments, Justice Kumar asserted it was for the authorities concerned to address in the first instance the claims put forth by the petitioner-firm in two legal notices. In the present stage, no cause was made out for the court to entertain these writ petitions for adjudication on merits.

He directed the respondent-authorities in each of the cases to consider the legal notices received by them from the petitioner-firm before taking appropriate action.

Physical hearing in HC to start in phased manner

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 30

Nearly 11 months after the Punjab and Haryana High Court shifted to virtual mode of hearing following the Covid outbreak, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has decided to resume physical hearing in a phased manner.

To begin with, it has setup three courtrooms for physical hearing, keeping Covid protocols in mind. The number is likely to go up to five in the coming days.

The decision comes just about three days after it was reported in these columns that the much bigger Allahabad High Court with 95 judges never really went into restrictive functioning and

Three courtrooms set up initially

continued with physical hearing throughout the Covid period with some interruptions in between.

As of now, the Allahabad High Court has the highest number of pending cases at 7.71 lakh. It is followed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which is facing a pendency of 6,44,679 cases.

The problem of plenty is expected to worsen in the coming months in the absence of physical hearing of cases and new appointment of judges. — TNS

Dept pulled up for issuing layout plans without RERA nod

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 30

The Punjab Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has pulled up the Local Government Department for issuing partial completion and layout plans without approval to projects by the authority.

As a result, the department had banned passing maps of these buildings categorised as "ground plus two floors" and

plans sanctioned for a row of units by showing each as a separate unit, whereas in reality, they were part of a larger project.

Earlier, builders would get

"stilt plus three floors" on July 2, 2019. Stilt plus three floors mean the ground floor will be meant for parking. But later, the department framed new rules and made RERA registration mandatory.

Now, the Urban Local Bodies

have to ensure there is no violation of building bylaws and the builder must obtain change of land use (CLU) and licence for the purpose. There should not be any violation of RERA and the layout plan must be approved by the competent authority before the construction of such independent floors. RERA has pointed that partial completion and layout plans of two projects in Zirakpur were approved by Local Government officials. A communication has been sent to the Local Government by NS Kang, chairman, RERA. — TNS

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1	Construction of Road from Rud Paryali to Kohlu Ghamoon Galhi Kalura Km 0/0 to 9/30 in Distt. Kangra (HP) (SW-Formation cutting, passing places, R/walls, C.D. work, GSB, WBM-II, VBM-III, Tarring work, side drain and parapets).	5,93,26,454/-	11/02/2021	5,00,00/-	26/02/2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.
On behalf of Governor of H.P.
Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Bhawarna,
Pin - 176083, Tel: 01894 - 247777, e-mail: eepwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in

DPR/HP/5383

**Employees' Provident Fund Organization
Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India
Regional Office, 62, Master Tara Singh Nagar,
Ladowali Road, Jalandhar**
Ph:- 0181-2226685, 2226695, website: www.epfindia.gov.in, e-mail: sro.jalandhar@epfindia.gov.in

Ref: Enforcement Branch

**Public Notice**

It is brought to the attention of the general public that under Section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, an investigation was started against the following establishments:-

Sr. No.	EPF Code Number	Name of Establishment	7A Period	Next Date of Hearing
1.	LDJAL0017925000	RAMPA AUTO (P) LTD. 59, MODAL TOWN JALANDHAR JALANDHAR	03/2012 to 12/2017	16.02.2021
2.	LDJAL0044176000	DILSHAD ENTERPRISES NURMAHAL ROAD PHILLAURO JALANDHAR	12/2012 to 02/2018	16.02.2021
3.	LDJAL1644163000	AMARALLIED SERVICES VILLAGE DHLIWAN PO-DAKOHARAMA MANDI JALANDHAR CITY	09/2017 to 03/2018	12.02.2021
4.	LDJAL1333575000	SHAMA CONCAST PRIVATE LIMITED 10TH LANE UDYOG NAGAR VILLAGE RANDHAWA MASANDA JALANDHAR	02/2017 to 03/2018	15.02.2021
5.	LDJAL1626435000	VERTEX POLYMERICS 31 SPORTS AND SURGICAL COMPLEX JALANDHAR JALANDHAR	07/2017 to 07/2018	12.02.2021
6.	LDJAL0017073000	INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL IND'S. B-13, SPORTS GOODS COMPLEX KAPURTHALA ROAD JALANDHAR	11/2015 to 08/2018	08.02.2021
7.	LDJAL0044136000	Premier COLD STORAGE BAJWA-KALAN SHAHKOT JALANDHAR	03/2015 to 08/2018	09.02.2021
8.	LDJAL0007708000	S.D. PHULLARWAN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, NEAR RAILWAY COLONY JALANDHAR JALANDHAR	02/2007 to 07/2018	12.02.2021
9.	LDJAL1402048000	THE RAVI COOPERATIVE LABOUR & CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION LIMITED VPO KHURLA KINGRA DISTT JALANDHAR NULL JALANDHAR	05/2018 to 09/2018	15.02.2021
10.	LDJAL1415367000	RATTAN SINGH AND SONS VPO CHOMON NULL ADAMPUR	06/2016 to 09/2018	09.02.2021
11.	LDJAL0035968000	NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES PVT. LTD. 221 ADARSH NAGAR JALANDHAR	12/2011 to 09/2018	08.02.2021
12.	LDJAL1604187000	NEW JAI HO SECURITY SERVICE GREEN AVENUE GATE NO. 2 KALA SANGHIAN ROAD JALANDHAR	05/2017 to 09/2018	12.02.2021
13.	LDJAL1655523000	JAGDISH FOUNDRY GIANNA PIND, HARIPUR KHALSA, TEHSIL PHILLAURO JALANDHAR	08/2017 to 09/2018	16.02.2021
14.	LDJAL0001315000	AZAD NAKODAR BUS SERVICE PVT. LTD. G.T. ROAD G T ROAD JALANDHAR JALANDHAR	01/2000 to 10/2018	18.02.2021
15.	LDJAL0035558000	K.F. MILKFOODS PVT. LTD. VILL-FAZALPUR, PC-PATTER KALAN JALANDHAR	10/2015 to 10/2018	16.02.2021
16.	LDJAL1589067000	LIBRA MANUFACTURING COMPANY D-16 SPORTS AND SURGICAL GOODS COMPLEX JALANDHAR	04/2017 to 10/2018	12.02.2021
17.	LDJAL1449682000	ARYA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, BASTI GUZAN, JALANDHAR	05/2016 to 08/2019	05.02.2021
18.	LDJAL0017291000	AVATAR CHAWALA B.K.O. V.P.O. CHANINAPIPUR JALANDHAR	04/2013 to 10/2018	08.02.2021
19.	LDJAL1417543000	SUPER STEEL INDUSTRIES NH-1, PATHANKOT ROAD RAOWALI JALANDHAR	11/2016 to 12/2018	08.02.2021
20.	LDJAL1000850000	A.S.A. ENTERPRISES VM-312 ABASTI SHEIKH ROAD, BEHIND SBI JALANDHAR	11/2014 to 03/2019	08.02.2021
21.	LDJAL0001244000	THE SIKH NEWS PAPER DAILY AKALI PATRIKA CHORA BAZAR JALANDHAR	06/2011 to 05/2019	16.02.2021
22.	LDJAL0017554000	Senior XEN, TRW Division, PSEB, Nakodar, Jalandhar	04/1999 to 07/2019	09.02.2021
23.	LDJAL0044211000	M/s A & A Enterprises, SCO-121, Market Urban Estate, Phase-II, Jalandhar	06/2014 to 07/2019	05.02.2021
24.	LDJAL1973730000	M/s A.B.S. Beverages, Hargobind Nagar, Gali No. 3, Dhobi Road, Jalandhar	06/2019 to 07/2019	16.02.2021
25.	LDJAL1978646000	M/s Verinder Singh & Co., Gabbar Bar & Lounge, Model Town, Jalandhar	06/2019 to 07/2019	08.02.2021
26.	LDJAL0044095000	M/s Addl. Superintending Engineer, TRW Division, PSPCL, Bashipura, Jalandhar	08/2012 to 09/2019	16.02.2021
27.	LDJAL1326091000	M/s Satish Kumar Contractor, EF-166, Mandi Road, Jalandhar	02/2015 to 09/2019	05.02.2021
28.	LDJAL0015946000	The Executive Engineer Grid, MTC Division, Shakti Sadan PSEB, Jalandhar	01/2005 to 10/2019	05.02.2021

During investigation, it has been found that the employers of the above establishments are not able to furnish complete documents for the period of 7A while the identity of the workers/employees employed by the employer is desired for determination of the amount due. Hence, the general public is informed that if an employee/labourer has worked in the above establishment during the said period, then the next date of hearing, which is shown in front of each establishment or maximum up to 11:00 AM on 16.02.2021, your appointment date, amount deposited in provident fund or any valid documents related to employment email to this office ID: sro.jalandhar@epfindia.gov.in or send it to the office address via post or submit the required documents by the date of hearing to the office, which can be proved that the said person had worked in the above establishment, and his provident fund has not been deposited by the employer of the establishment. If a document or record is not received by the worker employee by the due date, then a 7A inquiry will be executed based on the documents available in the office.

(Shobhit Singhal),

Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II.

DI-19388

Office Of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAISINGHPUR DIVISION

H.P. Public Works Department, JAISINGHPUR – 176095Fax: 01894-228031, e-mail: ee-jaipwd-hp@gov.in

The Executive Engineer, Division, HP-PWD, Jaisinghpur – 176095 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate, electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the undermentioned work from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD, Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Time limit	Form No.	Cost of Bidding Documents
1	C/o 8 Nos. Type -IV Quarter building at Govt. Poly Technical Collage Talwar in Tehsil Jaisinghpur Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH:- C/o 8 Nos Type-IV Quarter i/c water supply, sanitary installation Rain Water Harvesting System & Septic Tank).	1,43,25,52 1.00	1,75,800/-	Two Years	6&8	5000/-
2	Periodical Maintenance of road from Galu Bhoda Shivnagar road under AMP 2019-20 (Village Road) (DRPR No. HP0414VR004019113 (SH:- Providing and laying 25mm thick bitumen concrete i/c profile correction laying with paver finisher in Km. 12/00 to 13/00 (Addl. Km.).	Rs. 6,47,258/-	13,000/-	One Month	6&8	350/-
3	C/o road Panther School to Kunjeshwar Mahadev including bridge (SH:- C/o Causeway to Kunjeshwar Mahadev Temple road (SCSP).	Rs. 54,08,967/-	86600/-	One Year	6&8	2000/-
4	Restoration of rain Damages to Gander Siara Kudana road Km. 0/0 to 9/780 (SH:- C/o 1.00 Mtr Span culvert at RD 0/620, Hume pipe culvert at RD 7/240,7/310 side drain and CC pavement.)	Rs. 14,55,529/-	29500/-	Two Months	6&8	500/-

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD. May obtain the same from the website:- <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized case can use the same in this tender.

Key Dates

1	Date of Online Publication	10.02.2021, 10.00 a.m.
2	Document Download Start and End Date	10.02.2021, 10.30 a.m. up to 16.02.2021 05.00 p.m.
3	Bid submission start and end date	10.02.2021, 10.30 a.m. up to 16.02.2021 05.00 p.m.
4	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender document	17.02.2021 up to 10.30 Hrs.
5	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid	17.02.2021, 11.00 Hrs.
6	Date of Financial Bid Opening	20.02.2021, 11.30 Hrs.

TENDER DETAILS.

The Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover. The Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover.

- i) **Cover 1:** Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information".
- ii) **Cover 2:** Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **Submission of Original Documents:-** The Bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other technical documents in the O/o Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Jaisinghpur as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bid shall be opened on 17.02.2021 at 11.00 Hrs in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division HP PWD Jaisinghpur HP. By the authorized officer. In their interest the tenders are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

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

Executive Engineer,
Jaisinghpur Division,
HPPWD, Jaisinghpur.

DPR/HP/5383

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

Khaps plan 'padayatra' to Delhi on Feb 7

On 3rd, Rakesh Tikait to attend mahapanchayat at Kandela village

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JANUARY 30

A conglomerate of 19 khap panchayats on Saturday announced a "padayatra" from Jind to New Delhi on February 7 under the banner of Jind khap panchayats and the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha. The decision was taken during a meeting of a khap mahapanchayat in Jind's Khatkar toll plaza, where the farmers have been staging dharna since November. Farmers, representatives of khap panchayats and women were present in the meeting.

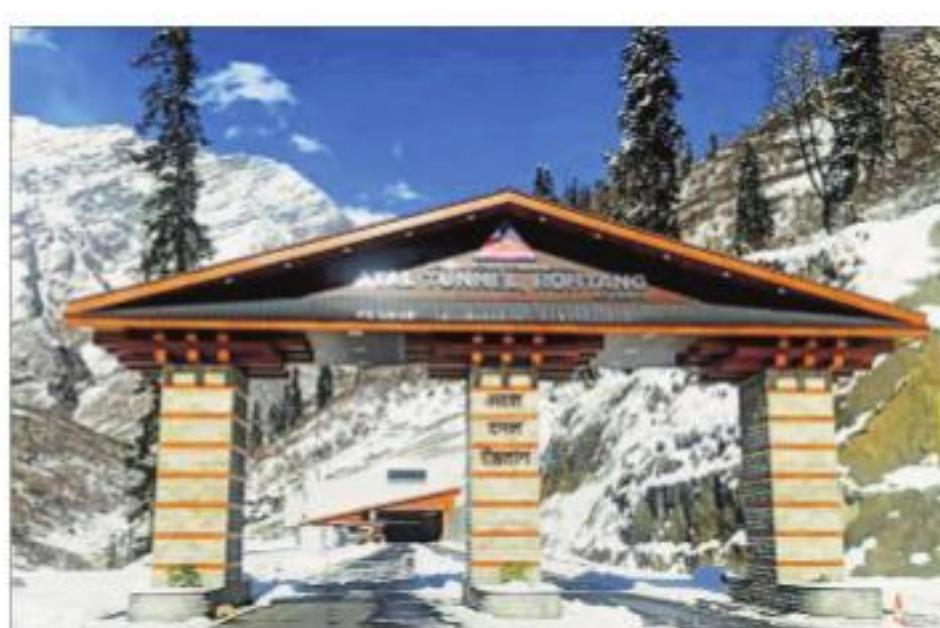
Protesters appeal to govt to restore internet services

The meeting also announced boycott of BJP and JJP leaders, and asked villagers not to invite them to family or social functions. The Kandela khap, meanwhile, has invited Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait and sarv khap panchayat general secretary Yudhvir Singh to attend a mahapanchayat, which will be held at Kandela village on February 3.

District BKU president Azad Singh Palwa, who is also the pradhan of the Dharan khap, said internet services must be restored so that children could take online classes.

Atal Tunnel opened to tourists after 24 days

ABHINAV VASHISHT



KULLU, JANUARY 30
The Atal Tunnel was thrown open to tourists today. It was closed on January 6 after snowfall.

The Kullu administration had stopped tourist vehicles beyond the Solang Nullah as the road to the tunnel had become risky due to icing on it and the avalanche threat. Only residents of Lahaul were allowed to cross the tunnel in 4X4 vehicles. Now, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) had given the green light to the administration to allow all types of vehicles to cross the tunnel.

Deputy Commissioner Richa Verma said tourist vehicles would be allowed to go beyond Solang towards the tunnel till 1 pm and they be advised to return before 4 pm as the weather is uncertain in the area.

The district administration of Lahaul and Spiti is prepared to cater to the

tourist rush, which was witnessed for the first time during winters. The administration has made adequate parking arrangements at the Sissu helipad.

Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Rai said the road between the north portal of the tunnel and Sissu was safe for commuting. Tourist vehicles would be allowed up to Sissu till weather conditions remain favourable. Only tourists having hotel booking and travelling in 4X4 vehicles would be allowed beyond Sissu. The tunnel would be

closed for one hour from 11 am to 12 pm for maintenance.

Tourism stakeholders of Manali and Lahaul were also demanding to reopen the tunnel for tourists. Vinay, a businessman of Manali, said Atal Tunnel was the latest craze among the visitors and adequate arrangements should be made to facilitate the movement of tourist vehicles to view this engineering marvel. Measures should be taken to keep the approach road to the tunnel ready for all types of vehicles.

3 fake vehicle spare part sellers booked

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, JANUARY 30

The Paonta Sahib police today registered a case under the Copyright Act against three shopkeepers for selling fake spare parts of Hyundai vehicles.

Manish Jindal, Field Officer, Speed Search and Security Network, Chandigarh, had lodged a complaint with the police that three shops at Paonta Sahib were selling fake spare parts of Hyundai Motors by affixing the company's marking on them. This was causing financial losses to the company and innocent people were being duped. Jindal told the police that the fact came to light when he along with his colleague Krishna Singh visited the three shops yesterday.

Paonta Sahib DSP Bir Bahadur Singh said that the company's field officials found 134 fake spare parts in the three shops — Rahul Motors, Jonny Motors and Goel Auto — at Bhupur, Kedarpur and Bhantwali. A case under the Copyright Act has been registered and a probe is underway.

Election to Kangra ZP top posts deferred

DHARAMSALA, JANUARY 30
The election to the posts of chairman and vice-chairman of the Kangra Zila Parishad could not be held today in the absence of quorum. It had now been postponed to February 1. A minimum of 36 members were needed for the quorum to hold the election in the 54-member Zila Parishad.

It is an embarrassment for the state government, as Chief Minister Jai Ram

Could not be held today due to the lack of quorum

Thakur had met the newly elected members belonging to the BJP and those supporting it yesterday.

Sources said that despite its best efforts the BJP could manage to assemble 33 members today. All 19 Congress members and

three Independents did not turn up for the election.

Kangra Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Prajapati, who was the presiding officer, said that the election had been postponed to February 1. In the first meeting of the Zila Parishad, 75 per cent members were required to hold the election. And in the second meeting, only 50 per cent members would be required, as per the rules. So, in the next meeting sched-

uled for February 1 the election would be held even if 27 members turn up, he added.

However, the aspirants to the posts of chairman and vice-chairman have now got two more days to garner the support of the members. The BJP has 26 members while the congress has 19 members in the biggest Zila Parishad of the state. However, nine Independents hold the key to the election to the top posts. —TNS

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(Information Technology Department)

TENDER NOTICE

The Regional Manager (IT) invites offer for Tender Ref. No. OICL/AMRO/ITD/PC-AMC/2021/01 Dated 18/01/2021 for Procurement of IT Support Service (Annual Maintenance Contract & Facility Management Services). Further details can be downloaded from OICL's website www.orientalinsurance.org.in

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

The Walk-in-Interview for the position of "Senior Research Fellows" is to be held on 8th February, 2021 at ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal (Haryana). For more detail viz. title/duration of project, number of position, criteria, emoluments, educational qualifications, date/time venue of Walk-in-Interview, other terms & conditions & application form for the positions, please visit our website <http://iiwbr.org>.

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ANNUAL AUCTION NOTICE

M/s Federal Mogul Goetze India Ltd is organising online Auction for the disposal of following items on yearly/Two Yearly contract/One time item'

S.No. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

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 - Cast Iron Items: C.I.Dust/Honing chips, C.I.Rings, C.I.Hopper Dust, C.I.Honing sleeve scrap, C.I.Grinding Waste, C.I.Slag, Furnace slag lumps etc.
 - Ferrous/Non Ferrous Items C.I.Groove insert Chips oily, Aluminium Chips floor sweeping, Burnt Aluminum Ash, Brass Scrap, Aluminium Slag and Aluminium Chips slag.
 - Other Miscellaneous items like, Used CB Boxes, Rubber Scrap.
 - Waste paper, Used/Broken Grinding wheels, Grinding wheels w/o broken, PVC & MS Drums, Wood & Glass Scrap etc.
 - Used OIL with Barrels and Used coolant /Slurry oil (approx. 5 to 10 % oil with MS/PVC Barrels)in 210 Ltr. Spent chromic acid alongwith Barrels, Wet CI grinding waste etc.
 - One Time Items- Oxide Hooper Dust Scrap, Die steel scrap, Fiber scrap lot, Used Servo Stabilizer.
 - Online Auction will be conducted thru M/s. A.ONE Salasar, Mumbai on 3rd of Feb'2021 For detailed terms and condition, Pl contact M/s.A.ONE Salasar, Mumbai at +91 (22) 25660141 Web : www.aonesalasar.com www.salarauktion.com
- Inspection of all items can be done between 01-02-2021 to 03-02-2021 at Plant address from 9:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M.
- Note : Validity of items as per auction catalogue for one year or Two Years i.e. upto 31-01-2022 or 31-01-2023.
- : PPCB/CPCB Approvals required for Item Sr No 5
- : Items at Sr No. 4, if bidders are unable to bid thru Online auction, they can submit their sealed tenders a/w Participation amount on 03-02-2021 by 14:30 hours. They can collect the Detailed Tender from Main Gate on 03-02-2021 Morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and submit their quotation alongwith participation amount in sealed envelope to Main Gate.
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I.S Bindra Cricket Stadium, Sector-63, SAS Nagar, Mohali-160062

Date: 31.01.2021

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S.N.	Post	Qualification	Age	Experience
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3.	Manager (HR & Admin)	MBA in Human Resources	25 to 45 years	3-5 years as HR Officer
4.	Manager (Cricket Operations)	MBA	25 to 45 years	5-7 years as Sports Administration in reputed organization
5.	Manager (Accounts & Finance)	M.com/MFC/ MBA (Finance)	25 to 45 years	3-5 years as Accounts/ Finance Manager or Senior Position
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Candidates interested in applying may visit the 'Vacancies' section on the Website www.cricketpunjab.in for more details. Application Form duly filled in with all relevant self-attested documents & testimonials must be sent by post or email id: pca@cricketpunjab.in till 10th February, 2021. Sd/-

Chief Executive Officer

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No. Rectt.-23/2021 Dated: 30-01-2021

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In continuation of Advertisement No. Rectt.-17/2019 dated 30-12-2019, Online Applications are invited from Eligible Candidates for recruitment of **TEACHING POSTS** in the University, where inadequate number of applications or no application has been received in response to the said Advertisement, therefore, online applications are again invited as per Advertisement No. Rectt.-23/2021 dated 30-01-2021. For further details, please visit the University Website: www.hpuniv.ac.in w.e.f. 31-01-2021. The candidates may visit online portal www.recruitment.hpushimla.in for filling up the application form. The last date for submission of online application is 28-02-2021.

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- Proof of call letter received from SSB/ Recruiting Directorate
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AUCTION NOTICE

E-auction for sale of Bamboo, Pulpwood, Fuelwood, Timber Hakries and Dimdima etc. lying at various road side depots of this Directorate shall be held as under:-

Venue of Auction	Detail of Forest produce	Lying at RSDs under FWD	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
O/O of DM Shimla	Pulpwood / Fuelwood / Timber (Hakries & Dimdima)	Shimla/ Rambur/ Chopal/ Swara	28	22	19	12	21	22
O/O of DM Solan	Pulpwood / Fuelwood / Timber (Hakries) & Bamboo	Solan / Nahan	27	27	23	24	28	28

For further details please contact Divisional Mangers, Forest Working Division Shimla concerned and visit to our website www.hpforesto.in

Director (South)

CORRIGENDUM
AFPI ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH ARMED FORCES
PREPARATORY INSTITUTE (AFPI)

SECTOR - 77, MOHALI — 140308

1. AFPI Entrance Exam earlier scheduled to be held on 17 Jan 2021, will now be held on 07 Mar 2021.
2. Registration for the exam already carried out from 01 Dec 2020 to 05 Jan 2021 will remain valid.
3. Additional candidates if any may register online between 03 Feb 2021 to 10 Feb 2021. Apply online at website <http://www.recruitment-portal.in>.
4. Candidates who had applied earlier, but could not complete the registration or make payment may do so now between 03 Feb 2021 to 10 Feb 2021.
5. All other conditions laid down earlier vide our add dated 22 Nov 2020 remain unchanged.
6. For queries/clarifications if any, please visit our Website: www.afpippunjab.org Personally Visit: Director AFPI, Sector 77, SAS Nagar (Mohali) – 140308 or E-mail dir.mrsapi.sasn@punjab.gov.in and afpi_mohali@yahoo.com.
7. Contact No.: 9041006305 & 0172-2219707 (From 9 AM to 5 PM on working days only).

Sd/- (A K Srivastava)
 Gp Capt (Retd)
 For Director

DPR/Pb/1162

**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ART,
 SECTOR 10-C, CHANDIGARH – 160011**

PHONE: 0172-2740309

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

Walk-in interview for appointment as part-time faculty for the Session 2020-2021 for teaching the following subjects to the students of BFA courses will be held on 10th February 2021 (Wednesday) at 11.00 a.m. in the office of Principal, Government College of Art, Sector 10-C, Chandigarh.

1. "Punjabi (Elective) & Theory Subject Compulsory Punjabi" of B.A. Part-I level in accordance with the syllabus approved by the Panjab University Chandigarh.
2. "English (Elective)" of B.A. Part-I level in accordance with the syllabus approved by the Panjab University Chandigarh.

Educational Qualifications:- As per UGC norms.

Working faculty and Research scholars are also eligible, subject to adjustment with the time-table of this institution. **Payment:** Rs. 500/- per lecture subject to a monthly ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- . The duration of one lecture shall be of 60 minutes. While coming for interview all the eligible candidates must bring with them their original certificates/testimonials (along with one set of photocopy of certificates/testimonials), two (02) passport size photographs.

PRINCIPAL

WESTERN RAILWAY**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/04/2021 Date 27.01.2021**

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
61	Brake Block (NG)	384 Nos.	04.02.2021
62	Cover of Brake Block Adjuster	900 Nos.	05.02.2021
63	Cast Steel Bolster Complete of BCNHL Wagon	5 Nos.	05.02.2021
64	Toothed Segment	1333 Nos.	08.02.2021
65	Bearing for Long Shaft for Centre Brake	442 Nos.	10.02.2021
66	Pin for Pull Rod Roller	3200 Nos.	10.02.2021
67	Pin with Washer and Bulb Cotter	1400 Nos.	11.02.2021
68	CVTS Instruments	51 Items	11.02.2021
69	POH Kit	192 Set	12.02.2021
70	SMPS Based Integrated Power Supply System	49 Set	15.02.2021
71	Lithium Chloride Battery	66 Nos.	15.02.2021
72	Bogie Frame Arrangement	2 Set	16.02.2021
73	Filter Panel Assy.	2185 Nos.	18.02.2021
74	Fire Detection Unit Sensor Filter	219 Nos.	19.02.2021
75	Set of Labyrinth and Bearing Cap and Clamp Plate (NDE)	140 Set	19.02.2021
76	FRP L Shape Angle Size	2777 Nos.	23.02.2021
77	Anti Wear Hydraulic Oil VG 68	51870 Ltrs.	23.02.2021
78	Packing Ring for Wheel Tread Wear	12355 Nos.	24.02.2021
79	Rear Cover for Axle Box	2091 Nos.	24.02.2021
80	Push Type Flushing Valve	6083 Nos.	24.02.2021
81	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement for WAG 7 Loco	34 Set	24.02.2021
82	Gear Box Case	8 Nos.	25.02.2021
83	Copper Contact Wire Jointless 107 Sq.mm	103750 Mtr.	26.02.2021

CORRIGENDUM : Please visit www.iamps.gov.in for corrugendum issued to following tender Sr.No. 16 of Tender Notice No. S/01/2021 Dt.08.01.2021 (Liquid Oxygen for Medical use).

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

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

A) e-Tender Notice No. 34 ET/2020-21

S. No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	Complete Rotor	234 Nos.	15.02.2021*
2	Pantograph	225 Nos.	02.03.2021*
3	Set of Cable Tray	113 Sets	22.02.2021*
4	Dampers	119 Sets	26.02.2021*
5	Earth Return Brush	375 Nos.	05.03.2021*
6	Rotor Bar for Schenck-II Rotor	20407 Nos.	22.02.2021*
7	Bull Gear 107 Teeth	131 Nos.	19.02.2021*
8	Leather Bellow	88 Sets	22.02.2021*
9	12205132 Lubricant Grease for Traction Motor	1274 Kgs.	26.02.2021
10	21207844 Complete Panel A&D	225 Set	08.03.2021*
11	012023755 Axe Box Housing (Finish Machined)	536 Nos.	18.02.2021**
12	20209619 High Capacity Draft Gear	225 Nos.	19.02.2021***
13	20209687 High Tensile Transition C.B. Coupler	225 Nos.	19.02.2021***

B) e-Reverse Auction Notice No. 06 e-RA/2020-21

S. No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	Complete Auxiliary Cubicle	226 Set	18.02.2021*

Tender closing Time (A&B) 15:00 Hrs.

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

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231/21

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, NAHAN

1. Applications are invited from interested candidates for the following post on the basis of Adhoc/Daily wagers:-

PGTs (English, Biology, Chemistry, Pol Science & Hindi) (Each -01)

TGT (Maths, English, Hindi & Skt) (Each -01)

PRT (02)

Graduate with the subject in which employment is sought & B.Ed., with min 50% Marks in each.

Must be a Post-graduate with the subject in which employment is sought & B.Ed., with minimum 50% Marks in each.

In case the candidate has not 50% marks in graduation but has obtained 50% or more marks in Post - Graduation in the subject, the candidature shall be valid.

Librarian (01)

B.Lib - Science or graduate with diploma in Library Science from a recognized institute and computer literate with minimum three years experience.

Pre-Primary Teachers (02)

Graduate with D.E.Ed/B.Ed. with min 50% marks in each

Driver APS (01) & APPS (01)

10th and Valid HMV Licence

Multitasking Staff APS (01) & APPS (01)

10th

Safai Karamchari APS (01) & APPS (01)

Preferably 10th

2. For teacher being appointed on adhoc appointments passing of Online Screening Exam conducted by AWES and, CTET/TET would not be a mandatory requirement but a preferred requirement.

3. Last date for submission of applications is 20 Feb 2021 along with testimonials. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

4. How to Apply – Application form may be collected from school office on working hours and be downloaded from school website and sent it by post/hand/courier along with attested copies of all documents & demand draft of Rs 100/- in favour of Army Public School, Nahar payable at Nahar to reach this school by 20 Feb 2021. Soft copy of application will not be accepted. No TA/DA will be admissible.

Sd/- Principal, APS Nahar.

DI-19364

Two terrorists surrenders in Pulwama

Srinagar, JANUARY 30

Two militants, who were trapped during an encounter with security forces, laid down their arms before the authorities in Pulwama district on Saturday, officials said.

The security forces had launched a cordon and search operation at Lelhaar in the Kakapora area of the district on Friday night following information about the presence of militants there, the officials said. The two ultras were identified as Akeel Ahmad Lone and Rouf Ul Islam. Lone had sustained splinter injuries in his right foot. — PTI

In an all-party meeting

chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, former J&K Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said the Centre must now bring a Bill and restore the statehood, which was unfairly taken away on August 5, 2019.

"The district development council elections are over.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The Congress on Saturday demanded that the government should bring a Bill in the ongoing

MATRIMONIALS

BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

SAINI

Match for 88 born Saini Sikh girl, B.Sc. Nursing, MBA, now working in New Zealand from 5 years. Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur preferred. Caste no bar. 96463-7297, 7973-69202. (CL20089877)

Saini Sikh beautiful girl, 1979, 5'-4", B.Sc. MA English, M.Ed, M.Phil, UGC, Regular Punjab govt. teacher. Father retd. Punjab govt. gazetted officer. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp: 98145-91248. (CL20089914)

Match for Saini beautiful girl (only daughter), 1990 born, 5', M.A. (English), B.Ed, Teacher in reputed school. NRI preferred. Upper caste no bar. 98729-97352, 99151-69091. (CL20088324)

Suitable match for Saini Hindu fair girl 5"-6" 1989, B.Tech., working as a Project Manager (IT) in Noida, package-10 Lac. (Caste no bar). Contact: dapsaininf@yahoo.in, 98962-06769. (CL20088921)

Wanted Saini turbanned, non-trimmer, vegetarian boy for M.Tech (ECE), 1993 born, 5"-6", MNC, working girl, send biodata 92561-61300 WhatsApp. (CL20090431)

Suitable match for Healthy Hindu girl (Bange/ Guniye), 27/ 5"-7", B.A.L.B. Contact 94182-17699, 89500-46733. (CL20091162)

Saini Sikh girl Oct, 1999 born/ 5"-4", M.Tech., Bio. Tech., working in Mohali MNC. Looking for Mohali/ Chandigarh, based equally qualified well settled only Saini boy. God loving match. Harjot Singh 98151-19498. (CL20091275)

Saini Sikh girl, January 87, 5"-4", B.Tech CSE, MBA (HR) Working Army Officer. Preferred Army Officer/ professionally qualified well settled match. Upper caste no bar. 94635-7845. Email: kaur59kulwinder@gmail.com (CL20091308)

Match for beautiful Hindu Saini girl 5"-3", born Nov. 1991 Chandigarh, working in IT Company. Contact No. 98780-99547, 90410-57287. (CL20091391)

Sikh Saini girl 27/ 5"-5", M.Tech., Central Government job in Jalandhar, seek a groom (Govt. job preferred). 82890-41079, 80549-89902. (CL20091430)

SOOD

Match for Khatri Sood Manglik/ Non-Manglik girl 22.08.1991, 5'-1", 7.10 am, B.Com., LL.B., LL.M., working Law firm, Gurgaon. Status family. Send pic/ biodata. WhatsApp 94178-87552. (CL20091657)

CHRISTIAN

Seeking well settled match for girl Oct/88, MA Hindi, NET qualified working as Assistant Professor. Contact: 89689-61965. (CL2008873)

SM for BDS Dental Surgeon girl born 1987, 5"-4". Own Dental Clinic. Father Bank Manager retired. 95014-95554. (CL2008975)

Match for Christian girl 30/ 5"-3", B.Sc. Nursing, Govt. Service Chandigarh. Preferred Tricity. 84377-8518. (CL20091196)

TONK-KASHATRIYA

Manglik/ Non-Manglik suitable match for Hindu Tonk-Kashtriya girl, 28% year, 5', MBA, M.Com, 98157-36184, 99883-86679. (CL20088914)

Suitable match for Hindu Tonk-kashtriya beautiful girl, 1995, 5"-5", MCA, job MNC. Father Govt. job. Call: 979591573, WhatsApp: 8699079394. (CL20090439)

Tonk Kashtri girl 6th April 1992, 14.35, 5"-2", M.Com, B.Ed, VLCC Diploma, Chikka, Kaithal, father working Naib Tehsildar, Ambala Cantt. Gotra Tagger Kainth, short time divorcee, PR caste no bar. 98961-78831, 99911-16626. (CL20091140)

Sikh Tonk-Kashtri girl 1987/ 5"-3", MA, B.Ed. Govt. School Teacher. Preferred Govt. employee. (Khanna). 98558-00904. (CL20091546)

MUSLIM

Beautiful Muslim girl 5"-4", 15.04.1988, B.Com, ICWA, working as Administrative Officer (Scale-1) in PSU (Govt. Job). Looking for Army/ Air Force Officer. Dowry seekers please excuse. 99154-04369. (CL20091098)

Suitable match for Muslim girl 26/ 5"-6", Jalandhar, B.Pharm, MBA, job in Delhi MNC, Delhi based boy preferred. 62800-05895, 78887-08534. (CL20091263)

JAT

Himachali Jat girl, September 93, 5"-4", BE Computer Science Chitkara University. 94182-56873. (CL20091233)

SM Himachali Hindu Jat girl, non-manglik, 26.09.1989, 12.30 p.m., 5"-2", MBA, pvt. job at Chandigarh. 97793-12202, 62802-78107. (CL20091384)

Suitable match for beautiful Jat girl, 5"-5", 1993, MA, non-transferee job in Pb & Hry. High Court, Chandigarh. Contact: 93163-34820. (CL20091614)

Suitable match for Jat girl 93 born, 5', B.Tech, Bank employee, Chandigarh. Mobile: 90411-14133. (CL20091631)

RAJPUT

Suitable match for Rajput girl March 1993, 5"-6", BDS, MDS (Prostho), Chandigarh settled family. 94178-60943. WhatsApp: 94170-46385. (CL20091493)

Suitable match for beautiful Rajput girl, 5"-4", 15.09.1996, PR, Australia. Family well settled Australia. Mobile: 98722-90893. (CL20084791)

SMi Himachali Rajput girl 1992 born, 5"-2", MCA, working MNC Noida. Preferred pure vegetarian only. 98166-41428. (CL20086270)

Match for Rajput Jaryal girl, 5"-3", 7.8.1990, 5:10 am, Hoshiarpur BA, ANM, working Hospital. Preferred Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana. Bureau excuse. Contact: 828825793. (CL2009127)

Kashyap Rajput Mehra girl, 5"-2", 22.8.1990, 05:40 morning, BA, PGDCA, 98152-54228, 98785-78719. (CL20089168)

Kashyap Rajput Mehra (OBG) fair girl, Assistant Professor Jalandhar, 5"-1", 2.9.86. Caste no bar. 94642-52878. (CL20089867)

Well qualified Himachali Rajput boy for girl, Oct. 1992, 5"-1", working Ph.D. Send biodata in 98160-34477. (CL20090301)

Wanted suitable match for Rajput Himachali girl, 36, 5"-4", M.Sc Maths B.Ed Govt. Teacher Una HP, 82195-32324, 97366-75880. (CL20090603)

Sikh Maid Rajput girl 14.6, 94, 2:20 pm, 5"-4", MBA Finance, MS Finance, Chartered Accountant, CTA, Corporate Tax specialist from Doblin-Ireland. Worked in Earnest and Young, PWC, now working in Gartner in Dublin. Preferred boy from USA, UK, Canada. Bio-data with photo by mail. (parmar dsfoods@yahoo.com (CL20091076)

Match for Doaba Sikh Rajput girl, 1988, 5"-3", MBA Finance, MS Finance, Chartered Accountant, CTA, Corporate Tax specialist from Doblin-Ireland. Worked in Earnest and Young, PWC, now working in Gartner in Dublin. Preferred boy from USA, UK, Canada. Bio-data with photo by mail. (parmar dsfoods@yahoo.com (CL20091076)

SMi Ramgarhia Sikh beautiful girl 26, 5"-7", M.Tech. (CSE), Data Scientist Noida 98781-51797. (CL20090596)

DM/MC match for Punjabi Khatri MD (Internal Medicine) DM (Neuro) Final year, 5"-3", 22.01.1989, 3:00 p.m., Nangal. Father Retd, mother working in PSU. 98769-46080, 9872463720. (CL20090933)

Suitable match for Doctor MDS (Prosthotodontics) Saraswat, Brahma Sikhi girl, 5"-2", born 1992, Chandigarh non-Manglik, preferred Tricity reputed family, kundi must. 94170-23526, 97790-82526. (CL20091075)

MD/ MS/ DM/ MC match for fair beautiful girl, MD, Radio Diagnosis, June 1990, 5"-2", Saraswat Brahma Sikhi girl, 5"-2", born 22.01.1989, 3:00 p.m., Nangal. Father Retd, mother working in PSU. 98769-46080, 9872463720. (CL20090933)

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Suitable match for beautiful Himachali Rajput girl, 5"-4", 11 am, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), 5"-2", M.Sc. (IT), residence Amritsar. Contact: 94636-49724. (CL20091252)

Match for Thakur Rajput beautiful girl 27/ 5"-5", Govt. job (Patwari). Preferred Govt. employee. 78891-55355. (CL20091351)

Match for Himachali Rajput girl, 06.07.92, 5"-7", 10.55 pm, B.Tech job Chandigarh Palampr. 98773-93454. (CL20091423)

Suitable match for Thakur Rajput beautiful girl, March 1995, 5"-3", MBA HR Marketing, Sale Consultant reputed company, package 4 lac. Preferred Doaba. Contact: 828301344. (CL20091439)

SM for Himachali Rajput girl, 10th Feb. 92, working in a reputed company with handsome pkg seeking professional match. Contact: 97170-35050, 72190-85890. (CL20091453)

Match for Himachali Rajput girl, 06.07.92, 5"-7", 10.55 pm, B.Tech job Chandigarh Palampr. 98773-93454. (CL20091423)

Suitable match for Muslim girl, 26/ 5"-6", Jalandhar, B.Pharm, MBA, job in Delhi MNC, Delhi based boy preferred. 62800-05895, 78887-08534. (CL20091263)

BACKWARD CLASSES

Well settled, unmarried boy for LLM, NLU, siml, fair, unmarried girl, 4.4.1980, 5"-2", 98550-52579, 98557-83122. (CL20091281)

KAMBOJ

Kamboj Sikh girl, 26/5"-3", Government Nurse PGI Chandigarh looking for suitable match (Govt. employee) in Tricity. 94642-74723. (CL20089540)

YADAV

Suitable match for beautiful Yadav girl, 1985 born/ 5"-3", MA B.Ed, PGDCA, Contact: 98147-41708, 97296-59679. (CL20089687)

DOCTOR/ENGINEER

MCh/ DM match for Bansal 28/ 5"-1", fair, slim, beautiful pursuing MCh (Cornea) PGI Chandigarh. Belongs to high status business family. 99150-85535. (CL20089029)

MD/MS/DM match 4 MD Psychiatry beautiful Aggarwal girl, 6.9.92, 2.12 p.m., at Nabha, 5"-1". Working in Pvt. Hospital, Handsome salary, Doctors family of Ludhiana. Upper caste no bar, 9872619732. (CL20088884)

MD/ MCH/ MD/MS match for Chamar 28/ 5"-3", MD (Paediatrics) girl working SR. Govt. Hospital Haryana. Contact: 94161-66487. (CL200891493)

Suitable match for beautiful Rajput girl, 5"-4", 15.09.1996, PR, Australia. Family well settled Australia. Mobile: 98722-90893. (CL200884791)

Suitable match for Doctor Nai Sikh girl (27) doing MD (Micro). No caste bar. 94638-50082. (CL20089117)

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MD/ M

WIDOW

Hindu Nai (non-professional) widow having 4½ year daughter Postgraduate, working, 35/5'-3". Upper caste welcome, 98554-26385, 62849-46422. (CL20089134)

Match for convent Teacher widow, B.A., B.Ed., April 1987, 5'-2", Maid Rajput, having 8 yrs Son who is in custody with inlaws. Contact: 96463-10057. (CL20089474)

Divorcee, 40 yrs, 154 cm, seeking NRI groom, 98776-40233, 96469-72132. (CL20091432)

Suitable match for beautiful widow 39/ 5'2", Well qualified girl with two kids. Ambala nearby match preferred. 79734-00529. (CL20091648)

MISC

Suitable match for Megh (Sikh) girl, June 92/ 5'-0", (B.Sc.-IT, PDPET, B.Ed./ Teacher in KVS, Central Government). Preferred Chd and around Govt. employee. Caste no bar.

88377-54498, baryam23@gmail.com (CL20086660)

Match for beautiful Punjabi Parjapat Hindu girl, 1996/ 5'-3", Veterinarian (BVSC), Navle clear. Radha Swami family. Father Deputy Director Horticulture (Retd.). Upper caste no bar. Preferred Veterinarian, 94639-93714. (CL20089017)

Match for Hindu Non-Professional Nai girl, 25 years, 5'-4", pursuing MBA from Panjab University. Extremely fair and beautiful daughter of an affluent family based in Chandigarh. Upper caste no bar. Send biodata with photo. WhatsApp 94171-81249. (CL20089394)

Looking groom for 5'-3", fair, 30 yrs, Jaat from Sirsa Haryana. MS Ophthalmology, Ant bar. Preferable clinical fellowship from Aravind Madurai. Caste no bar. Preferable clinical branch. Contact: 97297-50757. (CL20089484)

Prajapati girl 28/ 5'-4", Govt. job in Jammu, Govt. Job boy in Jammu. State preferred. 98761-21336. (CL20089880)

Suitable match for Jat Sikhi girl, 17.06.93, working as Assistant Professor (Adhoc). Preferably from Patiala. Caste no bar. 85578-59280. (CL20090448)

Suitable match for Parjapati girl, 23 July 1990, 5'-3", M.Sc (Physics), B.Ed., CTET qualified. (M): 62809-31352. (CL20090842)

Suitable match for Kabirpanthi girl, 92 born, 5'-4", B.Tech., MBA, Bank Scale-II Officer. Contact and WhatsApp 98158-87768. (CL20091094)

Suitable match for Nai non-professional girl September 1989, 5'-5", B.Ed., MA Eco. Defence prefer. 98152-44288. (CL20091238)

Affluent, well educated Jat Sikh family with urban and rural property seeks only high status non-turbanned Airforce/ Army match for elegant daughter. M.Sc., B.Ed., 5'-3", 1994 born. Only upper caste contact and just WhatsApp biodata with recent photographs at: 79019-03603. (CL20089402)

Match for Jatt Sikh 1985 Amritdhari Govt. Headmistress Govt. servant or good property Gursikh boy, innocent divorce case also considered. 88475-75004. (CL20089437)

Match for Jat Sikhi Khera girl 5'-3", 1991 born, M.Tech., Software Engg., doing job in MNC, Chandigarh. Preferred Tricity. 88472-34153. (CL20091135)

Seeking suitable match for Jatt Sikhi girl, 30/5'-2", working as Police Officer Artificial Intelligence, Dentist, Veterinarian will be preferred Engineer. Bureau excused. 86993-53808. (CL20091137)

Kler parents invite proposals for their daughter April 92 born, 5'-5", M.Sc., B.Ed. Father businessman and landlord, seeks good alliance from well to do settled boys. Respond with biodata and picture on WhatsApp No: 62395-58160. (CL20091144)

Highly suitable IAS/Officer Jat Sikhi match IAS girl 27/5'4", Canadian PR holder, 2000 born, 5'-4", Canadian PR holder, 28 yrs, 5'-4" girl with family values from a reputed Chandigarh based family. Contact with details on WhatsApp: 99156-41029. (CL20091123)

Jatt Sikhi girl 1995, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing. Required Jat Sikhi Canada PR, 9463-73744, k a h i n o 2 0 2 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20089590)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikhi girl, 1992 born, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing Govt. regular job as Staff Nurse. Vaishno family preferred. Contact: 98726-43208. (CL20089602)

Match for beautiful, slim Jat Sikhi girl, 26 years, green card holder, convert educated, doing residency in USA. Doctor family seeking tall, handsome Jat Sikhi Doctor boy, doing residency or Fellowship in USA. Email: amrik1970.15@gmail.com (CL20075514)

Canada based well educated Jat Sikhi parents invite matrimonial alliance for their Canadian citizen daughter, 32, 5'-3", doing Residency (Internal Medicine). Please respond to: californiaribr@yahoo.com (CL20079362)

Parents seeking professionally qualified IT/ Software Engineer/ Doctor Jat Sikhi match with good family values willing to settle in US for their beautiful daughter 30 years, 5'-9" highly educated US Army Commissioned Officer. Please respond with brief bio/ pic to: gillbaljinder1603@gmail.com (CL20088287)

Looking for Jat Sikhi, smart girl, qualified Dietician, working in a reputed hospital (Tricity), 1989, 5'-6", seeks liberal minded, professionally settled match. Contact 98784-91425. (CL20088927)

Jatt Sikhi Govt. B Class match for Govt. teacher girl, M.Sc. Physics 1989, 5'-3", Patiala, Mohali, Roopar, Jalandhar, Nawanshahr city preference, 94636-14431. (CL20089332)

Seeking a tall, handsome, well-educated and well settled groom with 30 acres land (minimum), living in India or abroad, suitable for Jatt-Sikh, 1993, 5'-7", beautiful girl, B.Sc. Fashion Technology PU Chd, business owner, Radha Soami Sangrur. WhatsApp biodata & pictures +6045002631. (CL20089933)

Jat Sikhi parents invite matrimonial alliance for their daughter 32 yrs old, 5'-11" tall, beautiful, family oriented, never married, MBA, professionally employed in California. The boy should be professionally qualified, tall and well settled in USA with family values. Serious enquires only. Please respond with latest photo and biodata to gurpreet113@icloud.com or call at +15165030142. (CL20088981)

Suitable match for Jat Sikhi girl, 1989, 5'-7", M.Sc. B.Ed. CTET, PSTET pass. Contact: 9888647933. (CL20089007)

Looking PQM for well educated 90 born, 5'-6" girl, completed her higher studies from United States, currently staying and working in India. Looking for equally qualified match preferably from US/ Canada working in IT Sector. Only serious enquires, kindly contact at amnik0624@gmail.com (CL20089022)

Suitable match for Jat Sikhi girl, Aug. 89, 5'-3", MNC, Gurgaon. Preferably from Tricity, Patiala, Ambala, Ludhiana, Kulk. WhatsApp: 98886-98019. (CL20089027)

Well educated, repeated Jat Sikhi family seeks PQM match for their slim, beautiful, qualified daughter 5'-6", Dec. 1984 born, working in Software company, issueless divorce. Father retired Senior Officer, well settled family. WhatsApp No. 99710-01575, match44@outlook.com. Send full family details & picture. (CL20089076)

Professional match required for Mohali based girl, 5'-4", Chartered Accountant working in Pb. Govt. (contract). Father retired Govt. Officer. Contact: 75084-56119. (CL20089278)

Suitable match for Jat Sikhi girl, Jatt Sikhi only girl, 26, Nursing Officer PGI Chandigarh. Seeks Jatt Gursikh Govt. employee/ professionally qualified NRI. Father Govt. employee. 94647-40785. (CL20091088)

Urban Jatt Sikhi 28, 5'-6". M.A., B.Ed., Teacher. Seeks well settled boy with Urban Rural Possessions. Send biodata, pictures 872299936 Jalandhar. (CL20089331)

Jat Sikhi beautiful girl 29, 5'-3", B.Tech. Pref. turban Gursikh boy from Malwa. WhatsApp 98156-95725. (CL20089365)

Affluent, well educated Jat Sikhi family with urban and rural property seeks only high status non-turbanned Airforce/ Army match for elegant daughter. M.Sc., B.Ed., 5'-3", 1994 born. Only upper caste contact and just WhatsApp biodata with recent photographs at: 79019-03603. (CL20089402)

Professional match for Jatt Sikhi 1985 Amritdhari Govt. Headmistress Govt. servant or good property Gursikh boy, innocent divorce case also considered. 88475-75004. (CL20089437)

Match for Jat Sikhi Khera girl 5'-3", 1991 born, M.Tech., Software Engg., doing job in MNC, Chandigarh. Preferred Tricity. 88472-34153. (CL20091135)

Seeking suitable match for Jatt Sikhi girl, 30/5'-2", working as Police Officer Artificial Intelligence, Dentist, Veterinarian will be preferred Engineer. Bureau excused. 86993-53808. (CL20091137)

Professional match required for Jatt Sikhi girl, 1995, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing. Required Jat Sikhi Canada PR, 9463-73744, k a h i n o 2 0 2 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20089590)

Seeking suitable match for Jatt Sikhi girl, 1992 born, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing Govt. regular job as Staff Nurse. Vaishno family preferred. Contact: 98726-43208. (CL20089602)

Match for beautiful, slim Jat Sikhi girl, 26 years, green card holder, convert educated, doing residency in USA. Doctor family seeking tall, handsome Jat Sikhi Doctor boy, doing residency or Fellowship in USA. Email: amrik1970.15@gmail.com (CL20075514)

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ARORA

Hindu Arora beautiful, slim girl, 25.8.87, 5'1", M.Sc. IT, looking for suitable businessman. Jalandhar, 9815203846. (CL20087988)

Match for Arora girl MA, B.Ed., Private teacher, 5'3", born 1980, Faridkot, 98156-11544. (CL20089018)

Well settled match for Arora girl, 5'3", 12.11.1993, 02:45 pm, Patiala, MCA, Content Writer IT Company, 9417875037, 8054742114. (CL20089136)

Most beautiful Mangli 1993, 5'4", M.Phil (English), College Lecturer, Chandigarh. Seeks well settled boy. Decent marriage. Marriage bureau excuse. 98767-34670 (WhatsApp). (CL20089316)

Professionally qualified/ vegetarian teetotaller match for Hindu Arora girl, 13.09.1986, 8.35 p.m., Ludhiana, 5'2", B.Sc. (Non-Medical), MCA, LLB, Practicing Advocate. Preferred tricity Chandigarh & Ludhiana. WhatsApp 98140-99777. (CL20090228)

Suitable match for partially Manglik CS Inter M.Com., fair Arora girl, 23.06.91, 21:36, 5'3", employed in MNC at Mohali, package Rs. 8.00 lacs pa, 94162-02365. (CL20090449)

SM4 for homely slim Arora girl, 27.6.79, 9:35 pm, 5'2", MA, B.Ed. belong to reputed business family of Ludhiana. 98143-15255, sachin.chawla612@rediffmail.com (CL20091136)

Suitable match for smart beautiful girl, 27, 5'4", B.Tech., M.B.A, government job. Caste no bar. 83493-90522. (CL20091151)

KHATRI

Match for Khatri fair girl, 24/5'-5", BA, D.El.Ed., private job, Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. 98720 - 14040, 62807 - 72554. iamtushar2239@gmail.com (CL20091080)

Kshatriya girl, B.Tech, 28/11/1994, 11:20 p.m. Panchkula, 5'-5", Engineer in MNC Chandigarh. Only Child, well settled Punjabi family at Panchkula. Father classmate office P.B. Govt, Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98109-93314. (CL20089407)

SM4 Sunar girl, 5'2", B.Com., 05.04.1988 (11:31 pm) Chandigarh. Father businessman. Preferred Tricity based business man. 81959-29042. (CL20091418)

Punjabi Khatri Non-manglik Chandigarh born/ working, 15.11.1985, beautiful, fair, slim girl, 5'4", B.Tech., package 12 lakh. WhatsApp: 98556-6227. (CL20091427)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl M.Sc., Feb 87, 5'7", Chandigarh, Govt. Bank Manager Local Bankers preferred. Contact: 98766-15083. WhatsApp 98784-92652. (CL20091348)

Canadian match for Khatri girl, 1994, 5'4", B.Sc (Hons) Nursing from reputed college, 92166-53053. WhatsApp: 92171-95220. (CL20091530)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl, 30/5'-7", Bachelors (Elect & Commi) Engineering, working in Air India. Brother settled in Canada. Required well educated settled Canada boy. +91678012783, 94649-10945. (CL20091373)

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Match for Hindu Khatri girl M.Sc., 11, 5'3" 5th March 1992, Punjab preferred. Contact: 98765-74950. (CL20091485)

Hindu local Khatri girl, 19.12.1996, 5.55 a.m., Nabha, 5'1", MA (Eng), IELTS, 6.5 Bands. 95012-28018. (CL20091489)

Canadian PR Khatri girl, 1991, 5'3", work as an Accountant in Surrey, required well educated and settled boy either in USA or Canada. 97296-35655. (CL20088870)

SM4 Diabetic Type-1 girl, 5'4", Feb. 1996, B.Tech, CSE, working in Mohali. 94784-02059. (CL20088876)

Hindu Tonk Khatri girl, 5'1", MBA, self employed 1.2.1991, time 7:50 pm Ludhiana. 83602-36965, 97802-6161. (CL20088844)

Looking grooms for fair, good looking 28 years, 5'4", from Karnal, working as Manager in Public Sector Bank in Chandigarh. Contact 72065-36565. (CL20088870)

Manglik match for Jan, 1991, 23:00 p.m. Chandigarh, 5'-5", MA Hons., taking home tuitions. 9023250589. (CL20089045)

Tricity based suitable match for beautiful Punjabi Khatri MBA non-manglik Chandigarh based Government employed girl, 5'6", 29.02.1992, 11:26 a.m. Shillong born. Respectable educated family. Government employed preferred. 80548-84725, 93161-3438. (CL20089074)

Match for smart bank employee girl, 26 Aug. 1994, 11:15 am. Mohali. Preferred tricity. 94631-24502. (CL20089138)

Officer match for a beautiful Khatri girl, 30/5'-1", BLS, LL.B, LL.M, working as AM Legal in HPSCS Ltd. Shimla. Father based in Chamba, HP. Mob: 94180-22637, Email: malhotrardharam@gmail.com. (CL20089209)

25, 5'5", M.Tech., NRI, beautiful Khatri girl, want a suitable match. 94799-44129, 95220-72281. (CL20089379)

Suitable match for Non-Manglik beautiful, 5'-3", Khatri girl, B.Tech., MBA, 23.12.1991, 1:10 pm. Patiala. Vegetarian well educated boy working Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad preferred. Caste no bar. Contact: 98728-30703. (CL20089516)

SM4 slim fair Khatri girl, 14.8.89, 10.45 pm, Nawanshahr, 5'-2", M.Sc. IT Assistant Professor seek vegetarian settle boy. 9466-77682, 94657-24868. (CL20089678)

Suitable match for Batala based Khatri girl, 24.5.1989, 5'6", Graduate also done airhostess course. Worked at Delhi Airport and MNC Gurgaon. WhatsApp: 94640-68055. (CL20091221)

Suitable match with Hindu Punjabi Khatri Chandigarh based convent educated B.Com, (Hons), M.Com. (Ph. University), UGC/ NET, MBA (Finance), Asstt. Prof. near Chandigarh. 98767-05215, 82838-32995. (CL20091280)

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Wanted Commercial (Direct Meeting Genuine Buyer) Rented Building/ SCO/ SCF (Immediate Payment) Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali. Arora. (HSAS) Retd. 98787-09844. (CL20076520)

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Janta Land: Commercial shop, (size=10x30), builtup with basement, front Airport Road, Sector 6A, top location, Rare availability, Empire Estates, 93763-00005. (CL20090967)

Aerocity: 5 marla, 8 marla, 12 marla, 1 kanal, brand new kothies, full or floorwise, top locations. Contact Empire Estates: 98772-85647. (CL20091008)

Mohali Booth Number 84, Phase 5, opposite Kalyan Jeweller Block, Sandhu 90417-24456. (CL20091092)

Available kanal houses double, duplex facing park, big corner, B-Road Sector 60 61, 63, 69, 71, 79, (Genuine buyers). Contact: Prinjha Associates - 82839-30009. (CL20091158)

Kothies kanal 2357 Phase XI fully marbel triple-B road immediate sale. Contact: Karanpreet 98140-10288. (CL20091208)

Chandigarh: 5, 8, 10 marla newly built floors at Aerocity. Contact: Chandigarh Realtors 98554-04849. (CL20091210)

Ecr 1/2 available/wanted 500, 400, 300, 200, 100, All locations. Kothi 500, 300, 200, 100, Ravi Garg 98881-11888, Hardik 78883-73520. (CL20091212)

Mohali Aerocity: Available 5 marla brand new duplex facing park, facing East kothi. Decently built. Very reasonable price, Smart Move Realty 87250-15781. (CL20091219)

Mohali 10 marla good liveable house for sale in Phase 3B1, 3B2, 10, 11, Subhash Mangat & Co. 98155-7028. (CL20091306)

Mohali kanal , 16 marla house Phase 3B2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13 marla house Phase 1, 3B1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13 marla house Phase 11, 68, Flats Phase 9, 2, 89684-84919, 98884-94919. (CL20091319)

Mohali plot 150 yards 2226 B-road Sector 79, plot 5123 facing park 550 yds Aerocity, plot 101 corner 115 yards Aerocity, plot 115, 121 gaj show room (available) wanted Empire Estates 95177-60000, 97796-36055. (CL20098973)

Omaxe-2 Chandigarh: 200 gaj facing North-East, rare available location, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098258)

Mohali Aerocity: 12 marla park/ East-facing, rare available location Block-E & F Royal Castle 98787-80000, 98767-60000. (CL20098261)

Mohali: Sector 8, 1 kanal park/ East facing rare available excellent location, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098267)

Mohali Aerocity: 7 marla corner + park facing rare available extraordinary location Block-I. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098273)

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Aerotropolis: Lands 2, 4 kanal, 1 acre, Block-E, F, G & H, best investment, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098277)

Mohali Industrial: 2 kanal facing North-East acre plots, Phase 7, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098279)

Aerocity: Facing Park, corner, B-Road, 8, 10, 12 Marla & 1 Kanal. Orbit Estates-872880042, 9915534500 (CL20090442)

Mohali Aerocity: 6 marla East-facing direct approach from B-Road, Block-I. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20098273)

Panchkula 12 marla plot-wide, long-length-space, Decent location/ locality. Reasonable rate, Contact Owner 98143-86809. (CL20091433)

One kanal plot corner facing East Sector 6, MDC, J.P. Builder 98140-30083, 6283-96969. (CL20091448)

Gillo (Industrial): 1 kanal # 111, 2 kanal # 69-B, B-road, front pocket plots. Genuine price, Empre Estates. 98150-83500. (CL20091467)

Land Chester: 1 kanal, 2 acre, industrial cum commercial plots. Contact Empire Estates: 98150-83500. (CL20091473)

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Unlike in 1947-48 and 1965, the 1971 two-front war saw the Indian Air Force showcase its prowess across the tactical, operational and strategic domains

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The Navy fought in two separate theatres in 1971 and established total control in both the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal, a feat it can be justifiably proud of

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YEARS OF THE 1971 WAR



The surrender signing ceremony between Lt Gen JS Aurora (L) and Lt Gen AAK Niazi.

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In the annals of interventions on grounds of humanism, there is no recorded evidence of another; as focused, as brilliant, as remarkable, and driven by purpose as the one in 1971, where liberation from genocide with no strings attached was achieved with grace, simplicity and swiftness and the perpetrator was made to surrender and removed from the scene, in full global view. And then the liberated country handed back to the people for their choice of governance



The triumphant race to Dacca

In July 1971, the future capital of Bangladesh was not the final military objective. India looked to block and isolate East Pakistan, preventing withdrawal or reinforcements. The original plan of 4 Corps was to advance up to Meghna river. It was quick thinking to cross it for decisive push

AJAY BANERJEE

IGIVE you 30 minutes to reconsider the decision not to surrender" was the simple but stern message that Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) JFR Jacob had for his Pakistani counterpart, Lt Gen AAK Niazi, at about 11 am on December 16, 1971. "Hostilities and bombing Dacca (now Dhaka) would resume," the rotund, pipe-smoking but otherwise soft-spoken General would add, leaving nothing to imagination.

Lt Gen Niazi and Pakistan were hoping for international intervention. A UN-mandated ceasefire was ordered. Maj Gen Jacob, backed by the spectacular encircling of Dacca by the Army, got Lt Gen Niazi to surrender at 4:30 pm the same day; 93,000 troops were taken Prisoners of War in East Pakistan.

Lt Gen Jacob, in his autobiography, recounts the meeting: "As I made this offer, I was worried. Pakistan had some 26,000 troops in Dacca, we had about 3,000 and those too some 30 miles out."

The 'race to Dacca' has enjoyed relatively less focus as against battles in the western sector during the 1971 war. It was

immaculate planning, decisive thrusts and calculated risk-taking that led to the abject surrender of the Pakistan military and birth of a new nation.

Between December 3 and 16, troops under 2 Corps, 33 Corps and 4 Corps approached Dacca from multiple directions and some pitched battles were fought all along. On the western border of East Pakistan (facing West Bengal), the newly raised 2 Corps and 33 Corps made a push, beating the Pakistani army comprehensively.

WEEK OF SPECTACULAR EVENTS

The decisive thrust came from 4 Corps, which was on the eastern flank of East Pakistan and approached it from Assam, Tripura and Mizoram, to finally reach Dacca. This was in an era without live satellite imagery or the tactical reconnaissance ability of drones. The outcome of battles was largely dependent on the resilience of a ground attack — infantry, tanks, artillery and paratroopers. All had to be backed by ground intelligence, military engineers, communications and ingenious use of equipment. However, the final push towards Dacca from



Gen Manekshaw meets troops in this famous photo.

December 9 is an enthralling run of events. Dacca is wedged between two mighty rivers — the Padma/Brahmaputra to its west and Meghna to its east. The 4 Corps reached the eastern bank of Meghna on December 9, 12 days ahead of the plan. The task to first cross to the west bank started as Pakistan had blown up the bridge at Bhairab Bazaar. Six days later, troops, tanks and artillery encircled Dacca just in time for Jacob to famously give '30 minutes' to Niazi. The USSR used its veto power at the UN Security Council from December 3 to 14 to hold back international pressure and the ceasefire was announced on December 15.

But before this, crucial battles were fought. Notably, the 4th battalion of 5 Gurkha Regiment, despite casualties, stuck to a tactical position in Sylhet to hold back two brigades of the Pakistani army.

NIAZI'S PLAN SCUTTLED

Lt Gen Niazi, the Governor of East Pakistan and commander of the Eastern Command, had used some seven brigades (some 5,000 men in each) besides para-military to forge a 'fortress' policy. This included turning a number of major towns into defensive positions. The Indian Army used all elements from tanks to artillery and from paratroopers to infantry to helicopters to counter these positions, while finding alternative routes to move ahead.

The Pakistani plan was to stall the Indian advance at these 'fortresses' and after a point fall back to Dacca, making it 'impregnable' and holding it till international intervention would ask India to back off. Pakistani defences held large obstacles: water courses, deep rivers. The Indian Army avoided these and here came out-of-the-box thinking like the use of tanks in riverine terrain

and heli-lift of a brigade across the Meghna.

THE FINAL THRUST

Around the evening of December 9, 4 Corps started its famous crossing of Meghna river. Within five days, it had lined up nine infantry battalions and, supported by artillery, tanks and engineers, it was ready to assault Dacca. Jacob arrived at 11 am for the meeting followed by a public surrender ceremony, but hours before that, Indian troops had reached the outskirts of Dacca. 2 Para under Brig Sant Singh and a part of 101 Communication Zone led by Maj Gen G Nagra had got vacated Mirpur bridge. The 8 Mountain Division came down from Sylhet and closed in on Dacca. The first tanks of 5 Independent Squadron of 63 Cavalry rolled into Dacca.

In July 1971, military plans did not talk about Dacca being the final objective. India looked to block and isolate East Pakistan, segmenting Pakistani defences to prevent withdrawal or entry of reinforcements. The original plan of 4 Corps was to advance to only up to the Meghna. It was quick thinking to first cross it and then race towards Dacca.

Western sector was a saga of valour and failures

In the East, India won the war it could not have lost. In the West, however, it did not exactly succeed. The lessons are many

MANOJ JOSHI

THE victory of the Indian Army that led to the creation of Bangladesh in 1971 was a splendid achievement. Like all wars, things did not go according to plan, but the Generals, in particular Lt Gen Sagat Singh and Maj Gen JFR Jacob, were able to quickly adapt, and the war was brought to a close in quick time. The huge Pakistani army had to meekly surrender without a real fight. But the same cannot be said of the West, where, to put it simply, the Indian Army failed.

In the East, India won the war, which it could not have lost. So, the real challenge was in the West, where there was a rough parity between the two sides. To an extent, the Indians handicapped themselves by political directions that called for maintaining a defensive posture till the Pakistanis revealed their hand. But once war broke out, bad Generalship, poor plans, indifferent execution and the dogged defence by the Pakistanis became the norm. Learning from history should provide an important corrective to those who think that India can steamroll Pakistan in the event of a war.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

The one big success in the West came from

a more or less unplanned local operation launched at the instance of Maj Chhewang Rinchen, commander of Ladakh Scouts that comprised four companies (around 400 men) and who catered for both the Chinese and Pakistani threats in the Nubra valley. Beginning with the capture of a high feature overlooking the Pakistani part of Shyok valley, Rinchen rapidly captured the Chalunka mountain complex. The Pakistani Karakoram Scouts resisted, but they were overwhelmed. The small Indian force captured Turtuk and by December 17, they had advanced to Thang.

Some 800 sq km of territory was captured. Maj Rinchen got a Bar to his MVC, earned in 1947-48. The territory gained has been invaluable for the defence of the Siachen area subsequently.

Had the operation been properly planned, there is no reason why Indian forces could not have reached the confluence of the Shyok with the Indus. It could have worked well with another operation that had been launched to capture Pakistani positions in Kargil. These posts had been captured twice and returned to Pakistan in 1965. They overlooked the Srinagar-Leh highway and the local commanders had decided to capture them again in 1971. But the Pakistanis had by now fortified their approaches well and the Indian offensive up the



Battle of Longewala captured public imagination.

Shingo river found the going tough. By the time of the ceasefire, some 35 posts had been captured. Casualties were heavy, especially cases of frostbite.

At the time of the ceasefire in 1947-48, the Pakistanis were at Burzil Pass, but they surreptitiously came forward after the ceasefire and occupied posts overlooking Kargil, requiring repeated action. A look at the map would have suggested a better supported operation that could have pushed the Pakistani forces back 20-30 km into Gilgit-Baltistan, an action that would have prevented the Kargil war.

The 19 Division operations in Kashmir valley had only limited success. In the Lipa valley, they claimed they had captured 150 sq km. But the Pakistanis infiltrated back and forced the Indians out in March 1972.

In Poonch, India won an excellent defensive victory by foiling a Pakistani plan to capture the town and all the area up to Pir Panjal. To capitalise on the Pakistani failure, the Indian side decided to improve its defensive positions but the ambitious operation to secure Daruchain failed because of the poor handling of the forces.

Finally, India suffered a big loss by the capture of Chhamb by Pakistani forces. This was, in many ways, a repetition of 1965.

PUNJAB

The story was more or less the same down the International Border to Kutch. There were important local victories such as the capture of Chicken's Neck, and outstanding bravery all around, but a breakthrough eluded the Indian Army. There were also setbacks in Hussainiwala and Fazilka.

A lot of Indian opinion of the battle of the Shakargarh bulge is tinged by tales of valour, especially that of 2nd Lt Arun Khetarpal, PVC. But in terms of what India put in and what it got out of the operation, there is little doubt that it was a failure.

The Pakistani defences were deep and the offensive by 1 Corps soon got bogged down in clearing them. The Indian force was unable to even capture its initial objectives. As the official history says, "The failures only added regrettable chapters to a ponderous

story of excessive caution and no ingenuity."

RAJASTHAN

The average person's recall of the Rajasthan end of the war comes from the movie 'Border' and the gallant defence of the area by Maj Chandpuri. But, don't forget, this was well inside Indian territory and had Pakistani plans succeeded, they would have, indeed, been breakfasting at the Jaisalmer air base. Instead, as soon as they heard of the Longewala battle, the IAF decimated the Pakistani tanks. The failure was in not detecting the Pakistani build-up and then not mounting a counter-offensive and capturing Rahim Yar Khan in Sindh.

CONCLUSION

The Western Army Commander, Lt Gen KP Candeth, claimed that the task of his Army was "to hold the enemy at bay, while Eastern Command overran East Pakistan". It was not as though offensive tactics were not deployed. It is just that they failed. As Maj Gen Sukhwant Singh, a military historian, put it, "Candeth and his Generals come out the worst. They had no concept of conducting a short war. They dissipated their efforts in outmoded World War II ideas."

1971 is a cautionary tale for those ready to make war on Pakistan at the drop of a hat.

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War Fleet Of 100 Craft Sunk In Bangla Desh

SHILLONG, Dec. 9 (PTI) — A fleet of 100 ships, steamers, gun-boats and motor boats carrying Pak troops, arms and ammunition were sunk by the Indian Air Force in its massive "anti-shipping operation" in Bangla Desh during the last 24 hours.

The IAF struck the ships and steamers on the Brahmaputra on the Khuina-Narayanganj route in the eastern sector, and in the Jamuna on the Phulchari-Srajganj route in the northern sector. Air Marshal Dewan, AOC-in-C, Eastern Air Command, told pressmen here today.

Air Marshal Dewan said Pak troops which retreated from Jammu and other places of Bangla Desh in the face of concerted thrust by the Indian Army and the Mukti Bahini were perhaps making an abortive bid to reach Dacca by all available means to

The initial days of the air war in the East saw two major objectives being achieved by the IAF. First was the effective neutralisation of the lone Sabre squadron in East Pakistan by repeatedly attacking Tezgaon airfield outside Dacca till it was unusable. Though the IAF suffered attrition during the first few days, both to Sabres and ground fire, it achieved almost total air superiority by December 7, thus paving the way for unrestricted Close Air Support (CAS), heliborne and airborne operations thereafter.

The second objective achieved was effective CAS at some of the tough ground battles being fought at Hilli, Kamalpur, Akhaura and the Belonia bulge. The one significant difference as compared to 1965 was that every Corps had a Tactical Air Centre (TAC) with trained Forward Air Controllers (FACs), who orchestrated CAS in response to the requirements of field commanders. The overwhelming superiority of numbers meant that the IAF also concurrently carried out interdiction of trains, ammo dumps and defences around the fortresses of Dacca, Narayanganj and Sylhet. This was done primarily by the rocket-firing Hunters and Sukhoi-7s as they blasted logistics reinforcements and defences around the beleaguered garrisons.

A major heliborne operation was conducted on December 7 as the entire 4/5 Gurkha Regiment was landed close to Sylhet Garrison by 105 Helicopter Unit and supported by a couple of armed Mi-4 helicopters.

If the heliborne operation at Sylhet was a heavyweight boxer's right hook, it was followed up by Lt Gen Sagat Singh, the corps commander of 4 Corps, with a solid punch to Gen AAK Niazi's gut between December 9 and 11 when he heli-lifted more than a brigade worth of troops across the mighty river Meghna to two landing zones at Raipura and Narsingdi, barely 60 km from Dacca. Not satisfied with that, he pressed on with a left hook on December 12 by heli-lifting another brigade to Narayanganj, around 40 km south-east of Dacca. Between December 6 and 12, a 14-helicopter task force from three units (105, 110 and 111 Helicopter Units) had landed over 4,000 troops and most of their supporting equipment, including ammunition and light artillery guns, in three locations by flying around 350 sorties, including over 100 by night — a truly spectacular effort.

The Tangail para drop operation by 2 Para on December 11 in the area to the north of Dacca involved over 50 transport aircraft along with Gnats and MiG-21 fighter escorts. The operation fulfilled its objectives of coercing Gen Niazi to surrender as it caused panic in Dacca with news trickling in that a brigade had been dropped and that it was only a matter of time before forces converged onto Dacca.

The psychological impact of innovative operations generally gets underplayed in any post-war analysis. One such operation that caused a disproportionate impact on the psyche of East Pakistan's leadership as they huddled in Dacca during the closing stages of the war was the strike by IAF fighters on the Governor's House on December 14. In an operation driven by hard intelligence based on wireless intercepts, four MiG-21s and four Hunters attacked the palatial house in the vicinity of the Dacca Cricket Stadium in quick succession while Governor Malik himself was chairing a meeting with UN officials in attendance. MiG-21s from 28 Squadron followed up with rock-et attacks on specific buildings in Dacca University where suspected Pakistani troops and collaborators were taking shelter.

Air power delivered disproportionate effects in the battle for Bangladesh and hastened the surrender of 93,000 able-bodied troops of the Pakistan army as they wilted in the face of a combined assault by Indian soldiers, sailors and airmen. Orchestrating the air battle was not an easy task and involved over six months of careful planning and strategising to first create an overwhelming superiority, and then driving home the advantage to achieve decisive operational outcomes.

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IAF packets (extreme left) and a Gnat on missions during the 1971 war.

Exploits in western sector

Not complete superiority, but maintained ascendancy over PAF

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ON the western borders, the IAF had over 350 fighters and bombers available for full-fledged operations considering that all squadrons had been asked to ensure a serviceability of 75 per cent at the very minimum. These included over four squadrons of MiG-21s with the innovatively added external gun pack, upgraded Hunters, Gnats, the recently acquired Soviet Sukhoi-7s, HAL-built HF-24s, Mysteres, Canberra bombers and the obsolescent Vampire jets, which would go on to play an important role in the J&K sector. Facing them were 260-280 PAF fighters and bombers, including a squadron of 24 newly acquired Mirage-IIIIs from France; barely a squadron of ageing F-104 Starfighters, reinforced by an additional 10 from the Royal Jordanian Air Force; and around seven squadrons of the battle-hardened Sabre jets. These included 90 upgraded Sabres from the German Air Force through the good offices of the Shah of Iran. One squadron of B-57 bombers and five squadrons of the Chinese variant of the MiG-19, the F-6 — gifted to Pakistan by China in 1966 — made up the remaining force.

What was significant in the steady build-up of IAF capability was the fact that its chief, Air Chief Marshal Lal, had a ringside view of all the mistakes made during the 1965 war — he was the Vice Chief during the period. In his quiet and unassuming way, Lal went about addressing the major deficiencies using a systems approach. His strategy vis-à-vis Pakistan prior to the 1971 war was simple: build asymmetry by widening both the qualitative and quantitative gap between the two air forces.

While the Gnats continued to dominate the Sabres, the enhanced ground-attack punch provided by the upgraded Hunters and the relatively new Sukhoi-7s gave the IAF a decisive qualitative and quantitative advantage. Most importantly, the coercive impact of the MiG-21s in the air defence role meant that the PAF was not going to have a free run as it attacked IAF airfields and other ground targets. While in 1965, the IAF was somewhat surprised by PAF tactics, it was better prepared in 1971. An example of this was the 'defensive split' air combat tactics of the PAF in which the Sabres when 'bounced' would split to give themselves a chance of engaging the two attacking Gnats in two sep-

arate Ivs1s, thereby neutralising the initial advantage of the attackers. If the Gnats did not split, the free Sabre would then manoeuvre offensively to get behind the trail Gnat. In 1971, none of this happened as the Gnats were always game to take on the Sabres in a 1vs1. The enhanced range of the Hunters meant that all PAF airfields were within their radius of action. The IAF had also trained for low-level bombing by night in moonlight conditions with a motley bunch of MiG-21 and Sukhoi-7 pilots from the recently formed Tactics and Combat Development Establishment putting together Standard Operating Procedures for 'blind bombing' in limited moonlight conditions — this was to pay rich dividends during the initial days of the air campaign in the western sector.

The raids on IAF airfields and installations on the evening of December 3 and early part of the morning of December 4 were spread across the western front. Srinagar and its satellite air base of Avantipur in the J&K sector, Pathankot, Amritsar, Halwara, Ambala and Sirsa airfields in the Punjab sector, and Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Udaipur in the Rajasthan sector, were all attacked by fighter and bomber aircraft of the PAF. However, poor planning, inadequate force levels (barely 35-40 sorties were flown in the first strike), poor execution and robust IAF air defence resulted in a negligible impact on the operational potential of the IAF to respond, which it did with measured professionalism the next day.

Hoping to draw the IAF towards Sargodha, in large retaliatory strikes, the PAF was surprised that the IAF chose to respond by carrying out limited strikes through the day and night with their all-weather day/night capable fighter bombers, the Sukhoi-7 and the dependable Hunters, with Canberra bombers and MiG-21s keeping up the pressure by night. MiG-21s and Gnats provided effective top cover to ground attack missions and ensured that the IAF managed to keep attrition down in the first few days. Here, too, having seen the debilitating impact of the opening days of the 1965 air war on IAF morale, Lal had realised that it was important to keep attrition down at the commencement of hostilities.

Not widely known is that hours after the PAF struck several IAF airfields in the western sector on the evening of December 3, the most unlikely of bombing platforms, An-

12s from 44 Squadron, bombed a well-concealed armament and logistics depot southwest of Lahore in the Changa Manga forest. The An-12 squadron, brilliantly led by Wing Commander Vashishtha, went on to attack the Sui gas plant, a corps headquarters near Bahawalpur, an artillery brigade near the Haji Pir Pass, and a daring raid over Skardu along with Canberra bombers.

The IAF gradually established a steady ascendancy over the PAF and even delivered a decisive punch on Pakistani armour in the historic battle of Longewala where Hunters from Jaisalmer pounded Pakistan's 18 Division to submission and forced it to abandon its offensive in the desert sector. Among the other early accomplishments were effective attacks by Hunter fighter bombers and the Canberra bombers on the Kiamari oil refineries, Masroor airfield and the harbour at Karachi that coincided with the Indian Navy's daring missile boat

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attacks on Karachi Port and the Pakistani Navy on the nights of December 4 and 8. Rounding off the exploits and unmindful of the grave danger of scrambling and taking off even as an air raid was in progress over Srinagar airfield, Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon shot down one Sabre jet and badly damaged another before he himself was shot down in the dogfight where he was outnumbered 4:1.

The intensity and scope of air operations in the western sector far exceeded that in the eastern front. With near parity in the western sector, the IAF flew more than twice the number of sorties as compared to 1965 and though it was not able to achieve complete air superiority, it inflicted greater attrition on the PAF as compared to 1965 and prevented it from operating to its full potential. Though Lal had articulated a departure from old aerial strategies, the offensive flavour of strikes on several strategic targets certainly had an impact on the Pakistani mindset and demonstrated India's willingness to strike deep to hurt an adversary's economic potential.



Lessons of maritime success story

The Indian Navy was truly blooded during the Bangladesh war, in which an imaginative leadership boldly employed the full range of maritime capabilities. However, 1971 also brought to light some serious shortcomings



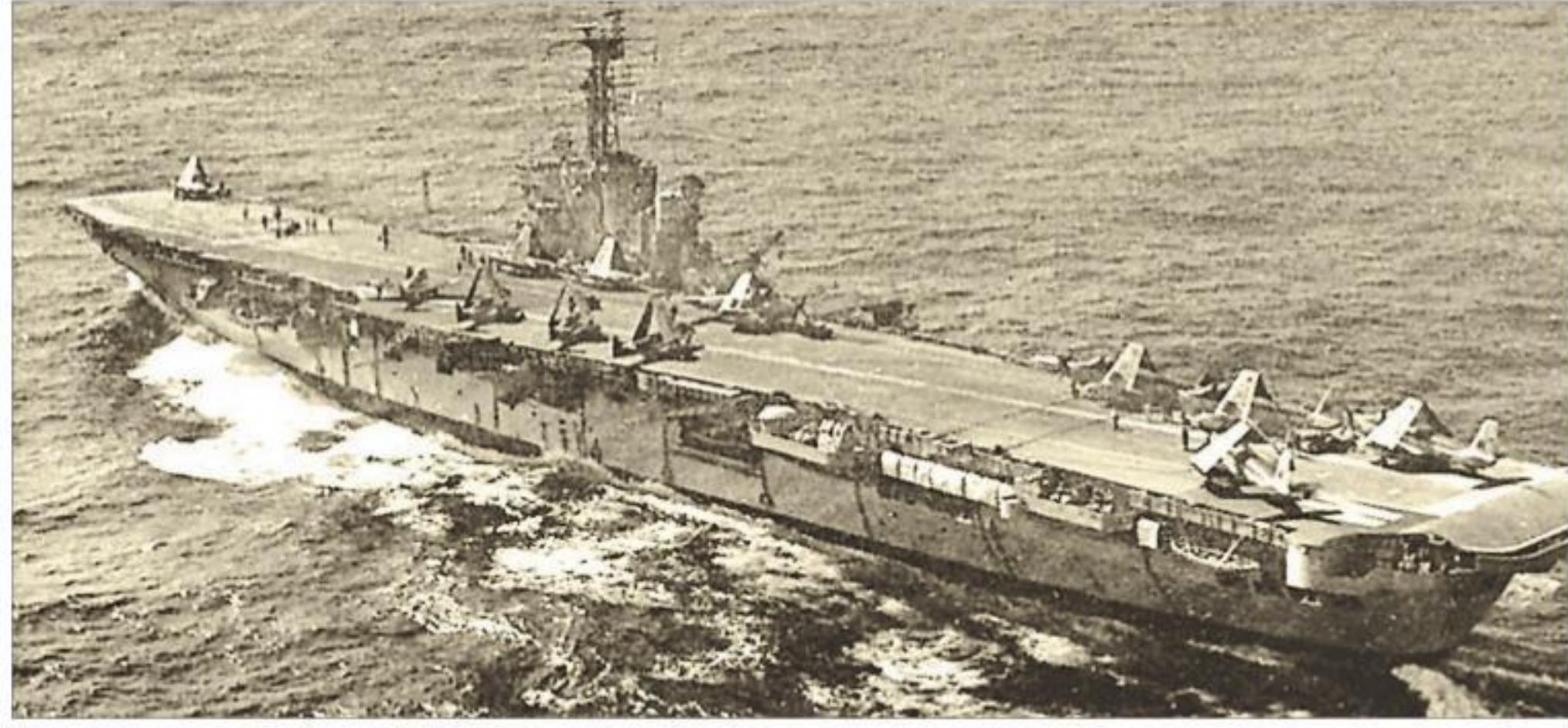
Missile warfare, carrier operations, submarine and anti-submarine warfare, trade warfare, amphibious operations, shore bombardment, special operations, mine countermeasures — the Navy was out in full force. It was hoped that its contribution to the 1971 victory would put a stamp on the vital role that maritime power could play in India's security matrix.

That this did not happen is demonstrated by the Navy's dwindling share of the defence budget over the past 50 years

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While the heroic exploits of our sailors will be recounted elsewhere, here are a few defining events that not only encapsulated the significant maritime contribution to this conflict, but also highlighted some serious shortcomings of the IN:

- The deployment of small Soviet-built missile boats on the high seas and use of radar-homing missiles which devastated ships and shore targets in Karachi were, undoubtedly, a demonstration of IN ingenuity and innovation.
- The sinking of merchant shipping in Karachi, and the consequent stoppage of all shipping traffic to and from West Pakistan, highlighted the importance of trade warfare.
- Deployment of aircraft-carrier INS Vikrant to blockade East Pakistan was a gamble which paid off handsomely. Vikrant's air squadrons wreaked havoc on airfields, ports, harbours and riverine traffic in East Pakistan, expediting the surrender of Pakistani forces. This reinforced the



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ADMIRAL ARUN PRAKASH (RETD)

TO most sea-power advocates, whose pleas have, for decades, been falling on deaf ears, it seemed ironic that the events of May 2020 in the icy Himalayan wastes should have focused the nation's attention on the maritime domain. To use a hackneyed idiom, chronic 'sea-blindness' amongst our decision-makers has been the bane of the Indian Navy (IN) and has served to stunt its growth since Independence. Even as our attention is currently engaged in predicting outcomes on our northern borders and in the waters of the Indo-Pacific, a look back at the 1971 Bangladesh conflict may be useful.

While the 1947 and 1962 conflicts had lacked a maritime dimension, the 1965 Indo-Pak war saw the IN discomfited by an unreasoned government directive not to initiate any offensive action at sea, nor to permit its units north of Kathiawar. To add to the Navy's woes, a Pakistan Navy (PN) task force bombarded the coastal town of Dwarka, and retired with impunity, leaving a psychological scar on the IN. However, just years later, the Indian subcontinent was again engulfed in a conflict, providing the IN another chance to vindicate itself.

In early 1971, Pakistan, riven by political and ethnic differences between its Punjabi-dominated western wing and its Bengali eastern wing, descended into civil war; triggering a massive exodus of East Pakistani refugees into India, creating social and economic crisis for India. The cynical American duo of President Nixon and his Chief of Staff, Henry Kissinger, not only lent full support to Pakistan's military rulers, but also egged on China to create military diversions for India. It was under these circumstances that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in consultation with her military commanders, crafted a grand strategy which would halt the Pakistan army's murderous rampage and reverse the refugee influx.

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Navy's faith in tactical air power; if a small carrier with old aircraft could achieve this, ran the Navy reasoning, imagine what a bigger carrier could achieve.

- The sinking of PN submarine Ghazi off Visakhapatnam and torpedoing of the frigate INS Khukri by the PNS Hungor were both replete with lessons in submarine operations as well as anti-submarine warfare (ASW) tactics.
- The fact that the 3,500-km transit of PNS Ghazi from Karachi to Visakhapatnam and the prolonged presence of PNS Hungor off our west coast remained undetected, was a reflection on airborne ASW and maritime reconnaissance capabilities; so far, the IAF's bailiwick.
- A botched landing of troops by LSTs near Cox Bazaar revealed grave shortcomings in amphibious training and inter-Services cooperation. While a Chinese diver-

sionary attack, despite active encouragement by Nixon, failed to materialise, the actual intervention, on behalf of Pakistan came from an unexpected quarter: the USA. A task force led by nuclear carrier USS Enterprise entered the Bay of Bengal to warn India off West Pakistan. It turned out to be a futile gesture, but provided a lesson to India in coercive realpolitik; reinforcing the case for a strong sea-denial capability to insulate the nation against foreign interference.

This war saw the IN employing the full gamut of its maritime capabilities, including missile warfare, carrier operations, submarine and anti-submarine warfare, trade warfare, amphibious operations, shore bombardment, special operations, and mine counter-measures. It was, fondly, hoped that the IN contribution to the 1971 victory would stamp, indelibly, on the minds of India's decision-makers the vital role that maritime power could play in India's security matrix. That this did not happen has been amply demonstrated by the Navy's dwindling share of the defence budget over the past 50 years.

The nature of warfare has, no doubt, transformed since 1971. However, given the reality that the growing Chinese military pressure in the north, coupled with a steady naval build-up in the Indo-Pacific, could have ominous security implications for India, perhaps some lessons of the past will be useful.

The writer is former Navy Chief

A RECAP OF THE DEVASTATING ATTACKS ON KARACHI ON DECEMBER 4 & 8

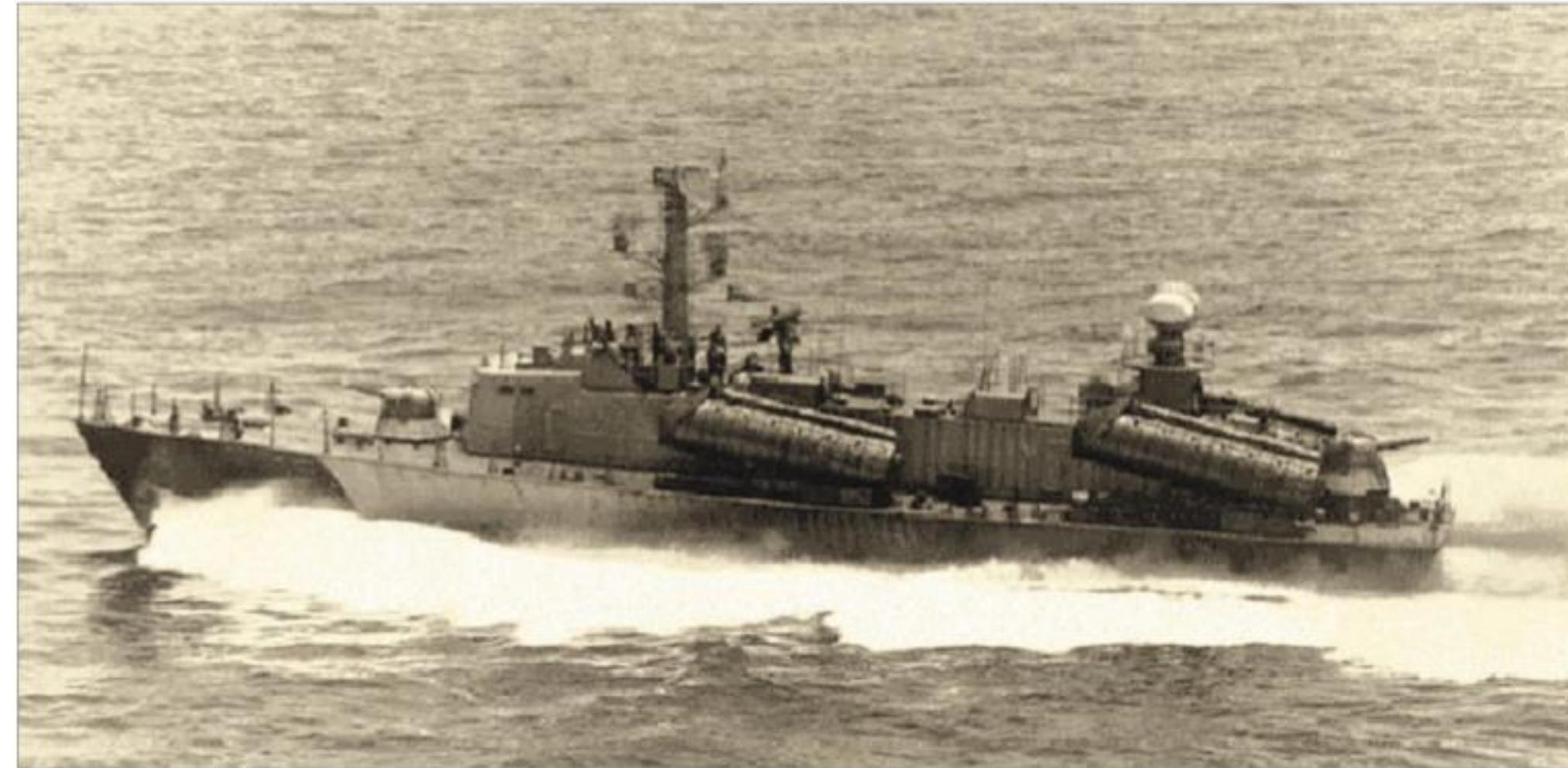
Trident and Python, the defining operations

**CMDR SRIKANT KESNUR
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THE Indo-Pak war of 1971 for the liberation of Bangladesh was Indian Navy's finest hour. The Navy fought in two separate theatres and established total control in both the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Its ships and aircraft sunk enemy ships, destroyed shore infrastructure and completely dominated the Pakistan Navy (PN). Many units and personnel of Indian Navy (IN) covered themselves with glory. However, arguably, the events that most captured public imagination were the devastating attacks on Karachi on December 4 and 8. A recap of the same, five decades later, attempts to highlight the salient aspects.

But, first, a brief background. In the 1965 war, the Indian Navy was assigned a defensive role and directed not to operate north of Porbandar. This was to result, among other things, in a futile raid on Dwarka by the Pakistan Navy. While it was completely inconsequential and resulted in no damage, it led to some uninformed criticism of the Indian Navy. It also caused a lot of disquiet in the rank and file about being deprived of action and Navy's inherent flexibility not being utilised. The Navy's senior officers were determined that should another opportunity arise, the Service must not be 'found wanting' and this presented itself six years later. In the intervening period, the Navy's leadership had also rapidly increased its manpower and augmented its hardware by acquiring submarines, Petya class corvettes and the Osa class missile boats, all of which played an important role in the war.

As soon as hostilities commenced with Pakistan declaring a full-fledged war on



December 3, the orders for Op Trident were dispatched to the fleet at Mumbai and Dwarka, where INS Nirghat and Vidyut had already been strategically positioned. Op Trident comprised three missile boats (IN Ships Nirghat, Nipat and Veer) and two Petya class ships (Katchall and Kiltan), which were to accompany the missile boats, unleash them at dark close to Karachi at full speed and carry out missile attacks. They would also maintain lookout with their superior sensor capabilities. This daring raid resulted in the sinking of PNS Khaiber, PNS Muhamafiz, MV Venus Challenger and setting fire to the Kemari oil refinery.

The Navy sustained the momentum by following up with Op Python on December 8, which caused further destruction of Pakistani assets. In this operation, involving missile attacks by INS Vinash supported by INS Trishul and INS Talwar, PNS Dacca and MV Harmattan were severely damaged,



MV Gulf Star destroyed and Kemari oil field was set ablaze again. The magnitude of devastation was so large and unexpected that PN withdrew ships inside the harbour and ordered deammunition. Thus, the maritime war on the western front was effectively over within five days of commencement of the hostilities.

The success of Op Trident is celebrated as Navy Day each year. It was acknowledged as a great military feat by

many, including Admiral Gorshkov of the Soviet Navy as the Russians themselves had never envisaged this role for the missile boats.

Meticulous planning at various echelons, months of exercises and trials to hone skills, as well as spirited execution by the missile boat squadron went a long way in ensuring success of the operation. It is also necessary to acknowledge the strong political backing which this audacious plan received.

Many aspects of the attacks were novel — the use of missiles in this region for the first time, resorting to towing by bigger ships to overcome the problem of endurance, radio silence and ingenious methods of communication to remain undetected and using vessels meant for coastal defence in an offensive role.

The celebration of the Killers' feat would be incomplete if it does not include the role of the men involved in naval planning and acquisition, especially Admiral AK Chatterji (after whose initials the vessels are named) and his staff who were prescient in acquiring these small missile boats from the Soviet Union. However, above all, the 'bombing of Karachi' owes itself to one man who combined conviction, offensive spirit and risk-taking ability — Admiral SM (Charles) Nanda, the Navy Chief during the war. It was his strategy of destroying the war-fighting capability of the enemy that played an important role in determining the outcome of the war.

The exploits of the Indian Navy and the 25th Missile Boat Squadron, more popularly known as the Killer Squadron, are ingrained in collective memory. Op Trident and Op Python carried the attack into the very citadel of the enemy. With these attacks, the young Indian Navy had earned its spurs and come of age.

The writers are associated with the Naval History Project. Views expressed are personal

Charting rise & fall of Rana Kapoor

SANJAY KHURANA

THE year was 2004 when a non-banking financial company applied for a licence to operate as a private bank. It bagged the licence and Yes Bank was born. It soon became the fourth largest private bank in the country.

It was founded by three partners — Harkirat Singh, former head of Deutsche Bank in India; Ashok Kapur, former country head of ABN Amro Bank in India; and Rana Kapoor, former corporate banking head of ANZ Grindlays in India — in collaboration with Rabo Bank of the Netherlands.

In this book, the author, Pavan C Lall, besides detailing Rana Kapoor's journey, asks tough questions about the banking system, its regulators and even the business environment that led to a crisis in Yes Bank.



Rana Kapoor was arrested last year after being booked under Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

After graduating from SRCC, Delhi, and getting an MBA from the US, Kapoor joined Bank of America as a trainee in 1980 and moved up the ladder to head the bank's wholesale banking business.

Originally, Harkirat Singh and Ashok Kapur had joined hands to start a bank but later Kapoor persuaded Harkirat to

admit Rana into the partnership because of the family relationship. The late Ashok Kapur's wife, Madhu Kapur, is the elder sister of Bindu Kapoor, Rana Kapoor's wife.

Harkirat Singh was out of picture as soon as the bank started operations. With Rabo Bank's help, Kapoor was named chairman and Rana Kapoor the MD and CEO.

Things were fine until 26/11 of 2008 when Ashok Kapur was killed in the terror attack in Mumbai.

As per the book, the downhill journey of the bank did not happen overnight, but over a period of time. Shagun Kapur Gogia, daughter of Ashok Kapur, had written over 30 letters to the RBI when her father died that unfair treatment was being meted out to her. She had also pointed out how the CEO of the bank was running 30 companies at the same time and raised flags on mismanagement and governance issues.

Yes Bank's top five borrowers accounted for about 54 per cent of its total

defaults. They included ADAG Reliance Group, DHFL, Zee (Essel Group), IL&FS and Crompton Greaves. Cox & Kings, Jet Airways and Essar Telecom.

The book pieces together how an aggressive banker achieved name, fame and money and went on to become MD and CEO, and how his "greed" landed him in jail.

On March 8, 2020, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) registered a case against Kapoor under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and he was arrested. The CBI also charged Kapoor and his family members in a bribery and money laundering case linked to Yes Bank.

As per the ED, Rana Kapoor, his family members and others got benefits worth ₹4,300 crore through companies controlled by his family as kickbacks for sanctioning huge loans through Yes Bank.

The book is an essential read for students of finance, economy, commerce and management. For those entrusted with managing the banking sector, it serves as a valuable guide.

Six states, common thread of despair

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

FOR three years, Rajshekhar lived and travelled in six states to understand how people's lives are changing. Each state is different but what is common is an unhappy family of citizens and rulers.

The story in each is told with its unique smell, attitude and way of life. It is from the eyes of a citizen managing to hang on despite a state that does not want him to slip from the clutches of a client-patron relationship. Cooperatives have been captured by politicians. This, too, is an effective way of moving up in Indian politics.

What emerges is the image of a state that is extractive, dominant, casteist and clientalist. Common to all six — Punjab, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Odisha and Bihar — is the rising trend of CMs marginalising MLAs and working with handpicked bureaucrats. This has torpedoed the capacity of political parties to serve as the primary problem-solving agents in democracy.

Rajshekhar begins his tale from Mizoram. Newer entrants at the top are entering politics to grow their business firms. The micro-level politicians such as councillors and panchayat members, whom they patronise, have grabbed the trade that flourishes in the penumbra of black and white — like sand mining. It is the same story elsewhere.

What is also common is that while politicians grab all economic activity, health and education have taken a hit. Punjab has a fraction of doctors as compared to WHO norms. In Tamil Nadu, focus on a couple of health parameters led to the collapse of every other kind of med-



Weather keeps farmers in Punjab on tenterhooks.

ical service. In Mizoram, health services are severely curtailed because not much is left after politicians have frittered funds on stipends for supporters and grabbed inflated road contracts by using documentation of genuine contractors.

What is also common to Punjab and Tamil Nadu is the weather playing truant. The kharif planting season has become a roll of dice. In 10 years between 2005 and 2015, rainfall in Punjab was less than normal in six. Monsoon arrives early, stays late and in 2015, most of the rain fell in the last 10 days. Is it any wonder that Punjab farmers are agitating to preserve at least one sure crop of wheat in the rabi season? The chapter on Punjab, observed during the Badal era, is familiar ground. A part about the evolution of the Badal family into a corporate clan is anchored by *The Tribune*'s award-winning series on the subject.

In Odisha, the media is owned by a handful of political families. Their domination is buttressed by a flourishing business. The most profitable occupation in all villages of the six states is money-lending. Little wonder that seven decades after Independence, India, like Russia, is marooned in an ideological project to take it back to mythical greatness that is actually meant to serve a narrow elite.

A bit of a unique story

SEEMA SACHDEVA

WHEN 23-year-old Shantanu Naidu, an automotive design engineer with Tata Elxsi, came up with reflective collars for stray dogs to make them visible at night and prevent accidents, he didn't know that this simple act of kindness would be instrumental in his bonding with none other than Ratan Tata. While his venture, Motopaws, got the support of Tata Group, he earned for himself the lifelong friendship of India's beloved icon. The short memoir is as much about Shantanu as about Ratan Tata.

Shantanu's life in itself is no less interesting. Five generations of his family have been working with the Tatas. Every evening, his 90-year-old great grandmother lights up incense sticks in front of Jamshetji Tata's picture in their house shrine. From composing music videos for social causes to establishing himself in animal welfare, and finally working in Ratan Tata's office, Shantanu's life has been one big adventure.

Written from Shantanu's perspective, the book, a tribute to his unusual friendship with Ratan Tata, presents another version of the octogenarian: the sprightly sunflower. Here, one can find Tata whistling, indulging in light banter, getting lost in his own stories, playing with his dogs Tito and Tango, or simply teasing 'Shantanu' for his pigeon's hair. Looking beyond his business milestones, the book can serve as a guide for those who want to know the lesser-known facts

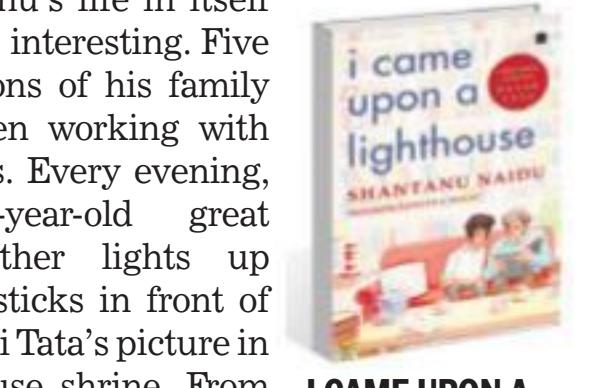
about the doyen of Indian industry. From his love for driving convertibles top down to his favourite restaurant, Thai Pavilion, to his fetish for buying bed linen at Macy's in New York, the book brings to light the man beyond the great steel wall. One gets to know a side of Tata that's goofy, witty and as someone who would not mind sticking his tongue out.

Subjects close to him, like the housing scheme for poor that he plans or his disappointment at Nano failing to capture the hearts of those it was aimed at, are all touched upon, as also the lawsuit against Cyrus Mistry.

On his part, Shantanu comes across as a fun-loving person who keenly observes people around him. From joining Tata's office as Deputy General Manager to assisting him with day-to-day activities, including philanthropic initiatives, startup proposals and social media, Shantanu takes it all with much humility. It takes courage to admit when he says that while he was grateful for Tata's Harvard recommendation, he was secretly happy that he could get into Cornell University without one.

Written straight from the heart, his 'dramesque' style amuses the reader. Adding colour to his stories are delightful illustrations by Sanjana Desai.

That Shantanu loves telling stories is evident in the vivid pictures he paints. From describing Tata as 'Millennial Dumbledore' to describing his colleagues Deepthi, Parizaad and Denese as tiny, strong guardians of the Tata lighthouse, his is a fairy tale in which Ratan Tata is his guardian angel.



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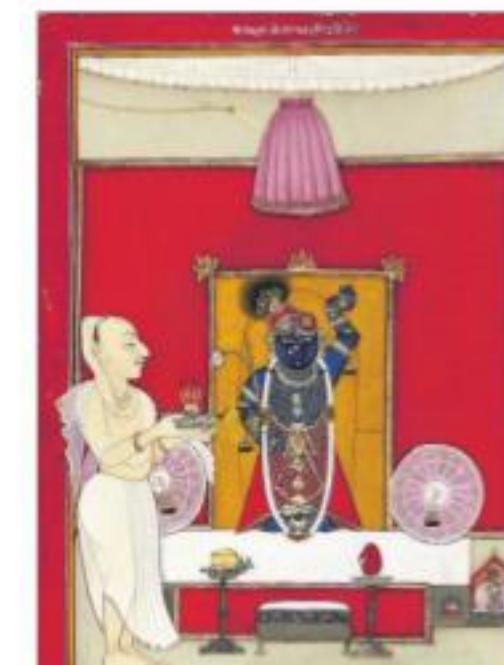
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Canvas steeped in devotion

LONG before Nathdwara became a village dotted with fancy resorts to cater to tourists, it was in a time capsule, its rituals and traditions remaining virtually unchanged for 300 years. Tucked into the folds of the Aravallis, Nathdwara, in Rajasthan, is home to Shrinathji, a 15th century manifestation of child-god Krishna raising Mount Govardhan. The establishment here of a temple mansion in the 17th century brought together a myriad of social groups. Among them were painters who came to serve the needs of the temple, making *pichhavais* (painted cloth hangings) and icons for the pilgrims to take back home as souvenirs.

The present catalogue explores the rich collection of Nathdwara works with Anil Relia, an art collector from Gujarat. Relia's interest in these paintings was piqued by a sketch made by Ghasiram Harddev Sharma, a master draughtsman with a penchant for naturalism. Over the years, his collection has risen to 250 works, including paintings and sketches.

Authors Kalyan Krishna and Kay Talwar take one through the works. They shed light on the everyday life of



Shrinathji in pichhara shringar.
PHOTO COURTESY: NIYOGI BOOKS

Krishna, while recording important events in temple history and portraits of people who participated in these affairs, much to the credit of the authors.

Left hand raised in the air, Shrinathji is seen in various settings and moods, in page after page. There are works depicting seasonal-appropriate *shringar* of the lord — flowers forming the backdrop for spring, Shrinathji donning a light saffron *dhoti* in summer, bright colours lifting the mood in monsoon and heavily clad

and heavily bejewelled lord in winter... Then there are paintings depicting Shrinathji at the centre of various celebrations and festivals. These paintings adhere to a traditional hieratic style, but the artists display a free hand in telling the exploits of Krishna. Popular with the pilgrims over the centuries has been the temple plan, serving as an aid to mental *parikrama* of Krishna's home, and paintings with sequential panels.

The book shows how the artists have adapted to the times and changed the way they see and depict things. A prominent artist showcased in this collection is Ghasiram, who influenced a whole generation of 20th century artists and is still held in high esteem. This was also a time when colonial art schools were transforming imagery in India, bringing in realism and introducing artists to European techniques.

Under the influence, the Nathdwara idiom saw a change, the landscape in many paintings turning European. Interestingly, some works are also inspired by Raja Ravi Varma.

The authoritative and engaging catalogue lets the readers explore the tradition, while making it an enriching experience with scholarly insights. This makes the book not just another coffee table book on art, but one that would serve as a reference material for future scholars of Nathdwara paintings. — TNS

BACKFLAP

COVID-19 brought global economy in a downward spiral, particularly when major economies were already looking inward and world trade was affected by a US-China trade war. The impact on the Indian economy, already showing signs of uncertainty, was much greater.

This timely volume, edited by Sanjaya Baru, examines the crisis created by the pandemic and the government's policies. In their essays, 22 experts write about various aspects of the economy and offer solutions. Baru has wisely selected from a diverse range of writers, including government functionaries, its critics as well as economists and analysts. Their perspectives may differ but they all agree on one thing — strong and sustained economic reforms are needed to restore growth.

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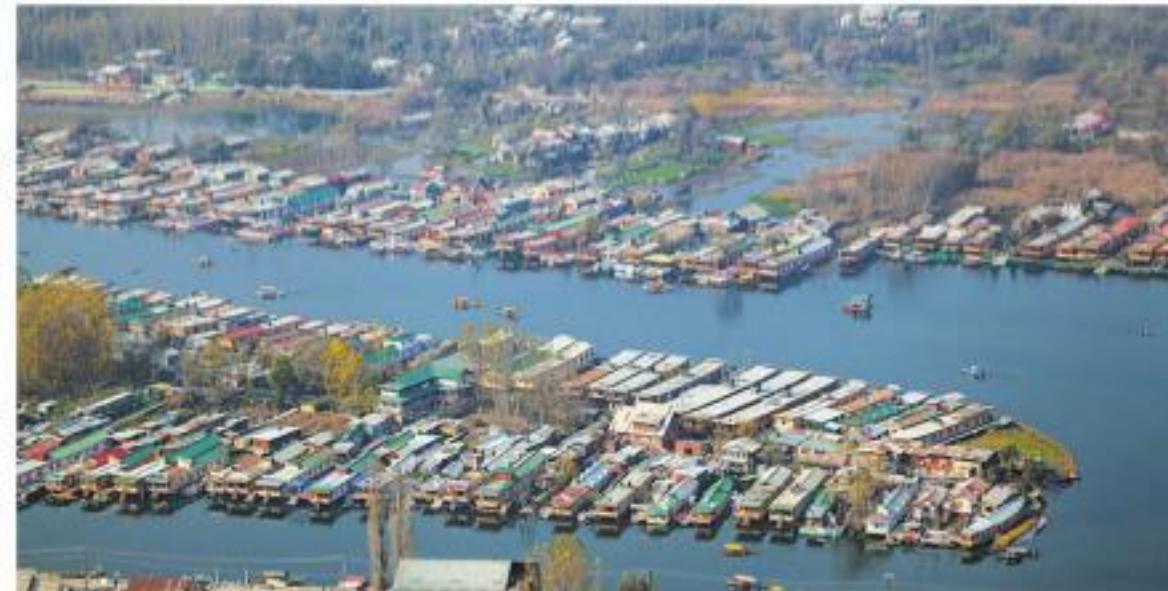
THE ITINERANT

NECHAL SANDHU

Within moments, we were flying past Jamia Masjid, the most important mosque of Kashmir built in early 15th century. Staying with 16th century Mughal Road, it did not take long to reach the destination, as the helicopter was set down on hallowed ground — an airstrip built by 6,000 refugees in six days in Dec 1947.

ANTICIPATED for a few days, the IAF missive arrived one late autumn evening confirming placement of a Jammu-based helicopter at Srinagar for a proposed visit to a couple of locations within Kashmir valley and a survey of the Mughal Road. Within it was the unwelcome suggestion that take-off would take place at daybreak. This was justified by assertions that the sortie would be an extended one, flying in the afternoon was impermissible and the crew had to return to Jammu well in time; they had another long-duration commitment scheduled for the next day.

After our scheduled arrival next morning, pre-flight checks detected a snag in the helicopter. Hot cups of coffee did not dispel the dismay arising out of a delayed departure. As soon as the defect was repaired, 45 minutes later, the pilots suggested that we make a circuit over Srinagar for checking out the serviceability of the machine before heading out. Taking off from the lee of the Zabarwan Range past the impressive seven-terraced Mughal-era Pari Mahal, we headed towards the northern banks of the Dal Lake, then an expanse of caliginous water bereft of its daytime brilliance, and its impassivity broken only by the wake of an occasional shikara. Soon, we were abeam of the Hazratbal *dargah*, the marble dome of which was bathed in a remarkable pink-orange blush by the sun emerging from behind promontories overlooking the lake. Together with its minaret and the golden leaves of chinar trees, it made for a sublime sight. Satisfied with the aircraft's performance, the pilots turned around. The Durranji Fort atop Hari Parbat, a 500-foot hillock in downtown Srinagar, came into view. Building upon for-



A spectacular aerial view of the Dal Lake, Srinagar. iSTOCK

tifications commenced in the 16th century, the fort was completed in the early 19th century. Its slopes comprehensively betoken the syncretic culture of Kashmir: the temple of Jagadamba Sharika Bhagwati, the shrine of Hamza Makhdoom (a 16th century Sufi saint) and a gurdwara of the sixth Guru adorn its western, southern and eastern slopes, respectively.

Within moments, we were flying past Jamia Masjid in the heart of the old town, the most important mosque of Kashmir valley built in the early 15th century. Encompassing a 3.5-acre grassy courtyard with a large fountain, the mosque sports turrets with pagoda-like roofs on each of its four covered arcades. No dome and no minarets; the building influenced by Indo-Saracenic architectural traditions denotes acceptance of other cultures. My well-informed acquaintances had explained that the roofs of the entire structure are supported by lofty deodar columns, some of 6-foot girth. A privileged aerial view is the only way to appreciate the grandeur of this well-formed and impressive structure.

With this unexpected but quick, yet fulfilling, aerial tour of Srinagar, we headed south past the Shankaracharya Hill and its famed 9th century temple dedicated to

Lord Shiva and venerated equally by Hindus and Buddhists.

Following the narrowing but shimmering Jhelum river several hundred feet below, maturing crocuses on the plateau beyond Pampore preparing to deliver saffron in a few weeks and a bumper apple crop west of our course provided a window into the sources of prosperity of this region. Another dimension of nature's bounty was evident in the pageant produced by the blaze of autumn colours by 'flaming' chinars dotting the valley. My gratifying reverie was interrupted by the Captain, who declared that if the crossing of the Pir Panjal Range was to be achieved, proposed visits to Anantnag and Kokernag would have to be abandoned. He had been eyeballing the clouds gradually enveloping Banihal Pass and the massifs to the west of it, and had determined from the Meteorological Section at Awantipore that there was unlikely to be a let-up. I had no option but to submit.

Just before the aircraft banked right to establish a south-westerly course, in the distance, I got a great view of the quadrangular Aishmuqam Ziarat constructed in the 15th century to mark the substantial contribution of Sheikh Zainud-din towards promotion of the

mystical Rishi (Sufi) culture in Kashmir. Adnan Sami was obviously swayed by the widely held belief that none returns empty-handed from this shrine; he had chosen this venue for his moving rendition of "Bhar do jholi" for the Salman Khan-starrer movie 'Bajrangi Bhaijan'.

Before we crossed Peer ki Gali, a pass at 11,400 feet, into Poonch area of Jammu region, we were treated to a view of the Aharbal waterfall gushing down into a pool of crystal-clear water. On the other side of the pass was Noori Chhamb, a waterfall named after the wife of Mughal Emperor Jehangir high enough to create a permanent mist. Aliabad Sarai and Hirpur Sarai, two Mughal time resting places, were on our flight path; both appeared to have deteriorated significantly.

Staying with the 16th century Mughal Road and descending about 8,000 feet, it did not take long to reach Poonch. The helicopter was set down on hallowed ground; an airstrip built by 6,000 refugees in six days in December 1947 soon after the year-long siege of Poonch town commenced. Entrenched positions of the raiders were strafed by Indian aircraft such that construction remained uninterrupted. Soon after, Baba Mehar Singh, legendary IAF pilot, landed the first aircraft on that 600-yard airstrip, under enemy gunfire. His daring effort led to the setting up of an air bridge; Dakotas flew in supplies day and night and extricated refugees on return flights; artillery flown in countered Pakistani bombardment.

With the pilots declaring that return to Srinagar was not possible, I wound my way back by road savouring the sights along the 140-km Mughal Road, once traversed by Mughal kings on their way to Kashmir.

Reality becomes mirror to fiction



MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS

KEKI DARUWALA

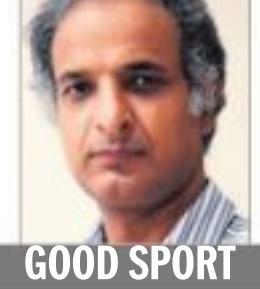
If reality is so harsh and crude, is it worth looking at? Let us leave the fatigued farmers on the Delhi borders, the government which did not spend a day before rushing the Bills, now stonewalling, a dozen meetings and riots with Deep Sidhu and Co. Leave the Nisan Sahib at Red Fort. We are into fiction. Story telling, painting deer or a jackal on a rock wall in a cave are the oldest examples of the creative urge in human beings; not forgetting poetry of course, and drums and dance from Africa. All cultures evolved their stories, legends — evil was always vanquished, whether it was Grendel or Ravana or Kans. In India, religion and faith got woven inextricably with stories. You sat around with children and grownups, and stories evolved, right triumphed over wrong. From epics, often a collective effort of a generation, we moved to novels. The gods came down from the sky and joined us.

But we need to move towards the depressing if not dystopian. Is that a reflection of an age? Are writers disenchanted with what is happening around us in India? Or is it the norm the world over? Dystopia has almost become a fashion. The narrative would go along perfectly till it nears the end. A woman goes to her ancestral house in Assam where her mother had been badly treated, since she had married outside the community. Then, unaccountably, the novelist dispenses with her in a flood, and she drowns. What is more noteworthy, as in the novel 'A Burning' by Master of Fine Arts student Megha Majumdar, the villain triumphs in the end. We have a right-wing madam who becomes Chief Minister and raises a PT Sir, physical trainer at the college, to a party boss. An innocent woman is hanged because the PT Sir does not pass on her mercy petition. Right-wing goons attack a Muslim house, kill the family, loot gold bangles, then open the ice box. There are chickens in it, no beef! That's the modern version of epiphany. The MFA student-novelist has made a political point, but the plot creaks, whines, squeals like a bad machine badly in need of lubrication.

What about blurb? Amitav Ghosh writes, "The best debut novel I have come across in a long time." The publishers, Penguin Hamish Hamilton, say, "Taut, symphonic, propulsive and riveting right from the outset, 'A Burning' has the force of an epic." Cyrus Mistry in his novel 'The Prospect of Miracles' puts his characters in Kerala. The protagonist marries a pastor, who is a debauch. In the end, she goes off her rocker, the insanity triggered off by the pastor's widow meeting the gardener Yesu Das. The name Yesu acts as a trigger for setting off hallucinated meetings with Jesus and angel Gabriel. In 'The Cliffhangers' by Sabin Iqbal, a right-winger, Balannan, gets into a clinch with a foreigner and rapes her. When he confesses, the Inspector files the case as 'inconclusive'. Charging him would invite mayhem.

Is our fiction a mirror to our reality? Do both act as depressants?

The ageing Khan turns partisan



GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHANJAN

NEVER before has Pakistan been so pleased at India's success in cricket than during this January. The Indian team's outrageous performance in Australia seems to have gladdened the hearts of fans of cricket across the border; if vlogs and articles by cricketers and writers, and comments by fans on social media, are any indication.

India's 2004 tour of Pakistan is undoubtedly the peak of brotherliness among fans of the two countries; however, then the hospitable spirit of the Pakistanis, generous and eager to please, played a part in the fans cheering India even as their own team lost. But in India's wins in Melbourne and Brisbane, and the draw in Sydney, over the last five weeks, Pakistani fans had no personal stake; what they had was love for cricket, support for the underdog and affinity for India — possibly mixed with some dislike for the Australian team. Pakistan's cricketers, writers and fans showered praise for Ajinkya Rahane and his men, and it clearly came from the heart.

Two years ago, when India won a series in Australia for the first time, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan congratulated Virat Kohli and his team. This time, even though the win was more thrilling and valuable, Imran said nothing — two years ago, he was yet to complete a year in office and was



As a player, Imran Khan did not see borders among cricketers. FILE PHOTO

Maninder Singh and expressed concern over his changed action and reduced effectiveness. Clearly, once he walked off the field, Imran did not see borders among cricketers.

19 wins out of 24

Imran didn't congratulate Rahane, but two days ago, he did boast about his captaincy record against India. "I must have captained in 24 One-day matches against India," Imran said. "We won 19! We were always better than them. It was a small board (Pakistan Cricket Board), but as long as the country had confidence, we used to excel in every field!" Amazingly enough, in the middle of a speech on Pakistan's current situation, Imran could summon from his memory the numbers signifying his success against India. This showed how competitive he was against India, and how much that success still matters to him.

Two years ago, Imran hailed India's win in Australia as "the first ever win by a subcontinent team in a Test series in Australia". Clearly, he does have a sense of belonging to the Indian subcontinent — his mother was born in Jalandhar and moved across the new border after Pakistan was created.

Imran, though he identifies himself as a Pashtun or Pathan, was truly a cricketer sans borders — a Pathan who can't speak Pashto or Hindko, dated actresses and socialites from India and the West, married a British

woman of Jewish heritage with whom he has two sons in England.

In a TV interview a few years ago, Imran said he was in a good position to give advice on "our" morals to young people. "A man like me, who has seen the western culture very closely... is more qualified to tell young people what they should guard against... they should not copy another culture like monkeys," Imran said.

Perhaps the young Imran was following the imperatives of young hormones; the older Imran is following the imperatives of older hormones.

Being unmoored from social and cultural ties can be very emancipating — Imran was a free bird in his youth; yet, being unmoored can also be unsettling, more so as you age. Imran seems to be experiencing that — in his recent speech, Imran also railed against "Indian culture". In the past, he has waxed eloquent about "our culture" when talking about Turkish TV show *Ertugrul*; last year, in a press conference with Turkish President Erdogan, he happily said that "the Turks ruled Hindustan for 600 years". Having forgotten Pashto, speaking Urdu and not Punjabi, and showing aversion for "Indian culture", Imran seems to have voted for Turk/Mughal imperialism.

But it's likely that, as a cricketer from the subcontinent, Imran would be gladdened by a team from the region doing well in Australia.

Why the farmers' protests are a wake-up call for rest of us



Farmers' protests are a contemporary example of the power of a peaceful people's struggle against marginalisation.

My family and I spent the last two weeks travelling through Punjab to Dharamkot in Himachal and back home to a Delhi suburb. As we drove away from the capital city, we were cheered by the sight of tractors and cars with banners and flags of farmers' unions going towards Delhi. On our way back, we found ourselves joining the cavalcade arriving at the protest sites on Delhi's borders for the Tractor Parade on Republic Day. On the night of January 25, the traffic on the highway had swelled so much that we were unable to find a way to enter the city. We had become one with the farmers.

We didn't mind. A historic people's movement led by farmers is taking place right now and it is impossible to be untouched by it. What hurts the farmer today will not leave the rest of India unscathed. Those who have risked their lives and livelihood to confront the powerful need to be protected from state

repression and false accusations of anti-national activities and sedition. They need visibility. Their demands and point of view need to be amplified by those of us who have smartphones and social media on fingertips.

What do these farmers have to offer us in return? Are we doing them a favour by paying attention? Why should the farmers' agitation matter to the rest of us?

At a time when the state and administration have abdicated from people-centric governance and the judiciary as well as large sections of mainstream media seem to have forfeited their role to provide the checks and balances that keep democratic processes in balance, the farmers' protest is like a shot in the arm of Indian democracy. While it is the three farm laws that have finally catalysed lakhs of farmers to leave their homes and sit in protest in the bitter cold, their mode of protest as well as the capaciousness of their demands is a reminder of some of the basics

of humanity — of the power of solidarity, fraternity and unity among people. Of the need for dignity, equality and agency of groups and individuals.

On International Human Rights Day, December 10, 2020, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) — the largest farmers' union at the protests — held an event in which protesters held up pictures of incarcerated intellectuals and human rights activists who have been booked under grave laws, such as the UAPA. Despite a backlash from sections of the media, farmers' leaders defended this act of solidarity with eloquence and candour, reminding us that the need for stable livelihoods and that of dignity and autonomy cannot be separated into binaries.

"These people have been incarcerated in jails for speaking the truth. Through their writing and work, they have explained how the corporate sector adversely affects agriculture as well as the public sector. These

intellectuals and activists have exposed the fascist mindset of the government. If we do not raise our voice for them, then who will?" a speaker asked rhetorically from the stage at Tikkri border. Off stage, men and women held posters of each of the activists. "These people are freedom fighters, not anti-nationalists," a woman farmer said.

On January 18, Women Farmers' Day was celebrated at the protest sites, just days after Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, while staying the implementation of the new farm laws, had also commented, "We don't understand why old people and women are kept in the protests."

In a rousing speech on the Singhu border, researcher Navsharan Singh challenged the patriarchal and condescending attitude represented by this statement. "Do not forget that this is the same government which maligned Muslim women who were protesting against the highly discriminatory Citi-

zenship Amendment Act last December in Shaheen Bagh. It is the same government that has denied bail to four young women — Devangana Kalita, Gulfshe Fatema, Ishrat Jahan and Natasha Narwal," she said.

"They want you to go back not because you are weak, but because they are threatened by your fearlessness and empowered presence. Their armies and weapons are not as strong as the determination and courage of unarmed women."

As police violence and political backlash against the protesting farmers escalates, the settlements on the borders of Delhi have only continued to grow in response.

The ongoing farmers' protests are a contemporary example of the power of a peaceful people's struggle against marginalisation. It is a wake-up call. Will we stand up for those who are risking their all for the rest of us?

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PM Narendra Modi pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi to mark the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation at Rajghat in New Delhi on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

Mahatma Gandhi remembered on his 73rd death anniversary

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The nation on Saturday remembered Mahatma Gandhi on his 73rd death anniversary with President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the country in paying homage to the Father of the Nation.

President Kovind, VP Naidu, PM Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, among others, also paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat in Delhi.

Naidu and Modi also attended an inter-faith

prayer meeting in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi at the Gandhi Smriti here.

Gandhi was shot dead on this day in 1948 by Nathuram Godse. His death anniversary is observed as Martyrs' Day.

Kovind said people should adhere to his ideals of peace, non-violence, simplicity, purity of means and humility.

"Gandhi was a crusader of peace, non-violence and selfless service. Both, through his words and actions, he left an indelible imprint on the sands of time. He inspired countless people worldwide

to follow the path of ahimsa," Naidu said.

Paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi, Modi said his ideals continue to motivate millions.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi shared a quote of the Father of the Nation - "Truth stands, even if there be no public support. It is self-sustained." Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi, remembering that he had said the "ruler who defies public opinion is cruel and any unjust law is a form of violence in itself". — PTI

India condemns vandalisation of 'Bapu's statue in US

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

India has strongly condemned the vandalisation of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Davis, California, USA.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the act in the strongest terms at the all-party meeting he chaired today to discuss the agenda for the Budget Session of Parliament.

The Ministry of External Affairs said it was a malicious and despicable act against a universally respected icon of peace and justice.

The statue at the Central Park in the City of Davis, California, was vandalised by unidentified people. It was a gift to the City of Davis by the Government of India in 2016.

The Embassy of India in Washington DC has already taken up the matter with the US Department of State for a thorough probe and action against the perpetrators. Investigations have been initiated.

The Mayor of Davis has deeply regretted the incident and said a probe has been launched. The US Department of State has said the act of vandalism was unacceptable and expressed hope that those responsible would be brought to justice as soon as possible. — TNS

Timely closure of sick, loss-making central public sector units a must



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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The Economic Survey tabled in the Lok Sabha on Friday by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stressed on the need for timely closure of sick and loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and disposal of their assets.

According to the pre-budget document, as of January 15, 2021, 110 CPSEs in the country are in a defunct state.

In addition, there are 77 CPSEs that have been identified as loss-making.

As many as 256 CPSEs out of total 366 in the country are operational, the Economic Survey reported. 171 CPSEs booked profit during FY20. The total profit was Rs 1.38 lakh crore. On the other hand the consolidated loss of loss-making enterprises was Rs 44,816 crore.

The overall net profit of the CPSEs thus declined by



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CHEAPEST NON-VEG MEALS IN CHANDIGARH, HARYANA

■ The cost of a non-veg thali was cheapest in the rural areas of Chandigarh (₹29.9) during the June-December 2020 period

■ During this period, the cost of a non-veg thali was most expensive in rural Arunachal Pradesh (₹48.5)

■ Another northern state Haryana figures lowest in the chart in terms of price of a non-veg meal in urban areas during June-December 2020

■ A non-veg thali costs only ₹28 in the urban areas of Haryana

make it more objective and forward looking based on sectoral indices.

To strengthen the CPSEs that would be retained by the government, steps are underway to completely revamp the boards of these to reorganise their structure, enhance the operational autonomy and introduce strong corporate governance norms, including listing on stock exchanges for greater transparency.

The Department of Public Enterprises has also separately initiated revamping of Performance Monitoring System of the CPSEs to

make it more objective and forward looking based on sectoral indices.

According to the Economic Survey, the Mahalanobis Plan in 1956 envisaged CPSEs as a mean for import substitution and self-sufficiency. However, the inherent inefficiencies leading to low productivity in the CPSEs, high-cost structure and strained public finances led the GoI to go for policy change after 1991 heralding an era of privatisation and disinvestment.

No Ranji Trophy for 1st time in 86 yrs

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The country's premier First-Class cricket tournament, the Ranji Trophy, will not be conducted during this domestic season due to the severe disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

This is the first time since the Ranji Trophy was instituted in 1934-35 season that the tournament will not be held at all.

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) has, however, decided to organise the domestic 50-overs tournament for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, as per the wishes of a majority of the state units.

The BCCI will also organise the men's Under-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy and the women's national 50-over tournament during this season.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah were keen on the Ranji Trophy, which has

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Arun Dhumal, BCCI TREASURER

the maximum match fee — roughly Rs 1.5 lakh per game — for the domestic players. However, it is understood that a two-month long bio-bubble even for a truncated two-phased Ranji Trophy in the times of the pandemic wasn't feasible.

"I am extremely happy to inform you that we are going to conduct the Senior Women's One Day tournament simultaneously with the Vijay Hazare Trophy and follow it up with Vinoo

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"We took feedback from the players, selection committee, state associations. It was felt that 2020 is already gone and rather than having two Ranji events in the same calendar year, it is better to go for white-ball cricket," Dhumal said.

"That way we could have something for junior cricket and women considering the importance of the women's World Cup and U-19 World Cup next year," he added.

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Mankad Trophy Under-19. This has been decided after having received your feedback on the domestic season 2020-21," Shah wrote to the state units.

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Delhi Police too file case against Tharoor, others

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

The Delhi Police have filed a case against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, senior journalist Rajdeep Sardesai, The Caravan and others for allegedly misleading public regarding the death of a protester at ITO during the violence on Republic Day, officials said on Saturday. — PTI

Banerjee and MLAs Prabir Ghosal and Baishali Dalmiya,

Five former TMC leaders join BJP

KOLKATA/NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

Former West Bengal minister Rajib Banerjee, who recently quit the Trinamool Congress, joined the BJP in the national capital on Saturday along with a few other leaders of the state's ruling party after meeting senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Banerjee and MLAs Prabir Ghosal and Baishali Dalmiya, who was recently expelled from the TMC, former Howrah Mayor Rathin Chakraborty and actor Rudranil Ghosh flew to the national capital on a special plane, and met central BJP leaders.

They have joined the BJP, party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said following the meeting.

Later, Shah tweeted, "I am sure their induction will fur-

ther strengthen the BJP's fight for Sonar Bangla."

Former TMC MLA Partha Sarathi Chattopadhyay had also accompanied the leaders to Delhi.

The TMC, which has been facing dissent from a number of leaders ahead of the Assembly election due in April-May, said those who are leaving do not have long political history. — PTI

Nadda affirms BJP-AIADMK poll alliance in Tamil Nadu

Tribune News Service



BJP chief JP Nadda at a temple in Madurai on Saturday. PTI

After PM Modi assumed the top office, a "safe destiny" was assured for the nation and Tamil Nadu as well, he said.

Nadda recalled that Modi had quoted a couplet from "Tirukkural" to soldiers at Ladakh and also cited the PM's "Yaadum Oorey" reference of Tamil poet Kaniyan Poongundranar in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in 2019.

Dwelling on Tamil, he said the Tamil people had a unique combination of entrepreneurship, economic and cultural ethos.

The BJP top leader's Tamil pitch assumes significance Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had some days back alleged that the saffron party had no respect for Tamil language and culture.

It posted the matter for further hearing after two weeks. — TNS

(With inputs from PTI)

Look into women Army officers' issue: SC to govt

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

Almost a year after the Supreme Court granted permanent commission to woman Army officers, many of them are still litigating to get their due. The Supreme Court has asked Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain to sort out the issue with the authorities concerned.

"They are your own officers. They have served the Navy and Army. Please try to sort it out with the authorities. Why push them into the litigation cycle again? They are in their years of retirement now... These women (officers) have served the nation. Why should they be made to go to the AFT (Armed Forces Tribunal) again? Sit down with them and sort it out," a Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud told Jain on Friday.

It posted the matter for further hearing after two weeks. — TNS

Court abates proceedings against Vora

NEW DELHI: A Delhi Court has abated criminal proceedings against Congress leader Moti Lal Vora in the National Herald case in view of his demise in December last year. The court was hearing a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy against Vora, Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi and others. — PTI

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