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Rush supply: 5 states flag vax shortage

Centre says enough stock, in talks with manufacturers to work on easing situation

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10 As India crossed the 100-million mark in vaccine dose administration, Opposition-ruled Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Delhi flagged jab shortage, saying existing stocks would last only for a few days.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi accused the Centre of mismanaging the jab supply by exporting large consignments, leading to domestic shortage. Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh said the state was left with five days of supply (5.7 lakh doses) if it inoculated up to 90,000 people a day or three days if the target of 2 lakh shots a day was achieved. Speaking at a virtual Covid review meet, Sonia held with the CMs of Congress-ruled states today, Capt Amarinder said the vaccine drive in Punjab had suffered



People wait for the first dose of vaccine at a government healthcare centre in New Delhi on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

due to people's anger towards the Centre over farm laws.

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel said the vaccine stock would last three days, while

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot said the stocks would exhaust in 48 hours. Maharashtra minister Balasaheb Thorat said the state (which

PUNJAB JAB LAXITY DUE TO FARM LAWS

The vaccine drive in Punjab has suffered due to people's anger towards the Centre over farm laws. Capt Amarinder Singh, PUNJAB CM

HALT EXPORT, FOCUS ON DOMESTIC NEEDS

The Centre mismanaged the vaccine supply. We must focus on the domestic needs first. Sonia Gandhi, AICC CHIEF

MAHA STILL HAS 15.63 LAKH DOSES

Maharashtra received 1.10 crore doses. It still has 15.63 lakh doses left. Prakash Javadekar, BJP LEADER

INDIA NEEDS TO GROW FASTER

India, projected to grow at 12.5 per cent this year, needs to grow at a much faster pace to make up for the unprecedented contraction of 8 per cent last year. Senior IMF Official

VAX ONLY AT EMPANELLED HOSPITALS IN PB

India, accounts for 40 per cent of the daily cases) could inoculate 5 lakh people daily if the Centre gave enough doses. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said

they had vaccine for a week. Denying any shortage, the Centre said it was in talks with SII and Bharat Biotech to augment the supply.

India fastest to reach 10 crore inoculations

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

As India registered a record single-day spike of 1,45,384 new infections on Saturday, it achieved the milestone of administering 10 crore vaccine doses in 85 days, becoming the fastest in the world to do so.

"Strengthening the efforts to ensure a healthy and Covid-free India," tweeted PM Narendra Modi with the graph showing India's vaccine coverage. Maharashtra reported the highest daily new cases at 58,993, followed by Chhattisgarh (11,447) and Uttar Pradesh (9,587).

Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, UP, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, MP, Gujarat and Rajasthan have shown a steep rise in the daily cases, accounting for 82.82 per cent of the new infections, the Union Health Ministry said.

Ten districts—Pune, Mumbai, Thane, Nagpur, Bengaluru Urban, Nashik, Delhi, Raipur, Durg and Aurangabad—account for 45.65 per cent of 10,46,631 active cases, which now comprise 7.93 per cent of the total infections. —TNS

Daily infections at record peak of 1.45 lakh

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EC: Follow Covid norms or will ban poll rallies

NEW DELHI: Amid rising Covid cases, the Election Commission has flagged instances of star campaigners and political leaders campaigning without masks, and warned it would not hesitate to ban rallies if guidelines issued by it last year were breached.

In a letter to leaders of all parties on Friday, the EC pointed out instances of star campaigners and political leaders or candidates not observing Covid protocol. —TNS



PLA inflexible, LAC talks hit a deadlock

AJAY BANERJEE

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

India and China military-level talks have hit a deadlock. India has made it clear that pulling back troops from friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh could be done only after the Chinese army 'disengages' from areas like Gogra, Hot Springs and the Depsang plains.

India, China agree to maintain stability and peace on ground

So far, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China has been inflexible to this suggestion. As of now, the 'disengagement' has happened only at one sector — Pangong Tso.

A statement of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) today gave details of the outcome of the meeting of military commanders on Friday. "It was highlighted that completion of disengagement in other areas would pave the way for two sides to consider de-escalation of forces and ensure full restoration of peace and tranquility and enable progress in bilateral relations," it said.

Sources in New Delhi explained that until there was a timeline for the three-step process for pulling back troops, weapons and war equipment from the entire

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Five dead, political storm over Cooch Behar violence

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

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KOLKATA, APRIL 10

Five persons died, including four in firing by central forces, in Sitalkuchi segment of Cooch Behar during the fourth phase of polling in West Bengal on Saturday, triggering a political storm even as a turnout of 76.16 per cent was recorded across 44 constituencies.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought Union Home Minister Amit Shah's resignation over the killings while Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the ruling Trinamool Congress of perpetuating a culture of violence in the state.

Modi, who addressed two rallies at Siliguri and Krishnanagar in Nadia district, accused Banerjee of instigating people against central forces and said the problem lay with her politics of "rigging elections and violence". "Didi is giving instructions on how to gherao and beat up our security forces. She has

4 killed in CISF firing | EC gives clean chit to forces Mamata says Shah must quit | PM blames TMC



A man injured in Cooch Behar poll violence being rushed to a hospital. PTI

TRINAMOOL JITTERY

Mamata Didi and TMC goons have become jittery because of massive support for BJP. She is inciting people against forces. Narendra Modi, PM

EC BARS NETAS IN COOCH BEHAR FOR 72 HRS

stooped to this level as she can see her chair slipping away," he said. Making a strong defence of the central

UNPRECEDENTED

Shah should resign owning responsibility for the incident which is dastardly, cold-blooded and unprecedented. Mamata Banerjee, WB CM

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India protests US warship intrusion in EEZ

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

India has lodged diplomatic protests here and in Washington DC over the passage of its warship, USS John Paul Jones, through its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) without consent. India and the US differently interpret a key clause in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

India is among the group of countries insisting that its consent is essential for an

additional element this year is that the US Navy also issued a statement immediately after the passage.

The Pentagon insisted that Indian misgivings were misplaced, stating it was an "innocent passage" to assert navigational rights and freedoms. Interestingly, the Pentagon claimed that the passage took place through Maldives' EEZ without requesting prior permission. —TNS

Additional forces rushed to Bengal

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

Following violence during the fourth phase of polling, the EC has asked the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to rush 71 additional companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to West Bengal for the remaining four phases of the elections.

The new companies are drawn from the BSF (33), ITBP (13), CRPF (12), SSB (9) and CISF (4), officials said.

A CAPF company has an operational strength of about 85 personnel. —TNS

external military power to hold exercises, in particular those involving the use of weapons or explosives. The US, however, maintains that this interpretation restricts the concept of a free and open ocean, and needs to be challenged, which it does practically every year. The only



TRAFFIC HALTED: Farmers block KMP Expressway at Rewasan toll plaza in Nuh on Saturday. SCANDAN

Adamant farmers block e-ways

RAVINDER SAINI

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JHAKJAR, APRIL 10

Colourful tents, youths driving flag-bearing tractors with blasting music, local men in traditional attire smoking hookah in groups and women preparing variety of food items in langer at different points, such was the scene on 1-km-stretch of the KMP Expressway near Bahadurgarh on Saturday.

Farmers started the 24-hour blockade of the KMP and KGP expressways today following a call given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha to protest the farm laws

To lift the spirits of protesters in scorching heat, youths played music on tractors and women prepared a variety of food items in langer

tors and other vehicles in the middle of the expressways at 8 in the morning and pitched tents at several places to beat the heat. The dharna on Aasoda side (KMP) was led by BKU (Ekta) chief Joginder Singh Ugrahan, while activists of the

BKU (Rajewal), All-India Kisan Sabha and other outfits camped on the Mandothi side.

A majority of the protesters were those camping at Tikri-Bahadurgarh border while local participation seemed low as compared to the March 6 protest when farmers had blocked the expressway for five hours to mark the 100th day of their agitation.

Despite hot weather, there was a considerable presence of women, especially elderly, at the BKU (Ugrahan) camp. "We are here for a decisive battle and will go back only after winning it," said Jagjit Kaur, an elderly protester.

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Deserted mandis in Pb on Day 1

RUCHIKI M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

On day one of procurement on Saturday, Guru Nanak Dhaba at the otherwise bustling Khanna market, the largest grain mandi in Asia, wore a desolate look. There were no farmers at the mandi, only labourers, who had come all the way from Bihar to earn money during the wheat procurement season.

Worried, they said they were not sure of the process

PURCHASE FIGURES

Govt agencies	1,641 tonnes
Pvt players	10 tonnes
Day 1 last year	3,100 tonnes

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through which they would be paid their wages post direct benefit transfer (DBT) implementation.

Vikas Kumar Yadav said: "I am to be paid Rs 6.06 per bag (that I fill and load) by the farmer and Rs 9.24 by the agency. Earlier, the arthiya would give me the money but I don't know who will pay me now." Arvind Kumar, manager of the dhaba, did not foresee a good season. "There is much uncertainty. Farmers and arthiyas have a

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points in a row to earn Olympics quota place. "The Kazakh girl was a very good

Anshu, who is from Nidam

wrestler and I was trailing 0-6, but I was confident of winning even after that. This is incredible," said Sonam, who won gold in the 2018 and 2019 Cadet World Wrestling Championships. Sonam finished with a silver as she could not compete in the final today after she seemed to have injured her knee.

Anshu, who is from Nidam

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Haryana teen wrestlers Anshu, Sonam qualify for Olympics

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Five days before her 19th birthday, Haryana wrestler Sonam Malik gave herself the best possible gift when she qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Adding icing to the cake was Sonam's friend and one-time adversary Anshu Malik, 19,

who too qualified for the Tokyo Games with an excellent performance at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Almaty, Kazakhstan, today.

Sonepat girl Sonam had to come from behind to reach the final of the 62kg category, after being 0-6 down in the semifinals against Kazakhstan's Ayaylum Kassymova. Sonam then won nine

points in a row to earn Olympics quota place. "The Kazakh girl was a very good

Anshu, who is from Nidam

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Probe fair, will challenge HC decision in apex court: Capt

KOTKAPURA VERDICT SAD politicising sensitive issue, says CM

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Terming the probe into the Kotkapura firing case as totally fair, impartial and unbiased, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday said his government will challenge the orders of the High Court for quashing the investigation of the Punjab Police SIT or removing its chief in the Supreme Court.

Reacting to media reports in this regard, the Chief Minister said he has directed the state government's legal team in the case to examine the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court as soon as the copy is received, and prepare to challenge the same in the apex court if either the SIT probe is directed to be scrapped or its leader is

WON'T SPARE GUILTY, WILL ENSURE JUSTICE

The Kotkapura firing case will be taken to its logical conclusion and nobody who is guilty will be spared, irrespective of his political affiliation or position, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said, declaring his commitment to fulfilling every single poll promise of his government, including ensuring the much-awaited justice for the families of the victims of the firing case.

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He said he had full faith in the state's legal team, headed by Siddharth Luthra, Senior Advocate from Delhi, who appeared for the state in the case before the High Court.

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commitment to fulfilling every single poll promise of his government, including ensuring the much-awaited justice for the families of the victims of the firing case.

Expressing full confidence in SIT chief Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh, and the probe conducted so far under his supervision, the Chief Minister said he was an extremely competent and experienced officer

who had been working relentlessly on the case since the SIT was constituted. The inquiry is being conducted in a completely fair and unprejudiced manner by the SIT under the leadership of Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, he said, adding that neither changing the officer nor setting up a fresh SIT at this stage was acceptable to his government.

He pointed out that the investigations were in an advanced stage, with four challans already filed against persons in the 2015 case that followed the Bargarhi sacrilege incident, with final reports submitted to the sessions court for trial.

The Chief Minister also slammed SAD president Sukhbir Badal for continuing to play "dirty politics" over such a grave and sensitive issue.

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HC orders action against man claiming to be minor's guardian

SAURABH MALIK

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ordered initiation of action against a man claiming to be the guardian of a minor. The direction came after the man furnished incorrect information after being asked about the names of the minor's parents.

Justice Lalit Batra directed the Amritsar Commissioner of Police to take appropriate action against Gurumukh Singh after holding he deserved to be prosecuted under the relevant provisions of law. Justice Batra asserted his illegal designs of kidnapping the minor girl either for getting her married against her wishes or forcing her to indulge in an illicit act was "attracted".

Coming to the minor's rescue, Justice Batra made it clear she would be kept in Ashiana — a government-recognised institution. The matter was brought to Justice Batra's notice after the minor through Gurumukh moved court for protection of life and liberty.

At the asking of the court, Justice Batra accepted the notice on behalf of the official respondents.

Appearing before Justice Batra's Bench, Gurumukh admitted he was not related to the minor, but had planned her marriage with a near relation. On further query, he could not tell the correct names of her parents. Taking note of his ignorance,



GIRL TO STAY AT ASHIANA

“The fact that she (minor) is not willing to go to her parental home, for her welfare and best interest, it would be appropriate that she must stay at Ashiana, Chandigarh. HIGH COURT

Rance, Justice Batra asserted Gurumukh by no stretch of imagination could be said to be the minor's guardian.

Responding to a court query, the minor submitted she was brought by Gurumukh on the pretext of her higher education. She did not wish to marry and was interested in pursuing further studies, but did not want to go to her parental home.

Directing the UT SSP to take over her custody, Justice Batra asked him to take appropriate action for protecting her life and liberty. Justice Batra also made it clear the expenditure would be borne by the Punjab Government.

"Since her welfare is of utmost importance, the UT Child Welfare Committee is directed to ascertain her well-being during her stay..." Justice Batra added.

AAP plans 16K meetings over power tariff hike

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, APRIL 10

As part of its campaign against the hike in electricity tariff, the AAP has announced public meetings and door-to-door activities in the coming days to raise awareness among people and exhort them to raise voice against the move.

Stating this here today, Navdeep Jeeda, AAP's Bathinda urban president, said: "We will hold 16,000 public meetings and stage protests by burning copies of electricity bills across the state. If voted to power, the AAP will provide relief from high tariff bills."

He said a large part of people's income was going towards paying hiked power bills and the decision should be reversed by the state government.

After the deadlock over direct transfer of money into the accounts of farmers by the Centre ended, procurement of wheat was officially kicked off in the state from the Rajpura grain market here today.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Bharat Bhushan Ashu said farmers and arthiyas would not face inconvenience during the entire process.

For the past couple of days, arthiyas had refused to be part of the procurement process, following which a glut-like situation had prevailed in various grain markets.

The minister said the state government was committed to procuring every grain. "For the purpose, 4,000 procurement centres have been set up across the state with

Shot in the arm for Akalis

Political vendetta claim vindicated, says Sukhbir

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

Facing flak and criminal charges over the handling of sacrilegious incidents and police firing incidents in their regime, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has got a shot in the arm after the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday quashed the police investigation into the Kotkapura police firing incident.

The quashing is special relief for SAD patron and five-time CM Parkash Singh Badal, Akali MLA Mantar Singh Brar and ex-DGP Sumedh Singh Saini as the investigation had pointed fingers at them for allowing the situation to worsen and 'ordering' the firing. Moreover, the relief comes in the election year where Akalis have already launched state-level rallies for the 2022 Assembly poll.

The party immediately launched a tirade against Congress CM Capt Amarinder Singh, accusing him of using the investigation as political vendetta against the Akalis, especially the Badal family.



SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal addresses the media on Saturday.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said the High Court order had made it clear that the Chief Minister was not interested in finding the guilty and was using the case to implicate the Badal family. "We have been maintaining since day one that the entire investigation is being done with a malicious intent. Capt Amarinder Singh took an oath to take action against

those responsible for the sacrilegious of Guru Granth Sahib but has played with the sentiments of the people by indulging in a political investigation. He has wasted four years in this process."

Party insiders say the court verdict has almost washed the stains of the incidents. The party had ended up third in the 2017 Assembly elections behind the Congress and AAP. The poor show was largely attributed to the loss of face over sacrilegious and police firing incidents.

Govt failed to ensure justice to victims: HSGMC

BATHINDA, APRIL 10

Haryana Gurdwara Sikh Management Committee (HSGMC) president Baljit Singh Daduwal today announced that they would go to the Supreme Court to get justice for the victims of the Kotkapura firing case.

Daduwal termed the court verdict disappointing for every Sikh.

He lashed out at the Congress-led Capt government for allegedly not challenging the High Court order in the Supreme Court as the Punjab Advocate General accepted in the court that they would constitute a new SIT without Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, Daduwal claimed.

He said before the 2017 Assembly poll, Capt Amarinder Singh had come to Kotkapura and promised that he would punish the accused in the firing and sacrilegious incidents. However, four years had gone but he had failed to provide any relief to the victims. —TNS

Capt must quit over DBT: SAD

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh should resign for being hand in glove with the BJP-led Union Government in punishing farmers of the state for protesting the three agricultural laws.

The SAD president, addressing a press conference, said the Chief Minister had sold the interests of the state to the BJP. "Forget fighting for the rights of the state, Capt Amarinder does not even raise issues affecting the people with the Centre," said Badal. The CM had time and again agreed with all anti-farmer steps taken by the Centre, he alleged.

Badal said the CM recently indulged in a drama of opposing the direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme, which he had agreed in writing to implement from this year. —TNS

Arthiyas integral to purchase process: Ashu

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The minister said the state government was committed to procuring every grain. "For the purpose, 4,000 procurement centres have been set up across the state with

an expected arrival of 135 lakh MT wheat," he said.

"Arthiyas were, are and will be an integral part of the procurement process in the state and the revised portal developed by the Food and Supplies Department has

been approved by CM Capt Amarinder Singh," he said.

Ashu, who visited the market after the meeting between the arthiyas and government had succeeded, said uncertainty among farmers and arthiyas had

ended with the commencement of wheat purchase. "I thank arthiyas for withdrawing their strike in the interest of the farmers," he said. There would be no cut in loading/unloading charges, he added.

DIG probes VIP treatment to singer Aujla

NIKHIL BHARDWAJ

Tribune News Service

LUDHIANA, APRIL 10

Two days after VVIP treatment was accorded to Punjabi singer Karan Aujla during his visit to the Central Jail, DIG (Prisons) Surinder Singh Saini today visited the premises to conduct an inquiry.

Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa had marked an inquiry in the case and asked ADGP (Prisons) PK Saini to probe negligence on part of Jail Superintendent Rajeev Arora. The ADGP has assigned the probe to DIG (Prisons) SS Saini.



Sources said the DIG spent six hours inside the jail and examined the CCTV footage to ascertain whether or not there were any violations of security or Covid norms

duty at the time about the episode. He also asked Arora if the singer was allowed to meet any inmate. There were reports the singer had gone to meet smuggler Gurdeep Singh Rano, nabbed recently with drug worth crores, drug money and 13 luxury cars by the special task force.

Arora has already denied any such meeting.

ADGP Saini said the DIG was sent to conduct the probe. "Let him submit the report. Only then can I comment on the extent of negligence on part of the Jail Superintendent," he said.

while the singer and his friends entered the jail and if the singer met any inmate.

The DIG questioned Jail Superintendent Arora and staff present on security

Cousin beaten up by Delhi Police: Sidhana

BATHINDA, APRIL 10

Republic Day violence case accused Lakha Sidhana, who is on the run, today alleged the Delhi Police abducted his cousin Gurdeep Singh from Patiala and beat him badly.

While talking to The Tribune, Sidhana said the intelligence wing of the Delhi Police, which arrested Deep Sidhu, took away his cousin from Patiala who had gone there to give his law exam. He alleged the police repeatedly asked Gurdeep to tell his whereabouts. Lakha said he

completely blamed Capt Amarinder Singh government as how could Delhi Police officials come here and take away a youth without informing the police station concerned. Gurdeep was brought to the Civil Hospital by Lakha's supporters, where his condition is stated to be serious. Dr Ravinder Singh at the emergency ward said Gurdeep suffered injuries on the back and legs. —TNS

Cancer Express back on track

AOHAR, APRIL 10

The Abohar-Bikaner-Jodhpur train, referred to as 'Cancer Express', suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic on March 22 last year, resumed its operations today.

Was suspended due to Covid last year

Hundreds of patients had been travelling to avail almost free cancer treatment facility at Prince Bijay Singh Memorial (PBM) Hospital in Bikaner.

North Western Railway Chief PRO Gaurav Gaur said the 02468 Sriganganagar-Abohar-Delhi-Nanded bi-weekly train had also been restored. The Sriganganagar-Abohar-Bathinda passenger train had been restored too, said Abohar station in charge Gopal Bansal. —OC

Can't leave jobs again, will stay put, say migrant labourers

SUKHMEET BHASIN & NEERAJ BAGGA

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA/AMRITSAR, APRIL 10

Despite fears of a second lockdown, a large section of migrant workers is staying back to earn livelihood in Bathinda and Mansa districts.

The workers said last year's memories were still afresh and they would continue to work and earn for their survival.

Mohan, who hails from Tehri Garhwal in Uttarakhand and presently works as a cook at a eating joint in Bathinda, said, "We fear that a lockdown might be imposed again as cases are on the rise, but this time, we will not go back. When I went back during the first lockdown, I struggled a lot to find a job."

No unprecedented rush at stations: Northern Rlys



Another labourer Hari Yadav from Gorakhpur said, "Harvesting season is starting in Punjab, so it is the time when we can earn some money. Moreover, nowadays, getting work is quite difficult, so we can't leave the job midway. There is no question of going back."

Sidhant Gupta, a trader, said, "Business owners are ready to give all help to their workers on the condition that they

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Hari Yadav, MIGRANT LABOURER

should not go back. Last time, after the curbs were relaxed, finding labour was a difficult task."

A Railways official said, "There is no rush of migrants in trains. Routine passengers are board-

ing the trains."

In Amritsar too, there is no visible panic among migrants to return to their native places.

Rajesh, who works at an embroidery unit, said despite the fear of restrictions, he would not return home in panic. He said for a person with family, the travel cost was too much for a long distance. Ram Prakash, a power loom worker, said he was getting work for five days a week. With such a meagre income, it was not possible to afford travel cost of the entire family unless the government pitches in. "I am not being paid a fixed salary and the wages are decided on a piece-rate basis. Earning Rs 12,000 per month has become a difficult task after the lock-

Defer elective surgeries, pvt hospitals told

Orders will remain in place till April 30 to meet increasing demand for Covid beds

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10
The government has urged private hospitals on board for Covid-19 treatment to defer elective surgeries till April 30 to meet the rising demand for Covid beds.

Health and Family Welfare Principal Secretary Hussan Lal today chaired a virtual meeting with private hospitals of the state for Covid-19 management. He directed all private hospitals to charge at government fixed rates for the treatment and avoid overcharging. There are 213 private hospitals on board for Covid treatment in the state at present and the government has provided 230 ventilators to



A woman gets vaccinated in Nawanshahr. A TRIBUNE PHOTO

213 Pvt hospitals for Covid treatment in state

230 Ventilators provided to pvt hospitals

58 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

- The state reported 3,294 cases, including 58 deaths, in the past 24 hours
- Hoshiarpur topped the chart with 10 deaths, followed by Gurdaspur (7), Jalandhar and Ludhiana (6 each), Amritsar (5), Patiala and Roop (4 each)
- Bathinda, Moga, SAS Nagar, Pathankot and Tarn Taran reported two deaths each, Barnala, Sangrur, SBS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, Kapurthala (1 each)

private hospitals, which should be used optimally.

Lal expressed concern about rising number of fatalities, especially while shifting patients from L2 to L3 facilities, and advised that referral should be made in time. He

said 20,000 doses of Remdesivir had been provided to government and private hospitals and these were available

free of cost. He further exhorted hospitals to refer patients to appropriate level in time if they felt they required higher level of hospitalisation.

About vaccine, he said as it was precious, its wastage should be avoided. He urged private hospitals to set up vaccination centres and reiterated that oxygen demand and supply must be communicated to the Civil Surgeon of the district so that in case of any additional requirement, it could be made available in time.

He also expressed concern over critical care specialists of private hospitals not attending sessions being organised by Dr KK Talwar and advised hospitals to ensure that they attended these webinars.

Now, jab only at Ayushman-linked private facilities

Payment to health authority via PMJAY site

MANAV MANDER

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, APRIL 10

With the fresh guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, only those private hospitals empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat scheme can purchase vaccine from the government and run the vaccination process at their hospitals.

The state government has informed all districts that henceforth all payments regarding vaccines will be made through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayushman Bharat Yojana) website to the National Health Authority. Earlier, private hospitals not empanelled under the scheme were given a direct link of payment to the National Health Authority.

Punjab Medical Council former president Dr GS Grewal

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should have vaccination centres within their reach. With vaccination on the doorstep, the contribution of the government sector in the process is 80 per cent and that of the private sector is only 20 per cent.

Ludhiana District Immunisation Officer Dr Punit Juneja said they had received the new guidelines. Dr Kiran Gill, Deputy Director, Covid in-charge, said those who had already received their first dose would not face any problem. "As they are registered, they can get inoculated at any centre."

Vax laxity due to anger over farm laws: CM

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

Days after Health Minister Harsh Vardhan flagged Punjab for low vaccine coverage, CM Capt Amarinder Singh today said the people in Punjab were still not coming out in large numbers for the vaccination due to the massive anger prevailing against the Centre over farm law issue.

"Since Punjab is agriculture dominated, even the common man is affected by the farmers' agitation. This anger is impacting the vaccination drive. We are working to address it," Singh said at a Covid review meet called by Congress president Sonia Gandhi today.

He said Punjab ranked 18th nationally on cumulative cases with an average of 3,000 cases a day for 15 days. "The number of cases is slightly stable now," the CM said, adding: "Even in the graphs put up by the Health Ministry in the PM's review meeting, Punjab curve appears to have flattened over the past fortnight."

Punjab is no longer among the 10 states contributing most to daily cases. The state has 27,200 active cases and a recovery rate of 87.1% against the national 90.80%. The CM said: "Deaths are a concern with 50-60 daily fatalities and case fatality rate a little under 2% against 1.28% nationally". — TNS

Hold MBBS exams as scheduled, medical commission tells varsities

FARIDKOT, APRIL 10

Amid raging Covid pandemic, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has advised all medical colleges and universities to adhere to the existing norms to conduct the final MBBS examinations.

"Though conducting exams and arranging external examiners is a difficult job amid pandemic, exams are crucial to ensure academic credibility, career opportunities and future progress of students nationally and globally," said a senior member of the Undergraduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) of the NMC.

The NMC's advisory comes in pursuance of several representations from medical colleges and students seeking guidance for the conduct of final examinations for the MBBS. The NMC said all final

ONE EXAMINER FROM OUTSIDE STATE MUST

- If the external examiners are not available from outside the state, at least one examiner must be called from outside to conduct the exam online.

Dr Aruna V Vanikar, UGMEB President

MBBS examinations should be conducted by the universities concerned as per their scheduled timeline and the existing protocol should be strictly followed. Further, the regulator has specified the allotment of examiners throughout the examinations timeline.

According to the advisory sent by UGMEB President Dr Aruna V Vanikar, if the exter-

nal examiners were not available from outside the state, at least one examiner must be called from outside to conduct the exam online.

The other external examiners may be invited from the same health university who is to remain present physically.

The internal examiners must

conduct exams physically on the same premises. If there is shortage of clinical material, it may be replaced by simulating material, including provision of supporting material like X-rays, CT scan etc," the advisory added. — TNS

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On surprise visit, minister ensures better treatment

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 10

In a bid to ensure hassle-free vaccination drive and treatment services, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today conducted surprise checks at four government hospitals in Kharar, Morinda, Chamkaur Sahib and Ropar.

Sidhu said the Health Department was conducting the massive vaccination drive at more than 2,500 centres across the state where adequate arrangements had been made for the beneficiaries. He said to provide standardised facilities, he today conducted surprise checks at the ground zero level.

He appealed to the beneficiaries to motivate others and join hands with the government to boost the vaccination drive. "Acting on the appeal of the CM regarding the shortage of vaccine in the state, the cen-



Health officials take a swab sample of a passerby spotted without a mask in Nawanshahr.

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Farmers will not return till the laws are repealed. The agitation will remain peaceful. The Centre is handing over farming to the corporate sector and disbanding the age-old mandi system.

Balbir Singh Rajewal, FARMER LEADER

It is a long battle, not against the Modi government but against the corporate sector. Farmers are ready for a long haul. They will continue their dharna until the three farm laws are repealed.

Joginder S Ugrahan, BKU (EKTA) CHIEF

We have been camping at the Delhi borders for the past four months, but the Centre did not pay heed to our demands.

Suchha Singh, PHILLAU FARMER

Faridabad to be on fast track of development, says Khattar

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, APRIL 10

The newly set up Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA) will ensure the speedy development of the city. This was announced by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar while presiding over the first meeting of the FMDA here today.

Announcing that the FMDA will have a coverage of 741 sq km of area and all roads 30m wide or more, he said all sewerage networks (above 600mm) and the two town parks would also be

taken over by the FMDA from the HSVP or the Municipal Corporation.

As Faridabad was the largest city in the state with around 179 sectors, the district had been left behind in development due to geographical factors. Claiming that the FMDA will put the city on fast track, he said this move will result in curbing red tape and corruption. He said besides the water supply, the FMDA would look after the road network and the sewage system. Later, the CM toured various parts and instructed officials for the speedy completion of various development projects.

Two held from Sirsa on extortion charge

AMBALA: The police on Saturday arrested two men for allegedly making extortion calls to a Saha-based jeweller and demanding Rs 2 crore from him. The accused have been identified as Rajesh Kumar and Hari Ram. TNS

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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Date & Time of Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period
1.	OT-01/21-22	Signaling work in c/w Replacement of UAC based BPAC by UFSBI with Digital axle counter in SRE-UMB-LDH section over Ambala Division.	05.05.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹66,20,345/-	NIL	09 Months
2.	OT-02/21-22	Signaling work involving, trenching, cable laying, termination and outdoor wiring in connection with TRR 43 Set TWs over Ambala Division.	05.05.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹1,57,57,351.95	NIL	09 Months

Note: 1. Open tender through E-tendering is invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom, Engineer/N Railway, DRM Office, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt. From the willing contractors for above noted work up to 15 hrs. on due date shown against the work and will be opened soon thereafter. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TAN/TIN as per conditions. 2. Please refer to the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed notice and tender documents.

3. Tenderer should have class-III Digital Signature Certificate and registered themselves on website stated above to participate in E-Tendering and they are requested to read all the instructions contained in the tender notice and tender documents carefully before submitting their offer so as to comply with all the requisite provision/special conditions.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway Ambala from the willing Contractors for following work up to 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1.	ETRU-24-4-2019-20-2-Rev	Additional OHE Modification work at DOA strn. yard Km 355.31 due to DFCCIL lines over Ambala Division	03.05.2021	₹92,39,482.40	Bid Security Declaration	4 Months	45 Days	Downloading through IREPS, NIL- portal ₹5,000/- (Sr DEE/TRD/UMB आंकिस से हाठ कोपी के लिए)

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions. 2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders. 3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOWCC, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule. 4. The condition of "Similar Nature Work" is applicable and the Similar Nature Work is "Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 50 Hz, Single phase 25 KVAC OHE." 5. For details, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

No.: 30-Elect/TRD/T/Notice/ETRU-24-4-2019-20-2-Rev Dated: 09.04.2021

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE-2021-22/1 ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/Sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Shops/Sites	Last date for downloading of tender forms from PGI Website	Last date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1.	Built up Chemist Shop No. 2, New Shopping Complex for sale of medicines, drugs & surgical items at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.
2.	Built up Chemist Shop No. 5, New Shopping Complex for sale of medicines, drugs & surgical items at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.
3.	Built up Shop No. 13, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.
4.	Built up Shop No. 18, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.
5.	Built up Photo & Provision Store at Shop No. 2, APC (Basement), PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.
6.	Mess services in the Guest House & Cafeteria services in the OPD at PGIMER, Sangrur.	03.05.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	04.05.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 P.M.	05.05.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 P.M.

Tender form containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submit personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenders.

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Dated: 09/03/2021

E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of Municipal Council Kullu from the eligible and approved contractors for.

Sr. No.	Name of the work	EC	EMD	Cost of Tender
1	Development/Extension of Ramshila Parking at Ward no.1. (Extension & Locking end).	4095960	82000	10000/-
2	Development/Extension of Footpath near Sarvari Bridge at Ward no.5. (Steel structure).	1476347	30000	500.00/-
3	Development/Extension of Footpath (C/F Retaining Wall) near Bus Stand, Lower Dhalpur at Ward no.6.	3021122	60500	1000.00/-
4	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 9 Lankabekar (Street no A,B & C)	651900	13100	500.00/-
5	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 9 Lankabekar (Street no D,E,F,H & I)	663800	13300	500.00/-
6	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 9, Lankabekar (Street no G)	561600	11300	500.00/-
7	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 9, Lankabekar (Street no J,K & L)	638350	12800	500.00/-
8	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 9, Lankabekar (Street no O & Q)	569100	11400	500.00/-
9	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 11, Gandhinagar (Street no 11.22)	286100	5800	500.00/-
10	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 11, Gandhinagar (Street no 11.22)	457900	9200	500.00/-
11	Development of Footpath/Pedestrian path at ward 11, Gandhinagar (Street no 11.24 & 11.25)	648300	13000	500.00/-
12	Development of Gandhinagar Parking (electrical part).	829558	16600	500.00/-
13	Development of Monal Café Parking (electrical part).	1000805	20100	500.00/-

Key Dates:

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2. Date of opening technical bid for- (S.No. 1, 2, 3, 12 & 13) – 22/04/2021 at 04:30 PM.
3. Date of opening technical bid for- (S.No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,) – 30/04/2021 at 04:30 PM.

Note: - Due to covid-19, no hard copy of the tenders will be allowed to be submitted in the office. Only online documents will be accepted. For EMD and Tender fee must be paid through online link provided by e-tender portal. Contractors will have to sign all the tender documents digitally along with the required documents and upload them online.

For any inquiry contact: - 01902-222560, 8219830776

The bid documents are available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website

<http://htenders.gov.in>



Farmers block the KMP expressway in Jhajjar district; and (below) protesters camp at the Rewasan toll plaza in Nuh. SUMIT THARAN & S CHANDAN

Farmers' protest hits Sonepat hard

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, APRIL 10

Intensifying their stir against the Centre's three contentious agricultural laws, farmers today blocked the 136-km Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) and Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal (KGP) expressways.

The call for a 24-hour blockade was given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of farmer unions spearheading the agitation. The blockade started at 8 am and will last 24 hours till Sunday morning.

Farmers, including women, carried flags of their organisations and raised slogans against the government. They squatted on the expressways



of vehicles, especially commercial four-wheelers, were seen in Sonepat.

However, the SKM's call for blockade did not evoke much response at Nuh, Manesar and Farukhnagar.

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Covid curbs: No grand reception for Thakur

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

941 FRESH CASES, 12 DEATHS IN STATE

SHIMLA, APRIL 10
There will be strict restrictions on officers and BJP workers gathering to welcome the Chief Minister with bouquets, flowers, shawls and caps.

"Though there are restrictions on big crowds, it seems to be a habit with government officers to come with bouquets and flowers, leading to over-crowding and wasteful expenditure," said Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here today. It was decided in the Cabinet meeting yesterday to issue directions that only two or three officers should come to welcome the Chief Minister while others should remain seated at functions or come when summoned, he added.

Una, Kangra and Solan are the worst-hit districts in the state; they share borders with Punjab and Haryana. "We will ask the district administrations and the police to keep a strict vigil to ensure that there are no big gatherings in these border districts, whether of locals or residents of adjoining

- 941 fresh cases were reported on Saturday, taking the tally to 69,114
- Besides, 12 persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours.
- Four deaths were reported in Kangra, three each in Shimla and Una and one each in Kullu and Hamirpur.
- The highest number of 195 cases was reported in Solan, followed by 144 each in Kangra and Mandi, 97 each in Shimla and Hamirpur, 85 in Una, 82 in Bilaspur, 59 in Sirmaur, 31 in Kullu, nine in Chamba, 7 in Lahaul-Spiti and 3 in Kinnaur



ing states," he added.

Thakur said that while it took almost four months for the active Covid cases figure to touch 4,000 last year, we are surpassing this figure in less than a month this time. He also expressed concern over the high fatality figure and the fact that Covid is attacking the younger age people. At present, Himachal has over 4,675 cases and has registered 1,090 deaths, though on February 20 the fatality count was merely 218. The total positive cases in the state since the outbreak of Covid stands at 68,173 while 62,298 patients have recovered so far.

The government has been criticised for allowing crowds at its official and BJP functions while restrictions have been imposed on social gatherings such as weddings, funerals and even religious congregations. People are criticising political parties, particularly the BJP and the Congress, for openly flouting Covid restrictions in the name of campaigning for the recent municipal corporation elections.

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Solan residential school closed after teachers found infected

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, APRIL 10

A residential school in the district was closed today after some teachers tested Covid positive.

The staff and students of several educational institutes also tested positive. Though government schools have been closed till April 21, private institutes have continued to operate.

Besides, 21 employees of the Ultra Tech Cement plant in Arki also tested positive. "Since a large number of industrial workers and the staff of educational institutes in the Baddi-Barotri-

2 Solan BJP leaders catch virus after MC elections

Earlier, a Congress leader had tested positive during campaigning. A large number of cases are coming daily from various parts of Solan after the April 7 poll.

As many as 40,000 people of 45 years and above will be vaccinated in 100 centres across the district from tomorrow till April 14. The DC urged all eligible people to get themselves vaccinated as 10,000 people would be vaccinated daily.

Solan district had the second highest number of 964 active cases till last evening with 245 in the BBN alone. More than 100 new cases are being added daily.

Three-day Suhi fair begins in Chamba

CHAMBA, APRIL 10

The three-day Suhi fair started in Chamba town today. A shobha yatra was taken out. Local MLA Pawan Nayyar, Deputy Commissioner DC Rana, and prominent people of the town participated in the procession.

The fair is celebrated on the premises of the palanquin-shaped Suhi temple located on a hillock above Chamba town. It symbolises the foundation year of erstwhile Chamba state. More than 1,000-year-old, the shrine is an inseparable part of Chamba's cultural heritage. — OC

1,300 imported apple plants stolen in Nahan

SHIMLA, APRIL 10

Some of the imported planting material of the Horticulture Department has been stolen.

According to sources, around 1,300 plants, which were part of the consignment imported from the USA a few months ago, have been stolen from the department's Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) site at Nahan.

Around 15,000 plants are being planted at the Nahan site. The plants were stolen while planting was underway.

Harish Chauhan, president of the Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Growers Association of Himachal Pradesh, said that it was sad that plants were withering away because of diseases and were also being stolen. He added that the incident should be probed.

"It's possible that plants are being sold illegally and covered up by citing the mortality rate," alleged Chauhan. — TNS

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On Jalandhar Hoshiarpur Main Road both side open approximately 241 Marley commercial land is available on lease of 50 years. Interested Parties can send quotation in closed envelope by register post within 21 days. After this no quotation will be accepted. The authority of accept or cancel any quotation shall be reserved to Institution Secretary Punjab Khadi Division, Adampur. 9815819985, 988456739.

Lobbying on in BJP for top Mandi MC posts

DIPENDER MANTA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, APRIL 10

BJP councillors have started lobbying for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the Mandi MC; the party has a clear majority.

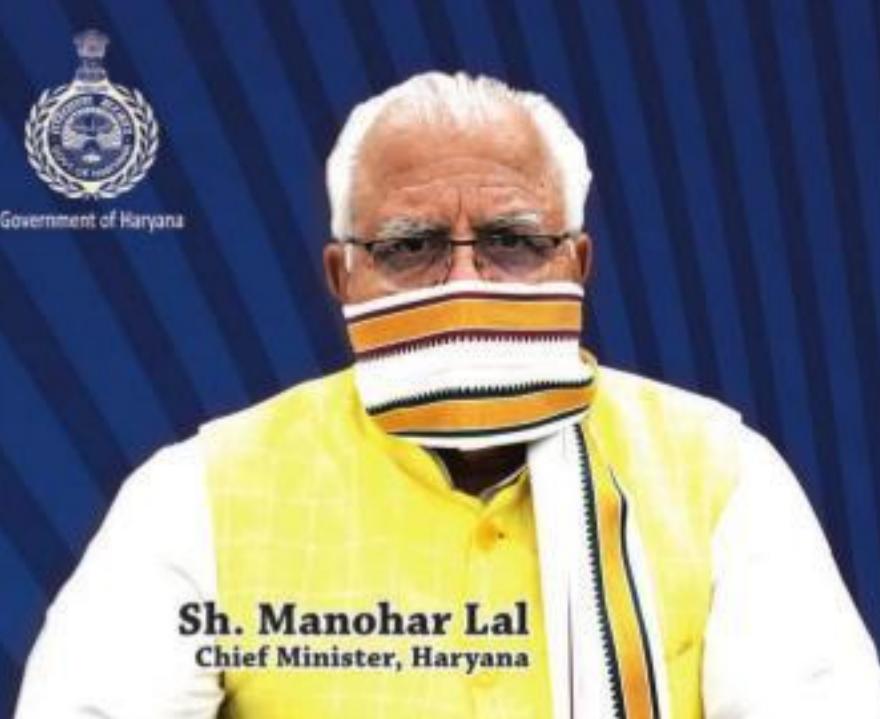
According to sources, a few BJP councillors met Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in Shimla today to seek his blessings. The newly elected councillors are expected to be administered oath on April 13.

Four BJP councillors are eyeing the post of Mayor in the Mandi MC that is reserved for the SC. Virender Arya, a retired government officer who was elected on the BJP ticket in Sayad ward, is said to be a strong contender for the post of Mayor. Besides, three other BJP councillors — Neha

Party councillors meet Chief Minister to seek his blessings

(Suhra ward), Dipali Jaswal (Thanehra ward), and Krishan Bhanu (Behna ward) are lobbying for the post. One of them may be given the responsibility in the home turf of the Chief Minister if Arya is not considered for the top post.

Similarly, Suman Thakur, a close aide of the Chief Minister, is considered a strong contender for the post of Deputy Mayor. She was the president of the Municipal Council before it was upgraded to an MC. Besides, Virender Bhatt and Somesh Goyal are also eyeing the post. However, the Chief Minister will take the final decision.



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Infighting led to BJP defeat in Palampur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, APRIL 10
The BJP has admitted that its humiliating defeat to the Congress in the Palampur MC elections was a big setback for the party and it would soon introspect.

The BJP won only two of the 15 seats while the Congress bagged 11 seats and two went to Independents. The infighting and indiscipline led to the BJP's defeat. A number of supporters of various leaders contested as Independents denting the vote share of the party candidates.

In many wards like Lohna, Aima, Bindraban, Ghughar Tanda and Palampur Nichla, the party candidates lost by a narrow margin because of the rebels.

Uphill task to unite factions: Minister

Industries Minister Bikram Singh Thakur, who was in-charge for the Palampur MC elections, said it was an uphill task for him to unite the factions.

BJP leaders like Vijay Bhatt, Sanjiv Soni, Sanjay Rathore and Karan Dhiman contested as Independents.

He said the defeat was a collective failure of the party and could not be thrown on any individual.

"It cannot be seen as a reflection on the performance of the government, headed by Jai Ram Thakur as local issues dominated the poll," said Trilok Kapoor, general secretary of the BJP.

In many wards like Lohna, Aima, Bindraban, Ghughar Tanda and Palampur Nichla, the party candidates lost by a narrow margin because of the rebels.

Election result mandate against price rise: Cong

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Congress spokesperson Dr Rajesh Sharma, while addressing a press conference here, alleged that the results of the MC elections in the state were people's mandate against the price rise and anti-poor policies of the state and Union governments.

He alleged that the prices of essential commodities, petrol, diesel and LPG cylinders were at a historic high. In Himachal, the state government has increased the rates of power and water, which are basic commodities required by every person, twice in the past few months.

The people vented their anger against the present government, he claimed.

Sharma said while people had lost jobs due to Covid-19, the government was levying more taxes on them. — TNS

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Required educated on job boy for beautiful Saini girl Dec. 1991, 5'-4", B.Tech., working Noida. 98120-96004, 98122-10984. (CL210012360)

Saini girl Chandigarh January 1986, 5'-3", B.Com., ICFE course, MBA Finance regular, private job in Company. Preferred clear shave boy. WhatsApp: 94644-02255. (CL21002918)

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Well educated Sikh Saini girl, June 90, 5'-6", regular Punjab Govt. job, Gotra Banwati, Tambar. Preference Tricity. 98785-28416. (CL21003738)

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: 98159-92158. (CL21004313)

SM4 beautiful Saini Sikh girl, Aug. 89, 5'-6", MA, M.Ed., PGDCA. Seeks well settled Saini boy. WhatsApp: 95011-02418. (CL21004383)

Suitable match for Saini girl 5'-4", 26.09.1989, BA, B.Ed., MA, M.Ed., Private Assistant Professor job, 98878-75474. (CL21004453)

Hindu Saini beautiful girl 1995/ 5'-5", M.Sc. Physics, Lecturer. Looking well settled educated boy, Jalandhar. 94637-10802. (CL21004517)

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Suitable match for Saini Sikh girl 993/5, MA (English), Teacher in convent school, Chandigarh, Mohali, Ropar preferred. 90414-16767. (CL21004568)

Suitable match for Saini Sikh girl DoB 05.10.1990, height 5'-2", Govt. Science Teacher at Sangrur (Punjab). Ph.D Negligible Problem in left leg. Contact: 79864-31202. (CL21004872)

SOOD

Sood Manglik girl 11 Sept. 1991, 07:34 pm, Ludhiana, MBA, 5'-5", fair, working in MNC. 96469-06706. (CL21004688)

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Match for Brahmin girl (Pandey), 04.08.1983, 04:00 pm, 5', Matric, Beaufitul, own Beauty Parlour in Mohali. The girl is having hearing impaired Low speech. Tricity preferred. Others who willing to settle in Mohali. 9780093620. (CL21002617)

AHLUWALIA

Ahluwalia Girl April 1987/ 5'-7", BA, M.Sc. (IT). Contact No. 98721-50453, 94640-55808. (CL21002571)

Smart beautiful Sikh Ahluwalia girl 26 Dec. 1988, 5'-4", M.Sc (HS), Eco, B.Ed, worked as Asst. Prof. only Amritsar Ahluwalia/Jat Sikhs. Contact: 62831-46880. (CL21003371)

Suitable match for Sikh Ahluwalia girl 28/5'-5", MA, B.Ed, TET clear, Master Cadre pass. Contact: 98887-03028. (CL21004476)

JAT

Chandigarh based Himachali Jat girl, non-manglik, 26.09.1989, 12:30 p.m., 5'-2", MBA, Pvt. job, 97793-12202, 62802-78107. (CL21001668)

Suitable match for beautiful fair girl 5'-1", 1988, MBA, working and settled in Chd. (Atwal Himachali Jat). Seeks PQM from a repute family (cut-surd) from Tricity. Upper caste no bar. 9780093416. (CL21002295)

Hindu Jat girl very beautiful 35/ 5'-4", PGT (English) regular education Deptt. Haryana. Preferred Tricity/ Ambala. 95188-27082, 83078-27885. (CL21004372)

Suitable match for beautiful, pure vegetarian, convent educated Hindu Jat girl 25/5'-0". Working in MNC Bengaluru. Family settled Chandigarh. Hindu Jat boy from Tricity, working in MNC at Bengaluru preferred. Contact: 98722-02197. (CL21004987)

TONK-KASHATRIYA

Suitable match for Manglik, Tonk-Kashatriya girl, 17 May 1998, 6:15 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-3", BA, 98783-64377. (CL21004438)

Doctor/ Engineer match for Tonkshatriya beautiful Doctor BDS girl born 1993/ 5'-3". Preferred Canadian PR. 98776-00372. (CL21004715)

Match for beautiful Tonk Kashatriya manglik girl 09- Dec. 1989, 10:27 pm, Ambala 5'-1", BA, Art-Craft, Fashion designing teacher (Govt aided institute) 94160-94049 (CL21004756)

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RAJPUT

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput Delhi based fair, beautiful Manglik girl 5'-3"/ 93, M.Sc., B.Ed., TGT Maths, private school. Father businessman, seeks well-educated Professional/businessman boy. 99108-13202. (CL21004520)

Hinda Kashyap Rajput girl 29/ 5'-5", Govt. job preferred Govt. job, Banking Sector, MNC from Tricity. 97792-22547. (CL21004899)

Sikhi Saini girl Nov. 93, fair, slim, 5', conveniently educated, Pb. Govt. Group B Officer from affluent family based in Chandigarh. Job non-transferable from Chd. Preference Tricity and own caste. Contact 98147-53141. (CL21003008)

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SM4 beautiful Mair Rajput girl MDS Pedodontics Working as Research Manager at Reputed Company Gurgaon, 07.12.1991, 04.37 am, Patiala / 5'-4". Father working Airforce Chandigarh, Radhasoami Family. 8728925594, 8728924998. (CL21002755)

Want alliance for beautiful Himachali Rajput girl 15.11.1985, M.Sc. Microbiology, working in Pharmaceutical Industry, Chandigarh. Contact: 97644-43903. (CL21009088)

Jalandhar based Himachali Rajput girl, Silver Medalist, M.Sc. Botany, B.Ed. August 1982, 5'-3". Brothers- Army Colonel, Major. Bhabies- Major, Doctor. 9530644198. (CL21001366)

Looking for suitable IT professional for Manglik B.Tech., Punjabi Rajput Dhadwal girl Nov. 93, 5'-2", settled in Pune from Hoshiarpur. Contact 86682-27692. (CL21002294)

Match for Himachali Rajput Pathania girl, Deputy Manager, SBI, M.Com, 5'-3", 16.11.1989, 1:26 pm, Chandigarh. Tricity/ nearby preferred. 94177-80058, 76963-47302, rajaspather@yahoo.co.in (CL21002417)

Hinda Rajput Chauhan girl 5', 28.12.90, 10:00 pm, Patiala, B.A, B.Ed., MA (Sanskrit), M.Phil. (Sanskrit). 98555-35799 (p contact.in@gmail.com) (CL21002577)

Rajput Kashyap beautiful girl, 1.7.1994, 5'-4", 9.39 am, Chandigarh, M.Com, Pvt. job. 98889-50656. (CL21002582)

Suitable match 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. Mobile: 94180-49554. (CL21002663)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput girl, 09.08.1993, working M.Tech. (IT). Boy must be Government or Defense Officer from well respected strictly Himachali Rajput family. 96255-62323. (CL21002273)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput girl, 14.55, Bathinda, 5', M.Sc. (Bio-Tech) Doing B.Ed. 98154-08846, 88877-91471. (CL21004528)

Match for Kamboj Sikh girl July 1991, 5'-7", MBA in Finance, working as Senior Cloud Consultant for Oracle Bangalore, preferred well settled Kamboj business family. Ph: 99887-40555, 98887-44000. (CL21004529)

Seeking match for Himachali Rajput girl, 09.08.1993, working M.Tech. (IT). Boy must be Government or Defense Officer from well respected strictly Himachali Rajput family. 96255-62323. (CL21002832)

Sikh Mair Rajput veg girl BDS Dec 87, 5'-4", running own clinic having good income innocently divorce issueless no bar prefer MDS, BDS, MBBS, BAMS or govt job in or near Amritsar. 74645-94136, 75084-56552 (CL21003216)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput girl 10.08.1994, 14:55, Bathinda, 5', M.Sc. (Bio-Tech) Doing B.Ed. 98154-08846, 88877-91471. (CL21004528)

Match for Kamboj Sikh girl 28.04.1995, 5'-4", M.Sc. Hon's, B.Ed. Australia preferred. Contact: 62847-58529. (CL21003708)

Kamboj Sikh girl 1990/ 5'-4", MS Computer Science, job Bangalore II, package 13 lakh. 88476-36162. (CL21004528)

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MUSLIM

Suitable match for fair slim Namazi Sunni Ansari girl, 5'-3", 27, MA, B.Ed. seeks well settled Ansari boy. 94162-26803. (CL21003757)

Muslim Saifi girl 1987/ 5'-3", MA (Yoga), teaching, own Academy Islamic Values Namaaz 5 times, Quran. 70158-35885, 98130-8970. (CL21004382)

YADAV

Delhi based fair, beautiful 5'-3", 30, B.Tech., MBA (BITS-P) Business Analyst seeks MNC/ Govt. Class-I employed matching & handsome boy # 97550-96444. (CL21004650)

WIDOW

Match for widow SC girl, having son 7 years. Graduate, PGDCA, prefect in ladies tailoring, 1983, 5'-4". Preferred Doaba. Caste no bar. Mobile: 6280331453. (CL21002697)

MANGLIK

Match for manglik Punjabi Khatri girl, M.Com., B.Ed., 1991, Chandigarh, 1:45 am, 4'-11". Contact: 98157-76611. (CL21002497)

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Manglik Brahmin girl, height 5'-4", 09.05.1992, time: 4:55 am, Kalka, Canada PR, working in Canadian Bank. Prefer complete veg. Brahmin family. 79886-37162. (CL2003796)

SM4 well educated Manglik girl, Dob 10.11.86, Time 9:15 pm, ht. 5'-4", M.Sc. IT, well reputed Punjab/ Aroora. 98371-11924. (CL21004070)

Required suitable match for high status Mahajan Manglik, Post Graduate girl, Dob 18 Nov. 1993, 9:50 am, Jalandhar. 75088-00661. (CL21004911)

BRAHMINS

Manglik Saraswat Brahmin girl, extremely beautiful, fair, slim, Sep. 90, 5'-4", MCA, Software Engineer, employed MNC Noida. M: 8146468855, 9598894323. (CL21002457)

Professionally qualified decent match from Tricity invited for beautiful Brahmin Advocate girl Feb. 20, 1985, 15:25 hrs., Chandigarh, 5'-4". WhatsApp biodata photographs 94170-02343. (CL21002486)

Manglik/Non-Manglik match for beautiful, slim, Brahmin girl, 21.06.1992, 9:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.Com., B.Ed. Private Teacher. Match kundi first. 94170-5245 (CL21004845)

Professionally qualified match for beautiful slim, fair, Gaur Brahmin girl 10.1.85, 5:45 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-5", MA, M.Sc. in Mass. Com. 76963-87933. (CL21004908)

Match for Gaur Brahmin girl, B.Tech., Punjab Govt. Employee, 28 yrs./ 150 cm. Preferred Tricity & surrounding. 94175-72180. (CL21004645)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 3:42 a.m., Mohali, 5'-5", fair, working in PGI Chandigarh seeking in Tricity only. (92172-72068). (CL21004986)

1995 born, 5'-3", MCA, Govt. cont. job in Pkl., Pkl., Chd. prefer. 76961-07205. (CL21004605)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl, 5'-3", 04-08-1988, 05:05 p.m. Samrala (Punjab), B.Tech., job Ludhiana. Preference Govt. MNC only. 95925-27888, 98888-75408. WhatsApp. (CL21003397)

Match for Brahmin girl, 5'-3", February 1989 born beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl, working in a Govt. Bank as PO 28.08.1992, 10:44 pm, Patiala. Mob: +91 70872-46159. (CL21003506)

Suitable match for Manglik girl, 29.9.92, M.Sc. Physics, working Ontario, Canada on work permit. Boy preferably from Canada PR. 70092-28288, 86997-2369. (CL21004444)

Match for Convent educated Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 28 Sept. 1985, 5", working Gurugram. Early marriage. # 99588-96792, 98159-22660. (CL210014281)

Suitable match for 5 ft. 2 in, February 1989 born beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl, BAMS, working as Medical Officer in reputed private hospital. Reputed family. WhatsApp 98551-56085. (CL21000216)

Pure Vegetarian Gaur Brahmin girl 1994, 5'-7", LLB, LLM, Law Officer (only Gaur Brahmin). 94648-10736. (CL21002264)

PQM for Brahmin girl, 86, MCA, B.Ed., Computer Teacher in convent school. NRI also preferred. Caste no bar. 9872811059, 97808-10373. (CL21002310)

Wanted groom for 33, 5'-4", well educated, fair, Himachali Brahmin girl, earning very well in Chandigarh. 82191-83165. (CL21002355)

SM4 Brahmin girl 23.11.198/ 6:04 pm Jalandhar/ 5" doing M.Sc. Chemistry. 94645-11000. (CL21002384)

Saraswat Brahmin girl, 5'-3", May 1994, Manglik, Masters in Journalism. Preparing NET. 85720-13852. (CL21002423)

Brahmin B.Lib. doing M.Lib, 5'-2", 21.06.1995, 7.30 am, Jalandhar NRI/ Govt. employee preferred. 95306-04014. (CL21002556)

Alliance invited from decent cultured family for our daughter, 27, Saraswat Brahmin, BDS, MDS residing in Chandigarh. M: 94631-24492. (CL21002587)

Brahmin girl, 16.2.87, 3.25 pm, Kangra, 5'-3", B.Tech IT, MNC Gurgaon. 98763-75975. (CL21002656)

Alliance invited from professionally well qualified boys settled or willing to settle in Canada for Punjabi Brahmin girl 26/ 160, Software Honours degree holder from York University, Toronto. Working as a Software Developer in a reputed Bank and having PR of Canada. 98115-34421. (CL21002655)

Status match for Gaur Brahmin girl BDS, 5'-6", 25.10.1994, 05.30 am, Jagadgiri, vegetarian family. 94169-36379. (CL21002678)

Match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, B.Sc. Nursing, regular Staff Nurse in Punjab Govt, 89 born, 5'-5", vegetarian family, NRI (Australia preferred). 89688-23285. (CL21002683)

Wanted divorcee/ bachelor Sharma vegetarian PR holder boy, Amritsar, working in Canada for Sharma Manglik girl 31, 5'-4", working Bank as DBM 98157-7217. (CL21002700)

PQM for convent educated beautiful MBA Brahmin girl 20.11.1983, 1:45 am, 5', Shimla. Serving at Chandigarh. Contact: 94189-41674, 98053-95290. (CL21002726)

Suitable Brahmin match preferably Government/ Bank Officer for lower Himachali Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl December 1992, fair, 5'-3", B.Com. (H), MBA Manager Scale II in Government Bank. Contact/ WhatsApp 99681-19819. (CL21002497)

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Looking for boy working in MNC Punc/ Bangalore/ Mumbai for 1993 born Manglik girl working in MNC in Pune. 98990-64592, 88264-90092. (CL21002215)

Very beautiful slim Saraswat Brahmin girl, 5'-5", 20.12.82. Preferred near Chandigarh. 98961-89620. (CL21002860)

Manglik Brahmin girl, height 5'-4", 09.05.1992, time: 4:55 am, Kalka, Canada PR, working in Canadian Bank. Prefer complete veg. Brahmin family. 79886-37162. (CL2003796)

SM4 well educated Manglik girl, Dob 10.11.86, Time 9:15 pm, ht. 5'-4", M.Sc. IT, well reputed Punjab/ Aroora. 98371-11924. (CL21004070)

Required suitable match for high status Mahajan Manglik, Post Graduate girl, Dob 18 Nov. 1993, 9:50 am, Jalandhar. 75088-00661. (CL21004911)

BRAHMIN

Manglik Saraswat Brahmin girl, extremely beautiful, fair, slim, Sep. 90, 5'-4", MCA, Software Engineer, employed MNC Noida. M: 8146468855, 9598894323. (CL21002457)

Professionally qualified decent match from Tricity invited for beautiful Brahmin Advocate girl Feb. 20, 1985, 15:25 hrs., Chandigarh, 5'-4". WhatsApp biodata photographs 94170-02343. (CL21002486)

Manglik/Non-Manglik match for beautiful, slim, Brahmin girl, 21.06.1992, 9:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.Com., B.Ed. Private Teacher. Match kundi first. 94170-5245 (CL21004845)

Professionally qualified decent match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 3:42 a.m., Mohali, 5'-5", fair, working in PGI Chandigarh seeking in Tricity only. (92172-72068). (CL21004986)

Match for Gaur Brahmin girl, B.Tech., Punjab Govt. Employee, 28 yrs./ 150 cm. Preferred Tricity & surrounding. 94175-72180. (CL21004645)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 3:42 a.m., Ludhiana. Preference Govt. MNC only. 95925-27888, 98888-75408. WhatsApp. (CL21003397)

Match for Manglik Punjabi girl, 21.06.1992, 9:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.Com., B.Ed. Private Teacher. Match kundi first. 94170-5245 (CL21004845)

Professional qualified unmarried and teetotaller match for Punjabi Brahmin girl 5'-2", April '86, M.Sc. Biotechnology, B.Sc., B.Ed. Working in MNC Bangalore. Parents retired. Gazetteed Officers. WhatsApp: 94184-52973. (CL21003373)

Saraswat Brahmin (Vashist) girl 18.03.1988, 08:40 pm, Ludhiana, 5'- MA, NTT, 2486126, 98726-56964. (CL21003389)

Beautiful slim Brahmin girl, Feb. 20, 1985, 15:25 hrs., Chandigarh, 5'-4". WhatsApp biodata photographs 94170-02343. (CL21003052)

Suitable match for Sarawat Brahmin girl, 5 September 1975, Jalandhar, 5'-4", BA. Contact only unmarried. 84376-13898. (CL21003103)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 9.5.86, 12.05 pm, Kharar, M.Sc. IT, B.Ed., 5'-3". 90412-60054. (CL21004584)

Suitable match for Dental Doctor BDS Brahmin girl, December 1989 born, fair Kangra based status family, marriage bureau pl. excuse. 96250-94485. (CL21002861)

Required educated & well-settled service/ business boy for Gaur Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 5:45 am, 5'-2", B.Com., B.Sc., P.TET. Contact: 94160-35955. (CL21004505)

Suitable match for Himachali Brahmin girl 5'-2", April '86, M.Sc. Biotechnology, B.Sc., B.Ed. Working in MNC Bangalore. Parents retired. Gazetteed Officers. WhatsApp: 94184-52973. (CL21003373)

Saraswat Brahmin (Vashist) girl 18.03.1988, 08:40 pm, Ludhiana, 5'- MA, NTT, 2486126, 98726-56964. (CL21003389)

Beautiful slim Brahmin girl, Feb. 20, 1985/ 5'-2", M.Sc., Govt. job, job near Chandigarh. 82191-83165. (CL21004621)

Suitable match for Agar Bhawardiya beautiful girl, June 1987 born, 5'-2", MCA, Anandpur Sahib Una to Chandigarh belt preferred. Mob: 98032-32800. (CL21004670)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, B.Com., B.Ed., 5'-1", 1.3.1991, 8:10 am Jalandhar. Contact: 98418-18876. (CL21002406)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, B.Com., B.Ed., 5'-1", 1.3.1991, 8:10 am Jalandhar. Contact: 98418-18876. (CL21002406)

Suitable match for Manglik girl, 21.11.1991, 6:15 pm (Panipat), 5'-3", B.Tech., M.B.A (IIT Kharagpur), consultant 16 LPA US based MNC Gurgaon. Family settled in Kurukshetra. Father CE ret'd. from Haryana and now Chairman of Consumer Grievances Forum in Haryana, mother ret'd. College Professor. 87087-91670, 94167-03452. (CL21004722)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin girl, 29.9.92, M.Sc. Physics, working Ontario, Canada on work permit. Boy preferably from Canada PR. 70092-28288, 86997-2369. (CL21004444)

PQM for Brahmin girl, 86, MCA, B.Ed., Computer Teacher in convent school. NRI also preferred. Caste no bar. 9872811059, 97808-10373. (CL21004650)

Match for Brahmin girl, 26/10/1988, 6:00 pm, Chandigarh, working company Delhi, 9 LPA. Father Class-I officer (Retd.), Kundli must. Contact: 70657-0178. (CL21004358)

Saraswat Brahmin girl, 29.9.92, M.Sc. Physics, working Ontario, Canada on work permit. Boy preferably from Canada PR. 70092-28288, 86997-2369. (CL21004444)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin girl, 29.9.92, M.Sc. Physics, working Ontario, Canada on work permit. Boy preferably from Canada PR. 70092-28288, 86997-2369. (CL21004444)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 5:45 am,



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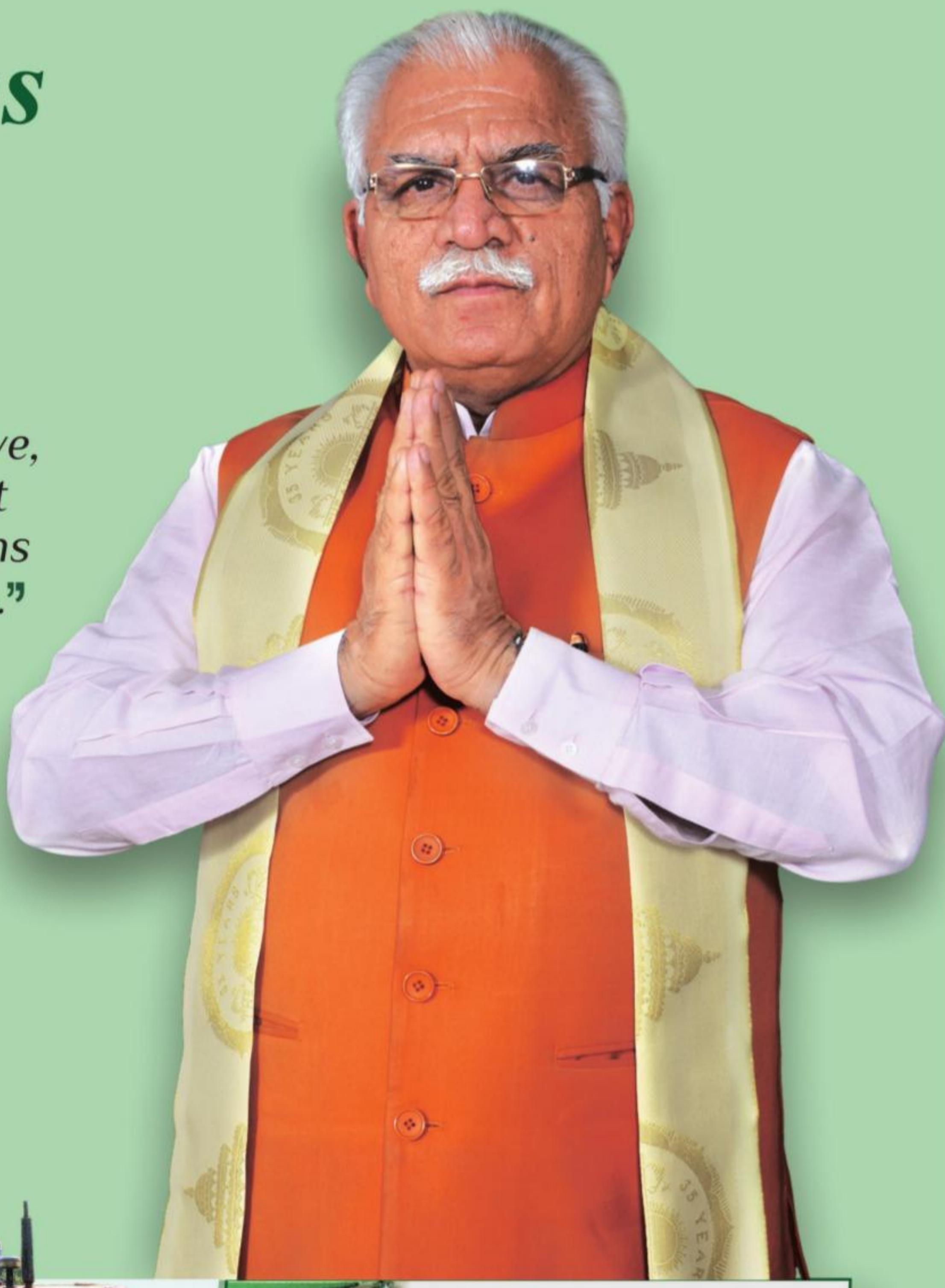
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KHATRI
PQM for fair, slim, Khatri Sober girl, 5'-3", 02/09/91, 03:28 pm (Khamma), B.Tech, PU, working MNC Gurgaon, 11 LPA, vegetarian family. 70226-03293. (CL20101725)

Seeking a suitable match from upper class family for a beautiful, fair (Product Designer from Singapore), Punjabi Khatri, 5'-1" 26 yrs girl from reputed business family of Kapur. M: 93051-09382. (CL20102197)

Aggarwal 1983, 5', SBI Officer, Chandigarh, issueless divorcee, upper caste no bar, required Govt. employee Tricity 94663-67420. WhatsApp: 84478-48732. (CL20103587)

Match for Bansal girl 15-02-94, 11:35 am, 5'-3", Ambala Cantt CA job in IT company Mohali 94662-61632 (CL20100394)

Match for fair, beautiful, slim, vegetarian, talented, non-manglik Bansal girl, 5'-3"- 04/10/1989, 8:55 p.m. Chandigarh, B.Sc., MBA (Regular). Working from Home, earning 10 Lac per annum. Mohali based educated status business family. Looking for Industrialist / Civil Services / Business / Good job boy Tricity mainly preferred. Contact after matching kundli. WhatsApp: 98761-77045. ban.anshu@gmail.com (CL20104161)

Suitable match for B.Tech., 5'-5", Singla girl, 94 born from Panchkula working in NCR preferred well educated boy from Tricity / NCR WhatsApp: 83602-63083. (CL20104374)

Jain (Garg) fair, tall girl 25.08.1991, 7.34 am, Ambala, 5'-6", B.Tech., Sr. Software Engineer reputed MNC, Noida, 10 lac. Preferred highly qualified, well-settled tall boy. 93544-67457. (CL20104384)

PQM for B.Tech. (Comp.) MBA fair complexioned Goyal girl, 5'-4", working in MNC. DOB 24.07.94, 12 Noon Sirsa, Haryana. WhatsApp: 89860-12927. (CL20104393)

Beautiful Aggarwal girl, 5'-4", 31.03.1995, MA, B.Ed, CTET qualified. Contact: 94653-78360, 98764-47380. (CL20104412)

SM4 Aggarwal Goyal beautiful Manglik girl, B.Tech. DOB 11.06.1993, 10.30 am, 5'-4", Chandigarh. Preferred in Tricity Con. 97808-78835, 98786-53698. (CL20104503)

Aggarwal fair girl Singla Chartered Account, 5'-3", 21.11.1992, Jalandhar, preferred professional CA. 98881-21610. (CL20104519)

SM4 Jindal BDS girl (Dentist), 5'-1", 30.12.1991, 12:23 p.m. Sirdih, WhatsApp 78378-44777. (CL20102686)

Kansal Anshik Manglik girl Canara Bank Assistant Manager 2.9.91, 6.15 p.m., Patiala, 5'. WhatsApp: 97813-66822. (CL20104522)

Qualified Aggarwal match for Manglik beautiful Bansal girl 06.11.1990, 06:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-5", BDS, PGDHA. 62397-76174. (CL20104530)

Smart intelligent, Aggarwal girls, 1992, B.Tech, MBA, 5'-6" and 1993, CA, 5'-3", package 20 lakhs. Required rich background qualified boys. 84271-23150, 86993-72414. (CL20104558)

Bansal beautiful slim fair girl 15.11.83, 5.00 a.m. Ambala, 5'-2", M.Com., B.Ed. 81682-87419. (CL20104572)

Agarwal girl 1996/5'-4", B.Tech. Requirement Govt. job, Priv. job and businessman all contacts. (W) 90097-35296, 62653-95942. (CL20104574)

Singla divorcee issueless girl 14.09.1991, 2.10 a.m. Nabha, 5'-4", MCA, 62839-68727, 90945-00007. (CL20104581)

Jindal girl 5'-7", 08.05.1993, 2:20 pm Ambala, B.Tech., job Chandigarh, 13 plus, Panchkula based family. 98880-02742, 97803-86097. (CL20104698)

Professionally qualified businesswoman match for CA Inter Garg girl 07.10.1992, 10:52 am, Moga, father CA, decent marriage. 62394-15791, marriage bureau excuse. (CL20104705)

Groom for Goyal girl, 34 years, MBA-HR, divorced. Contact: 98288-10757. (CL20104710)

Match for Manglik Bansal girl, 27.10.1992, 10:40 am, 5'-4", M.Com., B.Ed, Panchkula. 94161-03576. (CL20104734)

Garg girl, 21.04.1992, 8:40 pm, MBA, working Gurgaon, 8L+ annual. 73070-50798. (CL20104754)

Jain/ Aggarwal fair, religious, homely non working Manglik (Mittal) girl, B.Com., MBA, 06.08.1993, 11:20 am, 5'-3", Ambala, well settled family. Required established businessman, good looking, pure vegetarian, teetotaller Manglik/ Anshik Manglik boy in Ambala/ nearby Ambala. 94164-70626. (CL20104789)

Suitable match for Garg girl, Dob 10.08.1997, timing 03.17 am, Ludhiana, height 5'-11", Degree, B.Design in interior & furniture. 94170 - 31452, 96538 - 97595. (CL20104793)

Alliance invited for beautiful Singla girl, MD Anaesthesia (PGI) working PCMS (specialist), 5'-3", 10.9.88, 5.55 a.m., Patiala, belongs Doctor's family. 92162 - 31054, 95013 - 63800. (CL20104844)

Required suitable match for District Development Panchayti Officer (Gazetted Officer) Aggarwal girl Sep 85, 5'-2" in Punjab Chandigarh only. 97798-97344. (CL20104897)

Manglik Singla girl, M.Pharmacy, D.Pharmacy, 16.02.1991, 5'/2.27 am, Barnala, 62802-34358. Kundli must. (CL20104922)

Suitable match for Manglik Mittal girl, 19.06.1993, 10:50 am, 5'-1", M.Sc (Physics), B.Ed, Distt. Ambala. Contact: 80533 - 22003, 94163 - 44071. (CL20104931)

Suitable match for Garg girl, Manglik girl, 5'-1", 11.11.1993, Time 04:38 pm, Nabha, M.Com., B.Ed. M- 98149-70515. (CL20104946)

PQM for B.Tech/MBA very beautiful smart Manglik Khatri Arora Manglik girl, 5'-3", January 1992, decent package, employed NCR. Educated family, send details/ horoscope/photo on WhatsApp: 98675-68151. (CL20104541)

KHATRI

Suitable match for Chandigarh based Khatri girl, 5'-2", 13.4.94, B.Com, Master in Mass Communication, Tricity preferred. 94177-44378. (CL20104456)

Suitable match for Khatri girl 20.07.1987, 5:30 a.m., Amritsar, 5'-4", B.Ed, M.Ed and Ph.D, Assistant Professor in private college, marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 98880-02427, 84270-0780. (CL20104560)

Professional Khatri girls 1988, Fashion designer, 5'-4", package 15 lacs, 1989, MBBS, 5'-1", own clinic Ludhiana. Required decent rich landlord families. 86991-50414, 92177-7541. (CL20104561)

Suitable Khatri Manglik Defence Officer/ executive match for good looking girl, 7.18 pm, Patiala, 25 Oct. 1995, 5'-4", B.Tech, MBA, working. Contact 95012-84800. (CL20104562)

Match for Khatri girl 26.08.90, 5'-4", LLB and English honours from Delhi University, currently working in Law firm Delhi past 4 years, preferred Chandigarh/Delhi and abroad, caste no bar. 98154-80918, 84277-53557. (CL20104563)

Looking highly qualified Hindu Khatri well settled Chandigarh, Panchkula for 26 years BE(PU), convent educated single child. 81465-04009. (CL20104583)

American citizen Khatri girl 32/ 5'-5", born Jalandhar, study in Neuro Medicine Research. Well-settled Doctor only agree to settle in abroad only WhatsApp +91073139919, Email: balbir_guglani@hotmail.com (CL20104617)

Non-Manglik girl, 13.8.1988 (6:24 pm), Khanna, working as Senior Scientific Assistant Panchkula. 98850-53170. (CL20104633)

Hindu Khatri Govt. job girl, 16.12.89, 4:15 am Patiala, 5'-2", M.Com. Wants Govt. employee from Patiala/ Chandigarh/ Mohali. 95696-59018. (CL20102709)

Manglik match for 19 Jan. 1991, 2:30 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-5", MA Hons, taking home tuitions. 90232-50589. (CL20102679)

Match for Hindu Khatri Manglik girl, 1994, 5'-4", B.Sc. Pvt job. Preference Jalandhar. 98884-54525, 97993-23222. (CL20102632)

Suitable match for 1982 born, Hindu Khatri Graduate girl in and around Jalandhar 95307-76121. (CL20102421)

Suitable match Hindu Khatri slim girl, 1984, 5'-4", B.Sc. Pvt job. Preference Jalandhar. 98884-54525, 97993-23222. (CL20102452)

Match for Hindu Khatri Manglik girl, 1992, 5'-0", doing Ph.D Chemistry USA, near completion. 98850-93259. (CL20102707)

Hindu Khatri Govt. job girl, 16.12.89, 4:15 am Patiala, 5'-2", M.Com. Wants Govt. employee from Patiala/ Chandigarh/ Mohali. 95696-59018. (CL20102709)

MD/MS/PCS match for Manglik match for Kad beautiful girl 20.10.1994, 9:26 am Sangrur, 5'-1", M.Sc Physics, B.Ed. Pursuing M.Ed, IELTS 6.5 overall bands. Radhawami family preferred. NRI/ interested to go abroad. 94649-17132. (CL20104729)

Khatri girl, 11 Nov. 1985, Kurail, 5'-5", M.Com, B.Ed, Commerce Teacher. 98880-68878. (CL20104801)

Hindu Khatri girl, 1983 born, 5'-1", MA, B.Ed, Teacher in reputed school, Ludhiana. 98881-23987, 94651-63338. (CL20104866)

Suitable well settled, qualified, teetotaller match for Hindu, Punjabi Khatri girl, 5'-0", Aug. 1990 done B.Tech, MBA pursuing Ph.D Doctors family. Call/ WhatsApp: 80549-42200. (CL20104873)

Mahajan 15 Oct, 87-88, Delhi, 5'-5", MNC, 25 Lacs, caste no bars. 98183-76322. (CL20104888)

Suitable match for Hindu Punjabi Khatri beautiful, fair girl, M.Com, 5'-3", 14.10.93, 12:10 am, Ambala, 94160-24348 (Father), 87083-21339 (Mother), 94644-28748 (Brother) (CL20102954)

PQM for Punjabi Khatri girl, Dec. 1986, 5'-7", fair, MBA in IT, own business Delhi, 12 lakh package. Contact: 93129-18267. (CL20102693)

SM4 Khatri Hindu girl, Feb. 91 born, M.Tech. Working in MNC, 79885-88385. (CL20103113)

Working Anshik Manglik Khatri girl, MA, 5'-2", 02.08.1990, 11:58 am (Chandigarh). Tricity preferred. 99880-73865. (CL20103122)

Beautiful Punjabi simple, slim, religious homely girl, M.Com, 5'-5", 25.4.88, 5.07 am, Patiala. 94630-87045. (CL20103226)

Chandigarh based beautiful Khatri girl, 26/5'-1", Masters in ECO (HNRs) Father industrialist. Required well established educated boy from compatible business family. Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 98141-16140. (CL20103714)

Beautiful, fair, non-manglik Punjabi Khatri girl, slim, 5'-4", Hoshiarpur, MBA. 883771255, 6283153254. (CL20103144)

Suitable match for MBA Punjabi Khatri Manglik girl, 17.10.1991, 10:12 am, 5'-4". Preferred Jalandhar. Call/ WhatsApp: 999660091, 90415-10010. (CL20103205)

Hindi Non Manglik simple, slim, religious homely girl, M.Com, 5'-5", 25.4.88, 5.07 am, Patiala. 94630-87045. (CL20103226)

Suitable match required for beautiful Arora girl, MA (Eng), B.Ed, 16.7.1993, 3:12 pm, 5'-2", Ludhiana. Preferred pure vegetarian family. Doctors family. Call/ WhatsApp: 99295-32707, 93523-03000. (CL20103204)

Suitable match for Arora girl, 21.07.1994, 5:30 pm, Ludhiana 5'-1", 93169-1911. (CL20103334)

Suitable match for Arora girl, 21.07.1994, 5:30 pm, Ludhiana, height 5'-11", Degree, B.Design in interior & furniture. 98585-62277. (CL20104125)

Well settled suitable match from Tricity required for well-educated beautiful girl from well settled business family in Panchkula, Bangalore. Boy settled in Bangalore/ abroad. Contact WhatsApp: 99295-32707, 93523-03000. (CL20103203)

Suitable match required for beautiful Arora girl, MA (Eng), B.Ed, 16.7.1993, 3:12 pm, 5'-2", Ludhiana. Preferred pure vegetarian family. Doctors family. Call/ WhatsApp: 99295-32707, 93523-03000. (CL20103204)

Looking handsome alliance from status family for beautiful girl (26 years 5'-4", 17.04.1994, 00:12 am, Chd. Rajesh Gulati. 98888-90028. (CL20103904)

Convened working Kasauli 31.8.87, 14.25, Shimla, Veg, 5#, #91480-10602. (CL20104408)

Match for beautiful convent educated Hindu Khatri girl, 13.2.90, 9:40 pm, Chd, 5'-2", BALLB (Hons), working corporate in Mumbai. Father Businessman brother and bhabhi Doctors. B.Tech boy with MBA from reputed institutions working Mumbai from upper middle class family settled in Tricity preferred. 93160-58565. (CL20104423)

Match for beautiful Hindu girl, 27/5', Chandigarh, working PUNE. Package 10 lac. 98729-64451, 62846-63650. (CL20104452)

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The inspirational Commander Mohan Samant, Lt Commander Joseph Noronha and Leading Seaman Chiman Singh Yadav, marine Maha Virs in the eastern sector

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Satyajit Ray

A VIEW FROM PUNJAB



His films aim to transform, and there's a resplendent affirmation of our earthly life in the acclaimed director's work. By celebrating Ray, whose birth centenary falls on May 2, we celebrate what is best in us

ANUP SINGH

On May 2, India and the world will be celebrating Satyajit Ray's birth centenary. And here in Punjab, how are we considering celebrating this extraordinary filmmaker? In fact, are we going to? Should we? We might even ask ourselves, why should we? Well, we have to admit to ourselves that there's no other Indian filmmaker who has managed to safeguard international respect for Indian cinema the way his work has for the past 60 years or so. And not only respect, there's a deep affection in the hearts of film professionals, writers, scientists, educators, politicians, besides of course ordinary filmgoers.

Then, something that has enchanted me from the very first moment I noticed it in Ray's cinema: his adroit ability to capture precise particulars. For instance, rain drops as they rebound as scintillations when they hit a surface, or the sense of heat building in a hand lying in a fragment of sunshine on a windowsill. And, you realise that even as these particulars — be they of a village or a specific city — might create a sense of identity, draw a border, Ray always seeks to push and open them towards lively, varied correspondences with the deeper patterns of our world. Identity and borders in Ray do not close, *Ghare-Baire* (The Home and the World) are not in opposition.

There's a resplendent affirmation of our earthly life in Ray's work. There's a resolve and strength to cherish what the world might revile, and a longing to seek not for us, his audience, but with us, our genuine relationship with our cosmos.

In his own way, Ray's work is imbued with the quest and questions that we find in the visionary poetry of Guru Nanak or in the poetry of some of our Sufi poets. This should not come as a surprise as Ray connects to Punjab through Rabindranath Tagore. And, of course, a very large number of Ray's films are based on Tagore's stories and novels. We know that Tagore travelled with his father to Punjab at the age of 11. They rented a big house on the outskirts of Amritsar and visited the Golden Temple everyday. It seems the young Tagore was mesmerised by Guru Nanak's *Aarti* and translated it into Bangla for the first time. We also know that the great actor, Balraj Sahni, had once asked Tagore that while he had written many important anthems for India, why had he not written an anthem for the whole world? Tagore had replied that, in fact, such an anthem had already been written. Not only for the world, but for the entire universe — in the 16th century by Guru Nanak. He was referring to Guru Nanak's *Aarti*. Tagore's poetry, his stories are saturated with Sufi *bhakti* resonances. While in many ways these resonances emerge in Ray's narratives, they are even more vibrant in some of his images. These moments are like an epiphany, a heightened, dazzling perception in the trivial aspects of the everyday. They are of fugitive beauty, fading even as you notice them, but somehow they abide in us for the rest of our life.

Guru Nanak's *Aarti* has the same incandescence:

"*Gagan Mae Thaal Rava*
Chanda Deepak Banay
Tarka Mandala Janak Moti
Dhoop Malayano Pavan Chavro Karey
Sagai Banray Phulant Jyoti"

(The sky is your platter

The sun and moon are the lamps

The stars in the sky are the pearls

The incense is the fragrance

That the wind propels

All the flora and fauna your flowers)

The invocation brings us a revelation, it opens the framework of our consciousness. The distance between the individual and the cosmos burns away. Early French film theoreticians called such poetic moments in cinema — photogénie. They believed that such a moment defined the very epitome of cinema. It was the very rare film, though, that had these moments. For me, there's one such moment in *Mughal-e-Azam* and in Dilip Kumar's *Taraana*. In the films of Guru Dutt, such moments take you by surprise, often leaving you with that strange sense of serenity that a desolating insight can bring you.

In the works of Satyajit Ray, however, and his peer, Ritwik Ghatak, these moments enrapture us and annihilate us (in the Sufi sense of '*Fanaa*') in almost all their films. In Ray's first film, *Pather Panchali* (Song of the Road), Durga, a girl of about 13, dances in the first monsoon. Apu, her younger brother, watches her from under the protection of a tree. Her hair open, Durga wheels around herself under the vast cloud-covered sky. The rain glitters as it falls and the lake behind her is luminous like a face. Here, the time in the film is suddenly suspended. A young woman takes complete possession of herself and her universe, while the universe seems to forego

its indifference and shimmers with her.

It's no exaggeration when I say there's no song sequence in Indian cinema that has the bewildering and exhilarating force of life that we see here. The film, the light, rain, landscape and Durga, for a long moment, beat with a rhythm where machine, heart and blood and the vibration of the cosmos are no longer distinguishable. Usually, these wondrous moments are brief. But I would argue that in the sequence where Apu and Durga walk through the long, white-wisped *kusha* grass and to their first sighting of the steam-clouded train, there's almost a patterning of such ineffable moments of beauty.

There's nothing like this in world cinema (all exceptions granted: the films of Andrei Tarkovsky, Kenji Mizoguchi's *Ugetsu Monogatari*, and in the cinema of Ritwik Ghatak. See especially Ghatak's song sequence 'Aeri Dekho, Bhor Bhayi', in *Subarnarekha*). Though never with the same haunting quality after *Pather Panchali* and much more briefly, such moments continue to surface in almost every other of Ray's next films. Almost all filmmakers are curtailed by budgets and expectations. Ray was too.

After *Pather Panchali*, he made choices and never returned to the free-flowing, meandering narrative of his first film. His films now moved more and more towards classical storytelling. The relentless forward thrust of classical narration has a great seductive power, but that's often also its weakness. The play becomes limited to a chain of cause and effect, each action locked to the next, imprisoning us within foreseeable rhythms. The closed flow makes it almost impossible for a moment, an image to surface for itself. For me, Ray's choice to work within this classical mode heralds a narrowing in his wondrous ability to suggest and evoke. Over time, the struggle in his films between the photogénie and the classical narrative becomes more and more tense. But the tenacious and virtuoso quality of his struggle,

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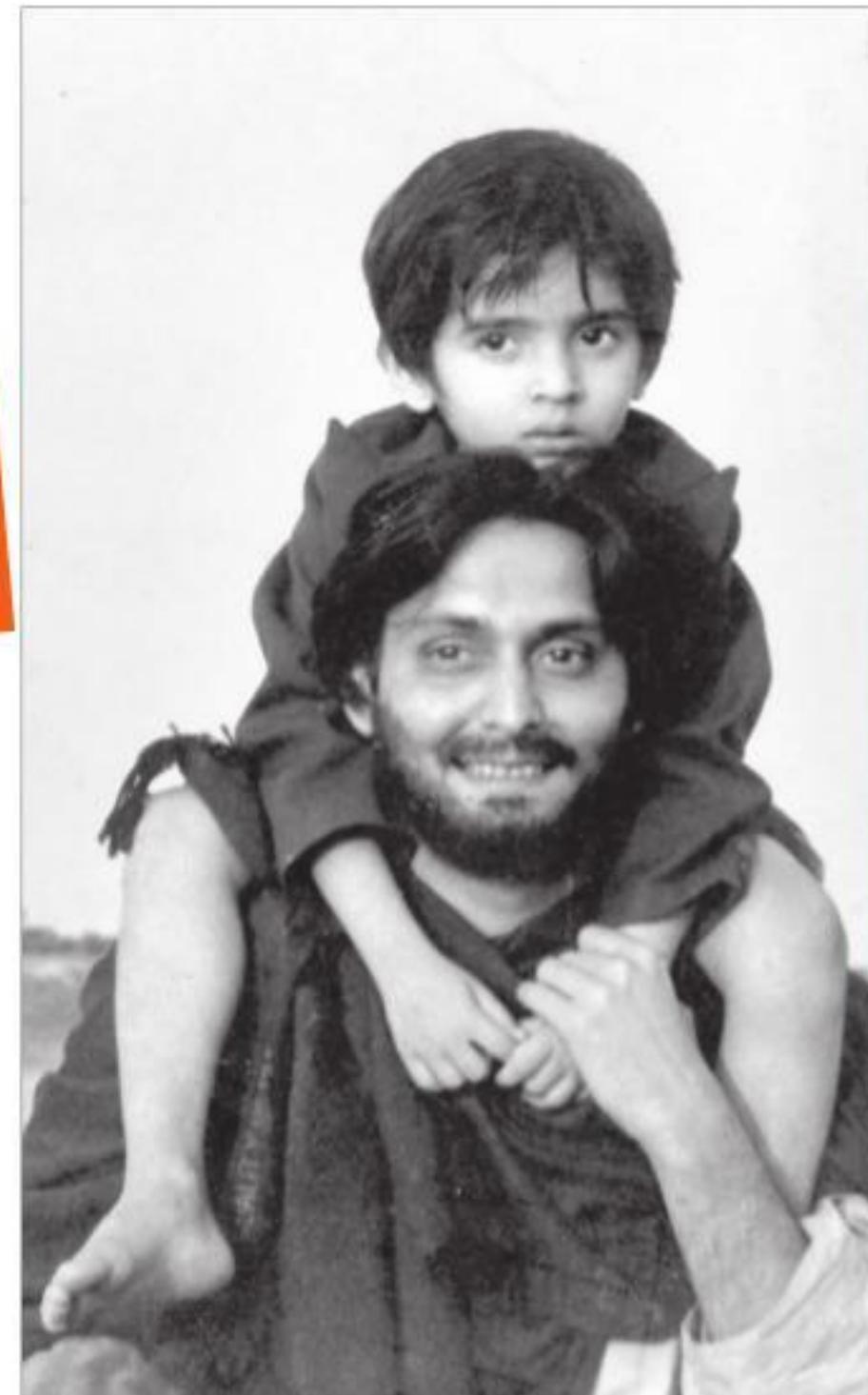
his determination to keep seeking those rapturous moments — even within the limitations he had set for himself — is awe-inspiring.

That incorruptibility is what makes us cherish and revere him even today. This complex creative play in his work continues to bring nourishment to one generation after another. In *Pather Panchali*, he achieved something supremely rare where, at moments, all mediations between the self and phenomena fade away. And, in his later works, the purity of his struggle to keep the heightened life-force alive has helped usher in a range of illuminated traditions into Indian cinema today. We have the epiphanic cinema of Amit Dutta, the powerful, socially conscious films of Sanal Kumar Sasidharan. There is the cinema of Chaitanya Tamhane and Gurvinder Singh, who endeavour to hold these two tendencies together, and then those that choose classical story-telling (the mainstream cinema). As filmmakers, as audiences, whatever choices we make, I believe Ray's cinema shows us that our struggle to live our story on this earth has to be open to discontinuities. His cinema gives us courage to take a pause and, perhaps, that might allow a colour, a face, a tree, a line of a poem to rise before our eyes. And while this moment, this image, affirms its own existence with us as witnesses, it might also transfigure our life.

Satyajit Ray's films, like Punjab's visionary texts, aim to transform. They reject nothing and ask of us only that we not evade — with whatever excuses, be it the budget or audience expectations — any such moment that might bring us the opportunity to expand our life. By celebrating Ray, we're celebrating what is best in us.

The writer is the director of the award-winning film, Qissa

Capturing the strange sense of serenity



(Clockwise from left):
Stills from
Satyajit Ray's
films *Pather
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Rome and the tribunes of the plebs

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*The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones;
So let it be with Caesar...
But Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
He hath brought many captives home to
Rome
Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill:
Did this in Caesar seem ambitious?*
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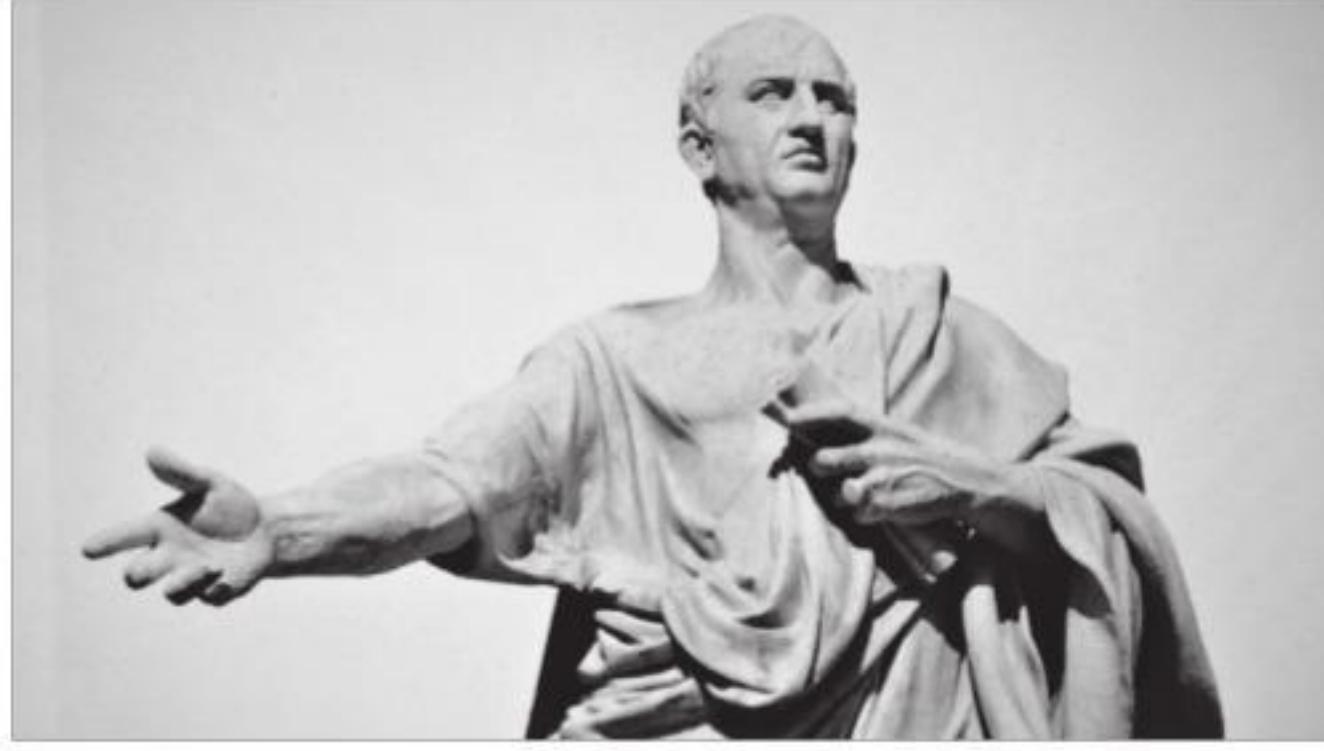
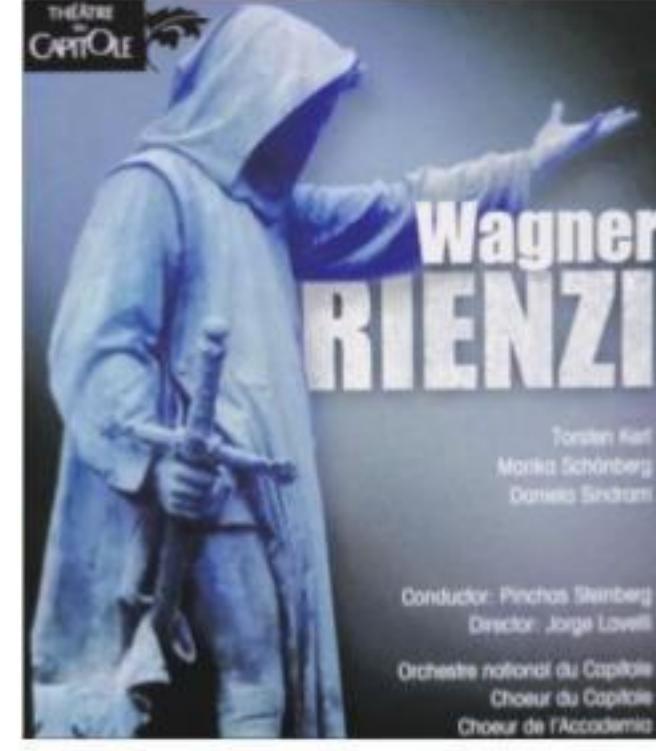
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It might have been these words — laced as they are with incomparable irony and eloquence and rage — that were ringing in my ears when I picked up, from the college library, Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton's book, 'Rienzi, the Last of the Roman Tribunes', without knowing much about it. This must have been a very long time ago, when I was studying in my 'intermediate', as it used to be called then. The name of Rome and of a man speaking up for the people were enough to attract me to it. It was an absorbing story; it so turned out, tracing the career of a man who established in medieval Rome yet another Republic in the 14th century: a man vastly popular once, but then betrayed, excommunicated, and assassinated. Soon afterwards, however, the tribunes went out of my mind, except when I heard of an opera by Wagner on the same Rienzi years back in Germany, but most recently, when I was kindly asked to write a piece for The Tribune in our own city in connection with the 140th anniversary of the founding of the newspaper. With that, I was back with the 'tribunes' of the past, and decided to learn a bit more about them.

There was a great deal to learn, I found, for one really knew nothing to begin with. But it was enriching, and, intriguingly, still relevant in many ways. The word seems to have stood originally for an officer connected with a tribe (*tribus*), or who represented a tribe for certain purposes. In ancient times, there were different tribes that made up as it were Rome, and the tribes needed to be represented, especially when the monarchy was thrown out in 509 BC, and a republic established which lasted till 27 BC, when Empire replaced Republic. In the Republic, to put it in the broadest of terms, there were two groups — classes in fact — which often found themselves opposed to each other: the patricians and the plebeians. In other words, the nobility and the peasantry, the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. But, knowing



Gaius Gracchus addressing a crowd of plebeians, an artist's impression; (below, left) poster of Wagner's Opera 'Rienzi, The Last of the Roman Tribunes'; statue of a Roman Senator.

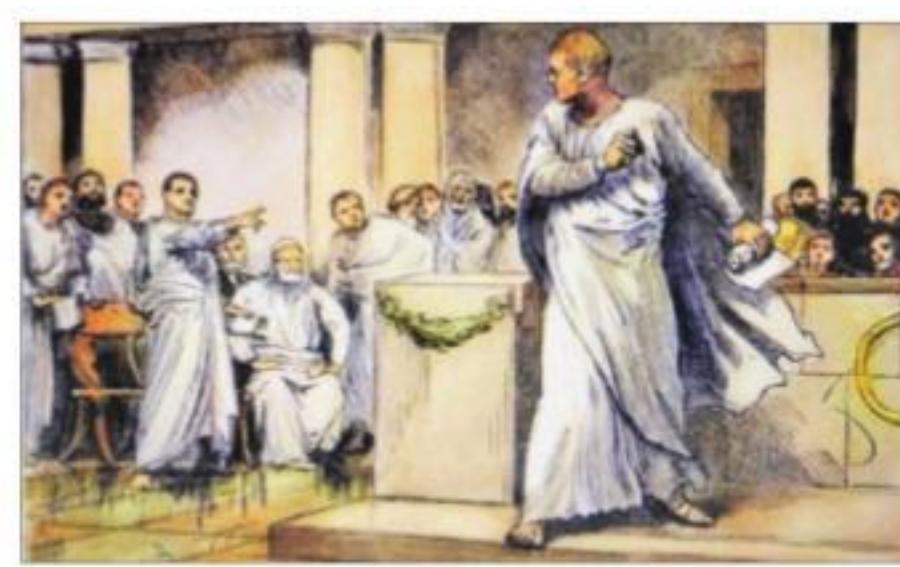


that they could not run the state, or even exist, on their own, the patricians, by common consent, recognised the plebeians and invested officers elected from among them with powers. This was a recognition of the wisdom contained in the folkish fable of 'The belly and the limbs': that one could not survive without the other. These elected officers, called the *tribuni plebis*, were granted not only the right of convoking meetings of their tribes, but also the duty of defending the privileges, some old and some new, conferred on them. There were other tribunes — those representing the military, for instance — but the *tribuni*

plebis were the first offices of the Roman state that were open to the plebeians, and were, throughout the history of the Republic, the most important check on the power of the Roman Senate and magistrates. For, by law, they could summon the Senate, propose legislation, and intervene on behalf of plebeians in legal matters. The most significant power in their hands, however, was to veto the actions of the consuls and other magistrates, thus protecting the interests of the plebeians. The tribunes of the plebs were sacrosanct, meaning that any assault on their person was punishable by death. All the same, the interests of the two class-

es being very different, there were clashes: violent clashes, sometimes. Whatever protection the law granted to the tribunes, it was not adequate against 'the insatiable ambition and usurpations of the patricians', as a contemporary historian put it.

Over a long period of time, there were hundreds of tribunes who came and went, each having had to put up with, and manage, the challenges of his time. But perhaps the most celebrated names that have come down are of the Gracchi brothers: Tiberius the older, and Gaius the younger. Recognising that there was tremendous imbalance of wealth in the Roman Republic, Tiberius (163-133



An artist's impression of a scene in the Roman Senate.



The Gracchi brothers mourning before their father's statue. By Barlocchini, 1849.

BCE), when elected, fought for distributing land to the workers proposing that no one would be allowed to hold more than 500 iugera (about 125 acres), and anything in excess would be redistributed among the poor. The wealthy landowners were not pleased. A violent encounter took place in the Senate, and Tiberius was beaten to death. With time, Gaius filled the position left by the death of his older brother. He created a coalition of poor free men to follow him and when, one year, locusts and drought brought Rome to its knees, Gaius enacted a law providing for the construction of state granaries and for the regular sale or dole of grains to the powerless and the hungry. Displeased with all this, the Senate passed a decree that declared Gaius an 'enemy of the state'. Since there was going to be no trial, Gaius knew what awaited him, and committed suicide. There is a footnote that historians add to these episodes. "After the death of the Gracchi brothers, major disturbances broke out in Rome. People still worship them and made statues of them around Rome." The need to speak up was never abandoned.

My father used to tell us how, in our land in early times, kings always used to have a mentor, Rajguru so to speak, seated by their side, with the right and the duty to tell him if and where he was going wrong. "Rajan! Aapke rajya mein yeh amaya ho raha hai," the Rajguru would say, aloud. After telling us of this ancient practice, he would point to one of my two sisters, and say that this is what she is meant to do at home!

Celebrating the journey of Sikhs in Singapore

From just 195 in 1921, Sikhs now number 13,000 in the island nation. An exhibition highlights their phenomenal contribution

VANDANA AGGARWAL

THE Sikh community in Singapore may number just 13,000, but it is by no means obscure, thanks to the several high-profile Sikh professionals, businessmen, sportsmen and armed forces personnel who have made a name for themselves and contributed meaningfully to the island nation.

Among the earliest recorded Sikhs in Singapore was Bhai Maharaj Singh, who, along with his disciple Khurrukh Singh, had been deported to Singapore as a state prisoner in 1850 for his role in the Anglo-Sikh wars. It was in 1881, after the setting up of the Sikh Police contingent in Singapore, that Sikh migrants started arriving in large numbers.

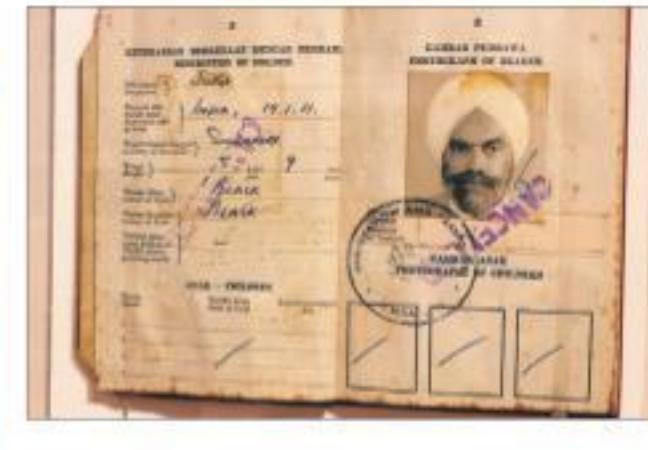
To honour this nascent community, the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC), Singapore, has put together an exhibition that celebrates the Sikh culture and heritage. 'Sikhs in Singapore — A Story Untold' features 450 carefully curated artefacts that provide a microcosm of the journey of the Sikhs in Singapore; Justice Choor Singh Sidhu went on to become a judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore; Col Gurcharan Singh (retd) hands over command of an infantry division to the incoming Commander.



farmers, moneylenders or businessmen. The presence of statues of Sikh guards, among Chinese graves, is one of the most potent symbols of how the Sikhs were considered so brave and dependable that they were given the jobs of guarding their masters in death, just as they had done in life.

The census of 1921 recorded only 195 Sikhs in Singapore, but the numbers were set to rise. During World War II, they volunteered in large numbers to serve the British Indian Army. Many of them received commendations and medals for their bravery. In post-war Singapore, Hardial Singh & Co and Gian Singh & Co were businesses helmed by Sikhs that made a name for themselves as wholesalers and retailers in the textile trade. Many of these families are nostalgically remembered even today for their generosity and dedication to the religious and welfare needs of the community and for raising the prestige of the community in the public eye.

With the spread of education, they took on the roles of clerks and court interpreters for



lege and as the Assistant Chief of General Staff (Operations) of the Singapore Army.

Not limiting himself to SAF, Singh also held positions as president of the Singapore Rugby Association and Singapore Cricket Club, to name just a few. As the president of Singapore Khalsa Association, he was involved in building three gurdwaras in the city and raising the standard and range of activities available to its members. He continues to be informally involved in what he refers to as his "national service to the community and society".

His two younger brothers have also made a name for themselves in the medical profession and are well known for their enthusiasm and charitable nature.

Another prominent Singapore Sikh, Justice Choor Singh Sidhu, came to Singapore as a child in 1915 to join his father, who was already working as a *jaga* (night watchman). He went on to be a judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore and was well known for his philanthropy and books on Sikhism.

At the exhibition, in a pre-recorded message, guest of honour Tharman Shanmugaratnam, a senior minister, lauded the showcasing of Sikhs and their belief in *chardi kala* (positivity in the face of difficulties) which enables them to continue to support each other, as well as other Singaporeans at all times. He particularly mentioned how they stepped up to do 'seva' during the Covid-19 crisis. At one time, more than 10,000 meals were being provided free of cost every week to Singaporeans irrespective of their race, nationality or religion.

Today the Sikhs form the fourth largest sub-ethnic group within the Indian community. They have evolved and assimilated in Singapore and made it their home. The younger generation has continued the good work of their immigrant forefathers and believes in contributing to nation-building while staying connected to the roots.

For the nation, and society

The family of Col Gurcharan Singh (retd) is among the early migrants who made Singapore their home. His grandfather was a prominent cattle dealer in the early 1900s. The family subsequently opened a dairy farm. When the cattle trade was no longer viable, Singh's father changed professions to become successful moneylenders. Singh's story embodies the life of a typical Sikh migrant who has made a name for himself and earned respect due

to his hard work and integrity towards his chosen profession.

Fondly nicknamed 'Father of the Engineers', Singh studied to be an engineer, but his father persuaded him to join the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). "Singapore had just gained Independence. It was both a mix of my father's desire for me to follow the Sikh tradition of sending sons into the armed forces to serve the nation, as well as the stability of a permanent government job that made him do so," explains Singh. He was one of the key personnel involved in setting up the Singapore Combat Engineers Corps. He served as a Commandant of the Singapore Command and Staff Col-

Marine Maha Virs in eastern sector

Inspirational Commander Mohan NR Samant, Lt Commander Joseph PA Noronha and Leading Seaman Chiman Singh Yadav

Lt Col Dilbag Singh Dabas (RETD)

As a student, Chiman Singh Yadav was passionate about swimming and diving in the village pond. In 1961, he accompanied a group of students to watch the Republic Day Parade in Delhi. There he saw for the first time a tableau of a ship, with young men atop attired in immaculate whites performing mock drills or diving from the deck. Fascinated, he needed no counselling on what career to choose.

Son of Rao Nand Kishore Yadav, Chiman was born at Gokalgarh village in Gurgaon district of then undivided Punjab on June 1, 1945. Gokalgarh, incidentally, was one of the villages in the water-starved south-west Haryana called Ahirwal. Some of the villages though had small ponds to fetch water from when the wells went dry.

After matriculation from BS Ahir High School, Rewari, and at just about 16, Chiman joined the Navy as a sailor through the Boys Entry on June 8, 1961. Within seven years, Chiman, as Leading Seaman, was a Clearance Diver Class 2 and underwater bomb disposal specialist at the Naval Diving School, Cochin. He also specialised in the use of limpet mines against enemy warships and submarines.

In 1965, consequent to Pakistan Navy's unsuccessful raid on Dwarka's front

waters, the Indian Navy wanted to retaliate, and in a big way, but was kept on leash, possibly based on strategic thought to restrict the scope of the war. But six years later, the maritime sword arm of the Indian military could no longer be kept on leash. It was widely believed that domination over Arabian Sea could prove to be the game-changer.

During the war with Pakistan in 1971, Operation Trident, the Indian maritime offensive by its Western Naval Command, did change the game by not only blasting the Karachi harbour but also effectively denying West Pakistan war efforts from reaching its eastern half, thereby contributing a lot to the Indian victory during the 14-day war.

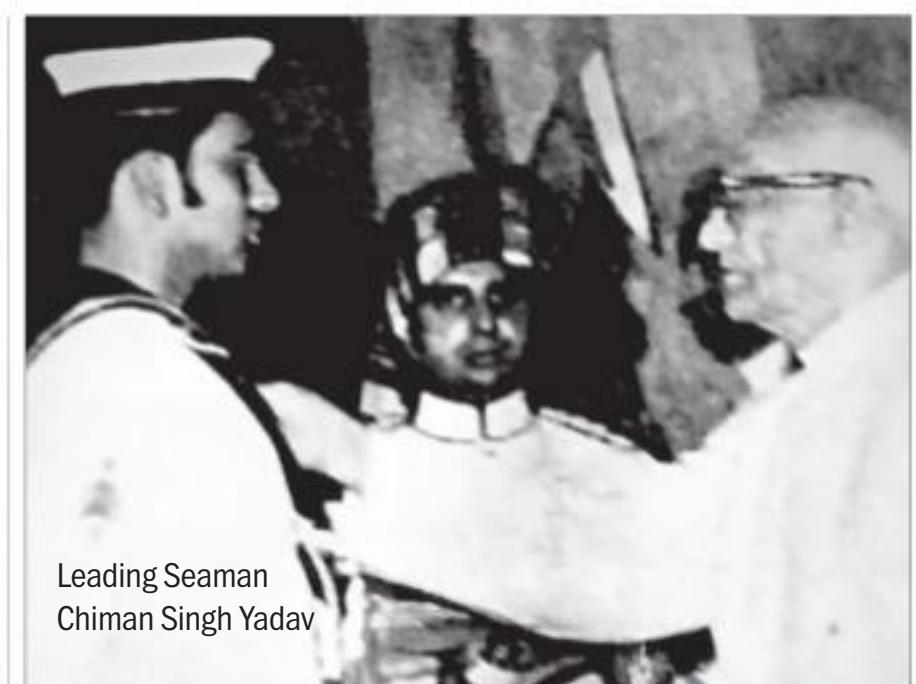
Before the outbreak of the war in December, Chiman Singh, now a Leading Seaman (LS-2), not only trained the Mukti Bahini guerrillas in covert sea-borne operations, but himself led many successful operations



Commander Mohan NR Samant



Lt Commander Joseph PA Noronha

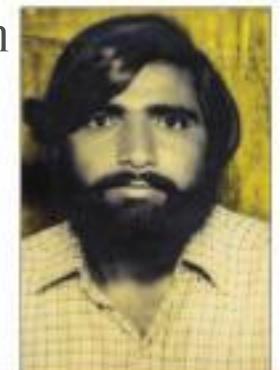


Leading Seaman Chiman Singh Yadav

Commander Samant headed the task force of three boats which not only neutralised the shore defences but also blasted and set ablaze the oil installation in Khulna, the largest in East Pakistan

Lt Commander Noronha, commanding INS Panvel, was part of the task force under Commander Samant which attacked Mongla, Chalna and Khulna bays. He effectively engaged enemy shore defences

Chiman Singh Yadav (inset, as an undercover operative) is the only sea warrior below Officers rank in the Indian Navy to have been conferred the Maha Vir Chakra



deep inside East Pakistan waters.

During the 1971 war in the eastern theatre codenamed Operation Cactus Lily, Leading Seaman Chiman Singh, for his conspicuous bravery, unparalleled camaraderie and strong determination in the face of the enemy far superior in number and strength, was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra. The write-up on his gallantry decoration reads:

During Operation Cactus Lily, Leading Seaman Chiman Singh was part of the crew of a small naval vessel entrusted with the task of attacking enemy targets in Khulna, Mongla and Chalna bays in East Pakistan. On December 11, 1971, while on the mission, the vessel was subjected to enemy air attack while operating off Khulna and was sunk. Leading Seaman Chiman Singh was thrown overboard and seriously injured by shrapnel. Simultaneously, the enemy shore defences opened fire at the survivors in water.

Chiman Singh noticed that the survivors, including an injured officer, were finding it difficult to keep afloat. Despite himself being seriously injured, unmindful of his own safety against enemy automatic fire, he rescued and brought all the survivors to the shore. On reaching the shore, not bothering about his own injured condition, Chiman, to make it possible for his two colleagues from being captured, charged at the enemy,

exposing himself to the hostile fire.

Leading Seaman Chiman Singh was eventually overpowered and taken prisoner by the enemy. He, however, was released upon the liberation of Bangladesh. His valiant action behind the enemy lines and in the face of perceptibly insurmountable opposition was an embodiment of the Indian Navy's core values of duty, honour and courage and the driving cadre's ethos of strong will to succeed and surmount all odds.

For his conspicuous act of bravery and display of utmost courage and determination in the face of the enemy, Leading Seaman Chiman Singh Yadav was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra.

Chiman Singh Yadav was also awarded the 'Friends of Liberation War' Honour by the Bangladesh President in 2013. Incidentally, his name figures prominently on the list of invitees by Bangladesh in its yearly celebrations on December 16 every year.

Even after retirement, Chiman Singh continues to live up to his one-liner — once a diver, always a diver, and is a visiting faculty at INS Venduruthy (Naval Diving School, Cochin), a premier training establishment that trains commandos not only from the Indian Tri-Services but also from friendly countries. He is also often invited to attend seminars on updating of the Standard Operating Procedures regarding use

of limpet mines.

Petty Officer Chiman Singh Yadav, the living legend, incidentally, is the only sea warrior below Officers rank in the Indian Navy to have been conferred the Maha Vir Chakra, the second highest gallantry decoration.

For the naval operations between December 8 and 11, 1971, against targets on shore at Khulna, Mongla and Chalna bays in south-west East Pakistan, emerged not just one Maha Vir, but three; the other two being Commander Mohan Narayan Rao Samant and Lieutenant Commander Joseph Pius Alfred Noronha.

Samant, the eldest of five children of Subedar Major Narayan Ramchandra Samant, hailed from Parule village in Sindhudurg district along the Konkan coast in Bombay state. He studied in schools wherever his father was posted, mainly at Peshawar, Chaklala and Meerut.

After Intermediate (Science) from Wilson College, Bombay, Samant joined the Royal Indian Navy and was shipped to the United Kingdom for four years' training at the Royal Navy College, Dartmouth. After his fifth year as a midshipman, Samant returned in 1953 as Sub-Lieutenant (Navigator) along with the last batch of Indian executive officers commissioned in the UK.

During the sea-borne operation deep inside the enemy's backwaters in the eastern theatre, Samant, now a Commander, headed the task force of three boats armed to the teeth — INS Palash, INS Padma and

INS Panvel, which not only neutralised the shore defences but also blasted and set ablaze the oil installation in Khulna, the second biggest in East Pakistan.

For not just commanding but also leading the task force from the front, Commander Samant, for his conspicuous bravery, was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra.

Lieutenant Commander Noronha, Alfred to his friends, son of Joseph C Noronha, a postmaster from Mysore, never wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, and was a man in search of an elusive destiny. Good at academics, he topped the UPSC entrance and joined Joint Services Wing (present-day National Defence Academy) in 1955 and was commissioned in the Indian Navy in October 1959.

Lieutenant Commander Noronha, commanding INS Panvel, was part of the task force under Commander Samant which attacked Mongla, Chalna and Khulna bays. His ship was subjected to incessant air attacks and enemy fire from shore defences. Lieutenant Commander Noronha, with total disregard to personal safety, handled his ship in the most competent and fearless manner in very restricted waters and effectively engaged enemy shore defences.

For his conspicuous gallantry in silencing the enemy's shore defences and causing extensive damage to vital enemy installations, Lieutenant Commander Noronha was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra.

Shaukat Ali & Punjab of his dreams

SARIKA SHARMA

*Ni Wagne diye sarhade
Tainu tatti waa na lage
Laggan phul gulaab de ni tere
Dohi paase wasde ni adiye putt Punjab de.*

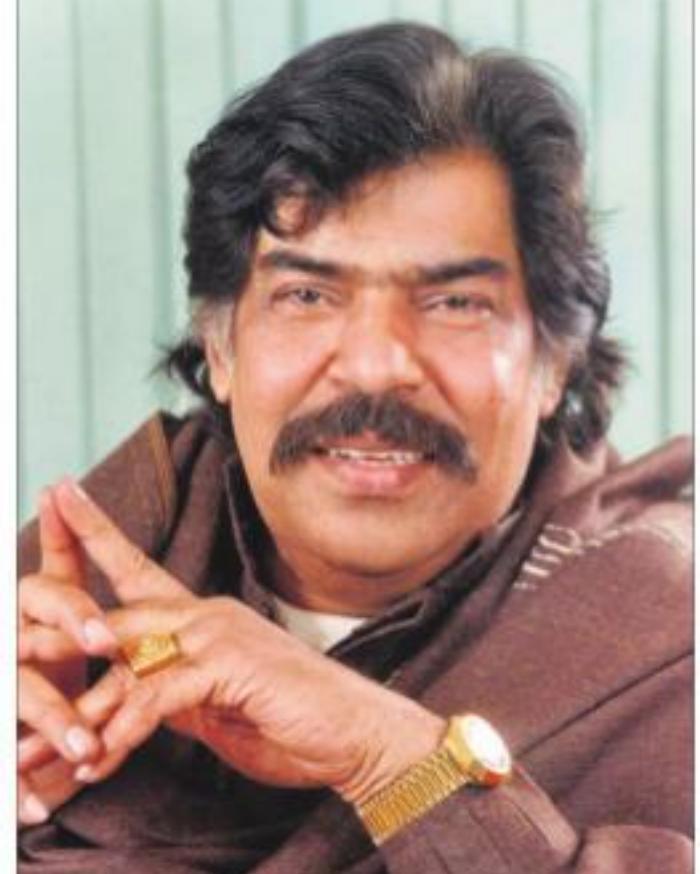


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Shaukat Ali was born in Pakistan but represented what is hailed as the shared cultural heritage of the two Punjabs. His oeuvre included Punjabi folk, Urdu ghazals and nationalistic songs as well, but, his heart would beat for Punjab. Always

when I reached and luckily found a place right in front of him. Just then someone spilled juice all over me. He left singing midway and gave me a cloth to clean myself. He exuded such warmth," Maan recalls.

Fans they all were — singers Maan, Hans Raj Hans, Jasbir Jassi, poet Gurbajan Gill and friends they become. His passing away saddens Gill, whose friendship with Shaukat Ali dates back several decades.

Gill shares that in 1996, when Shaukat Ali was here for a programme in Mohali along with Pakistani singers Reshma and Akram Rahi among others, he had gone to receive them at Amritsar and wanted to take them out for lunch when Shaukat Ali saab expressed

his desire to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple and have *kadah parshad* before he put a morsel in his mouth. "At Darbar Sahib, at the request of the public relations officials, he recited a few *shabads* from Gurbani, beginning with Sant Kabir's 'Awwal allah noor upaya'. The other singers joined too. It was an overwhelming experience," he recalls. His meetings with Shaukat Ali were many and all memorable ones, his son calling him 'Chacha', the meetings turning less formal as time passed away.

His warmth spanned seasons of hate and camaraderie between the two nations, says Member Parliament Bhagwant Mann. "During my wedding in 1998, India and Pakistan were not on very cordial terms but he still came — with *pagdis* and clothes for all of us here. And we sent him back with *laddoos*," he recalls. The friendship continued. "Shaukat saab was so happy when I got elected to Parliament. He called me to congratulate." His death, says Mann, has been a great loss for both the Punjabis. "So many singers have earned their bread and butter by singing his compositions."

Canada-based broadcaster Iqbal Mahal, who was a close friend of Shaukat Ali, says his songs were all steeped in Punjabiyat. "If he was nationalistic, he was also a votary of good ties between India and Pakistan. And his music became the bridge between the two countries."

With the passing away of Shaukat Ali, does the bridge stand weakened, we ask Maan and he says many more would come up. "And they are. Look at Coke Studio. It is full of talented Punjabi singers. They will reach their heights in due time," he believes.

Gill says the younger generation singers in Pakistan are reinventing their roots. He feels they are well adapting to changed tastes and says the onus is now on the government and the media to present them as the new icons. "People need to know about them. I have also requested for portraits of Pakistani Punjabi icons such as Mehdi Hassan, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Reshma, Shaukat Ali, Noor Jehan and Inayat Hussain Bhatti to be put up on the walls of Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh. These people are as much our icons as Yamla Jatt and Surinder Kaur," he says, adding,

"They can't be bound by territories. People love them in both India and Pakistan and this love is strong."

Maan couldn't agree more. He says music is like birds and streams. "None has been stopped. None can be stopped."

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As of November last year, Xiaomi was the world's third-largest smartphone brand, selling in over 80 countries.

Xiaomi's smart rise to very top

SANJAY KHURANA

As a fan of Steve Jobs and the iPhone, Lei Jun, the co-founder of Xiaomi, could clearly see that smartphones were the future. He launched the Xiaomi brand in Beijing in April 2010 at a time when the smartphone industry the world over was in upheaval. Just about three years earlier in 2007, Apple Inc had disrupted the industry with the launch of the iPhone. Lei had initially launched the brand in the form of an Android-based operating system called MIUI.

Within years of its launch, Xiaomi earned for itself prime position as a distinguished Chinese brand. Its high specifications and low-price feature immediately hit a sweet spot among the price-sensitive yet brand-conscious consumers in China. By 2013, barely two years after it sold its first smartphone, Xiaomi shipped 10 million devices. In 2014, Xiaomi became the largest selling smartphone in China. It was the time when Lei realised that time had come to enter new markets.

For the international operations, he roped in Hugo Barra as vice-president of Xiaomi Global. Barra had worked as vice-president of Android product management at Google in the US. The company had started making news outside China ever since Barra joined Xiaomi. But the name Xiaomi itself proved to be a source of confusion among non-Chinese users. For those who were unfamiliar, it was hard to pronounce. Thus, in 2014, Xiaomi's

founders decided to shorten its name to Mi as a way to increase brand awareness. Mi, they said, was shorthand for Mobile Internet. For global aspirations, the company first entered the Singapore market and the rest is history.

In June 2014, Xiaomi hired Jabong co-founder Manu Jain to head the India operations. It sold its first 10,000 handsets in just two seconds on Flipkart. As demand grew following the two-second sellout, Xiaomi chartered planes to transport inventory from China to India.

In August 2015, Xiaomi set up its first manufacturing unit in India in Andhra Pradesh. In late 2019, it claimed that nearly 99 per cent of the phones it sold in India were made in India.

In July 2019, about nine years after it was established, Xiaomi became the youngest debutant on the Fortune 500 list. It was no small feat for a company outside of the Silicon Valley. Driven by the philosophy of 'Innovation for all', Xiaomi has created a cult following as it offers high-end features at relatively low prices.

Eleven years down the line, Xiaomi has become a household name. As of November last year, Xiaomi was the world's third-largest smartphone brand, selling in over 80 countries. In the first six months of 2020, Xiaomi sold goods and services worth over \$15.7 billion and reaped a profit of \$662 million.

In this highly engaging book, the author, Jayadevan PK, reveals the story of how a startup scaled up and became successful by remaining customer-centric and working on the feedback. It is an essential read for students, startups and young entrepreneurs.



XIAOMI: HOW A START-UP DISRUPTED THE MARKET AND CREATED A CULT FOLLOWING by Jayadevan PK. HarperCollins. Pages 216. ₹499

Kunwar Narain and the world in his poetry

SANDEEP SINHA

THE evolution of Hindi has seen a rich tapestry of literature that has not only enriched the language, but also sought to extend its reach. Hindi continues to flourish as an acceptable medium of communication aided in no small measure by the efforts of men and women whose works have embellished it over the years. Even today, efforts are being made to propagate it in countries with shared cultural similarities, like Mauritius, Nepal and the West Indies, that saw migration from the Indian mainland to serve colonial interests during the British rule.

Inside the country, with states having their own prosperous literature in local languages, disagreement over the perceived efforts to impose Hindi may continue to arise from time to time. However,

the free flow of people from all regions across the length and breadth of the country has led to a certain degree of familiarity with the language.

A genre of writers sought to break Hindi from the confines of mythology, folklore and local surroundings by treading a new path, of Nai Kavita or New Poetry, of which Kunwar Narain has been a strong proponent. Their works were progressive and experimental with political intonations and a global perspective. Focused and conversational, adopting the free verse, evoking imagery and minimalism, it believed in the larger cause of humanity, as the lines in the poem 'Angkor Wat' say: 'Beneath the banyan tree; a bodhisattva in contemplation; against some Pol Pot's reality; the forest of art and tranquility; begets a surrealism of supreme compassion.'

The book has been wonderfully translated — a difficult feat to achieve — by the poet's son Apurva Narain, himself a man of no mean accomplishments.

We are informed that this is the first book length translation of Kunwar Narain's poems to appear after his passing away in 2017, a wide-ranging selection among these being from his latest five collections. The bilingual edition is also substantive with over a hundred poems.

Kunwar Narain's life encompassed some of the most eventful decades and the work recounts memorable moments like his meeting with Pablo Neruda at Warsaw in 1955:

"Half a century ago at a delicate cusp; I had met Neruda in a war-ravaged city; fast returning towards life."

The poet's life interspersed with some of his great contemporaries like Kedarnath Singh, Shrikant Verma and Sarveshwar Dayal Saxena. There are lines that describe his feelings on the death of poet Mukti Bodh:

"On the path to realisation; when the daily world recedes and a person moves ahead; how strangely one has to part from one's own self."

Interestingly, there are prescient poems that connect with today's reality. Like 'The Pandemic of Numbers':

"The doctor explained — this virus of numbers is unfurling like wildfire these days; it affects the brain straightaway; suddenly he felt the doctor's face had transformed into a red alert; warning against some imminent danger; and he, lacerated by numbers, was screaming away — we are people even now, not numbers."

Unlike the chill in relations with China now, the poet had a sketch made of him by a Chinese poet-friend which made his reflect:

"Perhaps I was roving about on some silk road, stringing nations together."

Poetry as an art form is evocative and influences individuals, not always agreeably. But, above all, the wish is as the last poem says: "If only by as much as a poem; I have to somehow stay linked to all."

Kunwar Narain is a success on that count despite his reticence.

A great bonding in Nagaland, during Second World War

VIKRANT PARMAR

At first glance, the title of author Diganta Bordoloi's book, 'Second World War Sandwich', comes across as frivolous, so one expects a comic tale. Yet, far from the initial response, it reads as an intense story of four men standing firm against the onslaught of the Imperial Japanese Army in Kohima, Nagaland, during the Second World War in 1944.

As the Japanese lay siege to a small British garrison, the strong bonding of the main characters, in the midst of an internecine battle, is what forms the heart of this power-packed story. An entire Japanese division is kept at bay by a few determined soldiers, who quell their onward march into the

British India of those times; much due to their strategic advantage, but more through unrelenting courage.

Captain Timothy Hastings, a former tea estate manager-turned Army officer, with 'long unwieldy limbs', is at the helm of things although a little perturbed by the influx of senior officers, who had left him alone during peaceful times. Watching his back is cook-turned-soldier Raan, who gets enraged if his sahib faces even the slightest of danger. Unable to wield any weapons with finesse, he still displays remarkable courage as bullets and shells fly past his ear. Then there is Chatur Bahadur Chetri, a brave Nepalese Gorkha, who 'what he lacked in height, he made for in physique'. He is a 'typical Gorkha who never, under any circumstances, 'lost his humour'. The quartet is completed by Mongseng, a native from a

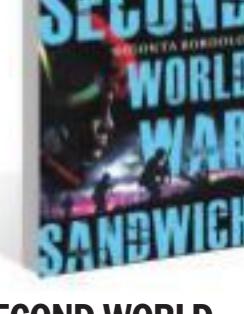
headhunting Konyak tribe, who unknowingly joins the war; a barely clad 'Prince of Poilung' who never 'killed for fun, only when necessary'. Blood, bodies, limbs, grenades, guns, shells, smoke; the atmosphere of war

created by the author is commendable. He has indeed picked up strands from history and woven them well. Possessing sound knowledge of the area where the action takes place, he has juxtaposed overall destruction caused by warfare with the tribal way of life — where there is fierceness, but also a deeply embedded respect for nature. Human response in the wake of imminent death has been captured well, as also the indomitable instinct of survival. Existential reality, where bodies are reduced to mere 'rag-dolls', stares in the face as each skirmish takes place.

The author's vocabulary is rich and he has strewn it generously throughout the narrative. Barring the length, which could have been reined in to maintain the intensity of war sequences, this one is overall a good read — from both the historical and anthropological points of view.



The WW-II cemetery in Kohima. ISTOCK



SECOND WORLD WAR SANDWICH by Diganta Bordoloi. Pan Macmillan. Pages 244. ₹399

How to view China, and engage with it

MANOJ JOSHI

THIS is a brave book to write for many reasons. This is the season of Sino-Indian acrimony and the basic argument of the book is premised on a vision of their relationship based on constructive cooperation, mutual benefit, and even friendship. But that is what scholarship is all about. Zorawar Daulet Singh has been a prolific commentator and author.

The book takes us through the dynamics in the India-China relationship which has always been influenced and shaped by a wider geopolitical context. In some ways though, to coin a phrase, there does seem to be a tendency of the author to be a "geopolitical determinist". But there should be no doubt that he has put across a formidable and sophisticated argument and for that reason, this book ought to be read by all those who study Sino-Indian relations and international politics. But equally by policymakers to whom, in a sense, this book is addressed.

One strand of the argument seems to view the difficulties between India and China as arising out of "mistrust", "misperceptions" and "misunderstandings". If they are so, probably they are on account of both sides perceiving the other at varied geopolitical levels: the Chinese seeing India as a secondary player in its calculation, whereas India has increasingly begun to see the salience of the Chinese challenge. It is true, though, that both sides have in recent decades behaved within bounds of fairly responsible behaviour, ensuring that the issues between them, including their long-running boundary dispute, do not escalate to the point where it is mutually destructive. Take for example the recent Ladakh events. We know that the PLA suddenly amassed on the border compelling India to respond in kind. Yet, the clashes featured fists and clubs, rather than guns, tanks and howitzers.

ISTOCK



The Asian giants can't avoid constructive ties.

To become a global power, China makes no bones about wanting to be one, it must first be the dominant power in its own periphery. In its primary direction, Japan and Taiwan are hardly challenges, but they are linked to the US, which maintains a forward policy in the western Pacific with a view to secure its own global primacy. And second, there is India, which has its own notions of regional primacy and in terms of size and potential views itself as China's peer.

Singh believes that the emerging world order is non-hegemonic. But is that really true? Global power may have diffused and may not be overwhelmingly unipolar, but planning in countries like the US and China is determinedly hegemonic. Take the 2020 US Strategic Framework for the Indo-Pacific. The very first goal it states is the need "to maintain US strategic primacy". There is nothing in current American policy to suggest that it is ready to work along alternate lines. China doesn't give us documents as stark as the US, but we have Chinese policy through which we can assess its goals and they are not dissimilar.

As for India and China, the bottom-line that Singh puts across is that the two Asian giants and neighbours cannot avoid a constructive relationship, one that should combine elements of competition and peaceful co-existence. He has presented policy prescriptions that are realistic and hard-headed and backed his arguments with a rigour and detail which is often missing in the current Indian policy discourse on China.

BACKFLAP

HE was born into privilege, but chose a life of struggle — not for himself, but for those who live on the periphery. Kobad Ghandy's prison memoir, 'Fractured Freedom', is a story of two people — Ghandy and his wife, Anuradha, who dedicated their lives in the service of the marginalised. The book is their journey from ignorance to awakening. The book details Ghandy's early life — from his time studying in London to his return to India and introduction to the Dalit Panthers and radical politics — and gives an insight into his decade-long journey of arrests and time in prisons across India.

FRACTURED FREEDOM: A PRISON MEMOIR by Kobad Ghandy. Roli. Pages 294. ₹595

KAMALA AND MAYA'S BIG IDEA by Meena Harris, illustrations by Ana Ramirez Gonzalez. HarperCollins. Pages 32. ₹599

PRIMARILY a poet, Hoshang Merchant first turned prose writer with his autobiography, 'The Man Who Would be Queen'. This collection is a sort of summary of 35 years of writing. The topics range from, obviously, homosexuality (for he is one of the foremost Indian writers on the subject) to Anais Nin, who had seminal intellectual influence on him, to feminism, religion, politics and poetry. Needless to say, sexuality is an undercurrent that runs through all his writings. The book deals with his knowledge and the writers he admired. It is a peek into the world of Merchant, whose life in itself is a phenomenal text.

REBEL ANGEL: COLLECTED PROSE OF HOSHANG MERCHANT Edited by Akshaya K Rath. Dauli Books. Pages 234. ₹495

LIFE and Loves of Sahir Ludhianvi' was first launched to commemorate Sahir Ludhianvi's 90th birth anniversary in 2011. This reprint marks his centenary celebrations and is an intimate biography of the poet-lyricist. It details the life of his parents, his childhood, growing years, the struggle to get his initial poetry published, his fascinating Bollywood journey, and his love affairs. It is as much about his poetry too and the author weaves Sahir's life story with the lyrics he wrote. The author draws upon various written material from the time to pen this moving portrait, which Khushwant Singh had called a "definite account of the poet's life" long before the book was actually published.

LIFE AND LOVES OF SAHIR LUDHIANVI by Anoop Singh Sandhu. Chetna Parkashan. Pages 176. ₹495

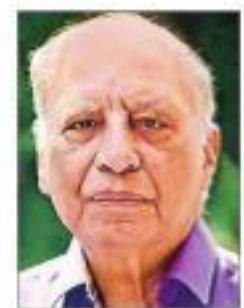
AS viewers across the world await part two of the Netflix series 'Lupin', it might be a good time to relish the book that inspired it. One of the best tropes of the gentleman thief and master of disguise, Arsène Lupin was created in 1905 by French writer Maurice Leblanc and first introduced in a series of short stories. An enemy to the rich, a friend to the poor, Lupin is a charming gentleman and the greatest burglar in the world. This first volume begins with Lupin's arrest and the authorities have him behind bars... but the adventure is only just beginning.

ARSENÉ LUPIN: GENLEMAN BURGLAR by Maurice Leblanc. Hachette. Pages 184. ₹299

OVER the years, the 'Mahabharata' has been told and retold many times over. Even if written 5,000 years ago, it continues to hold readers in thrall with its various twists and turns. This one, however, is a slightly different take and tells 20 lesser-known tales. Which Kaurava was inspired by the birds to commit one of the most grotesque murders in the Mahabharata? Why did King Muchkund sleep for a million years and wake up in Dwaparyug? Whose soul had entered the dice of Shakuni? These and more are waiting to be explored.

UNTOLD TALES FROM THE MAHABHARATA: THE EPIC BEYOND THE OBVIOUS by Uday Shankar. Bloomsbury. Pages 208. ₹499

The Pontiff & the Ayatollah



MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS
KEKI DARUWALLA

Could this meeting in Iraq between Pope Francis and the Grand Ayatollah, Ali al-Sistani, be called a diplomatic triumph? I would discount any such speculation. It was just two very God-fearing holy persons meeting. Both seemed to be burdened with history.



The Grand Ayatollah, Ali al-Sistani, with Pope Francis (right) in Iraq. REUTERS

HISTORY is cold, almost torpid, or there would have been tremors when in March Pope Francis, in true Christian humility, went to Iraq and met the Grand Ayatollah, Ali al-Sistani. During the Crusades' era, the Moorish conquest of Spain, with Ferdinand and Isabella to follow, this kind of a meeting could not have been imagined. But history did not bother — after all, it was not the Vatican coming to the Kaaba. The Pope met al-Sistani at his spartan residence. He had come as a gesture incarnate — also to say that Christians should remain immune to persecution in Iraq and other Middle East countries. Anti-Christian feelings were aroused by George Bush's invasion of Iraq. It would not have been lost on other Muslim countries that he came to meet a senior cleric of the Shias, who comprise just 10 per cent of Muslims. He had previously been to Jordan and in 2017 he had gone and met the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb, a Sunni leader of renown. The larger symbolic occasion on the Pontiff's visit to Iraq took place on the plains of Ur where God is said to have spoken to Abraham telling him to move to Canaan, which meant leave Iraq and proceed to the southern Levant — Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel. Sound advice, though a bit unkind to the land between the Euphrates and Tigris. At that moment, in the second millennium BCE, God himself was unaware of the Balfour Declaration and Israel coming up, and Arabs combining under Nasser to drive the Jews into the sea. But He had an inkling about Saddam Hussein, so He said quit Iraq. The more symbolic address took place

at the house of Abraham, which still exists, decked with Vatican and Iraqi flags, from where the Pope spoke.

Could this meeting be called a diplomatic triumph for the Pope? I would discount any such speculation. It was just two very God-fearing, holy persons meeting. Both seemed to be burdened with history.

The Indian media, preoccupied with Amit Shah and Mamata Banerjee, not forgetting Jayalalithaa (though no one dared to talk about her corruption), had no time for some meeting of two old men in some unknown desert. Pope Francis also went to Mosul, where he criticised fanaticism among religions — hinting at the ISIS, which had committed barbarities against Yezidis, Christians and Muslims also. Just as Dresden had been turned into a ruin during the war by Allied bombing, Mosul had been laid waste by the Islamic State. Such aberrations will erupt; some Mahdi will turn up with a fake message from above.

Let us turn to nearer climes, the Indian Ocean and Sonar Bangla. It was very good to see the Prime Minister's Bangladesh visit. Especially noteworthy was the temple tour. He visited the temple at Orakandi and reached out to the Matua community there, and started by saying, "Who would have thought that India's PM would come to Orakandi?" We, as humble listeners, were on the same page with the PM. I also thought that Bangladesh must be having a sizeable community of Matuas for the PM to make such an effort. Then light began to fall with the very next sentence he spoke. "Today I share the same feelings which my lakhs of Matua brothers and sisters living in India experience after coming to Orakandi." He was nailing our ignorance one after the other. I did not know that he had brothers and sisters in Bangladesh among Matuas. There were other speeches in other temples, other deities. But did the words help in our relations with

Bangladesh and its people? Did the trip give a push to our MEA initiatives, if any, towards our most friendly neighbour? Diplomacy can be made subservient to national interests. But it should not be made subservient to party interests, especially during a fierce electoral battle.

The Home Minister of Maharashtra, Anil Deshmukh, charged with asking the police to collect a hundred crores per month, held his ground for a fortnight. He was awaiting an auspicious moment to quit, he may be a believer in the dark or lighted phase of the moon? Then the High Court got the CBI into the act and he resigned. Both Deshmukh and Pawar stand diminished due to the delay.

The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Tirath Singh Rawat, kept us amused with remarks on torn jeans worn by girls. That can be forgiven. The next remark was insidious. He stated a day before the spring solstice on March 20 that people with fewer 'units', meaning family members — Rawat is very articulate — got less rations during the lockdown than those who reproduced 20". The dart was aimed obviously at Muslims. He needs to read reports on our demography. Muslims are 'producing' almost as few children as others are.

But let us skip the nitty-gritty, grittier than usual, of political India, the €1 million commission allegation from France, cow slaughter prosecutions under the NSA in Uttar Pradesh thrown out by the Allahabad High Court. Let us just celebrate. VS Gaitonde's 1961 Zen-inspired canvas, a fine meditative piece, has sold for ₹39.98 crore, breaking all Indian records.

Loveliest spot



THE ITINERANT
NEHCHAL SANDHU

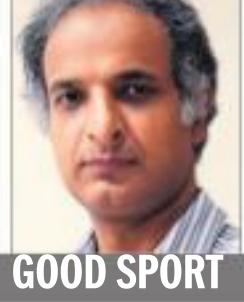
the ground perished.

A further 10 miles saw us cross the Scottish border into England and after yet another 10 miles, we got to Carlisle, the "Great Border City" which had flourished in the 19th century with mills and engineering units spawned during the Industrial Revolution; it was earlier an important supply point for forts along Hadrian's Wall. The City Centre with a castle, cathedral and semi-intact city walls, largely pedestrianised, was a delight to walk through, providing a peek into its history back into Roman times. Responding to a tip from the salesman at a fuel station, we made a brief halt at Penrith, on the northern margin of the Lake District National Park, not to see its many tanneries and breweries but to get a sense of the tradition of "well-dressing". Known for its many wells, Penrith is one of the seats of a ritual in which wells and other water sources are decorated with floral designs in May each year. Sketches made on wooden frames covered with clay are filled with flowers, moss, beans, seeds and other natural materials. It is speculated that veneration of wells began as a pagan custom of registering gratitude to the Gods for a reliable water supply.

It was past mid-day and we were nearing the high point of the day: the Lake District National Park, which has attracted international tourists in millions each year. Our circuit commenced at Keswick, wedged between Bassenthwaite and Derwentwater Lakes, which became home for Samuel Taylor Coleridge in the early 19th century. He frequently received fellow poet William Wordsworth, who lived 12 miles away in Grasmere village, which the latter described as "the loveliest spot that man hath ever found". Poet Percy Shelley, historical novelist Sir Walter Scott, authors Charles and Mary Lamb and essayist William Hazlitt, who were also hosted by Coleridge at his Greta Hall abode, wrote eloquently about the beauty of the environs. Skirting Thirlmere Lake, we got to Bowness on the ribbon-like Windermere Lake, the most visited among the 21 lakes in the National Park. And, sadly, we were drowned amidst hordes of tourists milling around waiting variously for a boat ride, or a meal, or entry into one of many souvenir shops. We beat a hasty retreat in search of renewed contact with nature. And this we achieved in Ilkley Moor, famous for the "Cow and Calf," with the former represented by a rocky outcrop and the latter by a boulder. This was not far from where, one year earlier, a retired policeman had photographed an UFO and what he believed to be an alien.

At the end of a long day, my wife and I rejoiced at a friend's home in Cleckheaton for different reasons — she since the tiresome two-day road journey covering more than 750 miles had ended, and I for having had the opportunity to see some very beautiful parts of Central Scotland and a few in England.

An anti-depressant for low-rung players



GOOD SPORT
ROHIT MAHAJAN

THE futility of life strikes everyone at some stage in life, early sometimes, sometimes late; it strikes hardest those whose dreams are the starriest. The gulf between a cricketer who makes it to the top and one who falls by the wayside is immeasurable — one becomes a prince, the other a pauper.

Several years ago, I met a cricketer who had once been on the verge of playing for India — measurements had been taken for his cricket flannels, passport formalities had begun, and he was mentally preparing to face Wasim Akram and Imran Khan in Pakistan in 1989. But when the squad was announced, his name was absent. He nearly lost his mind; he was reported to be spotted walking around streets with batting pads on, even boarding Delhi buses with them on.

He later told me it was his faith in God that saved him. Several others said the same — Obaid Kamal, for instance, said he didn't take his own life over frustrations in cricket because his mother had impressed upon him that suicide is 'haraam', an unforgivable sin.

Around 12 years ago, there were several cases of Indian cricketers, in the prime of youth, dying by their own hand. It's impossible to say what the final trigger was — it could be something as seemingly trivial as an argument with family — but failure in cricket was a common thread in their stories.



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IPL money

The IPL may be tawdry, it may not be a connoisseur's delight and the most lightweight format of cricket, but it gave the players a commodity that will never be out of vogue — money. IPL has made cricketers richer than ever before. Earlier, only 15-odd elite players could play for India, earn big money and be the object of hero worship. In the 1970s and 1980s, top Indian cricketers played exhibition matches across the country to supplement their income. Because the payments were unequal, there were jealousies and disputes; old-timers say that the seeds of the discord between Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev were sown in such tournaments.

After the IPL, the players who toiled for years in empty stadiums,

for meagre fees in the Ranji Trophy, now can hope to be picked up by one of the eight IPL franchisees. The minimum a cricketer makes from the IPL is ₹20 lakh, the sum designated for an uncapped India player. It's not a terrible deal for two months. In recent years, IPL has spawned copycat tournaments in several states — that means more money for more lower-rung cricketers.

In recent times, two senior writers with strong aversion for Twenty20 cricket — and especially the "IPL tamasha" — told me they've found something to admire in this tournament, after all.

One of them was impressed by the stunning hook for six by Washington Sundar off Pat Cummins in the most intense moments of the Brisbane Test against Australia — in the IPL, he said.

It's not about the money alone.

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unknown players treat Cummins with the same disdain, and Sundar took it to the Test level. Familiarity with Cummins bred in Sundar, or Shardul Thakur, the confidence to attack him fearlessly, right at the start of their Test career.

The money attracts the world's best players, who often put their IPL club over their country. The most recent example — key South African players David Miller, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Quinton de Kock and Lungi Ngidi left their national team to join their IPL teams. This irked Shahid Afridi, the former Pakistan captain, but 10 years ago, he himself was practically pleading that Pakistani players be included in the IPL.

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OUR first-born daughter, Sahar, and I once took our predicament to her younger sister. "Aliza, we are doomed to be like each other," "Doomed," she repeated. "Yes, this is our fate. We cannot escape it." "You mean destiny?" "Yes," one of us said. "This is your destiny and your doom," said Aliza, beginning to enjoy the moment.

"Yes," I said. "Is this a phrase from a movie?"

"From Merlin, a TV show," she answered. This weekend, I become an adult as a parent as our first child turns 18. I don't want to make too much of it and yet how can I not? Some milestones feel so overwhelming that left to myself, I would rather sneak past them quietly, looking away, acting distracted. Thankfully, there are others in my daughter's life determined to make a big deal of it.

When she was still in my womb, I used to refer to Sahar as Baby Popo. I would text my brother in a faraway city and mention Baby Popo. He would text back sending love for her. Every time I caught sight of my big watermelon stomach in the office bathroom, I would laugh out loud and grin in the mirror.

When she was born, she seemed so regal and self-contained that Popo didn't seem to fit and we chose to name her Sahar — a word that means dawn. A new beginning.

I tend to take everything too seriously — including myself — and she reminds me to slow down, to look at her and listen. She makes endless concessions, at times having to resort to bitter anger to get my attention. As mother and daughter, we can find ourselves too close and yet unable to reach the other.

As we complete one year of being trapped by the pandemic, I realise that one of the unexpected gifts of being locked down is that we were forced to confront our conflicts.

We could not pretend to go for relaxed walks on empty streets at the end of the day when we were also dragging the weight of unspoken words with us.

We began to talk. I do not want to hear accusations. She does not want to hurt me. She has unmet needs. She wants her mother to know. On the cusp of adulthood, she does not have the resourcefulness to filter the uncertainty, anxiety and inhumanity of the times we are living through. What is she supposed to do? She is overwhelmed.

"I feel like Sherlock when his brain lets him down," she tells me. "He has always been able to rely on himself, and suddenly nothing makes sense. I have always been able to figure things out, to find a solution, to talk to the right people, read the right things. But now I feel lost."

As a parent, I struggle with my own inadequacy. I can no longer hold her in my lap and

reassure her that everything will be alright. I have to let her muddle through her distress. Be available, and yet not attempt to offer solutions.

In all this, I often forget to do the simplest things. Hold each other. Validate the other's feelings by listening deeply. Lighten the moment by doing things that spark joy. Offer a hug. Eat ice-cream. Try a hop, skip and jump. Paint something. Share a joke. Don't do anything. Just be.

Over the years, I have repeatedly stumbled upon the answer that Sahar is the key. She reflects what the rest of us are going through. She absorbs our unspoken anxieties. They get amplified in her. When she is at peace, it because the rest of us are doing okay too. Perhaps this is both the privilege and the pain of the first-born in every family.

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IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT
NATALASH BADHWAR

Controversy erupts over Kishor's leaked audio chat on WB polls

TMC election strategist dares BJP to release full conversation

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10
As the fourth phase of polling in West Bengal concluded today, the BJP was quick to lap up the purported claims of ruling TMC's election strategist Prashant Kishor to buttress its argument that the saffron outfit has gained popular support in the state.

The BJP IT cell head and co in charge for West Bengal Amit Malviya argued that Kishor's comments made to a few Delhi-based journalists during a social media audio discussion amounted to the TMC conceding defeat in the state Assembly elections.

Further, the saffron party's IT cell went all out to amplify the clips of the purported audio conversation in which Kishor is heard saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to enjoy as much popularity in West Bengal as Chief Minister and TMC leader Mamata Banerjee. Kishor is also heard say-

'PM ENJOYS CULT STATUS'

Prashant Kishor purportedly stated during the conversation that PM Modi enjoyed cult status to an extent that a substantial chunk of population in the state considers him a demigod. "There is anti-incumbency against the TMC and polarisation is a reality, says Mamata Banerjee's strategist in an open chat," BJP IT cell head and co in charge for West Bengal Amit Malviya said.

Every voter in Bengal has these videos on their mobile and is watching them as s/he queues up to vote," tweeted Malviya, who also claimed that the TMC election had just been thrown away.

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BJP WON'T CROSS 100-SEAT MARK

I am glad BJP is taking my chat more seriously than words of their own leaders. They should show courage & share the full chat instead of getting excited with selective use of parts of it. I have said this before & repeating again - BJP will not cross 100 in WB. Prashant Kishor



Taking purported claims of Kishor to strengthen BJP's narrative against Mamata for minority appeasement, Malviya quoted TMC's election strategist having said that "all that the Left, Congress and TMC ecosystem have done in the last 20 years is Muslim appeasement. It has resulted in resentment."

Meanwhile, Kishor, on his part, also took to Twitter to counter the saffron party.

Bihar cop beaten to death during raid in Bengal

KISHANGANJ/ISLAMPUR, APR 10
A police officer from Bihar was allegedly beaten to death by a mob during a raid in West Bengal's Uttar Dinajpur district in the early hours of Saturday, officials said.

The incident happened in Pantapada village in the Goalpokhar police station area of the district after midnight when Ashwini Kumar, the Station House Officer of Kishanganj police station in Bihar, was leading a raid in connection with a motorcycle theft case, they said.

Kumar was in the village with a police team to apprehend the accused in the case that was registered in the Kishanganj police station, they said. However, he was surrounded by a mob and allegedly thrashed, officials said.

Later, a team of police personnel from the Panjipara outpost rescued him and took him to the Islampur Sadar Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead, they said. The West Bengal Police has arrested three persons in connection with the incident. They have been identified as Firoze Alam, Abuzar Alam and Sahinur Khatoon. — PTI



Security men manage crowds during counting of votes in Agartala. PTI

CBI books former TMC MP for fraud

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10
The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered an FIR against former TMC MP KD Singh and his realty firms Alchemist Infra Realty Limited and Alchemist Township Limited for allegedly cheating 291 Kanpur-based investors on the pretext of providing them residential properties.

Officials in the agency said the CBI took over the 2019 case registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police. According to the FIR, a copy of which is with The Tribune, the case was registered on a complaint lodged by Pawan Mishra, a Kanpur resident. Mishra had alleged that in 2019, the companies had collected money through a Ponzi scheme for providing residential properties in Ferzepur in Punjab. It was told that in case of default, the money would be returned at an interest rate of 18 per cent per annum, according to the FIR. The complainant had also alleged that the companies had collected Rs 25,000 crore from 15 lakh investors across India. — TNS

New outfit captures tribal body in Tripura

AGARTALA, APRIL 10

In a major and far-reaching political development in BJP-ruled Tripura, newly formed tribal based party TIPRA Motha registered a landslide victory on Saturday to capture power in the politically important Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAACD), defeating the saffron party candidates.

Of the total 28 seats in TTAACD, the TIPRA Motha won 18 seats, the BJP secured nine, while one seat went to an Independent candidate.

The outcome of the elections to the TTAACD is a

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major setback for the BJP-IPFT (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura) alliance, which wrested power in Tripura in 2018 after defeating the CPI-M-led Left parties that ruled the state for 25 years. However, as a consolation, the BJP, for the first time, won nine seats in the TTAACD though its junior ally IPFT, despite being a major tribal-based party, drew a blank. — IANS

MHA to reopen Delhi Cantt's Covid centre

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10
Keeping in view the second wave of Covid and rising cases in Delhi, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to reopen the Covid-19 centre in the Cantt area of the Capital.

Sources in the government said the decision was taken at a meeting of senior officials, including Director, AIIMS, officers from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Union Health Ministry, and Chief Secretary Delhi, which was chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla. They said the centre would have 500 beds, which would gradually be increased. "It has been decided that the 500-bed hospital will be reopened in Delhi and DRDO will run the centre," a senior official said. — TNS



GUN SALUTE IN PRINCE PHILIP'S HONOUR

■ Forty-one gun salutes were fired across Britain on Saturday to mark the death of Prince Philip as tributes flooded in for a man who was a pillar of strength for Queen Elizabeth

■ People laid flowers outside royal residences, paying respects to the 99-year-old prince

■ On its official Twitter feed, the royal family put up a tribute paid by the queen to her husband on their

50th wedding anniversary in 1997

"He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know," she said. — REUTERS

From India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will take part.

This will be Jaishankar's second visit to Tokyo in a little over six months and also the second two-plus-two meeting between the two countries

India finalises air bubble pact with SL: Ministry

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10
India has established a bilateral air bubble arrangement with Sri Lanka for operation of special international passenger flights between the two countries, the Civil Aviation Ministry said on Saturday.

With this, India now has such pacts with 28 countries, including Afghanistan, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, Iraq, Japan, the Maldives, Nigeria, Qatar, the UAE, the UK and the USA.

Under an air bubble pact between two countries, special international passenger flights can be operated by their airlines into each other's territories under restrictive conditions stipulated by the respective countries.

"India has finalised an air bubble agreement with Sri Lanka, making it the sixth such arrangement in SAARC region and the 28th in total," the Civil Aviation Ministry said on Twitter. "Eligible passengers will be able to travel between the two countries in the near future," it stated.

Scheduled international flights have been suspended in India since March 23, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But special international passenger flights have been operating under the Vande Bharat Mission since May last year and under bilateral air bubble arrangements since July.

Widow remarriage won't affect right to claim relief, says SC



Ruling pertains to compensation under Motor Vehicles Act

who had lost their son," it said. The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal had awarded Rs 1,68,39,642 along with interest to the widow, and parents of the deceased.

The widow was entitled to equal share as the parents of the deceased for "loss of dependency", a Bench headed by Justice LN Rao held.

Her decision to remarry is entirely her personal choice, over which nobody can have any say. Her right to claim compensation crystallised upon her husband's life being tragically snatched away in the motor accident and simply because she has now remarried, her claim does not abate or lessen, the top court said in its April 6 order.

"Her entitlement fructified when the dependency was calculated. Therefore, as an aggrieved widow, she would be entitled to a share of compensation apropos 'loss of dependency' of equal amount to her parents-in-law, Noting that the tribunal had not compensated her for "loss of love and affection" and "loss of consortium", the Delhi High Court had said the widow was entitled to equal, i.e. one-third share (Rs 56,13,214) of the total Rs 1,68,39,642 awarded to the dependents of the deceased.

"There is no persuasive reason stated in the impugned order for the starkly disproportionate apportionment against the widow," the high court had said.

Shaw, Dhawan star in Delhi Capitals win

MUMBAI, APRIL 10

Delhi Capitals romped to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in the second match of IPL-14 here tonight, courtesy stunning strokeplay by openers Prithvi Shaw (72 off 38 balls) and Shikhar Dhawan (85 off 54).

Chasing 189 for victory, Delhi Capitals got off to a magnificent start as Shaw and Dhawan scored at over 10 runs an over during their partnership of 138 in only 13.3 overs. The two matched each other stroke for stroke right from the first over, but Shaw struck three fours in the fifth over, from Shardul Thakur, to move ahead. Shaw got lucky when he was dropped on 38 and Moeen Ali.

It was Ali who finally caught Shaw, off Dwayne Bravo, but by then the damage had been done and only 51 more were needed off 39 balls. Dhawan then hit a string of fours to bring the equation down to 22 off 22 balls. The left-hander was dismissed then, lbw to Thakur, but the target was too paltry by then to trouble Delhi Capitals.

Raina's 54, Dhoni's 0

Earlier, making a comeback to the IPL, Suresh Raina blazed a 36-ball 54, powering CSK



Delhi Capitals' Prithvi Shaw raises his bat after scoring a 50+. PTI

to 188/7. Sam Curran smashed 34 off only 15 balls to propel the CSK innings towards the end. Curran hit four fours and two sixes. The last five overs yielded 52 runs for CSK, thanks to Curran's power-packed innings.

After CSK were asked to bat first by Rishabh Pant, they lost their openers with only seven runs on the board. Moeen Ali then got set, hitting four fours and two sixers in 36 off 24 balls, adding 53 runs off 6.2 overs with Raina. Raina then had useful partnerships with Ambati Rayudu (23 off 16) and Ravindra Jadeja (26 not out off 17). CSK captain MS Dhoni lasted only two balls, dragging the ball to his stumps as he tried to pull Avesh Khan. — TNS, agencies

India, Japan plan high-level meet

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10
The governments of Japan and India are arranging a meeting of their Foreign and Defence Ministers in Tokyo later this month, which will be followed by Japan Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga visiting India as part of a two-nation tour that might include the Philippines, reported the Japanese media.

Japan's Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu and Defence Minister Kishi Nobuo are due to attend.

FIRST VISIT

It will be Yoshihide Suga's first visit to India after becoming the Prime Minister of Japan.

From India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will take part.

This will be Jaishankar's second visit to Tokyo in a little over six months and also the second two-plus-two meeting between the two countries

PLA inflexible, LAC talks hit a deadlock

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stretch of the LAC in eastern Ladakh, India could not focus on a complete pull back only for the Pangong Tsso sector.

The MoD statement came after a marathon 13-hour meeting between the Corps Commander-level officers of both sides at the Chushul-Moldo border point on April 9 that ended around 11.30 pm. "The two sides had a detailed exchange of views for the resolution of the remaining issues related to disengagement along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh," it said.

The two sides agreed to jointly maintain stability on the ground, avoid new incidents and jointly maintain peace in the border areas.

Five dead, political storm...

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the TMC, Modi said they recently facilitated polls in four other states and there were no complaints. Banerjee, speaking at a public meeting in North 24 Parganas, said, "Shah should resign owing responsibility for the incident which is dastardly, cold-blooded and unprecedented." The Trinamool supremo said her party would bring out protest rallies throughout the state on Sunday. She asked TMC activists to wear black badges and demonstrate peacefully from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Banerjee claimed she had long apprehended that central forces would act in such a manner. "As BJP knows it has lost the people's mandate, they are conspiring to kill them," she said. Cooch Behar SP Debasish Dhar said the jawans, belonging to the CISF, opened fire allegedly after a mob of around 350 vil-

agers, including women, attacked them with crude weapons and tried to snatch their firearms near booth number 126 in Sitalkuchi.

The CISF issued a detailed statement claiming around 9.35 am, its quick reaction team was attacked by a mob of about 50 to 60 people who were "resisting voters from reaching the polling booths".

"Chaos ensued when a child fell down and the mob started vandalising CISF vehicles and attacked jawans. After an hour, another group of around 150 people joined in and started manhandling the polling staff. A few miscreants tried to snatch the weapons of CISF personnel. "Our personnel fired two rounds into the air, but the mob continued advancing aggressively... Sensing imminent danger to their life, the personnel fired seven more rounds

towards the advancing mob," the statement said. The polling in the booth was stopped following the incident. In another incident, Anand Burman, a first-time voter, was shot by alleged TMC supporters when he was standing in queue outside a polling booth at Paglapur under Sitalkuchi.

Four more phases of polling (for remaining 159 seats) are slated to take place in the state to complete the poll process. The polling in 91 segments had taken place in the first three phases. The EC today directed the MHA to rush 71 additional companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) to West Bengal for the conduct of the remaining four phases. The EC also suspended the polls at polling station number 126 in Sitalkuchi. It also gave a clean-chit to CISF saying its personnel opened fire "in self-defence and to protect polling staff".

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