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MAKE RIGHT CHOICE, CM TELLS VOTERS HARYANA

FLICKERING LIGHTS OF DIWALI SPECTRUM

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## Pak has accepted Pulwama truth, Modi's jibe at Oppn

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 31  
With Pakistan acknowledging its role in last year's terror attack at Pulwama resulting in the loss of 40 CRPF personnel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the truth exposed those who indulged in politics around it.

"Dirty politics laced with selfishness and arrogance was at its peak when the country was suffering from immense pain, but the real face of such people has been exposed after the truth was accepted in parliament of our neighbouring country," he said.

Modi was addressing an audience at Kevadia, Gujarat, on the occasion of 145th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Modi's reference without naming Pakistan came two days after its minister Fawad Chaudhry admitted his country's role in the Pulwama attack in the National Assembly.



PM Narendra Modi pays tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia. PTI

### CANNOT FORGET UNWARRANTED REMARKS

• The country cannot forget the unwarranted statements made after the attack....The real face of such people has been exposed. Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

### NOT INVOLVED, CLAIMS ISLAMABAD

New Delhi: Islamabad has denied Prime Minister Narendra Modi's insinuation of Pakistan's involvement in the Pulwama attack by alluding to remarks made by its minister in the National Assembly. The Pakistan Foreign Office claimed the minister was referring to the response given by Pakistan armed forces to India's bombing of Balakot. TNS

## After Pb, R'sthan tables 3 Bills to counter Centre's farm laws

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 31

The Rajasthan Government on Saturday introduced three Bills in the Assembly to negate the impact of the farm laws enacted by the Centre recently.

The move comes after the Punjab Assembly earlier this month adopted a resolution against the farm laws and unanimously passed four Bills to counter the Centre's contentious legislations.

Rajasthan's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal introduced the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Rajasthan Amendment) Bill 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill 2020 and the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation and Rajasthan Amendment) Bill 2020. Dhariwal also introduced

### PROPOSED PROVISIONS

- Sale or purchase of a crop under farming agreement on a price equal or greater than minimum support price
- Three to seven years' imprisonment for harassment of farmers with or without a fine of ₹5 lakh
- State may levy fee or cess on produce bought or sold by a corporate for the welfare of farmers



Farmers under the banner of BKU (Kadian) stage a dharna at the Kartarpur railway station in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

### PB BJP YOUTH WING GEN SECY QUIT

Chandigarh: Punjab BJP youth wing general secretary Barinder Singh Sandhu on Saturday resigned from the primary membership of the party over the farm laws. Sandhu backed the ongoing agitation by farm unions, arthiyas, small traders and labourers. INSIDE



the Code of Procedure (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill 2020 on the first day of the Assembly session. A number of provisions to protect the interests of farmers, including sale or purchase of a crop under farming agreement on a price equal or greater than minimum support price and imprisonment of three to seven years for harassment of farmers with or without a fine of ₹5 lakh, have been included in the Bills.

The Congress leadership has suggested that states where it is in power should pass laws of their own to counter the central legislations that had triggered farmers' protests in several parts of the country. In the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation and Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, one of the proposed amendments pertains to regulation of notified agriculture produce. — PTI

CENTRE: PURCHASE IN PUNJAB GOING ON SMOOTHLY

136.47 LMT of paddy (69.21% Punjab's contribution till October 30)

16.62 lakh farmers benefited with procurement at MSP totalling ₹37,230.35 crore

45.10 LMT of pulses, oilsides to be bought from states, including Haryana and Rajasthan

6,03,711 cotton bales procured so far, benefiting 1,14,376 farmers



## Free vaccine promise not code violation: EC

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 31

The Election Commission (EC) today held that the BJP's promise of providing free Covid-19 vaccine in its manifesto for the Bihar Assembly elections "is not a violation of the model code of conduct".

The order came on a complaint filed by Mumbai-based RTI activist Saket Gokhale, who had alleged that the promise was discriminatory and amounted to misuse of power.

Sources said the poll panel cited certain guidelines contained in Part VIII of the

### IT'S WELFARE MEASURE: POLL PANEL

• There can be no objection to the promise of such welfare in an election manifesto... The trust of voters can be sought on promises which are possible to be fulfilled. Election Commission

### NATH MOVES SC ON STAR CAMPAIGNER STATUS

Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath on Saturday moved the Supreme Court challenging an Election Commission order revoking his "star campaigner" status for violations of the model code while campaigning for the by-elections in 28 Assembly constituencies in the state.

MCC to conclude that the free vaccine promise was not in violation of the norms.

"The Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution enjoin upon the state to frame various welfare measures for citizens. Therefore, there can be no objection to the promise of

such welfare in an election manifesto," the EC is learnt to have said, adding that the trust of voters can be sought "on promises which are possible to be fulfilled".

Reacting to the order, Gokhale tweeted: "The EC shockingly ignored the fact that the Union Government promised the vaccine for a specific state particularly when election atmosphere is initiated."

Earlier this month, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had released the BJP manifesto for the Bihar elections, which promised free Covid-19 vaccine once it was cleared by the ICMR.

## Fatality rate declines below 1.5%

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 74,32,829  
FRESH FATALITIES 551  
TOTAL DEATHS 1,21,641  
COUNT 81,37,119

WORLD  
TOTAL 4,60,96,116  
RECOVERED 3,33,56,568  
DEATHS 11,96,694

### 65% DEATHS IN 5 STATES

Maharashtra (36.04%), Karnataka (9.16%), TN (9.12%), UP (5.76%) and WB (5.58%) account for 65% of Covid deaths in the country.

Karnataka (9.16%), Tamil Nadu (9.12%), Uttar Pradesh (5.76%) and West Bengal

(5.58%). There is a steady decline in the number of daily deaths, the ministry said.

Assam has decided to exempt foreign dignitaries and top officials from Covid test and quarantine rule. Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain has said it is "impossible to wipe off" Covid through a lockdown as the virus has "spread through community" and people should treat wearing a face mask as a vaccine till medication is made available.

Meanwhile, the wife and six family members of Union Minister Santosh Gangwar have tested positive. — PTI

## Medical commission eases norms, allows pvt docs as visiting faculty

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 31

Establishing new medical colleges has been made easier with the National Medical Commission dropping the minimum 5-acre land requirement for the purpose.

The NMC, in its first major regulation for annual MBBS admissions issued today, said new medical colleges need not have 5 acres of land, but have to follow building bylaws existent in a given municipal zone.

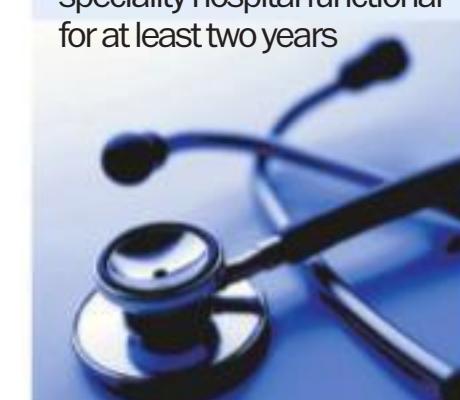
The new standards define functional requirements for the institutions, which will be rated on defined minimum standards. These standards will apply to new colleges and the existing ones proposing to increase their annual intake from the academic year 2021-22. During the transitory period, the existing colleges will be governed by previous regulations.

The new regulations mandate the availability of a fully functional 300-bed multispecialty hospital for at least two years at the time of application for setting up a new college. The earlier regulations did not specify the period of functionality and required more beds. For example, 530 beds for a 100-seat college.

In another path-breaking move, the NMC approved the hiring of visiting faculty over

### 5-ACRE RIDER GOES

- NMC has done away with the minimum 5-acre condition for setting up medical colleges
- Colleges can operate from 3 campuses in tier 1, 2 cities, provided the distance between these is not less than 10 km
- Must have a 300-bed multi-specialty hospital functional for at least two years



and above the existing faculty. The visiting faculty has been defined as "persons working in private healthcare, NGOs, retired medical personnel and Overseas Citizens of India interested in teaching".

Rules say anyone below 70 who possesses a PG degree in the specialty concerned and has a minimum of eight years of experience in that specialty after obtaining the degree will be eligible for appointment as visiting faculty.

The NMC rules also allow medical colleges to operate from three campuses in tier 1 and 2 cities, provided the distance between these is not less than 10 km.

### Electric buses on Kullu-Keylong link via Atal Tunnel

MANDI, OCTOBER 31

With the number of tourists visiting Lahaul and Spiti witnessing a considerable rise after the inauguration of the Atal Tunnel, the Himachal Pradesh Government has decided to ply eco-friendly electric buses between Kullu-Manali and Keylong.

The Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) on Friday plying a bus on a trial basis on the route. The 9.02-km tunnel, the longest above 10,000 feet in the world, has become a major tourist attraction, facilitating year-round access to picturesque tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti.

Mangal Manepa, HRTC Regional Manager, Keylong, said the electric bus' trial was successful. — TNS

### WINTER IS HERE

MINUS 0.8°C  
IN KEYLONG



■ High-altitude areas of Lahaul and Spiti, Chamba and Kinnaur had snowfall on Saturday  
■ The season's first snowfall froze Keylong and nearby places in Lahaul-Spiti district

## No FIRs in civil disputes: HC

CHANDIGARH:

In a judgment which is liable to change the way the criminal justice delivery mechanism is overburdened with unjustifiable registration of FIRs in civil disputes, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the Police Department

"at the appropriate level" to look into the matter before taking remedial steps.

The direction by Justice Avneesh Jhingran came after the Bench took cognizance of the prevailing tendency to paint civil disputes as criminal acts. INSIDE

## Capt rolls out SC scheme, 3 lakh pupils to benefit

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### 'NO AID FROM CENTRE'

- Free education to SC students against direct subsidy
- Scheme to benefit more than 3 lakh SC pupils every year
- Students to get monthly stipend for books, uniform

fees waiver to SC students," he explained. Capt Amarinder virtually laid the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 50 crore for Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal, Amritsar, inaugurated Ram Tirath ITI and approved the setting up of a skill development centre to prepare Dalit students for various competitive exams.

be the worst-affected district. Kurukshetra has witnessed 791 farm fires, followed by Ambala (702), Fatehabad (557), Jind (375), Yamunanagar (374), Sirsa (210) and Hisar (144), data compiled by the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) showed.

Hisar's AQI (air quality index) was recorded 431 (severe category) on Friday. The AQI of Fatehabad (398), Jind (388), Dharuhera (376), Gurugram (367), Bahadurgarh (366), Ballabgarh (358), Sonepat (354), Sirsa (342),

## Kaithal sees 968 farm fires; air quality 'severe' in Hisar

### MENACE UNABATED



District	Farm fires	City	AQI
Karnal	904	Hisar	431*
K'shetra	791	Fatehabad	398**
Ambala	702	Jind	388
Fatehabad	557	Dharuhera	376
Jind	375	Gurugram	367
Y'nagar	374	Bahadurgarh	366

(\*401-500 'SEVERE' CATEGORY; \*\*301-400 'VERY POOR')

Charkhi Dadri (338), Faridabad (337), Manesar (336), Rohtak (335), Bhiwani (303) and Panipat (303) fell in very poor bracket, as per the HSPCB. SK Arora, HSPCB Regional Officer, said apart from keeping vigil to check farm fires, their teams were conducting awareness campaigns. The Karnal administration, meanwhile, has suspended Gondar and Ranwar sarpanches for "failing to curb stubble burning". Gondar saw 30 farm fires and Ranwar 20," said DC Nishant Kumar Yadav.

## Farm fire cases highest in four years

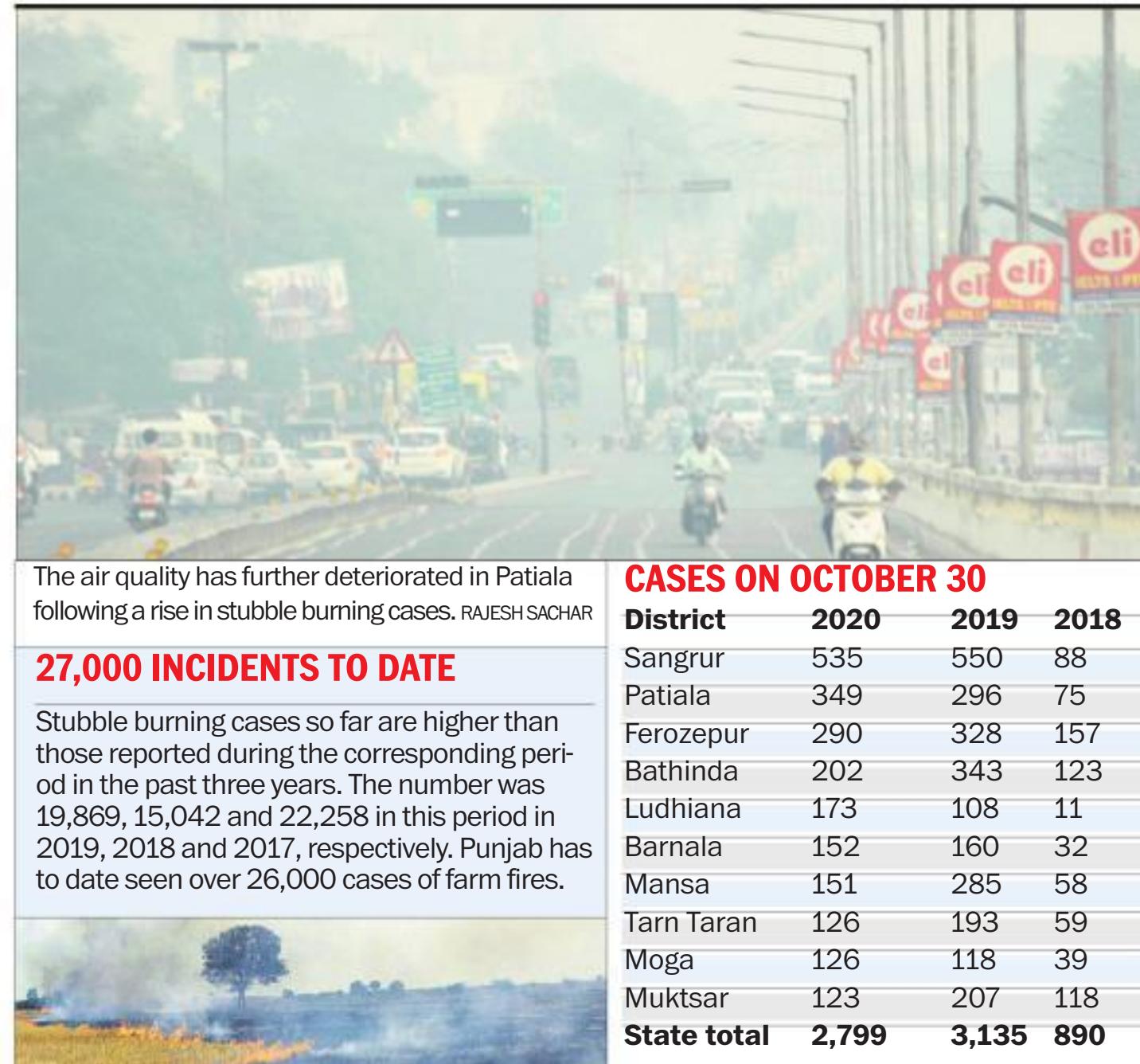
This despite 8K nodal officers, call centres, 70K more machines for mgmt

AMAN SOOD  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, OCTOBER 31  
Despite 8,000 nodal officers being appointed by the government, dedicated call centre teams and over 70,000 more machines for in situ paddy straw management, stubble burning cases are the highest in Punjab as compared to the previous three years.

Farm fires continue to contribute to the poor air quality index with the number rising to over 27,000 this year. At 2,799, the stubble burning incidents on Friday were the second highest for a day in the ongoing season. As many as 2,989 cases were recorded on Wednesday. In the Malwa belt, Sangrur, Patiala, Ferozepur, Bathinda, Mansa and Barnala recorded a high number of cases, meaning thereby the air quality index, which was moderate in the state, is now poor in a majority of the districts.

The nodal officers are already working in villages in close coordination with the staff of the Cooperation, Revenue, Rural Development and Panchayats, Agriculture, Horticulture and Soil Conservation Depart-



The air quality has further deteriorated in Patiala following a rise in stubble burning cases. RAJESH SACHAR

### 27,000 INCIDENTS TO DATE

Stubble burning cases so far are higher than those reported during the corresponding period in the past three years. The number was 19,869, 15,042 and 22,258 in this period in 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Punjab has to date seen over 26,000 cases of farm fires.

ments as well as the Punjab Pollution Control Board.

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who have given their land on rent and then call each one of them on the phone, warning them that a red entry shall be made in their record if they fail

to ensure that no paddy straw is burnt," said an official.

However, farmers claim till the time they get relief, they have no other option.

### CASES ON OCTOBER 30

District	2020	2019	2018
Sangrur	535	550	88
Patiala	349	296	75
Ferozepur	290	328	157
Bathinda	202	343	123
Ludhiana	173	108	11
Barnala	152	160	32
Mansa	151	285	58
Tarn Taran	126	193	59
Moga	126	118	39
Muktsar	123	207	118
<b>State total</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>890</b>

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## CS: Decline in strawburning area this year

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31

Punjab Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan today said the state had witnessed a decline in strawburning cases as five per cent less stubble burning area had been reported this year due to the effective in situ and ex situ management of crop residue and concerted efforts to sensitise farmers by the state government.

Says 7.49 lakh hectare this year against last year's 7.90 lakh

During a virtual meeting with senior officers, all Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police here, the Chief Secretary expressed satisfaction over the effective steps taken by the government to end the hazardous practice of residue burning. Mahajan said 137.89 lakh MT of paddy had arrived in the mandis of the state, which was 33 per cent higher than the previous year.

The total straw burning area this year was 7.49 lakh hectare as compared to 7.90 lakh hectare last year to date, which was 5.23 per cent less. — TNS

## BJP youth wing gen secy quits

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31

BJP youth wing general secretary Barinder Singh Sandhu today resigned from the primary membership of the party over the farm laws and the recent decisions taken by the Centre that went against Punjab's interests.

In his letter to BJP state president Ashwani Sharma, Sandhu said the farmer unions, arthiyas, small traders and labourers were rightly fighting against the Central agricultural laws. "The Centre, during the



Barinder Singh Sandhu

recent times, has been taking harsh steps against Punjab. Stopping goods trains and imposing heavy fines and imprisonment on farm fires are some of

the steps initiated by the Central Government," Sandhu further said. Criticising BJP national president JP Nadda for using harsh language against farmers, he said being a son of Punjab he had decided to stand with the farmers rising above the party lines.

This is the first resignation of a BJP leader in the Malwa region over the farm laws issue. State general secretary Malvinder Singh Kang had resigned from the primary membership of the party in protest earlier this month.

## Sukhbir seeks relief package for farmers

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and direct the Union Ministry of Finance to offer a comprehensive relief package to farmers instead of discriminating against them by issuing clarifications that agri-

Says interest waiver denial not justified

cultural loans would not be eligible for the interest waiver announced by the Union Government last year.

He said the decision not to include the farming community in the ambit of the scheme which seeks to provide ex gratia payment of the difference between compound interest and simple interest to borrowers for six months proved that policy makers were totally out of sync with the ground realities. Sukhbir said farmers were expecting a complete waiver of their crop loans. — TNS

## Panic as train zips past protesters

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 31

Panic gripped the protesting farmers at the Sangrur railway station last night after the railway authorities operated a train allegedly without any prior information.

Even though the authorities claimed the information was disseminated to all railway stations concerned before running the departmental train, farmers denied hearing any announcement on the public address system

Official says all stations alerted in advance

or any officer informing them about the same. Presently all train services have been suspended in the state due to the farmers' protest against the farm Acts. "There could have been a mishap had someone been on the track," said Bhupinder Longowal, member, Kirti Kisan Union.

Longowal alleged authorities did not share any information in advance with farmers about the train.

Pankaj Gupta, Assistant Divisional Railway Manager, Ambala, said: "Though presently all train services to and from the state have been suspended, last night we ran a departmental train to conduct maintenance of tracks. It ran from Jakhal to Rajpura and all railway stations concerned were alerted." — TNS

the three farm Bills passed by the state government in the specially convened Vidhan Sabha on October 20 by rushing amendments to negate the controversial laws would be meaningless, claiming these would not help protect the interests of the farmers.

He said there was no point in meeting the President as the Governor had yet not signed the proposed Bills. He said instead of meeting the President, if the CM led a delegation to the Prime Minister, AAP would have agreed. — TNS



PPCC president Sunil Jakhar

### IT'S AFTERTHOUGHT

■ Hours after the AAP and SAD refused to be part of the delegation, which is scheduled to meet the President on November 5, PPCC president Sunil Jakhar termed the move an afterthought, saying they had agreed to be part of it when all MLAs had gone to meet the Governor

■ Jakhar accused both parties of indulging in politics on the issue of farm Bills.

He said the BJP was successful in tearing the unity among Punjab's political parties. The Opposition has termed the move to meet the President over the Bills a mere formality

## PRTC staff protest labour law changes, privatisation

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 31

Members of the PRTC Employees' Union staged a protest outside the city bus stand area here today and raised slogans against the government for amending labour laws and privatising various sectors.

Union convener Simarjeet Singh Brar said: "We will not tolerate management's anti-worker policies and will stage

protests if they do not relent and fulfil our demands. The Union Government is busy taking decisions that will lead to privatisation and give the control of public sector enterprises to private players."

"New amendments to labour laws will affect the workers adversely. We will extend full support to trade unions' call for a nationwide strike on November 26," he added. — TNS

# HEARTIEST GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF HARYANA ON THE OCCASION OF 55<sup>th</sup> HARYANA DAY

November 1, 2020



Haryana Government

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कोरोनामुक्त होगा अपना हरियाणा



# Unpaid dues, colleges may not implement scholarship scheme

Want ₹1,850 crore paid first | Seek clarity on fee-sharing clause

DEEPKAMAL KAUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 31

Even as the state government today launched Dr BR Ambedkar SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, colleges across the region are in no mood to implement the scheme. They are saying that the state government must pay them the previous balance of Rs 1,850 crore due for the last three academic sessions before proceeding with the new scheme.

Congress leader and chairman of the Confederation of Colleges and Schools of Punjab Ashwani Sekhri said, "All colleges want their pending dues to be cleared first before

## WON'T GO AHEAD TILL PENDING GRANT CLEARED

There is no point introducing a new scheme when the dues of the previous scheme are pending. We will not go ahead with a new scheme till the old dues are fully settled.

Charanjit Singh Channi, CHAIRMAN OF CT GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

getting any new scheme started. We may call a meeting on the issue tomorrow and day after and will take a final call after getting opinion from all members. A final call will be taken after the meeting."

There is confusion whether the scheme will be extended from the ongoing admission session 2020-21 or 2021-22. College principals are saying that

they have been hearing varied versions on the issue and there was no clarity on the matter even till its launch today.

If it gets implemented from the next session, we will not be in a position to accommodate Dalit students whom we have given free, provisional admission this year," said a principal of a college in Jalandhar.

Ironically, the scheme got

launched on the day when most universities, including Guru Nanak Dev University, have officially closed their admission for most UG courses. The colleges have been demanding that if the scheme is for the current year, universities should extend the date of admission and allow more SC students to avail the benefit. An extension in the date of admission will be in line with the UGC guidelines to keep admissions going till November 18.

College principals are also seeking clarity on the 60:40 fee sharing clause. They are saying if this sharing is to be done on government standardised fee, it might not be workable.

# Don't lodge FIRs in civil disputes: HC

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 31

In a judgment which is liable to change the way the criminal justice delivery mechanism is overburdened with unjustifiable registration of FIRs in civil disputes, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the police department "at the appropriate level" to look into the matter before taking remedial steps.

"It is being noticed that in a number of cases involving pure and simple money recovery, specific performance issues or such matters, FIRs are being registered by the police authorities. In order to avoid harassment in the matters involving civil disputes, it is the need of the hour that the police department at the appropriate level looks into the



## BEING PAINTED AS CRIMINAL ACTS

- The direction came after the Bench took cognisance of the prevailing tendency to paint civil disputes as criminal acts
- As of now, 6,21,162 cases are pending before the HC

process of registering FIRs, especially in matters having tone of a civil dispute," Justice Avneesh Jhingan asserted.

The direction by Justice Jhingan came after the Bench took cognisance of the prevailing tendency to paint civil disputes as criminal acts. As of now, 6,21,162 cases are pending before the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Of the total, the number of pending criminal cases is 2,53,808. Though the exact number of

cases with criminal complexion having civil overtones is hard to compute, it is believed that the figure is substantive.

Justice Jhingan asserted the endeavour was to somehow wriggle the other party in the criminal proceedings for applying pressure to settle the issue. The alternative route adopted was considered to be a shortcut to civil litigation.

Justice Jhingan said such tendencies had been deprecated by the apex court. The distinction between the civil dispute and criminal proceeding was no longer res integra or a case or a question that had not been examined. In fact, various apex court judgments had dealt with the issue. "Without making any further comments, it is expected that the matter would be looked into and necessary steps would be taken," Justice Jhingan asserted. The matter was brought to the HC's notice after an accused filed an anticipatory bail plea in a cheating and criminal breach of trust case registered on February 21 under Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC.

The Bench was told that an agreement to sell was entered for a property, which was sub-judice and the complainant was being deprived of his money. Allowing the plea, Justice Jhingan asserted the matter had traits of a civil dispute.

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**MAJOR ONLINE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Date / Time	Online Event / Activity	Controlling Department and Centre	Youtube Channel / Facebook Page / Online link
6/11/2020 and 7/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Two days Webinar: 'Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji: Jiwan Darshan ate Bani'	Prof. Harbans Singh Department of Encyclopedia of Sikhism, Punjabi University, Patiala and Dr. Balbir Singh Sahit Kendra, Dehradun	6/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/wjAoKpvpRNY">https://youtu.be/wjAoKpvpRNY</a> 7/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/-LeDw2ARFrc">https://youtu.be/-LeDw2ARFrc</a>
9/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Webinar on 'Raga Sarang: Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Bani's Perspective'	Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Punjabi University, Patiala	<a href="https://youtu.be/ZQTgB74VKBk">https://youtu.be/ZQTgB74VKBk</a>
10/11/2020 - 4:00 PM	Webinar on 'Message of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji'	Punjab Arts Council	Youtube channel and Facebook page of Punjab Arts Council
10/11/2020 and 11/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	National Webinar: 'Bani of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur: Ideology and Art of Poetry'	Department of Punjabi, Punjabi University, Patiala	10/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/X490MKla_z4">https://youtu.be/X490MKla_z4</a> 11/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/V5xFxa6ljQ">https://youtu.be/V5xFxa6ljQ</a>
11/11/2020 and 12/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Two days webinar: 'Martyrdom: Doctrine and Experience'	Department of Guru Gobind Singh Religious Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala	11/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/8TfUVGjxQ">https://youtu.be/8TfUVGjxQ</a> 12/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/XbDFIAM2u0s">https://youtu.be/XbDFIAM2u0s</a>
14/11/2020 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM	Online Lecture	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	<a href="https://meet.google.com/vzw-yxst-qpv">https://meet.google.com/vzw-yxst-qpv</a>
18/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Webinar	North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala	Youtube channel and Facebook page of NZCC, Patiala
18/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Webinar on 'Raga Jaijavanti: Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Bani Perspective'	Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Punjabi University, Patiala	<a href="https://youtu.be/ZBDkiQRXFRI">https://youtu.be/ZBDkiQRXFRI</a>
24/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Webinar on 'Contribution of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur towards Gurmat Sangeet Tradition'	Department of Gurmat Sangeet, Punjabi University, Patiala	<a href="https://youtu.be/Tv89CMeuJRM">https://youtu.be/Tv89CMeuJRM</a>
25/11/2020 and 26/11/2020 - 11:00 AM	Two days Webinar on 'Message of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur and Sufi Heritage'	Baba Farid Centre for Sufi's Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala	25/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/27iqBDkMRho">https://youtu.be/27iqBDkMRho</a> 26/11/2020 - <a href="https://youtu.be/8HpAkhiCN14">https://youtu.be/8HpAkhiCN14</a>
25/11/2020 - 4:00 PM	Symposium on 'Philosophical Legacy of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji'	Punjab Sahit Akademi	Youtube channel and Facebook page of Punjab Arts Council
28/11/2020 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Vidyaarthi Kirtan Darbar	Ishmeet Singh Music Institute, Ludhiana	Youtube channel of Ishmeet Singh Music Institute







# MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

## JAT SIKH

**Seeking professional Jatt Sikh match for our daughter, born May 1990, 5'-4". Dentist in NYC. Well settled family in US for last forty years. Send complete particulars: WhatsApp: +1 (908) 482-9000, +1 (908) 339-1430. (CL20052648)**

**Very beautiful, fair, slim, Bawa Veragi, 30, 5'-4", Professor, IELTS GT 7 Bands girl. Wants well settled (PR) abroad boy. Only upper caste. 98887-38006 (CL20059319)**

**Jat Sikh family in UK seek handsome Graduate boy for their 19 year old girl starting her Doctor/PF Medicine Course, 5'-9", tall, she is beautiful. Reply to Email: rksgurp17@gmail.com (CL20035697)**

**Well settled Mohali/ Canada based Jat Sikh Dhalwai family, looking for well qualified professional Canadian/ US Citizen or PR boy from sound established family for their beautiful, Nov. 1993, 5'-7", Canadian citizen, BBA/ B.Com PM daughter. Contact with Complete details/ Photo. 98888-72878. (CL20045572)**

**NRI match for Dhilloi girl, 5'-4", 16 Aug. 1988, qualification, M.Sc in Computer, father retired, elder sister married (USA), bro married (Newzealand citizen). Ph: 96176-2825, WhatsApp: 82219-44216. (CL20048777)**

**PQJ Jatt Sikh match from well established family for fair and slim Canadian Permanent Resident Girl (29Y, 5'-5"), Masters in Mathematics from PU Chandigarh Campus. Currently pursuing B.Ed from University of Alberta. Father and Mother retired Education Officers. Contact with recent photographs at +9188476-96603 (CL20053875)**

**Professionally qualified/ Civil Services match for tall, slim and beautiful Jat Sikh girl, 88/ 5'-7", MDS (Endodontics). Father Senior Manager Bank retd. Mother Professor retd. Contact No. 9877-70262. (CL20056500)**

**Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh girl, 1990, 5'-3", M.Com, Ph.D. with 10 years US multiple Visa. Only Jat Sikh matches preferably from abroad. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 9814040089. (CL20056504)**

**Match for Jat-Sikh Sandhu 25/5'-3" girl, on work permit after PG Accounting study in Canada, B.Com. India. From BC Canada or California USA preferred. Contact: whatssapp 9814431267. (CL20056510)**

**Jat Sikh girl 25yrs BVS& AH (Veterinary Doctor) currently doing master from GADVASU Ludhiana University. Height 5'-8", Dr. Engineer or reputed Govt officer may apply. Dr Engineer in USA or Canada can also apply. residence of Amritsar, Jalandhar or Hoshiarpur will be given priority what's app no 88720-05738 (CL20056543)**

**Dec. 88, 5'-4", M.Tech, Team-Lead in MNC, package 14+ lakhs parents retired based Amritsar. 84270-01220. (CL20056528)**

**Suitable match for Jatt Sikh girl Govt. Bank PO born 1988/ 5'-3", from Ropar 94176-47352. (CL20056752)**

**Non-drinker, Vegetarian, equally qualified Australian/ Newzealand/ Canadian match for 5'-8" / 1991, MD Doctor. 98789-60578. (CL20056865)**

**Match for Jat Sikh girl 34 yrs, 5'-3", B.Sc., PGDCA, MBA, own business, greater Mohali. 98761-21361. (CL20056866)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh divorcee (issueless) girl, 1984/ 5'-5", Tech, MBA, working Chandigarh, package 6.50 lac, 98726-51783. (CL20056925)**

**Non-drinker, Vegetarian, equally qualified Australian/ Newzealand/ Canadian match for their 5'-8" / 1991, MD Doctor. 98789-60578. (CL20056865)**

**Match for Jat Sikh US citizen 31, 5'-5", B.Sc. Medical. Pursuing Master HealthCare IT. What's App 12533262983. (CL20057249)**

**Jat Sikh girl 31/5'-6", B.Tech, working in IT Sector Mumbai. What's App: 99152-49202. (CL20057295)**

**Suitable match for Jatt Sikh girl B.Tech., Sept. 1992, 5'-1", Sangrur, Punjab Govt. employee as Senior Assistant Chandigarh. 94175-24855. (CL20057361)**

**Compatible match for 5'-6", beautiful, slim, attractive featured girl, BDS, MHA from Punjab Jat Sikh family. IELTS 7 Bands. Contact: 98140-88694. (CL20057426)**

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**Professional Jat Sikh match for beautiful cultured girl, working Software Developer USA GC initiated, Nov. 1985, 5'-3". Please share complete biodata with pictures, pqm1911@gmail.com 76278-48684. (CL20057246)**

**US based Scientist/ Engineer/ Doctor/ Student groom for Jat Sikh 27/5'-5", Ph.D. Computer Science student (final year) in USA, matrl1265@gmail.com WhatsApp/ Mobile 94635-79631. (CL20057546)**

**Reported Jatt Sikh business family seeks professionally qualified well settled match for their November 87 born, (5'-4"), beautiful, slim, cultured and highly educated daughter (Ph.D in Human Genetics from prestigious university). E-mail: jatinder.ranawha1516@gmail.com What's app: 9988051888. (CL20057567)**

**PQM for Jatt Sikh 1993, 5'-5", girl, only child, B.Tech (Panjab University), working MNC in Chandigarh, Chandigarh based well settled family. Contact: 70096-59413. (CL20057626)**

**Jat Sikh girl 1989/ 5'-5", Govt. job required suitable Govt. job match (Ropar, Tricity). 94176-53807. (CL20057635)**

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## MARRIAGES

## BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

**Wanted educated Jatt Sikh boy for 32/5'-6", slim, fair girl, Canada PR, 98142-46749. (CL20056730)**

**Match for beautiful, slim, Doctor Jat Sikh girl 1992 born, 5'-5", MD in Internal Medicine, working in USA. Seeking for I.A.S./P.C.S. Gazetted Officer or established businessman/ Doctor family from India or Abroad. Upper caste no bar. What's app: 88722-50022, 88722-50011. (CL20058003)**

**Jat Sikh smart Gill girl 1987/ 5'-4", MA, B.Ed., Private Teacher, Ludhiana, IELTS-7, What's app: 99442-7348. (CL20058005)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl 89/5'-6", on work permit in Canada. What's app: +917710426074. (CL20058006)**

**Defence Officer/ professionally qualified match for December 92 born, 5'-3". MBA, Jat Sikh girl. Working in top MNC. Father Army Officer. What's app: 99884-67277. (CL20059003)**

**PQM for Jat Dhalwai girl of landlord reputed family 13.10.1990, 5'-3", M.Tech., B.Ed., working in MNC Chandigarh. 94664-50072 Ratia. (CL20059006)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh, B.Sc Nursing, Master in Hospital Management, 26/5'-6", serving in Private Hospital as quality Officer girl. Preference to Govt. employee/ NRI & belongs to Maajha. 95922-74345. (CL20059014)**

**Canada PR Jat Sikh Deod girl 1992, 5'-3", M.Tech. (ECE) wants professional qualified and well settled boy from India/abroad only Jat Sikh and Malwa preferred. No bureau. 73472-40075. (CL20059019)**

**Teetotaller, cleanshaven, equally educated, Canada/ America study base/ employed match for Jat Sikh Canadian PR girl, 28/5'-10". (CL20059020)**

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**Match for Jat Sikh girl 84 born, 5'-3", MBA job in Pvt. company. Father retired officer. What's app: 97865-90351. (CL20058107)**

**Jat Sikh Sandhu Doctor, BDS, MDS girl, December 1989 born, 5'-6", working in reputed hospital. Looking for Gazetted Officer/ Doctor/ Foreign Jat Sikh girl, 98555-7611. (CL20058120)**

**Match for Jat Sikh girl 84 born, 5'-6", slim, fair, slim and beautiful, Canadian citizen, BBA/ B.Com PM daughter. Contact with Complete details/ Photo. 98888-72878. (CL20045572)**

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**Professionally qualified/**

ARORA

**Match for Sikh Arora M.Tech** working girl Jan. 84/5'-4", divorced issueless. Father retired class I officer Pb.Govt. 81465-86861. (CL20056727)

**Preferred handsome working in MNC, NCR + metro city for Arora Punjabi** beautiful girl 25.11.1987, 9:12 pm, Kamal, 5'-3", MBA, working in MNC Noida. 98125-23832. (CL20057519)

**Professionally qualified match for** beautiful Manglik Arora girl, 2.06.92, 5'-4", BDS, MBA, job Delhi family Chandigarh preferred job in Delhi NCR. 86998-12453, 86998-21131. (CL20057686)

**Arora girl 10 Oct. 1988, 3.10 pm,** Sunam, 5'-3", MBA, LPA 10 lakhs. 98723-32476. (CL20059138)

**Status family Manglik/ Non-** 26.02.1995, M.Com, 5'-1", 14.11.1990, B.Pharmacy, 5'-3", Kurukshetra. 90345-16008. (CL20058316)

**Suitable educated match for Hindu** Arora beautiful pretty fair complexioned pure vegetarian girl October 89/ 5'-2%", belongs to status family, preparing PCS and doing B.Ed. Settled businessperson/serviceman preferred. Diabetes from few years. 94171-06001, Jalandhar. (CL20058721)

**Qualified match for Arora,** Manglik girl based at Ambala, 07.06.92, 5'-2", 3.30 p.m. Rajput (Ph.). Banker, M.Sc., B.Ed. excuse the Marriage Bureau. 97297-44565. (CL20058818)

**Teeotaller match for Hindu Arora** beautiful girl, M.Com (B.Com, Honours), 5'-3", 26.11.1988, 3.55 pm, WhatsApp: 99159-51545, Tricity boy preferred. (CL20058859)

**Compatible match for Hindu** Arora Convent educated Advocate/28, 5'-7", LL.M, Fair, slim, Progressive girl parents Gazetteed Officers preferably Govt. job. Contact: saroj.s1958 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20057659)

**Suitable match for Ludhiana based** Thakur Rajput girl, qualified Computer Engineer, 1995 born, 5'-5", working as Software Developer in reputed firm, Ludhiana. Contact/ WhatsApp: 98554-55503, 97810-66665. (CL20057472)

**Match for Maid Rajput girl 5'-6",** 27.4.1996, B.Sc. Non-Medical, M.Sc. Maths, IELTS 6 Band, Wants Canada PR or willing to go Canada. Contact: 94176-39195. (CL20057650)

**SM for Jalandhar based Hindu** Kashyap Rajput Manglik girl, 94 born, 4.35 p.m. WhatsApp details @ 94180-8244. (CL20057981)

**SM August 1993 born, Himachali** Rajput Company Secretary Girl based at Delhi / NCR Area. Contact at 98112-97944. (CL20058019)

**Suitable match for US girl** 27.10.1987, 1.00 p.m., Rajput, 5'-4", Kundli must. Premkumar18@yahoo.com 98149-05818. (CL20059000)

**Arora beautiful girl 11.12.1994, 4.50** a.m., Amritsar, 5'-6", BBA, M.Com, work experience -IELTS Trainer-preferred serviceman. 98760-65160. (CL20059066)

**19.01.1982, 12:05 am, Mohga,** 5'-2", Manglik / Non-Manglik, M.Tech. Pharmaceutical (Bitt Pilani), working Gurgaon. 94177-03538, kumarprem.pahuja@gmail.com (CL20059157)

SAINI

**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: 98145-92158. (CL20057594)

**Match for Hindu Saini girl, 5'-2",** 29 Oct. 1992, B.Sc. Agriculture, M.Sc. Forestry, Ph.D. Forestry last year. Preferred Govt. employed boy. 94662-8937, 94677-03495. (CL20056611)

**Suitable match for Saini** Sikhi fair MBA girl, 5'-3"! 1st July 1988, born 8240-48050, 97945-21880. (CL20057206)

**Manglik/ Non-Manglik match for** Manglik Saini girl Chandigarh January 1986/5'-3", B.Com., ICIE course, MBA regular private job in company. Preferred clean shave boy. WhatsApp: 94644-02255. (CL20057489)

**Beautifully homely Saini Sikh girl** from high status family, 19.01.1989, 5'-6", qualified Clinical Psychologist. Seeking an educated and well settled match. Open to settling abroad. Preferably Sikh family. Contact: 98155-59536. (CL20057642)

**Looking for professionally qualified** match for convent educated Rajput girl, 5'-4", 26.03.1990, MBA, Assistant Manager in Centralized Bank. Upper caste no bar. Preferred Himachali. 94180-01288, 94183-11990. (CL20058203)

**Rajput (Kondal) girl, 14.9.1996,** 5:50 pm (Jalandhar), 5'-3", B.Sc. (Non Medical). DCA. Contact only Thakurs. 95306-50334, 94649-73376. (CL20058712)

**SM4 Rajput (Sapiye) Himachali girl** Anshik Manglik 15.3.1992, M.Com, 5'-2". Contact: 94659-73365, Jalandhar. (CL20058771)

**Groom for 5'-6", Sep. 1993, M.Sc.** Fashion Tech. Rajput girl, working in Chandigarh. Pathankot preferred. WhatsApp: 98143-26797. Bureau excused. (CL20057588)

**Required Himachali well settled** Rajput for 5'-3", 1995. Rajput Himachali girl. Convent educated, B.Com (Hons). MBA. WhatsApp only: 92187-40920. (CL20058880)

**Kashyap Rajput Mehra Sanwala colour, girl, 5'-1", 27.06.1986, BA, PGDCA, job MNC, 35000+, 97813-07689. (CL20058891)**

**Suitable and well qualified (preferably** Himachali) girl, 1990/ 5'-4", PhD (Biotechnology), kundli match must. E mail: mittlersingh@gmail.com (CL20059043)

**Alliance invited from educated** settled boy for beautiful, MBA, M.Phil, Thakur girl, 28.03.89, 5'-3", working in IT company, Mohali. 98728-09074. (CL20059127)

**General Sikh Rajput girl, 1986/** 5'-3", educated. Preferred Doaba cities. 78888-52383. (CL20056420)

**Manglik boy for Kashyap Rajput** Mehri girl 1994/ 5'-4", M.Phil, M.Ed. doing. Contact: 94632-94515, 94632-94214. (CL20059151)

**Match for Himachali Rajput girl, M.Sc,** 5'-1" 27 yrs. Government Bank employee Chandigarh. Father Gazetteed Officer. Rajput Bank/ Central Govt. Officer preferred. 98759-12844. (CL20059214)

RAJPUT

**SM4 Himachali Rajput (Kashyap)** girl Feb. 92, 5'-4", B.Tech., MBA, working in a reputed Company as Mktg. Professionals with handsome pg. Army Officer, IIT/ IIM/ MBA with similar background preferred. 72190-85890, 97170-35050. (CL20056764)

**Educated Sikh match for beautiful,** slim, Kashyap Rajput, 27, doing Ph.D, 5'-5", Army Govt. Officer preferred. 82210-54083, 99965-98547. (CL20054526)

**Suitable Rajput match for 39,** wheatish colour, B.A. NTT, pure vegetarian, divorcee, having no issue, homely girl, Chandigarh. 97798-02961. (CL20056525)

**SM for Himachali Rajput girl,** 20.10.1992, 5'-4", 5.16 pm, Kangra, B.Tech (ECE) working in MNC Delhi, father retd. Senior Government Officer, preferably Himachali. Mobile: 94180-49554. (CL20056746)

**Himachali Rajput girl, M.Pharma,** PR holder based in Vancouver, Canada, height 5'-4", Dob 03.08.1992, time 03:11 a.m. Preferred Rajput Himachali family. Contact: 87005-11051. (CL20056807)

**Rajput match for Himachali beautiful** slim girl 5'-3", born Feb. 1990, BA, B.Ed. 3 years Computer Course from NIIT, presently working in MNC. Preference Govt. services professional Defence, Doctor, Engineer. Contact: 87997-91929. (CL20056863)

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**Doctor/ IAS/ PCS/ High profile** match for Sikh Khatri Doctor MDS Orthodontics beautiful girl, 1985/ 5'-6", Doctors family, 98150-76770, dr.rajan@rai@hotmail.com (CL20056968)

**DM/ CH/ MD/ MS/ IAS match for** Saraswat Brahmin girl, has done DM from prestigious Govt. institute, 5'-3"! May 88 born, religious and calm nature. 9872073702. (CL20057065)

**Suitable match for Rajput Khatri** girl 1991, 5'-1", M.Tech. (CSE), Graphic Designer. Upper caste no bar. 94175-62188. (CL20057118)

**PQM for Hindu Khatri girl MDS** (ENDO), 5'-2", 8.6.1987. 94170-14266. (CL20058108)

**MD/ MS/ DM/ MCH match for** MD Dermatology 1992 born, 5'-6", Bansal girl SR at GMC, Patiala. 83608-84290. (CL20057236)

**Medico match for Doctor girl,** M.B.B.S., Bansals, 13.2.1995, 10:35 p.m., 5'-2", slim, fair, Ambala based Doctors status family. WhatsApp: 97288-86116. (CL20057304)

**Suitable Medico match for PCMS** Ravidas, girl MBBS 1990, 5'-7". Contact: 87290-72727, 94178-16100. (CL20058108)

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**Suitable Medico match for PCMS** Ravidas, girl MBBS 1990, 5'-7". Contact: 87290-72727, 94178-16100. (CL20058108)

**MD/ MS/ DM/ MCH/ MS/ IAS match for** Saraswat Brahmin girl, has done DM from prestigious Govt. institute, 5'-3"! May 88 born, religious and calm nature. 9872073702. (CL20057065)

**Suitable match for Rajput Khatri** girl 1991, 5'-1", M.Tech. (CSE), Graphic Designer. Upper caste no bar. 94175-62188. (CL20057118)

**Seeking Medico/ MBA Civil Services** match preferably from Tricity for convert educated Jat/ Khatri Sikh girl, July 1988/ 5'-3", MCA, Ph.D., working as Training Manager in a renowned hospital in Mohali. Cleanshaven/ Hindu no bar. WhatsApp: 97888-71294. (CL20056712)

**Match for Rajput girl 5'-6",** 27.4.1996, B.Sc. Non-Medical, M.Sc. Maths, IELTS 6 Band, Wants Canada PR or willing to go Canada. Contact: 94176-39195. (CL20057650)

**SM for Jalandhar based Hindu** Kashyap Rajput Manglik girl, 94 born, 4.35 p.m. WhatsApp details @ 94180-8244. (CL20057981)

**SM August 1993 born, Himachali** Rajput Company Secretary Girl based at Delhi / NCR Area. Contact at 98112-97944. (CL20058019)

**Suitable match for US girl** 27.10.1987, 1.00 p.m., Rajput, 5'-4", Kundli must. Premkumar18@yahoo.com 98149-05818. (CL20059000)

**Arora beautiful girl 11.12.1994, 4.50** a.m., Amritsar, 5'-6", BBA, M.Com, work experience -IELTS Trainer-preferred serviceman. 98760-65160. (CL20059066)

**19.01.1982, 12:05 am, Mohga,** 5'-2", Manglik / Non-Manglik, M.Tech. Pharmaceutical (Bitt Pilani), working Gurgaon. 94177-03538, kumarprem.pahuja@gmail.com (CL20059157)

DOCTOR/ENGINEER

**Medico Gazetted Officer Civil Service** for M.C. Plastic October 88, Goel, 5'-5", girl. Respected family. 94662-53418. (CL20056756)

**MD/MS match required for MD** IHBT/Transfusion Medicine fair, 1992, 5'-3", Ad-dhamri, girl, Jalandhar. Parents Govt. employed. Mobile: 9876188004. (CL20050021)

**Medico MD/ MS/ Civil Services** match for fair and beautiful Manglik Singla girl, 31/ 5'-2", MD Microbiology. Father Head of the department in Punjab Medical College. Contact: 94172-43263, 98888-71294. (CL20056416)

**Medico/ MS/ Civil Services** match for widow. Father retired. Mobile: 9876188004. (CL20050021)

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**Medico/ MS/ Civil Services** match for widow. Father retired. Mobile: 987618

**NRI**

HQM for 26'5"-8' Africa born, beautiful multi talented highly educated achiever daughter of Jas/Sikh Senior Defence Officer, working with Federal Govt. in Vancouver Canada. Email: gskpt@yahoo.co.in (CL20058852)

**Professionally qualified match for Canada PR** Sikh Tonk-Kashtriyia beautiful girl 36 yrs, 5'-2". MCA with distinction, working in reputed IT Company as Tech lead, handsome package, Issuesless divorcee, educated family. Brother and sister in USA. Issuesless or unmarried preferred. Upper caste welcome. Please contact: +919417199243. Email: hari.singh220708@gmail.com (CL20058867)

**Match for Sikh girl, 1990/ 5'-6", MBBS**, doing DM in Cardiology, well settled in Germany. Contact 9779702133. (CL20056721)

**We are a Jatt Sikh family belonging to a reputable family of decorated Defence Officers from Chandigarh, settled in Canada for the past nineteen years. Our daughter is Jan 1982 born, 5'-9", slim, fair and very beautiful. She received her education from prestigious convent schools in India and attained her Bachelors, Masters from esteemed North American institutions. She is excelling professionally and holds a provincial job as a Teacher. We are seeking a professional gentleman who is settled in the GTA. Please email at matridot@outlook.com with details for further communication. (CL20054177)**

**Match for beautiful Dhiman Brahmin girl, B.D.S., 31/- 5'-4", income 100,000/- per month, own bank building, 10 years USA & Canada Visa, PR shortly. Tricity working match of business family. 9417223496. Email: zdhiman@yahoo.com (CL20057592)**

**Suitable Match for beautiful vegetarian Punjabi Brahmin girl, 80 born, 5'-5", Postgraduate, settled in Canada. Preferred Canada/ USA. Parentsretired from Govt. service, Chandigarh. Call: 062489-30847. Email: shriman1147@gmail.com (CL20059226)**

**PQM 4 LLM, b'ful, Manglik Khatri girl, 30, 5'-2", wkg in Law Firm in Canada. Decent marriage, 78382-92001, sskbdhwar@gmail.com (CL20053560)**

**PQ Doctor match USA/ NRI for beautiful Lubana girl, July 1993, 5'-4", MD Radiodiagnosis from Chandigarh. Caste no bar. Contact: 94637-43086, 94637-43070. (CL20054870)**

**MBA HRM USA, 5'-5" Nov. 83, working HR Manager USA. US Citizen required. 99156-76738. ssawalia1953@gmail.com (CL20056731)**

**PQM for 1988 born very beautiful 5'-1", slim, fair girl, Canada PR settled, coming in December this year. Preference to Canada PR settled professional. Contact: 98968-60746. (CL20056836)**

**Match for Canadian PR Hindu Goel beautiful girl 5'-4", 1993. PG Acounts from Canada, working in Vancouver. Contact: 83601-45979. (CL20056852)**

**Mair Rajput beautiful Punjabi girl 1991, 5'-4", B.Tech, MBA, IT and Finance Regularly Punjab University, Chandigarh/ Canada ITA received through express entry/ PR expected shortly, looking PR Canada residence boy/ who willing move Canada/ Highly status/ qualified/ match preferred/ upper caste welcome WhatsApp: 80546-86933, 97808-79038. (CL20056877)**

**Australia citizen/ PR match only for Saraswati Brahmin girl, 1993, 5'-6", Australia PR, issuesless divorcee. Permanent job. Package 30 lakh. Boy should 6 feet. Marriage Bureau excuse. Contact: 77367-81678, 78376-77073. (CL20057116)**

**Canadian PR, 5'-6" 33 years, M.Tech, B.Tech, HR Professional Ramdassia Siki girl looking for a well settled and educated boy. Upper caste no bar. Please share your biodata and recent pics at WhatsApp: +91-99882-10507, 491-8728840901. (CL20057326)**

**Seeking NRI for MBA Graduate Sept. 92, 5'-5", Chd. presently working Dubai please contact 95927-91832. (CL20057654)**

**Match for UK (Scotland) settled Gupta Manglik girl, 5'-2", Nov. 90 born, pursuing CA (Final), doing job in a company as Auditor. Caste no bar. 98158-7551. (CL20057893)**

**Professionally qualified match for convenient education Saini very fair, 29, 5'-4", Indian born Canadian citizen Doctor (BDS) girl from Jalandhar preferred. 99146-65806. (CL20058008)**

**I, Reena Spouse of No. 13772723X. L/NK Rajender Kumar R/o Village-Sakori, P/o Chail, Teh. Kandaghat, Distt. Solan (HP), have changed my name from Reena to Reena Devi wife affidavit no. 06AA951985 dated 19.10.2020 before Notary Kandaghat. (CL20059037)**

**I, Anil Thakur Army No. 249263L, r/o Sh. Krishan Singh VPO Garli Sub Tehsil Pragpur, Distt. Kangra (HP), have changed my son name from Aniket to Aniket Thakur. (CL20059162)**

**I, Meenu Kumari spouse of No. 249263L, Hav. Anil Thakur VPO Garli Sub Tehsil Pragpur, Distt. Kangra (HP), have changed my name from Menu Kumari to Meenu Kumari. (CL20059164)**

**We, Rajiv Kumar s/o Banarsi Das and Renu Bala w/o Rajiv Kumar R/o 311, VPO Mullana, Tehsil Barara, District Ambala, declare in our daughter's (Shikha) school/ University records our name wrongly recorded as Rajiv Kumar/ Renu Bala instead of Rajiv Saini/ Renu Saini respectively. Concerned note. (CL20059135)**

**I, Shikha D/o Rajiv Kumar and Renu Bala R/o 311, VPO Mullana, Tehsil Barara, District Ambala, declare in our daughter's (Shikha) school/ University records our name wrongly recorded as Shikha/ Rajiv Kumar and Renu Bala instead of Shikha/ Saini/ Rajiv Saini and Renu Saini respectively. Concerned note. (CL20059135)**

**Suitable match for Arora Sikh Canada PR girl B.Tech, MBA, Dec. 1992/5"-3". Contact: 94175-31316. (CL20058754)**

**Suitable Sydney settled boy for Chandigarh beautiful Hindu girl, 26, 5'-2", Master Engineering from Sydney. Family from Chandigarh, Mohali. Panchkula preferred. 99888-77071. (CL20058760)**

**Suitable match for Bramhin M.Tech, girl, Software Engineer on Project at London, 26.01.1987, 5'-7", 6:48 am, Khanna. 94172-04142. (CL20058781)**

**Suitable match for Canada PR Jatt Sikh (Dosanjh) beautiful girl Nov. 1987/5"-5", BDS (Dentist), reported family. Seeks professionally qualified employed, teetotaller match from well settled educated family. 99166-73340, 98000-01228. (CL20058780)**

**Kabir Panthi Bhagat girl, B.Sc Nursing, 88/5'-1", permanent Canada (Toronto) likely becoming permanent Nurse required Canada permanent boy. 96466-50521. (CL20058781)**

**Suitable match for Canada PR Jatt Sikh** (Dosanjh) beautiful girl Nov. 1987/5"-5", Canadian PR and citizens are preferred. 98153-17658. (CL20058811)

**Suitable match for MBA, fair colour, Khatri girl, 90 born, 5'-7". Prefer Australia. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 97802-40290, cschiragsuri@gmail.com (CL20058853)**

**Canadian PR Arora Sikh Nov. 88, 5'-2", B.Tech, MBA, 100k package. Canada settled Software professional, MBA, CA etc younger sibling in bar. 98145-68663. (CL20058854)**

**Suitable match for slim, beautiful, fair Aggarwal girl 5'-2", 25.990. B.Tech, MS (USA) HIB visa. WhatsApp 9864-15629. (CL20058870)**

**Professional match for Canadian Citizen Hindu Khatri beautiful Manglik girl 24/5'. Preference IT professional or Doctor. Contact: 93178-0055, momsprie@hotmail.com (CL20058894)**

**A well established Punjabi family from Munich Germany, seeks alliance for their daughter 30, 5'-4". Degree holder in Computer Animation and Programming, working in a multinational company in Munich Germany. Looking for a well educated boy, degree holder in IT and settled abroad will preferred. 98155-89022, 70099-73720. (CL20058894)**

**Qualified well settled match for Sikh Professor girl Ph.D., 5'-5", Nov. 85. NRI preferred. bir2751@gmail.com 94646-27450. (CL20058951)**

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**Prime Location corner, 15 rooms, luxurious interior, hotel in Derabassi, Green belt, huge parking, for sale. 4.25 Cr. 98159-15130, 99154-86031. (CL20059194)**

**Prime Location SCO cum Restaurant, green belt for sale in Derabassi. 98159-15130, 99154-86031. (CL20059195)**

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**Planning new Business? We offer comprehensive solutions to business problems through distance mode also. Expedient Consultants, Panchkula, 98789-04347. (CL20056414)**

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**Company promoted by Senior IITIANS require partner with Ten Lakh to execute Govt. orders of Solar Water Heater for Himachal. Excellent profit. Cont. 99711-13838, 96673-56670. (CL20058932)**

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**Chandigarh hot sale 4 kanal, A-one location, Sector 27, 28 (Direct deal). Plot price. 98149-67149. (CL20056414)**

**Chandigarh 3 kanal house prime location, facing North - East, Sector 27, 28 (plot price). 98149-67149. (CL20056414)**

**Chandigarh more than 2 kanal (1250 gaj) liveable house, prime location, Sector 27, 28 (plot price). 98149-67149. (CL20056414)**

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**Ready to move 12 marla builder floors, 3 bedroom, hall, corner, kitchen, B-Road, Sec. 12, Pkl. Excellent construction, rare location. 98886-16111. (CL20058816)**

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**One kanal unique Architecture beautiful Bungalow fully furnished corner Sector-21, Panchkula. A.A. Property. 81465-45566. (CL20058896)**

**Saty Realtors 98151-56576: One kanal rich specifications floors with stilt parking Italian marble four bedroom and servant room Mansadevi Complex, Panchkula. (CL20059070)**

**Saty Realtors 98151-56576: 14 marla first floor with stilt parking lift three bedroom with servant room Mansadevi Complex Panchkula. (CL20059073)**

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**One kanal, 14 marla, 10 marla kothies new floors & duplex available in Panchkula. 98882-30444. (CL20059113)**

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**1 kanal single storey liveable house in Sector 4, MDC/ 12. Satya Estates: 99157-86900. (CL20059181)**

**Single bay second floor fully furnished pre rented for sale in Sector 5-MDC. Swastik Vihar. Satya Estates: 99157-86900. (CL20059186)**

**One kanal and 14 marla luxury designer floors with stilt parking lift and servant room in Sector MDC/4 and 7/8. Satya Estates: 99157-86900. (CL20059188)**

**14 marla brand new duplex with lift in Sector 2, Satya Estates. 99157-86900. (CL20059189)**

**(For sale) 10 marla duplex (4.5 years old) A-Road Sector-25. Contact 98886-56504. (CL20059204)**

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**(For sale)- 10 marla double fully renovated house (part-I) Sector 21. Contact 98886-56504. (CL20059207)**

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**150 Gaj kothi, 1½ storey, 3 bedrooms hall kitchen, false ceiling, complete woodwork, excellent design. New Mata Guiri Kharan. Going cheap. Sahab Realtors: 98764-27270. (CL20047909)**

**Mohali Showroom fully builtup, full or floorwise in Phases 3B2, 5, VII, X, XI, Sector 70, 66A, 82. Empire Estates: 97796-36055, 98159-50922. (CL20056517)**

**Mohali 1 Kanal B-Road, Phase 5, 4, VII, corner Sector 70, 3B2, F/park Sector 3B1, 69, X. Empire Estates: 97796-36055, 98159-50922. (CL20056519)**

**Mohali Showroom fully builtup, full or floorwise in Phases 3B2, 5, VII, X, XI, Sector 70, 66A, 82. Empire Estates: 97796-36055, 98159-50922. (CL20056523)**

**10 Marla Brand New House in Phase-2, 3B1, & 3B2. Orbit Estates: 9915534500, 9887997143 (CL20057376)**

**1 Kanal House Facing Park Phase-7 & 3B1. Orbit Estates: 9915534500, 9887997143 (CL20057396)**

**8 Marla Single Storey Facing Park Old house in Phase-4 and Brand New Triple Story facing park in Phase 3B1 & 3B2. Orbit Estates: 9915534500, 9887997143 (CL20057407)**

**Best location Sector-82. 8 Marla corner kothi for sale Mohali. 93161-19139. (CL20058664)**

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**Mohali nearby: Big size Industrial, Commercial Properties on wider roads for Multi-development activities. Royal Castle 98767-60000. (CL20058672)**

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**Showroom for Sale (Ground floor) Phase-2 Mohali. Newly renovated. Prime location. Owner: 9888170660. (CL20057579)**

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**Ready to move, 3 BHK independent floor in G-Block, Aerocity Mohali. East facing, park facing, modular kitchen, teak wood finishing, easy approach from Airport Rd, near market. Call: 98148-80880. (CL20057086)**

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**Mohali 121 sq.yd. landpooling showroom Ecocity-2. Marwaha 204, Phase 3B1, Mohali. 98140-10193, 98145-03193, 226509. (CL20057120)**

**Mohali ten marla single storey marble phase X, eight marla 1½ storey marbled Phase V and Sector 67, double storey Phase IV. Marwaha 204, Phase 3B1, Mohali. Phone: 98140-10193, 98145-03193, 226509. (CL20057123)**

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**Sector 89, Mohali: 200 sq. yards, East & facing big park plot on 80 feet wide road, excellent location, rare availability. Contact Royal Real Estates 98766-35100. (CL20057089)**

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**8 marla brand new duplex B-Road well maintained Phase 3B1, B-Road, facing park 2 bedroom attach bathroom with 2 rooms on rooftop. 98886-09028. (CL20057966)**

**Mohali kothi 8 marla, double, facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058536)**

**Mohali kothi 8 10 marla, Phase 1, 3, 7, 10, Sector 68, 90411-40194. (CL20058539)**

**Mohali 8 marla triple kothi full/ floorwise B-Road well maintained Phase 3B1, B-Road, facing park 2 bedroom attach bathroom with 2 rooms on rooftop. 98886-09028. (CL20058540)**

**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058541)**

**10 marla single storey North facing, facing park, 3B2, Mohali. 98881-33626, 78887-44701. (CL20058675)**

**10 marla single storey North facing, facing park, 3B2, Mohali. 98881-33626, 78887-44701. (CL20058677)**

**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058679)**

**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058681)**

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**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058685)**

**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058687)**

**Mohali 8 marla Plot N/W facing Sun facing East Sun Wind direction. Phase 3B1. Call: 90411-40194. (CL20058689)**

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# Spectrum



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## Flickering lights of DIWALI

**D**IWALI is the best of times — a time to celebrate life, to express the joy of living, to forgive, forget and come together, even if momentarily. A festival of giving, bonding, shared joy, marking prosperity or praying for it to Goddess Lakshmi. Splurging and socialising are defining hallmarks. In the corporate world, largesse rules, bonuses and gifts provide the comparative scale. Eat, drink and make merry — it indeed is the best of times. Just that it is 2020, and everything that could go wrong, has.

The shadow of pandemic looms large over one festival the whole of India, markets, the economy look forward to. Lay-offs, salary cuts, fear of losing jobs have all added to the lockdown and unlocking blues.

Despite the gloom, there is a visible buzz in the bazaars and lit-up markets, though traders say the pick-up in sales is below expectation. Many have not stocked up on Diwali goodies or have placed minimal orders. However, some are hopeful that shops would do better business in the fortnight ahead in the absence of Diwali melas.

People are afraid to step out or are doing



The mood is a tad upbeat, but the pandemic still sets the agenda.

Though the markets are alive, the festive buzz is missing. 2020 has enforced a new template on lives & livelihoods, but then, it is Diwali. So, will it be social mingling or distancing, or a mix? That's what many are undecided on

so cautiously, particularly those with young kids and/or old parents at home. And they are also clear about not exchanging Diwali gifts. There are others who may go for intimate gatherings.

### A CHEERLESS CORPORATE WORLD

The pandemic has not only snuffed out lives and livelihoods, but has also affected the gifting spirit and budget of many corporates. A private bank placed an order for 'Saregama Carvana Mini' as a festival gift this year for their high net worth individual customers. Last year, it had gifted 'Saregama Carvana' that was twice the cost.

Most of the corporate sector is likely to scale down on Diwali gifts this year, says a senior executive working with a private firm. However, experts believe the reduction in gift price would be more for outside vendors and partners than employees.

While many companies may not give any bonus or gift, most firms say budgetary allocation for corporate gifting this year will witness a cut of 30 to 60 per cent compared to last year.

### CHANGE IN GIFTING PATTERNS

The corporate gifting option too has been seeing a major change. Many corporates are opting for e-gift vouchers for contactless distribution. Other items for both employees and clients include durable goods, gold coins, cash rewards, dry fruits, juices and biscuits hampers, wearable fitness devices, etc.

"Many corporates are opting for local, customised gifts for their clients to continue building relationships when they aren't able to connect face to face," says Leo Shastri, director, Usha Exim Pvt Ltd.

As many companies have extended the work-from-home time period, they are also looking for Wi-Fi improvement



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products, range extenders, noise cancellation headphones, mikes, webcams, bluetooth speakers, laptop tables, white boards, flasks, masks and sanitisers as festival gifts for staff.

### FESTIVE PUSH TO RECOVERY

Navratras and Durga Puja not only usher in festivities, but are also catalysts for a productive business season. The sale of consumer durables and automobiles peaks around this auspicious time. The corporate sector is banking on it even this time.

"While festivities are low key, we are hoping that people spend. The recent green shoots of economic recovery give confidence that while subdued, it should be pushed further by the festive season," says Assocham's secretary general Deepak Sood.

### VEHICLE SALES DRIVE ECONOMY

Passenger vehicle sales across the country climbed 26.45 per cent during the year to 2,72,027 units in September, shows data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers. Last year, in the same period, 2,15,124 units were sold. Domestic two-wheeler sales stood at 18,49,546 units, up 11.64 per cent from 16,56,658 units last year. Of this, the motorcycle sales saw 17.30 per cent on-year rise at 12,24,117 units, while scooter sales inched up 0.08 per cent higher at 5,56,205 units. Also, car deliveries during Navratras saw a sharp year-on-year double-digit increase for most companies.

### TWEAKING CELEBRATION STYLES

Celebrations are in for some interesting

tweaking. People are scaling down or cancelling gatherings in view of the Covid protocol. Ludhiana-based doctor couple Dr Anshu and Dr Ravinder Vatsyayan have cancelled the Karva Chauth get-together, an annual feature for two decades now. However, the *mithai* shopping remains part of their Diwali itinerary. "I don't think that home chefs or home-made *mithai* will supplant the commercial preparations," says Dr Anshu, adding that people have had enough of do-it-yourself cooking.

However, for many health-conscious people, buying sweets from the market is a big 'no'. Sharanjit, a retired teacher, says, "For us, it will be home-made *mithai*. There may not be variety, but at least it will be safe."

Predictably enough, *mithai* sales are down this year, though Ludhiana's Manik Jain of Sharman Jain Sweets is optimistic, "The scenario will improve. Around 40 per cent of the decline is due to the pandemic, while 60 per cent is due to fall in income." Maguun Gupta from Khushi Ram & Sons sweet shop here says, "The festival season has just started. As of now, it's *pheniya, matthi, desi mithai*. We are hoping for a good response."

### IMMUNITY LADDOOS WOO BACK PEOPLE

Most owners of sweet shops in Jalandhar say their sales have improved since the Navratras, but are down compared to last year. Bigger sweet shop owners, however, have evolved ways to attract back customers. Says Ramesh Mittal, owner of Lovely Sweets, "Maintaining high standards in hygiene and proper sanitisation has helped us gain the confidence of peo-



### Glimmer of hope

In Chandigarh, at the Sector 18 market, the hub of electronic and electrical goods, especially Chinese lights, the footfall is lesser than before. Raj Mehndiratta of Raj Enterprises here is feeling the pandemic blues. "Looking at the sales at Dassehra, business during Diwali may be down by 30 to 40 per cent. Customers have slowly started pouring in and we are hopeful more will come for Diwali shopping."

At a nearby shop, 76-year-old RP Gupta of Universal Electric Company says, "We have been cautious in ordering our stock this year. The sales haven't been good but as the festival nears, people are likely to venture out and buy the decorations."

The pandemic, it seems, has been kind to some. In front of the Sector 20 temple, Kamlesh Bhatnagar (72) has been selling earthen *diyas* for decades together. "This Ganesh Chaturthi, we didn't expect much sale but due to high demand, we had to add more idols. The sale during the Navratras, too, was quite good, so we are keeping our full stock of *diyas* ready for Diwali," says Kamlesh. She, however, rules the fact that they don't get any government support.

### BOLLYWOOD PLAYS IT SAFE

For years now, Diwali has been a sought-after release date for big-ticket films. In 2019, Akshay Kumar-starrer *Housefull 4* might not have won over critics but collected more than ₹200 crore at the box-office. The trend of Diwali releases has been in for quite some time now. In 2012, Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Jab Tak Hai Jaan* had audiences turn out in huge numbers on Diwali day itself for the first day shows. SRK's most Diwali releases have had a 100 per cent success ratio.

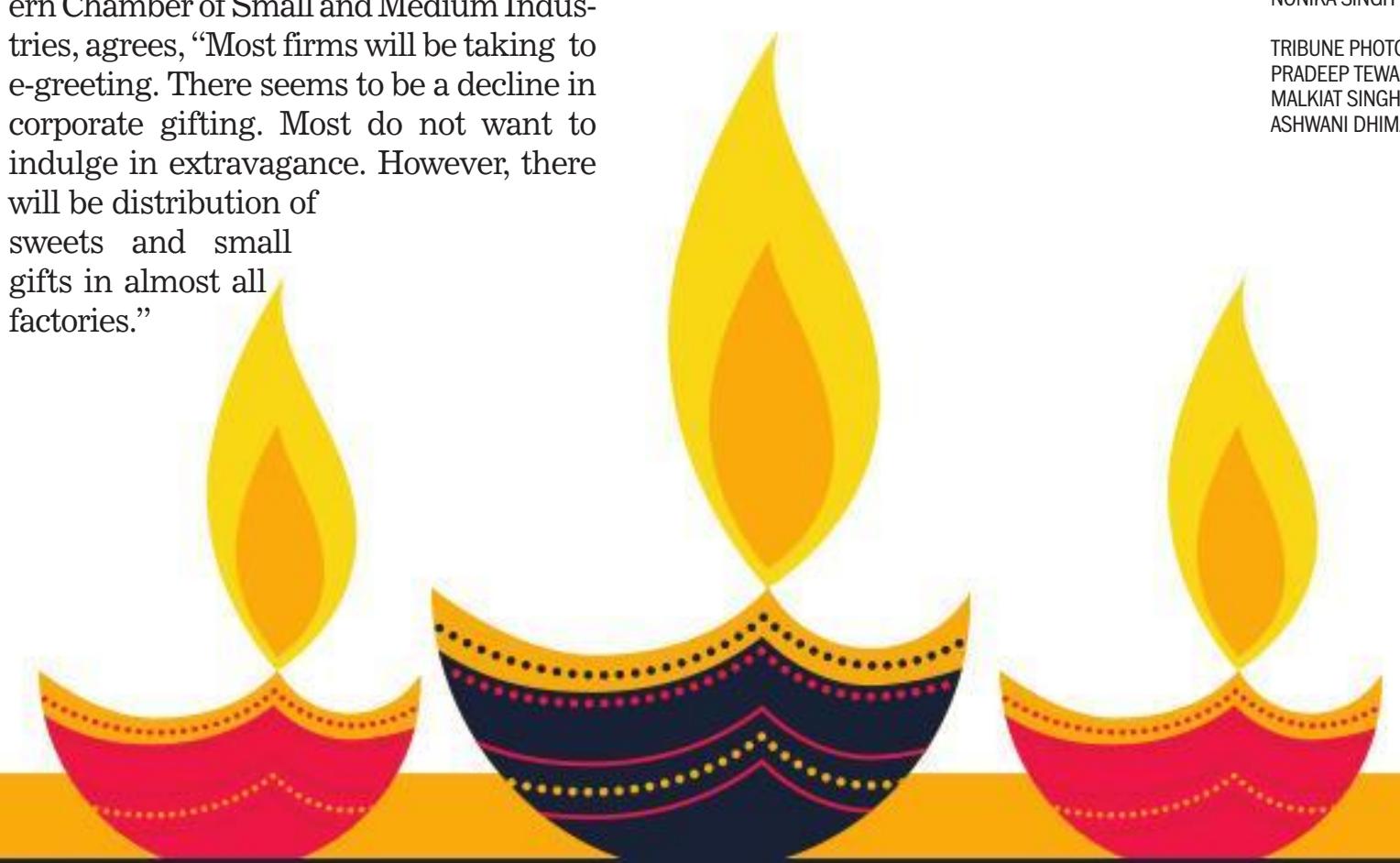
However, this year, Covid-19 has cast its ominous shadow on the entertainment industry, which has taken a big hit. Theatres were the first to close in the lockdown and the last to reopen on October 15. Since then, only rereleases have found their way to cinema halls. No big filmmaker is ready to take the risk. While two big-budget films, *Sooryavanshi* and '83, are ready, the directors, Rohit Shetty and Kabir Khan, have decided to play it safe and pushed the release dates further. The only brave maker has been Zee Studios as Abhishek Sharma's directorial *Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari* will be releasing on Friday on the eve of Diwali. Whether it will be able to break the box-office in slumber remains to be seen. Its fate could decide the future course of film releases.

Meanwhile, Akshay Kumar-starrer *Laxmi* and Hansal Mehta's *Chhalaang* are all set for a digital release this Diwali.

Business for Chinese and Indian lights during Diwali is likely to be down by 30 to 40 pc.

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# There is no zing without hing

With its distinctive flavour and digestive properties, asafoetida is indispensable to any Indian kitchen. From humble pickles to spicy street food, from Kashmiri wazwaan to Kerala's rasam — this spice is truly national in character, and will now be made in India



## FOOD TALK

PUSHPESH PANT

**W**ELL, if not all mankind, then food lovers in India at least can be put in two sharply divided categories — those who love *hing* and can't live without it, and those who can't bear its fetid stench that gives asafoetida its name. It was the Europeans in the Middle Ages that gave it a bad name by branding it the 'Devil's Dung'. But ask any hardcore *shakahari* who eschews garlic and onions, and you will only hear paeans of its praise. The 'aromatic' substance has myriad time-tested therapeutic properties — digestive, carminative, anti-flatulent... In case of respiratory disorders, it is prized in the kitchens of many regions in India.

*Hing* is a latex-like resin of the feral plant that is milked and dried to obtain asafoetida. Iran and Afghanistan are its main producers, but travellers have also chronicled *hing* sourced from Kashmir.

### Myriad uses

*Chaat* would lose its seductive power if *hing* is excluded from the moveable feast. *Pani puri* would turn insipid and chutneys and sprinklers would miss their zing. In southern India, *sambhar* and *rasam* depend on a tempering of *hing* for their characteristic favour and in Bengal, *hinger kochuri* prepared for festive feasts relies on it. It is believed that *hing* reached Bengal with Marwari immigrants, maybe via Bihar. The strictly vegetarian Marwari traders, who have a penchant for rich, hard-to-digest foods, find this ingredient indispensable to cope with the deep-fried staples prepared with 'heavy' lentils and *ghee*.

Elsewhere in the Hindi heartland, following the prescriptions of Ayurveda, people have used it in all recipes that have ingredi-



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TOMATO RASAM WITH A DASH OF HING.

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### GAANTH GOBHI FLAVoured WITH HING

#### Ingredients

Gaanth Gobhi (fresh and tender, small in size with untitled leaves)	1 kg
Green chillies (slit and deseeded, if preferred)	2-3
Hing	A pinch
Salt	To taste
Mustard oil	3 tbsp

**Method:** Wash the gaanth gobhi well. Quarter the bulbs and cut the stems. Don't tear or chop the leaves. Heat oil in a pan to smoking point. Reduce the flame to medium and put in the *hing*. As it dissolves, add the gobhi along with leaves. Stir gently, sprinkle salt and put in the chillies. Add a cup of hot water and bring to boil. Reduce the flame and simmer uncovered till done. The dish should retain a watery gravy. Tastes great with both steamed rice and roti.



### Historical roots

Historians believe that *hing* was brought to India by Greek soldiers in Alexander's army. This seems plausible. But, it is equally reasonable to argue that Indians had encountered it even earlier through their contacts with the Persian empire. The boundaries of undivided India extended to present-day Afghanistan and Iran where the best *hing* is produced.

The Greeks carried asafoetida to Europe but residents of that continent didn't acquire a taste for it. We hear of the good-old *hing* being used in rites of exorcism and sometimes for medicinal purposes.

Arguably, the most delicate way of enjoying *hing* was discovered by the Iranians. The platter on which hot kebabs were served was infused with the aroma of this noble resin by scattering just a few grains of pure asafoetida on it.

Recent plans announced by the government to grow *hing*-bearing ferula plants in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have made many people sit up and take a new look at this familiar ingredient. Most are

unaware that what we use in our everyday cooking is not pure *hing* but a compound — grains of strong stuff ground and bound together with flour.

Hopefully, *swadeshi hing* will replicate the tea story. Or will the geographical indicator elude us? The lovers of *hing* aren't bothered as long as their supply of high-grade *hing* remains uninterrupted from Kabul-Kandahar and beyond via Dubai perchance.

What we are sharing with our readers this time is a vegetarian recipe that allows *hing* to shine as a solitaire. We owe this to our good friend Rashmi Dar, an accomplished cook. This is a delicacy that can be enjoyed by all, including the weight watchers and salad lovers or soup addicts.

It's truly a recipe for all seasons. Some of our friends like to jazz it up by adding *bati* or tempering with whole dried red chillies. For us, however, it's sheer bliss playing an unalloyed duet with *hing*. After all, its many delights aren't limited to *hing jeere ke aloo* alone.

# Glass tempered for your safety



## CONSUMERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

I saw on social media, a shocking video of a glass door at a bank in Kerala breaking and causing fatal injuries to a woman who bumped into it on her way out, without realising that the glass door was closed. This has got me worried because these days most malls, retail outlets and commercial complexes have glass doors and sometimes you do not even realise that there is a door. How risky is the use of glass doors?

The accident at the Perumbavoor branch of Bank of Baroda this June was indeed tragic, but it need not have been so. If only the bank had bothered about the safety of its customers and installed tempered safety glass made to Indian Standards specifications, 46-year-old Beena Paul would be alive today.

The bank's door was made of annealed glass, which by all safety norms, should not have been used in the door. This glass not only breaks easily on human impact, but produces jagged shards that can cause grievous injury and death. And that's exactly what happened to Beena — the sharp glass pieces pierced her abdomen, leading to her death. If the bank had used third-party quality certified, tempered safety glass, it would not have broken so easily and even if it did, it would have disintegrated into small, blunt granular pieces, least likely to cause such injuries.

That should answer your question about the safety of glass doors — the risk of injury arises only when builders install unsafe, annealed glass, instead of toughened, tempered safety glass or laminated safety glass. Both are not easy to break and even if they do shatter, the former breaks into small granular fragments while with the latter, the pieces are remain together due to the plastic layer that is baked between the two pieces of glass.



Of course, just any tempered or laminated glass will not do. They have to have the required thickness and should have passed a number of safety tests such as fragmentation test, resistance to shock, resistance to human impact, fracture and adhesion test, etc. That is the reason why they should comply with the standards formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards and should bear the ISI mark.

Since 'walk-through' accidents involving glass doors or partitions or walls are caused on account of the see-through nature of the glass or in other words, the impression of unimpeded path of travel, it is also absolutely necessary to have manifestations to make the glass visible.

In fact, an important document in this regard is the 'Guidelines on the use of Glass in Buildings: Human Safety'. Drawn up by the Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS), a non-profit organisation, with active participation of all stakeholders, both private and government, the guidelines tell you what kind of glass should be used in certain critical areas of buildings to prevent injuries to users. The guidelines also tell you about the kind of manifestations the glass should have to make it visible.

# Living like a vegan

RASHI MATHUR

HAVING grown up in a culture where milk or milk-based products permeate every meal anywhere in India, people often confuse veganism as a dietary fad. Adopting veganism involves not only switching to a plant-based diet, but also abstaining from using any product that harms animals and environment. Definitely not a cakewalk, but a conscious cohort has taken the road.

Take, for instance, Jairoop Riar. Ten years ago, she saw a PETA video on the treatment meted out to dairy animals and felt compelled to turn vegetarian and stopped consuming milk. Over time, she has become vegan and has stopped wearing woolen and silk clothes. She runs a cloud kitchen, Forks and Knives, that promotes vegan bakery products. Similar is Abhishek Kaushal's story. He took up a course on Animal Ethics and was shocked to learn about the agony faced by animals for the sake of human beings. Last year, he too became a vegan.

### A boon for fitness enthusiasts

Roopika Dhillon, a CrossFit trainer, adopted a vegan lifestyle two years ago, and it has helped her improve her strength. "Contrary to the belief that we need to consume protein from animal sources, I have seen a drastic improvement in my fitness levels. Without meat, cream and cheese, health is bound to improve," she insists.

Veganism suits everyone, be it professional athletes or regular office-goers, says Vaibhav Garg, a clinical and sports nutritionist. On adapting to change, he explains, "It will not take the body much time to adjust when it is fed what is actually meant for it. We are herbivores and the human anatomy is in sync with this way of eating. The only problem that may arise is withdrawal symptoms. Otherwise, athletes/fitness enthusiasts can get enough protein from plant-based foods."

### Health benefits

Vegans swear by the positive changes in their life. Sakshi Aneja, a digital marketing student, has type-2 diabetes. An



On World Vegan Day, green guardians narrate their journey of change

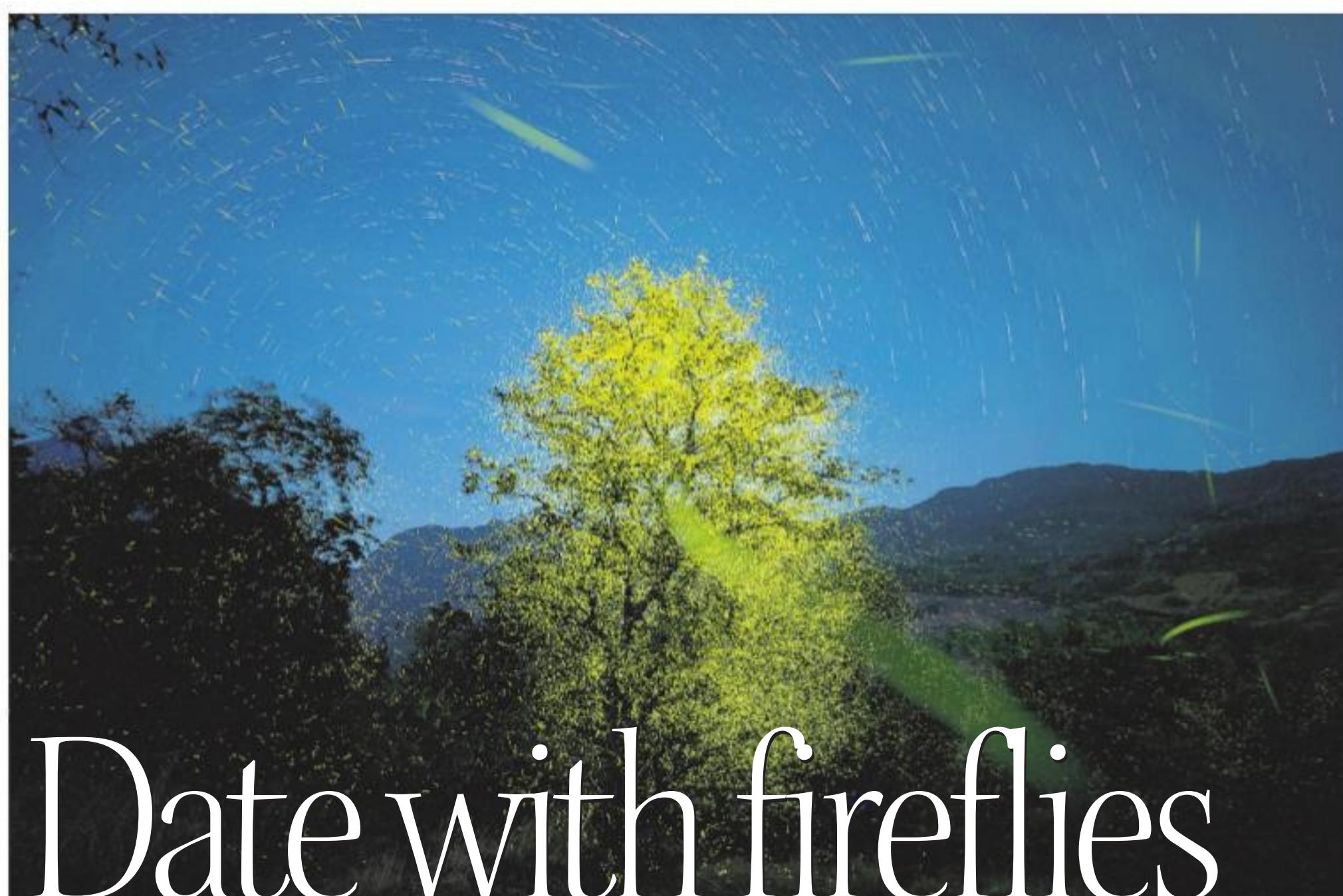
animal lover, she turned vegan two years ago. "Since then, I have seen improvement in my health," she says. Anil Kumar, who became vegan in 1995, says his cholesterol levels have been among the lowest since he switched to a vegan way of life.

### Changing habits

Prompted by a research project on climate change, Sakshi Chomwal, a student, last year made a New Year resolution to be a vegan and has been adopting it in a phased manner. She has given away her leather bags and belts. "It is hard when you want to eat out and are unable to find vegan products. Some restaurants customise food as per preference, but one has to be careful with the selection. Even the bread has to be yeast-free."

Abhishek misses roadside tea stalls and cheddar and mozzarella cheese. "I know the *chaiwala* will not use oat milk for me. Initially, resisting temptation is tough, but when you experience what switching from cow milk to plant milk does to your body, the cravings gradually decrease," he shares.

The capitalist society functions as per demand, believes Jairoop. She says that with more people turning to veganism, a lot of substitutes have become accessible. "Polyurethane leather and fleece jackets are widely available. People are experimenting with mock meat, vegan butter and cheese, curd made of soy and coconut milk. There are options galore!" she says.



## Date with fireflies

Competing against 50,000 entries from 80 countries, Aishwarya Sridhar became the first Indian woman to be awarded the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award announced at the Natural History Museum in London

PURNIMA SHARMA

**C**OULD it be true, I wondered," gushes Aishwarya Sridhar, 23-year-old wildlife photographer and conservationist, talking of the moment when she was declared winner of this year's Wildlife Photographer of the Year award announced by the Natural History Museum in London. Out of 50,000 entries from 80 countries, she struck gold in the adult category.

Against the backdrop of a dark night sky in the Bhandardara forest, a tree illuminated with the warm bioluminescent glow of fireflies is what forms the subject of Sridhar's prize-winning photograph entitled '*Lights of Passion*'. "Reading about them in the papers, I had been keen to capture the phenomenon that these tiny creatures offer for just a couple of weeks before the monsoon. It happens during their mating season—when the male fireflies emit a special light to attract their mates," informs Sridhar, who had trekked for about two hours in almost pitch dark conditions to reach the spot of her choice. "The area, we were warned by the locals, was often invaded by leopards, wild boars and venomous snakes, but we were not to be deterred," adds the young photographer and nature conservationist, who, through her work, would also like to focus attention on not just the beauty of fireflies but also on how adverse environmental conditions, cutting of forests and growing pollution are affecting their population. "And something needs to be done for them," she adds.

"Having seen and studied winning entries over the years, I had a hunch that this one might get selected," confesses the self-taught lenswoman. And it was the "third-time lucky attempt" for Sridhar whose entries in the past two years had made it to the penultimate round.

Sridhar's tryst with wildlife commenced from the time she, as an eight-year-old, would accompany her father for



(Above) Aishwarya Sridhar in the wild; and (top) her award-winning entry *Lights of Passion*.

nature walks in and around Mumbai. And her love for photography took root when she was gifted with a small, "point-and-shoot camera" on her 11th birthday. "That's when I started documenting the subjects of my choice—be it flowers, insects or birds. My first photo of the big cat, a tiger, was at Pench—with the same camera, of course," she smiles.

Besides bagging the Sanctuary Asia Young Naturalist award at age 15, Sridhar was soon giving talks on her experiences, and conducting campaigns on wildlife conservation not just in school but even on bigger platforms, including television. One of her biggest success stories was initiating efforts to protect Mumbai's 523-hectare piece of wetland in Panjé. "This was among many other water bodies that I had, over the years, seen getting reclaimed. So, I put up a petition to the government and managed to save this area's last abode of migratory birds—from flamingos to painted storks, red-necked phalarope (that came in after a gap of 15 years) and bar-tailed godwit—that come in from as far as Siberia, among others," informs the wildlife crusader.

After completing her graduation in mass media, Sridhar became even more determined to focus all her energies on saving and protecting wildlife and the environment. And she sure has a smorgasbord of fascinating experiences to share, including one of witnessing a tigress training her cubs to hunt and kill. "Waiting in the blazing heat of the sun at 46°C was no damper as we sat hoping for them to make an appearance anytime soon. That they were closeby was apparent—the excited alarm calls by langurs, deer and peacocks around were a clear give away. Finally, after a five-hour wait, what unfolded before us was this beautiful, unforgettable experience," smiles Sridhar. For one who takes delight in the rugged outdoors and revelling in encounters with wildlife, it comes as no surprise that clubbing at music soirees with friends is nowhere on her priority list. "For me, this is real chilling out," she laughs.

Having been confined to her home like the rest of the world, courtesy Covid-19, Sridhar is keeping her fingers crossed for the situation to ease out soon. "I wish this wasn't happening but some things are beyond our control," she says matter-of-factly but rues missing out not just on precious moments out in the wild but also the award ceremony at the NHML. "I would have loved to be there to personally collect the award but instead had to be content with the virtual ceremony," she smiles. "But of course, there's always a next time."

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**How is working in the industry different from when you started?**

There are more resources to learn things today—you can pick up any skill through a YouTube tutorial. Back then, we only had a couple of books and articles. It was largely trial and error. Help was limited to your team or company. Today, you can reach out to people across the country as well as internationally. It took me 14 years to get where I am, but today, someone good can progress that much in five to six years.

**Gamergate highlighted misogyny in the gaming industry at a global level. Has there been similar harassment of female professionals in India?**



Poornima Seetharaman; and (below) with her team.



I have faced harassment, although it wasn't that extreme. That is also because I had amazing colleagues who helped me. But I have heard many horror stories. I have also experienced interview bias. A friend and I interviewed for the same position and the questions we were asked were different. Leadership roles usually go to men. I remember once when a new management role had opened up, a guy was selected. When I approached the top brass, they said, "We didn't know you were interested in that role." Even though you may be capable and deliver results, it is taken for granted that as a woman, you won't aspire for a leadership role.

**How is diversity in teams helpful?**

While I could quote many examples, I refrain from answering this question because it implies that women and marginalised groups need to offer something extra to be considered for a job. Why should we bring anything extra as long as we have the same skill set as others? Nobody asks what benefits men bring to the table. Attributes like gender shouldn't matter as long as someone has the requisite skills.

**Where do you find inspiration for game designs?**

I find inspiration from a lot of things, but primarily from other games I play. I teach at NID and sometimes even the games my students make inspire me. Besides, movies, mythology and music too give me ideas.

**What do you like most about your job?**

I enjoy bringing joy to people with my games. Games are more than just fun. They can be a medium to bond with your family, learn new things, trigger thoughts, share meaningful messages or make a socio-cultural impact.

## The paddy conservators

Two farmers from Karnataka are doing their bit to conserve native variants of rice

BINDU GOPAL RAO

Did you know that there are more than 19,000 variants of traditional rice in India? And that there were lakhs of varieties of rice that have been lost? Well surprising as this may seem, it is true, and there are two Karnataka farmers who are working tirelessly to save the traditional paddy variants from extinction while adopting organic farming practices.

**Preserving for posterity**

"Our focus remains on reviving the 'lost' traditional varieties and my main interest is exploration of man's relationship with the land, food and the environment that surrounds us." These words on a poster with a picture of Bhattada

Boregowda, a paddy farmer who has set up a rice museum in Shivalli village in Mandya district catches your attention immediately. Started in 2009, this is the first rice museum set up by a farmer. The stairway to the museum has a colourful painting of Lord Balarama with his trademark 'hal' (plough) with the title 'Farmer's God'. Started by Boregowda, who is called Paddy Boregowda or Bhattada Boregowda (Bhattada means paddy in Kannada), the museum is home to a variety of rice variants. It also showcases some old farming tools in a large hall in his brother's house. The walls are lined with awards and citations he has received and there are placards that detail the name, crop duration, yield per acre and

season of the paddy varieties. The walls are beautifully painted with activities of paddy cultivation as well as ancillary activities like basket-weaving, cow-milking and the like. At one end of the wall is a massive painting that depicts a village that was executed by a Mumbai-based artist. "Once I learnt of lakhs of rice varieties that have been lost, I started collecting traditional varieties of rice and growing them. I felt that was necessary as the coming generations may not even know of the existence of these varieties if these are not conserved," says Boregowda. He currently has collected more than 210 traditional varieties of rice. "In 2018, I noticed a distinct ear of paddy that seemed like Sona Masuri which I isolated and grew separately. Then I cultivated it in smaller patches, got the seeds and was able to grow over two acres. The new variety is called Siddha Sanna."

**Live museum**

The Rice Diversity Center in Kirugavalu in Malavalli Taluk has been setup by another farmer Syed Ghani Khan. This rice museum is located on the first floor of his house and displays more than 1,300 varieties of native rice. Incidental-

## Game point

Game designer Poornima Seetharaman has become the first Indian to be inducted in the prestigious Women in Games Hall of Fame

SYED SAAD AHMED

**B**ENGALURU-based Poornima Seetharaman, 36, is the first Indian to be inducted in the Women in Games (WIGJ) Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame by WIGJ, a leading global force on gender equality in the gaming business, is considered the ultimate recognition for women in the industry. An engineer by training, Poornima joined the gaming industry in 2006 and has since worked on *BioShock*, *FarmVille* and *How to Train Your Dragon* franchises, among other games. Presently, she is the lead game designer at Zynga, a developer of social games played by millions around the world. Usually reluctant to put herself out there, Poornima nevertheless filed nomination for the award, and was selected from 61 top entries. Her accomplishment will put the spotlight on the fast-growing Indian gaming industry. In an interview, she shares her journey, the joys of her job and the challenges she faced. Excerpts:

**What are your earliest memories of video games?**

My earliest memories are of Nintendo and Game Boy clones, playing *Mario*, *Duck Hunt*, *Tetris*, etc. My interest in games developed when my parents bought me a PC for academic purpose, and my friends introduced me to *Age of Empires II* (*AoE*) and *Warcraft III*.

**When did you realise you wanted to make a career in gaming?**

In college, I used to design AoE campaigns (game scenarios). I enjoyed doing that, but didn't realise that was a part of game design. I played *Zeus*, a city-building game that piqued my interest in Greek mythology. It helped me realise that games are not just a pastime—these can teach you a lot and make you think. I started working as a programmer in a gaming company by chance and they had a game design opening. On recommendation of a college mate who was working there, I was given a month's time to make a game design document (GDD) for a game similar to *Neverwinter Nights* but for mobile. They gave me the *Dungeons & Dragons* manual. I fell in love with the game design. It took me back to the kind of fun I had designing campaigns for AoE. That's how I realised game design and development are my passion.

**How is working in the industry different from when you started?**

There are more resources to learn things today—you can pick up any skill through a YouTube tutorial. Back then, we only had a couple of books and articles. It was largely trial and error. Help was limited to your team or company. Today, you can reach out to people across the country as well as internationally. It took me 14 years to get where I am, but today, someone good can progress that much in five to six years.

**Gamergate highlighted misogyny in the gaming industry at a global level. Has there been similar harassment of female professionals in India?**

**CAPTION CONTEST 1279**



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■ Water safari—Vishally Seth, Amritsar

■ Emergency landing—Naveen Bhardwaj, SAS Nagar



# Coming to terms with death as final truth

PARBINA RASHID

**I**t is in the mind that birth and death, pleasure and pain, in short, the world and ego exist. If the mind is destroyed, all these are destroyed too. The grief will have no background and will disappear along with the mind," said Sri Ramana to a grief-stricken devotee who came to him after the death of his wife and children.

Since I firmly subscribe to the majority belief that "I will not die this year, in any case not this month and certainly not today", I find Ramana's advice difficult to absorb. The fact that so many 'wise men', who preach detachment throughout their life, but rush to some ultra-modern hospital to be on a life-support system when the end nears, has done nothing much to change my mind.

Arun Shourie makes a concerted attempt to change the likes of me by citing examples of the great men from history in his book, 'Preparing for Death'. He devotes chapter after chapter to describe the last days of the Buddha, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Ramana Maharshi, Mahatma Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave.

From their lives, he infers that "even the noblest have to suffer the afflictions that strike us ordinary folk, the



The book emphasises detachment, but leaves out an important aspect: conquering the fear of death. istock

broken arm of Sri Ramakrishna, the broken collarbone of Sri Ramana, the duodenal ulcer that plagued Vinoba, the cancers that ultimately consumed both Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Ramana. The difference is that they didn't wallow in self-pity. They strove on and reached unimaginable heights in spite of the afflictions".

What set the thoughts into motion for this book was Shourie's painful stay at the 'departure lounge' (read the ICU) after he suffered a brain injury. But probably the seed was sown long back by his father, HD Shourie, about whom he talks briefly.

After losing his wife, HD Shourie systematically reduced his food intake. Clos-

est to his daughter Nalini, he began to detach himself from her as well. He was active, both mentally and physically. At 93, he passed away peacefully, leaving a letter that read, "I have had a full life. Dayawan has gone. My time has come..."

His letter led the family to wonder if he took his own life. For, he had been a strong advocate of euthanasia and even penned down a book called 'Life's Finale: Voluntary Exit'.

HD Shourie's preparedness for death sounds more relatable than all other observations Shourie has based his book on.

Shourie discusses *santhara* or *sallekhana* mentioned in Jain scriptures, which is a form of voluntary

death. Jainism disapproves of suicide but approves the act when a person abandons all food, water and medication and lets life slip away. The practice was challenged when Vinoba stopped taking food, water and medication. A few years ago, the Rajasthan High Court was petitioned to outlaw *santhara* on the ground that it was just a way of committing suicide.

Shourie's intention is not to initiate a debate on either *santhara* or euthanasia. His aim is to help his readers come to terms with death as the final truth and he leans heavily on the spiritual path for that, so much so that at times his own voice is drawn in the teachings by the great men he has quoted so generously.

For instance, Shourie says with conviction that the theory of karma is just 'convenient fiction', because the 'entire theory always ends up blaming the victim'. But when he quotes Ramana on the state of a person before death — 'when a person gasps for breath, it indicates that the person is unconscious of his body; another body is being held and the person swings to and fro...' the oscillation between the two bodies due to the present attachment not having been completely snapped — a reader is clueless whether Shourie too subscribes to the theory of re-birth.

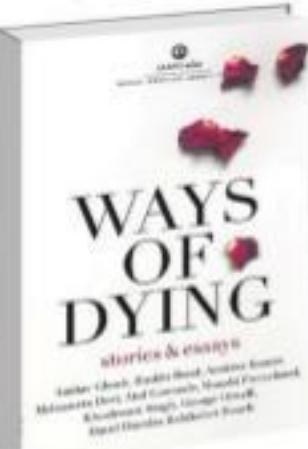
While the book emphasises detachment at length, it leaves an important aspect out when it comes to preparing for death — how does one conquer the fear of the unknown? Isn't it, in fact, the very premise on which religion is based?

## Gripping anthology

**I**n sync with the sombre mood that the pandemic has brought along, Aleph under its Olio series has come out with an anthology of stories and essays, titled 'Ways of Dying'.

This volume is a compilation of already published works by eminent writers like Amitav Ghosh, Ruskin Bond, Amitava Kumar, Mahasweta Devi, Munshi Premchand, Khushwant Singh, George Orwell, David Davar, Atul Gawande and Kolakaluri Enoch, but as an anthology, it can't get any better than this! It brings all the luminaries on a single platform, where they share their deep insight into the final truth of life — death.

While a reader moves from Amitav Ghosh's first-person account of the 1984 riots in Delhi to Ruskin Bond recounting the memories of his father's funeral, Mahasweta Devi's fictional account of the caste-related atrocities to Munshi Premchand exposing the hypocrisy of the rituals surrounding death, the attention does not waver even for a moment. Each write-up may belong to a different era, backdrop and style of narration, but the simplicity and honesty make for a strong connecting thread that secures the anthology seamlessly.



WAYS OF DYING:  
STORIES & ESSAYS  
Aleph.

Pages 124.

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## How nations frame synthetic narratives to cover up endgames

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

**A** FORMER spy chief writing on the framing of synthetic narratives to cover up sinister endgames might not have had a similar resonance a decade back. Fake news and post-truth were then not part of everyday lexicon. In a sense, this is an Alt-Check to all the talk about the joys of free market capitalism, freedom of expression, working class solidarity, and the various 'isms' while they cover sins of a deeper nature.

The sparkle in what might have been a dreary monotone on the various narrative factories of the world is due to the collation of evidence, peppered with references to some must-read books. The section on Europe seems too right-wing, but as events in France have shown, who knows Vikram Sood might be right; Muslim immigration from some parts of the world can never be successful.

The Cold War, where Moscow is to be blamed, did not actually kick off with Churchill's famous "iron curtain has descended" speech. It began a year earlier, on August 6, 1945, when the US dropped the atom bomb on Japan. The message to Stalin was clear — the US was not finishing a job. It was starting a new race in which it alone would be the paramount power. And that was not acceptable to the Soviet Union. The truth, as Sood brings out, is never supreme in matters of state. Accounts such as this, with folks like Sood presumably at the heart of it, vary from subject to subject.

Take the undercurrent of racial superiority, 50 lakh troops from British colonies fought in WW II. But in victory parades, not a single brown or black trooper gets represented. Islamists have been used, thrown, used again and discarded. With each shift of statecraft, the story is made to change. Then there are the 'useful idiots', from the left to the



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right, who parrot a thought process not because they are driven by racial or mercantilist motives, but because they genuinely believe in it.

We know for sure that Russia and China do not tolerate oddballs. The Western narratives have ensured that. But a fog remains behind several rather-too-neat closures such as the John F Kennedy murder case. Nixon on becoming President ensured the war in Vietnam did not just go on, but expanded, to the delight of the military-industrial complex. It has since had several reasons to be beholden to a different portrayal about freedom and openness while its bombs and equipment, paid for by the taxpayer, pounded hapless nations in pursuit of a pot of gold at the end of it for its corporate allies.

Scripts are routinely altered. From James Bond franchises to Zero Dark Thirty, the CIA looms in the shadows. The Pentagon makes available its material, and even men, at a fraction of the actual cost. But the script must serve the state. Some leeway is given. Operational mistakes or promoting a rogue agent narrative are allowed to make the end product more believable than the Russian or Chinese versions.

Through life histories of defectors and dissidents, Sood paints a compelling picture of the forces at work to rake in the moolah while justifying the process in films, media and documentaries in grandiloquent terms. The 1953 coup against an elected government in Iran to the killing of Gaddafi was all because they wanted to revise oil concessions given to corporates financing politics in the US and Europe.

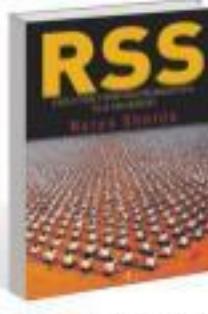
Now there is the emerging stranglehold of the corporate sector, actively pushed by US and British Cabinet ministers who turn businessmen when out of office to profit vastly from the policies they have framed. All this while, nations keep a close eye on cinema and media to ensure they follow self-serving history.

Like a life-long operative of the external intelligence agency, Sood keeps his gaze firmly outward, except for a brief chapter where he fixates on changing the impression of the Indian state never being in control of the situation. But the bottomline is that dissidence always has a red line and the mainstream will always be made to believe in the righteousness of its nation's foreign policies.



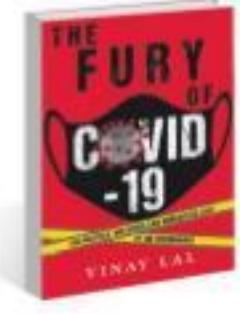
### BACKFLAP

**W**HAT makes the RSS unique, what explains its exponential growth? In 'RSS: Evolution from an Organization to a Movement', Ratan Sharda, an RSS member since his childhood whose doctorate thesis was also on the organisation, tries to provide a 'holistic' study. In his endeavour, he accessed RSS documents written originally in Marathi and Hindi. The book is the result of an insider's meticulous research on the organisation and promises the readers a historic, factual and authentic understanding.



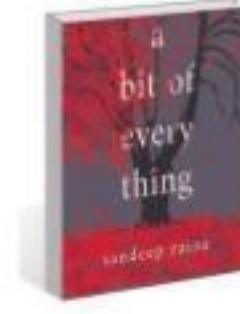
RSS: EVOLUTION  
FROM AN  
ORGANIZATION TO  
A MOVEMENT  
by Ratan Sharda.  
Rupa.  
Pages 408. ₹500

**C**OVID-19 has unleashed new forces, producing outcomes which are unprecedented. In 'The Fury of Covid-19', Vinay Lal, Professor of History and Asian American studies at UCLA and a cultural critic, gives a 3-D analysis of the what and the why of the global coronavirus experience. The book explores the economic, environmental, social, cultural, political and philosophical aspects and implications of the pandemic, and evaluates the fate of humankind and the earth in its wake.



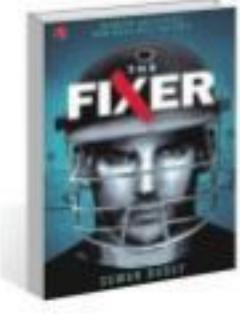
THE FURY OF  
COVID-19  
by Vinay Lal.  
Pan Macmillan.  
Pages 300. ₹599

**V**IOLENCE of a land tears apart the everyday lives of its people. That is the truth of Kashmiris across religions. Forced away from his hometown, Rahul spends six punishing summers in a sweltering Delhi barsati. Unable to push back his memories and longing for Kashmir, he flees once again, this time to England. But a series of bombings in London blasts Kashmir right back into his life. Having left the Valley three decades ago, author Sandeep Raina's story lays bare a story so many are living right now.



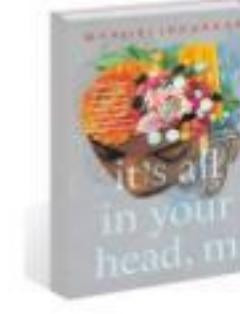
A BIT OF  
EVERYTHING  
by Sandeep Raina.  
Westland.  
Pages 264. ₹599

**N**eil Upadhyay was expected to become the next Kapil Dev. Twenty-one years later, haunted by the failures of his past, he plans to resurrect himself by building the best cricket team in the glitzy new Indian Club Cricket League. Cricket, crime and power dominate the plot of this debut book by Suman Dubey, who promises the readers a gripping narrative. A former entrepreneur, Dubey says his writings combine his passion for observing human nature with his zest for storytelling.



THE FIXER  
by Suman Dubey.  
Rupa.  
Pages 290. ₹295

**T**HANK God mental health is no more a taboo. People are sharing their stories in black and white and helping their ilk deal with their own fears. Manjiri Indurkar's 'It's All In Your Head, M' speaks to survivors of abuse, offering a tale of strength and resilience and the ultimate potion of self care: love and acceptance. The memoir is as much a coming-of-age story as it is an exploration of the author's struggles with mental health. Also a poet, Indurkar has often dealt with the issue in her poems.



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# A jalopy ride from Kargil to Zanskar in 1981



THE ITINERANT

NECHCAL SANDHU

Commissioned in 1979, the 240-km link provided a 12-hour bumpy motorable access for four months. The Kargil-Padum road is now National Highway 301

THE commissioning of the Kargil-Padum alignment in 1979 had remained a non-event. This 240-km link providing motorable access into Zanskar for four months in a year enthused none: trekkers frequenting this valley felt robbed of their exclusive visitation privileges, local residents apprehended disruption of their long-preserved and treasured tranquility, and government officials feared being pressed into undertaking journeys over this unmetalled track for developing this under-served area.

Succumbing to the urge to see for myself this sparsely populated vale wedged between the Great Himalayan Range and Tethys Himalayas, I set off from Leh with a couple of colleagues in the autumn of 1981 in what would today be described as a jalopy (a 10-year-old Nissan Patrol, manufactured by the Jabalpur Ordnance Factory).

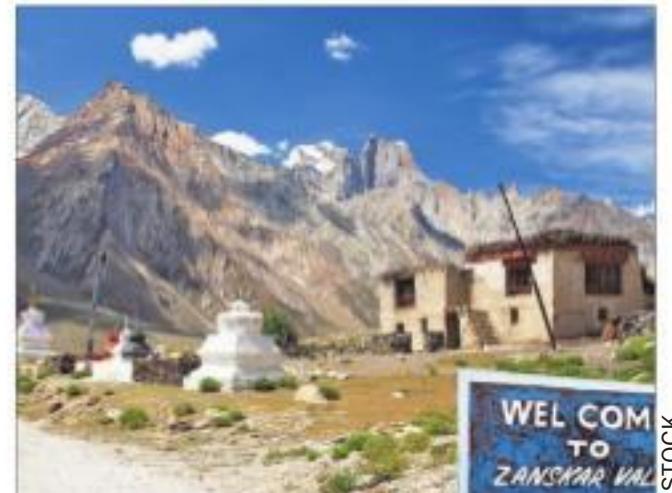
The journey to our staging point Kargil and the night there were uneventful. Travelling upstream next morning along the fertile Suru river, an obsequent tributary of the Indus, we were greeted by the sight of near-mature barley and buckwheat crops glistening in the early morning sun. The periodic narrowing of the valley as the stark Zanskar Range made

incursions on our eastern flank prompted apprehensions that we might be headed towards a desolate land.

Two hours and a half into the drive, having covered about a fifth of the journey, a treat confronted us. The 10-km-long Parkachik Glacier, hemmed into an arrow-like course by lateral moraine, streamed down northwards from Nun Peak, which together with its proximate twin Kun Peak forms a 23,000 feet high massif. While the lower Kun had been conquered in 1913, the more lofty Nun resisted three attempts until it yielded to a European man-woman duo in 1953. These sharp and jagged strobiloid forms in their effulgent glory are hard to miss on clear days during flights from Delhi to Chandigarh, Kashmir and Leh.

The ensuing defile relented at Rangdum, the seat of an 18th century Gelugpa monastery located on a sugar-loaf hill at 13,000 feet, which is culturally part of Zanskar even as it is 25 km short of Pensi La, the 14,500-foot-high col which is the gateway into Zanskar. Near its crest, this Pass conjugates with the snout of the Durung Drung Glacier, second in length to the Siachen Glacier at 25 km and at an average altitude of 15,600 feet, providing for a difficult route to Kishtwar in Jammu region.

The Stod, which originates here, remained a torpid companion to the



A village in Suru valley on the Kargil-Padum road.

descending track to the Padum valley floor at 12,000 feet. Named after Guru Padmasambhava, the legendary Indian mystic who introduced Tantric Buddhism to Tibet, Padum, perhaps the most remote sub-divisional headquarter in the then J&K, was a disorderly assemblage of basic mud and wood structures housing barely 500 souls. The senescent headman, who had taken time off from his harvesting responsibilities, welcomed us; he had his grandson strapped onto his back as he spoke with us. Alluding to copper sediments in the rivers in that realm, he held that the word Zanskar stood for "copper star"; "zangs" is the word for copper in Tibetan. Despite his youthful inter-

preter's efficiency in faithfully translating all that was said, the patriarch ran out of patience and soon left.

There being no government rest house, we were put up in modest private quarters. An unappetising barley gruel meal was consumed without demur as fatigue ensued from a bumpy 12-hour drive overwhelmed us. Right through the night, none of us took note of the persistent grinding noise of water mills. As the sun rose, the myriad stars embedded in a dark sky yielded reluctantly, and a clear blue sky took over.

With assignments accomplished in the afternoon, we went around with the interpreter and gathered that the population was 95 per cent Buddhist since the 8th century, polyandry was prevalent, and transhumance was the norm with many women and their children retiring to higher alpages in summer with their yaks, dzos and sheep. There, shielings protect them from the elements. This despite the higher reaches being the haunt of bears and snow leopards, besides benign wild sheep and goats. The lammergeier, the bone marrow feeding bearded vulture, was occasionally seen flying high above the valley.

The several centuries old Karsha monastery overlooking Padum and the distant honeycomb-like Phugtal monastery ensconced in a redoubt on the Lungnak

river have been a draw for Gelugpa Buddhists for centuries. These institutions were patronised by two royal dynasties, that held sway from Zangla and Padum for five centuries from 950 AD, until invaders from Ladakh trounced them.

The Stod and the Lungnak merge near Padum to form the Zanskar river, which tears through the Zanskar Range in a northerly direction for a 100-odd kilometres before its conflux with the mightier Indus at Nimoo. In the summer, this river exercises its muscular turbulence amidst deep canyons. In winter, it turns placid as it freezes to become a 'road of ice' – appropriately dubbed as "Chadar Road" – on which people skate with loads on skids in tow in January and February on their way to Leh and other places in Ladakh. Travellers on this track say that everything freezes except tears.

Cut to the present day. The Kargil-Padum Road is now National Highway 301. A new alignment from Nimoo along the Zanskar river, for the most part, to Padum and then on to Shingo La (16,700 feet) and Darcha in Lahaul valley is expected to be completed in a couple of years, facilitating militarily significant all-weather access to Ladakh. The heavy traffic that will surely ensue will rob Zanskar valley of its innocence and disbalance its fragile ecology.

## Karuna, Isher & all other rockstars



Karuna Goswamy



Isher Judge Ahluwalia

I CANNOT remember another year when we have lost so many dear ones, nor one where we have been unable to console the bereaved family personally. Whether these were beloved family members or close friends, each death has robbed us of a very vital part of ourselves. Death will come to all of us, this is an immutable truth; yet, few of us are prepared to confront its magnitude when it takes away a child, a spouse or a dear friend.

The only human beings who fully understood the inevitability of death and even celebrated it are the Sufis and saints. This is why as one grows older, verses mugged up as tiresome assignments in school suddenly make sense. Among the poets I consider the most profound in this regard is Kabir, whose verses have been lent a mesmeric depth by the singers who have sung him. 'Ur jayega hans akela' (Alone, will the swan fly away) is often sung at memorials as a profoundly moving description of the solitary journey of the soul to its final destination. No one has sung Kabir with greater understanding than the legendary Kumar Gandharva, who created a signature style for these metaphysical creations, now popularly known as *nirguna bhajans*.

Many years ago, the India International Centre, where I worked then, organised a magnificent festival dedicated to various aspects of Kabir: his philosophy, his poetry and the musical tradition across the sub-continent that has carried his glorious poetic legacy in a variety of tongues, ranging from the folk dialect of Malwa in central India to the bards of Rajasthan who straddle both Islam and Hinduism, through Kutch to Sindh and beyond. In Varanasi, where he lived and died, there is still a community of sadhus known as the Kabirpanthis, who are steeped in his poetry. Kabir can also be heard in the verses of the Gurubani and many Sikh readers may be familiar with these as 'shabads' embedded in Guru Granth Sahib.

All this came flooding back to me as I remembered our encounters with Kumar Gandharva when he sometimes came for the annual Sangeet Sammelan in Chandigarh, organised by the redoubtable Khosla

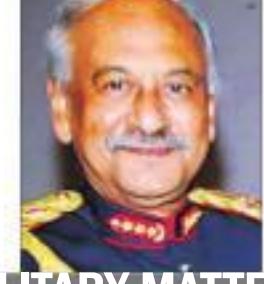
Saab, who has kept this annual tradition alive through decades. Held then in the peaceful surroundings of the Leisure Valley in those innocent times when terrorism and security threats were unknown, Kumarji always stayed with his old friend, Mr Marathe, and gave one or two private concerts to smaller audiences. I remember a joyous evening we spent in Dr BN Goswamy's home in Chandigarh when Kumarji agreed to come there for a dinner hosted by them. The taste of those stuffed tomatoes with *paneer* we had there is still a lingering memory. They had been prepared lovingly by Karuna, Dr Goswamy's beautiful wife, whose home-made chocolate ice cream was also famous amongst her friends. Karuna's beauty, charm, elegance and warmth — there is so much to

remember her for. When I saw her smiling from the obituary page, I was immediately reminded of her lovely smile when she greeted friends. I cannot imagine the Goswamy home without her bustling presence and dazzling smile.

As I recall Karuna, I am reminded of another life that came alive when I read Isher Ahluwalia's memoir, written just before she lost her battle with brain cancer last month. By now, much has been written about her academic brilliance and how she overcame immense odds to reach the very pinnacle of her career as an economist and policymaker. However, what drew me to her life is the quiet dedication with which she fulfilled her role as a wife and mother while handling her demanding professional work. There was no conflict, it seems, in her mind about where her priorities lay: first and always with her family. And yet, look at what she was able to achieve. I am more than ever convinced that Nature has made women capable to shouldering those responsibilities and roles that men are simply unable to. I often joke that there is a manufacturing defect in men that makes them incapable of multi-tasking, but I have never taken the truth of this lightly. When it comes to nurturing their families, supporting their husbands and handling a busy and demanding career, women far outstrip men. I have seen this in my own close family, in my mother and my sister's lives, both of whom have retained their own place in the world they have created and nurtured. Never did I hear such women complain how they do not get support or that they were overworked; they simply tucked their *pallus* round their waists and got down to cooking and cleaning as efficiently as they met deadlines at work. Such women are the first to rise in the mornings and the last to sleep. They collect the milk and newspapers in the mornings and lock up the house when the family goes to bed at night. Name me one man who does all this and still manages to smile, and I will eat my words.

So, to all such wonderful women it has been my privilege to know, a salute for a life lived to the hilt with grace and courage.

## The Tiger of 1 Dogra

MILITARY MATTERS  
LT GEN SR GHOSH (RETD)

THE Indian Army has one class of soldiers which can truly be termed "exceptional". These are the Drill Ustaads. They come from all regiments, but predominantly from the Infantry. After months of rigorous training and undergoing one of the most difficult selection processes ever, the handpicked few are then posted at the military academies. Headed by a towering personality in the form of a Subedar Major, the Drill Ustaads are the strongmen who literally run the academies. With the single-minded mantra of 'Drill, Discipline and Danda', their sole job is to convert young boys into men. Men, who, in due course, would lead troops into battle.

Several of these Ustaads go on to become legends. Sub Raghunath Singh was one of them. An experienced instructor from the Infantry School, and a war hero to boot, Raghunath joined the National Defence Academy in 1968 and remained as our Drill Ustaad in Echo Squadron over the next few years. He was a proud man. Proud of his lineage, proud of his *paltan*, the famous 1 Dogra, proud of his Vir Chakra, which he won in the 1965 India-Pakistan War. He was a great Ustaad, who taught us the values of 'Izzat, Naam, Namak, Nishaq'.

The story of Raghunath's leadership during the 1965 War is also quite amazing. On September 11, while leading a depleted platoon of 18 men during the Battle of Asal Uttar, he came to know about a group of heavily armed Pakistani soldiers deployed in a sugarcane field.

Knowing he was outnumbered, the then

Havildar Raghunath, displaying great presence of mind and confidence, started shouting orders to other non-existent platoons to surround the field and prepare to assault. As he moved forward, he yelled at the enemy to surrender or perish. Amazingly, the Pakistanis lost their nerve and emerged with their hands up in surrender!

Havildar Raghunath, without firing a single shot, had captured the top leadership of Pakistan's 4th Cavalry, including the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Nazir Ahmed, three officers and 17 men. Without their leadership, the entire armoured regiment was left *hors de combat*.

For this act of gallantry and his stellar leadership in battle, Raghunath was awarded Vir Chakra, while his battalion was bestowed with Battle Honour 'Asal Uttar'.

We, as young cadets, were enthralled with Raghunath's stories of the war. He never showed off, he never added "mirch masala". But we knew we were in the presence of a true warrior.

A few years later, we were commissioned and joined our respective battalions, almost straight into the battlefields of the 1971 India-Pakistan War. Raghunath, too, had been posted back to his battalion.

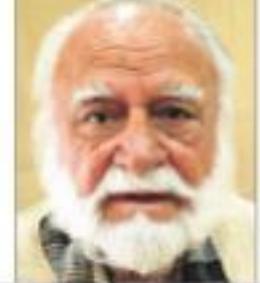
1 Dogra was part of the Indian offensive into Shakargarh bulge. On December 15, Sub Raghunath, with his Charlie Company, along with 7 Cavalry, was launched into an attack against a strong Pakistani position. During the fierce combat that ensued, Pakistani aircraft swept into the battlefield, strafing our exposed troops. A burst of bullets hit Subedar Raghunath on his chest.

The Tiger of 1 Dogra, the gallant Vir Chakra recipient of 1965, fell on the battlefield with the battle cry "Jwala Mata Ki Jai" on his lips, never to rise again.

Our beloved Drill Ustaad was gone forever.

*"As I lie on the battlefield,  
I open my eyes a final time  
To see my flag fluttering high  
I know that I've not died in vain"*

## Our abiding hypocrisy and duality, be it gambling, alcohol...

MY TAKE  
RAHUL SINGH

Covid or no Covid, you can be sure one Diwali tradition will be maintained with gusto — gambling, even though it is illegal in India

I BELIEVE we are the biggest hypocrites in the world. And our politicians lead the way in setting double standards. In a few days, we will be celebrating our biggest festival of the year, Diwali. Due to the current situation, the celebrations are bound to be subdued: less crowded temples and gatherings, fewer fireworks or, better still, no fireworks at all.

But Covid or no Covid, you can be sure one Diwali tradition going back to ancient times will be maintained with gusto — gambling, even though it is illegal in India. Hundreds, if not thousands, of crores will change hands at card tables, much of it "black" money. Most will be playing "teen patti" (also called "bluff"). Unlike Bridge or Chess, it is a game of sheer luck, and therefore comes under an anti-gambling law that dates back to the British days. Never mind that the British themselves got rid of it many years back and have legitimised gambling. There are establishments in the UK, like Ladbrokes, where you can gamble on virtually anything from horse-racing to the outcome of the US presidential election.

However, we, in our wisdom, continue with the old, obsolete "colonial" laws. The Sedition Act is another one, earlier used to incar-

cerate "natives" threatening the security of the State, which now comes in handy to put those who disagree with the government into jail for a long time. To return to gambling, true that Goa and Sikkim have casinos, but these are minor exceptions. Also, since horse-racing is considered a "game of skill", you can bet on it, at least in Mumbai and Pune. How stupid and hypocritical! And completely out of sync with the times. Anybody can go online and play poker on one of the many sites available. Is that illegal? Nobody seems to know. Why don't the authorities clear the confusion and make gambling legal? Every now and then, there has been talk about doing this, but nothing concrete has emerged. The result is that "matka" and other forms of underground gambling flourish, with no revenue going to the government. One pernicious effect is that when people get used to breaking stupid, outdated and impractical laws, they feel they can break other laws which are more important to our society's well-being.

Alcohol and sex come next in my list of hypocrisies. Here, I need to turn to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Though much admired and revered, he had two major faults (every great man has

them): his attitude to sex and to drinking. As he himself writes, he wanted to curb his sexual drive, which he felt was coming in the way of his main goal of achieving Independence for his country. For many, including well-known writers and philosophers, that was an eccentricity not to be taken seriously. Sadly, it was, ignoring the fact that our ancients exulted in sexuality. Witness the "Kamasutra" and the erotic sculptures in Khajuraho. I believe that in this respect, Gandhiji harks back to the puritanical — and hypocritical — Victorian-era values when sex was a dirty word. Hence, the duality and hypocrisy in Indian society over sex.

Ditto alcohol, even narcotics, by which I don't mean modern formulations like heroin and cocaine, but the good old "ganja" and "bhang", smoked and ingested for hundreds of years, without anybody making much fuss. Again, Gandhiji was certainly right when he said alcohol was often the ruin of poor families. But the answer is not prohibition, which invariably leads to a smuggling-cum-black-money nexus that sucks in government officials, especially the police. That's what happened in the US and is happening in Gujarat. Noble intentions that have not been thought through system-

atically can lead to terrible consequences.

Let me end with a more recent hypocrisy that feeds into the current climate of toxicity and communal hatred: the ban on cow slaughter. Every Indian has the right to eat what he likes. Muslims, Dalits, tribals, many in the North-East, even some Hindus and Sikhs, eat beef. By my estimation, that means over 300 million Indians, around the population of the USA. Denying them what they like to eat is discriminatory. And come to think of it, why should cows be protected and not buffaloes? Buffaloes are just as gentle and useful. Are they a lower form of life? For that matter, are goats and sheep a lower form than cows?

But that's the least of it. For the rest, let's turn to a recent judgment delivered by Justice Siddharth of the Allahabad High Court. While expressing concern over the "misuse" of UP's Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act against "innocent persons", he questioned the credibility of evidence submitted by the police in such cases. He granted bail to one Rahimuddin, clearly a Muslim, who had been arrested and kept in jail for over two months. In his judgment, Justice Siddharth revealed a shocking situation in UP: "Whenever any meat is recovered, it is nor-

mally shown as cow meat without getting it examined or analysed... accused stay in jail for an offence they may not have committed at all."

The UP government's statistics show that some 4,000 persons have been arrested in the first seven months of this year alone under the Act and that over half of those arrested under the even more stringent National Security Act have been on charges of cow slaughter. Conviction under this Act can lead to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh. Needless to say, virtually all those arrested are Muslims. The judgment goes on to relate the truly pathetic plight of stray cows, most of them abandoned after they stop producing milk or become too old. "Gauahalas do not accept them and they are left to wander on the roads, to drink sewer water and eat garbage, polythene... a menace to traffic, leading to many deaths."

This is nothing but hypocrisy and downright cruelty, with a communal twist loaded with hatred, thrown in. Thank you, Justice Siddharth, for your boldness and honesty. We need more judges like you to straighten out Indian society.

*— The writer is a veteran journalist*

**Indira remembered**

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra pays tribute to her grandmother and former PM Indira Gandhi on her 36th death anniversary in New Delhi on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

**No walkover for Tejashwi**

**HAJIPUR (BIHAR), OCTOBER 31**  
He is hopping from one region to another daily to drum up support for the Grand Alliance so that he could become the chief minister of Bihar, but winning his own seat won't be easy for Tejashwi Yadav, who is up against an experienced BJP rival in the Raghpur constituency.

A part of the Hajipur Lok Sabha seat, Raghpur Assembly segment in Vaishali district will vote in the second phase on November 3.

The 31-year-old younger son of Lalu Prasad had taken the electoral plunge from Raghpur in 2015, when he had barely reached the qualifying age of 25 for fighting polls.

He won the election and went on to become the deputy to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, whom he would call *chacha* (uncle) then, an expression of respect and alliance. But the alliance fell apart in 2017, and now Tejashwi is challenging his *chacha* for the top post.



Supporters of RJD with masks of party chief Lalu Prasad at an election rally at Bidupur in Raghpur on Saturday. PTI

Lalu won Raghpur seat in 1995 & 2000; his wife Rabri in 2005

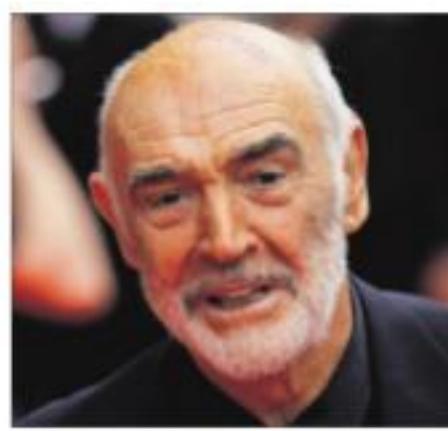
The Grand Alliance has already announced Tejashwi's CM candidate.

Tejashwi's main rival now, the BJP's Satish Kumar, had emerged a giant killer, defeating Rabri Devi in 2010 state election.

Kumar, however, had lost to Tejashwi in 2015, when Tejashwi was a nominee of an alliance comprising his RJD, the JD(U) and the Congress, while the BJP had gone solo. — PTI

**CM Yogi promises law in UP to deal with 'love jihad'**

**JAUNPUR:** Yogi Adityanath, CM of UP, on Saturday said his government would come out with a law to deal with 'love jihad' and used the Hindu funeral chant 'Ram Naam Satya Hai' to threaten those who don't respect their daughters and sisters. He said posters would be put up of those involved in 'love jihad'. He was addressing rallies in Jaunpur and Deoria ahead of the Malhani and Deoria by-elections. — PTI

**Sean Connery, the first James Bond, dies at 90**

Sean Connery

**LONDON, OCTOBER 31**  
Scottish movie legend Sean Connery, who shot to international stardom as the suave, sexy and sophisticated British agent James Bond and went on to grace the silver screen for four decades, has died aged 90.

His wife Micheline and his two sons Jason and Stephanne confirmed that he died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family. He epitomised author Ian Fleming's suave 007 agent in seven movies.

Connery was raised in near poverty in the slums of Edinburgh and worked as a coffin polisher, milkman and life-guard before his bodybuilding hobby helped launch an acting career that made him one of the world's biggest stars.

In a career spanning several decades, the British star featured in many critically-acclaimed and commercial blockbusters such as "The Hunt for Red October", "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade", "Murder on the Orient Express" and "The Rock".

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He first played the role of James Bond in 1962's "Dr No", followed by "From Russia with Love" (1963), "Goldfinger" (1964), "Thunderball" (1965), "You Only Live Twice" (1967), "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971) and "Never Say Never Again" (1983). Connery won an Oscar for supporting actor for his turn as a tough Irish cop in Brian De Palma's 1987 "The Untouchables". — PTI

**BRIEFLY**

**10% Sainik School seats for girls**  
Chandigarh: The Defence Ministry has reserved seats for girls in Sainik Schools. "One seat per category for girls is to be ensured. Ten per cent of the strength of Class VI or 10 seats, whichever is higher, will be reserved for girls in any school," a circular said. TNS

**Media bodies write to HM**

**New Delhi:** In a memorandum to Home Minister Amit Shah, the Press Association and the Press Club of India have claimed some journalists are being frequently summoned to police stations for interrogation in cases of arrests of their colleagues and made to wait for hours. They said scribes should be contacted, so that date and time could be decided. TNS

**Events to honour '84 victims**

**New Delhi:** Thirty-six years after the anti-Sikh riots, Delhi organisations have planned to conduct homage ceremonies for those killed in the carnage. The Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee management will pay homage at Bangla Sahib Gurdwara on Sunday. TNS

**CPM, Cong join hands for Bengal, Assam poll****SHAH TO VISIT WB**

**Kolkata:** In a filip to the West Bengal unit of the BJP ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be on a two-day visit to the state from November 5 to take stock of the party's organisational matters, sources said. PTI

"namool Congress," CPM chief Sitaram Yechury said.

The CPM helms the Left Front in Bengal and the LDF in Kerala. With the BJP bagging 18 of the total 42 Lok Sabha seats in Bengal in the 2019 General Election, the view of joining hands with Congress strengthened in the Left circle. — TNS

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 31**

Ending months of speculations, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has decided to have "electoral understanding" with the Congress for the forthcoming Assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam, due for mid-next year.

In Kerala, the CPM will continue to contest election as part of the Left Democratic Front (LDF), and in Tamil Nadu it will be part of the DMK-led alliance.

In West Bengal, the CPM and the Left Front will have an electoral understanding with all secular parties, including the Congress, which seek to defeat the BJP and the Trinamool Congress," CPM chief Sitaram Yechury said.

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**Mumbai win to put Delhi in trouble**

**DUbai, OCTOBER 31**

Mumbai Indians crushed Delhi Capitals by nine wickets in their IPL match here today, crucially ensuring a top-two spot for themselves for the knockout stage. With one match to play, Mumbai Indians are on 18 points, giving themselves two chances to make it to the final from the knockout round, in which the top-four teams would be in the fray.

Delhi Capitals wilted under relentless pressure from pace bowlers Trent Boult (3/21) and

**SRH BEAT RCB**

Sunrisers Hyderabad defeated Royal Challengers Bangalore by five wickets to remain unbeaten on a 47-ball 72. Delhi Capitals, who had won seven out of their first nine games, have now lost four on the trot and with only one match to play, they are in danger of missing out on the playoff stage. — TNS/PTI

**Brief scores: Delhi Capitals 110/9 (Iyer 25; Boult 3/21, Bumrah 3/17); Mumbai Indians 111/1 in 14.2 over (Kishan 72\*)**

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