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Eminent economist  
Isher Judge  
Ahluwalia dead

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26  
Noted economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia died today after battling brain cancer for months. She was 74.

The wife of former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Isher served as the head of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Affairs for 15 years. She stepped down from the post on August 10 due to poor health.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh tweeted, "Saddened to learn of the passing away of Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, one of India's most distinguished economists." — TNS

OBIT: BACK PAGE

Bhatnagar award  
for PGI doctor

CHANDIGARH: Dr Ritesh Agarwal, professor in the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, has been awarded the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize along with Rs 5 lakh in the medical sciences category. — TNS

Protect transgenders  
from offences: PIL

NEW DELHI: Highlighting gaps in penal laws dealing with sexual offences, a lawyer has moved the Supreme Court demanding equal protection for members of transgender community against sexual offences. Petitioner Reepak Kansal alleged that there was no penal provision protecting transgenders from such offences. INSIDE

NCPCR: Send kids in  
care homes to families

NEW DELHI: The country's apex child rights body — National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) — has directed the eight states that account for over 70 per cent of children in care homes to ensure their return to their families, noting that it was the right of every child to grow up in a familial environment. — PTI

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT 59,03,932  
RECOVERED 48,49,584  
FRESH FATALITIES 1,089  
TOTAL DEATHS 93,479

WORLD  
TOTAL 3,28,40,214  
RECOVERED 2,42,13,925  
DEATHS 9,94,799

Recovery rate  
rises to 82.14%

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26  
The national caseload today reached 59,03,932, with daily recoveries (93,420) surpassing daily new (85,362) cases, taking the recovery rate to 82.14 per cent. The toll reached 93,379 after 1,089 deaths in the last 24 hours. The case fatality rate is now 1.58 per cent.

Total recoveries stood at 48,49,584 — five times the active cases — 9,60,969. The active cases now make up 16.28 per cent of all confirmed cases. The Covid-19 cases have neared the 60 lakh mark after India crossed the 50-lakh mark on September 16. — TNS

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## SAD, oldest BJP ally, walks out of NDA over contentious farm Bills

CHANDIGARH SEPTEMBER 26

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) core committee, the party's highest decision-making body, at its emergency meeting here tonight decided unanimously to pull out of the BJP-led NDA alliance because of the Centre's "stubborn refusal" to give statutory guarantee to protect assured procurement of crops on MSP and its continued "insensitivity" to Punjabi and Sikh issues such as excluding Punjabi as official language in J&K.

The meeting was presided over by SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal. The decision came at the end of a marathon four-hour meeting.

Addressing mediapersons, Sukhbir said the SAD would continue to stand by its core principles of peace and communal harmony and guard the interests of Punjab, Punjabis and Sikhs, farmers in



FILE PHOTO

Blames Centre's 'stubborn refusal' to give statutory guarantee to protect MSP regime

NOT THE ALLIANCE ENVISIONED BY VAJPAYEE: HARSIMRAT

particular. He said the decision had been taken in consultation with the people of Punjab, especially party workers and farmers. Sukhbir said the Bills on agricultural marketing brought by the BJP

government were disastrous for the farmers.

He said the SAD was the oldest ally of the BJP but the government did not listen to it on honouring the sentiments of farmers. — TNS

### SHEER COMPULSION

● The Badals were left with no other option after the BJP's public criticism of SAD over the Bills. The BJP had made it clear that it held SAD responsible for failing to convince the farmers.

Amarinder Singh,  
CHIEF MINISTER

### SAFEGUARD FARMERS

● Instead of mudslinging, the CM must act to safeguard the farmers. The only way to block the implementation of Centre's Bills in Punjab is to declare the state principal market area for farm produce.

Sukhbir Singh Badal, SAD PRESIDENT

## How long will we have to wait for UN reforms, asks PM Modi

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today again made a case for India's permanent inclusion in the United Nations Security Council, questioning how long a country will have to wait, particularly when transformative changes in that nation affected a large part of the world.

Speaking in Hindi via video-conferencing, he told the General Assembly that the Indians were concerned whether this reform process would ever reach its logical conclusion? "How long will India be kept out of the decision-making structure?" he asked.

Indirectly contrasting India's behaviour with some new rising powers, Modi said, "When we were strong, we were never a threat to the world. When we were weak, we never became a burden on the world." Pointing out the world of 1945 was signifi-



WILL HELP WORLD FIGHT COVID: PM

■ PM Modi became the first world leader to declare that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity would be used for all of humanity in fighting the Covid pandemic.

■ In contrast, the US has tried to commandeer supplies from all over the world only for its population while Russia has adopted a purely mercantilist approach based on the ability to pay.

"The world has been battling the pandemic. Where is the UN in this joint fight against Covid? Where is its effective response?" he asked. — TNS

NADDI PICKS NEW FACES

## Chugh among five new BJP gen secys

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Striking regional & social balance



Tarun Chugh  
PUNJAB  
Narinder Singh  
J&K

### NEW ENTRANTS

Tarun Chugh of Punjab, Dalit leader Dushyant Kumar Gautam, D Purandeswari of AP, CT Ravi of Karnataka and Dilip Saikia of Assam.

### UMA, MADHAV OUT



Ram Madhav  
Uma Bharti

■ Gen secys, including Ram Madhav, P Muralidhar Rao and Anil Jain, replaced  
■ Tejasvi Surya, a fiery advocate of Hindutva, made party's youth wing president  
■ Mukul Roy (WB) and Vinod Tawade and Pankaja Munde of M'rasutra also in team  
■ Uma Bharti dropped as vice-president

## 11-point agenda, but Sri Lanka won't commit on Colombo port

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26

PM Narendra Modi resolved to pursue closer bilateral ties with his Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa through a mutually agreed 11-point agenda that will seek to address key issues like resolving the demands of the Tamil community, ban on Indian imports, the Colombo port project and the harassment of fishermen.

Most of the points stated in the joint statement touched on programmes to provide social and medical assistance



MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA

No firm assurance either on resolving issues of Tamils

to Sri Lanka, including a \$10 million credit line, stepping up people-to-people contact

and increasing coordination between security agencies.

Rajapaksa gave no firm assurance on Indo-Japanese involvement in the Colombo port project, seen as a counter-balance to Hambantota port being allotted to the Chinese. Nor was there a firm commitment to resolving the issues of the Tamil community, almost a decade after the end of the civil war. On the port project, the joint statement merely resolved to work towards the

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## HC refuses CBI probe into illicit distillation



BOOZE SCAM

petition filed in public interest by Tarsem Jodhan and another petitioner. Referring to five FIRs registered in different parts of the state between 2018 and this year, the petitioners' counsel submitted only petty labourers, workers and bootleggers were booked. INSIDE

## Refusing to relent



Sitting on rail tracks, farmers raise slogans against the Centre over the passing of three farm Bills, at Devi Dasspura village near Amritsar on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

## Govt needs ₹80K cr to buy vaccine: Poonawalla



WHO: DEATH TOLL MAY HIT 2MN BEFORE VACCINE

Geneva: The WHO has warned that the global Covid death toll could cross the 2 million figure before an effective vaccine is widely used. WHO's Dr Mike Ryan said the figure could be higher without concerted international action. PTI

FORTIFYING OIL WITH VITAMINS

REPORT INSIDE

## Procurement in Punjab, Haryana begins from today

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26

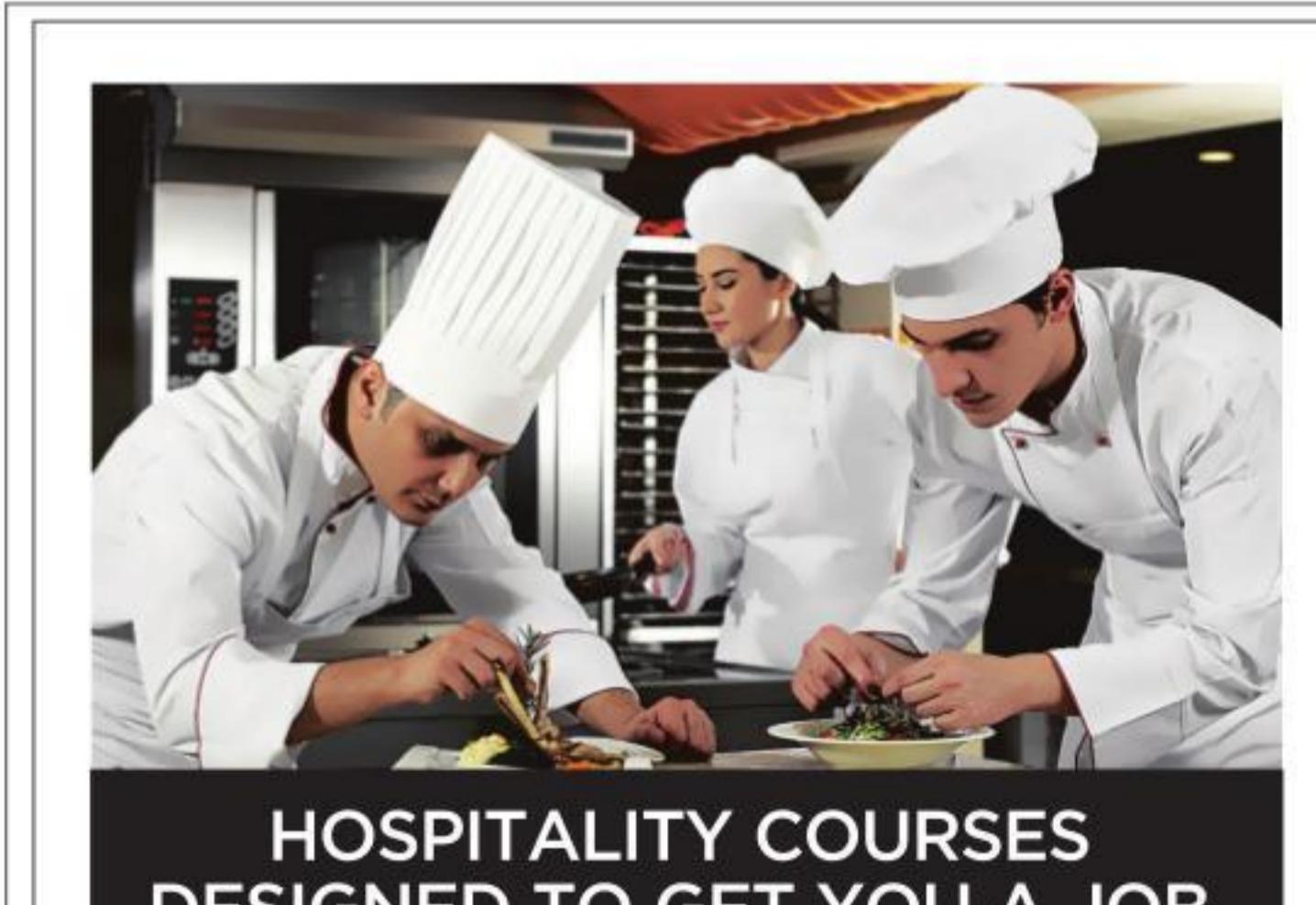
Amid the farmers' agitation, the Centre today allowed Haryana and Punjab to begin paddy procurement from tomorrow (September 27) instead of October 1. Punjab Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan reviewed preparations for the same. PK Das, Haryana's Additional Chief Secretary for Food and Civil Supplies, said initially procurement would be started in four districts — Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal and Ambala — where about 4 lakh quintals of paddy had arrived in mandis. Regular procurement would begin from Tuesday.

Das said that Hafed, Haryana State Warehousing Corporation, Food and Civil

Preponed by 5 days, move seen to allay farmers' fears on MSP

Supplies and the Consumer Affairs Department had made adequate arrangements for hassle-free procurement. He made it clear that paddy would be purchased only from farmers listed on the "Meri Fasal, Mera Byora" portal.

By preponing procurement by five days, the government hopes to allay farmers' apprehension that the MSP regime may be dismantled once the new laws come into force. The milling period remains unchanged. — TNS



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# Farmers end 'rail roko' briefly, to resume blockade from Oct 1

Say won't relent till Centre addresses their concerns over Bills

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BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 26

Farmer unions led by Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) ended their three-day 'rail roko' protest against the recently passed farm Bills across the state on Saturday.

BKU leaders said they would resume the 'rail roko' stir from October 1 onwards for an indefinite period. Scores of farmers blocked the Bathinda-Delhi railway line and raised slogans against the Union Government and the SAD over their alleged failure to protect the interests of the farming community in the state.

"We have ended the rail roko agitation today, but we have decided to resume it on October 1 for an indefinite period. Protesters would not be influenced by the political drama being played out to gain mileage out of the farmers' misery. The agitation against the Bills will continue



Farmers block a railway track during a protest against the NDA government in Nabha. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

until the government relents and addresses the concerns of farmers," said Ram Singh Bhaini Bagha, president, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan).

"New farm Bills would

prevent farmers from getting the MSP for their agricultural produce. The basic structure of mandi board will be altered completely and procurement by the

government agencies will not take place. Besides, private players will control the farm sector and procure produce by fixing their own rates," he further said.

## Protesters go bare-chested, extend stir

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 26

Even as farmer unions decided to suspend protest till October 1, members of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KSMC) went bare-chested to show their displeasure at the Centre's indifference here on Saturday.

The blockade of the Amritsar-Delhi railway line continued as more farmers and their families arrived in tractor-trailers, buses, cars and jeeps and on motorcycles to join the protest at Devidyal Pura village, on the outskirts of the city.

Taking off their shirts, they raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and lambasted his "anti-farmer" and "pro-corporate" policies.

The KSMC has already extended its three-day railway line blockade till September 29.

Sarwan Singh Pandher, general secretary, KMSC, said women protesters would join the railway blockade here tomorrow. On the birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, i.e. September 28, youth from the farmers' families will join them. — TNS



Protesting farmers block tracks at the Jalandhar Cantt railway station. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

## Trains to remain suspended

FEROZEPUR, SEPTEMBER 26

The 14 trains that had been cancelled due to the farmers' agitation will continue to remain off track till the situation normalises.

This was stated by Sudhir Singh, Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Ferozepur Division, today. He said there was no clarity on the further course of farmers' agitation, as at some places they were still blocking the tracks. He said the already cancelled 14 trains would remain suspend-

ed till the time the situation returned to normal.

The farmer unions had yesterday announced that they would continue to block the tracks till September 29. The trains which were cancelled included Golden Temple Mail Covid-19 Special from Amritsar to Mumbai Central, Amritsar-Kolkata Superfast, Karambhumi Covid-19 Special from Amritsar to New Jalpaiguri, Paschim Deluxe Express from Amritsar to Mumbai, Sachkhand Covid-19 Special from Amritsar to Nanded, Jan Shatabdi Express from Amritsar to Haridwar, Shaheen Express from Amritsar to Jaynagar, Saryu Yamuna Express from Amritsar to Jaynagar, Amritsar-Dibrugarh Express, Amritsar-Jammu Tawi Express, Ganga-Satluj Express from Ferozepur to Dhanbad, Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Express, Ferozepur-Patna Covid-19 Special and Amritsar to Bandra Terminal Covid-19 Special. — TNS

## Will back govt on farm issues in Assembly: Sukhbir to Capt

Tribune News Service

PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 26

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today demanded immediate promulgation of an ordinance by the Punjab Government to declare the state an agriculture market (mandi) so as to ensure Centre's "anti-farmer" Acts are not applicable to the state.

"We urge Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to immediately issue an ordinance declaring Punjab a mandi and follow it up quickly with a special Vidhan Sabha session to make it an Act. The SAD urges all parties to ensure unanimous passage of the Bill," said Badal, in his address to Akali workers and farmers here, adding the party would support the CM on the farmers' issue.



### 'DECLARE STATE MARKET YARD, CALL SPL SESSION'

We urge the Chief Minister to issue an ordinance declaring Punjab a market yard and follow it up with a special Vidhan Sabha session to make it an Act. Sukhbir Badal, SAD CHIEF

He also asked the CM to get the 2017 amendments to the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act repealed. "These are similar to the 'black laws' of the Centre. The amendments actually pre-date the Centre's black laws passed now. These need to be repealed by the Vidhan Sabha. We will fully support the government on the initiative."

"Instead of being obsessed with Akali phobia and indulging in mudslinging, the CM must act to safeguard farmers. The only way is to block the implementation of central Acts by declaring the state a 'Principal Market Area' or mandi for farm produce. The new laws will not be applicable to areas declared as mandi by the state. This way, big corporate sharks will not be able to enter the state," said Badal.



Local MLA Raminder Awla waves a Congress flag before the commencement of a tractor rally in Jalalabad. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Over 2,000 tractors hit road against farm Bills

FAZILKA, SEPTEMBER 26

A day after SAD president and Ferozepur MP Sukhbir Singh Badal led a tractor rally from his native Badal village, Jalalabad Congress MLA Raminder Singh Awla on Saturday took out a similar rally to protest the agriculture Bills.

More than 2,000 tractors, driven by farmers from different parts of Jalalabad seg-

ment, were part of the rally. MLA Awla, former MP Sher Singh Ghubaya, former minister Hans Raj Josan, Congress leaders Sandeep Jakhar and Ranjam Kamra, commission agents and farmers raised slogans against the NDA government and demanded the rollback of the Bills. He pledged his support to farmers in future agitation also. — OC

## Asr farmer ends life, arhtiya among 2 held

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 26

Amid ongoing protests against the agriculture Bills, a farmer committed suicide by hanging himself over alleged harassment by an arhtiya (commission agent) and his aide. The two have been arrested. The victim has been identified as Ranjit Singh (40), a resident of Harsa Chhina village.

The police have booked the commission agent, Satinderpal Singh, alias Chhindu, of Vanali village, and Jagroop Singh of Harsha Chhina village. Satinderpal was a Congress sarpanch and vice-president of the arhtiya union.

Before ending his life, the farmer wrote a suicide note and made a video, accusing the two of driving him to suicide. In the video, the farmer alleged the accused had been harassing him and his family by filing false complaints. The police have launched

In video, alleges harassment over loan

further probe.

Victim's brother Gurjot Singh claimed Ranjit, who had been upset for the past few months, told the family a few days ago that he had taken a loan amounting to several lakhs of rupees from the two and given them certain cheques.

In his complaint to the police, he said though Ranjit had returned the money, the accused started harassing him and threatened to get a cheque dishonouring case registered against him. Gurjot said his brother ended his life by hanging himself in the house last night. Rajasansi police station SHO Narinderpal Singh said Satinderpal and Jagroop had been booked for abetting suicide. — TNS

## Centre working for corporates, alleges minister

HOSHIARPUR, SEPTEMBER 26

Industries and Commerce Minister Sunder Sham Arora today accused the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government of ignoring the interests of farmers and "securing benefits" for corporate houses.

The minister said the Centre would not succeed in its 'nefarious' design to destroy the agrarian sector. "The Punjab Government will stand by farmers against the apathetic attitude of the Centre and will work shoulder-to-shoulder with them as our farmers have been feeding the entire country for long," Arora said. The minister said the farm Bills would ruin all sections of society.

The minister said the recent exclusion of cereals, pulses, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities would further lead to hoarding and black-marketing. — OC

## Paddy purchase to be staggered amid Covid

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26

Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan today reviewed the state's preparedness for the paddy procurement season, slated to begin from September 27 to November 30.

Presiding over a high-level review meeting of the Paddy Procurement Committee for kharif season, Mahajan directed the departments concerned to ensure social distancing to avoid the spread of Covid-19 and that the procurement be made in a staggered manner as farmers would enter the mandis with passes issued to them 72 hours in advance. Only one tractor-trailer would be allowed on one pass. Mandi yards have been marked with blocks to maintain social distancing.

The Chief Secretary said



total 4,019 procurement centres had been set up, which included 152 main yards, 283 sub-yards, 1,436 purchase centres, 524 temporary yards and 1,624 mills.

She also directed the Punjab Mandi Board and the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to explore possibilities to increase the number of centres to over 4,500 to ensure hassle-free, smooth and timely procurement of paddy.

## Spurned, youth throws acid on woman, booked

SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 26

A youth allegedly threw acid on a 24-year-old woman from Benra village last night after she spurned his overtures.

Both suffered injuries in the incident. The police have started an investigation. The police said Ravi Singh allegedly threw acid on the woman while

she was going to her relative's house last night.

"The woman has been admitted to a Sangrur hospital, while the youth was taken to a Patiala hospital. We have registered a case against Ravi," said ASI Sukhchain Singh from Dhuri Sadar police station. — TNS

## Let marriage palaces function: Owners

Tribune News Service

of banquet halls. While hotels, restaurants, malls, gyms and markets have been allowed to open, why have marriage palaces not been given the approval?

Besides, SOPs can be easily followed in resorts and palaces," said Sidhu. The PMPARA has already handed over a letter in this regard to CM Capt Amarinder Singh via the Group of Ministers.

Ask when gyms & hotels can, why can't they

said a minimum of 300 guests or guests equal to half of the palace or resort's seating capacity must be allowed.

"Generally, marriage palaces have 10,000 to 1 lakh sq feet of open space, besides 5,000 sq feet to 30,000 sq feet

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# HC refuses CBI probe into illicit distillation

Bench confident of fair probe by state agencies

**SAURABH MALIK**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26  
The Punjab and Haryana High Court has refused to order a CBI probe into the alleged "rampant distillation" of illicit liquor in Punjab, but has expressed confidence that fair and impartial investigations would be carried out by the state agencies.

The Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli also made it clear the police probe in the matter, in its opinion, could neither be dubbed as farce, nor fair at the current stage.

The Bench was hearing a petition filed in public interest by Tarsem Jodhan and another petitioner. Referring to five FIRs registered in different parts of the state between 2018 and this year, the petitioners' counsel submitted only petty labourers, workers and bootleggers were booked.

He added a racket of this magnitude required finances, infrastructure and logistic support at all levels, unviable without active



## NO CONCLUSIVE PROOF

No conclusive and credible material has been placed on record against any particular individual. HC BENCH

connivance of district police officials and administration, besides patronage of local political leaders.

Speaking for the Bench, Justice Palli asserted the petitioner's concern for the state and its subjects was undoubtedly appreciable. But it was also true the police authorities registered FIRs, made arrests and carried out recoveries after taking cognisance of incidents in different parts of the state. The Bench added the investigation was in progress. No cogent or con-

clusive material was placed before it, at least at this stage, on the basis of which it could form an opinion that the ongoing investigation was farce, misdirected by design or lacked credibility. The Bench, at the same time, clarified it was not recording its satisfaction or finding that the investigations were just, fair and credible. The question was, as such, kept open to be examined on merits if the situation so warranted at an appropriate stage.

The Bench also took note of state counsel's assurance that the petitioners' concerns would be duly examined and dealt with at the earliest. If necessary, suitable action would also be initiated.

"We are sanguine that fair and impartial investigations shall be carried out by the state agencies to provide credibility and instil confidence in the investigating process. The petition is accordingly disposed of in terms of the statement/undertaking submitted by the state counsel," the Bench concluded.

# ED to inspect CM, son's IT case files

**RAJNEESH LAKHANPAL**

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 26  
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is set to inspect pending income tax case files of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his son Raninder Singh in a local court on September 28. The inspection pertains to alleged violations of the Foreign Exchange Man-

Says will bring pending probe to logical conclusion

gement Act (FEMA).

One such inquiry was under ED's investigation but nothing incriminating was found against the CM. The ED now wants to bring the pending

investigation to a logical conclusion after inspecting the files and documents. The ED claimed it was seized of the matter with regard to the subject matter of the present IT case. For conducting a probe under the FEMA, documents attached with the complaint were required to be examined, which were already placed on record by the IT Department.

# Nine storage centres busted, 1.2K litre liquor seized

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26  
Continuing with the crackdown on illicit liquor, the police have busted nine illegal

liquor storage and distribution points in Majitha, Ajnala and Attari subdivisions and recovered 1,230-litre liquor.

DGP Dinkar Gupta said the Amritsar (Rural) police carried out a special drive over three days and busted

nine such illegal liquor distribution centres based on local intelligence sources. Separate FIRs had been

registered and the accused, including the owners of such illegal centres, arrested, he said. —TNS

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## Two nabbed for looting ₹1.25 crore in Karnal

KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 26  
The police have claimed to have cracked a robbery case with the arrest of two men. On September 19, an account-

ant and a driver of a private firm were returning to Chandigarh after collecting a payment of Rs 1.25 crore. When they reached Butana, they were robbed. The investigation brought out that the driver, identified as Sunil, had hatched the conspiracy to loot the money. He and his aide have been nabbed. —TNS

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e-NIT No.: 25/PHA of 2020-21 [e-Tendering]

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) e-tenders in single cover system are invited on Item Rate Basis from Registered PWD Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules & are active for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in ₹)	EMD (in ₹)	Cost of TD (in ₹)	Time for completion	Class of Contract
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Providing/fixing of G.I Pipes of different Mohalla's of Tral including water supply facilities to Shah I Hamdan Colony Amirabad Tral Road side-WSS Shah-i-Hamdan Colony Tral (under Languishing Programme)	42,54,029	85081	1100	30 days	AAY BEE
2.	Providing water supply facilities at New Colony Kanjinag WSS Kanjinag (under Languishing Programme)	2,86,248	5725	200	20 days	DEE

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BoQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website ([jktnit.gov.in](http://jktnit.gov.in)) as per the dates shown below:-

Sr. No.	Description	Date			Time
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	28	09	2020	09:00 A.M.
2	Download start date	28	09	2020	09:00 A.M.
3	Bid submission start date	28	09	2020	09:00 A.M.
4	Bid submission end date	07	10	2020	4:00 P.M.
5	Bid opening date	08	10	2020	11:00 A.M.

➢ Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "download bid submission".  
➢ To participate in bidding process bidders, must get digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology-2000 bidders can get digital certificate from approved option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website ([jktnit.gov.in](http://jktnit.gov.in)) to acquaint vendors.  
➢ The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature.  
➢ Bids must be accompanied by bid security deposit & cost of tender document as specified in column (4&5) of the above table. Bid security will be in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Awantipora and the cost of tender document shall be deposited in the Treasury under MH 0215 PHE in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Awantipora (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan/Receipt).  
1. All other terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in PWD form No.25 double.

No. PHA/AWP/1827-1841  
Dated:- 25.09.2020  
DIPAK-6380

**Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir**  
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Member Secretary  
District TB Control Society  
Kupwara, 193222  
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## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders from registered dealers are invited for purchase of IEC items as shown in annexure (A) to DTC Kupwara for the year 2020-2021. The quotations should reach the office of undersigned within seven days.

### Terms and conditions

1. Tenders should be send through courier service or deliver in person.
2. The items should be of good quality.
3. The Tenders should reach to this office within the period of seven (07) days from the date of issuance of this tender notice which will be opened at 3 P.M on the last date of receipt of tenders or any other day in presence of such tenderers, who may like to be present.
4. The intending firms shall have to deposit an amount **8000/-** (Rupees Eight Thousand) for IEC Material as token of earnest money in the shape of CDR pledged to District TB Officer Kupwara from any Nationalized Bank having validity not less than 12 months from the date of issue.
5. The purchasing committee reserved the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
6. As soon as the letter of acceptance is communicated to the successful dealers/ Firms he shall have to supply the items within 10 days from the date of placement of supply orders.
7. The rates quoted should be inclusive of all taxes.

### Annexure A

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Sign Board Tin with pipe
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Flex with iron frame
Flex without frame
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District TB Control Society Kupwara

## 18 deaths, 1,689 fresh Covid cases

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26  
Haryana recorded 1,689 fresh Covid cases and 18 deaths today taking the overall Covid-positive tally to 1.22 lakh.

Three deaths were reported from Jind while two deaths each were reported from Gurugram, Ambala, Karnal, Hisar, Panchkula and one death each from Charkhi Dadri, Yamunanagar, Bhiwani, Palwal and Faridabad.

A 67-year-old male from Sector-86 in Faridabad succumbed to Covid.

A 54-year-old diabetes patient in Ambala city and a 72-year-old hypertension and cardiac patient in Shahzadpur died too. —TNS

### COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	19,654	170
Faridabad	19,123	213
Sonepat	7,831	44
Ambala	7,649	86
Panipat	7,124	67
Karnal	7,080	102
Hisar	5,723	51
Panchkula	5,663	79
Rohitak	5,507	58
Rewari	5,398	26
Kurukshetra	5,146	85
Yamunanagar	3,871	63
Sirsa	3,506	55
Mahendragarh	3,260	7
Bhiwani	2,630	31
Palwal	2,501	15
Jhajjar	2,397	21
Kaithal	2,345	38
Fatehabad	2,182	30
Jind	2,023	27
Nuh	1,086	21
Charkhi Dadri	568	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,267</b>	<b>1,291</b>

## New policy for industrial jobs to locals from Nov 1

Focuses on growth of MSMEs, Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign: CM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



CM Manohar Lal Khattar and his deputy Dushyant Chautala at a meeting in Gurugram. SCANDAN

### STATE ON UPSWING

“The government’s endeavour is to ensure the prosperity of the state and provide maximum employment opportunities to its youth in industrial sector. We have incorporated suggestions given by the entrepreneurs. When the present BJP government took over the reins of the state, Haryana was at the 14th position in the Ease of Doing Business rankings. But as a result of the efforts of the government, the state jumped to the sixth posi-

tion and to the third rank later,” Khattar added.

Admitting to the procedural shortcomings that led to poor rankings this year, he said they would reclaim their place.

The Chief Minister said with a view to ensure that

every entrepreneur was registered with the state government on a single platform,

the Haryana Udyam Memorandum (HUM) Portal had been launched recently.

Meanwhile, Dushyant said the government was

### SKILL TRAINING

“The state’s youth will be imparted skills to meet the requirement of industries for trained manpower. Dushyant Chautala, DEPUTY CM

focused on providing employment opportunities to the people of the state. For this, the youth of the state would be imparted skills to meet the growing requirement of industries for trained manpower, he added.

## Sonali denies getting party man thrashed

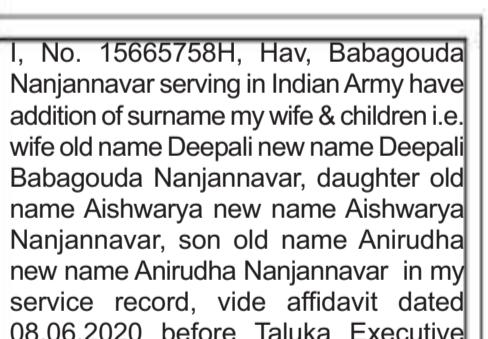
HISAR, SEPTEMBER 26

BJP leader Sonali Phogat has refuted the allegations of getting party worker Subhash Sharma, chief of Kajla mandal in Hisar, thrashed at her residence last week.

In a statement, Phogat, who contested the Assembly elections from Adampur on BJP ticket, said Subhash had levelled false allegations. She said Subhash had forwarded an obscene video to a woman party worker and spoke ill about a person in an audio after which he expressed regret over these incidents on September 17.

Phogat said following this, even she didn't act on the matter. She said Subhash even attended the party functions on September 17, 18 and 20 in presence of the BJP district president, but didn't speak about the assault or show his injuries.

Subhash, however, said he was forcibly taken along with Sonali Phogat to attend the party events. He also denied the allegations of forwarding an obscene video and any financial wrongdoing in the party works. —TNS



(From left) Congress leaders Kumari Selja, Vivek Bansal and Bhupinder Hooda in Chandigarh on Saturday. MANOJ MAHAJAN

## Cong march against farm Bills tomorrow

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 26

The Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) will organise a march on September 28 in Chandigarh. On October 2, there will be protests across all Assembly segments in the state.

HPCC president and former Union Minister Kumari Selja, former CM and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana in charge Vivek Bansal and All-India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Randeep Surjewala held a press conference here today in this regard.

Speaking on the occasion, Selja said, “It was Indira

I, No. 15665758H, Hav. Babagouda Nanjanavar serving in Indian Army have addition of surname my wife & children i.e. wife old name Deepali new name Deepali Babagouda Nanjanavar, daughter old name Aishwarya new name Aishwarya Nanjanavar, son old name Anirudha new name Anirudha Nanjanavar in my service record, vide affidavit dated 08.06.2020 before Taluka Executive Magistrate Hukkeri. DI-10536-2

I, Nirmala Devi Spouse of Ex-JC 843025F Nbl/Sub (Hony Sub) Daulat Ram resident of Ward 7 Lakhnupur, Tehsil & District Kathua (JK & UT) have changed my name from NIRMALA DEVI to NIRMALA DEVI vide affidavit dated 26.09.2020 before Munsif District Judicial Magistrate 1st class Kathua. DI-10536-1

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, PUNJAB  
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Date:

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle Chandigarh, Phase-2, SAS Nagar invites bids from eligible bidders for the Project detailed in the following Table. The bidders may submit bids for the following Project:

DNIT No.	Date
(i) Project Description	Name of Work: Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System, Construction of UGCRs & Boosting Stations, Pumping Mains, Construction of Chlorination, PLC & SCADA Rooms, Circular Backwash Tank, Dismantling & Restoration of Road work, Providing and Installing Clear Water Pumping Machinery including Electrical Instrumentation SCADA System and 5 years O&M of Electrical, Instrumentation & SCADA System at SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar (Under AMR

# ITIs reopen from Oct 1

Cabinet restores MLA area development fund

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 26

The Cabinet today gave its approval to resume training in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) from October 1.

The decision was taken by the Cabinet which met here today under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. The ITIs will function in accordance with the guidelines by the Centre.

The Cabinet also gave approval to restore the Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana Fund of Rs 50 lakh for 2020-21, which had been put on hold in view of Covid in April. The first instalment of Rs 25 lakh per constituency will be released in October and the second instalment after the elections to panchayati raj institutions.

A presentation was made

## Atal statue to come up on The Ridge

- The Cabinet decides to rename the Ayurveda Department as Ayush Vibhag and fill 35 posts of panchkarma masseur in the Ayurveda Department
- It also gave approval to fill seven posts of Deputy Director in the Sainik Welfare Department on a contractual basis
- A statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee to come up on The Ridge

before the Cabinet on the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the state on October 3 for the inauguration of Atal Tunnel.

The Cabinet also decided to build a statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on The Ridge here. It also decided to allot the work to famous sculptors Padam Shri and Padam Vibhushan awardee Ram V Sutar and Anil Sutar.

It approved the draft of a memorandum of understanding to be executed

between the government and the temple trust, Chamunda, with regard to the transfer of land for lower terminal point of the Himani-Chamunda ropeway project in Kangra district.

It also decided to rename the Ayurveda Department as Ayush Vibhag and fill 35 posts of panchkarma masseur in the Ayurveda Department. It also gave its approval to fill seven posts of Deputy Director in the Sainik Welfare Department on a contract basis.

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Earlier, he was the Managing Director of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd from September 2012, to April 2017.

He has worked in the corporate sector in India. He has been part of the Tala Hydroelectric Project Authority in Bhutan. He has also worked at the SJVNL and in the HPSEBL in various capacities.

regarding the event.

Chief Secretary Anil Khachi, DGP Sanjay Kundu, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister JC Sharma, were also present. — TNS

## CM briefs PM on Oct 3 arrangements

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 26

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi through video-conferencing about the arrangements

made for his proposed visit to inaugurate Atal Tunnel at Rohtang on October 3.

The Secretary, Union Ministry of Defence, Ajay Kumar, made a presentation

## DK Sharma is HPERC chief

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 26

Devendra Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC). He was administered the oath of office by Chief Secretary Anil Khachi here today.

Sharma has 39 years of experience in energy and water resources sectors in India and abroad. He had worked as the chairman of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), from April, 2017, to July, 2020,

where he was responsible for managing the assets of national importance.

He was also responsible for managing the supply of electricity and water for irrigation and drinking in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh

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## Demanding affidavits to invite action

Despite govt orders, officials insist on practice, causing hassle to public

BHANU P LOHAMI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 26

The government has warned officials of strict action if they continue to insist on the submission of affidavits on stamp papers, attested by magistrates/notaries. The government had abolished sworn affidavits for routine works.

The orders regarding the abolition of affidavits and their replacement by self-certification were notified on January 31, 2015, and reissued on June 11, 2019, and January 18, 2020, but still the officials insist on attested affidavits.

These involve cost of papers and attestation. The decision was taken to save people from inconvenience but the orders have not been implemented so far

## Order issued many times

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inconvenience but the orders have not been implemented, prompting the Administrative Reforms (AR) Department to caution officials.

The department has written to all additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, secretaries, heads of the departments and other supervisory officers to ensure that their subordinate staff do not insist on submitting affidavits and only ask for self-attestation for routine works.

The Secretary (AR) has emphasised that any official insisting on affidavit in normal transactions of government business, unless affidavit is required under the statutory provision, will face action.

## 317 new Covid cases, seven deaths in state

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 26

The state registered 317 Covid cases on Saturday, taking the tally to 13,996. Besides, seven persons died of coronavirus in the last 24 hours. Three deaths were reported in Kangra, two in Shimla and one each in Una and Mandi.

The highest number of 77 cases were reported in Solan, followed by 55 in Kangra, 49 in Shimla, 40 in Mandi, 26 in Bilaspur, 21 in Una, 13 each in Sirmour and Kullu, 12 in Chamba, six in Hamirpur and two in Kinnar.

### Three dead in Kangra

Fifty-five persons tested positive for Covid while three patients died at Tanda medical college in Kangra on Saturday. Two deceased belonged to Una district and one to Kangra district. A 70-year-old man from Daulatpur village in Kangra died Saturday morning.

### 13 cases in Sirmour

Thirteen Covid cases, including six in Nahan, were detected in Sirmour district on Sat-

### STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	283,642
Recovered	9,710
Active cases	4,104
<b>Positive cases</b>	<b>13,996</b>
Deaths	159

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	1,669	11
Solan	2,883	25
Kangra	2,091	40
Chamba	798	9
Hamirpur	865	7
Sirmour	1,731	11
Mandi	1,597	21
Bilaspur	764	1
Shimla	1,156	28
Kullu	567	5
Kinnar	183	1
Lahaul & Spiti	137	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,996</b>	<b>159</b>

yday. An employee of a cracker factory at Dilman village in Pachchad was among those found infected with the virus.

**77 cases in Solan**

Seventy-seven persons tested positive for Covid in Solan district.

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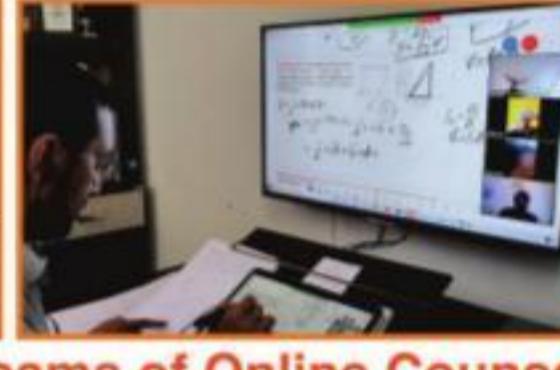


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In order to further encourage the expansion of Renewable Energy, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (For the State of Goa & Union Territories) intends to amend JERC (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017. Accordingly, suggestions/comments/objections are invited from the Public/Stakeholders/Consumers/Consumer Organizations on the Draft JERC (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020 which are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Draft regulations have been uploaded on the Commission's website [www.jercuts.gov.in](http://www.jercuts.gov.in) and can be downloaded.

The suggestions/comments on the Draft (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020 may be sent to E-mail id: [secy.jercuts@gov.in](mailto:secy.jercuts@gov.in) by 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by post or email for Commission's consideration.

(Rakesh Kumar)  
 Secretary

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
 JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
 NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed item rate tender on form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Governor of HP by the executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jhandutta for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in Jal Shakti Vibhag so as to reach in this office on or before 06.10.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. and will be opened on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non-refundable) up to 4.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020. The rates in the tender form will be filled in words and figures failing which the tender will be rejected.

The Earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Accounts/in any of the Post Office in Himachal Pradesh/Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of the XEN must be accompanied with each tender. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The tenderer may bring the latest income tax clearance certificate and registration with HP Sale Tax Department with latest clearance certificate and renewal of enlistment and GST Nos. and EPF Nos. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason. The offer of the tender will be kept open for 90 days.

Note: Other terms and conditions are as per schedule of quantity.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money of form
1.	Source level Aug. of various water supply scheme under IPH section Gehrwan from Kut Bongar (Presently Kahrerwan nallah) (Satluj river) in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) under JJM (SH:- Prov. and Installation of functional Household Tap connection in GP Behna Jattan for 110 No. Households).	361900/-	7300/- 250/-
2.	Source level Aug. of various water supply scheme under IPH section Gehrwan from Kut Bongar (Presently Kahrerwan nallah) (Satluj river) in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) under JJM (SH:- Prov. and Installation of functional Household Tap connection in GP Dahad for 105 No. Households).	345450/-	7000/- 250/-
3.	C/O rain water harvesting structure over see khad near village Kabareta in GP Balghar in Tehsil Jhandutta District Bilaspur (H.P.) (SH:- Survey, Planning, design and preparation of DPR for RWHS).	410000/-	8200/- 250/-
4.	Imp. & Ext. of LIS Sunhani 1st and 2nd stage in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) (SH:- Laying, jointing and testing of Distribution System).	267128/-	5500/- 250/-

Time allowed: 3 Months each

Executive Engineer,  
 Jal Shakti Division Jhandutta.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

On the occasion of Bal Mahotsav-2020, Haryana State Council for Child Welfare (HSCCW) is going to organize District Level & State Level various online competitions. The event in itself is the grand culmination. It provides an opportunity to underprivileged yet talented and ambitious children of Haryana. Sealed tenders are invited from experienced reputed IT firms/companies for organization of online Bal Mahotsav competitions for the following work:-

**OBJECTIVE:** Designing, planning and implementation of marketing strategy for Bal Mahotsav 2020 to be held online.

**TECHNICAL SYSTEMS:**

Details of Registration and entries portal:

The portal will be a user platform that will be easy to access for the participants where they can conveniently upload their performance content and their credentials. Features of portal:

**For Participants:**

- Fast uploading
- User friendly
- Confirmation Email
- 24x7 tech support
- Large traffic handling capacity
- Compatible with iOS, Android, Windows and other leading Mobile/Computer operating systems
- Supports old OS and all major browsers
- Can be accessed with low internet connectivity
- Supports all video, images and other relevant document content formats

**SERVER CAPACITY:**

The Portal must be integrated with a server of capacity to hold 2 lacs+ mobile or any other device recorded entries. With a capacity of 20TB and an additional standby capacity upto 60TB. The server service must belong to a reputable vendor like Google Cloud or AWS.

**TECH SUPPORT:**

24x7 technical support for a period of 2 months including server management.

**PROMOTIONS:**

Social Media Marketing to promote Bal Mahotsav 2020 in Haryana region:

The selected agency shall be responsible for the overall Digital Marketing and Communication campaigns across all social media and digital channels. It will also create a digital marketing architecture and roadmap pertaining to broad objectives of Bal Mahotsav 2020.

**SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY**

The agency will provide alerts of various threats/dynamic risks as and when it appears on Social sites, which may be detected real-time by use of tool/software or any other technique and initiate appropriate actions to be protected from it.

**Sponsorships and Celebrity Management:**

- The company must approach Prospective Organizations for sponsorships on the behalf of Haryana State Council for Child Welfare.
- The company must approach renowned celebrities for an ambassador proposal on the behalf of Haryana State Council for Child Welfare.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- The firm/company must have an experience of managing an event with more than 1 lakh audience for a government run or recognized State or Center Social Welfare Board/Council.

- The firm/company must have experience of providing IT services to a government run or recognized State or Center Social Welfare Board/Council.

- The firm/company must have experience of conducting an online event for a government run or recognized State or Center Social Welfare Board/Council.

- The firm/company must have an experience of organizing/managing an event for a prominent Government College.

- At least 15 employees must be full time deployed for the event.

- The facilities used for Bal Mahotsav 2020 must be exclusive during the event dates.

**Terms & Conditions**

- Tender documents and other instruction can be obtained from Haryana State Council for Child Welfare Koti No. 650, Sector-16D, Chandigarh. No specific performance is provided for application of tender.

- The tender shall be received on or before 05.10.2020 upto 05.00 pm in the O/o Honorary General Secretary, Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Koti No. 650, Sector-16D, Chandigarh.

- The firm must give the copy of individual PAN No./GST No. with the application at the time of applying the tender documents or must be attached with the tender form.

- Sponsorship and Celebrity Management activities will be finalized with prior permission and consultation of HSCCW.

- The Security, Income Tax, GST etc shall be deducted according to the instructions of Govt. from time to time.

- Honorary General Secretary reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason.

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# 1,217 cases; 20 deaths take toll to 1,125 in UT

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

J&K recorded 20 more Covid deaths — 12 in the Jammu province and eight in Kashmir — during the last 24 hours, thus taking the toll to 1,125 across UT.

A total of 819 deaths due to Covid have been reported from Kashmir and 306 from the Jammu province since the pandemic started.

As many as 1,217 new positive cases — 720 from the Jammu province and 497 from Kashmir — were reported during the same period. With 1,217 new cases, the Covid tally in J&K has reached 71,049.

Meanwhile, 1,937 patients — 1,154 from the Jammu region and 783 from Kashmir — recovered and got discharged from various hospitals across J&K.

According to an official bulletin issued on Saturday evening, out of 71,049 positive cases, 18,430 are

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC



### UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance

Persons completing surveillance

Samples tested

Negative results

**Positive cases**

Patients cured

Total deaths

### COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	3,319	36
Srinagar	14,204	285
Anantnag	3,444	62
Baramulla	4,215	121
Shopian	2,000	31
Kupwara	3,450	65
Budgam	4,703	81
Jammu	11,688	164
Udhampur	2,089	14
Ganderbal	2,819	28
Kulgam	2,244	43
Pulwama	3,817	67
Samba	1,627	19
Rajouri	2,464	30
Kishtwar	1,105	07
Kathua	1,934	21
Ramban	1,273	08
Reasi	877	05
Poonch	1,670	12
Doda	2,107	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,049</b>	<b>1,125</b>

active, 51,494 have recovered and 1,125 have died. The bulletin said out of

15,39,284 test results available, 14,68,232 samples had tested negative.

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

Amid the looming crisis over oxygen shortage in Jammu hospitals, the J&K Government today admitted that there was a need to improve the infrastructure and oxygen supply plant at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, the primary tertiary care health institution in the Jammu region.

Financial Commissioner, Health and Medical Education, Atal Dulloo, who visited the GMC, Jammu, including oxygen supply plant and control room, to take stock of the medical facilities being provided to the patients, said, "Some improvement has been made in the oxygen supply situation, but we will have to work hard to improve it further".

"All 37 ventilators in Covid wards are functional, but there are certain ventilators where we have been facing problems of low oxygen level. We are working on improvement in the overall situation," Dulloo said.

On September 24, the government had suspended two officials, including a Deputy Medical Superintendent, over the shortage of oxygen supply to Covid patients and mismanagement at the

### ALL VENTILATORS FUNCTIONAL

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patients in the hospital who need oxygen support, while the daily consumption of oxygen is around 800 cylinders. Many a time, the oxygen supply gets short which creates problem. We are working on improvement in the overall situation,” Dulloo said.

Regarding increase in the oxygen supply, it was decided that the liquid oxygen plant project in the GMC, worth Rs 17.29 crore, would be set up as soon as possible.

## JKPC severs ties with SMC ex-Mayor Mattu

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 26

The Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference (JKPC) on Saturday said former Srinagar Mayor Junaid Mattu was no longer associated with the party.

Soon after his association with the party ended, Mattu said the JKPC's investment in 'Gupkar declaration', wherein six political parties have vowed to fight collectively against the revocation of J&K's special constitutional status, would be "reciprocated by the National Conference's insincerity".

The JKPC announced that Mattu was no longer associated with the party.

"The J&K Peoples Conference would like (to) confirm that Mr Junaid Mattu is no longer associated with the party. The party's association with Mr Mattu has ended weeks back," the JKPC said on its official Twitter handle.

Soon after the announcement, Mattu said the association with the JKPC ended due to his "differences with the party on certain stands and issues."

### GLAD SPECULATION HAS ENDED

“I’m glad the speculation has ended and there is a confirmation from both sides today that my association with @JKPC has come to an end. This is something that has evolved over the last couple of months due to my differences on certain stands and issues.”

Junaid Mattu, Srinagar ex-MAYOR

roated only by "insincerity and disingenuity" by the NC.

"I, however – strongly believe that the party's investment in the Gupkar declaration is and will be reciprocated only by insincerity

**Plan to fortify oils with vit A, D to boost immunity**

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 26

The government is working on a plan to make it mandatory for all edible oils to be fortified with vitamins A and D to address general malnutrition issues and boost immunity amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The compulsory fortification announcement is on the cards with India's apex food regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), hand-holding the industry. FSSAI Chief Executive Officer Arun Singhal said,

"We are considering making it mandatory to fortify edible oils with vitamin A and D so that people can enjoy better immunity with good health. This will ensure that people have easy access to fortified edible oil."

The Food Fortification Resource Centre within the FSSAI will provide the necessary technical support required for the process. At present, 69 per cent (7.94 million tonne per annum) of packaged edible oil sold pan India is fortified.

## Aid for women, shelter for poor: Nitish unveils sequel to 'saat nischay' scheme

PATNA, SEPTEMBER 26

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar appears to be relying on his winning mantra of "good governance" yet again, as he outlined the second phase of 'saat nischay' (seven resolves), which he plans to implement if voted to power in the Assembly poll. The elections will be held in three phases in Bihar on October 28, November 3 and November 7. The results will be announced on November 10.

Kumar, who had emerged victorious in the 2015 poll, had announced the Rs 2.7-lakh-crore 'Saat Nischay' scheme just days ahead of the elections. Electricity, sewage connection, toilets, piped drinking water and metallic roads were some of the components of the scheme. Back then, his party JD(U) and the BJP were rivals, and the announcement was made to counter Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Rs 1.25 lakh crore special package for Bihar.

The Grand Alliance, which



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar arrives to attend an election meeting at the party office in Patna on Saturday. PTI

### TEJASHWI, TEJ PRATAP FLOUT COVID NORMS, BOOKED

RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, his elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav, Jan Adhikar Party (JAP) leader Rajesh Ranjan, alias Pappu Yadav, have been booked in poll-bound Bihar for taking out rallies here to protest the contentious farm Bills without permission and violating the Covid-19 protocol. The three were booked on Friday along with 150 others, the police said.

then comprised the JD(U), the RJD and the Congress, registered a landslide victory, proving that the "sushasan" (good

governance) plank worked well for Kumar. Buoyed by its success, Kumar, who had earned the moniker of

'sushasan babu' subsequent to the 2015 elections, on Friday unveiled phase-II of 'saat nischay', and urged people to vote him back to power.

The JD(U) chief said a separate skill and entrepreneurship department would be set up in the state to "hone technical knowledge of youth" and brighten their job prospects, and all Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and polytechnic colleges would be brought under its purview.

Kumar further said that his government, if given another opportunity, would provide up to Rs 10 lakh assistance to women for starting a venture, much like it had been doing for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youths.

"For the elderly population, many of them victims of neglect by their families, the government would set up old age homes and ensure they lead their lives with respect," the JD(U) chief explained. —PTI

### National Highways Authority of India

(Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India)

#### Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE ON USER FEE (TOLL) RATES AT KM 104+850 TOLL PLAZA, NEAR VILLAGE-GURHE TEHSIL & DISTRICT LUDHIANA (PUNJAB) ON NH-05 APPLICABLE FROM 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2020 OR ACTUAL DATE OF COMMENCEMENT WHICHEVER IS LATER

The public is hereby informed that pursuant to Fee Notification published in the Gazette Govt. of India vide S.O. No. 2425 (E) dated 08<sup>TH</sup> August 2013 by MORTH, the user fee rates for the use of section from Km 92+000 to 131+000 of NH-05 (new NH 05) is going to be started w.e.f. 27.09.2020 or actual date of commencement whichever is later at Gurhe User Fee Plaza (Km. 104+850, Gurhe Village, Ludhiana -District) in the state of Ludhiana at the following rates:

	Toll Plaza at Km. 104+850 village Gurhe	Amount in Rs.	
Category of vehicles	Fee for Single Journey	Fee For Return Journey within a day	Fee for Monthly Pass valid for 50 journeys
Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle	45	70	1555
Light Commercial vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	75	115	2515
Bus or Truck	160	235	5265
Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV to six axles)	250	370	8260
Oversized Vehicle (Seven or more axles)	300	450	10055

The rate of monthly pass for a person who owns a mechanical vehicle registered for non-commercial purpose and resides within a distance of 20km from the Toll plaza for the year 2020-21 shall be Rs. 275.00.

1. The above rates are applicable for a completed length of 39,000 km.
2. The following concessions are available at above toll plaza:
  - i) Return Journey within 24 hours from time of payment for all categories of vehicle (Fee Payable: one and half times of the fee for one way journey).
  - ii) 50 or more single journeys in a month from date of payment for all categories of vehicles (Fee Payable: two-third of amount of the fee payable for fifty or more single journeys).
  - iii) Pass at Rs. 275/- per calendar month for non-commercial vehicle residing within 20 km. from toll plaza.
3. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the Notification vide Gazette of India G.S.R. 950 (E) dated 03.12.2010.
4. The vehicle, which is loaded in excess of permissible load, shall pay the applicable fee for next higher category of vehicle and remove the excess load to make use of highway.
5. For viewing the fee notification dated 08.08.2013 published in the Gazette, the website <http://www.gazette.nic.in> may be visited.
6. Name and address are as under, for any enquiry and / or giving complaints/ suggestions:

	Concessionaire	IE	NHAI
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## Pb's Chugh among five new gen secys

Though Haryana does not have any direct representation, newly-appointed general secretary Dushyant Kumar Gautam (Rajya Sabha MP) has state connection.

Senior leaders Bhupender Yadav (Rajasthan), Arun Singh (Uttar Pradesh) and Kailash Vijayvargiya (Madhya Pradesh) have been retained as general secretaries, while Ram Madhav, P Muralidhar Rao, Saroj Pandey and Anil Jain dropped to make way for Chugh, Gautam (Delhi), D Purandeswari (Andhra Pradesh), CT Ravi (Karnataka) and Dilip Saikia (Assam).

Young and fiery advocate of "Hindutva" Tejasvi Surya has made an entry as president of the party's youth wing in place of Poonam Mahajan.

Nadda also expanded the list of spokespersons to 23 with Rajya Sabha MP and current media head Anil Baluni elevated to chief spokesperson. Others on the list include former ministers Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Rajiv Pratap Rudy and Shahnawaz Hussain.

Uttar Pradesh leader Rajesh Agarwal has been appointed treasurer and Mandsaur MP Sudhir Gupta his deputy. Amit Malviya has been retained as the IT cell and social media in charge. Other appointments include K Laxman, head of the OBC Mor-

### VACANCIES YET TO BE FILLED

- Vacancies in BJP Parliamentary Board, its highest decision-making body, not filled
- No announcement on head of party's women's wing

cha, Jamal Siddiqui, chief of the minority wing, Lal Singh Arya, chief of the SC Morcha, and Fatehpur Sikri MP Rajkumar Chahar, head of the Kisan Morcha. Besides, Radha Mohan Singh, Mukul Roy, Rekha Verma, Annapurna Devi, Bharti Shiyali, DK Aruna, M Chuba Ao, AP Abdulkarim were appointed national vice presidents.

Punjab's Aviansh Rai Khanna, Uma Bharti, Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Prabhat Jha, Om Prakash Mathur and Shyam Jaju were among those dropped.

The party also gave place to West Bengal leader Mukul Roy and Maharashtra's Vinod Tawade and Pankaja Munde in the team. Changes are also expected in the Parliamentary Board — the BJP's highest decision-making body — where there are vacancies due to the passing away of senior leaders Ananth Kumar, Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley and the election of veteran leader M Venkaiah Naidu to the post of the Vice President of the country.

## 11-point agenda, but SL won't commit...

"early realisation of infrastructure and connectivity projects" through bilateral agreements and MoUs.

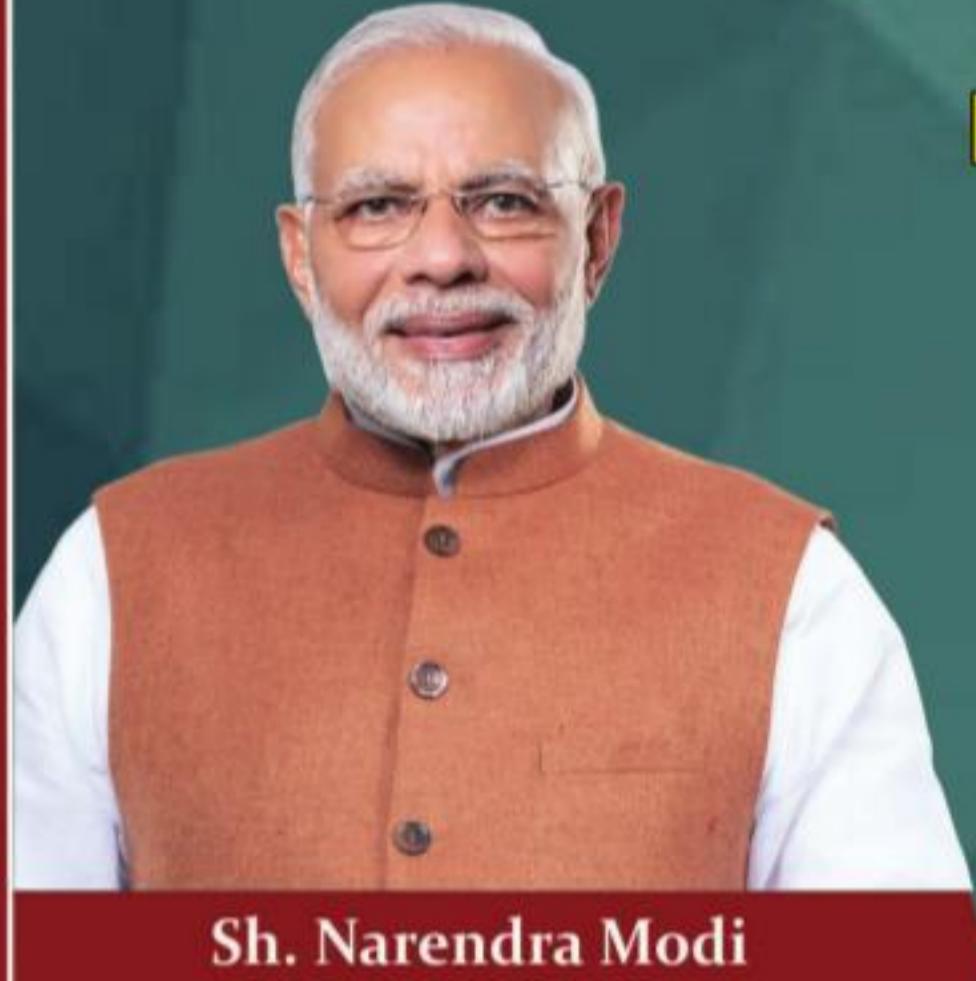
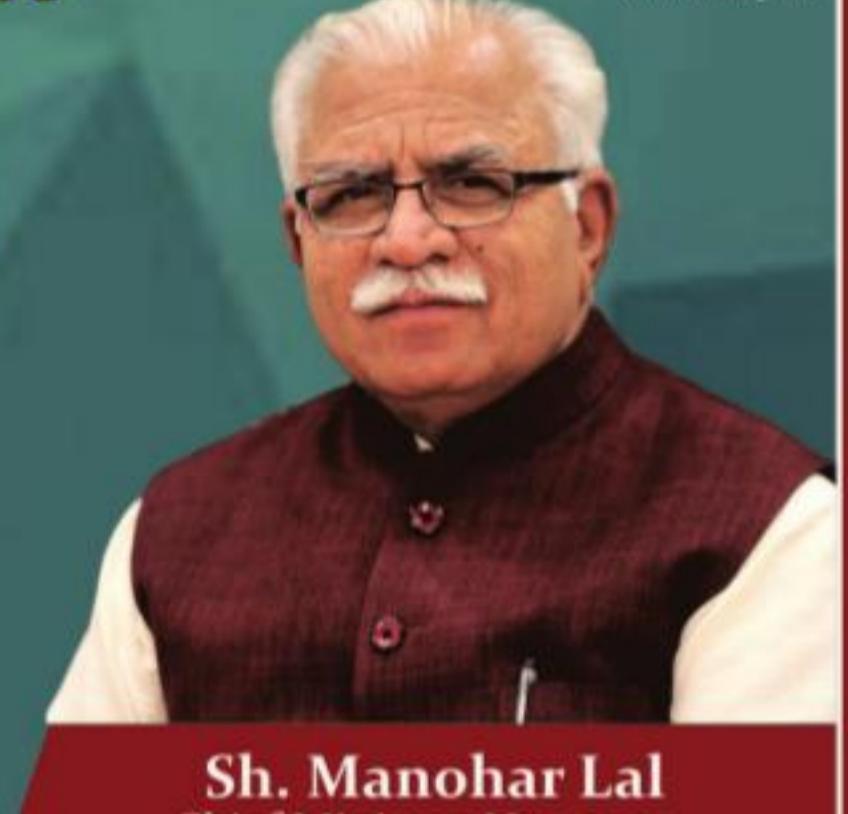
In response to PM Modi's call on the Sri Lankan Government to address the aspirations of the Tamil people, Rajapaksa eschewed any commitment on the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution. "Sri Lanka will work towards realising the expectations of all ethnic groups, including Tamils," he responded. PM Modi announced that a delegation of Buddhist pilgrims from Sri Lanka will be aboard the inaugural international flight to the sacred city of Kushinagar, which has recently been announced as an international airport. The two leaders also agreed to facilitate tourism by enhancing connectivity and by early establishment of an air bubble. They also resolved to strengthen cooperation between the armed forces through personal visits, maritime security cooperation and support to Sri Lan-

### WHAT THEY AGREED ON

- Social and medical assistance to Lanka, including a \$100 million credit line
- Another \$15 million grant for promoting Buddhist ties between the two nations
- Increasing coordination between militaries and security agencies
- Exploring opportunities in common heritage such as Buddhism, ayurveda & yoga
- Looking into import ban by Sri Lanka and deepening integration of supply chains
- Improving environment for trade and early completion of infrastructure projects

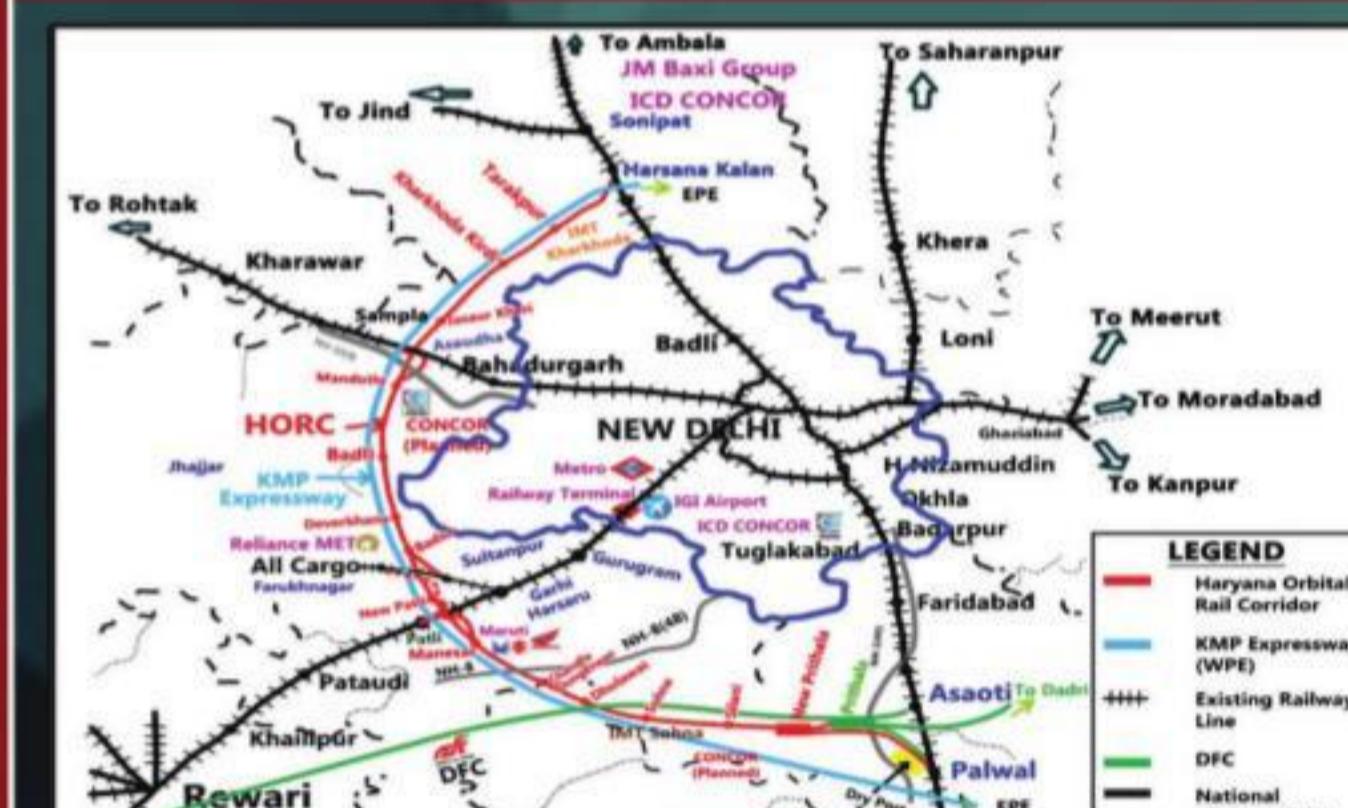
ka in the spheres of defence and security.

Recognising that BIMSTEC was an important platform for regional cooperation linking South Asia with South East Asia, both leaders agreed to work together to ensure a successful BIMSTEC Summit to be hosted under the Chairmanship of Sri Lanka.

**People of Haryana Express Their Gratitude to Sh. Narendra Modi Prime Minister For Approval of Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor**

Govt. of Haryana

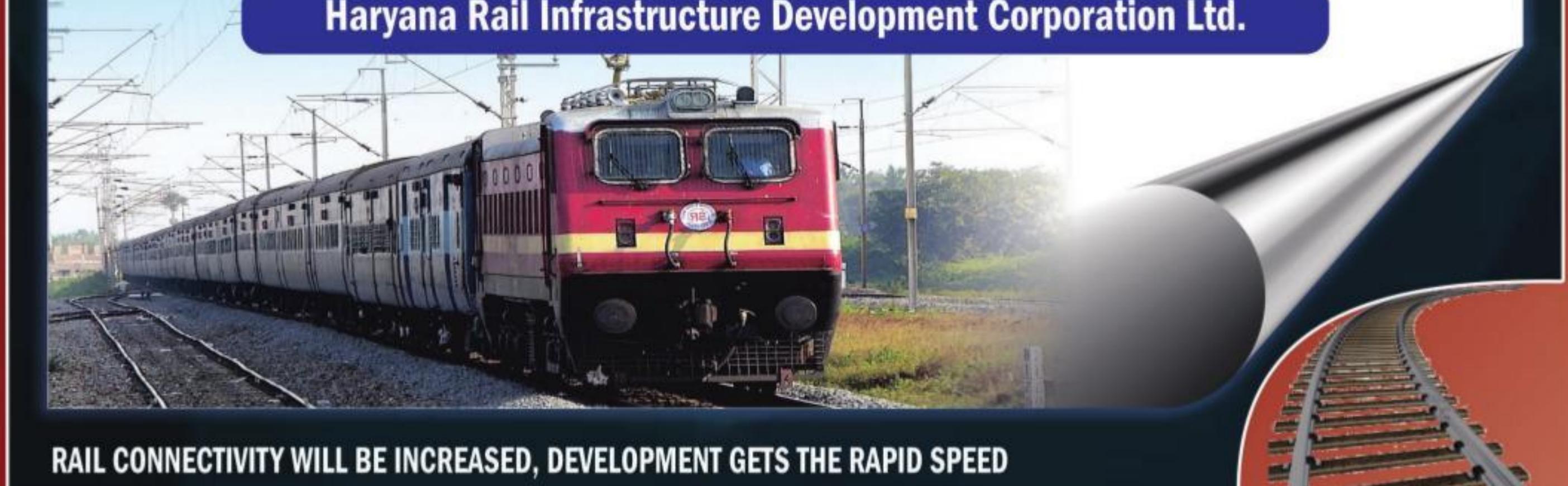


### Salient Features of the Corridor

- Estimated completion cost - **Rs. 5,617 Crore**
- Total Length **121.7 km**
- Completion time of project - **5 years**
- Generation of **76.30 lakh (approx.) employment opportunities**
- Transportation service to **20,000 passengers everyday**
- Boost to Industrial progress** in the State
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- Development of **Multi-model Logistic Hubs** in NCR
- Transportation of around 50 Million tonnes goods** per annum

- It will strengthen the infrastructure to attract multinational industries to set up manufacturing units which will **boost 'Make in India' mission**
- The project will have **19 stations**, including 14 new and 5 existing ones
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- Will facilitate affordable and faster commuter & long distance travel** in different directions from Gurugram and the industrial regions of Manesar, Sohna, Farukhnagar, Kharkhoda & Sonipat
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**Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**





**KHATRI/ARORA**

**SM4 Arora Khatri** beautiful girl, B.Tech., MBA (IIT), 5'-2", 27.10.1992, 09:40 am Chandigarh. Working in top MNC Gurgaon, 12 LPA. Caste no bar WhatsApp: 94631-88164. (CL20044168)

We are looking for an alliance for daughter aged 33 years (non-Manglik) in Gurgaon. She is pretty religious and blend of traditional values and modern outlook. Postgraduate in Mass Communications, Hindu Punjabi Khatri (divorced) the groom should hail from a decent, well educated family of around 33-37 years, from S7 to 6 ft. Contact with profile and photographs. Email: ritakurana9090@gmail.com (CL20039806)

**Beautiful, fair, slim, unmarried,** Non-Manglik girl, M.Sc. (Maths), B.Ed. Lecturer Chandigarh, 62000/-, 1975, 5'-2", 99144-00681, 62802-5309 (CL20041135)

**M.Tech. Arora girl, Employee** Himachal Govt. Bank Solar, 20 August 1988, 19:10 Patiala, 98556-47106, 83605-51730. (CL20042241)

**Wanted very handsome citizen** or PR of Australia preferably serving at Melbourne for a very beautiful MBA, MPA, 5'-6", 20.9.92, PR holder Arora Manglik girl serving in MNC drawing handsome salary, send latest photo & full biodata. 98149-11222. (CL20042399)

**Qualified match for M.A., B.A.** (Hons) English, 5'-3", 7.9.1986, 7:15PM, Amritsar contact: 94171-80951 (CL20042530)

**Seeking well-qualified match** for 5'-3" 32 yrs, fair, slim, vegetarian, LL.M., professionally experienced Arora (Kochhar) Advocate girl. Preference for MNC or Govt. job from Tricity. 94160-29456, 98969-23263. (CL20042736)

**Suitable match for Punjabi** Saraswat Brahmin girl, 89 born, 5'-4", B.Sc. Nursing Govt. job, regular Staff Nurse. Australia preferred. 89688-23285. (CL20042362)

**Punjabi Brahmin Saraswat girl** (non-Manglik) 28, 5'-6", B.Tech, MNC working Bangalore. Package 15-20 per annum. 87086-43592. (CL20042454)

**Saraswat Brahmin Manglik** girl, 5'-4", Aug, 87, MBA, Bank Manager, Una Chandigarh. dtv03@gmail.com (CL20042444)

**Match for Brahmin Saraswat** Manglik girl, 3.9.1994, 12:17 am, Place: Chandigarh, 5'-4", M.Com., IELTS 6 band. Contact: 98147-86130, WhatsApp 97934-25442. (CL20042454)

**Match for very fair and beautiful** Saraswat Punjabi Brahmin girl, B.Tech/MBA 5'-6", December 21, 1991, 12:35 a.m. Yamunagar. Mobile: 98123-35922, 96718-76072. (CL20042464)

**Professionally qualified suitable** match for Doctorate girl, 82 born, working in University in Dehradoon. Father retired Gazetted Officer. Early marriage. WhatsApp: 75792-22671. (CL20042807)

**Professionally qualified, settled** match for Khatri/ Arora manglik beautiful, slim girl, 29.08.95, 06:05 am, Ambala/ 5'-4", MA (English) B.Ed, preferred NRI also, Contact 98130-52348 (Whatsapp), 87088-96208. (CL20042888)

**Very high status, beautiful girl,** 24.07.1994, 04:56 pm, 5'-2", M.Sc., Business preferred. 72068-84934. (CL20042940)

**Charming, fair, slim, B.Tech (food), MBA, 1989, 5'-4",** manager Gurgaon. 90343-51417, b a j a j , p a n k a t @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20042952)

**Hindi Manglik Khatri girl,** 25.03.90, 11:30 am at Amritsar, 5'-3", M.Sc.(IT), Teacher at private school Mohali. Family well settled, Mohali. Veg family preferred. Chandigarh tricity only - 6283948060 (CL20043076)

**Manglik beautiful B.Tech,** MBA, 1984/ 5'-6", manager Delhi, Punjab based. 99583-83837, s e e k m a t r i 17 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20043278)

**Arora girl 1992/5'-5", B.Com, MBA** 7 Band, working girl brother Canada, 74895-90144, 88151-01804. (CL20043433)

**Hindu Bhateria Khatri girl** 20.01.1994, 23.35 Phagwara, 5Ft. Master in Tourism, Ass't Professor in Private Institute. 81460-00486. (CL20043732)

**Well settled business class Hindu/Sikh** match for Khatri beautiful, cultured, well educated, non working girl, 21.01.91, Chandigarh, 1:05 pm, 5' status business family. Chandigarh. 98142-11606, 97801-48912. (CL20044067)

**Suitable match for Hindu Arora** Khatri girl born 29.06.1990, Time 3.15 pm at Nangal, 5'-3", M.Tech., working in MNC Chandigarh. Mother Govt. Teacher. Father retired from Punjab Govt., one brother running business happily married, Tricity boy preferred. 099889-57669. (CL20044562)

**SM4 for unmarried beautiful, slim girl, 5'-2", June 1981, working as Manager in Private Firm.** Tricity preferred. Caste no bar. Contact - 94647-45510. (CL20044625)

**Match for Khatri/ Arora girl, MBA,** Govt. job, 03.08.90/ 5'-1", Time: 7:30 pm, Ratta (Haryana), working Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. 96460-01010. (CL20044722)

**Unmarried status match for Hindu Arora** beautiful slim fair, 5'-4", unmarried girl July 1976, MA, B.Ed. 98144-52413, arorab21@gmail.com (CL20044896)

**N/M qualified girl 5'-6"** 04.09.88, 5:35 pm, Ambala/ Tricity preferred. Kundli must. 95016-86834. (CL20044916)

**BRAHMIN**

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin** beautiful girl, B.Tech., April 13, 1994, 9:42 a.m. Patiala, 5'-4", working HDFC Bank. Government employee Patiala preferred. Email: mudgilashu22@gmail.com (CL20044186)

**IAS or Allied Services Govt** Officer Brahmin match for educated, smart Brahmin homely girl, 22 years, 5'-10", sharp features, Wheatish, perfect health, highly Senior Govt. officer's daughter, Bureau

Doctors family, High values. Parents Doctors, very Senior positions Punjab Govt. Horoscope must. 9814290885. (CL20044841)

**Manglik/Non-manglik girl, 5'-4"** 22.05.86, 7:58 a.m. Chandigarh. Teetotaller boy, simple marriage. Contact: 62399-43845. (CL20042302)

**Professionally suitable alliance** invited for beautiful Saraswat Brahmin Advocate girl Feb, 1985/ 5'-4", Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. Send biodata, photographs. WhatsApp 81469-40432. (CL20043013)

**Medico/ IAS for 1990 born,** 5'-3", fair, beautiful, Charming, brilliant, M.D., Pathology, girl. Doctors family, High values. Parents Doctors, very Senior positions Punjab Govt. Horoscope must. 9814290885. (CL20043051)

**Suitable match for manglik Saraswat** Brahmin, Punjabi girl, 27.04.1994, Ambala, 13:15/ 5'-8", B.Tech, M.A., B.Ed.. Private tuitions. Preferred Chandigarh/ Panchkula/ Mohali/ Ambala. 85708-84474 WhatsApp. (CL20044146)

**Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 20.05.1990, 2:10 pm, 5'-5", BCA, MCA, LLB Trainee qualified.** Preferred Advocate/ Employee/ Own Business. Contact: 98147-62889. (CL20043900)

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**Match for Gaur Brahmin beautiful** girl, 1:33.1992, 5:38 am, Chandigarh, Diploma in ECE working in MNC, Chandigarh. Preferred Tricity. 99888-70709. (CL20044746)

**SM4 Gaur Brahmin girl tall** 5'-7", 9.12.92, 4:10 pm, Chandigarh, M.Com., Veg. Tricity pref. 98761-93108, 94638-38055, only Brahmins. (CL20043123)

**Himachali Brahmin girl** Anshik/ Manglik (matching suits Manglik/ Non-Manglik). Serving HAS Class I Officer, 5'-2", 25.03.1986, Bilaspur. Preferred HAS/ HPS/ HJS/ Doctor/ Engineer/ Professor/ Scientist or equivalent Class I Officer. Hisamali, Kundli matching first. (CL20043129)

**Suitable match for Punjabi** Saraswat Brahmin girl, 11.01.1992, 3:42 am, Mohali, 5'-5", fair Master's Psychology working in PGI Chandigarh. Seeking in Tricity only. Preference for Medical Field. (92172-72086). (CL20042887)

**Saraswat Punjabi Brahmin girl,** 14.01.1983/ 8:50 a.m. Chandigarh, 5', M.A. English, Hindi, B.Ed. 94175-7105. (CL20044480)

**Handsome established businessman** settled in Chandigarh only for fair and beautiful Brahmin girl 5'-2", B.Tech, pursuing MBA, 28.10.1994. Contact: 94173-63073. (CL20042226)

**Suitable match near Ambala** qualified employed Brahmin issuesel divorcee girl 1979, 5'-3". WhatsApp only 9965-35353. (CL20043446)

**Professionally qualified match** for Brahmin girl 5'-4", 1.11.1987, 1:55 pm, Ludhiana, M.Sc. (Physics), B.Ed, working in BMC School, Shastri Nagar. Early and simple marriage - 99155-80893. (CL20043495)

**Match for fair girl, 5'-3", Dec, 1984** born, Ph.D Math, permanent Assistant Professor Chandigarh. Contact 94174-74775, slsharma06@yahoo.in (CL20043574)

**Delhi/ NCR based very beautiful, fair, slim, smart, convent educated,** M.A. lecturer Chandigarh, 62000/-, 1975, 5'-2", 99144-00681, 62802-5309 (CL20041135)

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**Match for Brahmin Saraswat** Manglik girl, 3.9.1994, 12:17 am, Place: Chandigarh, 5'-4", M.Com., IELTS 6 band. Contact: 98147-86130, WhatsApp 97934-25442. (CL20042454)

**Suitable match for Manglik Gaur** Brahmin girl, 05.07.1981, 8:35 pm, Ambala, 5'-3", PGDCA, M.Sc. (Computer Science), 94683-38281. (CL20043706)

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**PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED**

Chandigarh based Jatav S.C girl, 1989/ 5'-5", B.Sc, B.Ed, MBA, Accidentally amputated 2 fingers of right hand. Contact: 78140-13030. (CL20044921)

**WIDOW**

Suitable match for widow Khatri 27.11.1988, 5'-2", MCA, having 5 yrs. baby girl. Preferred Ludhiana. 98151-5102. (CL20043625)

**Suitable match for Mair Rajput widow** (having one daughter 2.5 years), 5'-3", 21.11.1983. Good looking and adjustable nature. Upper caste no bar. 94638-89740. (CL20044853)

**DIVORCEE**

H/ status match for issueless divorcee, 10.2.86, 3:37 pm Ldn., MCA, slim, V.fair and b'ful girl from reputed Aggarwal b'dz family. Br/man pref. Kundli match must. 97811-97222. (CL20039888)

**Match for issueless innocent legally divorced** Jat Bairagi Bawa girl, June 1983, 5'-3", Manager State Bank. Send biodata photo. Upper caste no bar. 95170-62283 WhatsApp. (CL20042220)

**Well settled match in Tricity Chandigarh** for issueless Khatri divorcee Dec. 1982, 5'-7". 97829-83567. (CL20042224)

**Well settled educated under 45 yrs alliance for Punjabi** Khatri 5'-4", 43 yrs good looking highly educated single mother holding US Green Card, living in India, child is US Citizen, USA/ India settled with business in USA & India only contact: rupalartiste@gmail.com (CL20042227)

**Wanted handsome well settled qualified match for 37 years divorcee** beautiful girl (B.ed) having 12 yrs old girl child from upper Middle Class. Caste no bar. Contact: 94171-84926. (CL20042265)

**Well settled match for divorced beautiful girl** 31, 5'-4", Graduate Mass Communication Private job New Delhi having 8 years daughter. Contact: 98719-90330. (CL20042315)

**Homely Ramdasia Sikh pure vegetarian** mutually divorcee issueless, 5"-2" (10/8), B.A., B.Ed., Punjabi Steno girl from Fatehgarh Sahib Govt/Private, good businessman nearby tricity. 7091-85339, 99884-21332. (CL20042349)

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**Match for beautiful & qualified Hindu girl** 5'-3", 31.01.94, required PR Newzealand boy, only Khatri contact: 98771-04414. (CL20043521)

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**Beautiful working B.Com., 5'-4", 13-01-1990, 18:37, Chandigarh. Preferred Hindu family. Caste no bar. 70099-13618, 94175-91612. (CL20042691)**

**Match for M.Sc. B.Ed., 1987/ 5'-3", Teacher reputed school, short time divorcee. Preference near Khamma, Ludhiana. NRI also welcome. 7814173739. (CL20042730)**

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**SM4 fair b'ful Dhiman issueless girl, 5'/ 89, MBA, B.Ed., wrkg as Teacher Mohali. 94633-84100, 94788-74500. (CL20043445)**

**Jaiswal Rajput girl** 32/ 5'-4", BA, Computer course, with 7 year old son. 98885-80436. (CL20043810)

**Match for Status Aggarwal Divorcee 1986/ 5"-6". Job, Chandigarh, 8 Lac. Upper Caste Welcome. 62847-76065. (CL20044274)**

**Match for 5'-6" 1987, MCA, beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl Punjab Government regular employee divorcee (short marriage). Caste no bar. Government/ MNC employee. Tricity preferred. Send pic/ bio. 78147-004900. (CL20044496)**

**Professionally qualified match in job for Aggarwal girl** 30 years, 5'-4", Software Engineer in Chandigarh. Innocent divorcee. Contact: Whats App: 98888-50944. (CL20044468)

**Match for Divorcee Doctors Khatri** Issueless MD Gynecology/ Anesthesia 1984/ 5'-3". Upper Caste Welcome. 62930-94368. (CL20044468)

**Suitable teetotaller match for Arora** beautiful 33 years, 5'-2.5", M.Tech. Scale I Manager in Nationalised Bank, legally divorced. Tricity preferred. 98726-94368. (CL20044468)

**Singla, divorcee, 9.9.91, 3:45 pm** (Malerkotla), 5', M.Com., 4 year son, private job. 98148-48042. (CL20044460)

**Suitable match for Saraswat** Brahmin girl March 1989 born, 5'-5". Working MNC, Gurugram. Contact: 92165-01810, 82889-41800. (CL20044473)

**Beautiful Arora divorcee girl,** 11.35 am, 18 Dec. 1983, POB Kathiala, 5'-5", Upper Caste Welcome. 62839-11932. (CL200444781)

**Well educated, status family match** for Panchkula based fair, slim, Khatri girl, very short issueless divorcee. 36, 5'-4". (Looks 26), MBA. Contact: 94189-61936. (CL200444900)

**Suitable match for innocent divorcee,** 32, 5'-1", Sarwat Brahmin girl, M.A (English), M.Ed, HP TET pass, teaching in private College. Only Brahmin. Contact: 94189-61936. (CL20044460)

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**CHRISTIAN**

**SM4 Christian girl, working in PSTCL** on regular basis, 1986, 5'. M.Com, B.Ed. Preferred Govt employee. Whatsapp only: 79868-06124, Call: 781445568. (CL20044776)

**NRI**

**New Zealand settled Ahluwalia** Sikh Family seeks PQM having professional job preferably settled in New Zealand or Australia for their daughter raised in New Zealand, 27, 5'-6". Post Graduate from the University Of Auckland and working in a state Govt. Sec School (college) as Biology Teacher. Please contact with full biodata and photo @ whatapp: 00642041308454. (CL20042746)

**Match for fair, beautiful Sikh Khatri** Canada PR girl, 30.5.1986, 3:30 am. Chandigarh 5'-4", B.Sc. (Hons). MCA, IT Professional in Canada. Preferred PR/ On work permit Canada, educated boy. 98142-54955. (CL20044484)

**Chandigarh direct deal 3 kanal house** prime location, B-Road, corner, greenbelt, Sector 9, (plot price). 98149-67149. (CL20041944)

**Chandigarh 4 kanal corner, good house Northern Sector** (below market price). Direct deal. 98149-67149. (CL20041941)

**Chandigarh 1 kanal modern house**, prime location, corner & B-Road, North- East, Sector 11, 16, 33, 35, 36. 98149-67149. (CL20041944)

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**Chandigarh: Direct deal 4 kanal old house B-Road, Sector 9, (going cheap).** genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL20041946)

**Chandigarh 4 kanal modern house**, prime location, B-Road, facing park, Northern Sector, genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL20041941)

**Chandigarh 4 kanal house facing park, Sector 27:** (Posh Locality), below market price, authorised Bansal Associates 45/45- 17-A, Chandigarh. 98149-67149. (CL20041950)

**Chandigarh: Direct deal one kanal house B-Road, prime location, Sector 8.** Genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL20041977)

**Chandigarh 5 marla /7 marla/ 8 marla** house single/triple Sector 22, 23, 35, 37, 38A, 3BD, going cheap. 98149-67149. (CL20041979)

**Chandigarh ten marla first floor** liveable good house, facing park, Sector 33 & ground floor Sector 15-A. 98149-67149. (CL20041981)

**Mohali (Industrial): 2, 4, 6 kanal, 1 acre, B-Road, corner in Phase-VII, 8B, Sector-82, Empire Estates 98150-83500. (CL20042329)**

**US based suitable match for Punjabi Sikh girl** 33 yrs, 5'-5", educated and working in US since 2004. Canadian PR holder, US Green Card in process. Email:- mrm68786@gmail.com (CL20042225)

**Only USA PR/Canadian PR match for Sikhi Rajput girl** 26/5'-8", MS Computer Sci, job in USA H1B visa. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp 09412-62005, 99143-18136. (CL20039266)

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**Chandigarh ten marla corner/** prime location, B-Road house Sector 15, 35, 37, 38A, 3BD, going cheap. 98149-67149. (CL20042425)

**Chandigarh ten marla prime/** facing park/ B-Road houses Sector 18, 22, 23, 46. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20042427)

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**Very beautiful 30, 5'-5" B.Tech (CSE) Aggarwal Status family girl, short marriage Divorcee. Preferred Govt/ MNC Employee.** 94173-63320. (CL20043283)

**Seeking upper middle class Doctor/ Engineer/ NRI/ divorcee (issueless) for fair, 23.11.1985, 5'-4", Brahmin, Preferred Hindu family. Caste no bar. 70099-13618, 94175-91612. (CL20042691)**

**Beautiful working B.Com., 5'-4", 13-01-1990, 18:37, Chandigarh. Preferred Hindu family. Caste no bar. 70099-13618, 94175-91612. (CL20042691)**

**Match for M.Sc. B.Ed., 1987/ 5'-3", Teacher reputed school, short time divorcee. Preference near Khamma, Ludhiana. NRI also welcome. 7814173739. (CL20042730)**

**Issueless match for Brahmin girl** 1984/5"-2", issueless divorcee (short marriage). M.Sc (Maths), M.Phil. 97819-63526. (CL20043026)

**Smart, intelligent, well settled, Norway (NRI) Aggarwal girl**, 33, 5'-5". Seeks well educated, smart (Engineering, Nursing) Norway or neighboring country or who wishes to settle in Norway. Khatri and Brahmin can also apply. Send biodata, photo on whatsapp: 734086187. (CL20043540)

**British citizen Arora divorcee girl,** 11.35 am, 18 Dec. 1983, POB Kathiala, 5'-5", Upper Caste Welcome. 62847-76065. (CL20044280)

**Match for beautiful Punjabi Khatri** girl, never married 29, 5"-2", M.Sc. (CS), Govt. service. Only preferred Edmonton and Calgary (Alberta), Canada. danand88@yahoo.ca 001-431-373-3224. (CL20044595)

**Match for beautiful & qualified match for Khatri beautiful** divorced girl, 86, 5"-4", BA

## CLASSIFIEDS

**10 Marla Houses Double Storey In Phase-2, 3B1, 7, 10, 11 & Sector-68, 69 Orbit Estates 9915534500, 9868799143 (CL20044080)**

**8 Marla House Single Storey Facing Park in Phase-3A, 4, 5, 6, Orbit Estates-9915534500, 9868799143 (CL20044086)**

**8 Marla Triple Storey Houses in Phase-2, 3B1, 3B2, 7 Sector-68 Orbit Estates-9915534500, 9868799143 (CL20044090)**

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**16 marla plot corner facing North East very good location Sector 71, Contact: 98885-52270. (CL20044859)**

**8 marla first floor facing park facing North East 2 BHK Phase 3A, Contact: 98885-52270. (CL20044903)**

**Showroom fully built, Vacant, extraordinary top location, branded cloth market, near My Shop Phase-7, 99143-27641. (CL20043448)**

**One kanal excellent location B-Road, 25% built plot, phase-11. Contact genuine parties. 99143-27641. (CL20043473)**

**One kanal extra ordinary location, B-Road livable kothi, Phase-5. Contact genuine parties. 99143-27641. (CL20043478)**

**HM-1 Excellent location on main roads Phase-4. Suitable for Professionals Doctors/ Advocates/Institutes. 99143-27641. (CL20043482)**

**Showroom pre-rented excellent location, huge parking, freehold, good rent, Phase-5. Only genuine parties. 99143-27641. (CL20043485)**

**10½ Marla 20% share Second Floor 3247, fully marbled facing East, near park. Sector 71, 99143-27641. (CL20043490)**

**8 Marla newly built excellent kothis facing park Sector-79 Mohali. Amba Properties 98784-54361, 98141-02348. (CL20044827)**

**Newly built Triple storey house 111.1 Sq.yds. Block-A East facing Aerocity Mohali. 9417070787. (CL20044619)**

**Phase-XI: HIG Ground floor, B-road, 5 bedrooms drawing dimming, partially renovated. 99883-85123, 94173-44312 (CL20044758)**

**16 marla plot Sector 78, 150 feet A road, best for professionals Doctors, Lawyers, on District Courts Road, opposite commercial sector. WhatsApp: 01191-85578-81098. Email: jays896@yahoo.com (CL20036239)**

**One kanal new builder kothi, facing park 395, Sector 71 with very prime location, triple storey interested and genuine buyer contact personally for more details with owner R.K. Garg. 98726-24599. (CL20042360)**

**One kanal ground floor 50% fully marble, teak, four bedrooms, drawing dining, lobby, Sector 69. Owner 62800-38139. (CL20042687)**

**Mohali: One kanal corner single storey Phase X, eight marlas 1½ storey marbled Phase V, double storey Phase IV. Marwaha 204, Phase 3B1, Mohali. Phone: 98140-10193, 98145-03193, 226509. (CL20042852)**

**6 marla new duplex House No. 724, Sector 80 and 6 marla corner Plot 8657. Aerocity Mohali, NRI property 98880-20409, 98885-20409. (CL20043054)**

**10½ marla new duplex 565, facing park Phase-2 & plot 3314 Sector 71, 98766-35909, 98767-35909. (CL20043599)**

**Kanal duplex facing park facing East, nicely constructed Phase-9. Authorised dealer Prinjha Associates: 82839-30009. (CL20044551)**

**8 marla kothi (200 gaj) newly built triple storey, B-Road, IT City, Mohali. Genuine buyers. 98558-85855. (CL20044578)**

**1 kanal one kanal marble kothi East facing Phase 4 and 11. Sohdi Property 98144-12820, 98149-12820. (CL20044673)**

**One kanal duplex/ double beautiful renovated 3B1, Mohali, facing North East. Contact Saleeb-2-Karam Properties: 98786-90761. (CL20044694)**

**8 marla, three bedroom, first floor, drawing dining, TDI, Mohali, 26 lacs. Genuine buyers. 98779-16251. (CL20044744)**

**PROPERTY WANTED**

**EcoCity New Chandigarh, Phase 1 & 2 wanted plots 100- 500 sq. yd. Sharma & Co. 98161-14757. (CL20042815)**

**Wanted 2 kanal, 1 kanal & 10 marla houses in Chandigarh immediate settlement. Allied Realty 98140-16644. (CL20042936)**

**Wanted all sizes HUDA plots/kothies at Panchkula, Karnal, Kurukshetra. Buyers ready. RV Associates 98140-06638. (CL20043101)**

**Wanted: 1 kanal plot in Sector 7, 9, 9 Panchkula. Contact: +91-98551-18436. (CL20043158)**

**Hot - purchaser with ready payment, wants one kanal (in Chandigarh only) good location corner/facing park old/livable house. Direct deal. (Col. Ahluwalia) 98765-58145. (CL20043196)**

**Ready Flat, 700-2000 Sq. feet in Sectors-85/90/105/74-A. Owners contact, dealers excuse. 8285000774 (CL20043546)**

**Wanted one kanal prime location houses in Sector 10, 11, 33, 34 & 36, Chandigarh. Only owners Contact: 99880-13347. (CL20043979)**

**Wanted kothies, plots, floors & commercial property at Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, quick deal Contact: Crown Property Consultants #29, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh, 99147-76666, 95920-66155. (CL20044704)**

**Wanted 12 marla corner facing park house Sector 18, Chandigarh. Payment ready. 70871-44555. (CL20044729)**

**Wanted any size plots/ kothies/ flats/ industrial/ SCO/ DSS/ booth in Panchkula come with file go with Bainia. Dhruv Properties. 98551-65590. (CL20044839)**

**Interested to purchase commercial property with annual rental income of Rs. 2 crores to Rs. 8 crores having minimum lease balance of above 5 years in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh Tricity and Delhi NCR. Contact: 98762-50430. (CL20044881)**

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**For best investment in property business/ joint ventures/ purchase/ sale of property. GPS Properties, 77400-46366, 98764-39566. (CL20044708)**

**PLOT FOR SALE**

**LT. City: 1 kanal A-road & facing park, residential plots in Sector 82A, 66B. Contact Empire Estates 95177-60000, 90566-66011. (CL20042323)**

**One kanal excellent location B-Road, 25% built plot, phase-11. Contact genuine parties. 99143-27641. (CL20042345)**

**Mohali: 1 kanal (corner/ F/park, B-Road) plots in Phase VII, Sector 69, 68, 70, 80. Contact: Empire Estates 97796-36055. (CL20042338)**

**Mohali: Sector 88-99, 500, 400, 300 gaj corner, facing park, B-road. Royal Castle: 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20042770)**

**Janta Land: 1 acre corner, 4, 2 kanal, 733, 667, 550, 500 gaj on main B-road. Sector 82, Royal Castle: 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20042771)**

**Mohali: 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500 square yards plots corner/facing park/B-Road in Aerocity & IT City. Royal Estate: 98889-98877. (CL20044601)**

**Available 6, 8 marla plots in Sector 26, 27, 28 Panchkula. Contact: 90414-44492. (CL20044646)**

**150, 200, 250, 300 gaj plots available in M.S. Enclave, Mamta Enclave, Dhakoli. 99143-77500. (CL20044654)**

**GMADA IT City 66-B, 2173, 258 sq yds. corner, facing park, North-East facing plot for sale. Aavaas 85588-20304. (CL20044674)**

**GMADA Aerocity 5518, 5314, 300 sq. yds. facing park, plots for sale. Aavaas 85588-20304. (CL20044676)**

**GMADA IT City 82-A, 3083, 3268, 200 sq. yds. landpooling plots for sale. Aavaas 85588-20304. (CL20044678)**

**Mohali Sector- 88: 400 gaj North facing, excellent location, adjoining builtpup house, Royal Castle. 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20042773)**

**One kanal plot Sector 27, 1 kanal plot Sector 12, 2 kanal corner plot facing East Sector 6, Panchkula. Ktty Estates 99881-01191, 98883-61191. (CL20044684)**

**3549-Sector-69 Mohali: 500 Sq. yds. plot, A-road, Sunwind direction. 70873-39342. (CL20044706)**

**100 sq.yd. residential plot for sale in IT City Mohali Sector 66, Beta Registry case demand 55 Lakhs, genuine buyers call 98784-36614. (CL20044716)**

**Available 100 sq.yds. plots (3227, 3338, 3479, 3523) in Sector-89, Mohali. Contact: Sahil Arora: 80544-23456. (CL20044771)**

**Patiala plot 475, 483, 562, 1520 sq. yards for sale at Passey Road, near Sri Dukhniwaran Sahib Gurdwara, Patiala. 98889-35511. (CL20044875)**

**For sale by owner facing East plot No. 2513 (250 sq.yd), Sector 123, Mohali. New Sunny Enclave. Call: 99150-07680. WhatsApp: +91315563300. (CL20044879)**

**Mohali: 12 Marla Plot B-road Sector-78, 79. Orbit Estates 98782-00042, 9915534500. (CL20044918)**

**Mohali: Sector 88-12 Marla Plot facing park, 16 Marla Plot Near Park. Orbit Estates- 8728883540, 98687-80000. (CL20044010)**

**Mohali: 12 marla Plot facing park, Sector 66-A. Orbit Estates- 8728883540, 98687-99143. (CL20044053)**

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**Patiala wanted plots in Urban Estate Phase-4 and Phase 2/3, plots/kothi SP Brothers Property 98766-35100. (CL20044476)**

**Mohali: Sector 114 Ansari Gold Links 950 sq. yds. North East and park facing excellent location plot on 80 ft. wide road, rare availability. Owner Col. Barar 97984-02999. (CL20044581)**

**Patiala wanted plots Ambala Sector - 8, 9, 10, Bahadurgarh Sector 9-A. S.K.Jain. 70154-78038. (CL20044802)**

**Patiala wanted plots in Urban Estate Phase-4 and Phase 2/3, plots/kothi SP Brothers Property 98766-35100. (CL20044476)**

**LAND FOR SALE**

**Zirakpur: 3, 5, 7 acre on PR-7 Airport Road for commercials, Mall, Hotels. Royal Castle: 98767-60000, 98787-03632. (CL20042777)**

**4.25 Acre, 500 ft from Commercial Land for sale at Morinda on Chandigarh- Ludhiana Highway: 70873-39342. (CL20044732)**

**14 acre land near Khanna (3 kms) suitable for Warehouse/ Institution/ Commercial use. Single owner. 98785-06000. (CL20044158)**

**9 Acre fully commercial within corporation Moga. Heart of city Moga with builtpup kothi, Moga developer institution solicited. 78890-06200. (CL20042598)**

**Land for sale - farmhouse 74 marla, Village Soonak, land 2, 4, 10, 30 acre Majri, Majri, Soonak, Burana, Parchi Mullapur. 98159-49013. (CL20042714)**

**Lands available for farmhouses, plotting, resorts, flats at Kasauli, Dharampur, Kumarhatti, Solan. Contact: 92163-60999. (CL20043187)**

**Chail Himachal plot for sale 400 sq. yard road touch one km from Chail Market. Ideal for hotel, home stay, cottage. Excellent location/ view. Contact: 97936-56817. (CL20044461)**

**58 Sq. yds., prime location, facing park, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh. 98783-9342. (CL20044712)**

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**DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING  
HIMACHAL PRADESH SUNDERNAGAR**
**ADMISSION NOTICE**

FOR

**03 years Engineering Diploma, 02 years Engineering Diploma through lateral entry and Diploma Pharmacy in respect of Govt. & Private Polytechnics & D. Pharmacy Institutes of Himachal Pradesh for the Academic Session 2020-2021.**

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that Technical Education Department, Himachal Pradesh is conducting the Online Admission Counselling Process for making admissions to diploma courses in 03 years Engineering diploma, 02 years Engineering diploma through lateral entry and diploma Pharmacy in respect of Govt. & Private Polytechnics & D. Pharmacy Institutes of Himachal Pradesh for the Academic Session 2020-2021.

The candidates desirous of seeking admission to above courses are informed that admission shall be made strictly on the merit of marks obtained in minimum educational qualification with specified subjects, as detailed in the Admission Prospectus-2020-21 available on H.P. Takiniki Shiksha Board's website [www.hptechboard.com](http://www.hptechboard.com).

The date for submission of online application for 03 years Engineering diploma courses has been fixed from **23-09-2020 to 05-10-2020**. The date for 02 years Engineering diploma through lateral entry and 02 years diploma Pharmacy courses have been fixed from **24-09-2020 to 06-10-2020** (through only online payment mode).

The eligible candidates, interested in seeking admission to Engineering & Pharmacy diploma courses are further informed to apply online as per schedule available on website, through [www.hptechboard.com](http://www.hptechboard.com) of H.P. Takiniki Shiksha Board, Dharamshala. Admission/Counselling schedules for 03 years Engineering diploma, 02 years Engineering diploma through lateral entry and diploma Pharmacy are different and separately available on the Board's website. Hence, all the candidates are advised to read the prospectus as well as admission/counselling schedules-2020-21 carefully, before filling up the online application form.

Further, facilitation centers have also been set up in Govt./Private Polytechnics and Govt. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) of the State to guide and help the desirous candidates for filling up the online Application forms.

In addition to this, a **Toll Free Helpline No. 1800-180-8025** has been set-up for the convenience of General Public/applicants to address all the queries regarding admission process. **The Toll Free Number shall be operational on all working days from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Note: The Director, Technical Education, H.P. reserves all rights to modify the admission/counselling schedules subject to COVID-19 conditions/exigency of situation. Hence, candidates are advised to check the Board's website regularly.

Director,  
Technical Education,  
Vocational & Industrial Training,  
Himachal Pradesh.

DPR/HP/3352



**HIMACHAL PRADESH POWER CORPORATION LTD.  
(A State Government Undertaking)  
SAINJ HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (100 MW)  
HPPCL SAMBHA - 17514 DINI KULLU (HP).  
CIN : U40101HP2006SC030591**

**CORRIGENDUM**

The tender submission and opening date of E-Tenders floated vide this office letter No. HPPCL/SHEP/SM (B/HM)/NIT/NIQ/2019-20-891 dated 04.02.2020 & HPPCL/SHEP/SM(B/HM)/NIT/2020-21-1033-34 dated 07.03.2020 are hereby EXTENDED as per detail given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Tender submission date and time	Tender opening date and time
1.	Providing wire crate protection wall for supporting the formation of road to Pot Head Yard of Sainj HEP (100 MW) from RD ± 50m to +130 m from junction of Power House road.	06.10.2020 up to 11:00 AM	06.10.2020 up to 11:30 AM
2.	Providing wire crate protection wall for supporting the formation of road to GIS of Sainj HEP (100 MW) from RD ± 90m to ± 181m from the junction of Power House road.	06.10.2020 up to 11:30 AM	06.10.2020 up to 12:00 Noon
3.	Landscaping in front of MAT Portal of Sainj HEP(100 MW)	06.10.2020 up to 12:00 Noon	06.10.2020 up to 12:30 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same.  
**Sr. Manager (Barrage/HM),  
Sainj Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL, Sambha.**

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.: 1

Name of Department: Fisheries Department  
Name of work: Excavation of ponds for Fish Culture at Village Kherki Manakpur Dist. Ambala + 9 No. other villages.

Total Estimated Cost (Rs.): 1,13,20,000

Start & Expiry date: 26.09.2020/12.10.2020

Website of Deptt.: [www.harfish.gov.in](http://www.harfish.gov.in)

Nodal Officer/Contract detail/Email: Satbir Singh, Sectional Officer (HQ) Mob: 9416776039 Email: fisheries.haryana@gmail.com

For further information kindly visit: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> & [www.harfish.gov.in](http://www.harfish.gov.in)

Sd/- Director Fisheries Department, Haryana, Panchkula.

PRDH/83013

No.TBS(Dmp)/Estt/IRL/2019-E-tender-

Dated the

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

TB Sanatorium, Dharampur, Dist. Solan HP hereby invites bids from eligible and qualify bidders for Purchase of Logistics under NTEP for Lab Services. Bidders can download the Bid documents with all detail from the website: <http://www.hptenders.gov.in>

For any queries, bidders may contact the **Office of the Sr. Medical Superintendent, HP Govt. TB Sanatorium, Dharampur, Dist. Solan (HP)** from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM on all working days.

Sr. Medical Superintendent,  
HP Govt. TB Sanatorium, Dharampur,  
Dist. Solan (HP).  
Email: stdchp@rntcp.org  
Ph. No. 01792-264022

DPR/HP/424

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHANDIMANDIR**  
SECTOR-D, CHANDIMANDIR-134107 (HARYANA)  
PHONE NO 0172-2554605,  
Website: [www.apschandimandir.in](http://www.apschandimandir.in), Email Id: [principalapschm@yahoo.co.in](mailto:principalapschm@yahoo.co.in)
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER / QUOTATIONS**

1. Army Public School, Chandimandir invites bids in single bid Open System for procurement of stores for establishment/upgradation of Resource Room at Army Public School, Chandimandir for the following Category:-

- (a) Teaching Learning Material and Instructional Material
- (b) Art and Craft Items/Equipments
- (c) Furniture and Others Items

2. Details can be seen/ downloaded from school website [www.apschandimandir.in](http://www.apschandimandir.in)

3. Tenders/ Quotations from the vendors having proper GST No are invited in sealed envelope alongwith 5% earnest money of the cost as Demand Draft in favour of Army Public School, Chandimandir so as to reach in the school by or before 1500 hrs on 26 Oct 2020. The earnest money will be adjusted against purchase order.

-sd-  
Principal  
APS, Chandimandir

**WESTERN RAILWAY**
**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE NO. S/22/2020**

Date 24.09.2020

**The counseling schedule**

Activity	Registration Date	Result declaration Date	Fee Deposition & confirmation of seats
3rd round online counseling for above mentioned 1 to 5	01.10.2020 to 15.10.2020	19.10.2020	20.10.2020 to 26.10.2020

Admission shall be made online at the Institution level as per admission guidelines issued by Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training & Chandigarh. The admission to the above mentioned programs (Sr. No. 1 to 5) shall be made on the basis of the merit criteria approved by Chandigarh Administration and PSBTE&IT notifications issued from time to time among the aspirants who have passed Matriculation (10th) Examination (along with Mathematics, Science and English). The aspirants have to register themselves in college website <http://www.ccetdipoma.edu.in>.

Note:- Due to Pandemic COVID-19, admission process of these programs will be done through online mode only.

No Separate Letter will be issued to the candidates.

Principal,  
Chandigarh College of Engg. &  
Tech. (Diploma Wing), Sector-26,  
U.T. Chandigarh.

PRDH/8303

Administrator, HSVP, Rohtak

For further details contact:  
Sd/- Estate Officer,  
HSV, Bahadurgarh.  
[eobgarhhuda2@gmail.com](mailto:eobgarhhuda2@gmail.com)

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S.No.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
583	Rear Cover for Axle Box	2497 Nos.	09.10.2020
584	Equalising Stay Complete for Lower Spring Beam	2083 Nos.	09.10.2020
585	Wearing Piece for Side Bearer on Bogie Boister Susp	753 Nos.	09.10.2020
586	Set of 35 mm Non Asbestos Based Organic Brake Pads	3933 Nos.	09.10.2020
587	Flap Door for BCNA Wagon	620 Nos.	09.10.2020
588	Locite 518 Sealant/ Locite of M/s. Henkel	187 Nos.	12.10.2020
589	Blower for AHU Motor of SIEMENS EMU rake	120 Nos.	12.10.2020
590	Semi Automated Column Agglutination Gel	1 No.	12.10.2020
591	Supply of Single Section Digital Counter (SSDAC)	2 Sets	15.10.2020
592	Axle Box Housing Finish Machined	766 Nos.	15.10.2020
593	POH Kit	240 Sets	15.10.2020
594	Glass Unit for Fixed Window	1242 Nos.	16.10.2020
595	Paper Masking Tape size 24 mm	2700 Nos.	19.10.2020
596	Paper Masking Tape size 2 inch width and 25 Mtrs.	4325 Nos.	19.10.2020
597	Air Brake Hose Coupling	6230 Nos.	19.10.2020
598	Complete Assly. of Swing Door	345 Nos.	19.10.2020
599	Internal Combustion Engine Oil Grade SAE 40 Ltrs.	12600	19.10.2020
600	Centre Pivot Pin	36 Nos.	21.10.2020
601	Rubber Spring Plate for Draw & Buff Gear	3132 Nos.	22.10.2020
602	PIN Flat Head	2178 Nos.	23.10.2020
603	Coupler Body with Shank Wear Plate (Welded)	985 Nos.	23.10.2020
604	Slack Adjuster Type	13 Items	23.10.2020
605	Auxiliary Reservoir	300 Nos.	23.10.2020
606	Modified Lubricant Grease Sealant Stick	3261 Nos.	23.10.2020
607	18W (4 feet Length) LED	3227 Nos.	24.10.2020

Regarding detailed notice, EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, Please visit website [www.ideps.gov.in](http://www.ideps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in)

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**Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project**  
**Forest Complex**  
**Dharamshala**  
**District Kangra**  
**Himachal Pradesh – 176215**  
Phone: 01892-223000, 223002

**Notice Inviting Quotations for Supply of Root Trainers HIKO 350cc (30000 Nos.)**

RFP No. Date: 26.09.2020

- The KfW, German Development Bank in five-year partnership with Himachal Pradesh Forest Department (HPFD) Govt of Himachal Pradesh is undertaking Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP). The project objective is "Forest Ecosystems in HP are managed in a way, that the risks of climate change and its negative impacts are minimized and/or mitigated, resulting in an increase of biodiversity of the treated Himalayan ecosystems and raised income in rural areas from sustainable management of natural resources".
- Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) intends to Procure Root Trainers to be used in Project Nurseries.
- Chief Project Director, Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) in Himachal Pradesh, invites quotations from eligible Firms/Suppliers for the supply of Root Trainers (HIKO 350cc).
- Eligibility Criteria for participating Consultancy Firm:
  - The goods offered shall match the specification or should be above that
  - The bidder is in the existence for last three years. Attach certificate of incorporation or registration.
  - Average turnover of Rupees 30,00,000.00 (Rs. Thirty lakhs) in last three years from similar business, it shall be certified by a Chartered Accountant.
  - The bidder's Net worth should be at least Rs. 30,00,000.00 (Rs. Thirty lakhs), it shall be certified by a Chartered Accountant.
  - Liquid Assets shall be more than Rs. 2,50,000.00. (Rs. Two Lakhs fifty thousand only), it shall be certified by a Chartered Accountant.
  - Similar experience of supplying the items at least three reputed organizations for more than Rupees 5,00,000.00 (Rs. Five Lakhs).
  - Certified PAN number attached.
  - VAT/Sale Tax Registration Number certified copy must be attached.
  - Must have sale & service center in Himachal Pradesh.
  - Attach Catalogue/Brochure of items to be supplied.
  - Declaration of undertaking - KfW's
- Manufacture authorization form - A bidder needs to submit this form if he is not a manufacturer Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from tender/procurement section on the website [www.hpfecpp.nic.in](http://www.hpfecpp.nic.in) from 26.09.2020 onwards or shall obtain from HPFECPP office.
- No liability will be accepted for downloading the incomplete document.
- Sealed Completed Proposals will be received at the address mentioned below on any working day up to **11.00 a.m. on 13.10.2020** and Technical Proposal of Bids shall be opened on the same day at **11:30 hours** at following Address:

  - Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project, Forest Complex, Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh – 176215, Phone: 01892-223000, 223002, Fax: 01892-22**



As against his family members, artist Gaganendranath Tagore remains the least talked about, the least understood, the least appreciated

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After her husband got killed in a blast in Jalalabad in 2018, Afghan Sikh Harpreet Kaur and her family moved to Delhi, but it has been an unending struggle

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Avni Doshi, whose debut novel, *Girl in White Cotton*, is on The Booker Prize 2020 shortlist, says she had to evolve and change as a person to be able to write it

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# Empty feeling



The unrestricted entry has come as a relief for the beleaguered tourism sector in the state, but the hoteliers do not foresee a sustainable footfall in the near future.

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## Huge image-building, infra upgrade needed for revival

ANIL WALIA

A HOTELIER for 30 years, I speak from experience. The hill states primarily attract tourists during the summer months. This year, things were different following the lockdown. The tourism industry and its stakeholders have been the worst hit with no income for six months.

While Rajasthan, Goa and Kerala began attracting the 'pent-up' domestic tourists, the restrictions on entry into Himachal with several pre-conditions for issuance of e-passes and arbitrary approval led to its gaining the reputation of being 'tourist unfriendly'.

Despite the government allowing opening of hotels for inter-district tourists almost two months back, only a handful of small units resumed operations. Himachal finally allowed unrestricted entry from September 15. The sudden opening of borders has led many to wonder why the tourism lockdown was enforced in the first place. As much as the tourism stakeholders want things to get back to normal, they only hope the industry does not become a reason for spreading the contagion in a zone that has been relatively free from it. The entire hotel industry of Kinnaur and Spiti has decided to remain closed till October 31.

Many hotels have decided to remain shut as they feel the tourist arrivals will be minuscule.



Industry stakeholders need a financial package to help them stand back on their feet. It could take a year to return to normalcy

Also, no hotel is re-employing the entire staff. The first weekend after borders were opened saw hotels in Kasauli, Shimla and McLeodganj-Dharamsala registering 10 per cent occupancy, but without discounts. The hoteliers have been given minor concessions, but want soft loans to be able to refurbish properties and rebate in power-water charges.

There is a dire need to promote Himachal as a safe destination, akin to what Kerala did after the floods. The government will have to step up tourism infrastructure projects to improve connectivity. An image-building exercise is essential to regain traveller confidence.

## The Tribune INTERVIEW: JAI RAM THAKUR, CM, HIMACHAL PRADESH

## 'Want to do much more, hands tied'

**C**HIEF MINISTER Jai Ram Thakur feels that despite wanting to do much more for the severely hit tourism sector, the poor financial health of the state restrains his regime. He is optimistic though that the tourism sector, which accounts for 7 per cent of the state GDP, will be back on track soon enough. Excerpts from an interview with Pratibha Chauhan:

■ How is the government planning to help revive the tourism and hospitality sector in view of the huge losses?

There is no second thought that Covid-19 has dealt a severe blow to the tourism sector in the past few months. We have tried to provide relief to the hoteliers within our limited resources and despite wanting to do much more for them, our hands are tied. Yet, we are eagerly awaiting the award of the 15th Finance Commission and if our financial position permits, we will definitely provide more relief to the tourism industry.

■ How hopeful are you of



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revival of the tourism industry with a surge in coronavirus-positive cases? During my recent visit to Manali

and in my frequent interactions with hoteliers, I have got the feedback that the revival has begun, even though slow, with the opening up of state borders. The fact that Himachal is still far safer in terms of the virus spread and number of cases, as compared to other parts of the country, makes it a preferred destination. The hoteliers have got a lot of queries about the safety norms and facilities in the changed scenario.

Manali hospitality units had about 7 per cent occupancy in the first week after opening of borders, which is very welcome, considering how far Kullu-Manali areas are as compared to Kasauli or Shimla. The revival has already begun though the road ahead will be bumpy and difficult.

■ Have the losses suffered by the hospitality sector been quantified? Is the govt-run Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) planning to offer discounts?

Initial surveys have pegged the losses suffered by the hospitality sector at almost ₹4,000 crore.

The government does realise that a lot will have to be done to attract tourists and provide them a very safe and reassuring atmosphere. Since the government will have to take the lead, we have asked the HPTDC to come up with attractive packages for tourists.

■ What is your message to hoteliers and tourists in the present scenario?

The hoteliers will have to ensure a very safe and comfortable stay for their guests as that is the only way to reassure people that Himachal is safe. An extra amount of effort will have to go into this, but there is no other way to get the tourism industry back on track.

As far as the tourists are concerned, they will have to abide by the social distancing norms as till now it has been seen that they are being very casual and are not wearing masks, which is not acceptable. The police have been told to be very firm with such people as we cannot risk the health of people of our state.

The wipeout of the mainstay summer season has dealt a crushing blow to Himachal Pradesh's tourism sector. The state has finally opened doors, but with winter approaching, pandemic fear looming and industry adopting a cautious approach, the recovery, if any, will be slow and gradual

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

L AST year, a total of 1.72 crore tourists visited the state — 1.68 crore domestic and 3.56 lakh foreign guests. Government records put the number of registered hotels at 3,679, with a bed capacity of 1,03,053, and home stays at 2,189 (bed capacity of 12,181). Add to it the guest houses, and the total number exceeds 10,000. This year, if at all any numbers are being cited, these are of losses and layoffs.

Winter tourism is a minuscule fraction of what the summer rush entails. So, when the lockdown was announced on March 24, the state's tourism industry could foresee trouble ahead. The blow came when the entire summer season was wiped out. The state government did allow restricted tourism activity from June 8, but the e-pass and mandatory Covid-negative reports for entry into Himachal meant a negligible footfall. The fear of the pandemic and the overhead SOP costs meant that very few hoteliers ventured to allow guests.

The unrestricted entry from mid-September has come as a relief for the beleaguered tourism sector, but the overall sentiment remains dim. Shimla and Dharamsala hotels witnessed about 25 per cent occupancy on the first weekend after the borders were opened, but hopes of a gradual revival are being tied with government support, since it is mostly small hotels, guest houses and home stays that have chosen to usher in guests.

Sanjay Sood, who heads the Shimla Hotel and Restaurant Association and Tourism Industry Stakeholders Association, wants the government to acknowledge the severe beating the sector has taken. "Till we don't get support, it will be very difficult for us," he says, as he lists the demands: soft loans, GST waiver for a year subsidised power and water.

The lurking fear of the pandemic has resulted in the hospitality sector of the tribal districts of Kinnaur and Spiti valley unwilling to beckon tourists till October 31. The Manali Hoteliers Association, which will start operations from October 1, remains adamant on allowing tourists only after Covid testing at the Kullu border.

Reports of unruly tourist behaviour in the first week of the border reopening — moving around without masks and littering the forests — has only added to the resolve not to open elsewhere. "We cannot take the risk of unforeseen circumstances. It is only after apple harvesting that we will welcome tourists to our pristine destination."



tions in Kinnaur," says president of the Kinnaur Tourism Associates. No package tours, trekking, camping or jungle safari will be allowed in the Spiti valley, adds Sonam Targay, spokesperson of the Spiti Tourism Society, who points at the limited medical facilities.

Some panchayats in Kullu-Manali have passed resolutions not to allow tourists. "We cannot put the entire community at risk simply for our earnings. We have requested the government to create a Covid testing facility at Bajaura, entry to Kullu district, so tourists are screened before entering," says Anup Thakur, president of the Manali Hoteliers Association. So far, tourists have been staying in private guest houses or home stays.

Another fallout of the lockdown has been the huge job loss as the hospitality sector provides indirect employment to lakhs of people like taxi drivers, tourist guides, those involved in adventure activities, dhabas, restaurants and small shops. With hotels closed, the purchase of milk, vegetables and fruit from the villages in the vicinity of hotels also stands affected. However, hoteliers are critical of the government for failing to back them.

"I have disposed of the services of all my staff as the situation is unlikely to get normal at least till March. With very limited arrivals and the risk of a Covid-positive person being found in my hotel, I would prefer to remain closed," says a Shimla hotelier.

But all cannot be bad news. And that silver lining comes from Ashwani Bamba, president of the Upper Dharamsala Hotel and Restaurant Association. "Hotel occupancy is expected to improve to 35 per cent by the second week of October. We are getting queries from across the country."

He points to an interesting trend of 'working from mountains'. "Several IT professionals are asking for hotel rooms for 15-20 days. The government should cash in on the work-from-home trend."

# Enigmatic story of a lesser-known Tagore

As against his family members, Gaganendranath remains the least talked about, the least understood, the least appreciated

*What profoundly attracted me (to Gaganendranath's work) was the uniqueness of his creation, a lively curiosity in his constant experiments and some mysterious depth of their imaginative value... He sought out his own untrodden path of adventure, attempted marvellous experiments in colouring and made fantastic trials in the magic of light and shade."*

— Rabindranath Tagore

*Capturing tensions of participation and denial, desire and derision, caricature provided polemical tools for visualising resistance in the colony. Under Gaganendranath Tagore, the genre was transformed into an aesthetic of rupture, bringing to visual art hitherto unexplored vocabularies of critique and expressionism. His cartoons reveal corporeal mechanisms at work that fused figurative with rhetoric, a satirical eye with modernist form, and politics with play.*

— Sanjukta Sundaresan

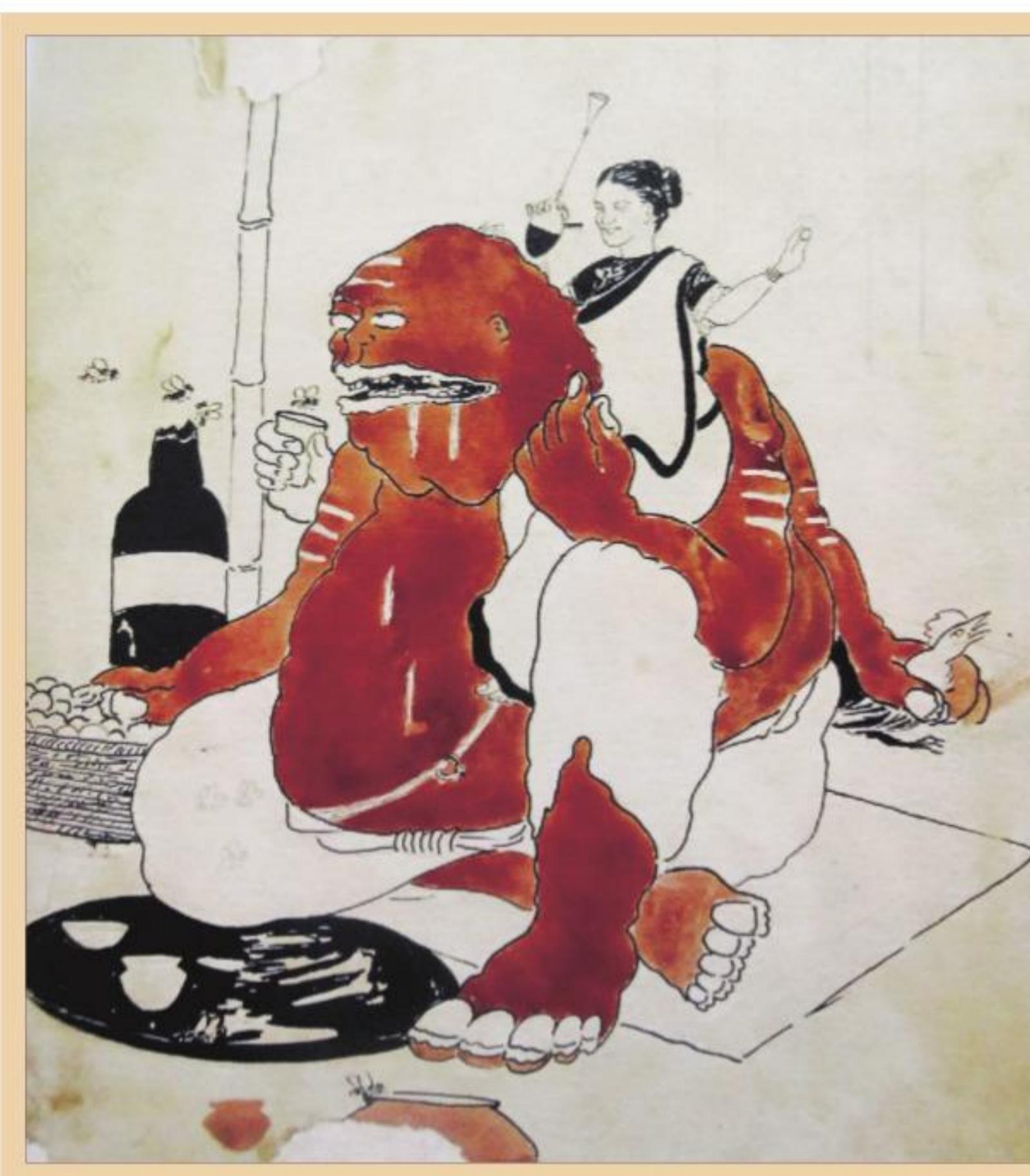


**ART & SOUL**

BN GOSWAMY

All the enormously gifted, and visionary, members of the Tagore family that dominated the cultural scene in Bengal at one time, Gaganendranath remains, just possibly, the least talked about, the least understood, and the least appreciated. Everyone knows the gloriously celebrated Rabindranath (1861-1941), of course: poet, philosopher, painter, music-composer, teacher, Nobel laureate, founder of great institutions, among many other things; the universally acknowledged 'Gurudev'. His nephew Abanindranath (1871-1951), founder so to speak of the 'Bengal School' and a key figure in the Indian 'Renaissance', was a teacher, an inspirer beyond compare in the eyes of aficionados. But Gaganendranath (1871-1938), older than Abanindranath by four years, flits in and out of one's mind as a somewhat elusive figure, a gifted man who ploughed more than one furrow in his artistic career. There are, to be sure, critical notices of him that appear from time to time, but if you were to ask the common man even in Bengal about him, you might get a quizzical look in return. "Who? Gaganendranath? Let me see..."

Any analysis of the total body of the work he left behind will tell us that there were different phases that he went through; the early forays, classical in a manner of speaking, in which he did some remarkably simple but moving portraits: family, sister, wife,



and all. There was a time in which he, like the rest of the Tagore and Shantiniketan family, saw, encountered, and worked with Japanese works and techniques. But then tragedy struck: Gaganendranath lost his young son of 16 years and, as per all accounts, never did recover from this loss. He withdrew into himself and it took prodigious efforts on the part of the family and a *kirtana-kar* to pull him out of the pit of despair into which he had sunk. That is when he moved somehow into the world of the great Vaishnava saint and devotee, Chaitanya, and painted him again and again: now leaving his family without saying a good-bye; now stealing a glimpse, from behind a pillar, of the triad of images that are installed in the great Jagannath temple in Puri; now joining others singing and dancing with abandon, the name of Krishna on his lips. To mark his devotion, Gaganendranath even designed a seal, Japanese fashion, featuring the sacred footprints of Vishnu, which he routinely printed on his work as a signature.

But then, almost without communicating with anyone, he turned to caricaturing, most of his themes taken from the hollow, slavish life that average Bengali *bhadralok* had started living under the shadow of the English masters. The pseudo-Anglicisation, the crass mimesis of manners, the slavishness of attitude, all irked him, burnt him up on the inside, and out came cartoons pouring scorn over men and manners of his times, especially against the background of the stirrings that the nation had started going through. The nation was beginning to go through a spiritual crisis and somewhere Gaganendranath must have felt very involved. This 'participation and denial', this combination of 'desire and derision', as Sanjukta Sundaresan puts it, must have sent spirals of anger and acidic wit raging through him. His are not cartoons of the highest grade, but something shines through them: the felt experience, the will to uncover hypocrisies, the invidiousness of our caste

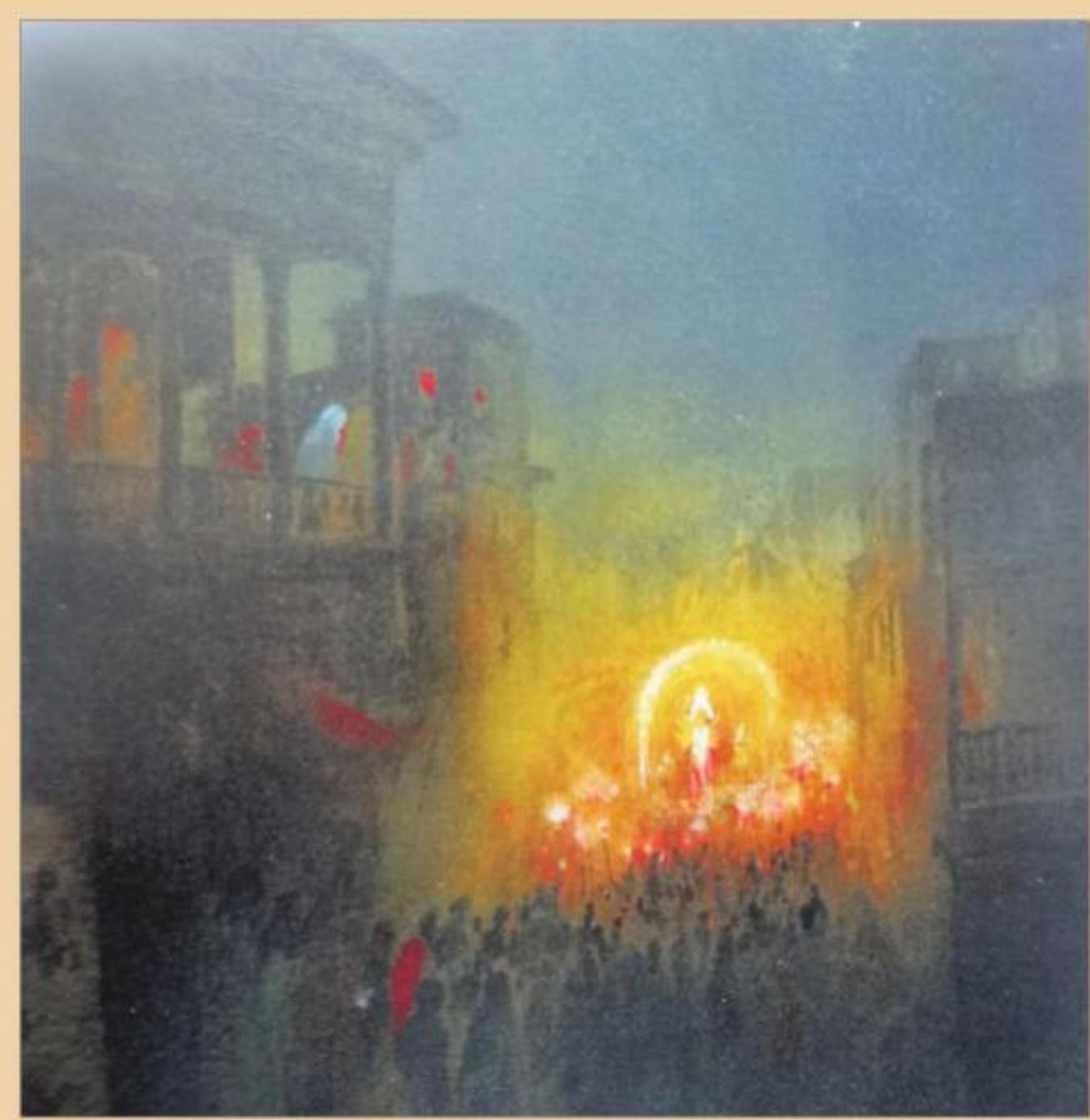
system, the masks that people put on.

Yet another turn, and Gaganendranath could be seen responding to the winds of 'modernity' in art that had started sweeping across Europe at that time. Especially the revolutionary new movement of Cubism, which challenged old notions of light and shade, of the treatment of solids in forms. He was in touch with developments in Europe and the Indian Society of Oriental Art — which he had helped found — took the initiative of getting a major exhibition of 'modern art' to India. Gaganendranath was quick to weave something of these new ways in his own style and if he is remembered today — that is, when he is remembered at all — it is as an Indian Cubist. There is a debate about all this in circles of art, but truly speaking Gaganendranath was not copying European art in imitation: somewhere within himself he had begun to explore a different path: in Rabindranath's words, displaying 'a lively curiosity in his con-

stant experiments and some mysterious depth of their imaginative value'.

Where does all this leave us when it comes to describing Gaganendranath's work? The trouble is that we all keep looking for labels, for a drawer of category in which to put him. It may be important on the other hand to free him from these confines and see him as a free spirit: gifted, and with a will of his own. Being a relatively shy man, uncomfortable with the glare of publicity, he did not claim much for himself: pronouncing himself to be championing this mode or that was not, I think, his wont. If he remains an enigma, perhaps we should let that be.

Gaganendranath did not like noises, certainly not the kind that Mark Twain once described when he heard people tom-tomming their own achievements. "Noise proves nothing," he famously wrote once. "Often a hen, who had merely laid an egg, cackles as if she has laid an asteroid."



All works are by Gaganendranath Tagore.  
(Clockwise from left)  
The Priest of Kaliyuga.  
1915-16; Durga Pratima Visarjan.  
1915-20; portrait of the painter's sister, Sunayani Devi. 1910.



## The magic of Waswo's satire

MONICA ARORA

THERE is something magical about Waswo X Waswo's painted photographs that transport one within the setting of our favourite bedtime fairytales, complete with enchanted forests, lofty mountains, rippling brooks, majestic castles and forts and overall air of suspension of belief. His latest collection of artworks are on display at Latitude 28 gallery in what is the first physical show in New Delhi since the lockdown. Entitled 'We Are Always Working', the artist describes it as "a show, which brings to fore the gallery as a platform for art."

The artist's self-deprecating humour sets his work apart

The Milwaukee-born artist travelled extensively in India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia for 16 years before he decided to set up his home and studio in the city of Udaipur in Rajasthan. For an artist who was always looked upon as the "white outsider" when he decided to portray himself as an "observer" of Indian cultural propensities by putting his own portraits in his photographs, the art world sat up and took notice of his ability at satire and wonderful sense of humour.

As he says, "Here I was, this fedora-clad, bumbling white tourist who was trying to get a taste of India. What fascinated me were the masses and not the royal maharajas. When I came to Delhi, I specifically told the travel agent that I did not want to visit the Taj Mahal. I looked at the map of India and pointed at Udaipur. It was love at first sight with its stunning lakes and architecture. In 2006, I shifted base."



**THE ODD ONE IN:** For his latest exhibition, Waswo (above, sitting) has worked with long-time collaborators Rajesh Soni and Shyam Lal Kumhar, both from Rajasthan.

It was in Udaipur that he met Rajesh Soni, a young artist from Mewar. One thing led to another and Rajesh began hand painting Waswo's photographs with colours, imbuing them with a

sense of freshness and artistry. Shyam Lal Kumhar, the other artist with whom Waswo works, has also been an integral part of his studio since then. The current exhibition is a collabora-

tive effort between all three. It is very interesting to observe how with a sepia photograph, Waswo is able to create a tapestry of a rich narrative wherein he actually seems to be "closely studying" his subjects through telescopes and DSLR cameras or just trying to net butterflies alongside. "My models are common men and women from villages of Udaipur and it takes a fair share of planning and preparation before an actual shoot," he says.

The exhibition is full of emotive moments and fun scenarios. In 'She Was Unhappy With Her Portrait', the frame is divided into two halves; in one, you see a woman looking sad and Waswo gaping in wonderment from behind. In the other half, she appears smug with a hint of a smile on the lips and no Waswo. It almost appears as if his intervention made her feel better about the image with his expertise and powers of observation.

In another work, a model with a fabulous six-pack is pouring water over himself from a *matka*, standing in the lake with the mountains and a fort in the background. In a miniature shot against the same backdrop, one notices Waswo enacting the same bathing scene, with complete nonchalance about his "not-so-fit" torso.

When asked about this interesting duo of works, Waswo laughs. "It is my attempt at behaving as a caricature of this awkward privileged American trying to unravel the cultural nuances that greet me at every nook and cranny of India. I draw playful references from life and love the fact that my creative process has enabled me to blend comfortably in the Indian art scenario."

The show is a refreshing break from the seriousness and sheer mundanity of life itself.

### CAPTION CONTEST 1274

MUKESH AGGARWAL



Entries are invited to suggest a caption for the above photograph. The caption should only be in English, witty and not exceeding 10 words, and reach Spectrum, The Tribune, Chandigarh, 160030, by Thursday. The best five captions will be published and awarded ₹300, ₹250, ₹200, ₹150 and ₹100, respectively. Each caption must be accompanied by a clipping of the caption contest and its number. Photocopies of the caption photo will not be accepted. Please mention the pin code in your address.

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### Selected entries for Caption Contest 1273



September 20 issue (see photo)

- Love is colour blind — AK Sharma, Chandigarh
- Every chocolate needs a little vanilla — Kavita Ahuja, Ludhiana
- Tails tell tales — Narinder Sharma, Panchkula
- Social distancing goes to the dogs — Vilas Aggarwal, Ludhiana
- The pawfect friends — Surinder Kumar Marwaha, New Delhi

# Harpreeet Kaur and her 31 rings

After her husband was killed in a blast in Jalalabad in 2018, the Afghan Sikh family moved to Delhi, but it has been an unending struggle. 'We came for a better life, now we wonder whether Afghanistan was better,' says the 40-year-old

HARKIRAN KAUR SODHI

**H**ARPREEET KAUR was a young girl in Delhi when she married her love and moved to Kabul. "At first, I couldn't understand where I had come. I used to cry in my room," she recalls. Slowly, the community's irresistible warmth touched her. "Phir mera bahut dil lag gaya and I didn't want to leave." Her parents had left Afghanistan for Delhi after Baisakhi in 1947. She grew up as a daughter of refugees in Delhi but little did she know she was going to become one herself, when she had to move back from Kabul after her husband's death in a blast in Afghanistan. Harpreet Kaur is one of the rare Delhi transplants into Kabul, who eventually returned to Delhi, now a city of strangers for her.

Harpreeet has two children, both born in Afghanistan. Her husband, Rawail Singh, was a community leader and trader. "He taught me to read and write. I am literate because of him," she says. "Every day we made lunch at home, and went out for dinner," she recalls. Her kids went to good schools and speak fluent Punjabi. She remembers the little things he did. "Every evening their father would come home from work and teach them Punjabi," she says. "Every year on our anniversary and my birthday, he gifted me a ring," Harpreet remembers, "I had 31 rings in all. I felt like a queen."

When a six-year-old Muslim girl landed at her doorstep, Harpreet took her in. She became her third child, and grew up with her own children. "Whenever my kids got a dress made, she would get one too". To Harpreet, it didn't matter what faith she belonged to.

Never in their wildest dreams had the family imagined that their life would change forever. In 2018, her husband received an invitation to join a caravan of Sikh leaders of Afghanistan to meet the President, Ashraf Ghani, in Jalalabad. "I had a feeling that something bad was about to happen," Harpreet says. But her husband didn't think twice, "Mein seva karana ja rehan, meinu kuch nahin hunda," he said, and left. That was the last time Harpreet saw her husband. In a country where explosions and bombings are so frequent, life is uncertain. When Rawail Singh, along with 12 other Sikh leaders, went to meet President Ghani, their van was asked to wait at the gate of the President's complex. Before they knew it, a suicide bomber appeared and the leaders



Harpreeet Kaur with her family in happier days. It has been more than two years since she and her two children moved to Delhi after her husband Rawail Singh (left) died in a blast in Afghanistan, but she has received little support.

were no more. Ghani was unharmed. He continued with his meetings.

What happened after this not only impacted the lives of the 17 families related to these leaders, but was also a setback for the Sikhs in the war-torn country. Harpreet's life was thrust into turmoil. Living in areas of conflict does not make the pain of loss any less. Trauma translates into a blur sometimes, and before she knew it, Harpreet had landed in Delhi. "Afghanistan wasn't safe," she says. She left her house in care of the Muslim girl she had raised, now 20 years of age. She left Afghanistan six months after the blast, and took next to nothing with her. But despite having arrived in Delhi more than two years back, Harpreet still considers Afghanistan her home.

Harpreeet now lives in the Tilak Vihar neighbourhood of Delhi, along with many other Afghan Sikh refugee families. The community continues to struggle. While stories of Partition are romanticised from afar, there is nothing beautiful about this modern-day Sikh refugee crisis. As they all wait to emigrate, the question remains — how are they doing in Delhi?

Harpreeet now lives in the Tilak Vihar neighbourhood, along with other Afghan Sikh refugee families. Her story is a testament that time is not always healing, and humanity is not always forgiving

#### When the pandemic struck

Things took a turn for the worse for the community when Covid-19 struck. "My son assisted at a local shop for a meagre pay but during the lockdown, the shops were closed. He would cry the way he did when his dad died," says Harpreet. When Harpreet would ask him, he would say, "I want to go back to Afghanistan. I cannot find work; I can't sit here and be useless all day. If we're going to die, we're going to die, why not just go back home?"

Harpreeet had taken on seamstress tasks but low demand caused that to

shut down too. "We live in a rented house. There are bills to pay: electricity, water and phone," says a teary-eyed Harpreet. She says, no organisation was providing any support, and even if there was any such support available, she doesn't know how to go about seeking it. "No one asks about us. It's as if we don't matter," she adds, "no one cares to know how we put food on the table — saada koi puchan wala nahin hai". She goes on, "We moved to Delhi for a better life, but sometimes I wonder if Afghanistan was better."

Similar has been the fate of most Afghan refugee families. Losses trickled down to lay-offs and many members of the community went without even the paltry assured income. "The situation in Afghanistan has continued to worsen. Thinking of going back means accepting death. Yet, this thought continues to cross our minds — not just because it is home, but because of what Delhi has given us," says Harpreet.

Earlier this year, 25 Sikhs were killed when a militant attacked a gurdwara in Kabul in the midst of an ardas. Efforts have been on to bring back remaining members of the Afghan Sikh community

to Delhi for reasons of safety. But is that enough, asks another Afghan Sikh refugee Giani Gurnaam Singh, who has moved from Jalalabad to Delhi. According to him, evacuating Afghan Sikhs has a laudable effort but more needs to be done.

"We must not assume that landing in Delhi is the solution — it is only a new beginning. International efforts to resettle the community are limited to newly arrived refugees. They must be provided both long-term foreign resettlement and short-term empowerment efforts," he says.

Harpreeet's story is a testament that time is not always healing, and humanity is not always forgiving. It has been two years since Harpreet came here but her situation continues to worsen. Now, as a 40-year-old, with two teenage children, she has no NGO assistance to register with the UNHCR or resettle in a different country. Foreign philanthropy provided short-term resettlement assistance to other families.

Harpreeet's three-year visa will expire next year and she has no clue as to what comes next. Nothing makes sense to her. When asked how she pays the bills, she says, "I sold the 31 rings my husband gave me."

# As masks become the canvas for art & craft

BINDU GOPAL RAO

**R**ANTI village in Bihar is known to be a cluster for Madhubani art. Women in the village have been painting masks as an art outlet since the pandemic began. "Most artists started painting on masks as all fairs and exhibitions had been cancelled due to the lockdown. Since many of them, particularly women, were dependent on art for their livelihood, the masks gave them an opportunity to give an outlet to their creativity and become relevant in times of adversity," says Madhubani artist Mahalaxmi.



Various Indian art forms like Madhubani, Pattachitra, Gamcha, Kalamkari, Kantha embroidery, Ajrak, Ikat, besides traditional block prints and handloom, are finding expression on masks. These are helping artisans become relevant in times of the pandemic while helping them give vent to their creativity

masks by Ramji Devraj and Kantha embroidery masks by Rajesh Roy, among others. "The artisans bring heart-warming embellishments to the mundane mask and make every face an ornament," says Jaya Jaitly, founder of the Dastkari Haat Samiti.

Local artisans and handloom clusters in the North-East states have been getting support from organisations like Antaran Artisan Connect to sell the masks they make. "Artisan Lovitoli from Nagaland initially tried her hand at making masks for herself. She used cotton fabric woven on her traditional loom to make strong and durable masks. Likewise, Tarali Das from Assam has used Muga silk, also known as golden fibre, to create beautiful masks. These masks became a hit soon," says Sharda Gautam, who heads this crafts initiative by Tata Trust.

Some textile brands have been experimenting with naturally dyed fabric to make eco-friendly 'wellness fabric'. "Based on ayurveda's principle of Nasya, organic cotton yarn is dyed in 108 herbs, after which these are woven to create the fabric that is used in apparel and masks. The barks of indigo, red sandalwood, aloe vera, neem and tulsi are boiled and combined with pure handloom fabrics to create masks. Our next batch has handloom checks on either side with a middle layer of aloe vera," says Shaswati Nair of textile label Shrivatsa. Brands like Ethnicity have been making masks using traditional art forms like Ikat and block print fabric. Bengaluru-based luxury brand Limited Edition has introduced hand-crafted masks 'Veil'. These masks in hues of red, mustard, black and blue use the traditional block prints, known as Ajrak.



Initially some women's groups started making masks, but soon a lot of artisans across the country started using masks as a canvas to display local art and craft.

The national association of craftspeople, Dastkari Haat Samiti, has launched a mask catalogue that reveals a collection of varied art forms. The masks include artworks by well-known artists: Madhubani masks by Remant Kumar Mishra, Pattachitra masks by Apindra Swain, Gamcha masks by Rangila Dhaga, Kalamkari



SHORTLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE 2020

## Mother, and a maze of memories

RASHI MATHUR

**T**HE human brain is fragile and coping with the fear of disappearance from somebody's memory can be daunting. Indian-origin author Avni Doshi's debut novel, 'Girl in White Cotton' ('Burnt Sugar' in the UK), which has been shortlisted for The Booker Prize 2020, draws us to this thought time and again through a roller-coaster emotional ride into a daughter's mind.

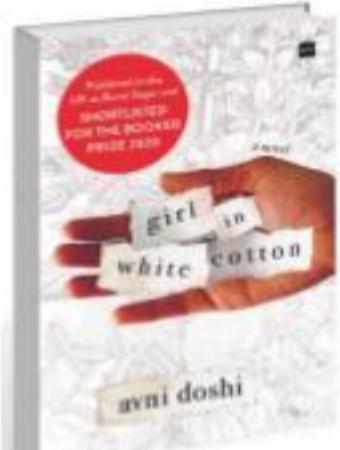
Since she first submitted a manuscript to a literary agent in 2012, it took Doshi seven years and eight drafts to bring it to its final shape. The novel was released in India in 2019 and made its UK debut this year, immediately getting longlisted for The Booker Prize along with the likes of Hilary Mantel, a two-time Booker winner. The Booker committee called the novel, set in modern-day India, "sharp as a blade and laced with caustic wit". "This is a love story and a story about betrayal. But not between lovers — between mother and daughter."

The notion of turning into a 'caregiver' to her mother, the woman responsible for snapping her idyllic childhood, pushes Antara back and forth into an unending maze of episodes from the past. She feels her mother's agony is 'redemption' of the 'humiliation' she subjected her daughter to. She is forgetting the date, the year, enquiring about her dead friends.

For Tara, the mother, marriage was like a 'sanctioned kidnapping'. A year later, Antara was born. When Tara's alienation from her own family grew, she started attending a guru's *satsang*, donned in white cotton, 'dripping with milk' without feeding her — the light cotton becoming 'a path to freedom for the mother', but for Antara, a 'separation from family'.

As her mother loses her memory, Antara finds it unfair that her mother 'can put away the past while I'm brimming with all the time'. She sits in the present, but her senses drift into a different space, her own grab over reality constantly loosening. Every time Antara contemplates, the author achieves her purpose of emphasising upon the fallibility of memory. Tara's physical degradation is 'repulsive' to Antara, who feels that human mind degenerates, 'halts, sputters, but can't be reversed'. She lives under a constant threat that 'for a moment' her mother doesn't know who 'I am, and for that moment I am no one'.

Supported by the images of a 'loud' and 'pungent' Pune, Antara's artwork of 'looking at where pattern ceases to exist' and the ashram scene with Kali Mata, the author gives this mind trajectory an organic unity.



GIRL IN WHITE COTTON (BURNT SUGAR)

by Avni Doshi.  
HarperCollins.  
Pages 288.  
₹599

# 'I had to evolve and change as a person to be able to write this'

■ From being longlisted for the Booker, you are now on the Shortlist. It's not just recognition, it has entered the portals of achievement. Have you felt the need to process it?

I'm not sure how to process something like this. There isn't a manual for it. Digesting something so big probably takes time, and I'm not focusing on it, particularly because not much has changed in terms of my day-to-day life.

■ It took you seven years to write the book. Does this prolonged indulgence fortify the author in varied ways, as much as it does her or his characters? I don't think of it as an indulgence as much as what was necessary for me to write the book. I had to evolve and change as a person to be able to write this novel. After every draft was completed, I went back and realised I wasn't happy, that I hadn't been able to tell the story I had wanted to. If I could have written the book in a year, I would have. But my abilities didn't allow for that.

■ You are a trained art historian. How does it play out in the shape and size of imagery — of your characters, their characteristics, your version of them, their version of themselves?

It's hard to unpick exactly how my background in the art world has influenced the way I write and what I write about. Of course, at a very obvious level, the artistic practices of the characters and descriptions of the art world feature prominently in the book. Perhaps there is a certain aesthetic in my writing, in the way the sentences sound and look? I try not to analyse this too closely.

■ You were born in the US, live in Dubai. Does physical distance alter the macro and micro component of the world you write about?

I think distance from the place I was writing about was useful in that I had to rely on memory, particularly in the



'Girl in White Cotton', which released as 'Burnt Sugar' in the UK, is Dubai-based Avni Doshi's debut novel. PHOTO: SHARON HARIDAS

form of sensory experiences. The book is quite sparse in terms of descriptions overall, I only wanted to include settings and spaces that would be evocative in terms of what was actually happening in the story and for the characters. Because I was far from Pune, I gave myself the permission to invent where I felt it necessary.

■ The first question that pops up in a reader's mind is: who is this 'girl in white cotton'? For the mother, cotton is 'her truth', while for Antara, it binds her in 'prison'. Her daughter Anikka is referred to as a 'bundle of white cotton'. Any particular reason for choosing this word and attaching multiple connotations to it?

White cotton as an image operates in the novel through its various registers of meaning. It is resonant for all of its connotations, the light and the

dark, and its associations with renunciation, purity, motherhood, memory and grief. I didn't set out with an expectation to unpack this image, but it began to appear again and again, and then I tried to excavate its possibilities in the narrative.

■ A mother-daughter relationship is about unconditional love, but it's not devoid of discord. Can we say the same holds true for Tara and Antara, but their neuroses alienate them from each other, and that's what the novel tries to achieve — fear and withering of mind associated with dementia?

What if we could accept that a mother-daughter relationship, with its originary mythologies, can contain contradictory emotions? Like love and hate, or creation and destruction. What if a mother-daughter relationship isn't about unconditional love,



but about deep ambivalence? Can we tolerate that? I think opening up the kind of questions we ask about motherhood gives us the opportunity to understand it as lived experience, rather than an idealisation.

■ The pandemic's been an altering event. What has changed, what hasn't?

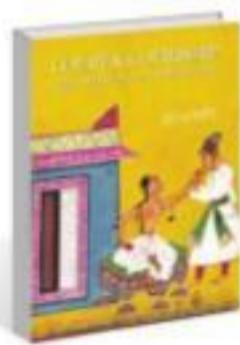
My daily life isn't very varied. I mostly stay at home, with my children, and read and write in the moments that allow for some quiet and solitude. The pandemic has made that time less possible — we are always together.

I think, overall, I have a sense of how little we need to survive after the last few months. There were certain luxuries and freedoms that I thought were necessary to my happiness, but it turns out that I was quite a contented prisoner. — TNS



## BACKFLAP

A LONG-TIME curator of Indian manuscripts and paintings at the British Museum and British Library in London, JP Losty explores the well-trod highways and the lesser-known byways of miniature paintings put together by well-known textile collectors, Praful and Shilpa Shah. It features in-depth commentary on 90 superb paintings from the court, portraits of emperors, princes, courtiers, and of royal elephants and horses. Courtly pictures include several from the Deccan, Rajasthan, Central India, and the northern hills. Resplendent ladies in 18th and 19th-century attire adorn the pages, as do paintings acquired for the textiles and costumes they illustrate.

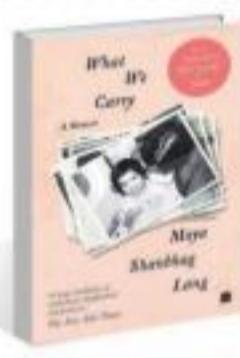


COURT AND COURTSHIP: INDIAN MINIATURES IN THE TAPI COLLECTION by JP Losty, Niyogi.

Pages 252. ₹2,500

THIS is a story about Maya Shanbhag Lang and her mother.

But on a larger canvas, it is a story about motherhood, daughterhood and feminism. Lang grew up idolising her mother, an accomplished physician who immigrated to the United States from India. Maya's mother had always been a source of support, until Maya became a mother herself. Struggling to understand this abrupt change, Maya soon learns that her mother is living with Alzheimer's. Unable to remember or keep track of the stories she once told her daughter, Maya's mother divulges secrets about her past that force Maya to re-examine their relationship.



WHAT WE CARRY by Maya Shanbhag Lang.

HarperCollins.

Pages 288. ₹499

WE have coexisted with viruses from the dawn of evolution. What has changed? Is it this 'new virus'? Or, has something changed in us? Have we disrupted something crucial in Nature? 'A Crown of Thorns' is science and history woven into a human story — the long view on a pandemic that's consuming us. Drs Ishrat Syed and Kalpana Swaminathan, writing as Kalpish Ratna, distil their study of plagues and epidemics into a work packed with ideas that provoke and insights that illuminate.

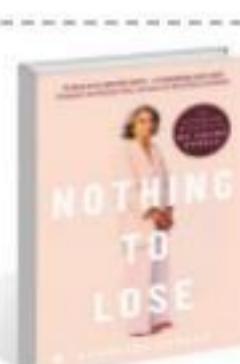


A CROWN OF THORNS by Kalpish Ratna.

Westland.

Pages 250. ₹399

If 'Wild Wild Country', the much talked-about Netflix documentary film, was a glimpse into Ma Anand Sheela's eventful life, this is a bigger picture, courtesy author Manbeena Sandhu, who had been following the Osho movement for two decades before her journey finally led her to Sheela. It promises to be a no-holds-barred account of Sheela's life, her intense relationship with 'Bhagwan', and the riveting story of what actually happened behind the closed doors of the cult's ashram.



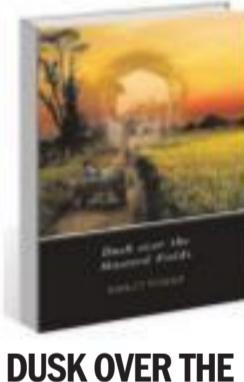
NOTHING TO LOSE by Manbeena Sandhu.

HarperCollins.

Pages 324. ₹599

## Camouflage of mustard in times gone by

BALPREET



DUSK OVER THE MUSTARD FIELDS by Ranjit Powar.

The Browser.

Pages 205.

₹349

begins on recognisable notes, and as Nimmo, the protagonist, appears along with her Sikh family and Muslim neighbours, the charm of the 'times gone by' begins to tug. But just when the everyday joys and rooftop romances draw us back into black and white nostalgia, the hypocrisy, the fears, the dark camouflages of the times cast shadows. From Nimmo finding a flutter in her young heart with Akhtar next door, to showing hints of fiery courage in the face of a mob in Ludhiana; to excitedly getting married to Lt Hukum Singh; and then, facing rejection, insult and pain for being 'not fair enough', or not being able to bear a child... we see the murky shades of human selfishness, indifference and injustice surface.

So when 'Dusk over the Mustard Fields' opens its arms, the embrace is easy. The Punjab detailed out in *havelis*, the runny-nose urchins, the scratchy dogs and the wandering *faqirs* resting under the *deori*... belongs to before-the-Partition, yet feels curiously familiar to us born decades later.

This first fiction title by The Browser

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In Nimmo, we don't just witness the back-story of how an innocent mind can turn bitter and wily, we also marvel at the graph's smoothness. Then there are misdemeanours we wish didn't exist.

Powar blends history and politics into delicious details of her characters and their lives. And how the times didn't just divide Punjab, but also the beliefs and choices of its people. Recommended, yes. It's more than a slice of history.

As news of twin-tower attacks beams around the world, everything falls apart. Daya flies back home to be with her father, who is on his deathbed. Aaftab leaves the city in the dead of night to avoid being harmed.

There is something fascinating about this tragic romance — a maelstrom of melancholy blended with a sense of relatability.

Daya never understood she was one of the children who had been taught the simplicity of sameness without any complications of difference. And, because she had never identified with any one religion, she had no sense of the other.

But Aaftab's family believed in monotheism, the idea of one God. His father once caught him reading a book about Hindu Gods. Almost puzzled, he asked: 'What could there possibly be to respect about a religion that cannot

agree on one God?' Fifteen years later, after meeting Daya, Aaftab knew the answer: that it had goddesses.

After discovering her calling — ballet — Daya takes up a job at a library, often visited by Aaftab, a lawyer. Madly in love, the two succumb to their conflicting desires. Love ain't no sin, but crossing the cultural divide 'is'.

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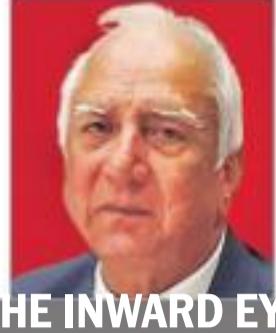
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# Vision or the lack of it?



THE INWARD EYE

GURBACHAN JAGAT

Once again China has moved forward, once again 'suddenly'. What was the thinking in Delhi? Why were we again caught off guard? Where is our strategic policy? Why are we always reacting and not taking the initiative?

**R**IIGHT from the beginning of Communist China, its rulers appear to have decided to treat India as a competitor for Asian dominance and adopted a policy of Bhai-Bhai deceit to cover up the real intentions. In 1959, Nehru gave asylum to the Dalai Lama, the Chinese took umbrage and used it as a propaganda weapon. They started with protests and border skirmishes, built up forward bases till 'suddenly' one day in 1962 waves of PLA soldiers came rolling down the hills in the North-East and Ladakh. We kept on retreating 'tactically' till they unilaterally announced a ceasefire. They went back from the North-East on their own but continue to occupy Aksai Chin. An ill-prepared nation was caught on the back foot. In June 2017, Doklam took place and although taken by surprise, our armed forces rose to the occasion and the Chinese were restrained from achieving their immediate objective. However, since then (according to media reports), they have greatly strengthened their infrastructure in the area. If anything, Doklam should have alerted us to the probability of further problems at other points of the LAC. Last year, Article 370 was abrogated, many speeches were made by ruling party leaders inside and outside Parliament on how we were going to retrieve Aksai Chin and PoK. Once again, China protested repeatedly, so did Pakistan. Once again China has moved forward, again 'suddenly'. What was the thinking in Delhi? Were we so naive to think that these two nations would take the decisions and actions quietly? Shouldn't we have planned for Chinese aggression? If so, why were we again caught off guard? Where is our strategic policy and vision?

At Kargil in 1999, the Pakistanis occupied the mountains and built

bunkers in our territory before we even got a whiff of their presence.

The point is that 1962 happened, Kargil happened and now Ladakh has happened again in 2020. The Chinese have occupied our territory, built fortifications to hold on to these areas. Figures differ as to how much land they have occupied, while we are still debating over whether it is occupation, infiltration, transgression or different perceptions of the LAC, and tom-tomming about capturing higher points in our own area. Forget about 1962 and 1999 — with all the sophisticated equipment available with the intelligence agencies now, why were we caught napping? Historically, why have we always let the enemy intrude hundreds of kilometres into our land and then fought him? All the invaders from the North-West reached Panipat unchallenged and then defeated us on our chosen battlefield. When I was in J&K, a foreigner remarked that we Indians have the 'Panipat syndrome' — we let the enemy come in and then fight instead of taking the fight to them in their land. Why are we always reacting and not taking the initiative? The short answer is that we have never formulated a national strategy of offence and defence; neither the armed forces, nor the diplomats or the politicians. Long-term strategy needs to be formulated after receiving inputs from all the above and other agencies. Taking just one example — diplomacy — how many of our neighbours are with us or will we wait for Uncle Sam as in 1962?

If we are to become a strong and independent nation, we need to have an economy to support it and that will only be built when there is a long-term vision, followed through with short and medium-term plans which are properly implemented. We make fun of Five Year Plans, but they did deliver-

ment in the beginning when there was no private sector worth the name. Steel plants, dams, road networks, ITIs, IIMs, atomic plants and the space organisation, to name a few. Land reforms took place along with the Green Revolution and farmers were given subsidies, which led to a nation dependent on food imports becoming surplus in its stocks. All in all, there was a design to kickstart the economy and keep it as independent as possible in a polarised world. The Non-Aligned Movement worked for India and we were able to survive the Cold War.

In the meantime, governments came and went, economic policies changed in bits and pieces without an overall long-term strategy. After the '70s, the common thread passing through all the decades leading to 2014 on economic strategy was lost... enunciated by the short-sightedness of governments taking up issues in piecemeal, but no overarching structure or vision. The year 2014 brought a lot of hope. The verbal promises of goodies sent the population into raptures. Tidy sums of money were promised to the poor, farmers were promised doubling of income, toilets for all, bullet trains, clean Ganga, crores of new jobs. Sovereignty of the country was declared supreme, not an inch of land to be given, etc. But, remember, no one spelt out a cogent economic, foreign and defence strategy, except for the general talk of ease of doing business and other homilies. What we got was demonetisation, the tangled web of GST with its associated deceit (ask the states).

An already beleaguered nation was faced with the added challenge of the pandemic, and our response was a thunder clap — total lockdown for 21 days with the promise that the virus would be demolished in 21 days. Millions lost roti, kapda aur makan. The country was in total confinement and

confusion where everybody was scared of everybody else. Those 21 days are not coming to an end and we are now number two in the world in the matter of infections. However, the government does not talk about it, so it does not exist.

The past century was defined by oil — it was the energy of choice and its control fuelled economies and thereby influenced geopolitics. As climate change begins to dominate the global debate, talk has begun about the decline of the petrostates and the emergence of electrostates, countries which will control the new electric economy. As per 'The Economist', Chinese firms produce 72 per cent of the world's solar modules, 69 per cent of Lithium-ion batteries and 45 per cent of wind turbines. This is not something which was achieved overnight — it is the result of planning and implementation over decades. China's control of rare earth minerals and its infrastructure and investment in the new economy position it well to dominate the new world order, which leads us to the question: where in all this are we positioned? Where is our national strategic policy and vision to take us to being a global/regional powerhouse? I guess we can debate that after we have settled the SS Rajput issue.

We are gearing up for a confrontation with China and I do not doubt the ability and the courage of our Generals and soldiers, but I fear for a repeat of the old bard Shah Muhammad's lament on the defeat of the Sikh armies: 'Ik Sarkar bajon fajjan jit ke ant nu harian ne' (Due to the absence of leadership, victory was turned into defeat). What we hope and pray for is Field Marshal Slims 'Defeat into Victory'.

— The writer is ex-chairman of UPSC, former Manipur Governor and served as J&K DGP

# Mughals were ours, were not the other



MUSINGS &amp; MALEDICTIONS

KEKI DARUWALLA

have improved since we get news of the 80-hour talkathon with the poor lady. But to continue with my paper, as I was walking through North Block, an MoS called out, 'Daruwalla Sahab, very fine paper. Woh Chief Minister badmash hai.' We hadn't mentioned a word against any Chief Minister. How dare we? But within a fortnight, a CM was sacked.

Back to the Mughals, who ruled India from 1526 to 1857, over 300 years. The glorious chapter of Mughal painting cannot be glossed over. Have we anything comparable to the miniatures? Babur, despite his sophistication (he would write poetry on horseback), didn't have a big hand in developing it. It was Humayun who developed it, driven out though he was in 1540, after having spent five years wandering in Rajasthan and Sindh. Meanwhile, in half a decade, Sher Shah Suri had transformed the administration, set up what was later known as GT road, put up trees and drinking water facilities on the roads — something our great administrative geniuses could not do to save the migrants in 2020.

In his Kabul court during exile, Humayun befriended Abdu Samad, known calligrapher and painter, and Mir Musawir. Samad was made *ateliq*, honorary guardian of Prince Jalaluddin, later Akbar, and given the title of 'Shirin Qalam'. He has been mentioned by both Abul Fazl and Badayuni. Humayun himself took lessons in art and calligraphy, and while wandering in Rajasthan asked an artist to paint a bird. Mughal painting was the result of very accurate observation of nature and life. There is both opulence and variety in each painting. If Sufis are depicted, each one will have a different garb and beard. Pigeons on a balcony will be distinct. A hunt scene will have the King with a weapon, beaters in the reeds and deer stampeding.

The man behind the brush was eclectic, not sectarian. A painting on the Third Battle of Panipat (1761) has a small square at the bottom showing Abdali's soldiers attacking/molesting the women in the fort.

A luminous central page from the Koran, showing the Surat Marium (chapter on Mary), is painted beautifully in a carpet design. Salim Jehangir's attention strayed towards engravings showing his interest in Christian theology. Father Jerome Xavier has been quoted in a letter of August 20, 1595 ... 'he (Jehangir) was seriously angry with our Muhammadan guide for bringing him no image of the mother of God'. In 1597, Xavier wrote to his superior that Jehangir especially wanted the 'pictures of our Saviour and the Blessed Virgin'.

The anti-Mughal bias comes from wrong beliefs. Mughals were ours, they were not the other.

# Gavaskar, Anushka & T20 hyperbole



GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHAJAN

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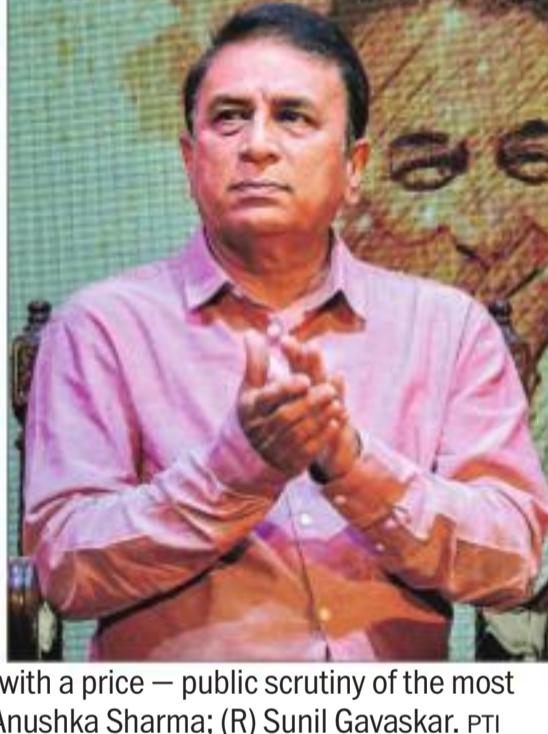
**T**HE outrage over Sunil Gavaskar's comment on Anushka Sharma's bowling to her husband, Virat Kohli, during the lockdown seems misplaced. Doing commentary in Hindi, Gavaskar said: "Jab lockdown tha toh, sirf Anushka ki bowling ki practice ki unhone... Us se to kuch nahin ban na hai." (During the lockdown, he practised against only Anushka's bowling ... That is not going to be enough.) He was referring to a video clip of Anushka bowling to Kohli with a soft ball during the lockdown.

Wives of most cricketers may have shrugged off Gavaskar's seemingly harmless comment; but Anushka, a strong and successful woman, has a voice of her own, and she reacted with anger. Possibly, she was affected by social media, on which Gavaskar's comment was given a vulgar twist.

Anushka's other peeve, of 'being dragged into cricket', seems to have greater merit. Cricketers hate it when their wives and girlfriends (WAGs) are blamed for bad cricket or defeats. Opinion is divided on this — officials often speak against WAGs on tour, cricketers and their partners mostly favour it. Anushka and Kohli must be sick of being part of this debate. After India's bad tour of England in 2014 — during which



The privilege of being a hero to a billion comes with a price — public scrutiny of the most invasive kind, as in the case of Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma; (R) Sunil Gavaskar. PTI



A hero to a billion comes with a price — being thrown open to public scrutiny of the most invasive kind.

## Cricketing points

Twenty20 cricket is a factory of cricketing hyperbole; it's more a case of money speaking than cricketing sagacity. Over the years, active cricketers have warned us not to take this version very seriously. In 2008, Dale Steyn said that "the IPL was only four overs a game and it was like a paid holiday". MS Dhoni once told this writer that losing one's wicket in T20 cricket didn't hurt much because "in T20 cricket,

you're trying to hit almost every ball, and the chances of getting dismissed are greater". Sachin Tendulkar often said the top-most format of cricket, Tests, should have the highest remuneration. After India won the 2007 Twenty20 World Cup, Yuvraj Singh said: "It's more of an entertainment for the crowd and the batsmen." Sourav Ganguly, Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid skipped the 2007 Twenty20 World Cup because they thought it wasn't such a big deal.

Then really big money came into T20 cricket with the IPL in 2008. Without the riches, it's unlikely that T20 cricket would have enjoyed the frenzied support of legends of the sport who, incidentally, also do a doublespeak with tributes to the "primacy" of Test cricket.

Players in the middle know it's a *tamasha*, so they dislike past cricketers judging their T20 game in an intense manner that was reserved for Tests or ODIs.

The Covid pandemic, which gave us all a pause for thought — the real heroes are doctors and scientists, not sportspersons or actors — may have been a good occasion to readjust priorities in sport: A rationalised salary structure, better balance between pop and classical, less jingoism, less frenzy. Futile hope, it seems.

# Conversations with my grandfather, Mulkh Raj from Kasur



IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT

NATALSA BADHWAR

Dadaji gave me the permission to move on beyond the value system that had sustained him. I need him by my side again today

**I**'VE been talking a lot to my grandfather this year. His name was Mulkh Raj — one who will rule over his nation. He was 24 years old in 1947 when India overthrew British rule to become a free country. My grandparents were already the parents of their first-born son, Trilok, who is my father.

Dadaji was employed in the Department of Posts all his life and had been working in a post office in Kasur in August 1947. The partition of India made the young Hindu family move to Zira in Ferozepur district. Kasur — their home and the final resting place of the mystic poet, Baba Bulle Shah — became a part of the new country of Pakistan.

Dadaji lived up to his nineties and passed on four years ago. Next to my parents, he was the third most influential adult in our family life. I remember Dadaji and him visiting us in Ranchi when my father went abroad for long training stints as an engineer. He taught me the Gayatri Mantra before I learnt to read. He

tried to institute a 5 pm family *puja* time while he was with us. I remember being restless to go out and play in the sand pit.

On our summer vacation sojourns, we visited my grandparents in Barnala, Ferozepur, Malerkotla, Phagwara and Jalandhar. We would travel to Faridkot, Fazilka, Makhu and other places to visit relatives. My brothers and I were identified as the visiting grandchildren of Postmaster Sahib and treated special by everyone we encountered. We bathed under hand pumps and cycled along canals to see the countryside. We learnt to peel sugarcane sticks with our mouth and chew till our faces dripped with sticky juice. We turned up our noses at the milky tea that smelt of buffaloes. Evenings with Dadaji meant story-time along with freshly roasted peanuts.

After he retired and my grandmother died in her middle age, Dadaji spent eight months a year with us in the cities we were growing up in. My father had planned my brothers' careers in the way Indian par-

ents do — his elder son would become a doctor and younger son an engineer. Papa didn't predetermine my career path. It was Dadaji who had a vision for me.

"Neeru, you are very intelligent," he would say to me twice a year. "You must prepare for the UPSC exams and then choose the Indian Revenue Service." Dadaji explained that as a woman, I would need a job that did not involve frequent transfers. Simultaneously, I internalised that he had high expectations from me. Dadaji believed in me.

My grandfather was my personalised window to patriarchy, to the Hindu Right, as well as to the syncretic culture and heritage of the Punjab we belonged to. He read the Gita every day, but in Urdu. He would read out passages to my brothers and me to make us better human beings who had "control over the five senses". He often asked me to read him mythological stories from *Amar Chitra Katha* comics in Hindi. Having gone to school in pre-Partition Punjab,

Dadaji's three languages were Punjabi, Urdu and English. He had never learnt to read Hindi formally.

Dadaji has been gone for four years but 2020 is the year that I crave for conversations with him. I do the next best thing. I talk to him as if he is there, visiting us and spending the pandemic months in my home.

I discuss the lockdown and subsequent hunger crisis and hear him criticise the short-sightedness of our government, that he himself may have voted for. He gives me the approval to leave my children behind safely and participate in relief distribution in the industrial areas around our home. I discuss the ugliness of Hindu supremacist ideology and the violent repression of minorities, Dalits, women and marginalised groups that it seeks to normalise. He shakes his head and makes a case for moderation. I ask him to explain the collective dumbing down of our society that feasts on fake news and manufactured outrage against

film celebrities when farmers are protesting against farm reform Bills all over the country. I want to tell him the details of the Delhi Police's sham investigation that seeks to criminalise peaceful anti-CAA protesters and victims of violence.

Dadaji was a benevolent patriarch. He would often argue for the need for a world order that codified caste, class and male supremacy. I would debate with him, showing him the redundancy of these hierarchies. He would recommend that I write about these things in my column and test the mood of the readers. He gave me the permission to move on beyond the value system that had sustained him. I need him by my side again today — to offer me the strength and wisdom to choose my battles. "Be strategic," I can hear him say to me. "Fight back in ways that don't deplete you. Rely on love and stories to guide you."

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## OBITUARY

Isher Judge Ahluwalia (Oct 1945 - Sept 2020)

## Gentler proponent of laissez-faire

SANDEEP DIKSHIT



Isher Judge Ahluwalia's biography, "Breaking Through — A Memoir," will be read with more than a touch of poignancy as the author passed away within a month of its release.

There is an added poignancy to the passing away of a brilliant economist in the midst of the country's worst-ever economic crisis and to not having been consulted by the powers that be.

In her brilliant saris, coiffured hair and her presence at high-visibility events, Isher Judge may have seemed to be the epitome of the Harvard-bred Khan Market Gang that the current regime designs to shun.

But as her book reveals, it was the hard work of this number nine of eleven children of a Punjabi pickle maker that propelled her with distinction through Presidency College, Delhi School of Economics and finally MIT. Her mentors along the way: Bimal Jalan, Amartya Sen, Manmohan Singh and Paul Samuelson. She was among the young turks of economic liberalisation, who along with her husband, positioned themselves against the status quois crowd of the licence-quota-permit-raj early on in her career.

Though the Central governments of the Congress persuasion absorbed the homilies that came from the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), an institution she built herself, her home state Punjab saw fit to requisition her services only in 2005 when Capt Amarinder Singh was the Chief Minister.

It is also a tribute to her mite in building up the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) that when she stepped down as the chairman on August 11 she was unanimously made its first chairman-emeritus, never mind that this may not have been to the current regime's liking.

As was the case with her husband, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, there was just no doubt where they stood in the politics of economic development. . With the advent of the BJP government, Isher Judge focused on the ICRIER, encouraging her wards to keep pushing the boundaries of economic thought.

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## NCB quizzes Deepika, Shraddha, Sara for hours

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The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Saturday recorded statements of actors Deepika Padukone, Shraddha Kapoor and Sara Ali Khan in the drugs probe linked to Sushant Singh Rajput's death and an alleged Bollywood-drugs nexus.

While Sara Ali Khan and Shraddha Kapoor were questioned at the NCB's zonal office at Ballard Estate, Padukone was questioned at a guest house in Colaba, an official of the central agency said.

Shraddha Kapoor reached the NCB office around 12 pm and left after six hours, while Sara Ali Khan reached around 1 pm and left around 5.30 pm. Padukone was confronted with her manager Karishma Prakash during questioning, sources said. Padukone, who reached the guest house around 9.50 am, left at 3.50 pm. Prakash, who had been quizzed on Friday too, was also allowed to leave around 3.40 pm. On Friday, the NCB

had also questioned Dharma Productions' Anubhav Chopra in connection with film industry-drug nexus.

In a statement, film-maker Karan Johar had said Prasad joined Dharmatic Entertainment, sister concern of Johar's Dharma Productions, in

November 2019 on a contract basis for a project which did not materialise. According to NCB sources, Karishma Prakash's WhatsApp chats included conversations about drugs with one D' and the central agency wanted to find out who this person was. — PTI