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## Cong delayed defence projects: Modi

PM says Atal Tunnel would have been completed by 2040 had UPA stayed in power

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SISSU (KEYLONG), OCTOBER 3  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the previous Congress governments of putting defence projects, including border roads, bridges and tunnels, on the back burner despite their immense strategic relevance.

Addressing public meetings after inaugurating the strategically important Atal Tunnel, the PM said the earlier regimes kept "playing around with files" and delayed the procurement of fighter jets, arms, ammunition and other strategic equipment.

"There was lack of political

will in according priority to defence projects. The Air Force kept demanding a modern fighter plane while they kept opening and closing files after files, and kept playing around with those files," he said at Rohtang after inaugurating the tunnel.

Modi's reference assumes significance in the wake of the government's repeated assertion that the UPA regime had delayed decisions on the acquisition of Rafale fighter jets from France.

He listed several projects, including Atal Tunnel, Daulat Beg Oldi airstrip in Ladakh and Tejas fighter aircraft production, to assert that they



An Army convoy passes through Atal Tunnel on Saturday. PTI

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### ARMY RAISES MEMORIAL TO 'GALLANTS OF GALWAN'

The Army has built a memorial to its 20 personnel who sacrificed their lives fighting Chinese troops in Galwan Valley on June 15. The memorial, located at Post 120 in eastern Ladakh, was inaugurated earlier this week. It mentions heroics of the 'Gallants of Galwan' under operation 'Snow Leopard' and the way they evicted the PLA troops from the area. INSIDE

were "delayed" or "almost forgotten" during the Congress-led UPA regime from 2004-14.

"The tunnel work was being undertaken at a snail's pace before our government took charge in 2014 and if the same speed had continued, it would have been completed by 2040. We increased the pace of construction from 300 metres annually to 1,400 metres and completed it in 2020," he said.

According to a 2005 assessment, he said, the tunnel would have been ready in about Rs 9.5 crore, but due to "continuous delays", it cost Rs 3,200 crore.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the inauguration of Atal Tunnel near Manali on Saturday. PTI

## CBI to probe Hathras case, Gandhis meet victim's kin

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HATHRAS/NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3  
Under public and political pressure over the mishandling of the Hathras crime, the UP Government on Saturday recommended a CBI probe into the alleged gangrape and death of a 19-year-old Dalit woman, moments after Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra met the victim's kin at their village.

"With the objective of a thorough investigation into the Hathras tragedy and all related aspects, the UP Government is recommending a CBI probe into the case. We are committed to ensuring the strictest punishment for the perpetrators of this crime," CM Yogi tweeted.

The Gandhi siblings, meanwhile, said the family had sought a judicial probe. The Dalit girl was allegedly sexually assaulted near her home on September 14 and died of grave injuries at Delhi hospital on Tuesday, triggering protests especially after the police cremated the body by stealth at night against the family's wishes.

"We will fight against injustice and will go wherever injustice is being done. No one can stop us," Priyanka said after meeting the family for 45 minutes. The meeting took place after the UP Government buckled under pressure to lift barricades



Rahul & Priyanka Gandhi with grieving family members. PTI  
The family says they have collected the mortal remains, but how can they be sure the remains belong to their daughter as her body was cremated using petrol at night without their consent... They want an SC judge-led probe. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

ADDL CHIEF SECY AWASTHI, DGP ALSO MEET FAMILY PROTESTS IN PUNJAB, HARYANA, HP OVER INCIDENT

that had kept the grieving family off limits for visitors for over 48 hours. The visuals of Priyanka hugging the victim's mother went viral as the tragedy-struck Hathras home teemed with crowd that followed the Gandhi. "I understand your pain. I also have a daughter," Vadra told the family. The state administration today cited Covid protocol to allow

people in groups of five to meet the family. They also said barricading was in place only to facilitate the SIT team, which completed its probe today.

Also, for first time since the crime, two high-ranking UP officials — Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi and DGP HC Awasthi — met the kin, who

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## Harsimrat didn't object to farm laws at Cabinet meeting: Puri

She sent a dissent note, SAD president rebuts claim

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 3  
Even as Union Cabinet Minister Hardeep Singh Puri today claimed that senior Akali leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal did not object to the new farm laws at the Cabinet meeting, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal challenged Puri to release the details of the meeting to prove his claim.

"Harsimrat sent a dissent note. We have the documents. I dare the Union Minister to make the proceedings of the meeting public," he said, pointing out that Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar had in a media interview admitted to Harsimrat having raised objections.

Addressing the media here, Puri said: "I was present at the Cabinet meeting. I did not hear her raising any objection though later the Shiromani Akali Dal asked the Union Agriculture Minister to give in writing that the new laws would not end the MSP system. Som Parkashji



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FOUR DALIT LEADERS QUIT SAFFRON PARTY INSIDE

(Hoshiarpur MP and Union Minister of State for Commerce) was present at that meeting too." Som Parkash Ji was seated next to Puri at the media briefing.

Emphasising that the minimum support price (MSP) regime would continue, Puri further said that "lies" were being spread that farmers' land would be "snatched" by big corporates. "Sale, lease or

mortgage of farmers' land is prohibited. Farmers' land is also protected against any recovery," he explained.

To counter the Opposition on the farm laws, Puri said Jasmine Sandhu Sandhawalia had been appointed Punjab BJP's media in charge. Sandhawalia has earlier worked with the SAD media unit and with Congress leader Preneet Kaur.

## Centre to waive compound interest on loan

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3

The Centre has agreed to waive "interest on interest" charged on loans up to Rs 2 crore for "most vulnerable category of borrowers" for the six-month moratorium announced by the RBI in view of Covid-19.

In an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, the Finance

Seek authorisation from Parliament for making grants

Ministry said the concession would be given to eight categories, including housing, education, MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises), consumer durable, credit card dues, auto, personal and consumption loans, irrespective of whether a borrower availed of moratorium or not.

After careful consideration and weighing all possible options, the government has decided to continue the tradition of "hand-holding of small borrowers", the Centre said even as it clarified that the concession won't be applicable to loans above Rs 2 crore. —TNS

## India's case fatality rate among lowest at 1.56%

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3  
Even as the Covid toll in India this morning breached the one lakh-mark and cases climbed to 64,73,544, the country posted the largest share of 21 per cent in global recoveries while its share in the world caseload came to 18.6 per cent.

The toll reached 1,00,842 with 1,069 deaths in 24 hours. There were 79,476 new infections and 75,628 recoveries.

India accounted for 21 per cent of global recoveries while its share in the total cases stood at 18.6 per cent, the Health Ministry said. The US accounts for 21.7 per cent of global cases and 18.4 per cent recoveries.

India has also maintained one of the lowest case fatality rates (CFR) globally. While the global CFR is 2.97 per cent, India's CFR is 1.56 per cent. The deaths per million in India are one of the lowest in the world at 73 against 130 globally," the ministry said. The CFR in the US is 2.87 per cent and in the UK it is a whopping 9.17 per cent.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad-based Dr Reddy's Laborato-

ries today applied to Drugs Controller General of India for approval to start phase-3 human clinical trials of Sputnik V, the Russian Covid vaccine, in India.

Dr Reddy's recently struck a deal with the Russian Direct Investment Fund for supply of 100 million doses of the vaccine in India, upon regulatory permissions.

## Lost 4 of family to virus, siblings now battle debt

APARNA BANERJI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 3

Twenty-one-year-old Gary and his 16-year-old brother Prabhudass were still recovering from the shock of death of three family members when they got the news of their mother's demise today. All four lost their lives to Covid-19.

Left penniless and under huge debt, the brothers did not even have money to pay for their mother's last rites till a social activist came to their rescue.

Gary said: "My grandfather was the first to contract the virus, followed by my grandmother. Both died within days. Later, my maternal uncle tested positive. My aunt and my mother sold their jewellery to pay Rs 10 lakh treatment cost, but failed to save him."

The worst was yet to come, said Gary. "My mother's sickness was totally unexpected. I had to sell my scooter to pay part of her hospital bill," he said.

Gary's mother Manjinder Kaur ran a boutique. She was the sole bread winner of the family. His father can't work



due to his ill-health. "I still owe a lot of money to the hospital," Gary said.

Dr SPS Grover of Gulaab Devi Hospital said: "Manjinder Kaur was seriously ill. Her medical bill was Rs 3.10 lakh, but we made an exception and reduced it." Jalandhar DC Ghanshyam Thoru promised Rs 50,000 aid to family.

## IOA upset, shooting may not be part of 2026 CWG

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3

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IOA president Narinder Batra and NRAI president Raninder Singh were unavailable for comments. —TNS

## Pb, Hry among states with most deaths in 24 hrs

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3

Punjab and Haryana were among the 10 states that accounted for 84.1 per cent of the 1,069 deaths over the past 24 hours, Health Ministry data showed.

While Punjab reported 50 fatalities, 23 deaths were witnessed in Haryana. With 424 deaths, Maharashtra led the high-fatality burden states, followed by Karnataka (125), Tamil Nadu (67), UP and Bengal (53 each), Delhi (37), MP (36) and Andhra Pradesh 31.

The recoveries, meanwhile, are being fuelled by 10 states that account for 74.36 per cent of all discharged patients. These are Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, UP, Kerala, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal. —TNS

## Nuclear missile 'Shaurya' test-fired

ODISHA: India on Saturday successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable hypersonic missile 'Shaurya'. The land variant of K-15 missile has a strike range of 700-1,000 km and is capable of carrying payloads of 200 kg to 1,000 kg. Sources said the missile hit the impact point with precision and accuracy. —PTI

Shopian encounter: Kin bury the dead

SRINAGAR: The bodies of three residents of Rajouri, allegedly killed by forces in a fake encounter in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir in July, were exhumed and handed over to their families for burial, officials said on Saturday. The exhumation was done late Friday night at an unidentified location in north Kashmir. —TNS

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# Farmers unrelenting, continue blockade

BJP feels the heat as dharnas staged outside residences of five party leaders against farm laws

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH/PATHANKOT, OCT 3** Continuing with their 'rail roko' agitation across the state against the Centre's new farm laws, farmers today reiterated that they wouldn't budge till their demand for revoking the new legislations was accepted. A total of 31 farmers' bodies have joined hands to step up their agitation.

Farmers have blocked rail tracks at Dhablan (Patiala), Sunam (Sangrur), Budhlada (Mansa), Gidderbaha (Muktsar), Barnala, Bathinda, Faridkot, Gurdaspur, Rupnagar, Phillaur, Samrala, Moga and several other places.

Farmers under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee have been squatting at rail tracks in Amritsar and Ferozepur since September 24.

According to Krantikari Kisan Union president Darshan Pal, besides blocking rail tracks at 33 places, farmers have staged sit-ins outside 24 petrol pumps, nine toll plazas, four shopping malls, a power thermal plant and a foodgrain godown belonging to some corporate houses. Dharnas were also being staged outside the houses of five BJP leaders, including former state BJP chief Shwai Malik.

In Ferozepur, women



Farmers serve refreshments to protesters blocking a track at the Shambhu railway station, 45 km from Patiala, on Saturday. RAJESH SACHAR

have also joined farmers who have been agitating at a rail track near Basti Tankan Wali. At Amritsar, protesting farmers burnt the effigies of the government. In Phagwara, the police prevented the farmers from moving towards the residence of Union Minister Somparkash, prompting protesters to stage a sit-

in on the road.

In Pathankot, Lok Insaaf Party chief and MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains and hundreds of his party supporters laid siege to the residence of state BJP president Ashwani Sharma.

Wearing black clothes to protest the farm Acts, Bains dared Sharma to come out of his house and listen to their grievances. He also

took a potshot at MP Sunny Deol and said he should resign for the tweets he made when the farm Bills were passed in Parliament.

Bains said his party would lay siege to houses of all BJP leaders in Punjab.

In Abohar, members of four farmers' organisations, sitting on dharna near BJP MLA Arun Narang's house,

refused to take water and tea the legislator offered through his workers. "Instead of playing political gimmicks, the NDA government should make legal provision for the MSP in the farm laws and implement the Swaminathan report's recommendations," said Gurmej Singh, a leader of farm workers' union.

## 4 DALIT LEADERS QUIT BJP

- Four former BJP councillors, who represented the Dalit community in Abohar, on Saturday quit the party, alleging the farm laws would victimise their community that largely depended on grain markets, fields and orchards for labour
- BJP SC Morcha district president Dharamvir Malkat and former councillors Thakur Dass Siwan, Mani Ram Adani and Paramjeet Pamma sent their resignation to state BJP president Ashwani Sharma

## 'IF PMO INVITES, WILL TALK'

Farmers are not averse to holding talks with the Centre if the invitation comes from the Prime Minister's Office. We will not accept any leader from the Punjab BJP for talks as we are boycotting them.

Balbir Singh Rajewal, PRESIDENT, BKU (RAJEWAL)

# Suspense over Sidhu's presence at Rahul show

Tribune News Service

**MOGA, OCTOBER 3** Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) president Sunil Jakhar today refused to comment on whether the 'sulking' Congress MLA from Amritsar (East) Navjot Singh Sidhu will participate in Rahul Gandhi's tractor rallies or not, raising speculation over the party high command's efforts to put up a united show in the ongoing agitations on farm legislations.

Jakhar was at Badhni Kalan to preside over a meeting of the local MLAs to review the arrangements for Rahul's proposed rallies from Sunday.

Despite being asked whether Sidhu would participate in the rallies, he said the Congress was united in the state. He, however, fell short of confirming Sidhu's participation. CM Capt Amarinder Singh has extended an olive branch to Sidhu, saying he was welcome to join the Cabinet again.

AICC general secretary and Punjab affairs incharge Harish Rawat on Thursday had gone to Amritsar and held a meeting with Sidhu. Describing the meeting 'positive', Rawat said he had conveyed Rahul's message to him to participate in the tractor rallies. He was confident Sidhu would participate in these rallies.



PPCC chief ducks question on Amritsar MLA's participation

Sidhu's participation in the tractor rallies was politically important within the Congress circles in the backdrop of organisational restructure of the PPCC, which was on cards. The party high command is likely to give a facelift to the organisational structure of the PPCC, including the state president's post. Sidhu's name, too, is doing the rounds for the post.

Another senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Partap Singh Bajwa has been at loggerheads with the CM over the performance of the state government. He is also eyeing the PPCC chief's post. His participation in the tractor rallies will send a positive message within the party.



Labourers clean paddy at a grain market in Bathinda on Saturday. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

# Cong facilitated passage of agri Bills: Sukhbir

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 3**

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of playing a "fixed match" to facilitate the passage of the three "anti-farmer" Bills in Parliament.

Addressing a press conference here, Sukhbir said before indulging in 'photo op' in Punjab tomorrow, Rahul should tell Punjabis why he betrayed their cause and initiated the process of making the Bills a reality. Rahul is slated to kickstart a three-day tractor rally to protest the

## 5 POSERS TO RAHUL

- Did Congress' 2017 poll manifesto say it will open private mandis?
- Why hasn't amended APMC Act been repealed till now?
- Did Cong manifesto say APMC Act will be abolished?
- Why did you go abroad a day before Bills were tabled in Parliament?
- Why no whip was issued to Congress MPs to vote against the Bills?

SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal addresses media in Chandigarh.



new laws from Moga.

"I want to ask Rahul five questions — Did Congress' 2017 election manifesto in Punjab say you will open private 'mandis' and allow e-trading of contract farming, which is in force now? If so, why haven't you repealed the amended APMC Act in Punjab till now? Did you in the manifesto state you will abolish the APMC Act altogether and make agri-trade free from all restrictions? Why did you choose to leave the country a day before the farm Bills were to be taken up in Parliament and return the day they became

Acts? Also, why didn't you issue a whip to your MPs to vote against the Bills and field senior leaders to oppose these?"

Sukhbir made it clear the cause of the farmers was common for all. "We must unite to fight this battle. I have made appeals in this regard earlier and reiterate I am ready to follow kisan organisations to ensure the voice of the 'annadaata' is not diluted in any manner".

The SAD president was accompanied by party MP Balwinder Singh Bhunder and Kisan Wing president Sikander Singh Maluka.

## All rice mills in Moga to be purchase centres

**MOGA, OCTOBER 3** The district administration has declared all 326 rice mills and 60 other open spaces as markets (mandis) for staggered purchase of paddy during the current season.

In addition, there are 108 permanent markets that are controlled and managed by the state mandi board. There is also a proposal to declare seven other places as markets. Sartaj Singh, District Food and Civil Supplies Controller, said the district was expecting an arrival of at least 12.7 lakh MT of paddy this harvest season.

He said harvest had begun, but it would gather pace in the second week of the month. At least 100 MT of paddy had arrived in various markets, of which 35 per cent had been procured by agencies. —TNS



Cotton farmers at a grain market in Bathinda. TRIBUNE PHOTO

cotton properly and then bring it to the market. In its current shape, the CCI would not be able to procure the produce in the first week of October."

With the CCI not starting procurement in mandis, it is the private players who have

been calling the shots and procuring cotton as per their convenience and rates.

Sukhwinder Singh Bhokhra, a farmer from the Gonianab block of Bathinda district, said, "I had to sell fine quality cotton picked from

fields around five days ago for Rs 4,700 per quintal against the MSP of Rs 5,725. Last year, I had sold cotton for Rs 4,500. It is surprising that the government fixes the MSP for farm produce, but it does not have a proper mechanism in place to facilitate even remunerative prices to the farmers."

Another farmer Gurpal Singh from Nasipura village

CCI stays away from procurement, cites high moisture content

in Talwandi Sabo had to sell the produce for Rs 3,500 per quintal. An official of the Market Committee said cotton was sold between Rs 3,500 and Rs 4,950 per quintal in the district on Saturday. A factory owner

said they could not procure the produce at government rates as the quality was not good and the moisture content was high.

# Harvest yet to gather steam, little paddy in Malwa mandis

Tribune News Service

**BATHINDA, OCTOBER 3** Even though the procurement season started on September 26, not much paddy has arrived in mandis in the Malwa region yet. Even agencies are yet to gear up for the procurement. A commission agent claimed that there was no word from any agency official about the procurement.

The reason for the slow arrival of paddy is harvesting is yet to gather pace. Moreover, the moisture content in the crop is quite high at the moment. Therefore, the Agriculture Department is urging farmers to bring completely dry produce to the market to avoid inconvenience.

The government procure-

**'ENSURE MOISTURE CONTENT IS LOW'**

Farmers should bring to mandis fully ripened crop with moisture below the permissible limit (of 17 per cent), so that they do not face any problem.

Bahadur Singh, BATHINDA AGRI OFFICER

ment guidelines require moisture content to be below 17 per cent. Private players usually purchase the crop with higher moisture at a lower price.

Satpal Singh, a farmer from Gulabgarh village, on Friday brought 10 tonnes of produce in three tractor-trailers to a grain market in Bathinda, but it would be purchased on Monday. According to agriculture

experts, the procurement season will gain momentum in the second week of October as some varieties, including PR 121, 122, 128, 129 and 140, will be ready for harvest by then.

"What was the point of starting early procurement when officials knew a majority of crop won't be ready for harvest for the next seven days?" said Shingara Singh Mann, secretary, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan).

"Paddy crop has started arriving and procurement would be done tomorrow," said Balkar Singh, secretary, Bathinda Market Committee.

Deputy Commissioner B. Srinivasan said: "All arrangements are in place for smooth procurement. All agencies would begin procurement soon."

Cotton farmers in the Malwa region are upset over being forced to sell the produce way below the minimum support price (MSP) to private players. Though the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) had decided to start procurement at 21 centres in the state from October 1, it has not bought even a single bale in the past three days due to "high moisture content and low quality".

Talking to The Tribune, CCI General Manager Neeraj Kumar said, "Initial pickings of cotton farmers are not rich in quality with moisture content varying from 15 to 22 per cent against the CCI's permissible limit of 8 to 12 per cent. We have fixed a certain criteria and can only procure cotton that adheres to those quality parameters. We have been recommending farmers to dry the

cotton properly and then bring it to the market. In its current shape, the CCI would not be able to procure the produce in the first week of October."

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# Haven't burnt crop stubble for 16 years: Barnala farmer

Tribune News Service

**BARNALA, OCTOBER 3** Jagbeer Singh, a farmer from Rureke Kalan village, has set an example for others by not burning the stubble of his crops for the past 16 years. Also, he has been taking agricultural activities and earning a handsome income.

"Apart from paddy and wheat, I have also been sowing pulses and maize. I am

also involved in dairy farming, beekeeping and allied work. I have not burnt the stubble of my crops for the past 16 years and have been sending the crop residue to a gaushala," said Jagbeer.

Praising Jagbeer, Barnala Chief Agriculture Officer Baldev Singh assured full support to all farmers who wanted to take initiatives for not burning stubble in their fields.

machines to the Deputy Commissioner in protest. The owners said a majority of combine harvesters were unable to run the system due to low power of the machines. "One machine has a strength of 100 horsepower, of which 90 horsepower is consumed by the thrasher and other components. The system can't be

run with the remaining 10 horsepower. It requires additional 30-40 horsepower to work smoothly. Further, if we will install the system, the baler machines bought by spending huge money will become useless," said Manna Singh, a combine harvester owner from Sangu Dhaun village here. He said the officials

had made the system mandatory without even knowing the ground realities.

Notably, the system leaves little plant stalk, eliminating the need for setting the paddy stubble on fire, which causes air pollution. Meanwhile, the district administration impounded a combine harvester for operating without the system. It also appointed eight coordinators and 90 nodal officers to stop the illegal practice of straw burning.

## Combine owners at odds with admn

ARCHIT WATTS

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**MUKTSAR, OCTOBER 3** Combine harvester owners and the district administration are at loggerheads over the installation of super straw management system.

While the administration has announced that no combine harvester would be allowed to run without the system, the combine owners have threatened stalling the harvesting process by handing over the keys of the

## Say machines can't take load of straw management system, threaten stir

machines to the Deputy Commissioner in protest. The owners said a majority of combine harvesters were unable to run the system due to low power of the machines. "One machine has a strength of 100 horsepower, of which 90 horsepower is consumed by the thrasher and other components. The system can't be

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Farmers harvest paddy at Jogipur village in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO



## 25 fatalities, 1,188 cases

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 3  
With 25 deaths and 1,188 fresh Covid cases having been reported in the past 24 hours, the Covid tally has climbed to 1.32 lakh.

Of the deaths reported, Hisar, Panchkula and Jind topped the chart with four deaths each, Sirsa and Yamunanagar (three each), Ambala and Rohtak (two each) and Gurugram, Rewari and Panipat (one each).

A 42-year-old man from Baniyawad in Ballabgarh also died today.

The two persons who died in Ambala City had comorbidities.

In the district-wise break-up, Gurugram reported the maximum number of cases at 277, followed by Faridabad (134), Hisar (116), Panchkula (70), Rewari (61), Rohtak (58) and Sonipat (55).

Meanwhile, 1,542 patients recovered from the deadly virus in the last 24 hours, taking the tally of recovered cases to 1.18 lakh. Over 250 patients are on oxygen support and 40 on ventilators.

### COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	AVE	DEATHS
Gurugram	21,459	177
Faridabad	20,273	223
Sonepat	8,464	44
Ambala	8,104	95
Karnal	7,470	109
Panipat	7,429	85
Hisar	6,584	71
Panchkula	6,189	91
Rohtak	6,096	65
Rewari	5,934	30
Kurukshetra	5,781	91
Yamunanagar	4,364	78
Sirs	3,920	66
Mahendragarh	3,534	7
Bhiwani	2,860	36
Palwal	2,683	17
Jhajjar	2,599	25
Kaithal	2,503	40
Fatehabad	2,379	40
Jind	2,177	33
Nuh	1,130	23
Charkhi Dadri	644	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,32,576</b>	<b>1,450</b>

## Covid hits state's fiscal health

Borrowings & liabilities crossed ₹12,000 crore till August

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR  
Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 3  
Under the Covid shadow and economic slowdown, the borrowings and other liabilities of the Haryana Government crossed Rs 12,000 crore at the end of August this financial year. The revenue receipts have shrunk by 28 per cent when compared to the corresponding period last year.

The borrowings and other liabilities (net) this year till August reached Rs 12,075.06 crore while these were at Rs 9,966.80 crore last year. So, there is a jump of 21.2 per cent when compared with the corresponding period last year.

The total receipts of the government, both revenue and capital, amounted to Rs 32,247.42 crore. The borrowings are part of capital receipts.

On the expenditure side, Rs 30,515.73 crore, which is 95.2 per cent of the total, alone has gone towards revenue expenditure which included salaries, pension, subsidy and interest payments.

**Revenue receipts**  
According to CAG's monthly provisional figures, the

### POOR STATE OF AFFAIRS

REVENUE RECEIPTS (COMPONENTS)	SHORTFALL IN 2020-21 (TILL AUGUST)
GST	31.1 %
Stamps and registration	59.7 %
Sales tax	21.8 %
Excise duty	16.3 %
Non-tax revenue	59.8 %

revenue receipts of the state government were Rs 20,078.10 crore at the end of August while they were Rs 28,078.83 crore during the corresponding period last year. There is a dip of 28.5 per cent.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) was down by over 31 per cent as only Rs 5,341.68 crore was earned while it was Rs 7,750.62 crore in the corresponding period of 2019.

There was a major fall in earnings from stamps and registration as only Rs 1,099.47 crore was earned. It was Rs 2,731.17 crore in the corresponding period of 2019. There was a dip of 59.7 per cent. This year, land registration was halted too for some time after allegations of corruption had surfaced on the part of revenue officials.

The sales tax collection, which includes earnings from the sale of petrol and diesel, has come down to Rs 2,830.67 crore this financial year while last year, the earnings were Rs 3,618.28 crore. There was a shortfall of 21.8 per cent.

The state's excise duty fell by 16.3 per cent as only Rs 2,572.42 crore was collected this year till August.

The non-tax revenue, which includes collections from mining, transport, External Development Charges (EDC), was down by 59.8 per cent as only Rs 975.50 crore came. As much as Rs 2,426.69 crore was earned in the corresponding period last year.

The recovery of loans and advances was dismal at just Rs 87.03 crore while it was Rs 5,224.30 crore last year.

"The tax revenue during lockdown in April and May was just Rs 1,305.40 crore and Rs 3,608.38 crore respectively. But for June, it jumped to Rs 7,007.21 crore and for July, it fur-

ther rose to Rs 10,376.51 crore. It was Rs 14,624.26 crore in August. So, the recovery is on the way," said a senior official in the Finance Department.

### GST compensation

As per provisions in the Goods and Service Tax (Compensation) Act, 2017, the states are assured of their revenue at 14 per cent compounded growth rate over the base year revenue 2015-16 for loss of revenue arising on account of GST implementation for a period of five years.

Due to the inadequate balance in the Compensation Fund, the admissible bimonthly GST compensation has so far not been released.

According to figures submitted before Parliament last month, Haryana had received Rs 1,461 crore as GST compensation from the Centre in 2017-18 and Rs 3,916 crore in 2018-19.

For 2019-20, the state was given Rs 6,617 crore.

However, for April to

July of 2020-21, the release of

Rs 5,841 crore is due.

During the 41st GST Council meeting in August, the states were given options to meet their compensation shortfall from market borrowing.

## Women self-help groups to take part in Surajkund fair

Tribune News Service



Move aimed at increasing job opportunities, recognising their talent globally

villages as well as cities so that their income could be enhanced. To meet this purpose, he directed the officials to form self-help groups in villages where they were not present and also activate these where they had already been constituted.

The Deputy CM said the Chief Executive Officer would prepare the report after making the work plan for the constitution of groups in every village at the district level.

Dushyant said it was the endeavour of the government to increase employment opportunities for women in

every district not only the products manufactured in villages would be available in the market but also the rate of self-reliance in rural areas would increase from the economic point of view.

Dushyant said through this, women would play an important role in pulling the state out of economic downturn due to the lockdown.

Dushyant also directed officials to establish a booth at the district level throughout the state for selling the products of self-help groups.

## 1-kg opium seized from Punjab-bound truck

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 3  
The police have arrested two persons carrying 1 kg of opium worth Rs 2.5 lakh in a truck loaded with pulses in Sirsa district.

Giving this information here on Saturday, a police spokesperson said the accused had hidden the contraband in the truck that came from the Jhabua area in Madhya Pradesh and was supposed to go to Punjab.

They were caught during a special checking after getting

The vehicle came from the Jhabua area in Madhya Pradesh

a tip-off by the CIA team from Uddham Singh Chowk under Ellenabad police station.

The accused have been identified as Gurjeet Singh and Gurdev, both residents of Sirsa district.

A case was registered against the two under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act. — TNS

## Panipat arthiya gets extortion letters seeking ₹2 cr

Tribune News Service

PANIPAT, OCTOBER 3  
An arthiya in Babarpur grain market of Panipat has received three anonymous letters in which some miscreant had demanded Rs 2 crore from him. He has threatened the arthiya that if he fails to give the money, his elder son and grandson would be killed.

The police have registered a case against the unidentified miscreant and began a probe into the matter.

Shree Chand of

Babarpur Mandi in his complaint to the police said that he found the first anonymous letter on September 14 in his godown in which the accused had threatened to kill his elder son and grandson and demanded extortion money amounting to Rs 2 crore from him.

He ignored the first letter but on September 23, he went to his fields and found a letter hanging on the door of the room in the fields in which the suspect again demanded Rs 2 crore and told him to keep the

money near the tubewell. He found the third anonymous letter on October 1 while he was on the way to his fields.

When he reached near the tubewell, one Khushiram handed over him a letter which was lying on the way to his fields. In the third letter, the accused demanded Rs 1 crore.

Then, the family members approached the police.

Following the complaint, the Sadar police have registered a case against an unidentified person under Sections 387 and 506 of the IPC.

## Gang 'targets' cable operator

Tribune News Service

tember 30 night to October 1 morning.

He received one of the calls and the caller demanded Rs 5 lakh extortion from him and threatened dire consequences.

The caller introduced himself as Deepu, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.

The Gohana City police have registered a case against Deepu under various Sections of the IPC and began a probe into the matter.



## Rewari girl on a mission against single-use plastic

Tribune News Service

### INITIAL STEPS

REWARI, OCTOBER 3  
Every time, Nandini (17) receives her pocket money, she buys a variety of fabric of different colours and sewing material — not to make clothes for her, but to sew bags for people of her city.

Her objective is to sensitize people against the use of single-use plastic.

Inspired by her maternal grandmother, Nandini started making cloth bags three years ago when she saw labourers having their food from polythene bags.

"Our house was under repair three years ago. Every day, I saw labourers bringing their food in polythene bags. I knew it was harmful for their health. So with the help of my mother, I sew cloth bags for them. That gave me a sense of satisfaction. In return, I made them promise me that they won't use polythene bags in future," the

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF FORENSICS SERVICES, HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA HILLS, JUNGA, INDIA – 171218**  
Tel/Fax: 0177-27525127, email: sfsl-hp@nic.in  
**e-Tender Notice**  
No. DFS (Plan/Nirbhaya-Equip)/2020 - 5340 Dated: 01/10/2020  
Tenders bids are electronically invited from the reputed Indian/Foreign Manufacturers or their Authorized Dealers/Distributors/Agents for the supply of the following item(s).

**Items** Quantity EMD (in Rs.)  
1. Automatic Pressurized Fluid Extraction System 02 No. 25,000/-  
2. FTIR 01 No. 50,000/-  
3. Real Time PCR 01 No. 50,000/-  
4. Raman Spectrometer 01 No. 50,000/-  
5. Water Purification System 02 No. 25,000/-  
6. UFED 4PC, Chinex and Cloud Analyser 02 No. 50,000/-  
7. Forensic Toolkit (FTK) 01 No. 25,000/-  
8. Alcohol Analyzing System 01 No. 50,000/-  
9. Up gradation of Anton-Paar Densitometer 01 No. 50,000/-  
10. Cold (Chiller) Room 01 No. 10,000/-  
11. Genset 100 KVA 02 No. 50,000/-  
12. Core Cutter 01 No. 10,000/-  
13. Rapid Evidence Screening System for Examination of Biological Fluids and Traces 01 No. 50,000/-  
14. Multispectral Fingerprint Identification Device 01 No. 50,000/-  
15. Mobile multispectral digital imaging solution for identification of body fluids and document examination 01 No. 50,000/-  
16. Gas Generators for Gas Chromatograph 03 No. 50,000/-  
17. JTAC & Chip Off Forensics 01 No. 2,50,000/-  
18. Next Generation Sequencing Machine with Robotic Liquid Handling System for Library Preparation 01 No. 5,00,000/-

The detailed tender document with complete terms & conditions, technical specifications etc. can be viewed and downloaded from website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> from 05.10.2020 to 27.10.2020 up to 02:00 PM. The Tender will be opened on 27.10.2020 at 02:30 PM. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid websites only. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The bid shall be filled in electronic format on the schedule- "A" (BOQ) of the concerned item on the website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. The cost of tender form is Rs. 500/- per set which is non-refundable and payable in favour of Director, Directorate of Forensics Services, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla Hills, JUNGA in shape of Demand Draft, which shall be submitted either by post or in person before the date of opening of tenders.

(Director)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Bilaspur invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of completion	Cost of form
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# PM strikes emotional chord with Lahaul natives

Modi recalls his frequent visits to state, the local cuisine and paragliding on Solang slopes

**PRATIBHA CHAUHAN**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SISSU (LAHAUL), OCTOBER 3**  
The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Himachal Pradesh for the inauguration of the Atal Tunnel, Rohtang, was a walk down memory lane, as he remembered people by name, his frequent visits to the state and the local cuisine he relished.

He struck an emotional chord with the people of Lahaul as he addressed a public meeting at Sissu, 8 km from the north portal of the tunnel in Lahaul. "Juley Kandigh di tunnel kendigh Atalji te araf tohse shu" (the tunnel is Atal ji's gift to the people of Himachal), he said amidst an applause by the people.

He said that he has a right over the state and its people, as he had been the in-charge of party affairs in Himachal. "Very often, I and Dhumal ji would broach the issue of the tunnel with Atal ji, who announced the construction of the Rohtang tunnel, which became a reality today," he added. He fondly remembered doing paragliding on the Solang slopes, where the public meeting was held.

Modi said that the opening of the tunnel would pave the way for easy transportation of agricultural produce such as vegetables, peas and potatoes. "I have enjoyed Chandramukhi potatoes of Lahaul and now with the opening of the tun-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur at Sissu on Saturday.

nel, the world can get all these products," he added. He credited Arjun Gopal, fondly remembered as Tashi Daswa, who was a friend of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, with convincing the former Prime Minister about giving the go-ahead to the Rohtang tunnel.

The Prime Minister adorned a colourful Kullvi cap, and a maroon muffler at the function at Solang while he addressed the people of Lahaul wearing a maroon cap, decorated with yellow flowers. He was presented with a Tibetan Thangka painting by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

Modi spoke at length about his close association with Thakur Singh Negi, a former IAS officer and Speaker. "I got to learn so much from Negi ji, who had vast administrative and political experience," he said. He added that he often travelled on these arduous roads to reach Rohtang, so he could relate with the problems faced by people in getting medical treatment or meeting other necessities when the area is snow-bound.

Modi said that his government fulfilled the one rank-one pension demand of ex-servicemen and one lakh retired Army personnel in

Himachal had benefited from it. He added that the previous Congress government at the Centre had only rendered lip service on the issue and made a mere Rs 500 crore allocation compared to Rs 11,000 crore provided by the NDA government. Himachal has more than three lakh serving and retired Army personnel.

He said the Union Defence, Education and External Affairs ministries should jointly showcase the Atal Tunnel as an engineering marvel to the students of engineering and science, not just from within the country but also from abroad.

The PM adorned a Kullvi cap and a maroon muffler at the function in Solang while he addressed the people of Lahaul wearing a maroon cap, decorated with yellow flowers. He was presented a Tibetan Thangka painting by CM Thakur

The Chief Minister said that the people of the state would remain indebted to the Prime Minister for

showering his love and affection on the people of Himachal. "Like Atal ji, you too consider Himachal your home and the people of the state take a lot of pride in this fact," he added.

Thakur said that despite the coronavirus pandemic, the Prime Minister chose to come here to inaugurate the tunnel and this was the first function he attended since the pandemic broke out. He also spoke about the time when Modi did paragliding in Solang, where the Prime Minister addressed a public meeting after his return from Lahaul.

## A historic day, says Nadda

**SHIMLA, OCTOBER 3**  
BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda today said that it was a historic day not only for Himachal but also for the entire country as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Atal Tunnel at Rohtang. He thanked the Prime Minister for inaugurating the tunnel and congratulated the people of the state on the completion of the mega project.

Nadda, who could not attend the function due to his preoccupation with the preparations for the Bihar Assembly elections, said, "As a Himachali and BJP worker, I express my gratitude to the Prime Minister. —TNS

## ON THE SIDELINES...

■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur as 'Himachal ka chokra', a reference to how he was addressed by the Congress in Parliament, at all the three places — Solang, Sissu and Dhundi.

■ He repeatedly referred to former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal and his close association with him while he was the in-charge of BJP affairs in Himachal for six years and how they often discussed the Rohtang tunnel with Vajpayee.



Tribal women dance on the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sissu in Lahaul on Saturday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

■ Modi said "Himachal ka mujh par bahut adhikaar hai" and I still feel very close to the people of the state, reflecting his proximity to the hill state.

■ At Solang, Narendra Modi spoke in Kullvi dialect and said that the Rohtang tunnel was Atal ji's gift to the people of Kullu, Lahaul and Pangi.

■ As a policewoman fainted while he was addressing the public meeting at Solang, Modi asked his medical team to attend to her.

■ Modi made a reference to Arjun Gopal, who hailed from Lahaul and was a close friend of Vajpayee. Gopal is credited with playing an important role in convincing the former PM to clear the tunnel project. His son Amar Singh, who was present at the Sissu meeting, became emotional as Modi mentioned his father's name. His older brother rode the first bus along with 15 persons from Lahaul after Modi inaugurated the tunnel.



The first batch of people, who travelled through the Atal Tunnel, arrives at Sissu in Lahaul and Spiti district on Saturday. PTI

## Changes in farm laws to benefit farmers: Modi

**ABHINAV VASHISHT**

**KULLU, OCTOBER 3**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the previous UPA governments of failing to make amendments to agricultural laws due to a lack of political will. He addressed a public meeting of 200 persons at Solang, near Manali, after inaugurating the Atal Tunnel at Rohtang.

He said that the laws related to agriculture were amended for the uplift of the farmers. These changes would be done in future as well to promote 'Atmnirbhar Bharat'. He added that farmers got mere Rs 40 to Rs 50 a kilogram for their apple produce here while it was sold for around Rs 150 a kilogram in Delhi. He said that there was no account of the price escalation of agricultural produce due to the middlemen. The new laws would benefit the farmers and the consumers alike, he added.



Army personnel at the south portal of Atal Tunnel click pictures. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

The Prime Minister said that the dream tunnel project of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had been accomplished. He recalled that once 11 paragliders had sprinkled flowers to welcome Vajpayee during his visit to his residence at Prini, near Manali. He said that Vajpayee always wanted to improve infrastructure, connectivity and tourism in the region.

He said most of the public services had been digitalised and there was no need now to visit government offices. He added services related to banking had been reformed, saving time and money. Due to digitalisation, the scope of corruption had been curtailed.

The Prime Minister lauded the efforts of engineers, technicians and workers in accomplishing the Atal Tunnel proj-

ect. He said, "The work of 20 years has been completed within six years. Their experiences and suggestions will be recorded digitally. Engineering and technical universities should send batches of students to witness this engineering marvel and do case studies on the project. Foreign students will also be invited so that the information of this achievement spreads throughout the world".

## Eight Covid deaths, 241 cases reported

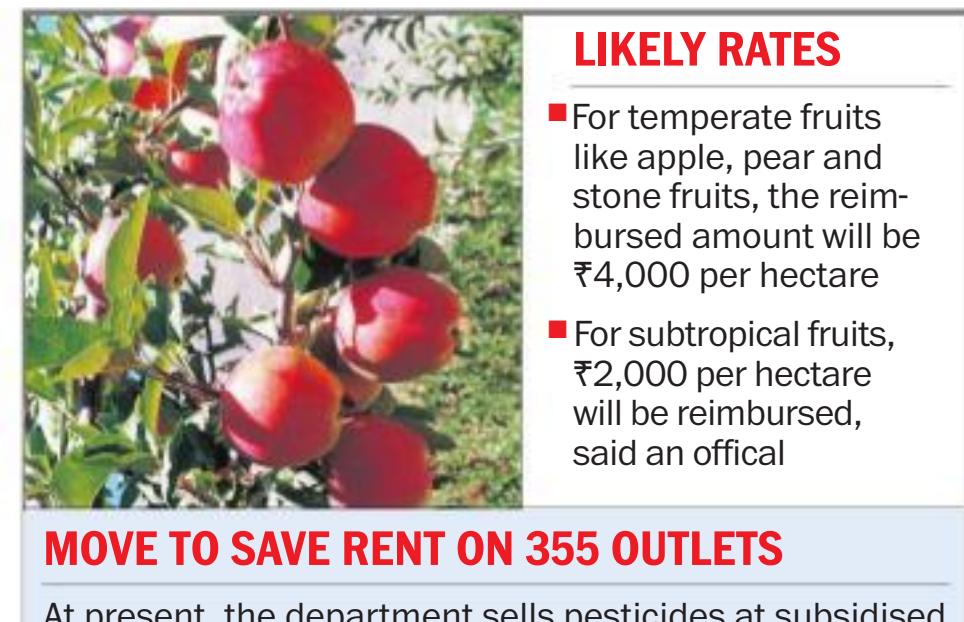
**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**SHIMLA, OCTOBER 3**  
Eight persons died of coronavirus in the state today, taking the total number of fatalities to 205. Besides, 241 fresh Covid cases were reported — the total tally rose to 15,695.

Three Covid deaths were reported in Shimla, two in Kangra and one each in Bilaspur, Kullu and Sirmaur districts.

The highest number of 32 cases was reported in Shimla, followed by 26 in Kangra, 23 in Solan, 18 in Mandi, 13 each in Bilaspur and Hamirpur, 12 in Kullu, 11 in Una and five in Sirmaur. No fresh cases were reported in Chamba, Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti districts. The total number of active cases in the state stood at 3,292.

A 78-year-old woman from Bela village in Shillai (Sirmaur) died at the IGMC Hospital, Shimla, on Saturday. She was suffering from several co-morbidities, said the Deputy Commissioner, Sirmaur.



### LIKELY RATES

■ For temperate fruits like apple, pear and stone fruits, the reimbursed amount will be ₹4,000 per hectare

■ For subtropical fruits, ₹2,000 per hectare will be reimbursed, said an official

### MOVE TO SAVE RENT ON 355 OUTLETS

At present, the department sells pesticides at subsidised rates in over 355 outlets across the state. Senior Plant Production Officer TR Busheri said the closure of these outlets would free the staff posted there whose services could be utilised in the field for better implementation of department schemes. Besides, the rent money spent on these outlets will also be saved, he said.

they could be used in the field for better implementation of department schemes. "Besides, the department also pays rent for these outlets, which would be saved," he said. The illegal selling of pesticides available in these outlets is also seen one of the reasons.

The department sells pesticides at subsidised rates in over 355 outlets across the state. "Every year, the department procures and supplies pesticides worth Rs 18-19 crore to farmers though its outlets. The subsidy on these comes out to be roughly Rs 5-6 crore," said Busheri. "From the next

## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

**CORRIGENDUM E-TENDER NOTICE: PG/Engg/Elect./2020-21/111**

Due to some Administrative reasons, the tender for work "Installation of New Network I/O points at various locations, PGIMER, Chandigarh," appeared in the Newspapers, <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, and PGI website vide No. PG/Engg/2020/HEEC/1574 dated 21.09.2020 and due for opening of eligibility cum technical bid on 01.10.2020 has been re-scheduled as under:

Last date & time of submission of Bid	Last date & time for submission of Original Bid	Date & time for Opening of Eligibility cum Technical Bid	Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid
10.10.2020 up to 03.00 PM	12.10.2020 up to 03.15 PM	12.10.2020 at 03.30 PM	To Be Declared Later
Other terms and conditions shall remain the same. DI-10947			

HOSPITAL ENGINEER (ELECT.)

## ICAR - CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON RESEARCH, Regional Station, SIRSA (Haryana)

### TENDER NOTICE

The ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station-Sirsa invites quotations in **TWO BIDS (TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL)** system from reputed firms with adequate experience and financial capability for providing the security services - watch & ward (without arms) at ICAR-CICR, Regional Station-Sirsa. Eligible firms may submit tenders/bids to the office from 01.10.2020 to 28.10.2020 upto 04.00 PM. Tenderers are required to submit all other documents before tender closing date & time. Details can be obtained from [www.cicr.org.in](http://www.cicr.org.in).

I/c Head,  
ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa  
DI-10946

## ARMY COLLEGE OF NURSING, JALANDHAR CANTT

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Assistant Professor	01	M Sc (Nursing) in Medical Surgical Nursing with 03 years teaching experience or more. Desirable: Ph.D (in Nursing)

**How to Apply:** Eligible candidates to apply on prescribed form, available at college website and send it to college with self-attested copies of testimonials/certificates along with Demand Draft of Rs. 200/- in favour of "Army College of Nursing" payable at Jalandhar by 13 Oct 2020. The applications received after due date will not be entertained. Only short listed candidates will be interviewed.

**Salary:** As per AWES Rules and Regulations/Negotiable.

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## JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, BHILLOWAL, DISTT. AMRITSAR (PB)

### TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered firms/parties for the following:-

(1) Manpower supplying agency, which follows all regulations related to labour laws and welfare measures for Outsourcing of Casual/ Contract Labour Services (Skilled/Semi Skilled/Unskilled).

(2) Daily use items, (3) Sweets and Bakery (4) Stitching of Uniforms

Tender form along with terms and conditions can be [downloaded from Vidyalya Website: https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/AMRITSAR2hi/contact-us/JNV/](https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/AMRITSAR2hi/contact-us/JNV/). The cost of the tender i.e. Rs. 300/- and amount of EM & SD (separately) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Principal, JNV Bhilowal payable at Chogawan should invariably be with the tender form.

The last date of receipt of tender through registered/speed post is 27.10.2020 up to 04.00 p.m. and tenders will be opened in the office of Principal, JNV Bhilowal, Distt. Amritsar (Pb.) on 28.10.2020 at 11.00 a.m. before Vidyalya Purchase Advisory Committee.

The tenderers are requested to ensure their presence on the tender opening day.

Sd/- Principal, J.N.V.,  
Bhilowal, Amritsar-II.

DI-10943

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No: Mkt(P1)-74/04-TDC-Vol-II Dated: 03-10-2020

### SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short term tenders are invited from advertising agencies to facilitate and generate business from advertisements to be displayed in HPTDC Lift complex, Horse Shoe Bend, the Mall, Shimla. The Sealed Bid / Offer alongwith Earnest Money of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand only) duly completed in all respect should reach the office of the General Manager, HPTDC, Ritz Annex, Shimla on or before 14-10-2020 by 11:00 AM which will be opened on the same day. The interested bidders will be required to give demonstration on the concept, designs and material to be used for advertisements before the committee constituted for this purpose on 09-10-2020 at 03:00 PM. Complete terms and conditions of the tender can be downloaded from our website [www.hptdc.in](http://www.hptdc.in). Sd/- General Manager

Principals

## NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

Name of work	Cleaning, mounting dismounting, washing, punching/stenciling and spray painting of LHB dam

# Bodies of trio exhumed, laid to rest in Rajouri

## SHOPIAN ENCOUNTER

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 3

The bodies of the three youths, killed in an alleged fake encounter by the Army in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district in July, were exhumed and later laid to rest at their hometown in Rajouri district by the family members, officials said on Saturday.

The exhumation was done late on Friday night at an unidentified location in north Kashmir hours after the Director-General of Jammu and Kashmir Police (DGP), Dilbag Singh, said

## COMPENSATE FAMILIES

**◆** The exhumation of the three bodies and a fair investigation will restore the confidence of the people in the government and its justice system. The kin of the youths should be duly compensated.

Choudhary Zulfikar Ali, Ex-minister

buried by their family members in their ancestral graveyards on Saturday evening. The burial took place peacefully," Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Chandan Kohli, said.

On July 18, the Army claimed that three militants were killed in Amshipura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian district.

The Army initiated an inquiry after social media reports indicated that the three men were from Rajouri district in Jammu and had gone missing in Amshipura. — PTI

the legal process to exhume and hand over the bodies to their families was on and would be completed soon.

"All the three bodies were

buried by their family members in their ancestral graveyards on Saturday evening. The burial took place peacefully," Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Chandan Kohli, said.

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3

The Army has built a memorial to its 20 personnel who were killed while valiantly fighting Chinese troops in the Galwan valley in eastern Ladakh on June 15, official sources said on Saturday.

The memorial, located at Post 120 in eastern Ladakh and inaugurated earlier this week, mentions the heroics of the "Gallants of Galwan" under operation "Snow Leopard" and the way they evicted the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops from the area while inflicting "heavy casualties" on them in "hand-to-hand combat".

China is yet to disclose the number of its soldiers killed and injured in the clash, though it officially admitted to have suffered casualties.



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According to an American intelligence report, the number of casualties on the Chinese side was 35.

Post 120 lies along the

Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO) road. The names of all the 20 Indian Army personnel were inscribed at the unit-level memorial.

Colonel B Santosh Babu, the Commanding Officer of the 16 Bihar regiment, was among the Indian Army personnel killed in the clash that had significantly escalated the border tension between the two countries with India calling it a premeditated and planned action by China".

The Chinese soldiers used stones, nail-studded sticks, iron rods and clubs in carrying out brutal attacks on Indian soldiers after they protested the erection of a surveillance post by China around patrolling point 14 in the Galwan valley.

Giving a brief account of Operation "Snow Leopard", the Army mentioned in a plaque at the memorial that Colonel Babu led the "Quick Reaction Force" of

16 Bihar Regiment and attached troops tasked to evict a group of Chinese troops from the general area in "Y nala" (a junction) and stop them from moving further to Patrolling Point 14.

"The column successfully evicted the PLA OP from Y Nala and reached PP14 where a fierce skirmish broke out between the IA (Indian Army) and PLA troops. Col B Santosh Babu led from the front and his troops fought gallantly in hand-to-hand combat, causing heavy casualties to the PLA. In the ensuing fight twenty 'Gallants of Galwan' achieved martyrdom," the Army wrote.

The list of 20 personnel in the memorial included three naib subedars, three havildars and 12 sepoys. — PTI

## 975 new Covid cases, 19 deaths in UT

Srinagar, October 3

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 975 fresh Covid cases and 19 fatalities in a day, taking the caseload to 78,228 and the death toll to 1,231 on Saturday, officials said.

The Jammu region recorded 591 cases and the Kashmir valley 384. District-wise, Jammu reported the highest 403 new cases, followed by 150 in Srinagar district, officials said.

There are 15,646 active coronavirus cases in the union territory, while 61,351 patients have recovered so far, they said.

Nineteen deaths took place in 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir — 11 in Jammu and eight in the Valley, the officials said. — PTI

## NC dissolves youth wing in Kashmir

Srinagar, October 3

The National Conference (NC) on Saturday dissolved its youth wing in the Kashmir province with immediate effect, saying it was in the process of constituting a new team.

"All existing bodies of the Youth National Conference Kashmir up to the block level stand dissolved with immediate effect," an NC spokesperson said.

He did not give any reason for the decision.

The spokesperson, however, said the NC was in the process of replacing the youth wing of the party with a new team. — PTI

## Ropeway starts commercial operations

Jammu, October 3

The first phase of the much-awaited Jammu Ropeway Project (JRP) commenced its commercial operations on Saturday amid adequate Covid precautions, a senior official said, adding that the second phase was expected to open later this year.

On completion, the project would link three ancient temples — Bawali Mata, Mahamaya and Peer Kho — and was expected to give a boost to religious tourism as the three places were famous among devotees, particularly those visiting Jammu, the city of temples, from across the country, project manager Rakesh Bhat said. — PTI

## CALENDAR

October 4, 2020, Sunday

- Vickram Samvat 2077
- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Ashwin Shakha 12
- Ashwin Parvishi 19
- Hijri 1442
- Krishna Paksha Tithi 2, up to 7.28 am
- Harshana Yoga up to 11.06 pm
- Ashwin Nakshatra up to 11:52 am
- Moon in Aries sign
- Gandmool up to 11.52 am

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## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st October, 2020

S.O. 3435(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH72B in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 89.5 (Mini Secretariate Building Paonta Sahib) in the district of SIRMAUR in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

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

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmaur, HP in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

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

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

### SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH72B in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 89.5 (Mini Secretariate Building Paonta Sahib) in the district of SIRMAUR in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH		District: SIRMAUR			
Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature Of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
<b>Taluk: Kamrau</b>					
<b>Village: Baldwa Bohal</b>					
1	238	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0421000(Hectare )	<b>0.0421000</b>
2	491/242	Private	Obber Doyam	0.1265000(Hectare )	0.1265000
3	526/516/492	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0843000(Hectare )	0.0843000
4	528/516/492	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.1686000(Hectare )	0.1686000
5	529/516/492	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.3372000(Hectare )	0.3372000
6	531/516/492	Private	Obber Doyam	0.1686000(Hectare )	0.1686000
7	532/516/492/5	Private	Ghasni	1.1802000(Hectare )	1.1802000
<b>Village: Bokala Pab</b>					
1	682	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.1265000(Hectare )	0.1265000
2	683	Private	Obber Doyam	0.0421000(Hectare )	0.0421000
3	684	Private	Obber Doyam	0.1138000(Hectare )	0.1138000
4	989/935/827/2	Private	Nakabil	0.0379000(Hectare )	0.0379000
<b>Village: Chadeu</b>					
1.	375/317/255	Private	Obber Doyam	0.0421000(Hectare )	0.0421000
<b>Village: Kamrau</b>					
1	3454/1360	Private	Gair mumkin	0.0084000(Hectare )	0.0084000
2	3777	Private	Ghasni	0.0337000(Hectare )	0.0337000
3	954	Private	Gair mumkin	0.0168000(Hectare )	0.0168000
<b>Village: Kando Dugana</b>					
1.	3662/626	Government	Nakabil	0.0379000(Hectare )	0.0379000
<b>Taluk: Shilai</b>					
<b>Village: Ashyari</b>					
1	1436/891/2	Private	Gair mumkin	0.0017000(Hectare )	0.0017000
2	1480/640/2	Private	Nakabil	0.0801000(Hectare )	0.0801000
3	1494/94/3	Private	Aabadi	0.0126000(Hectare )	0.0126000
4	1836/95/1/2	Private	Aabadi	0.0084000(Hectare )	0.0084000
5	595/2	Private	Gair mumkin	0.0084000(Hectare )	0.0084000
6.	92	Private	Nakabil	0.0295000(Hectare )	0.0295000
<b>Village: Pab Manal</b>					
1	964/767	Private	Ghasni	0.0759000(Hectare )	0.0759000
2	967/769	Private	Ghasni	0.0337000(Hectare )	0.0337000
3	969/770	Private	Ghasni	0.1054000(Hectare )	0.1054000
4	972/771	Private	Ghasni	0.0843000(Hectare )	0.0843000
5	975/772	Private	Ghasni	0.0759000(Hectare )	0.0759000
6.	978/773	Private	Ghasni	0.0843000(Hectare )	0.0843000
7.	981/774	Private	Ghasni	0.134	

# MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

### IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Indian Engineering Service, working in Indian Railway, Sikh Ramdasia, Sep. 92, 5'-3", parents both working in Indian Railway. Specifically Group-A UPSC group required. 81466-382187 (WhatsApp only). (CL20045231)

### MAHAJAN

Age 25 height 5'-3", Edu. M.Com, Pvt. Bank girl want suitable match. 96968-31161, 95228-42134. (CL20045500)

Wanted PSU MNC match working in Mumbai, Chandigarh, Delhi NCR for Mahajan girl, Officer Nationalised Bank Mumbai, 5'-2", 5.49, 10:05 pm Ludhiana. Upper caste welcome. Contact 97970-21693. (CL20045791)

**Non-Manglik fair girl 32, 5'-2",** MBA, working in HDFC, Asr, expects suitable groom. # 94170-68942. (CL20046015)

**Mahajan beautiful girl 1985/5'-3",** Postgraduate, convent teacher, status family. Required well settled boy. Upper caste welcome. 98772-59859. (CL20047355)

**Suitable match for Mahajan Manglik girl** Dob 18.11.1993, 09.50 a.m., height 5'-3", Jalandhar. M.Sc Chemistry/B.Ed, preferred well settled business or service class. Mahajan family, preferred cities (Delhi, Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana). Mob: 75088-00661. (CL20047534)

### AGGARWAL

Garg girl, B.Sc., LL.M. 155/ 1988, doing job Legal Adviser IFFCO TOKIO. Only Tricity. 94175-12077. (CL20045401)

**Beautiful Garg girl Engineer** 19.09.91, 5'-7". Job work from home, kothi in Chandigarh. 92090-85469. (CL20045889)

**Preferred professionally qualified** Bangalore match for Aggarwal Mittal B.Tech., MBA (NMIMS Mumbai) healthy, smart girl, 5'-2", 9.12.92, 8:23 am. Mandi (H.P.), Brand Manager, package 10 L, jolly, good in cooking, driving. Educated family from Ludhiana. Decent marriage. 98140-25906, 62802-12887. (CL20040175)

**Singhal Sep 88, 5'-4", B.Tech** Masters, beautiful, slim, fair, 27 lacs, Bangalore preferred. Phone: 90801-00360. (CL20045068)

**Goyal beautiful girl 1993, 5'-2.5",** M.Com, Punjab Govt. Employee. Preferred. Gazetted Officer nearby Bathinda. 83601-53029. (CL20045183)

**PQM for Chandigarh based** 5/26.02.1994, Jindal, 9.28 a.m. (Barnala). B.Com., PGDCA, LLB Company Secretary. Tricity preferred. 98557-19548. (CL20045189)

**Suitable match for Bansal girl** August-11.1987, 5'-2", 01:55 pm, Non-manglik, Ambala, LLM. Working as Assistant District Attorney Haryana Govt. in PWD (B.R.), Ambala. Decent marriage. 082200-94111, 099914-41111. (CL20045258)

**Suitable match for Aggarwal girl** June 1987, 00:35 am, Bathinda, 5'-2", B.Tech. Ambala based reputed business family. Decent marriage. 89502-32080. (CL20045256)

**High status Goel girl 1.4.1994,** 3:41 am, 5'-2", Budget 1 crore. 82641-74509. (CL20046662)

**Garg 26 years, slim height 5'-7",** Aanshik Manglik. Government Lecturer. Contact surrounding Yamunagar (Haryana) lecturer & government employee only Phone 86078-62501. (CL20045257)

**Suitable match in India only** for Goyal Aanshik Manglik girl B.Tech. working in MNC Gurugram born Feb. 92, 5'-4" with 13L from Bareilly (Mansa) Pb. 9415-90037, 75890-92337. (CL20045335)

**Very beautiful Garg girl 1992/5'-3",** B.Com, MBA. Preferred High Status Businessman, Bathinda. 09804-08042, 94644-96008. (CL20045476)

**Match for beautiful, fair Aggarwal girl** 1991, fair, slim, 5'-3", B.Tech./ MBA budget 8 figures very affluent, many type businesses, Industries. 94169-80881. (CL20047217)

**Professional qualified high status** match for Panchkula based Bansal girl, 12.12.91, 5'-6", B.Tech., M.S., MNC. 99152-56000

**Match for Chandigarh based non manglik Goyal girl, MA Eeo,** pursuing Ph.D. (P.U) slim, wheatish, 5'-2", 25.04.1991, 8:20 pm, Hisar scholarship Rs. 4000/- per month. 94170-95467. (CL20045502)

**Garg beautiful girl 26.1.1991, 5'-30** am, Gonia Mandi (Bathinda), 5'-1", B.Tech. (IT). Father businessman, mother Govt. teacher. Preferred well employed/ well settled businessman. 98141-40206. E-mail: bansal\_parmod@hotmail.com (CL2004582)

**Suitable match for beautiful, slim, BCA Gupta girl,** 19.01.1993, 10:30 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-8", very high Infosys. Chandigarh. 98050-04771. (CL20046668)

**Garg beautiful girl 26.1.1991, 5'-30** am, Gonia Mandi (Bathinda), 5'-1", B.Tech. (IT). Father businessman, mother Govt. teacher. Preferred well employed/ well settled businessman. 98141-40206. E-mail: bansal\_parmod@hotmail.com (CL2004582)

**Match for beautiful, fair Aggarwal girl, MCA, working in MNC Gurugram, package 10 to 15 lakh, family base Jalandhar, 5'-2", 14.08.1990, 2:05 am. Father businessman.** Decent marriage. 98141-40206. E-mail: bansal\_parmod@hotmail.com (CL2004582)

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**Wanted suitable handsome** preferably employed match from good family background for 26 years, 5'-3", very fair, beautiful. M.Tech girl from Punjab, employed in Infosys, brother pursuing M.B.A. Reputed family, early decent marriage proposed. WhatsApp: 98159-67616, rajeshkansal1221@gmail.com (CL20045994)

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**Beautiful match for Aggarwal girl** 20/5'-6", +2, IELTS 7 Bands (Muktsar), need boy to go Canada and can do all expenses. 70092-86130. (CL20047436)

**NM Aggarwal (Jindal) girl, April 94** born, 5'-6", B.Com., MBA, working in Gurgaon, package 10 LPA, well settled family in Chandigarh. Ph. & WhatsApp: 70551-11075, 98556-11077. (CL20047450)

**Suitable match for Garg girl non-manglik** M.Tech., 17.04.1993, 10:25 am, Faridkot. Decent marriage. Bureau excuse. 98147-93006 (WhatsApp). (CL20047475)

**Manglik Singla** beautiful girl, Pharmacy, D.Pharmacy, 16.02.1991, 5.1, 2.27 am. Barnala. 98884-02537. (CL20047490)

### KHATRI/ARORA

**Match for Hindu Arora 1995** born girl, 5'-2", M.S. (Chemistry Hons.), Lecturer in reputed institute, Father bank officer, tricity preferred. Contact: 98687-31900. (CL20047527)

**Rich Industrialist Aggarwal girl** Anshik manglik 1990 smart educated 5'-4", 1988, 5'-2". Required highly rich family's tricity. 96465-12312, 86993-72414. (CL20046552)

**High status two Aggarwal girls** most beautiful November 1992. M.tech 5'-4", 1993 MBA 5'-3". Required Industrialist businessman boys Chandigarh Panchkula. 96465-12312, 86993-72414. (CL20046557)

**Suitable match for working Mittal girl** non-manglik, 1991born, 5'-1", B.Tech, BITS, MS (USA). Presently on HIB Visa, from Chandigarh Send biodata at: kmittal29@gmail.com (CL20046572)

**Match for fair Bansal girl 5'-5", Oct.** 86 born, BDS, MBA, Working MNC. Marriage bureau, please excuse. Mobile 98145-21719. (CL20046680)

**Doctor Officer match for M.D. Dr.** last year Bansal girl 28 years, 5'-6", educated family, decent marriage. 95303-07899. (CL20046689)

**Partial Manglik 29.03.1994, 2:45 pm,** Dhuri. Slim girl 5'-3", residence Mandi Gobindgarh, B.Tech, CSE, Deolti Bangalore, package 10 laks. 98145-20728. (CL20046741)

**Suitable match for Non manglik** Arora girl 27/ 5'-5", B.Tech, Senior Software Engineer MNC Hydrabad, 9 Lacs, parents well settled at Chandigarh. Hydrabad working boy preferred. Call WhatsApp 98143-34345. (CL20046560)

**Very beautiful Khatri Arora girl 93** born, 5'-3", M.B.A. Father industrialist Muzaffar Nagar. Only high status business man. Decent marriage. 83075-69919. (CL20046069)

**SM4 Khatri MDS Dental Surgeon,** working, smart girl, 36, 5'-3", looking younger, issueless divorcee. 76960-92907. (CL20046084)

**Match for Mohali based Arora** Khatri beautiful slim girl, 29/5'-3", B.Com, B.Ed. Contact: 94106-89001. (CL20046570)

**Looking for handsome Govt.** employee for Arora Khatri girl, 26 yrs., 5'-4", PGI Nurse. Tricity preferred. Contact: 87911-52084, 99887-90469. (CL20045221)

**Punjabi Khatri girl, 26, 5'-4",** B.Tech, M.B.A (HR), IIM (Raipur), 17 LPA, Deloitte seeks alliance from professionals/ civil servants. Contact: 94472-045249

**Match for Hindu Punjabi** Khatri working girl 5'-3" slim fair. 22.10.1985, 4:40 p.m., Chandigarh, convention educated, B.Com (Hons.), MBA. Father retired gazetted officer, well educated, reputed family. Caste no bar. 098725-11259. Email: mksb.malhotra@gmail.com (CL20044989)

**Smart match for Chandigarh based** Manglik Khatri girl 29/5'-5", B.Com, working in MNC, NCR, 11.00 pm. PGI. Send biodata at: mksb.malhotra@gmail.com (CL20044989)

**Suitable match for slightly Manglik** beautiful Hindu Khatri girl, Jan 1992, Jalandhar, 5'-5", M.Com, working in Panchkula. Contact whatsapp: 9872586154. (CL20045151)

**Suitable Match for Khatri girl** 09-11.00, 3:15 am. Gohana, 5'-3", M.Tech (CSE), job Bangalore, family residing at Karnal. 94162-11827. (CL20044961)

**Match for Khatri (Puri) girl 14.8.91** 4:22 pm/ Amritsar, M.Sc. (Math), 19.01.1993, height 5'-5", required, Khatri girl must. Contact: 94170-90416. (CL20041064)

**Match for Mohali based Arora** Khatri beautiful slim girl, 29/5'-3", B.Com, B.Ed. Contact: 94106-89001. (CL20046570)

**Manglik vegetarian CA girl,** working in MNC Gurugram, 19.12.89, 8:00 am, 5'-1" Ambala. Required CA/B.Tech. 94667-15917, 94163-27620. (CL20046676)

**Arora girl 1991/5'-6", B.Tech,** working in MNC Gurugram, preference 6', Govt/corporate. 880151-01801, 744207131. (CL20047131)

**Well educated (Post Graduated** from Thapar University), 5'-5½", very fair, Non-Manglik belongs to reputed family. Educationist at Public School. 11 July 1989, 10:30 pm, Patiala. 98147-60481. (CL20047040)

**Looking Qualified match for 1994** born / 5' girl, B.Tech working in Gurgaon smart MNC, package 8.5 lacs. Contact: 87082-99740, 80373-95506. (CL20046949)

**Business class match for Grover,** 02/08/90, 8:10 p.m. Sonipat, M.Tech, (P.G.), 19.01.1994, 15.00 am. Sanjarpur, M.S. (Math) ETT, B.Ed. (PSTET-I & CTET- 1&2 qualified) Govt. employee preferred. 98721-81465. (CL20046670)

**Government employee/ well settled** businessman for Hindu Khatri Manglik 5'-4" girl 19.6.94, 1.20 pm (Gurdaspur), B.Sc. Medical, B.Ed., PTET-1, PTET-2, CET cleared. Pursuing MA English. Parents retired Govt. employee. Majha preferred. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 95307-80129. (CL20045395)

**Match for slim, beautiful girl 5'-2",** 15.08.1994, 8:00 a.m. Ambala. Govt. Bank Officer in Chandigarh. Preferred. Bureau, Vegetarian. Preference. 98145-18111. (CL20046671)

**Professional qualified match for** slim beautiful Arora girl 29/ 5'-5", Ph.D. Mathematics from IISER. (9883-05578). (CL20045170)

**High status handsome suitable** match for Hindu beautiful, slim Arora girl, 29.10.1989, 14:20, Chandigarh, height 5'-4", BDS, working Pharma Company Chandigarh, 7 LPA, seeking professionally qualified groom well settled in Delhi, Gurugram or Chandigarh Tricity only. Matrimonial agencies please excuse. WhatsApp: 97810-40301. (CL20047413)

**Match for fair, slim, beautiful** girl, 20/5'-6", B.Com, 19.01.1993, 10:30 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-8", very high Infosys. Chandigarh. 98050-04771. (CL20046668)

**Professionally qualified handsome** match for slim and beautiful Hindu Arora girl 5'-3", B.Com. (Hons.), ICWAI, 09.10.89, 10:47 am Hoshiarpur, working in Chandigarh. WhatsApp: 94633-77020. (CL20046549)

**Match for beautiful, divorcee,** issueless girl at Chand

## SCHEDULED CASTES

**Shiv Katha Mahasha girl 1988/5'-2", Pathankot, B.Tech., tutor currently, educated family preferred Govt./ private job. 77175-15169. (CL20047395)**

**Medico Match BAMS Doctor** Valmiki Punjab Govt. Community health Officer Mohali 27 girl, 5'-4". Father Police officer (Retd.), Brother Surgeon 94654-4904, 87279-69301. (CL20047424)

**SM4 Balmiki girl 1989/ 5'-5", M.Sc, preparing for UGC, father retired officer. Malhotra & Gill. well educated family. 0172-4191011. (CL20047559)**

**Well settled, vegetarian, teetotaller, match for unmarried Ad-dharmi Chamari fair, slim girl, 5'-4", 1977 born, Regular Govt. teacher. Contact: 8968946303. (CL20040003)**

**Suitable match for Ravidasia** Hindi small girl, B.Tech (ECE), DoB 1986, 5'-4", working in MNC Noida, package 8 lacs. Preferred B.Tech, employed or NRI. Send biodata. WhatsApp: 0061421841282. (CL20042809)

**Suitable match for beautiful Jatav girl, September 89, 5'-6", B.Sc., B.Ed., MBA. Tricity preference. 73079-71556. WhatsApp: 78140-13030. (CL20045037)**

**Suitable match for Majhi Sikh girl, B.Tech (EEE), Dec. 1993 born, 5'-2". Preparing for UPSC. Father bank Manager (rttd.). Mother Govt. teacher. Mob: 7837104295. (CL20045088)**

**Match for SC Doctor girl, Veterinary officer, PA.H.S.I., 5'-3", 11.1.1990, Send biodata and photograph on 9876150152. (CL20045096)**

**Suitable match for Ravidasia/ Chamari beautiful B.Com girl, 5'-0", 30 well educated family, vegetarian/ Radhaosami. Tricity preferred. 93162-3221. (CL20045128)**

**Govt. employee ETT Teacher** Mazhabi Sikhi 5'-2", 1977, slim issueless widow. Preferred tricity. 7814883475. (CL20047099)

**Valmiki Punjabi girl, height 5'-5", 08-12-1991, Graduate, fair, Chandigarh local preferred. 96460-71295, 96466-15777. (CL20045154)**

**Employed match for beautiful Mahashi girl, 5'-4", June 1991, B.Com, private job. Parents retired Govt. service. Tricity preferred. 94171-27580. (CL20045307)**

**Match for Chamar girl, Govt bank job, B.Tech, M.Tech, 31-Aug-1990, Ambala 5'-4". Preferred employed boy. 87082-67610 (CL20045327)**

**Match for Ravidasia girl, 01/02/1987, 3:15 am. Pandoh (HP), 5'-3", B.Com + PGDCA, working as Data Entry Operator B.B.M.B. Chandigarh. Panchkula, Mohali & Chandigarh or near preferred. Contact No. 98885-14553. (CL20045380)**

**Ravidasia BA/ PGDCA, fair, slim girl, 30, 5'-4". Private job, seeks educated well settled match. Doaba preferred. 87278-15049, Jalandhar. (CL20045410)**

**SMR for Bhagat (Juhala) girl, MCA, 26.12.1986, 5'-2", working in IT Company. Mohali: 78320-01256. (CL20045539)**

**SMF, fair, beautiful (SC) girl** 27.12.1988, 5'-2", B.Tech. & MBA, working in MNC at Noida, required professional. Contact: 99100-61623. (CL20045548)

**Match for scheduled Caste Ad-dharmi girl B.E. CSE, June 1990, 5'-5", Sr. Software Engineer in MNC. Chandigarh. Father Class-1 Officer retd. family settled in Mohali. Punjab family preferred. Contact: 79885-014553. (CL20045561)**

**Match for Ravidasia Sikhi girl, 30 yr, 5'-3", Bank Manager Scale II, PNB. Preferably Ludhiana settled boy. (CL20045573)**

**Suitable professional match from a status family for a beautiful Ad dharmi girl, 5/86, 5'-8", MBA, Bank Manager, from reputed family. Mobile (WhatsApp) 9730-64748. (CL20045624)**

**SMR for Ramdasia SC (slim) girl 1992, 5'-2", B.Com, Panjab University, serving in SBI. Elder sister and brother married, Veg (RS) family. Father Engg. (Retd.), Govt. service in Tricity preferred. WhatsApp 98148-38919. (CL20045650)**

**Match for Ramdasia Sikhi (Juhala) girl, June 1988 / 5', M.Sc (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D, final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL20045675)**

**Match for Chandigarh based Ravidasia Sikhi girl M.Sc, 5"-6", April 87, Good looking, slim in Govt. Bank job, Boy in Govt. job Non-drinker. Non-smoker from Chandigarh/ Mohali preferred. Marriage bureau excuse. Mobile 9530660916, 9815665832. (CL20045699)**

**Suitable match for Balmiki girl, 27, 4'-11", BA, MA - 82838-40080. (CL20046072)**

**Ramdasia girl, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., UGC NET, Asstt. Professor (contract) Govt. College, Nov. 1990/ 5'-4". Father retired Officer. Mother retired school teacher. Elder sister Lecturer (married). Younger brother MBBS passed. 96461-38487. (CL20046189)**

**Match for fair Valmiki girl 30/ 5'-3", M.Com. Preferred Govt. job/ business man boy. 99884-34452. (CL20046170)**

**Sikh Ramdasia girl 1993, 5'-3", B.Com., LL.B., LL.M. Preparing for Civil Services. Advocate/ Govt. employee and Tricity preferred. 98879-51153. (CL20046713)**

**Ramdasia/ Ravidasia girl 1990, 5'-2", MCA, teaching experience in college. Need educated Govt./ private job boy (Malwa). 98855-99380, 97791-01807. (CL20046724)**

**Ramdasia Sikhi girl, 1989, 5'-B.A., Ed., M.A. (Ph.D., M.A. (Edu.), P.TET passed. Seeking Govt. job boy. (CL20046726)**

**Match for fair Valmiki girl 30/ 5'-6", M.Com. Preferred Govt. job/ business man boy. 99884-34452. (CL20046728)**

**Divorcee Verma girl Una (HP) based 19.8.82, 11:55 pm, Nangal, 5'-3", M.A. (History), B.Ed., TET Clear, Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp/ Call 98720-05323. (CL20045841)**

**H/ status match for issueless divorcee, 10.2.86, 3:37 pm Ldh, MCA, slim, V.fair and b'ful girl from reputed Aggarwal biz family. B/man pref. Kundli match must. 97811-9722. (CL20039888)**

**Suitable Match for Likely Divorcee beautiful Garg girl Bathinda 35/ 5'-4", MBA, B.Ed having one girl child (6 yrs). 94173-26746 (CL20045162)**

**Hindi issueless divorcee Khatri girl 22.11.1982, 12.10 a.m., Delhi, 5'-3", Graduate, 97805-04229, 97938-41519. (CL20045776)**

**Suitable match for divorced Gupta girl, D&B Pharma, JBT working in Tricity Government contract employee 33, 5'-1". Contact 90911-44337, 99115-06616. (CL20045806)**

**Well educated match for beautiful Arora/ Gursikh girl 36/ 5'-3", Government job 9 years Son/ Daughter job City residing. Preference Ludhiana. 84373-64446 (WhatsApp). (CL20046663)**

**Educated & well settled match for Aggarwal divorcee beautiful girl. Gazetteed Officer (Punjab Govt.), June 1983 born, 5'-4", a nine year son, salary 70000, high status family. Cont. 98146-41939. (CL200465972)**

**Suitable match for Arora Khatri divorcee girl 1990, Dohra B.Sc. with 3 year baby boy. Contact: 98886-70246. (CL20046047)**

**YADAV**

**Slim beautiful girl 5'-2"/33 BAMS Govt. job Dr/Egr/ CA service preferred. Upper caste no bar. 95308-03479. (CL20045812)**

**SM4 Yadav girl 1988, 5'-2", B.Ed., Ayodhya based settled in Punjab, Contact: 99887-71123, 85439-71136. (CL20047494)**

**Beautiful girl, 1989, 5'-5", MBA working in Inter Clg. Groom should hail from a decent, educated family. 76170-90924. (CL20045788)**

**Professional qualified Non-Manglik Sarawat girl GNFM Nursing, 1986/ 5'-2", 6:00 pm from family Chandigarh/ Panchkula. Mobile: 94173-03685. (CL20047519)**

**Ramgarhia girl July 1991/ 5'-4", Masters in Computer Applications CSM PR Canada requires PR Canada Ramgarhia boy. 99156-64115, 98119-95730. (CL20047539)**

**Beautiful Christian girl, 1983, 5'-4", examiner job, looking for well settled boy, NRI also contact. Caste no bar. 77101-66910. (CL20047594)**

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**Suitable groom for MD Doctor** working in USA, where she did residency in Internal Medicine, beautiful 5'-5", born Jan. 1992, Jat Sikh business family in India, only Doctor groom considered, USA preferred. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp 9188722-50011. (CL20046198)

**Suitable match for beautiful Jat Sikh girl**, 1991, 5'-3", convert educated, B.Com, MBA (Finance), working with US based Insurance company at Pune. Well settled family. Contact: 98932-67649, 88908-16666. Email: damandhinsa@gmail.com (CL20046499)

**Wanted a suitable match for Rannu Jat Sikh girl**, 1992 born, height 5'-2". Convert educated, M.Sc. B.Ed. Belongs to a well settled family in Bathinda. WhatsApp only: 62391-54987. (CL20046720)

**Beautiful Jat Sikh MDS Doctor** 33 years, height 5'-5", having her established clinic at Navi Mumbai looking for Bachelor in Medical field not above 34 years. 96198-55764. (CL20046756)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh beautiful MBBS girl** 5'-2", 1993, working in reputed hospital. Class-A, officers family having U/R property. WhatsApp: 9878595777. (CL20046865)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl** 1992, 5'-4", B.Tech. from Premier Institution and MBA from top B.School, working in an MNC in India at a salary of Rs. 23 Lacs PA. Contact with full biodata and recent photograph at WhatsApp No. 97814-48147. (CL20046892)

**PQM for 29/ 5'-4", Jat Sikh girl, MBBS Medical Officer, Patiala.** Malwa area preferred. 98785-11884, 97803-53044. (CL20047132)

**Non-Drinker, Vegetarian equally qualified Australian/ Canadian/American match for 5'-8"/1991, MD Doctor.** 98789-60578. (CL20047136)

**Jat Sikh girl 1990, 5'-3" M.Pharmacy, Asstt. Professor.** Preferred 10 acre land. Well Qualified. 94172-20556, 94171-68556. (CL20047138)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh beautiful girl** 89, 5'-5, Ph.D, Gazetted Officer, 84378-03988 Asst. (CL20047139)

**Jat Sikh match for Jat Sikh girl 28/5'-3", BCA, M.Sc. Computer Science, B.Ed. IELTS 6.5 Band each, brothers already in Canada. Preferred Canadian boy/willing to go Canada. 95012-51213. (CL20047330)**

**Match for Jat Sikh Dhaliwal vegetarian girl Nov. 1992/5'-7". Job in Bank of Baroda as Asstt. Manager. Educated family. Prefer Bank/Govt. job with agriculture land from Patiala/ Sangrur. Send biodata/photo's. WhatsApp: 94170-58529. (CL20047160)**

**Equal status Central Govt. Officer/ Defence Officer/Doctor match required for IRS officer, beautiful, slim, 5'-5" height July 1981. Born girl, never married, posted Chandigarh, package 14.25 lac, upper caste Sikh no bar. Contact: No. 98545-47923, WhatsApp: 80540-11377. (CL20047167)**

**Jat Sikh, well educated landlord** match for USA green card born 91, 5'-7", M.Tech (CSE) girl send biodata with pic on WhatsApp: # 76963-96079. (CL20047169)

**Suitable match for Virk girl, 1991, 5'-6", M.Sc. (Nursing), private** Professor Dashmesh Nursing College, Faridkot. Preferred 10+ acres agriculture land share boy. 94179-29246. (CL20047180)

**Qualified match for Canadian PR holder Rehtia Sikh (Waver) girl, 1993/5'-5", B.Tech (FT) PG Diploma in Food Technology, working in a reputed company at Brampton, well educated, Canadian PR holder boy preferred. Contact at 81465-00528. (CL20047201)**

**US based suitable match for Punjabi Sikh girl 33 yrs., 5'-5", educated and working in US since 2004. Email: mrmr868786@gmail.com (CL20047244)**

**Nai Sikh girl 1990, 5'-3", BCA,** MCA wanted PR Canada, Australia, New Zealand India Govt. job. 62397-43587. (CL20047526)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl, 90/5'-7", B.Com (H) CA (Inter)** working @ Pvt. firm in Mohali, send biodata photos WhatsApp Call: 88472-94383. (CL20047437)

**PQM for Jat Sikh girl from decent family** 1990/5'-2", BCA, M.Sc IT, working as Asstt. Mngr in Bank. Legally separated after 20 days of marriage. M: 98149-61749. (CL20044994)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl** 32 years, 5'-5", Master Degree, Canada PR. Contact: 98772-91082. (CL20047476)

**Jat Sikh qualified match for Canadian 3 years work perm, PR applied (process to be completed by January 2021) beautiful & tall girl 5'-8", born 1991, MBA Finance & IT, Post Graduate from Centennial College in Global Business Management, Toronto. Worked as Assistant Manager at Axis Bank. Marriage bureau should not contact. Contact. No. +9178469-46878. (CL20047590)**

### SIKH

**Preferably Govt. match for Rai Sikh girl, 35/ 5'-3", M.Sc. (Biotech), M.Phil (Biotech), Class-I Govt. Officer. Cast no bar.** 98688-88166. (CL20045746)

**Sikh match for fair complexion Ramdasia Sikh Vaishnu girl, 1986, 5'-1", B.Com, MBA. Working pvt. corporates at Ludhiana. Preferred Punjab nearby Ludhiana. Father retd. 98774-21661, 99156-80556. (CL20045810)**

**SM4 Sikh Tonk- Kashtriy girl, 5'-6", 1982, Ph.D (Maths) Assistant Professor GNDU Amritsar. WhatsApp No. 98760-68220. (CL20046946)**

**Suitable match for beautiful Ramgarhia girl, 1985, 5'-6", MA, Teacher in School.** 98886-20634. (CL20045095)

**Professionally qualified match for very beautiful Sikh girl 88/ 5'-4", Canada PR preferred boy settled in Canada. 98888-99381. Email: ginni21happy@gmail.com (CL20047066)**

**Well settled match for beautiful M.A., UGC, Ph.D, PDF Assistant Professor girl 5'-3", November 1980, Ludhiana preferred, divorcee excuse.** 98149-67149. (CL20045012)

**Chandigarh 2 kanal newly built house, prime location, Sector 8-A, (going cheap).** 98149-67149. (CL20045011)

**Chandigarh freehold showroom (16x6), ground floor two side, open, A-one location, Sector 3D.** 98149-67149. (CL20044999)

**Chandigarh ten marla first floor liveable good house, facing park, Sector 33 & ground floor Sector 15-A.** 98149-67149. (CL20045000)

**Chandigarh 14 marla house facing North-East, A-one location, Sector 34.** Direct deal. 98149-67149. (CL20045001)

**Chandigarh:- Direct deal 4 kanal old house B-Road, Sector 9, (going cheap), genuine buyers only.** 98149-67149. (CL20045002)

**Chandigarh 2 kanal house prime location facing North-East, Sector 2, 3, 8-A, 18, 33, 36.** Confirmed 98149-67149. (CL20045009)

**Chandigarh 2 kanal newly built house, prime location, Sector 8-A, (going cheap).** 98149-67149. (CL20045011)

**Chandigarh 4 kanal corner, good house Northern Sector (below Market price), direct deal.** 98149-67149. (CL20045012)

**Chandigarh 1 kanal modern house prime location, corner & B-Road, North-East, Sector 8, 11, 16, 33, 35, 36.** 98149-67149. (CL20045013)

**Chandigarh direct deal 3 kanal house prime location, B-Road, corner greenbelt, Sector 9. (Plot price).** 98149-67149. (CL20045014)

**Chandigarh for sale renovated house 1224, Sector 21-B, (10 marla)** tripoly fully marble, keys/ paper with Bansal Associates Showroom 45-46, Sector 17-A. Chandigarh. 98149-67149. (CL20045015)

**Booking/ Resale Villas/ Flat/ Plot (Best Discount) Omaxe/ DLF/ Manohar Singh etc. New Chandigarh/ Airport Road Mohali. NCR Delhi. Arora (HSAS) Retd. 98787-09884. (CL20045032)**

**Ten Marla Triple storey liveable house** Decent location Sector 7, Chandigarh. Anuj Associates 9815038223. (CL20045194)

**One Kanal Single storey house** facing North-East Sector 11, Chandigarh. Contact Anuj Associates 9815038223. (CL20045200)

**Match for 1992 Khatri Sikh girl, 5'-8", working as a Web Developer.** IT match preferred. Mother doing own business. Father expired. Contact: 99066-85180, +61451873778. (CL20045493)

**Chandigarh (Government service) Jatt Sikh girl 92/5'-3", seeks Jatt Sikh turbaned boy, Government service, family settled Tricity. WhatsApp: 97813-73853. (CL20047224)**

**Suitable match for officer, Punjab Govt. Chandigarh, 1986, 5'-8", BCA, MCA, families, settled in Tricity and Agri land 30 acres preferred. 98150-8344. (CL20047237)**

**Suitable match for Canadian PR Prof. 5'-8", 87, beautiful MDS girl.** Prof. 98761-46970. (CL20047248)

**Jat Sikh Sidhu beautiful girl, 1987 born, 5'-7", MA, B.Ed. Winnipeg Blood sponsor. 99142-21937. (CL20047269)**

**Beautiful Post Graduate Jat Sikh girl 25/ 5'-2", required PR Canada, 1987, 5'-2", required PR Canada, (Amritsar). 85570-7334. (CL20047247)**

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**Match for Jat Sikh Hundal unmarried girl 42, 5'-5", MA, M.Ed. Teacher, Amritsar. 85569-52682. (CL20047320)**

**Affluent well reputed Jat Sikh business family, seeks professionally qualified match for their very beautiful daughter 1991 born, 5'-6", tall, she graduated from Thapar University, Patiala, Canadian PR, working as Software Engineer in Vancouver Canadian PR or work visa preferred. Send recent photos and biodata at 98153-23470 (WhatsApp). (CL20047315)**

**Jat Sikh girl 5'-5", Jan. 1987, Bio-Informatics, Pharma Co-Vigilance Scientist, Chandigarh, Majha-Doaba preferred. WhatsApp: 96463-27069. (CL20047320)**

**We are looking for well educated, decent groom for our daughter born (1988), residing in USA. Dentist. Contact No. +13109855849.** (CL20047326)

**Well settled professionally qualified** match for Jat Sikh beautiful, family friendly. Slim girl having family values. Decent marriage. If interested please send biodata. WhatsApp: 082849-5636. (CL20047398)

**Suitable match for Chartered Accountant Jatt Sikh 1988, 5'-3", beautiful slim girl having family values. Decent marriage. If interested please send biodata. WhatsApp: 082849-5636. (CL20045004)**

**Suitable match for B'ful, slim highly qualified, Canadian PR.** Sikhi Arora, Girl, 5'-5", convert educated, Father ret'd. Distt. Head Officer. Brother Engineer abroad. 98158-68013. kbsrandhawal@gmail.com (CL20047504)

**Suitable match for M.Tech. girl born Nov. 1987, height 5'-3", working in IT Company at Mohali (Phb.). Mob: 62397-82003, 94170-8045. (CL20047582)**

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**10 marla (268 sq.yds.) single storey, liveable, maintained house Sector 15, Panchkula, Gyan 98880-09586, (CL20045826)**

**Batra Estate- 1 kanal single storey house in Sector 6, Panchkula, 94179-77016, 85669-15000, 94638-37653, 70993-27189, (CL20046644)**

**Batra Estate- 10 marla house facing park in Sector 8, Panchkula, 94179-77016, 85669-15000, 94638-37653, 70993-27189, (CL20046647)**

**Batra Estate: 11.25 marla corner, facing park house in Sector 4, Panchkula, 94179-77016, 85669-15000, 94638-37653, 70993-27189, (CL20046646)**

**Panchkula 10 marla single storey fully marbled good house, Sector 12A (Ashwani) 92161-78567, (CL20046693)**

**Satya Realtors 98151-56576: One kanal four bedroom floor rich specification Sector 4 and 6 Mansadevi Complex, Panchkula, (CL20046851)**

**Satya Realtors 98151-56576: 14 marla brand new duplex rich specification all Italian with lift prime Sector Panchkula, (CL20046856)**

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**Satya Realtors 98151-56576: 14 marla first floor 3 bedroom with servant room all Italian with covered car parking and lift Mansadevi Complex Panchkula near IT Park, (CL20046861)**

**14 marla luxurious house Sector 4 MDC facing park with huge parking space, Italian marble fully furnished with all modern facilities. Owner: 98149-49500, (CL20046876)**

**Panchkula: Built-up pre-rented showroom main road, good location Sector-8 another built-up showroom vacant Sector 5, Sethi Estates: 98140-30249, (CL20047088)**

**Ten marla newly built top floor 3 BHK, Italian, modular kitchen with stiff lift, Sector 7, Panchkula, 98140-30249, (CL20047089)**

**10 marla single storey kothi Sector 12-A, Panchkula very reasonable price must sell today owner going abroad, Dhruv Properties, 98551-65590, (CL20047243)**

**Panchkula more than 2½ kanal corner superb location, North facing Sector 6, immediate sale. Sampark Estate, 98142-11400, 0172-4627889, (CL20047264)**

**Panchkula 14 marla corner facing park/East, builder location Sector 7, 8, Sampark Estate, 98142-11400, 0172-4627889, (CL20047266)**

**Newly built floors 10 marla in MDC 6, Panchkula, confirm with A.A. Property 81465-45566, (CL20047274)**

**Panchkula kothies 6½ marla triple Sector 4 (140) 10 marla single Sector 12A (175). 14 marla single Sector 2 (300) 1 kanal kothi Sector 12A (350), Dhruv Properties 98551-65590, (CL20047333)**

**Builtup double storey shop Sector 20 Panchkula must sell today owner going abroad very reasonable price rental income 1,50,000/- per month @ 3.10. Dhruv Properties 98551-65590, (CL20047338)**

**Builtup SCO three storey Sector 3, Panchkula must sell today very reasonable price @ 2,80. Dhruv Properties, 98551-65590, (CL20047339)**

**1 kanal A-Road old house MDC 4, Panchkula, K.D. Sharma & Co., 98762-28855, (CL20047393)**

**Panchkula 12 marla corner brand new three floors with lift and stiff parking A-class construction Sector 12 for sale. Contact 94175-00647, (CL20047402)**

**For sale DLF Valley, Panchkula 3 BHK FF 1751 sqft. all charges paid. Good location. Easy approach, vastu compliant. # Mr. Verma - 098112-55772, (CL20047406)**

**Panchkula ten marla house for sale triple storey (Vacant) Sector 12A. Contact: 98887-60295, 95307-71895, (CL20047449)**

**Panchkula: Pre-rented or vacant service booth/DSS available for sale. Sethi Estates: 98140-30249, (CL20047515)**

**14 marla ten years old duplex 21/21, 6.5 marla seven years old double Sec-16. Shirdi Properties: 98884-76525, (CL20047563)**

**14 marla brandnew duplex with home theatre/ servant room A road facing east/ park 89/ 25, 14 marla corner brandnew double side park 26/26, 8 marla brandnew double 103/92, 6.5 marla single liveable/ 25. Dhingra 98145-11309, (CL20047586)**

### MOHALI

**Mohali: 1 kanal house brand new (F/park, B-road) in Phase-VII, B1, Sector 71, 79. Contact: Empire Estates 98159-50922, 97796-36055, (CL20045045)**

**Mohali: 8 marla B-Road house Phase 6, 10½% (50%) share paid. 1st & 2nd floor, B-Road, ample parking, Phase 5. Empire Estates 90566-60055, 98159-50922, (CL20045051)**

**Mohali (Commercial): Showroom, full or floorwise, main markets, Phase 3B2, V1, 5, X Sector 70, 82. Empire Estates 98159-50922, 97796-36055, (CL20045053)**

**10 Marla Single Storey Big Corner house in Phase-3B2 & Triple-B road Phase-11. Orbit Estates -9915534500, 9869799143, (CL20045926)**

**8 Marla Single Storey facing park in Phase- 4 & Duplex Single Lane Sec-6. Orbit Estates-8968799143, 9915534500 (CL20045929)**

**4 Marla Duplex brand New Sector- 7 & 10 Marla brand new B-road Sector-79. Orbit Estates-9878200042, 9868799143 (CL20045932)**

**Mohali/nearby: big size industrial, commercial properties on wider roads for multi-development activities. Royal Castle 98767-60000, (CL20047071)**

**Mohali showroom sites/built-up on Airport Road, Sector 66A, 78, 79, 80, 82. Royal Castle 98767-60000, (CL20047081)**

**Aerocity: 5 marla 2 BHK facing park facing East, only 1st floor available. Perfect Estates 94172-77775, 98770-17775, (CL20047295)**

**IT City 66-2: 400-500 gaz corner facing park B-road plot. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047368)**

**Aerocity: 125 gaj single line/facing park facing East, plot in Block-C. Confirm deal. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047385)**

**Aerocity: 5 marla single line/facing park facing East, plot in Block-C. Confirm deal. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047385)**

**Aerocity A-Block, East facing 111 sq. yds. newly built top class constructed floors available. 94170-70787, (CL20047492)**

**Kothi 4 marla triple Phase-10. 5 Marla facing park Phase Eleven Mohali. Ambapro 98784-54361, (CL20047200)**

**Newly builtup kothi, corner, triple storey, ultra modern construction, 215, Block-A, Aerocity, floorwise, 73578-09777, (CL20047211)**

**Showroom fully built, Vacant, extraordinary top location, branded cloth market, near My Shop Phase-1, 99143-27641, (CL20047537)**

**One kanal excellent location B-Road, 25% built plot, Phase-11, Contact genuine parties. 99143-27641, (CL20047543)**

**One kanal extra ordinary location, B-Road livable kothi, Phase-5. Contact genuine parties. 99143-27641, (CL20047546)**

**4 marla corner double storey, Phase-10, 4 marla triple, facing pk, Phase-7, 95017-0049. (CL20047565)**

**Kanai 2357, Phase XI. Triple ten marla XI. 12 marla triple Sector 71. Six marla triple 78. Contact 98140-10288, (CL20045986)**

**One kanal plot in Block-C, Airpor Road. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047379)**

**Aerocity: 8552 - 150 gaj plot in Block-C. Non relief for 3 years. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047390)**

**258 sq.yds., corner plot for sale no. 44, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bathinda. Contact: 98728-62749, (CL20045046)**

**258 Sq. yds., prime location, facing park, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh, 70873-39342, (CL20047139)**

**3549 Sector-69 Mohali: 500 Sq. yds. plot, A-road, Sunwind direction. 70873-39342, (CL20047142)**

**Sixteen marla 25% built Sec. 90-91 @1.30 cr. kanal, facing park, Sec. 77, 95017-0049. (CL20047503)**

**14 marla (350 sqyds) Plot No. 639, Sector 62, Faridabad, genuine buyers contact: Mittal Associates 94170-20849, 73070-65265, (CL20045382)**

**Available all sizes plots Sector 76 to 80 JPLP. See 82/ 88/ 90 Aerocity/ Ecocity/ IT City. Rama Properties, Rera approved 98140-42287, (CL20045398)**

**Panchkula: 6.5 marla 2549 & 2628 (B-road) huge green belt both Sector 21, 95010-10346, (CL20045423)**

**256 sq. yard excellent location plot in Sector 79, Mohali. Corner, side park, facing park, East facing. 98038-46230, (CL20045708)**

**8 marla plot, Sector 90-91, JPLP, excellent location, reasonable price, direct deal. 98038-46230, (CL20045710)**

**Aerocity: 5518- 300 gaj facing park Block F. Premium location. Booked deal. Perfect Estates: 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047300)**

**Aerocity: 5537- 300 gaj single line. Entrance from main road. Non const relief. 2021. Top location. File with us Perfect Estates: 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047304)**

**Aerocity: 2443- 125 gaj facing park Block C. Perfect Estates: 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047307)**

**Aerocity: 2533- 125 gaz facing East/ Park. Block-C. Perfect Estates: 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047305)**

**Aerocity: 8552 - 150 gaj plot in Block-C. Non relief for 3 years. Perfect Estates 98770-17775, 94172-77775, (CL20047304)**

**258 sq.yds., corner plot for sale no. 44, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bathinda. Contact: 98728-62749, (CL20047143)**

**150, 200, 250, 500 gaj plots available in M.S. Enclave, Mamta Enclave Dhakoli. 99143-77500, (CL20047268)**

**One kanal plot is available in Aerocity immediate deal. Contact genuine buyers. 92162-10025, (CL20047290)**

**One kanal plot facing big park, North East, near Infosys Amity University, #1262, Sector 82A, IT-City Mohali. Owner: 98158-48100, (CL20047314)**

**One kanal Gilco Industrial plot for sale. Airport road Mohali. Draw soon, reasonable rate. 97802-88460, (CL20047342)**

**One kanal plot facing big park, North East, near Infosys Amity University, #1262, Sector 82A, IT-City Mohali. Owner: 98158-48100, (CL20047342)**

**DLF Valley Panchkula 4 BHK plus servant room 2440 sq ft. 2850 sq ft. ground and second floor. Call: 98769-55966, (CL20047390)**

**DLF Hyde Park New Chandigarh 350 and 500 sq.yd. East facing, and park facing plot meeting with owner 98769-55966, (CL20047392)**

**13 Marla corner plot 25% built Sector-7 Kurnikshtera. 72480-76647, (CL20047421)**

**Janta Industrial: 1 kanal, 2 kanal plot front pocket Sector 82, Mohali. Rama Estate: 98889-98877, (CL20047460)**

**Mohali: 4 BHK nicely renovated, 4th floor with lift, Mohali Employee Society, Sector 68. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98158-5145, (CL20046904)**

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Several professionals have used the challenge posed by the pandemic to their advantage and turned home chefs, much to the delight of food lovers **FOOD page 12**



Plan your house well. Visualise each room and space before beginning with the groundwork. Once the construction starts, it becomes difficult to make too many changes **HOMES page 13**



More than seven decades after his demise, Jinnah, the architect and founder of Pakistan remains a figure elusive for scholars and lay persons alike **BOOKS page 14**

From Kangra to AIIMS in New Delhi, **Dr JS Guleria** and son **Dr Randeep Guleria**, both Padma Shri awardees, have come a long way. The father, now 93, was Dean, AIIMS, where he started teaching the first batch of students in 1958. He retired in 1987, having set up OPD clinics in cardiology & medicine. The son, 61, is the incumbent AIIMS Director and member of the National Task Force on Covid-19. In an interview to **Aditi Tandon**, the Gulerias talk about Covid, AIIMS, their beginnings in Himachal and brushes with three PMs

## The Gulerias of AIIMS

**■ The Centre has unlocked virtually everything even as Covid-19 cases are rising. Is that a concern?**

**Randeep Guleria:** We haven't reached a situation where we can say the disease has plateaued but at the same time, it's important to restart the economy. People must understand that we are still in the thick of the pandemic and their responsibility in terms of wearing masks, maintaining physical distance and washing hands is more today than it was during the lockdown when restrictions made adherence to precautions easy. There's a Covid fatigue in people and that's a concern.

**■ Will the virus get more virulent in winter?**

**RG:** The combination of air pollution and other viral infections like influenza as well as Covid-19 will increase hospitalisation and the burden on health system in winter.

**■ Should we expect a Covid peak in the upcoming festive season?**

**RG:** That's a concern. People tend to crowd during festivals and cases may rise. For the country as a whole, it will take some time to say we have peaked and cases are coming down, but I hope we can weather the storm as far as the festive season goes.

**■ What is the burden of asymptomatic cases in India?**

**RG:** Nearly 40 to 60 per cent patients may be asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic. So there are a large number of people who can spread the virus but don't take precautions assuming they are Covid-free. That's why infections continue to spread. Everyone must wear masks to break the chain of transmission.



Dr Randeep Guleria (L) with Dr JS Guleria  
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**■ Is the virus in India mutating?**

**RG:** Current news is that the virus hasn't changed significantly for a vaccine not to be effective. Unlike influenza virus, this virus continues to be relatively stable. That's very good news for vaccine development.

**■ Dr JS Guleria, you have practised medicine for nearly 70 years now. Why do you think India's Covid mortality is so low?**

**JS Guleria:** India has inherent immunity and the previous BCG vaccine could have played a role.

**■ Despite the strictest lockdown, why are India's cases the second highest in the world?**

**RG:** Certain things happened during the lockdown which were not expected. Migrants started going home and many people didn't follow the lockdown strictly and moved around. The lockdown served us more in preparing healthcare facilities better. We also reached a stage where we were trying to restart the economy and lifted the lockdown when we did not have a downward trend. That's why we have been emphasising that although the lockdown has been lifted, our responsibility in terms of Covid-appropriate behaviour continues.

**■ What are your abiding memories of Himachal?**

**JSG:** The memory of my school in Kangra's Indora, which was the only boarding school at the time. It was up to Class X and was located in a jungle. Our bathroom used to be 3 km away; our breakfast was two *chapatis* made of wheat and chana; lunch was *Ganga Jamuni daal*. It was a very rigid life, but I guess that is the reason why I am 93 today.

**■ You studied medicine at Amritsar.**

**What brought you to AIIMS-Delhi?**

**JSG:** I actually wanted to be an agriculturist but was rejected in the interview for admission to Punjab Agricultural College, Lyallpur. Then I decided to study medicine and joined DAV College, Lahore. After Partition, I returned to Kangra and then pursued MD at Amritsar Medical College. Just when I got selected for Punjab Civil Medical Services, a pensionable job, I learnt of an opening in AIIMS, New Delhi, which had just been set up then. I paid three-month salary to Amritsar Medical College to be relieved of PCMS to join AIIMS. Even though everyone advised me against leaving a pensionable

job (AIIMS job was not pensionable at the time), I took the plunge because I wanted to teach. I was selected. When I joined AIIMS, there was no building or hospital. We built the institution brick by brick. I remember when we opened the cardiology lab at AIIMS, we swept the floors ourselves.

**■ What's so special about AIIMS that the government is replicating the model across states? Can AIIMS-like institutes ever equal AIIMS-Delhi?**

**JSG:** No. Calling new medical colleges as AIIMS-like institutes is the biggest disservice to AIIMS-Delhi. Other institutes can never come up like AIIMS-Delhi. You cannot put in that kind of money, manpower, sweat and blood, you can't open up those many specialties. New institutes should have been called something else.

**■ Dr Randeep studied medicine at IGMC-Shimla and PGI-Chandigarh. What brought him to AIIMS?**

**JSG:** Between 1984 and 1992, Dr Randeep was in the PGI and was an Assistant Professor there. I asked him to come to Delhi. My advice to him was to stay closer to the centre of power. He agreed. He was otherwise planning to settle in Chandigarh.

**■ You attended to Pt Nehru in his last days? What do you remember?**

**JSG:** Pt Nehru was in Bhubaneswar in May 1964 when he suffered a paralysis of the left side. Three AIIMS doctors were flown urgently. I was a Junior Assistant Professor then. My duty was to look after Pt Nehru and stay with him. Since he could not walk on his own, I would shoulder him around. This routine lasted till Pt Nehru died. I particularly remember an occasion when Lord Mountbatten came to visit Pt Nehru, who had gone off to sleep. He waited for Pt Nehru till he woke up.

**■ You were also the first doctor to attend to former PM Indira Gandhi when she was brought to AIIMS on October 31, 1984?**

**JSG:** Yes, she was accompanied by RK Dhawan, ML Fotadar and Sonia Gandhi. She was brought dead but the then Health Minister B Shankaranand asked us not to declare her dead till Rajiv Gandhi arrived. He was out of the city. Both Pt Nehru and

Mrs Gandhi respected doctors a lot.

**■ Dr Randeep, what are your memories as a personal physician to late PM Vajpayee?**

**RG:** Vajpayeeji had a lot of respect for doctors and would often invite me over for breakfast. His sense of humour was great.

**■ What are your memories of Kangra?**

**RG:** I grew up in Majira village, which we visited regularly later. There was no straight road to the village and we had to cross a ditch to reach the other end. I remember often being stranded for hours on one end when rains would fill up the ditch. There was no electricity in the village and we would study under lamps — I, my brother Dr Sandeep Guleria, who is also a Padma Shri, and my sister, also a doctor. We would sleep on the terrace and watch fireflies dance.

**■ Has healthcare in Himachal improved since you left?**

**RG:** Himachal is among the few northern states to do well on healthcare improvement. Today ambulance services from Himachal go all the way up to PGI. I was a member of the Himachal Health Commission and we have seen the transformation.

We had IGMC-Shimla, but now we have a government medical college in Tanda. AIIMS is coming up in Bilaspur. Many private medical colleges have also come up.

**■ How do you both see each other as professionals?**

**RG:** My father is an astute clinician. People say he has a sixth sense and can diagnose what no one else can. Even in Covid times, he continues to see patients on the sly and I have a tough time trying to stop him from being exposed.

**JSG:** Dr Randeep is an excellent clinician, teacher and human being. As AIIMS Director, you have to see many VIPs, but he has never refused a poor patient. While he became AIIMS Director, I missed the post. I was shortlisted and told by the then Health Minister that I was being appointed Director, but later my junior was appointed. I became Dean and continued to work for AIIMS. In 1958 when I joined, there was no building in AIIMS. We were given a ward each for medical and surgery in Safdarjung Hospital where we would teach. I admitted the first patient in AIIMS on December 31, 1959 by the name of

Mr Khema after the nursing hostel was converted into a hospital. We set up the OPD clinics for cardiology, medicine and chest at AIIMS and instituted the DM degree.

**■ During your times, medicine was more of a mission, but now it is considered a profession.**

**JSG:** Yes, we were driven by a vision to build AIIMS. In my times, it took 14 years to get a car from government quota. Today, allurements have led to unethical situations.

**■ Tele-consultation is a norm in Covid times. Can technology replace patient-doctor interface?**

**JSG:** Never. I must see my patients. Human-to-human contact is irreplaceable.

**RG:** Medicine is all about being able to look at and understand the patient. Tele-consultation can supplement healthcare in Covid times, but can never totally replace the patient-doctor interaction. Medicine is both a science and art, and the art of medicine is linked to seeing the patient.

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**■ When can we expect the vaccine?**

**RG:** By early next year, but the challenge is how we market it once we have it; how do we produce enough doses, syringes, vials, how do we train people and ensure an efficient cold chain so the vaccine reaches the priority populations. The government is working on this.

**■ What level of vaccine efficacy are you expecting?**

**RG:** Any efficacy over 50 to 60 per cent will be acceptable as that will give us some decrease in case numbers. We can vaccinate high-risk groups and reduce cases enough for normal activities to restart.

# Home chef SPECIAL



ISTOCK

Several professionals have used challenge posed by pandemic to their advantage

BINDU GOPAL RAO

**E**ARLIER this year, as the pandemic struck and the lockdown shut hotels and restaurants, Chef Harry found himself stuck at home, without salary. A senior chef de partie at a hotel in Zirakpur, Punjab, he immediately took the plunge and decided to start The Avpreet Kitchen with his wife and parents.

"Sitting at home and brooding over the situation wouldn't have done me any good. I knew people from my area were itching for restaurant food but were wary of ordering from outside. However, when it came to food cooked by people they knew, they didn't mind."

I then decided to take the plunge and became a home chef. I applied for the FSSAI Food License and spread the word on WhatsApp," says Chef Harry aka Harjot Singh. He now gets about 20 orders for lunch and dinner on a given day.

With eating out the only outdoor activity for most urban Indians, lockdown was like a big blow. Even as India unlocked, only home chefs and bakers from the immediate neighbourhood seemed like the safest bet, the only ones to be trusted, if at all. This was also the much-needed opportunity for several like Mumbai-based journalist Priyanka Pani, who always had a penchant for food. Employed with a London-based FinTech publication, the lockdown left her with too much time at hand and she started doing chat sessions on food. "I soon discovered that home-cooked food had immense potential with people happy to rely on someone they knew." The result was MyDidi's Kitchen in August.

She now cooks delicacies from Odisha, her home state, and is happy to promote Odia specialties like the famous brown *rasgulla*s. From an order or two in the first week, business has grown to 15 a day. Priyanka has a house help, who lives with her, to assist her in



**“**Before bringing home chefs on board our aggregator, we check their kitchen. Many of the new entrants have never done this business. They operate from home kitchens and take extra care to maintain the highest standards of quality and hygiene. **AMEYA DESHPANDE, CO-FOUNDER, AUTHENTICOOK**

the kitchen and has a substantial number of monthly subscribers. "This has helped me earn some extra bucks while managing my regular job. The margins are at a healthy 30 to 40 per cent since I don't have to bear rental or labour costs. We deliver through startups like Dunzo and Wefast," adds Pani.

Good food promoted through fancy photos, thanks to smartphones, on social media have made outreach easier for these home chefs. Agrees Bengaluru-based Aiyalpanda Nisheen Subbaiah, who has always had family and friends raving about her baking. When the lockdown shut the school she works with, she went pro with Nishi's Love + Flour. She gets about three to four orders per day and handles them on her own.

## AGGREGATORS GALORE

The popularity of home chefs can be gauged from the fact that there are platforms that aggregate home chefs too. Shef for instance, is a Mumbai-based food-tech platform that brings over 300 home chefs and bakers from across the city under one roof. Co-founder Deepa Verma Chhabria says the platform is designed to offer authentic home-cooked food having a wide variety of cuisines to offer. "Our platform brings together a vast variety of national, regional and international cuisines from basic yellow curry to Lebanese, Mediterranean. With people keen to experiment, we have been receiving an amazing response for desserts and international food."

**“**The pandemic has become an opportunity for home chefs. There has been an upsurge in demand for people who know how to sell their food. Just be sure of the scale you want to target as the goal must be to sell consistently. **MUNAF KAPADIA, CO-FOUNDER, THE BOHRI KITCHEN**

Praveen Sawhney, who runs Greenolive Home Kitchen at Noida, is another one to turn home chef. "My family made me realise that there was a large void in the food space that needed to be filled. People were craving good food, but were skeptical about ordering from restaurants. So, we decided to start this small weekend kitchen," says Sawhney, who was earlier running a boutique hotel in Goa. While his children take care of marketing and delivery, his wife packs the food. They work out of the two kitchens at their house and serve about 20-25 families every weekend. We wonder if he will go back to his original vocation once things are okay, and he says, "I don't know. I am so in love with food!" And so are we!

## A not-so-regular fare



### FOOD TALK

PUSHPESH PANT

**O**UR last visit to the vegetable vendor made us painfully aware that you may call *aloo* by any name, it is still cheaper than most other vegetables. Tomatoes, peas, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, etc. all are beyond the reach of common man.

So, we returned home with half a kg potatoes and a problem on our hands: how to cook and serve

these to our fussy family. We thought of various recipes of *dum aloo* but decided against all of them as we had tried them during the lockdown. We finally settled on a hybrid: potatoes in peanut-based gravy that has a nutty flavour and a rich feel.

This recipe requires a little patience, but the effort is worthwhile as it turns the ubiquitous potato into a delicacy. The flavour is contributed by the pickling spices inspired by the Nepali *aloo ka achar*. The texture is intriguing and brings to mind Kashmiri *dum aloo*. A bay leaf, 2-3 cloves and a small stick of cinnamon create the illusion of a *korma*. Enjoy!

#### SHAHIL ALOO

Ingredients	
Potatoes	500 gm
Ginger-garlic paste	1 tsp
Bay leaf	1
Cloves	2
Black peppercorns	1/2 tsp
Cinnamon stick	1 x 1 inch piece
Whole red chilli (dried)	1
Sesame seeds (white)	1 tsp
Yellow mustards seeds	1 tsp
Peanuts	1/4 cup
Green chillies	2-3
Coriander powder	1 tsp
Turmeric powder	1/3 tsp
Red chilli powder	1/3 tsp
Curds	1/4 cup
Salt to taste	
Mustard oil	1/4 cup
<b>Tempering</b>	
Mustard seeds	1/4 tsp
Fenugreek seeds	1/4 tsp
Fennel seeds	1/4 tsp
Kalonji seeds	1/4 tsp
Ghee	1 tbsp

#### Method

- Boil the potatoes. Peel when cool and cut into halves.
- Grind the sesame and the mustard seeds along with peanuts and green chillies into a paste.
- Whisk the curds and mix with equal amount of water.
- Heat mustard oil to smoking point, add the bay leaf and the whole spices along with dried red chilli. When these change colour, add ginger-garlic paste and stir fry for 15 seconds.
- Now add the potatoes and fry on medium flame till a light brown crust is formed on their exterior. Sprinkle the powdered spices and the salt. Add paste made from peanuts, sesame and mustard seeds. Fry till fat separates. Stir in the whisked curds in a steady stream and continue stirring to ensure that it does not curdle.
- Reduce the flame to low and simmer till the gravy acquires the desired consistency. Prepare the tempering with fenugreek, mustard, fennel and kalonji seeds in hot ghee and pour over the potato curry. Serve hot!



## Now on, check your sweets for best before date



### CONSUMERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

**■ In September, I bought 30 *rasgulla*s from a well-known sweet shop. The owner assured me that they would stay absolutely fresh for seven days if I kept them refrigerated. However, the sweets went bad on the third day. How does one determine the true shelf life of these sweets?**

As per the 'Guidance Note on Safety and Quality of Traditional Milk Products' released by the food safety regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), this year, Bengal sweets like *rasgulla*s have a shelf life of just two days from the date of manufacture, when refrigerated.

So, in order to sell his stock, the shopkeeper misled you on the shelf life, unmindful of the fact that stale sweets, particularly milk products, can cause food poisoning. In order to prevent just these kind of unfair trade practices and ensure food safety, the FSSAI has now mandated that, from October 1, all businesses selling non-packed sweets should display on the tray or the container, the 'best before date' of the product. The FSSAI has given the food business operator the option to determine the shelf life, depending on the product and the local conditions.

As you are probably aware, all pre-packed food items, including sweets, should indicate the date of manufacture, 'best before' or 'use before' date, the list of ingredients used and the FSSAI registration or licence number, as per FSSAI (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011. However, non-packed foods have never been subject to mandatory declaration of shelf life.



Since sweets, especially milk products, have a short shelf life and can get spoilt very fast, the FSSAI decided to make it mandatory for sweet sellers to declare the best before date.

In fact, on February 24 this year, the FSSAI issued an order making declaration of 'date of manufacture' as well as the 'best before date' mandatory from June 1, 2020. However, following the lockdown and the disruption caused on account of Covid-19, the date of enforcement was postponed to August 1 and subsequently to October 1.

In its September 25 order, the FSSAI has made the declaration of only the 'best before date' mandatory, while the 'date of manufacture' is voluntary. This is disappointing, but I do hope that this is only the first step and soon the 'date of manufacture' and the list of ingredients will

also become mandatory.

In case of non-compliance of this order, complain to the FSSAI on their WhatsApp number: 9868686868, or on their toll free number: 1800 11 2100, or mail at compliance@fssai.gov.in.

**■ What action can I take against the retailer who gave me a false assurance on the shelf life and later refused to refund my money?**

I do hope that you have a cash receipt as proof of purchase. If you do, I would suggest that you take the following action: (a) warn other consumers about this shop through the social media; (b) file a complaint before the consumer court seeking refund of the cost of the sweets and compensation; (c) complain to the local food safety officer about the shop.

A retailer who lies about the shelf life of the product may well have used sub-standard or prohibited ingredients (such as non-permitted colours) or prepared them in unhygienic conditions. He may also give an incorrect indication of shelf life. A check would be useful.

## Lunchbox

What do celebs pack for lunch? Food that's glitz like their jobs or simple roti and sabzi, like us? In a new book, they share their pack-and-go recipes

AKSHAY KUMAR'S AVOCADO TOAST

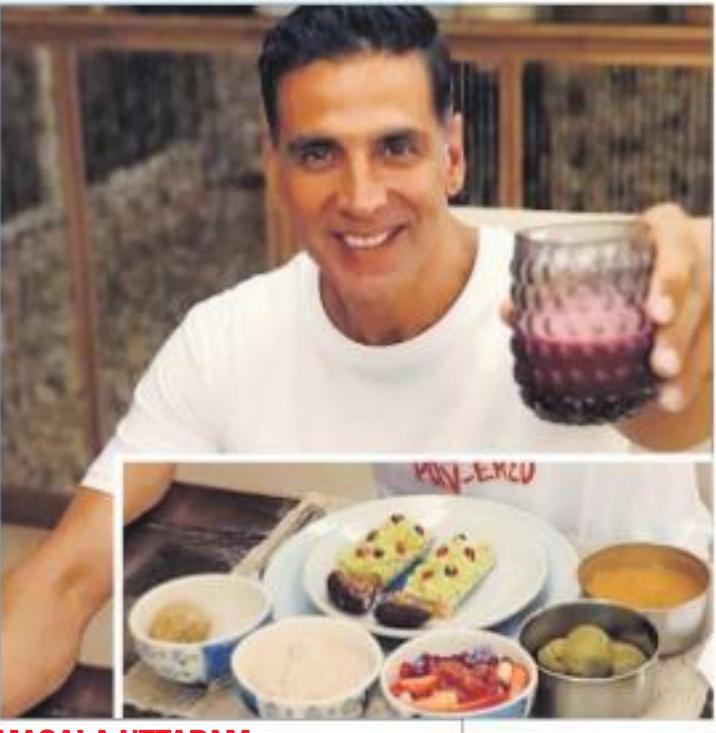
The actor gives this millennial favourite a desi twist, with *chatpata chaat masala* playing off the sweetness of fresh pomegranate pearls

#### Ingredients

Ripe avocado	1
Multigrain bread	2 slices
Olive oil	1 tbsp
Himalayan pink salt	1/2 tsp
<i>Chaat masala</i>	1/2 tsp
Pomegranate pearls	

#### Preparation

In a bowl, mash the ripe avocado. Add olive oil, a pinch of Himalayan pink salt and a pinch of *chaat masala*. Mix all of these together. Slather this on pieces of toasted bread. Garnish with pomegranate pearls.



SHIKHAR DHAWAN'S RAWA MASALA UTTAPAM

Give your breakfast a lift, with a power-packed *rawa uttappam* like the one Shikhar Dhawan kickstarts his day with. Want kids to eat them? Just tell them it's what their fav cricketers eat for breakfast.

#### Ingredients

Raw	1 cup
Water	2 cups
Onion	1
Grated carrots	2
Capsicum	1
Green chillies	2-3
Salt to taste	
Oil	4 tbsp

#### Preparation

Soak the rawa in water and keep it overnight. The next day, add the vegetables to the rawa batter and add salt to taste. Heat a pan and add 1 tbsp oil to it. Once the oil is hot, spread the batter like a pancake on it. Cook evenly on both sides from 2-3 minutes each. Serve with sambar and coconut chutney.



SONALI BENDRE'S SWEET POTATO KHICHDI

Fuss-free and loved by all, this twist on the typical *sabudana khichdi* is an extension of the actress' cheerful personality.

#### Ingredients

Boiled sweet potatoes	2
Roasted and grinded peanuts	1 cup
Olive oil	2 tbsp
Cumin seeds	1/2 tsp
Mustard seeds	1/2 tsp
Curry leaves	5-6
Green chillies	2
Grated coconuts	2 tbsp
Coriander	
Salt to taste	

#### Preparation

Heat a pan and add olive oil to it. Once the oil is heated, add cumin and mustard to it. Once they begin to crackle, add green chillies and curry leaves. To this add roasted peanuts; followed by boiled sweet potatoes and salt to taste. Mix it well. Garnish with grated coconut and coriander and serve.



KATRINA KAIF'S IDLI AND COCONUT CHUTNEY

We finally have something in common with Katrina Kaif. We love soft cloudy idlis as much as she does. This rice-dal based dish, paired with coconut chutney is the original happy meal.

#### Ingredients

For the idli	
Parboiled rice	4 cups
Split urad dal	3/4 cup
Water	
Salt to taste	
For the chutney	
Fresh grated coconut	1 cup
Roasted chana dal or peanuts	2 tbsp
Green chillies	2
Water	1/2 cup
Salt to taste	
For tempering	
Oil	1 tsp

# An abode planned well

Visualise each room and space before beginning with the groundwork

JAGVIR GOYAL

Careful house planning pays rich dividends. Never rush to finalise your house plan. Concentrate over it many times, visualise each room and space planned in it. Visit a few recently completed houses, get ideas and examine the house plan critically. Once groundwork is started, it becomes difficult to make too many changes. Here are some points that must be kept in mind while planning your house:

#### Basement to the rescue

Most urban estates offer low-lying plots these days. Plan a basement instead of filling earth in a low-lying plot. Basements serve as a good area for storage, home theatre, gym or office. These also save the floors from settlement caused by the earth filled below floors. Plan good illumination, ventilation and drainage for basement.

#### Design windows and doors carefully

Large-sized windows are preferred these days with the sill almost at the skirting level. Choose a window design that allows proper ventilation of rooms. Add openable shutters at the sides and provide central panel with fixed toughened glass. Provide wire mesh shutters and glazed shutters in double rebate at sides and let the air flow in. Have wire mesh doors for all outer doors as per requirement of the Indian climate.

#### Avoid multiple flooring levels

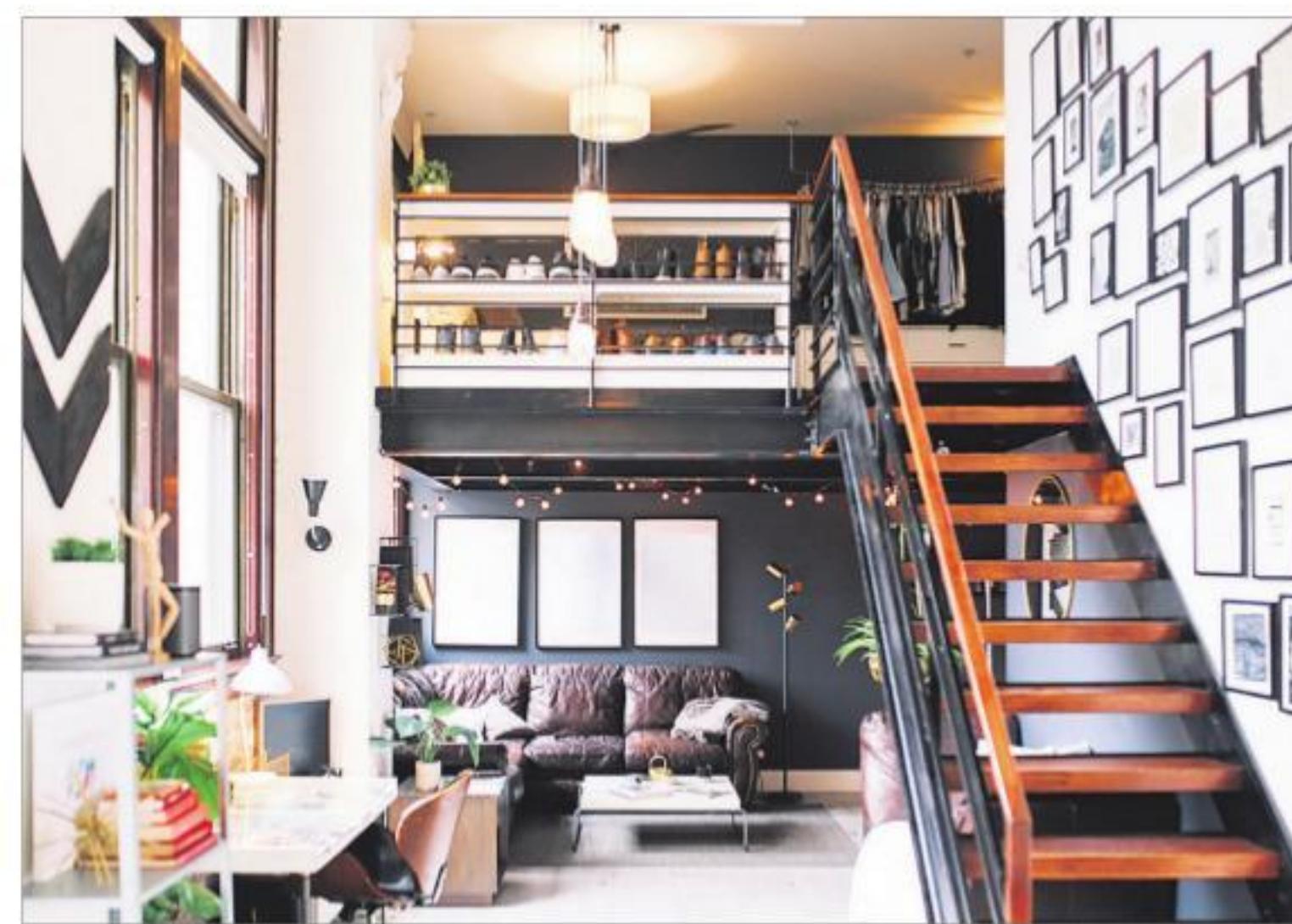
Keep same floor level for all rooms. Multiple levels can lead to accidental falling during night hours. The floor level of the bathroom, however, should be half inch below the main floor level.

#### Provide for water filter & piped gas

While designing the kitchen, plan convenient space for water filter and dish washer. While water filter is essential, you may like to add dishwasher anytime later. Also the future belongs to piped gas supply. Make necessary provision to connect to the mains whenever piped gas arrives in your city.

#### Bedroom in the front

Gone are the times when kitchen used to be essentially in front of the house. 'Kitchen time' has reduced dramatically these days, thanks to the availability of multiple kitchen appliances. So plan a bedroom in the front and feel in control of the house. Plan walk-in-closets next to the bedrooms. These prove to be great wardrobe organisers. You'll get ample space to dress up. Make provision



#### Watch for staircase headway

Check the staircase flights to provide enough headway below them and avoid putting the signboard 'watch your head' later on. If a flight passes over a doorway, check that its soffit is clear of the top level of door.



for multiple mirrors in the walk-in-closets.

#### Access to back courtyard

If it's a corner plot, plan an entry to back courtyard from the side wall after getting permission from the authorities. If it is not a corner plot, then plan a side passage to reach the back courtyard from the main gate. It will be a useful addition.

#### LED panels for effect

Avoid hanging LEDs directly on the walls by drilling holes in them. Make provision for LED panels. Hide any loose wires behind it and create space for remotes, audio and video accessories.

#### Invest in solar power

The future belongs to solar power. Make provision for solar unit on the roof and connect it to bi-directional meter. Earn savings after one-time investment.

#### Plan cutout area safely

A cutout is planned to provide ventilation to the toilets. Use a cut out by adding green plants and a washbasin to it. Plan the roofing carefully and make it safe from burglary. Cover the cut out with iron bars grid and a polycarbonate sheet. This will make room for ventilation through verticals as well as keep the place safe.

#### Go for RCC slab only

Avoid using RB (reinforced brick) slabs however your mason insists. Go for RCC (reinforced cement concrete) slabs designed by a competent engineer. These prove cheaper and are much more durable.

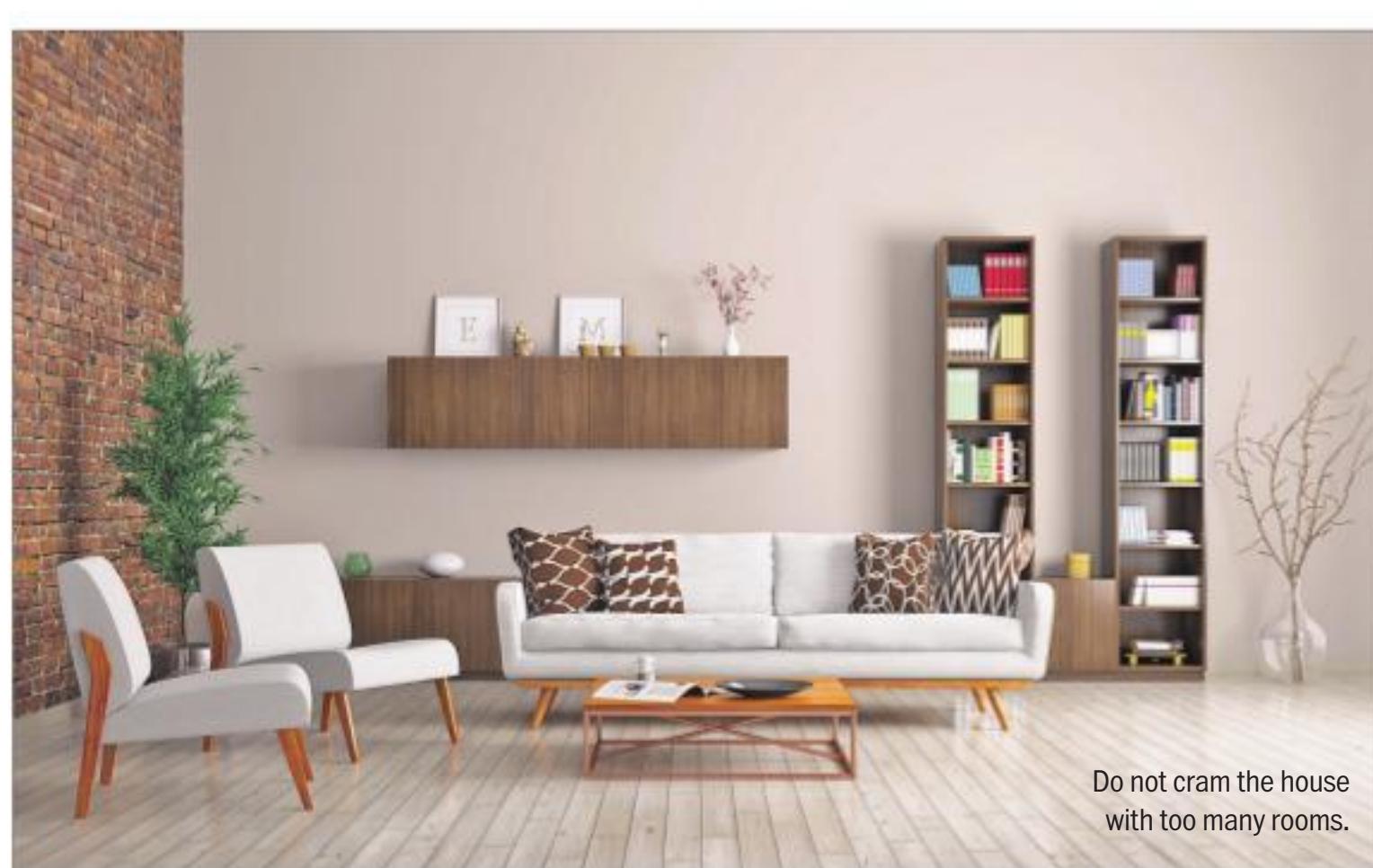
#### Use tiles in face work

Sleek tiles in the facework give a unique and attractive front elevation to the house. The tiles are mostly maintenance free and lend character to the house. Combine their use with plastered and painted surface to create a striking front elevation.

#### Make it roomy

Don't cram the house with too many rooms and dingy washrooms. Plan lesser number of rooms with the right proportion. Go for good-sized bathrooms.

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A water feature will lend Zen vibe to your house, besides adding to décor of your interiors

SHRISTI NANGALIA

Water, being an element of nature, promotes an overall feel of relaxation and calmness, besides introducing motion and vitality. Water features are common in gardens and outdoor areas, but of late these are gaining prominence in interiors of the house as well. According to a research by Alissa M. Clouse for the University of Southern Mississippi, water enables a positive psychological response from individuals by triggering the sense of sight, smell and hearing. The human brain connects with the rhythmic sound of water splashing and sprinkling against itself.

A water feature in the house adds to the décor of the interiors and helps maintain serene ambience, irrespective of the outdoor environment. It can be installed in entryway, living room, hallway, bedroom and dining area. According to the available space, you can pick from the below-mentioned water features to take the décor to the next level:

## On the waterfront



#### Fountain of joy

Another space-demanding but much-loved feature that you can invite is a fountain. Fountains come in many sizes, shapes and designs. Choose one keeping in mind the extra effort needed to invest in maintaining the fixture.

#### A subtle lily pool

Unlike miniature gardens and fountains that demand a lot of space and attention, a kund or lily pool can be placed as a sub-

te accompaniment or backdrop for the interiors. An overflowing vase or small-sized fountain can be integrated with the kund or lily pool to effectuate the sound of burbling water. Finally, a touch-up of surrounding indoor greens, floating lily flowers and a couple of sculptures or urns can complete the setting.

#### Make way for the waterfall

An indoor waterfall feature, reminiscent of natural mountain springs,

can create the stimulating indoor-outdoor appeal. Enhanced by tactile materials and lighting, even a waterfall of a small-scale can produce strong impressions. Portable waterfalls are also available in the market; these are hassle-free, movable, and equally therapeutic.

#### Vertical flow

When space is limited, vertical spaces like walls of the living area, the double and triple-height space of the staircase area, etc. can be rightly put to use by installing a water wall. A water wall offers a quieter sound of water because the water, rather than dropping or splashing, simply trickles down the textured face.

#### The overflowing urn

Overflowing urns are also great for home interiors when there is very little space to spare. Like fountains, urns offer a strong focal point while occupying a relatively smaller area.

A word of caution here. While water features lend beauty to the house, be prepared to spend time and money in maintaining these regularly. Also make sure to employ skilled labour when installing the water feature so as to avoid operational issues. Remove trash and leaves from the water from the fixture regularly. Drain the water and clean the installation thoroughly once in a while to avoid build-up of algae inside the water and mosquitoes around the fixture.



## A haven for the elderly

Make your house safe and comfortable for ageing family members. Here are tips to create a senior-friendly home

POOJA KHANNA TYAGI

If you have senior citizens staying with you, it is essential to create a comfortable living environment, which can take care of their physical and mental well-being. Of utmost importance is ensuring their safety so that they can perform their daily activities with ease. The following tips will help you create a home that allows them to stay mobile and supports active ageing.

#### Ensure good lighting

Make sure that the entire house is well lit and there are no dark zones or corners. Consider increasing the wattage of lights. It is better to go for bright white light instead of warm white or warm yellow light. Incorporate night light so that the elders can safely visit the bathroom during the dark hours.

#### Obstacle-free passages

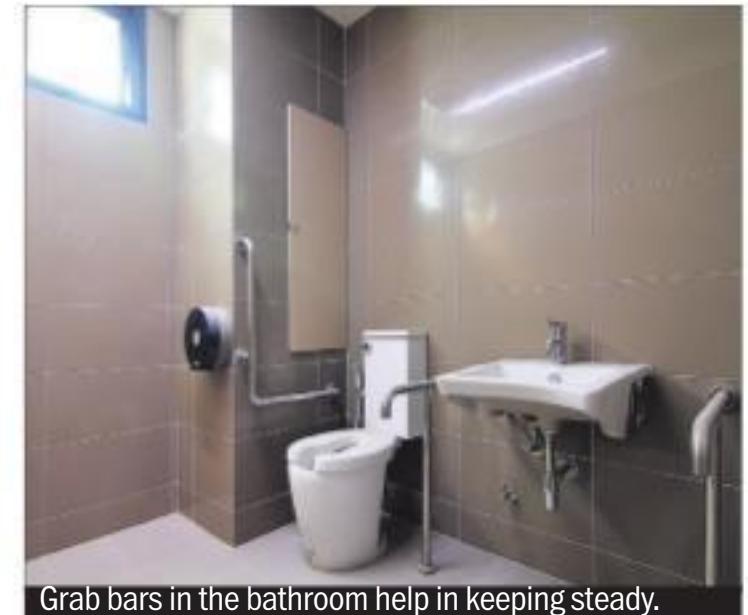
Removing extra furniture, loose carpets, rugs and electric cords. These may emerge as tripping zones. All the pathways and circulation passages should be wide, clear and free from obstacles so that they have sufficient space to move around confidently. Avoid using slippery material like granite and gloss finish tiles for the flooring. The doors and pathways should be clear and wide enough to allow movement of a wheelchair, if necessary. Additionally, there should be provision of a ramp for wheelchair access at the entrance of the house.

#### Remove the clutter

The house should be clutter-free and well-organised. Organise the storage in such a way that the frequently used items are in lower cabinets and there is a bedside table so that the elders can access their medicines and personal belongings easily. Make sure that the bedroom has high beds, the furniture does not have sharp edges and the seating has a good back and hand support.

#### Safety features in bathrooms

The bathroom has the tendency to become slippery when wet. Go for anti-slip tiles in the bathroom area. For additional safety, keep non-slip bath mats within the shower area as well as outside the shower area. Add a bench in the shower area so that the seniors can take a shower in sitting position. Install grab bars near the shower and commode for additional support. If the bathroom has an existing bathtub, it is advisable to replace it with a walk-in



#### Go for door levers

Make sure the doors have levers instead of knobs as these provide better grip and are easy to open and close.



#### Install handrail on the stair wall for support

shower. Go for a raised toilet seat in the bathroom so that aging adults can go to the bathroom independently. The commode should be about 17-inches high as it is less stressful on the knees and back.

#### Ensure proper support

Check the house for potential tripping and falling hazards like uneven surfaces on the walkway and driveway. Install an extra handrail on the stair wall for additional support.

#### Bring the sun in

The house should be well ventilated with plenty of natural light, plants and neutral coloured walls which create a relaxing ambience. Make sure that the windows open easily and bring in maximum sunlight which is a great source of vitamin D.

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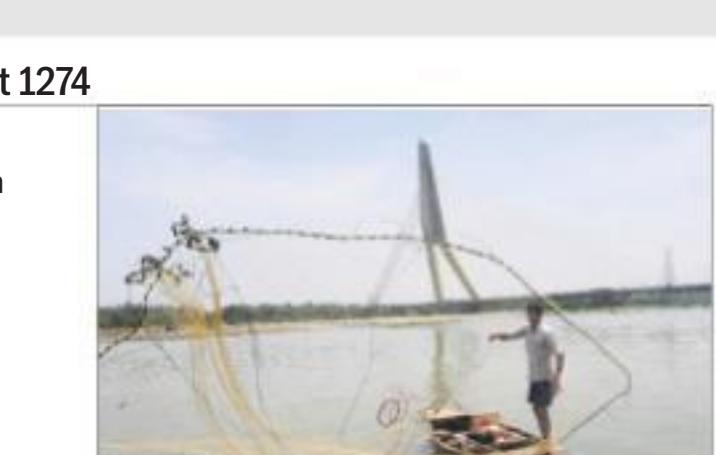
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# Clearing the Jinnah cobwebs

MAHESH RANGARAJAN

OVER seven decades after his demise, the architect and founder of Pakistan remains a figure elusive for scholars and lay persons alike. Churchill's description of Russia — "an enigma wrapped inside a mystery in a riddle" — perhaps applies to him. To write an 800-page book on him backed with meticulous research on his writings, speeches and activities is itself an achievement.

But Ahmed has done much more than just that. Over the last few decades, two persistent legends have grown around the man who was to be referred to as Quaid-e-Azam or the great leader. One, that Pakistan was not more than a bargaining chip and that it was the obduracy of the Congress that pushed him to the edge. The other that he was out to lay the foundation of a liberal, democratic state.

The first is more myth than legend. While his early years were as a nationalist par excellence, earning him the title of harbinger of Hindu-Muslim unity, Jinnah was not just overshadowed but overtaken by the sweep of history. Ahmed tellingly explains how a crowd objected to his referring to the Mahatma and Maulana Mohammed Ali simply as "Mr Gandhi" and "Mr Ali". There was more than etiquette at work here: Jinnah was of an older paternal breed unable to see the masses as equals.

His moment of opportunity came when the Congress ministries took office in 1937 and most so in North India, he launched a campaign to rally



Muhammad Ali Jinnah's success derived as much from contingency and the exigencies of changing imperial policy as much as his own abilities. iSTOCK

Muslims against it. The Muslim League won 47 of 61 bypolls in the provinces in just six years. The exit of the ministries was a heaven-sent opportunity, as he admitted later. Until then, the Viceroy had only thought of Gandhi, but now Jinnah was placed on par. Support for the war was even more opportune once Congress was taken off the streets after the Quit India Movement.

As for Pakistan being only a card, the author quotes chapter and verse from early 1940 on, where Jinnah was unambiguous. As he told Beverly Nichols, "The Muslims of India are a nation", adding, "and if you grant that, and you are an honest man, then you grant the principle of Pakistan".

But Jinnah was clear that the Muslims of UP or Bihar would be left out of the Promised Land. In turn, as confided in Baldev Singh, he hoped the Sikhs would be in support. An undivided Punjab (only 77 per cent Muslim) and

all of Bengal, just over half being Muslim, were his stated goal. No one working for a unified India could possibly have given in to such a demand.

Between the Cripps Mission and Cabinet Mission Plan, one thing was evident: the British would not let go of Defence to the Congress. And once he broke the back of the Unionists of Punjab in 1946, the road to Jinnah's new state lay wide open.

If anything, the mass transfer, the killings and the bloodshed — over 800,000 were to die in Punjab alone, as chronicled in Prof Ahmed's earlier book — were a tragedy of epic scale. Yet Jinnah himself had spoken of population transfer long before. Far from being pushed to a plan of separation, it was his ambition.

Jinnah was at first sight a most unlikely ally. In 1939, he controlled not one Muslim majority state. British governors such as Wylie in Central India and Haig in UP confided in the

Viceroy that the so-called atrocities by Congress were vastly exaggerated. But the key was that his campaign worked.

This courtship of landed elites, most so in Punjab and Sindh, as much as his assumption of office of Governor General weakened the social and political fabric of the new state from the very start. Even the support to the invasion of Kashmir in winter 1947, first by tribal raiders and then with open use of the army, was aimed to rally support mainly in Punjab and the Frontier.

The irony was that Pakistan chose Islam as a binding force and Urdu as the official language. Already in his Dhaka University address, advocacy of the latter aroused deep Bangla ire. The tragedy of Pakistan was not that Jinnah failed, but that his success was akin to a poisoned chalice.

The landed elites, a Punjabi-dominated army and a Mohajir-led civil service came to power not despite Jinnah, but because of him. By September 1948, when he died, precious little had been done to set out a clear constitutional blueprint for the new state. Its undemocratic roots with the Governor General, not the Prime Minister, being in charge did not portend well.

The two-nation theory was unlikely to have made it across the finishing line save for British support during World War II and in the early stages of the Cold War.

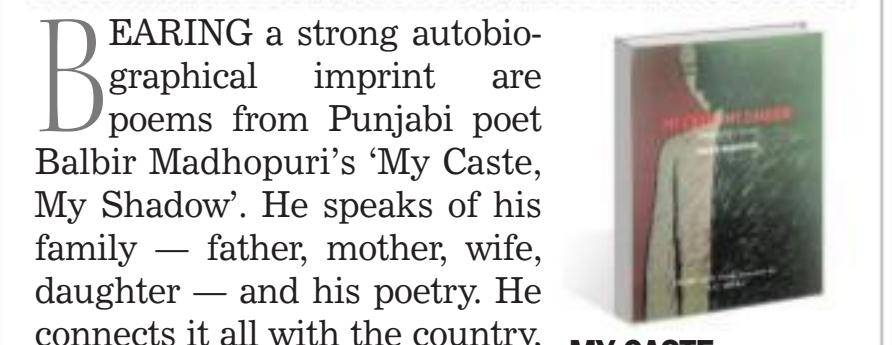
Even those who hesitate to go so far will be awed by the depth and quality of the author's command over secondary literature and virtually all of Jinnah's works and speeches. His success derived as much from contingency and the exigencies of changing imperial policy as much as his own abilities. This is a book that will be indispensable for a long time to come.

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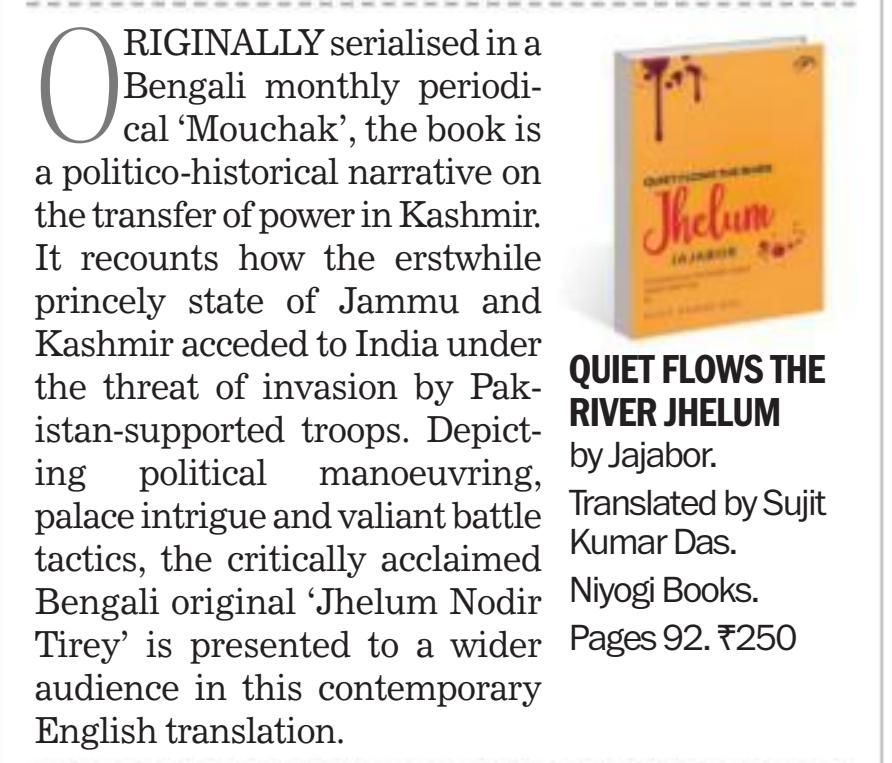


**H**OW Much of These Hills Is Gold is an adventure tale, a novel about a family bound and divided by its memories. Longlisted for The 2020 Booker Prize, this novel marks Zhang's debut. The protagonists of the story are Lucy and Sam, 12 and 11, children of Chinese labourers, who are carrying the body of their newly deceased father across a harsh landscape after their arrival in the US during the Gold Rush in the 19th century. The two oscillate between the American West and their memories of China, as understood through their mother's eyes.

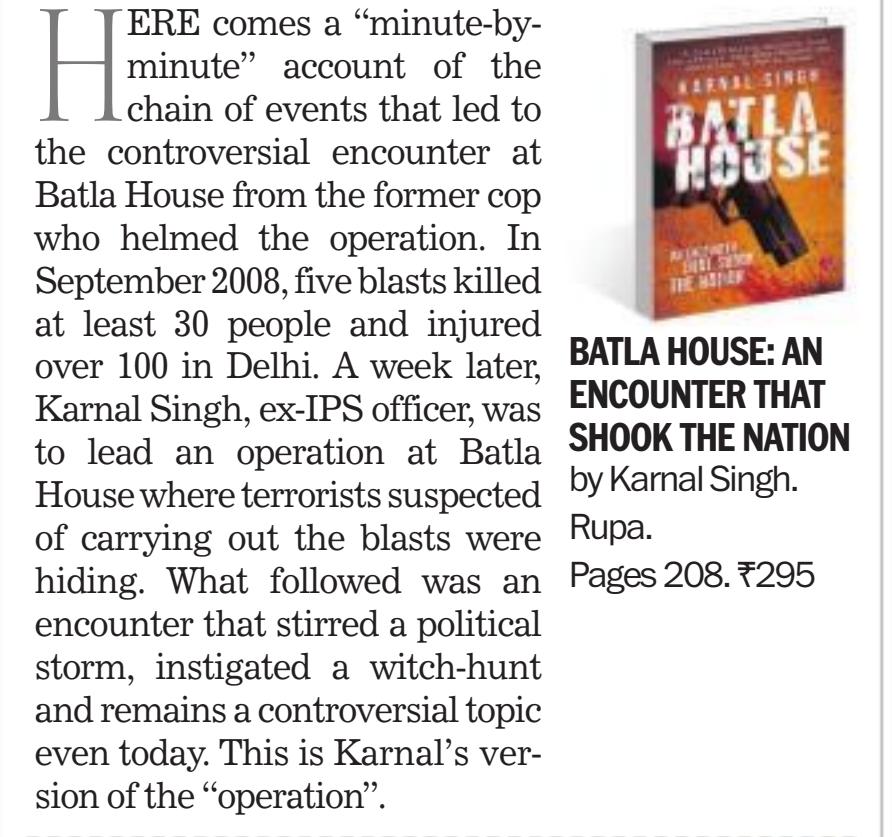
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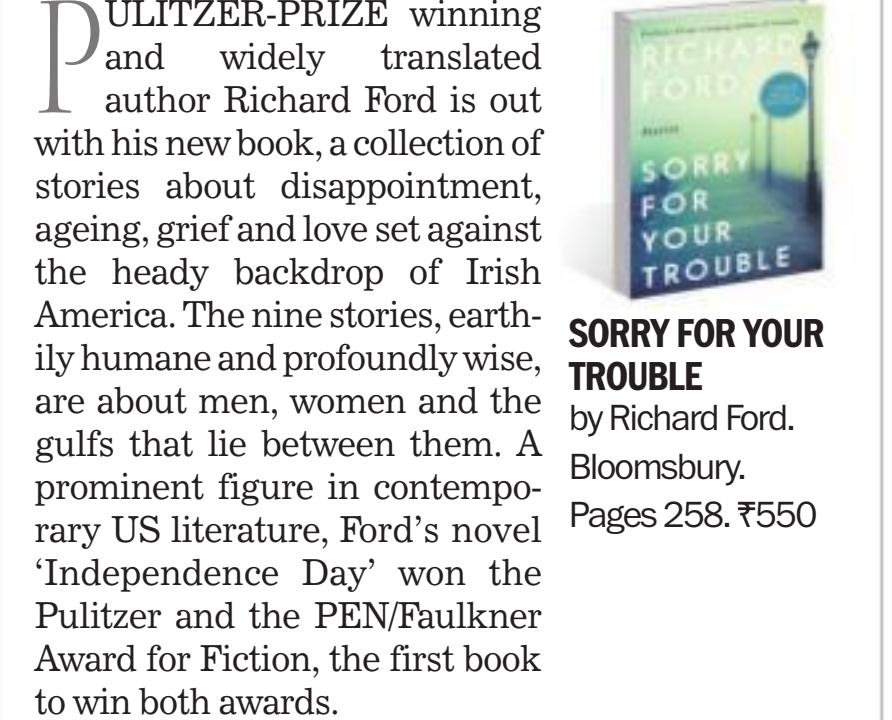
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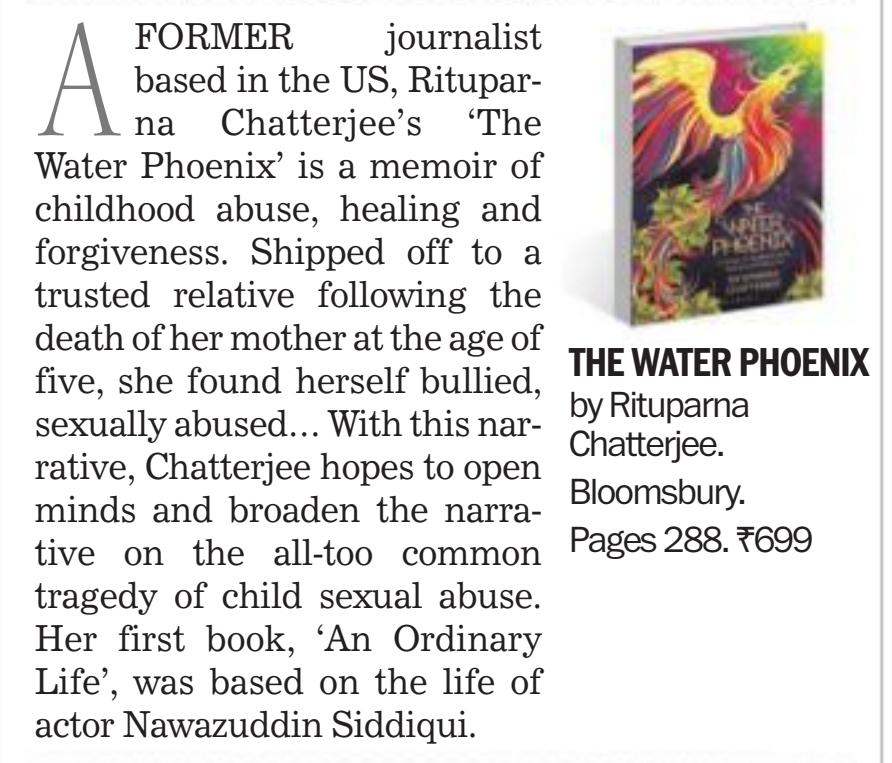
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## The phenomenal rise & steady decline of Pahari miniature, a vivid retelling

RAAJA BHASIN

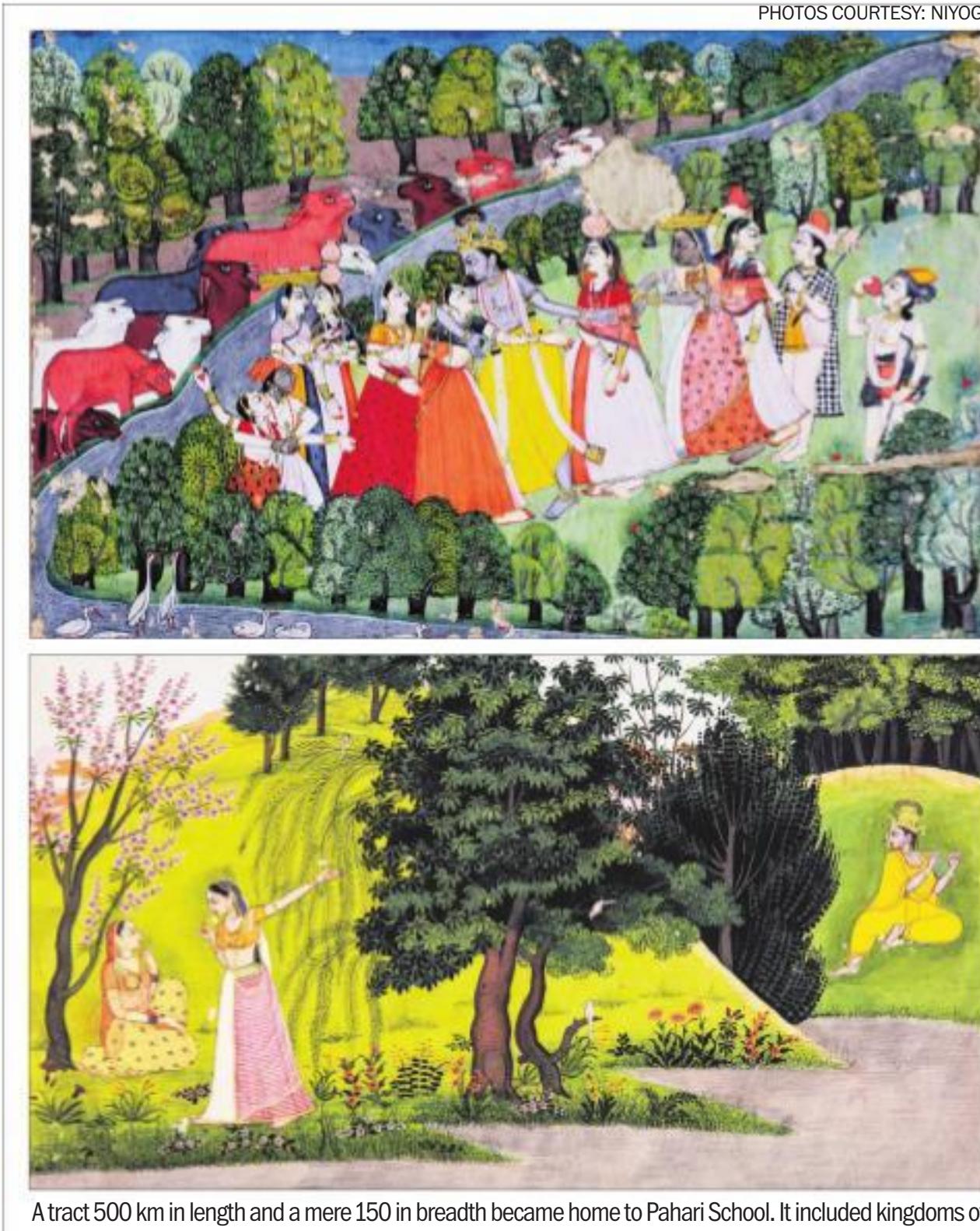
WHEN Vijay Sharma was a small boy growing up in Chamba, he, by his own admission, was fascinated by the Pahari miniature paintings on display at the Bhuri Singh Museum. Both the paintings and the museum were to become his 'karmabhoomi', as he calls it. His dedication and talent have brought him both honour and fame. Today, a Padma Shri awardee, he is an internationally acclaimed artist creating works in the tradition of Basohli, Guler, Kangra, Chamba and Mandi schools.

Down the decades, the study of these paintings and their multiple schools has attracted the attention of several noted scholars — MS Randhawa, Karl Khandalavala, Jagdish Mittal, Eberhard Fischer, Prof Ludwig Habighorst, VC Ohri and, of course, Prof BN Goswamy whose erudition continues to enlighten us in this newspaper. There is, however, one difference between many of these art scholars and Vijay Sharma. He is an artist who has turned his hand to the study and explanation of the art that he has practised most of his life.

The tradition of painting in India goes back to the caves of Ajanta. Over time, across the country, several fairly distinctive schools emerged. Then, a great impetus came when the existing forms were exposed to Islamic civilisation. In the court of the Mughal kings were born the catalysts that were to carry deep influences across the subcontinent, the introduction of Persian miniatures being one. These creations were clearly two dimensional with a few artifices. A largely established belief was that Pahari miniature paintings emerged as a distinct school as the influence of the Mughal empire ebbed away and artists sought fresh patronage. This, however, became a matter of contention amongst scholars. This is an issue that this book addresses.

A tract that was some 500 kilometres in length and a mere 150 in breadth became home to Pahari School. This geographical confine held the kingdoms of Jammu, Kangra, Basohli, Guler, Kullu, Nurpur, Chamba, Mandi, Bilaspur, and extended to the Garhwal hills.

The primary focus of the book is the paintings of Kangra and those of Guler where centuries of evolution, influence and status touched an apogee of sorts. Almost like epiphytes thriving on the patronage of princes and courts, these paintings blossomed with grace and beauty.



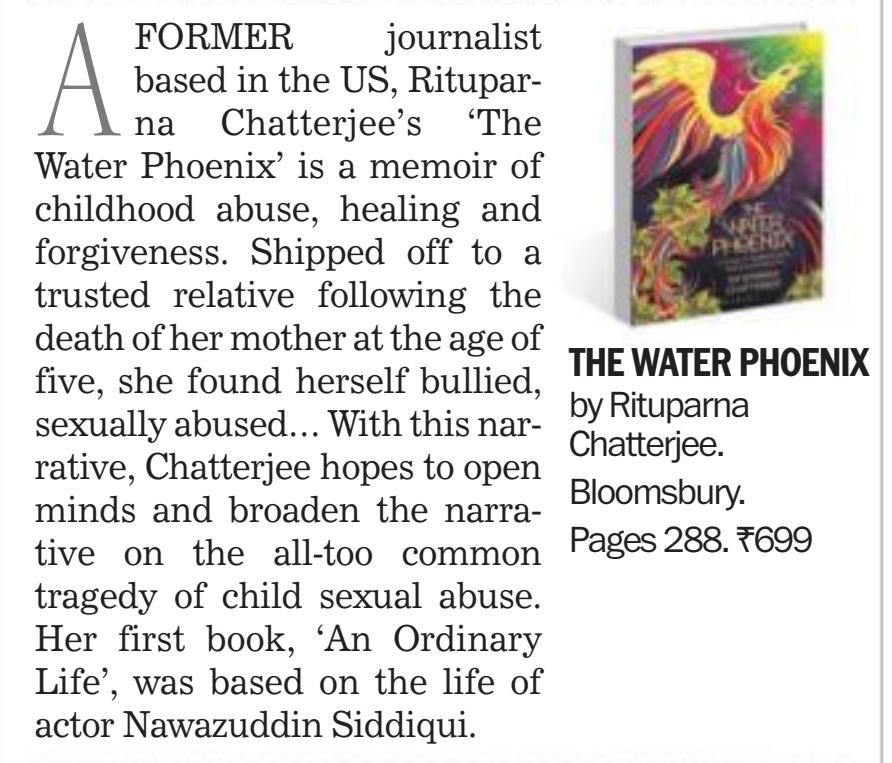
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It was the artists of Kangra who set the benchmarks of Pahari miniature. The refinement and technical skill that made the paintings of Kangra act as the touchstone for the 40-odd sub-schools was greatly due to the interest of Sansar Chand, who came to the throne in 1775. Another school, Guler, focused around the now-forlorn town of Haripur, was home to the renowned Pandit Seu and his progeny, including the prodigious Nainsukh. In later years, however, technical capabilities and ornamentation increased, but aesthetics declined. These aspects are among several others that Sharma brings into the ambit of his text.

The themes for this genre, if it may be called that, apart from the portraits of members of various ruling houses and nobles, began including episodes from

the life of Shri Krishna — his heroism, dalliances and the *nayak-nayika*. The *baramasa*, 12-month set with courtship modes appropriate for various months of the year, illustrations from love poetry and images of various deities of the Hindu pantheon were painted. But love, with all its joys and pains, was the main theme. All these form the subject matter of this fine book which provides an excellent introduction to the paintings, the background of their creation, the historical context and the artists and their patrons. The beautifully illustrated book is a delight to handle and read. It has around 150 plates with descriptions and an exhaustive text that runs alongside. This will be of interest to scholars, art lovers and to all who would like an introduction to Kangra paintings.

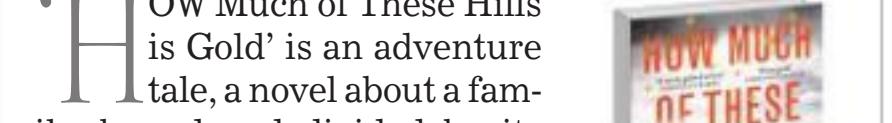
A news item posted a couple of days back informs that Vijay Sharma has just retired from government service. This may well be the beginning of a new innings where pitch is the corpus of historicity and scholarship.



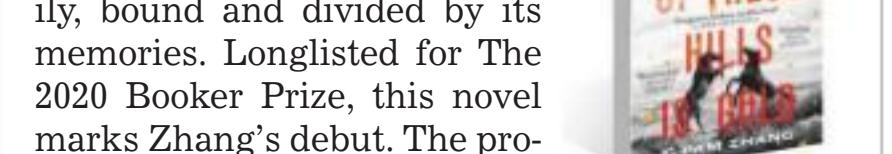
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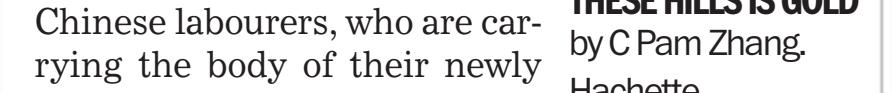
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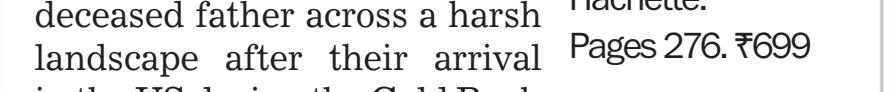
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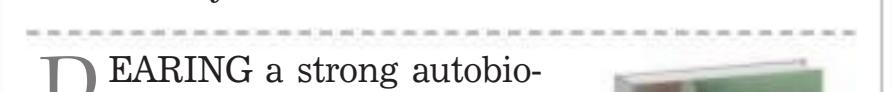
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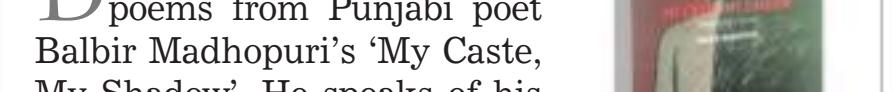
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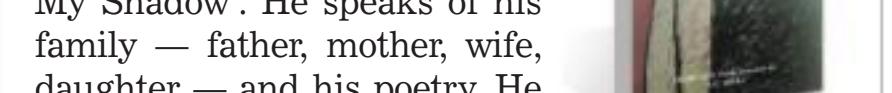
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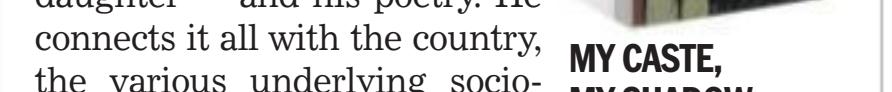
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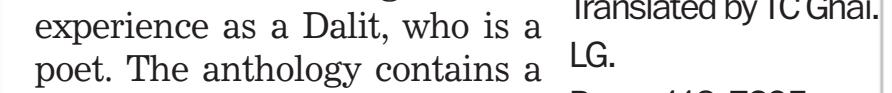
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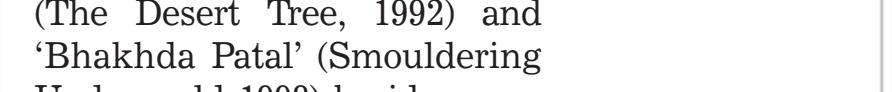
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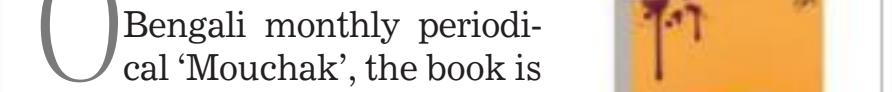
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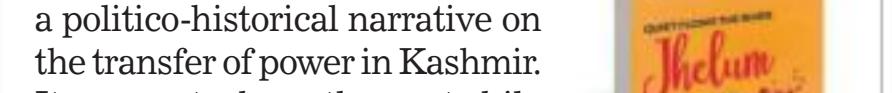
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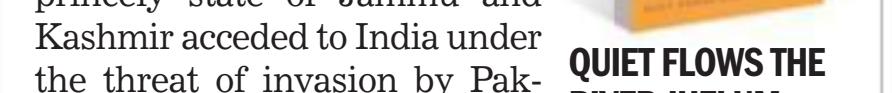
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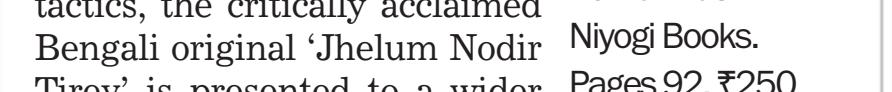
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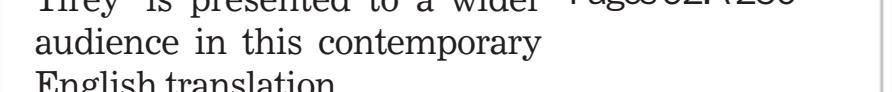
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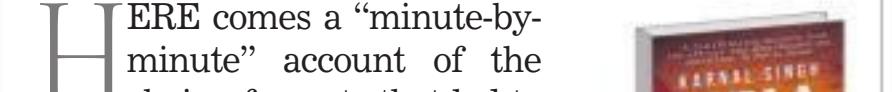
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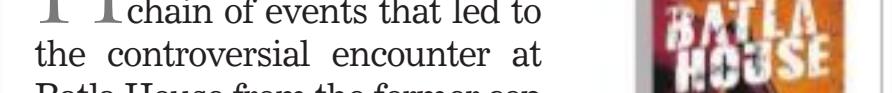
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# Steely Tatas, Russi Mody and Indra Singh



**THE ITINERANT**  
NECHAL SANDHU

TISCO Town was our home for 30 months. The pristine environs gave no hint about the location of India's oldest steel plant, privately owned, and producing millions of tonnes of steel

**S**TEAMING into Tatanagar railway station 40 years ago, in a tortuously slow 'express' train that traversed remote tracts and ultimately a disorderly industrial estate, unease was roused that we were heading into an industrial centre that would not in any way match the uncommon and singularly unique environment of Ladakh, which we had reluctantly left behind after a wondrous 30-month sojourn.

Our apprehensions mounted as we traversed through the chaotic Jugsalai into the busy commercial district of Bistupur. But these were quelled, as we soon encountered verdancy with colonial-era bungalows set amidst large treed lots on both sides of uncluttered streets sufficient to carry the modest traffic that was the order of the day. This was TISCO Town, Jamshedpur, our home for another 30 months. The pristine environs gave no hint about the location within the town of India's oldest steel plant, privately owned, and producing millions of tonnes of steel.

The township was built by Sir Dorabji Tata in the early 20th century, as a gridded settlement based on a blueprint drawn up by Julian Kennedy of the US and Axel Sahlin of Sweden, both based in Pittsburgh (the Steel City of the US). After subsequent iterations by engineers FC Temple and Major PGW Stokes, it fell to the lot of renowned German urban planner Dr

Otto Konigsberger to translate the vision of JRD Tata, then Chairman of Tata Sons, into a Master Plan in 1943, which remains the *idée fixe* even today. Lord Chelmsford, Viceroy of India, had, in 1919, christened this quickly growing habitation 'Jamshedpur' in honour of Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, who, having secured approval from Lord George Hamilton, then Britain's Secretary of State for India, in 1900 for setting up a steel plant, worked doggedly for four years until his death towards selecting an apposite site with access to adequate quantities of iron ore, coal, limestone and water.

Within eight years, Dorabji Tata eventuated his father's dream by commissioning the first integrated steel plant in India in early 1912, which expanded by 1939 to be acknowledged as the largest steel unit in the British Empire. Lord Chelmsford had lauded (1919) the stellar role of this plant in gifting 1,500 miles of rails and 300,000 tonnes of steel which were used in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Palestine and East Africa during World War I. Later, the "Tatanagar tank", a wheeled armoured vehicle, was developed by this concern; more than 4,600 of these were used by reconnaissance and air defence regiments in the North African desert during World War II. Despite challenges posed by vicissitudinous market conditions, the plant upped its output from 2 million tonnes in



Jamsetji Tata worked doggedly until his death to set up a steel plant in Jamshedpur. PTI

1958 to 13 million tonnes at this juncture.

By the time we got there, Russi Mody had been Managing Director of the steel behemoth for eight years. His cheerful visage reflected confidence arising out of knowing well all that transpired in his extensive domain. Having joined the concern as an Office Assistant at the age of 21, after graduating from England in 1939, he was a veteran with an impressive panoply of skills in the realms of industrial relations and operations, and a validated ability for artful and

adroit management of the stakeholder landscape of the business. Promotion of sports was a passion with him.

His easy demeanour as the 'first citizen' of Jamshedpur naturally led to a very convivial atmosphere marked by an active social life. Quite the people's person, he reached out and assembled what might be regarded as a large happy family. On Sundays, he would don an apron and take charge of the makeshift kitchen at the Beldih Golf Course (founded in 1922) and make large quantities of *akuri* (Parsi-style spiced scrambled eggs) enough for all present; at home, he was rumoured to relish a 16-egg omelette.

Jamsetji Tata's birthday (March 3) has been observed as Founder's Day since 1932, to commemorate his sterling contribution towards conceptualisation of the steel plant. The 500-acre Jubilee Park in the heart of the town, inaugurated by Pandit Nehru in 1958 to mark completion of 50 years of TISCO, is the venue of a spectacular display of lights on Founder's Day, which remains an abiding attraction for workers and their kin.

Seven years after he took over as TISCO's first Indian General Manager in 1938, Sir Jehangir Ghandy became the first Director of Tata Engineering & Locomotive Company (TELCO), extending the output of the recently acquired East Indian Railways Workshop at Jamshedpur

from just locomotives to heavy engineering machinery. Consonant with the Tata culture, a colony was set up for engineers and workers. Although well located, TELCO Town does not match the charm of TISCO Town.

Betwixt the two lay a 400-acre swath housing Indian Steel and Wire Products and Jamshedpur Engineering and Machine Manufacturing Company, owned since 1920 and 1934, respectively, by the enterprising Sardar Bahadur Sardar Indra Singh, hailing from Duman, Ropar district, Punjab. He enlarged the repertoire of these facilities from wires to wire rods in 1935, and then onto rolls and castings in the Nineties; the latter two products attracted customers from across the globe. In recognition of his exhibited entrepreneurial potential and sterling contribution to the War effort, Sardar Bahadur Sardar Indra Singh was knighted in January 1946. Misunderstandings about commitments led to the takeover of this enterprise by TISCO in 2003, disrupting a long-standing symbiotic relationship.

We lived on Straight Mile Road in TISCO Town, which was barely one mile long but not straight. The grand bungalow of Sir Jehangir Ghandy's widow and its sprawling lawns necessitated a significant inflexion in the alignment. But neither that nor anything else marred our delightful stay in Jamshedpur.

## We allowed the dystopia we live in



We recently lost two remarkable women, Ruth Ginsburg in the US (left) and Isher Judge Ahluwalia in India, who will be remembered for the fearless pursuit of their goals.

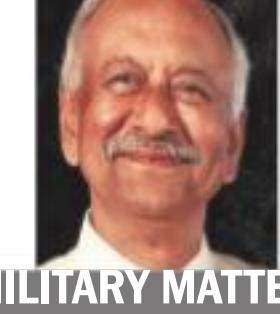
police and district administration bully and speak down to the hapless family of the murdered girl, I was reminded of two chilling short stories written almost a century ago by that amazing chronicler of rural India, Premchand: 'Sadgati' and 'Thakur ka Kuan'. The cruelty unleashed by the higher castes on the Dalits in an India of almost a century ago made me realise that nothing, but nothing, has really changed. They still live on the fringes of our villages, banned from drinking from the wells appropriated by the upper castes, denied dignity in life and death.

No amount of justification or what-aboutery will ever erase the scarred conscience of our politicians, civil society, judiciary or the media. For a full 15 days, as this poor, abused girl struggled to stay alive, our media was beaming lurid accounts of that den of vice, Bollywood. Our police were busy chasing two-bit actors across the country, our judiciary was finding excuses for the Babri Masjid demolition and our politicians creating a ruckus in Parliament. For a full 15 days, we were subjected to hysterical reporters chasing Bombay starlets and *charas* dealers. There was no notice of a poor Dalit girl from Hathras, raped and physically abused, her tongue cut off and her spine broken. Call this a democracy?

If there is any hope left in this scenario, it is in the hands of the women leaders of the world. Those who are quietly steering their countries through this difficult time with grace and dignity. We have recently lost two remarkable women, Ruth Ginsburg in the US and Isher Judge Ahluwalia in India. Please read their biographies to appreciate their contribution to law and economics, but more to honour them for staying true to the path they chose with grace and poise. Their fearless pursuit of their goals, despite the difficulties of circumstances, misogyny and academic resistance to granting women equal opportunities, are lessons for all those who have risen in the world because of privilege, gender and networking. Their contribution to nation-building and an honest commitment to the institutions they nurtured and guided will make you see how trivial our own problems seem, and how shallow the claims of public work tom-tommed each day by leaders who have nothing else but lies to support them.

Gandhi left us with many maxims to live by. Choose the one you must follow.

## The other brave Udai



**MILITARY MATTERS**  
LT GEN SR GHOSH (RETD)

**J**UST two days before young Sergeant Uday Singh of the US army fell to a hail of Iraqi bullets at Al Habbaniyah, another combat operation was being launched 3,000 kilometres away in India.

In the early hours of November 29, 2003, a small team of specialised troops, led by a daring young officer from the Special Forces, commenced operations through the thick forests of Rajouri, hunting for a group of hardcore Pakistani terrorists. It was an extremely hazardous mission and the going was slow and difficult. As daylight started fading into darkness, the silence of the jungle was suddenly shattered with the sound of gunfire. A violent close quarter battle ensued. The officer and his buddy were severely wounded, but with utter disregard to his own life, the gallant officer continued to fight and gunned down two of the terrorists. But, tragically, while trying to extricate his wounded comrade, he finally succumbed to his grave bullet injuries.

The name of this officer was Major Uday Singh, posthumously awarded the Shaurya Chakra for his act of exceptional bravery and leadership in combat.

Maj Uday, son of Col KKK Singh from the Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, was destined for big things. Leaving behind a lucrative opening in the hospitality sector, he followed in his father's footsteps when he got commissioned (100th

IMA Course) in 1997 into an elite Special Forces commando battalion.

In his short career of six years, Uday just couldn't get enough of being a Special Forces officer. Leadership came naturally to him and he loved the excitement and action of being in constant combat in the mountains and jungles of J&K. In July 2002, Uday, while leading a mission in a thickly forested area, displayed exceptional bravery and leadership, eliminating several heavily-armed and well-trained terrorists. He was awarded the Sena Medal (Gallantry).

Uday was doing exactly what he had always dreamt of doing and enjoying it too. This was in spite of a great tragedy that befell him in June 2000, when his closest buddy, batchmate and battalion mate, Capt Subramanian, was killed while battling terrorists. The shock of losing his soulmate, instead of shattering his emotions, only spurred Uday to achieve greater heights.

And 17 years ago, this gallant officer too fell in battle, just hours before his namesake was getting ready in faraway Iraq to join him at Valhalla.

Two young Indian warriors, both named Uday after the Rising Sun, with identical family backgrounds, both combating enemies of the state, albeit under different flags, were dead within two days of each other. Both had no other desire or motivation but to don the uniforms of their fathers. And both died fighting for the honour and safety of their country.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who dies protecting it."

In 2011, as the Western Army Commander, I visited Maj Uday's alma mater, Army Public School, Dagshai. Today, the silver trophy, in memory of Uday, continues to remain as a silent reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by the illustrious alumnus.

## Regulate social media for sure, but don't discount its benefits

**M**ANKIND has gone through different ages when people's lives have been dominated, or majorly influenced, by an invention or breakthrough, even by certain ideas. The industrial revolution led to a major transformation. There was the idea of nationalism which created different countries. There was socialism — as opposed to capitalism — which changed the way societies were governed and economies run. There have also been great medical discoveries that have benefited us in countless ways. However, for several decades now, we have been in the age of information technology.

It began with the discovery of radio and the first newspapers. Then, the coming of big-screen cinema. Later came television. In fact, TV has become so popular that many leading newspapers in the developed world have either had to close down or, additionally, go digital. But in the last two decades or so, another form of media has taken the world by storm — social media. Led by Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram, with the smart cell phone and computer as its main medium of communication, it has probably overtaken TV as far as viewership is concerned. As a major influencer,

too, and opinion-maker, social media is not too far behind TV.

Nevertheless, it's the regulatory framework for the media that has become highly controversial and contentious. In most countries, there are regulatory bodies that monitor content. Here, there is the Press Council, usually headed by a retired senior judge. If a party is aggrieved by a news report, it can complain, the Press Council hears both sides and gives its ruling. The offending publication, if found guilty of misreporting, is obliged to publish an apology. If the aggrieved party is not satisfied, it can go to court and sue the publication for libel.

That threat, along with the censure of the Press Council, is a powerful check on misreporting. Which is probably why in India at least — and I daresay in many other parts of the world as well where there is freedom of expression — the print media is considered more responsible and credible and, therefore, taken more seriously than the electronic media.

Yet, when TV "live" reportage first burst on to the world scene, it blew the print media away. Perhaps the most dramatic TV reportage of this kind was the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, two days after he had assassinated US Presi-



Led by Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram, social media has overtaken TV as far as viewership is concerned. iSTOCK

dent Jack Kennedy. Oswald was apprehended after he killed a policeman just after shooting Kennedy. He was first lodged in the basement of the local police jail. When he was about to be transported to a more secure jail, TV cameras and reporters were present. Jack Ruby, owner of a nightclub, emerged from the crowd and shot Oswald, killing him. Millions worldwide saw the footage "live". Though Ruby was later sentenced to die, a conspiracy theory emerged that Oswald had been silenced so that he could not disclose the other conspirators.

The other "live" event that everyone remembers is of course the tragic down-

ing of the twin towers of the New York World Trade Centre. In India, "live" TV coverage came into its own in Kargil. And then, with the terror attack in Mumbai. There was live reporting of the event, just outside Taj Hotel, little realising that the terrorists inside were watching on TV what was being disclosed. Since then, there has been self-regulation in the coverage of such events.

However, no regulatory framework acceptable to private TV channels has yet emerged. There is admittedly an "Information and Technology Act", but it is ineffective. The result is that TV channels do what they please. This has showed up in the coverage of the suicide (or murder) of the late actor, Sushant Singh Rajput. A virtual trial by media is taking place, with the law courts playing little role. A drug angle is also being played up and Bollywood maligned. Lawyers on both sides have happily appeared on TV, whereas they should really have confined themselves to court.

But at least Indian TV is admitting that effective regulation is needed. For the social media, however, there are till now no checks whatsoever. Smart phones and computers lend themselves easily to hate speech and fake news. The trouble

is, much of this is made to sound credible. Cambridge Analytica, whose former head has just been barred in the UK from running a company or even being a director for seven years, is a good example of the menace. The social media organisation played an insidious role in at least two major elections, that of the US and India. In India, in 2018, both the BJP and the Congress accused each other of using Analytica in polls across the country. The CEO admitted having offered clients "unethical services", which included bribery and honey-traps.

But let's be fair. Social media has become an indispensable vehicle. It is here to stay. Want material on a particular subject? Just key in Google Search. Schools and colleges worldwide have mostly been closed since the pandemic struck last March. Some 1.3 billion students, which is the population of India, have been affected and classes have had to be taken online. Can you imagine the disruption this would have caused if social media had not been there? So, when a regulatory framework is eventually put in place, the benefits that the social media has brought to our lives also need to be acknowledged and taken into account.

*The writer is a veteran journalist*



**MY TAKE**

RAHUL SINGH

Press Council acts as a check, which is probably why print media is considered more responsible. TV at least admits to the need of effective regulation. For social media, however, there are no checks whatsoever

## Chirag's picture with PM sparks speculation

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3** Bihar could be headed for a multi-cornered contest. There are reports that LJP president Chirag Paswan is "consulting" his father, Union Minister Ram Bilas Paswan, before announcing the party's decision to walk out of the NDA.

The Parliamentary Board of the LJP met here today to take a call on whether or not to go it alone in the coming Bihar Assembly elections. But Chirag had to rush to the hospital to visit his ailing father, said sources. Before doing that, he posted his picture with PM Narendra Modi, saying he took inspiration from the PM and hoped he would give his blessings to his "Bihar first, Bihar first" efforts, triggering speculation that the LJP may go it alone this time. This is the last meeting of the LJP Parliamentary Board. Chirag recently apprised Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda on LJP's differences with JD-U chief Nitish Kumar.

The LJP has said it will contest 143 seats on its own if it does not get an "honourable" deal within the NDA.

According to reports, there are posters in Patna with the slogan "Modi se bair nahi, Nitish teri khair nahi". —TNS

# Bihar's Grand Alliance seals deal on seats, RJD's Tejashwi to lead

RJD gets biggest chunk of 144 seats, Congress 70, Left parties 29

**PATNA, OCTOBER 3**

The Grand Alliance in Bihar, which includes the state's main opposition parties, on Saturday reached a consensus on seat sharing ahead of the three-phase Assembly elections on October 28, November 3 and 7.

Rashtriya Janata Dal's (RJD) Tejashwi Yadav was unanimously chosen the face of the coalition, with his party getting a lion's share of seats.

Announcing the seat-sharing formula in the presence of leaders of the Congress, CPI (ML), CPI and CPI (M), Yadav said his party would accommodate old alliance partner Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) and the JMM its ally in adjoining Jharkhand from its quota of 144 seats in the 243-strong Assembly.

But the multi-party alliance suffered a jolt when a minor constituent Vikashheel Insaan Party (VIP) floated by Mukesh Sahni, a former Bollywood set designer, announced a dramatic exit alleging betrayal.

Among other allies, the Congress has been given 70 seats, nearly twice as many as it had contested in the 2015



RJD leaders Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap with Bihar Congress in charge Avinash Pandey, Vikassheel Insaan Party chief Mukesh Sahni and Left leaders at a press conference in Patna on Saturday. PTI

### YADAV'S BID TO INDUCT VIKASHEEL INSAAN PARTY FAILS

■ Soon after the press conference, VIP president Mukesh Sahni announced that he was quitting the Grand Alliance since he did not get "a respectable offer"

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■ He vowed to dislodge the government headed by Nitish Kumar, whom Congress leader Avinash Pandey accused of hijacking the mandate in the previous elections

Assembly poll in alliance with the RJD and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U).

The Congress will also be fielding its candidate from Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha seat, where the bypoll will be held on November 7.

Among the Left parties,

the CPI(ML) has been given 19 seats, followed by CPI six and CPI(M) four.

Yadav vowed to dislodge the government headed by Nitish Kumar, whom Congress leader Avinash Pandey in his address accused of hijacking of the

mandate in the previous elections.

The JD(U) chief had fought the 2015 elections opposing the BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but ended up re-aligning with the saffron party, Pandey said. —PTI

## Rafale to feature in Air Force Day parade

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3** Rafale fighter aircraft will take part in the Air Force Day parade on October 8. The fly-past will be conducted over the Hindon air base, 20 km east of the national capital.

Tweeting about the capabilities of the Rafale, the IAF said, "It is a 4.5 generation, twin-engine omnivore, air supremacy, interdiction, aerial reconnaissance, ground support, in-depth strike, anti-ship and nuclear deterrence fighter aircraft, equipped with a wide range of weapons."

This will be the first time the Dassault-made multi-role fighter jets will make public appearance since they were inducted into the IAF at the Ambala air force station last month.

The fleet has been carrying out sorties in eastern Ladakh amid the stand-off with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The Rafale jet is part of the IAF's 17 Squadron, Golden Arrows.

The IAF has deployed almost all its front-line fighter jets, such as Sukhoi 30 MKI, Jaguar and Mirage 2000 aircraft, in the key frontier air bases in eastern Ladakh and elsewhere along the LAC.

The IAF is also carrying out night time combat air patrols in the eastern Ladakh region.

The first batch of five Rafale jets arrived in India on July 29, nearly four years after the country signed an inter-governmental agreement with France to procure 36 aircraft at a cost of Rs 59,000 crore.

**NCB arrests four Afghan nationals**

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3** India has cited Covid protocols and a pending technical issue to justify the continued closure of the Kartarpur corridor despite Pakistan reopening it on Saturday.

The Pakistan government had earlier announced that the Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on its side had been reopened as the Covid situation in the country had improved.

But in India, which has fared worse with Covid deaths crossing the 1 lakh-mark, a decision on reopening would



be taken in accordance with the Covid protocols and easing of restrictions, said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Anurag Srivastava. In the wake of the pandemic, the government had shut down the Kartarpur

corridor in March. Pakistan too had imposed a ban on its nationals from accessing it.

In June, Pakistan had reopened the corridor briefly to commemorate Maharaja Ranjit Singh's death anniversary, but

## India for gradual but total nuke disarmament: Shringla

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3** India has advocated complete nuclear disarmament through a step-by-step process.

Stating this at the virtual high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said India remained committed to the immediate commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty.

The framework for the complete disarmament

### 'COMMITTED TO TALKS ON FISSION TREATY'

■ Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said India remained committed to the immediate commencement of negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty.

■ The framework for the

should be agreed upon through a multilateral framework after all countries have committed themselves to this objective, said Shringla.

**'WORLD IN SHADOW OF CATASTROPHE'**

**United Nations:** UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that the world was living "in the shadow of nuclear catastrophe" fuelled by growing distrust and tensions between nuclear powers. He said strains between countries that possessed nuclear weapons "have increased nuclear risks". Without naming any country, Guterres said programmes to modernise nuclear arsenals "threaten a qualitative nuclear arms race". AP

Nuclear Weapons' tabled since 1982 enjoys wide support and reaffirms that any use of nuclear weapons will be a violation of the UN Charter and a crime against humanity," the Foreign Secretary pointed out.

India has since 1998 tabled another annual resolution that calls for immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons, including through de-alerting and de-targeting.

"It also accords high priority to the Conference on Disarmament as the world's single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum," he added.

## Retired CBI officer held in bribery case

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**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3**

The CBI today said it had arrested its retired SP NMP Sinha, who was a part of the team that investigated the Bihar's fodder scam, in connection with an alleged bribery case.

He is said to have received Rs 25 lakh from a company, Usha Martin, to settle a case.

Sinha, who retired in August this year, was SP in the CBI's economic offence wing. Officials said he would be produced before a court. Sinha was nabbed with a private person who had

Accused of taking ₹25 lakh to help firm settle case

### NO DECISION YET

■ A decision on reopening will be taken in accordance with the Covid protocols and easing of restrictions.

Anurag Srivastava,

MEA SPOKESPERSON

India had rejected the offer as the pandemic was a major worry.

The MEA said it continued to remain in touch with the authorities concerned, including Ministries of Home Affairs and Health,

## PIL for uniform grounds of maintenance, alimony

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3**

A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking "gender and religion neutral" uniform grounds of maintenance and alimony for all citizens keeping with the spirit of the Constitution and international conventions.

The plea filed by BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay seeks directions to the Union Home and Law Ministries to take appropriate steps to remove the prevailing anomalies in the grounds of maintenance and alimony and make them uniform for all citizens without discrimination on the basis of religion, race, cast, sex or place of birth.

The petition states despite the eloquent provisions in the Constitution, the Centre had totally failed to provide even gender-neutral, religion-neutral uniform grounds of maintenance and alimony for all citizens.

"Maintenance and alimony is the only source of livelihood, hence discrimination on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth is a direct attack on the right to life, liberty and dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution," it said.

"Even after 73 years of Independence and 70 years of India becoming a socialist secular democratic republic, laws relating to maintenance and alimony are not only complex and cumbersome, but also against the constitutional mandate of being equal, rational and just," it said. —PTI



allegedly delivered the bribe.

The money was also recovered by the agency, they said.

The CBI on Saturday conducted searches at eight locations in multiple cities, including the officer's residence in Faridabad. Other places searched include offices of Usha Martin in Ranchi, besides other locations in Delhi and Ghaziabad.

It is alleged that Sinha was handling a case of alleged cheating against the mining company (Usha Martin) regarding a lease given to it for an iron ore mine in Jharkhand in 2005.

He retired in August this year, they said. It is alleged that he was in touch with the representative of the company and had demanded a bribe of Rs 25 lakh to settle the case against it, they said. —PTI

## Didi leads protest



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee participates in a rally to protest the Hathras incident, in Kolkata. PTI

## Foreign Secy, Army Chief to visit Myanmar today

**SANDEEP DIKSHIT**

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 3**

After touching base with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Chief of Army Staff Gen MM Naravane will visit Myanmar for two days from Sunday, as India seeks to review and consolidate security and developmental partnership issues with its neighbourhood.

The Foreign Secretary and the Army Chief will call on State

### CEMENTING TIES WITH NEIGHBOURS

■ Under the Rakhine State Development Programme, India has provided five tranches of relief supplies to Bangladesh and is willing to do more.

■ India is also providing library material to schools in Rakhine state under trilateral cooperation with Japan, a partnership it is keen to promote further in order to keep out China

Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and Commander-in-Chief of the Myanmar Armed Forces, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing.

The visit by the two officials, an unusual combination on a diplomatic visit as far as India is

till 2022. The programme has seen the successful implementation of around 140 largely community development projects.

Undertaken in Chin State and Naga Self-Administered Zone, both sides will now identify projects to be undertaken in the next cycle.

India and Myanmar have also been cooperating in a number of other developmental projects, especially the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and Trilateral Highway connecting India, Myanmar and Thailand.

With an investment of over \$1.2 billion, Myanmar has the highest Indian investment from a South Asian country. Recently, India approved an investment of over \$120 million in the Shwe Oil and Gas project. Indian PSUs are active in the upstream and midstream sector. ONGC Videsh, Indian Oil and GAIL have opened offices in Yangon and OVL and GAIL have stakes in Shwe Gas Field. GAIL is exporting petrochemical products to Myanmar.

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Connectivity had a direct link with national development, especially in border areas, he said. "The ordnance factories were never modernised and upgraded to meet the defence needs," he maintained.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur and Mandi MP Ram Swaroop welcomed the PM on his arrival at Manali.

Modi inaugurated the south portal of the tunnel at Solang, 30 km from Manali, and drove through the

tunnel in an open jeep to reach the north portal at Sissu in Keylong where he addressed a public meeting.

Lahaul and Spiti people had turned up in traditional attire to express their gratitude for the construction of the tunnel.

The 9.02-km tunnel reduces the travel distance between Manali and Keylong by 46 km and the travel time by four to five hours. It will help people in case of medical emergency during winter when the area is buried under 20 feet of snow. The horse-shoe shaped tunnel's stone was laid by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on June 28, 2010.

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