

Govt cancels Class XII exams

To follow pattern announced by CBSE for declaration of results

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19
School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh on Saturday announced that the state government had decided to cancel the Class XII examinations due to the Covid-19 pandemic after taking nod from Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

The Cabinet minister said the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) would declare the results as per the pattern being followed by the CBSE. Singh said the decision had been taken as students and parents were worried about the admissions to higher study courses.

Singh said as many as 3,08,000 students had been enrolled in Class XII in government, aided and private schools under the PSEB in the 2020-21 academic ses-



HIT BY PANDEMIC

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sion. He said it was not possible for the education board to conduct the examinations due to the challenges posed by the pandemic. He said as per the adopted formula, the PSEB

would prepare the result according to a 30:30:40 formula based on the student's performance in Classes X, XI and XII, respectively.

Singh said the PSEB

would draft the results based on an average 30 per cent theory component of best three performing subjects out of the main five subjects in Class X; 30 per cent weightage on the basis of marks obtained by the students in pre-board and practical exams in Class XI; and 40 per cent weightage on the basis of marks obtained in pre-board examination, practical examination and internal assessment in Class XII.

"In case of those students who have changed stream after Class XI, the result will be prepared as per weightage on the basis of the marks obtained in Class X and weightage on the basis of the pre-board examination, practical examination and internal assessment obtained in Class XII," the minister added.

First green fungus case in state

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APARNA BANERJI

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JALANDHAR, JUNE 19

Punjab's first case of green fungus, also known as aspergillosis, has been reported in Jalandhar. A 61-year-old patient, who had recovered from Covid months ago, has been diagnosed with the disease. The first green fungus case of the country was reported in Madhya Pradesh a few days ago.

A resident of Baba Bakala, the patient had tested positive for Covid in March and had recovered. Complaining of constant cough and difficulty in breathing, he was admitted to the Sacred Heart Hospital at Macsodan a few days ago.

Dr Ashutosh Dhanuka, consultant and pulmonologist, Critical Care Centre, Sacred Heart Hospital, Jalandhar, said, "The patient isn't on life support currently but taking into account the seriousness of the disease, he



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pitalised after testing Covid-positive at Ludhiana in March. He stayed in the hospital for 22 days after which he was discharged. But his cough failed to subside and dissatisfied with the diagnosis elsewhere, the patient was brought to us on Sunday.

After bronchoscopy and on seeing the biopsy reports, the patient has been found positive for invasive aspergillosis or green fungus. The patient isn't on life support currently but taking into account the seriousness of the disease, he

Ramp up vax drive, DCs told

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19
Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan on Saturday asked all Deputy Commissioners to ramp up the ongoing vaccination drive for all the 18-plus eligible population while prioritising the superspreaders, vulnerable and the co-morbid people in the state.

Chairing a meeting, the Chief Secretary authorised the DCs to plan effective outreach strategies to vaccinate maximum people in the coming days. —TNS

COVID METER

Cases	600
Critical	168
Active	8,077
Deaths	31

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

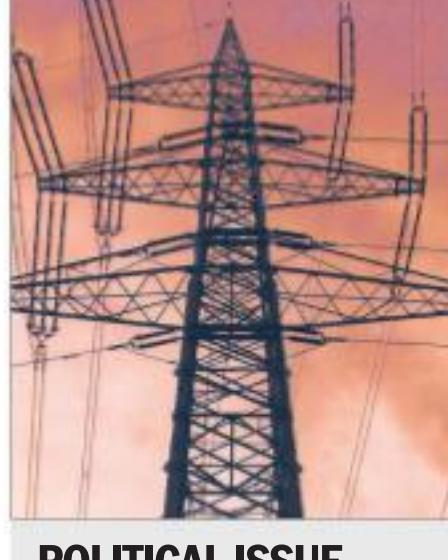
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bathinda	95	2
Jalandhar	55	2
Fazilka	48	0
Ludhiana	44	1
Hoshiarpur	43	2
Total	5,91,762	15,802

PSPCL forms committee to discuss power purchase pacts

Three-member panel to submit report in a month

The Tribune IMPACT

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POLITICAL ISSUE

The Congress had in its 2017 election manifesto assured voters of reviewing the PPAs, and many ruling party leaders have already demanded their cancellation

reads the first point raised by the PSEBA, under consideration of the committee.

The other point raised by it, to be taken up by the three-member committee, is to make Pachawara coal mines fully operational, which can help save money. "If the captive coal mine is made fully operational, the PSPCL will save crores of rupees," it had suggested in its letter in April.

Under the agreements, fixed charges are to be paid to these three plants even if the state does not require power. In its opinion to the government, the Punjab Advocate General office has already opined that there was deviation from bidding guidelines, they said.

However, officials responsible for arranging power said: "To meet the peak power demand, which is well in excess of 13,000 MW during the paddy season, the PSPCL cannot meet its peak demand without IPPs' generation."

The centre was jointly inaugurated by SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur and Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib Jathedar Giani Ragbir Singh.

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the then Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 14, 2019, in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues. The Supreme Court collegium finally recommended the elevation of six judicial officers in September 2019 and they were administered oath in November 2019. It is believed that at least three other senior District and Sessions Judges in Haryana have retired since the collegium last finalised and forwarded the names for elevation. Another two senior judges, in zone of consideration, are retiring this month-end.

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Allow IELTS centres to reopen, govt urged

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JANCHIGARH, JUNE 19

Representatives of IELTS institutes in Punjab have demanded reopening of training centres, as the economy opens up after the lockdown. In its latest order, the state government had decided against reopening IELTS institutes.

Institute representatives, led by Sonia Dhawan, managing director of a private centre, met NRI Affairs Minister Rana Gurmit Sodhi and urged him to ensure the institutions were reopened.

"Prospective international students from Punjab who have applied to different foreign colleges and universities for interna-

EASE RESTRICTIONS

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tional courses such as diplomas and degrees are in a catch-22 situation. Also, employees of IELTS training centres, allied vendors and their families have faced the brunt of lockdown restrictions all through the pandemic, while others have been rescued time and again. It is time to take a sympathetic view," said Dhawan.

different areas of Punjab.

"Arrangements have been made to administer the Covid vaccine at Sri Guru Ramdas Medical College, Amritsar, under the free vaccination drive. Under the expansion of the drive, free camps are also being held at the Golden Temple, Amritsar, and Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, Talwandi Sabo," said Bibi Jagir Kaur.

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Eager to go abroad, youth propel jab drive in villages

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JANCHIGARH, JUNE 19

The foreign dreams of Punjab's youth are giving wings to the Covid-19 immunisation programme in rural areas of the state, which otherwise were reporting vaccine hesitancy.

With thousands of youth eager to go to foreign nations for higher education or jobs, they are now coming forward to get the jabs, which are mandatory in many countries. Doctors working in rural areas of the state now say that this factor alone is helping drive up vaccination numbers.

To date, almost 60 lakh doses of the vaccine have been administered in Punjab. Though data is not available, it is believed that almost 65 per cent of the doses have been administered to people in urban areas of the state.

"Since beginning of June, when youth start applying for visas to other countries, there has been a rush to get inoculated. Otherwise, we were witnessing a situation where urbanites were pulling strings to get their shots, while there were few takers in the rural areas. As more youth come to the vaccination centres, we are using this opportunity to convince them to ask their parents and other older relatives to come forward for the vaccination," said Dr Gagandeep Singh, posted in Moga.

Punjab had been reporting a rather slow response to its vaccination programme in rural areas because the population was in a denial mode over the pandemic. Dr Gurmail Singh Ankhi, posted in Bathinda, said there was a reluctance among the older people in rural areas for vaccination. "As majority of them suffer from either diabetes or heart ailments, they have been telling health workers that they were scared that the vaccine could have an adverse impact on their health," he said.

Interestingly, the rural Doaba region, which has an NRI connection, is bucking the trend. Dr Mohanpreet Singh, Senior Medical Officer, Tibba, said since the villagers remain connected to their kin in foreign lands, people had been coming forward in sizeable numbers to get vaccinated.

to the PGIMER or AIIMS," he said.

On his part, the SDM said it was not possible for them to shift the body to Chandigarh or Delhi hospitals without instructions from the higher authorities, adding they were just complying with the Supreme Court's orders to preserve the body.

Jaipal along with an aide were killed in an encounter in Kolkata recently. His body was brought to Ferozepur on June 12, following which his father submitted an application to the DC for a fresh post-mortem examination, which was denied on the grounds of jurisdiction.

Later, Jaipal's father moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court, where his plea was dismissed. The family members took up the matter with the Supreme Court, which set aside the HC order and asked it to decide the petition on merit on Monday.

Jaipal Singh Bhullar

arranged a freezer to preserve the body at the house and got CCTV cameras installed there for round-the-clock surveillance. Besides, police force was deputed at the house.

Talking to mediapersons, Bhupinder said they refused to hand over the body as they did not trust the administration. He claimed the body could have been tampered with to "cover up" follies. "Hence, we wish to keep the body either at our

Stop automatic adjournment of cases: Bar

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19

Justice seekers languishing in jails or facing threat to life and liberty are suffering due to non-hearing of cases, resulting in denial of justice, the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association has asserted in a communication to the Registrar-General against the system of automatic adjournment of cases.

Asking the Registrar-General to do away with the system,

Says with no hearings, justice seekers suffering

Bar association president GBS Dhillon and honorary secretary Chanchal K Singla asserted Covid cases had come down to a great extent. As such, the cases such as bails, habeas corpus pleas, suspension of sentence matters and other cases relating to Article 21 of the Constitution listed in July for hearing should not be automatically adjourned by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and be heard on the listed dates. —TNS

No names recommended for elevation by HC in past 1 year

SAURABH MALIK

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Faces pendency of seven lakh cases



Information suggests the last time the collegium made recommendations for elevation was in August last year. The names of five advocates — Jasjit Singh Bedi, Pankaj Jain, Vikas Suri, Sandeep Moudgil and Vinod Bhardwaj — were finalised and forwarded. These were further forwarded by the Centre to the Supreme Court as late as in April this year and are believed to be pending.

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Action sought against Sirsa over code violations

AMRITSAR, JUNE 19

A Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) member has sought action against own president Manjinder Singh Sirsa for allegedly violating norms laid down for Amritdhari Sikhs.

Bhai Chaman Singh gave a memorandum to the Akal Takht secretariat here today and met Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh, who promised a probe into the allegations.

In the communiqué, he alleged Sirsa was an apostate and "ignorant of Gurmat", as he used to trim beard. "Despite asking him to mend ways, he did not heed to the advice. Eventually, a devout Sikh went to court against him over violation of the Sikh religious norms." On this, Sirsa said, "Bhai Chaman Singh is a compulsive opponent. He was a puppet in the hands of the BJP. So he stood against every work of the DSGMC in Delhi." —TNS

Gangster's family refuses to hand over body to admin

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Inmate hangs himself in jail

BATHINDA, JUNE 19
A jail inmate ended his life by hanging himself with a turban inside a barrack in the Central Jail on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Ramswaroop (38), a resident of Alwar in Rajasthan.

The reason behind the suicide is not known. It is learnt that the police arrested him with 360 intoxicant pills on May 24 and registered a case against him under the NDPS Act after which he was lodged in the Central Jail. On Friday, he ended his life by hanging himself from an iron grill with a turban in his barrack. The suicide came to light when other inmates reached the barrack and found his body hanging. They informed the jail administration after which he was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. —TNS

Bid to stifle dissent at BJP meets, claims ex-minister

Says workers raising voice over farm stir snubbed

LEADERS NOT BEING HEARD

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19
Stung by internal resistance over farmers' issue, the state BJP leadership is trying to find new ways to deal with the dissenting voices.

After the farmers' agitation and alleged failures of state leadership were raised during some of the meetings a few months ago, the state leaders now start meetings with 'no negative talk' warning.

Former minister and BJP leader Anil Joshi confirmed that he had also faced this situation after he raised the farmers' issue in one of the meetings. He said in the beginning of the meeting in Ludhiana, one of the leaders announced that there would

be no negative talk regarding party or leaders. "The meetings are organised to assess the ground situation, but if we are not ready to listen to workers and leaders, what is the use of calling the meetings." —Anil Joshi, BJP LEADER

interests of the state and take position in support of farmers," he said.

Joshi alleged the command of leadership had come into the hands of a lot which did not have any clue about the rural life. In the recent past, several leaders of the party have spoken against the state leadership's handling of the farmers' issue.

"Whatever may be the compulsion of the central leadership, but leaders of the Punjab BJP should take care of

CHANDIGARH/BATHINDA, JUNE 19

The PCMS Association, Punjab, today rejected the 6th Pay Commission report implemented by the Punjab Government, terming it "anti-employee and anti-doctor".

Association president Dr Gagandeep Singh Moga said the government was making false claims about increasing the salary substantially.

The pay commission was supposed to look into inflation and its effect on employees and propose appropriate measures to compensate them, but it had failed to look into the interests of government doctors, said Moga.

The decision would have an adverse impact on pension benefits, with a 20 per cent cut. "This will adversely affect the government health services as many doctors will take premature retirement and new doctors will be reluctant to join as a result of which, people will suffer."

Punjab Ayurvedic Medical Services Association (PAMSA) president Dr Sanjiv Pathak too condemned the report, saying: "The implementation will have an adverse impact on the perks of doctors, including those practising Ayurveda." —TNS

Docs' unions reject pay panel report

NEGIGIBLE INCREASE

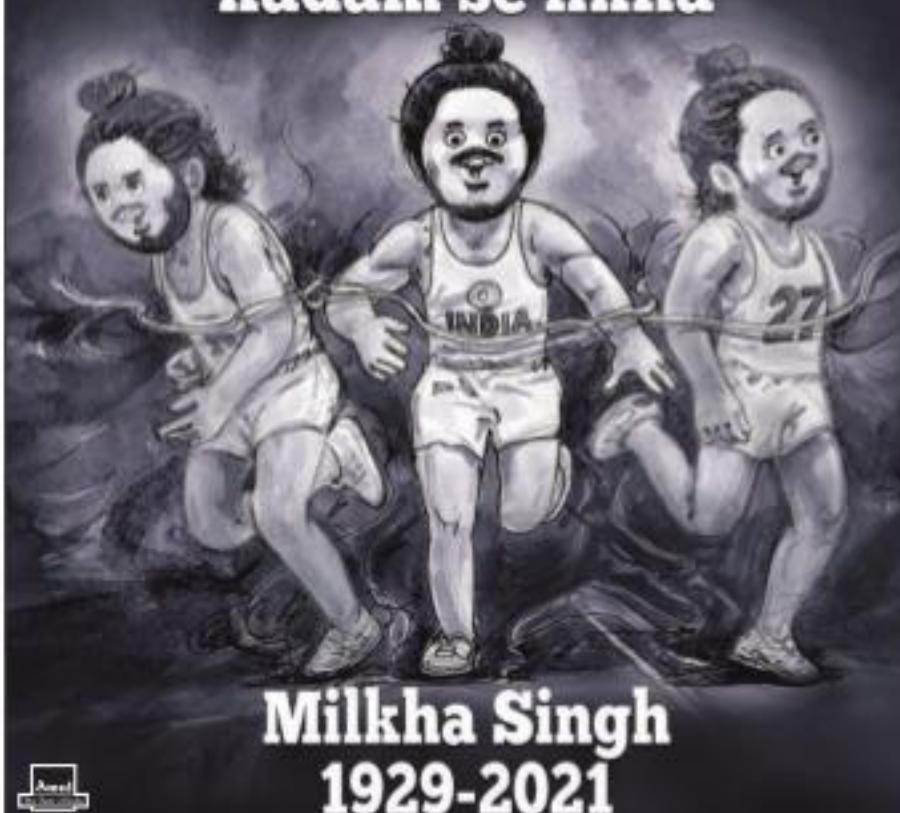
By decreasing the non-practicing allowance and delinking it from the basic pay, there is either a decrease or negligible increase in pay.

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Itihaas ko kalam se nahin, kadam se likha



**Milkha Singh
1929-2021**

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Guv mourns Milkha's demise

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19

PPCC president Sunil Jakhar also condoled the legend's demise. In his condolence message, Jakhar said the legendary Olympian's life journey would always be a guiding light for young and budding sportsmen across the globe. —TNS

Quash jobs to MLAs' sons: SAD to Guv

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CONG 'ANTI-People' FACE EXPOSED: AAP

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19
The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today urged Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore to take suo motu notice of the manner in which Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was "purchasing the loyalty of Congress legislators to save his chair by doling out jobs to their wards illegally" and dismiss the Congress government immediately.

It asked youth "whose rights had been usurped by Congress leaders" to gherao the chief minister and ministers to demand jobs for deserving and meritorious students.

Addressing a press conference, senior SAD leaders Bikram Singh Majithia and Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said the Governor should take

note of the manner in which the state Cabinet had legalised corruption by doling out jobs to wards of Congressmen on compassionate grounds even though they were not eligible for the same.

The leaders said in case the Governor did not take action in the matter, the President should take note of the unconstitutional appointments and dismiss the Capt Amarinder Singh government immediately. They also announced that in case no action was taken, the SAD-

BJP alliance would quash all illegal appointments made on compassionate grounds and also register cases against those responsible for the wrongdoing.

"Jobs have only given to 'crorepati' Congressmen, be it the family of former Chief Minister Beant Singh whose grandson was recruited as a DSP, or wards of Congress MLAs Fatehjang Bajwa and Rakesh Pandey, who have been appointed as Inspector and Naib Tehsildar, respectively," the party said.

Unemployed youth protest appointments

SANGRUR, JUNE 19

Members of various unions, under the banner of Joint Front of Unemployed, today protested in front of the residence of minister Vijayinder Singh against the government decision to give jobs to sons of Congress MLAs.

"Lakhs of youth have been protesting for jobs, but the government is giving jobs to sons of MLAs. We will intensify our stir in coming days," said Sukhmander Dhillan, president, BEEdand TET Pass Union.

Union members with activists of four other unions, All Punjab 873 DPE Teachers' Union, 646 PTI Teachers' Union, Unemployed Art & Craft Union & Unemployed Multipurpose Health Union, have been holding a dharna in front of Singla's house since December 31, 2020. —TNS

PUNJAB BIOMAS POWER LIMITED (In liquidation)

**CIN - U4200MH2005PLC157919
NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION
DATE FOR DEPOSIT OF EMD & Form: On or Before JULY 7, 2021
DATE FOR E-AUCTION ON JULY 8, 2021 (3.00-5.00 pm)
(with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)**

In terms of the order of the Honble NCLT, Mumbai dated March 17, 2021 in I.A. No. 1843/2020 in C.P. No. 1963/IB/2019 public notice is hereby given for sale of the under stated assets:

S.No.	Asset	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
A	Company as a going concern with the assets covered under B1 & B2 herein below and all permissions, Licenses and brought forward losses and unabsorbed depreciation	640 lakhs	64 lakhs
B1	Non-Agricultural Land about 47 Bigha (10 Acres), with boundary wall and constructed area in Village Baghaura, Block Ghancour, Tehsil Rajapura Dist. Patiala -Pin 147111 (Biomass Plant site) Khasra No. 1180/134-141, 41253/129-130, 1259/129, 1179/127-128-133-134.	283 lakhs	29 lakhs
B2	Agricultural land about 81 Bigha (17Acres) in Village Swaisinghwala Block Bunerhat, Tehsil Rajapura, Dist. Patiala with installed Weighing Bridge of 10 tons	264 lakhs	27 lakhs
C	Claim of Rs. 50 Crores against Insurance Co.	Expression of interest invited	

The sale of A, B1 & B2 will be done through public e-auction at <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net> on Thursday, 8 July, 2021 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. The Assets are being sold on "As is where is basis". "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis" and "No recourse basis" under the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 read with regulations 32 and 33 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016. The terms and conditions, Bid form and Declaration form with respect to the E-auction are available on <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>. For further information/clarification, please contact the undersigned on 93222 295253 or write to cirp.pbpl@gmail.com.

Mumbai,
Date 20/06/2021

For Punjab Biomass Power Limited (In liquidation)
CA. Om Prakash Kanoongo
Liquidator
Registration No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00410/2017-2018/10726

Contract workers on warpath

BATHINDA, JUNE 19
Contract workers from different departments, under the banner of Theka Mulazam Sangharsh Morcha, began a two-day sit-in front of Finance Minister Manpreet Badal's office today. They raised slogans against the state government demanding regularisation of services.

Union leader Jagrup Singh said: "CM Capt Amarinder



Govt. of Haryana

Panchkula Blooming Tourism, Lush-Green Forests

Paragliding

Roller Zorbing

Hot Air Balloon

Inauguration of Panchkarama Centre

Inauguration of Nature Trails

Laying the Foundation Stone of Field Hostel

Laying the Foundation Stone of Nakshatra Van, Sugandh Vatika, Rashi Van



हरियाणा की बनेगा शान

पंचकूला को मिली नई पहचान

Sh. Manohar Lal

Chief Minister, Haryana
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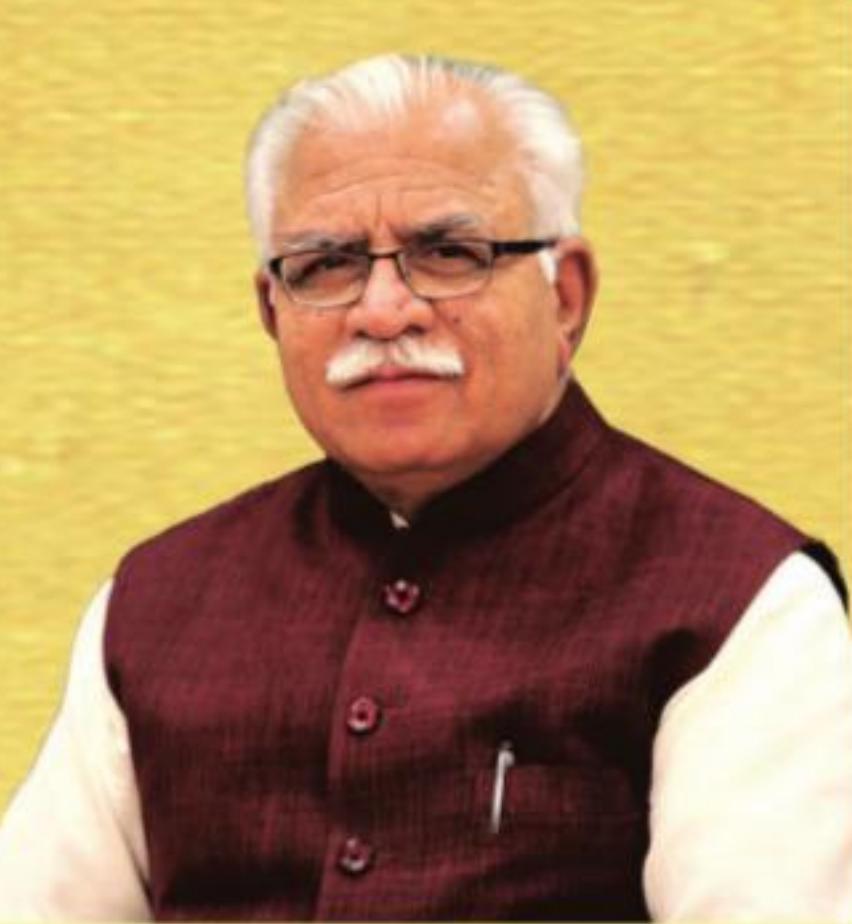
Inaugurate and Lay the Foundation Stone of Various Projects of Forest Department

Date- 20 June, 2021

Place: Thapli and Tikkar Tal, Panchkula, Haryana

"With a view to develop Panchkula as a tourism hub and to make it greener, our Government has started various projects to encourage tourists to enjoy the beautiful mountain ranges of Morni and adventure sports."

- Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana



NORTHERN RAILWAY INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM			
Tender Notice No. 61211404			
Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Jagadhari Workshop-135002, for and on behalf of the president of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.			
S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	
01	61211404	Brake Caliper Unit	
		Qty. 20 Nos. Closing Date 19 July 2021	
NOTE - 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.			
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE			
E-TENDER NOTICE			
Online e-tender on lump sum/items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the Contractor/Firm of appropriate class.			
Name of Work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender
Work No. 1:- Improvement of Water Supply Scheme for providing house hold connection to PC habitation under G.P. Dehan & Vanghian in Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra (H.P) (SH:- Construction of reinforcement cement concrete over head storage tank 100000 litre, 60000, and 50000 litre capacity 10 mtr. Staging height.	Rs. 44,80,000/-	Rs. 74,700/-	Rs. 800/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 25/06/2021 up to 11.00 AM and the same will be opened on 25/06/2021 at 11.30 AM . The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website.
WWW.hiph.org and WWW.hptenders.gov.in :

DPR/HP/1623

REGISTRATION OF DEALERS FOR REPAIR OF MILITARY VEHICLES GENERATOR SETS, COMPUTER AND PERIPHERALS

1. Applications are invited from reputed firms/vendors for the purpose of "Registration of Dealers" for repair of Vehicles and equipment as mentioned below in respect of Military Station Kalka :-

Ser No	Type of Vehicle/equipment
(a)	Ashok Leyland Stallion Trucks - 180, Maruti Cars & Gypsies - 18, 2.5 Ton (TATA)-12, Army Bus (TATA)-20, Motor Cycle Hero-06, Motor Cycle Royal Enfield - 04, Car Ambassador - 01, TATA Strome Safari - 01.
(b)	Generator and Charging Set- 2 to 75 KVA - 06
(c)	Computers : 50
(d)	Computer Peripherals such as Printer, UPS etc : 116

2. Desired OEM authorized dealers/ local vendors are requested to submit applications to Station Headquarters Kalka by 28 Jun 2021. For any queries, please contact Mobile No. 9915943876.

Sd/-
Administrative Commandant
Station Headquarters, Kalka
Dated : 19 Jun 2021

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate basis tender on forms 6&8 is hereby invited on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the approved/enlisted contractors in Jal Shakti Vibhag for execution of following jobs so as to reach in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Tissa at Bhanjru on or before **25.06.2021** up to **11.00 A.M.** The tenders will be opened on the same day at **11.30 A.M.** in the presence of contractors or their authorized representative who may wish to be present. The tender documents can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, JS Division, Tissa at any time on working days up to **3:00 P.M.** on dated **26.06.2021** on cash payment of cost of tender form (Non-Refundable) as mentioned against work. The tender's document should accompany earnest money in the shape of saving instruments, bankers/cheque "demand draft or fixed deposit, duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer JS Division Tissa". The tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The offer shall remain valid up to **120 days**. The undersigned shall have the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1.	Providing FHTC & Improvement of Various WSS in GP Bharara in Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o RCC Storage Tank 10000ltrs. Cap. at Node No. 2 Phase-II)	167818/-	3360/-	250/-	Two Months
2.	Providing FHTC & Improvement of Various WSS in GP Bharara in Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o RCC Storage Tank 40000ltrs. Cap. at Node No. 8 Phase-I)	49206/-	9890/-	250/-	Two Months
3.	Remodeling & Augmentation of Various WSS under GP Ghulei, Tepa, Devikothi, Satyas & Bairagarh, Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o RCC Intake Chamber 5 No.)	227282/-	4550/-	250/-	Two Months
4.	Remodeling & Augmentation of Various WSS under GP Ghulei, Tepa, Devikothi, Satyas & Bairagarh, Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o Storage Tank 20000 ltrs. Cap. 2 No. Phase-III)	434146/-	8690/-	250/-	Two Months
5.	Remodeling & Augmentation of Various WSS under GP Ghulei, Tepa, Devikothi, Satyas & Bairagarh, Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o Roughing Filter Bed 2 No.)	401555/-	8340/-	250/-	Two Months
6.	Remodeling & Augmentation of Various WSS under GP Ghulei, Tepa, Devikothi, Satyas & Bairagarh, Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o Storage Tank 10000ltrs. Cap. 2 No. Phase-II)	280757/-	5620/-	250/-	Two Months
7.	A/R & M/O to WSS Ind Kahlo Kiani Phase-II in GP Kiani in Teshil & Distr. Chamba HP (SH:- C/o Filter Bed 4.96 Sqm area)	222239/-	4450/-	250/-	Two Months
8.	A/R & M/O to WSS Shri Senthil in GP Bairagarh in Teshil & Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- Excavation, Laying & Jointing of GI Pipes of various dia at various RDS)	220265/-	4405/-	250/-	Two Months
9.	A/R & M/O to WSS Tatrog, Guwad, Khushnagri, Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o Storage Tank 10000 ltrs Cap. in Vill. Khushnagri-II)	128274/-	2570 /-	250/-	Two Months
10.	Augmentation of Various WSS under GP Khajuwa in Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- Providing 88 No. FHTC to balance household in GP Khajuwa in habitation Chalo-I & II, Guther Banni, Jagog, Kandori I & II, Kariar I & II)	377753/-	7560/-	250/-	Two Months
11.	Restoration Rain Damages of Inspection Hut under Jal Shakti Sub Division, Tissa, Jal Shakti Division, Tissa in Tehsil Churah, Distr. Chamba, HP (SH:- C/o Pacca path to Inspection Hut)	300200/-	6010/-	250/-	Two Months

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

- The Contractor should enclose following documents with their tender:-
 I. Enlistment/Renewal in HP Jal Shakti Vibhag with appropriate Class.
 II. Latest Sale Tax/Income Tax Clearance Certificate/GST.
 III. Cost of Tender Form in Shape of IPO/Bank Demand in case of tender submitted.
- Earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Account of any of the Post Office/Nationalized Bank in H.P. pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Tissa at Bhanjru or copy of exemption certificate. (Exemption of earnest money shall be valid up to limit provided in exemption certificate).
- The intending contractors/firms are requested to see the site of work before submitting tender.
- FDR will be released after **120 days**.
- No Subletting of work shall be allowed.
- The contractor should have requisite T&P as required by the Department for execution of such work.
- The undersigned reserves the right of accept/reject/cancel any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.
- The offer shall remain valid up to **90 days** after the opening of the tenders.
- The Contractor must quote their rates both in words as well as in figures.
- The tender received without earnest money will be rejected.
- Earnest Money FDR and Enlistment should be handed over physically in this office on or before **25.06.2021** till **11:00 A.M.** by the contractor.

Executive Engineer,
JS Division, Tissa at Bhanjru.

No. EE-JSD-TSA-CB-EA-Tender/2021-815-64 Dated: 16.06.2021 DPR/HP/1621

Khori residents move to nearby colonies

Many adamant on staying put | Authorities provide free transport to shift goods

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 19

Ahead of demolition, several inhabitants of Khori village have shifted to neighbouring colonies. However, there are some families that continue to stay put despite repeated warnings by the authorities.

Sources said the demolition drive could be carried out any time soon.

Sapna Gupta, who along with her family has been residing in the colony for the past 18 years, said some members had moved to a rented accommodation in Delhi while she was making arrangements to shift valuable household items to a safer place.

She said some residents of the colony were still undecided or adamant on staying put.

Hailing from Patna, Pritam (29), a technician with an electronic media house, said it was difficult for him to leave the house that he had built nine years ago, though he was making arrangements to move to another place.

Rajesh, whose father Ganesh Lal (72) died by suicide last week fearing impending demolition of his house, said his family had



Khori residents shift their belongings to a safer place ahead of demolition. TRIBUNE PHOTO

over the years, to Tuglakabad in Delhi. Questioning the demolition, he said where were officials when constructions were taking place here several years ago?

Neeta Devi (44), mother of three minor children, is among those who has decided to stay put till the last moment. "As I have nowhere to go and no money to move out, I will not leave come what may," she said.

Rajesh, whose father Ganesh Lal (72) died by suicide last week fearing impending demolition of his house, said his family had

also no place to go.

There are 6,500 illegal structures spread over 172 acres of land that are to be demolished.

Garima Mittal, Commissioner, Faridabad MC, said

free transport was being provided to residents for shifting their goods. At least 20 families had availed the facility in the past three days.

Meanwhile, several political leaders, including AAP MP Sushil Gupta, Congress MLA from NIT Neeraj Sharma and district BSP president Manoj Chaudhary, have demanded the rehabilitation of Khori residents prior to demolition.

NO END TO WOES

● I have shifted valuable household items acquired through my hard-earned money over the years to Tuglakabad in Delhi. I fail to understand where were officials when constructions were taking place here several years ago?

Rijwan Ali, COLONY RESIDENT

Three of family arrested for youth's murder

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, JUNE 19

The police have arrested four persons, including a couple and their son, for the murder of a youth of Saiman village in the district.

Rohit, a 23-year-old man, was killed, while his brother-in-law Anesh and one Sandeep were injured as some youths barged into Rohit's house and opened fire at them on June 16.

The police had registered a case under Sections 120-B, 148, 149, 302, 307, 323, 452 and 506 of the IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act on the basis of a complaint lodged by Rohit's father Jagdish.

As per an official statement issued here today, the police had arrested four persons, including Kuldeep, his wife Bala, their son Pawan, alias Ramlu, and Sandeep of Saiman village in this regard.

The arrested persons were produced before a local court today. Bala was sent to judicial custody, while the other three accused were remanded in police custody for a day.

Faridabad police to take help of Delhi counterparts

FARIDABAD, JUNE 19

The Faridabad police will take the help of its Delhi counterparts during the demolition drive at Khori village here.

In a joint coordination meeting of police officials from both cities here today, senior district officials said their Delhi counterparts had agreed to extend all support and cooperation in maintaining law and order

during the drive.

"The Delhi police will depute adequate police personnel on the border and in the designated area to ensure law and order during the drive," said a spokesperson for the local police.

Among those present at the meeting were DCP Faridabad, Anshu Singla and Additional DCP, South-East Delhi, Dal Singh. — TNS

Following police action, villagers get potable water after three weeks

Public health officials remove 70 unauthorised connections

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



apprehensive about the restoration of these connections by influential people of the village. Hence, the PHE authorities were requested to ensure that no one could dare to do so in future, he added.

"We are happy to get the water supply after more than three weeks as our women had to go to distant places to get water to meet our daily requirements," said another villager.

Vivek Kumar, junior engineer (PHE), said unauthorised connections were the root cause for the non-availability of drinking water at the place in the village.

"Some days ago, our team visited the village on getting information about the issue. The team found a large number of unauthorised connections in the main pipeline, hence we urged the police department to provide force to

remove all such connections," said the JE.

The PHE team along with an adequate number of police personnel reached the village on Friday and initiated the work of removing unauthorised connections.

Though some villages resisted the move, they were pacified by the force. After the action, residents of Harijan Basti started getting the supply of water.</p

Cong appoints observers for bypolls

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA/DHARAMSALA, JUNE 19 The Congress has appointed observers for the Mandi Lok Sabha and two Assembly byelections as part of its preparations.

AICC secretary and in-charge for Himachal Sanjay Dutt appointed the observers for the byelections in Mandi, Fatehpur in Kangra and Jubbal-Kotkhai in Shimla. Two AICC secretaries Sanjay Dutt and Gurkirat Singh Kotli will be the coordinators.

Congress Legislature Party leader Mukesh Agnihotri MLAs Asha Kumari and Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and former minister Gangu Ram Musafir have been appointed observers for the Mandi Lok Sabha byelection.

The observers for the Jubbal Kotkhai seat are MLAs Ram Lal Thakur, Dhani Ram Shandil,

IN ELECTION MODE

Seat	Observers
Mandi	Mukesh Agnihotri, Asha Kumari, Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Gangu Ram Musafir
Fatehpur	GS Bali, Chander Kumar and Rajinder Rana
Jubbal Kotkhai	Ram Lal Thakur, Dhani Ram Shandil, Harshwardhan Chauhan, Harsh Mahajan

Two AICC secretaries Sanjay Dutt and Gurkirat Singh Kotli will coordinate with the observers

BJP MULLS BRAHMIN CANDIDATE

- The party can field a Brahmin candidate
- Shanta Kumar was the tallest Brahmin leader of the BJP in Kangra but he has retired from politics
- There is not even one Brahmin MLA in the BJP from Kangra district



■ Brahmins constitute a significant percentage of electorate in the district

Shandil and Harshwardhan Chauhan, and former MLA Harsh Mahajan. Former ministers GS Bali and Chander Kumar and MLA Rajender Rana are the observers for the Fatehpur seat.

Rajneesh Khimta, general secretary organisation, will facilitate overall coordination among the observers.

The BJP has already appointed Bikram Singh Thakur, Industries Minis-

ter, and Rakesh Pathania, Minister for Forests, as the in-charge and the co-incharge for the byelection.

Sources said that late MLA Sujjan Singh Pathania's son Bhavani Singh Pathania was the frontrunner for the Congress ticket. The party intends to cash in on voters' sympathy for the family to win the Fatehpur bypoll. Sujjan's family also enjoys a tacit support of some Rajput BJP leaders of the area.

For the BJP, it is a tough task to choose between former MP Kirpal Singh Parmar and local leader Baldev Thakur for the byelection. Parmar contested the Assembly election from Fatehpur in 2017 but lost due to infighting.

Baldev Thakur, who had contested as an Independent candidate, garnered more votes than Parmar. The party failed to win

Fatehpur though Prime Minister Narendra Modi had addressed a rally in favour of Parmar.

The sources said the party could field a Brahmin. Earlier, Shanta Kumar was the tallest Brahmin leader of the BJP in Kangra district but he has retired from active politics. There is not even one Brahmin MLA in the BJP from Kangra. Brahmins constitute a significant percentage of electorate in the district.

Former BJP MP Rajan Sushant may contest as Independent. Rajan Sushant had quit the BJP and joined AAP. He has been extensively touring the constituency and meeting people.

The sources said the BJP was facing anti-incumbency due to the second wave of coronavirus, rising unemployment and prices of essential commodities.

Kasauli remembers Milkha Singh

AMBika Sharma

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 19

Milkha Singh, 91, who passed away at the PGI, Chandigarh, yesterday owned a house on the Kimmughat-Chakkhi Ka Mor road near Kasauli. The house has been named after his wife as Nirmal Niwas. It wears a deserted look and locals have not seen Milkha Singh or his wife here in the past few years.

The house perched on a hill was constructed about 15 years ago. Locals say that a caretaker looks after it and also attends to guests, who turn up once in a while, especially during the summer.

Rocky Chimni, Director, Glenview Resorts, recalls how Milkha Singh had come walking from his house till his nearby resort some years ago. He says that the passing away of the flying Sikh is a loss to the sporting world. Milkha Singh visited the



Milkha Singh signs an autograph for a fan at the Khushwant Singh Literature Festival in Kasauli. FILE PHOTO

was dedicated to his biopic "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag".

The Padma Shri awardee in a discussion with filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra had dwelt upon the making of "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag" and his desire to see an Indian athlete bag an Olympic gold.

British-era Kasauli Club during the summer for its annual week-long celebrations. He was a member of the elite club. Locals remember him as a warm and cordial person. In 2013, he had also participated in the annual Khushwant Singh Literature Festival where a session

239 cases, 10 deaths

SHIMLA, JUNE 19

As many as 239 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 200,282. Besides, 10 persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours. Two deaths each were reported in Kangra, Shimla and Hamirpur and one each in Chamba, Solan, Una and Mandi.

The highest number of 47 cases was recorded in Kangra, followed by 38 in Mandi, 33 in Chamba, 31 in Kullu, 18 in Shimla, 16 in Una, 15 in Sirmaur, 12 in Solan, 11 in Kinnaur, eight in Bilaspur, seven in Hamirpur and three in Lahaul and Spiti. The total number of active cases declined to 2,990 while the total deaths rose to 3,423. — TNS

COVID METER

Recovered	193,850
Active	2,990
Positive	200,282
Deaths	3,423

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,703	76
Chamba	10,916	141
Hamirpur	14,233	251
Kangra	45,640	1,020
Kinnaur	3,203	37
Kullu	8,759	154
Lahaul & Spiti	2,693	17
Mandi	26,888	382
Shimla	24,887	593
Sirmaur	15,243	206
Solan	22,123	308
Una	13,179	238
Total	200,282	3,423

2 more die of black fungus at IGMC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 19

Two more mucormycosis patients, including a woman, have died at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital here. While the male patient hailed from Hamirpur, the woman was a Shimla resident. According to information, the two were hospitalised on May 28, and died yesterday.

As many as 12 black fungus patients had been admitted to the IGMC Hospital since May 20 when the first case was reported in the state. "Of the total 12

patients, six have died, three have recovered and three others are under treatment," said Dr Rahul Gupta, Deputy Medical Superintendent, IGMC.

Overall, 21 cases of mucormycosis have been reported since the onset of the second wave of Covid in the state. The first case was reported at the IGMC on May 20 when a woman hailing from Hamirpur was diagnosed with a fungal disease. "Unfortunately, the death rate is high in such cases, as patients learn about the infection very late," said Dr Gupta.

Train engine derails at Sulah, traffic hit

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, JUNE 19

Rail services on the Pathankot-Jogindernagar track were disrupted after the engine of a train derailed near the Sulah railway station, 15 km from here, last evening. The train had left



A derailed train engine on the Pathankot-Jogindernagar track. PHOTO: RAVINDER SOOD

Pathankot on Friday and was on its way to Baijnath.

Official sources said over 70 passengers had a miraculous escape after the engine derailed following some technical snag in its front wheels. The engine derailed minutes after it crossed the Sulah railway station.

Official sources confirmed that no loss of life was reported. The railway

authorities rushed a team of technical experts from Pathankot to the mishap site to repair the defect and clear the track for traffic.

The train traffic on the track remained suspended till today. The train services were resumed three days ago, which were suspended following Covid.

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Advt. No. CAP/June/2021/03

CORRIGENDUM

Reference advertisement No. CAP/January/2021/01 published in the Tribune, Dainik Savera Times and Ajit Punjabi on 03.01.2021, there is no vacancy for the Post of Asstt. Professor in Commerce for DAV College, Amritsar.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS

Sealed applications are invited from eligible applicants for empanelment of vendors for Supply of Medicines/Drugs & Consumables upto Rs. 1.5 Cr. p.a. to be carried out at Local Head Office Chandigarh. The Last Date of Submission of application is 05.07.2021 by 5:00 PM. Full details and format for submission of application forms are available at and can be downloaded from our website www.sbi.co.in under 'SBI in the news' 'Show More'. The existing vendors/firms on Bank's panel should also apply afresh for empanelment. Bank reserves its right to accept/reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

ASST. GENERAL MANAGER
(Office Admin. Dept.
3rd Floor, SBI Local Head Office Sector 17-A
Chandigarh (Ph.: 0172-4567389/87)

Youth looted at gunpoint

SOLAN, JUNE 19

A youth from Bihar was looted of Rs 22,500 at gunpoint by motorcycle-borne miscreants near the Housing Board Colony Phase 3 at Baddi around 12.50 am today.

Raghuvir Yadav, who runs a fruit shop at the Housing Board Colony Phase 3, stated in a complaint to the police that he visits Chandigarh every night to buy fruits and vegetables. As he left his house around 12.50 am today, he saw four youths riding two motorcycles. One of them came towards him, and snatched his mobile phone at gunpoint. He also took away Rs 22,500 from his pocket and an Axis Bank ATM card. — TNS



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CORRIGENDUM

HPGIC Ltd., Shimla had invited tenders for purchase of 33.50 Lac BLS ENA (Extra-Neutral Alcohol) for the year 2021-22 to be supplied at CLBP Mehatpur, Distt. Una, HP which appeared in the leading newspapers i.e. The Tribune and Dainik Bhaskar on 10th June 2021 and were also hosted on our official website www.hpgic.co.in. The last date for received of tenders/offers was fixed on 29-06-2021 at 2:00 pm.

Now, the Corporation had decided to purchase the above mentioned quantity of ENA for our Country Liquor Bottling Plant Mehatpur, Distt Una and Country Liquor Bottling Plant Parwanoo, Distt. Solan as per detail given as under:

Name of the Unit	Description	Quantity (in BLs)	Earnest Money
CLBP Mehatpur, Distt Una (HP)	Extra Neutral Alcohol - min 96% purity confirming to IS:6613	24.00 Lac BLs	Rs. 3.50 Lacs
CLBP Parwanoo, Distt Solan (HP)	IS Standard 68°OP	9.50 Lac BLs	Rs. 1.50 Lacs

Therefore, all the tenderers who may like to participate in the above tender process of ENA may submit their sealed offers alongwith all other required documents for both the plants accordingly. All other terms and conditions of the tender document of ENA will remain same.

Amit Kashyap, IAS
Managing Director

Tender No: HP/WL/HMR/2021-22/B-1

Divisional Forest Officer,
Wildlife Division Hamirpur (HP) 177001

DPR/HP/1712

Last date for receipt of application forms is 09 Jul 21. Candidates should browse school website www.sainikschoolnagrota.com under "Notices" for full details and application form.

RFP No: UD-H(F) ARHC(MoA)-2/2021 Date: 19.06.2021

Notice Inviting e-Tender

MATRIMONIALS

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BRAHMIN

Wanted a suitable match for Brahmin girl 20.10.95, Delhi, 2.13 p.m., MA (Eco), 5'-2", working in MNC at Bangalore. 98151-66555. (CL21025282)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 12-01-1983, 05:29 am, 5'-4", BBA, Office management of Com. Application Job Pvt Co. Ambala, Contact 94167-23234, 81683-03310. (CL21023532)

Dr. BAMS D.Pharma, Dhiman (Sharma), issueless divorcee, 5'-1", 24.12.1985, 08:00 pm, Yamunagar, 4, lac annually. 72066-66715. (CL21022975)

SM4 beautiful Himachali convent educated M.Tech. Brahmin girl, 31/5', M.Sc. Nursing, Central Govt. employee Chandigarh Tricity Medical professional Central Govt. employee preferred. All upper castes also welcome. Contact: 94677-77189, 94674-74309. (CL21025068)

Anshik Manglik Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin beautiful girl, 31.05.1994, 3:20 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-2", B.Tech. Engineer working Infosys Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 98555-97184, 98760-52947. (CL21023238)

SM for Brahmin girl, 15.12.1994, 05.05 p.m. Chandigarh, 5'-1", B.Tech. (ECE), MBA (NIFT), working Bangalore. Preferred IT Professional. Upper caste welcome. 94171-86676. (CL21024237)

PQM preferably Medico, Scientist, Govt. officer for a beautiful Brahmin girl, Feb. 88, 5'-2", M.Sc. Ph.D. Life Science from a leading Medical Institute. Working as Post Doc Fellow in a Medical Institute in Chandigarh. 98155-51466. (CL2102462)

Match only from officer in Defence sector, preferably from Himachal, for beautiful Brahmin girl (160 cm, born 1994, Kangra District). Teaching in Public School of repute, well educated, National test qualified. Good family and ancestry. Parents Class- I & educationists. (9418115524).

SM for Saraswat Brahmin girl 5'-1", 6 Mar. 92, 23.15 hrs. Nangal. Practicing company Secretary in Chd. 88475-75488, 89683-51296. (CL21018789)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin girl, Asstt. Professor (regular), in Haryana, 5', 1992 born. Father Class I Officer, brother working in USA. Contact: 98995-21498. (CL21019128)

Bhardwaj Sharma girl 13.9.1988, 1.09 p.m., Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.A. B.Ed., Teacher, 7009720098, 9780080626. (CL21022794)

Match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, B.Sc. Nursing, regular Staff Nurse in Punjab Govt., 89, born, 5'-5", vegetarian family. NRI preferred. 89688-23285. (CL21022882)

Match for Ludhiana based Saraswat Brahmin, beautiful, slim, fair girl, age 26 (05.06.1995), 5'-5", M.Sc Mathematics, B.Ed. Father Gazeted Officer, send kundli and lastest photograph. Contact: 95307-03547. (CL21022897)

Match for Brahmin girl, 1 Jan. 1984, 11:37 pm, Hoshiarpur. 9872692266. (CL21024516)

Match for good looking, slim Brahmin girl, 5'-1", BA, NT, 1 Jan. 1984, 11:37 pm, Hoshiarpur. 9872692266. (CL21024520)

Match for Brahmin Kaushik beautiful MA B.ed. girl 7.2.1992, 10.50 am. Delhi, height 5'-2". Brother, sister already settled Canada. Canadian citizen/PR boy preferred. Contact: 96506-79295. (CL21025204)

Alliance invited from Civil Services/ Doctor/ Businessman match for Brahmin girl 91 born, 5'-4", very beautiful BDS Doctor pursuing MDS, convert educated and experience of Directing Manager of private school for 2 years. Father businessman. Brahmins alliance accepted. kundli must. 95783-01000. (CL21025261)

Suitable match for well educated & settled Brahmin girl of Himachal, 5'-10", 1995 born, MA in English Literature. Working in a reputed firm at Chandigarh. Preferred Area Chandigarh, Ambala and Yumanaon. Contact: 98160-79986. (CL21024812)

Match for smart Manglik Brahmin girl, 29, 5'-4", M.Tech. IT, working preferred well settled family 90563-11932. (CL21023070)

Match for Punjabi Brahmin girl 02.03.1990, 5'-4", 03:45 pm Dasuya (Hoshiarpur), B.Tech., working in MNC (Bangalore), upper caste. welcome. 82953-53761. (CL21023111)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 2.2.1993, 1:20 pm, 5'-4", Chandigarh based family. 62946-42259. (CL21024837)

Match for Brahmin girl fair 19 July 1985/ 5'-2", BDS, MBA, working Gurgaon, Senior Manager in Healthcare, MNC, handsome package, upper caste no bar. 096468-89800, 98558-19461. kaushik.chh55@gmail.com (CL21024847)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 1992, 08.12.1988, 12.05 pm, Kharar, 5'-3", MCA, B.Ed. Govt. job preferred. Contact: 94175-05098. (CL21023244)

Suitable Govt. employed match for Saraswat Brahmin Dec. 91 born, 5'-7", convert educated, MBA sim and beautiful Manglik girl, working as an Officer in Govt. Bank vegetarian, teetotaller family. Contact: 93162-31533. (CL21023270)

Manglik Punjabi Brahmin girl 05.12.1985, 09:00 pm, Kurukshetra, 5'-2", convert educated, M.B.A., Gurugram working, packager. 6.5 Lakh P.A., Upper caste welcome. Contact: WhatsApp 81689-12588. (CL21023312)

Suitable well settled match for Brahmin girl (25 yrs., 5'-4") hails from Anandpur Sahib, completed her masters currently employed in a permanent Govt. job. (Preferably Una to Chandigarh). Contact - 60056-10979, 63990-32144. (CL21023337)

Alliance invited from decent cultured Brahmin family preferable Defence office for beautiful daughter, born 15.03.1989, 4:45 pm, Jalandhar, M.Com., M.Ed., 5 feet. Contact: 988867035. 9888275337. (CL21023445)

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Suitable match for Brahmin girl 30/5'-5", M.Sc doing Ph.D (Montreal, Canada), only Canada preferred. 98889-36809, 80542-99645. (CL21025016)

Suitable vegetarian match for Brahmin girl 5'-3", 28.5.1989, 1:20 am Pathankot M.Tech. Grade qualified Asst. Professor in Govt. Engg. College Gurdaspur. 94170-73431. (CL21025048)

Suitable NRI match for fair PR Canada Brahmin girl, 16.08.1993/ 11:42 pm, birth place Chandigarh, 5'-4", MCA. Contact after kundli matching. WhatsApp: 79868-29933. (CL21025071)

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Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin smart girl 5'-2"/12.01.1994, 6.15 p.m. Raipur, Advocate working MNC Chandigarh. 98880-29329. (CL21025150)

Professionally qualified match for good looking Gaur Brahmin girl 31 December 1994, 5:35 p.m. Sheron (Sangrur), 5'-4", M.Sc. Chemistry, B.Ed., IELTS 7 Bands. Preferably needed boy who wants settle abroad. Only Gaur Brahmin Malwa region preferred. 99153-85999. (CL21025151)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl Oct, 1982/ 5'-6", M.A., M.Sc., B.Ed., Teacher reputed School, Amritsar. 99157-18804. (CL21025151)

Suitable match for fair complexion Manglik Saraswat Brahmin issueless divorcee 1988 born, 5'-2", BA, PGDCA. 96460-11988. (CL21025158)

Suitable Doctor match for Hindu Brahmin (Modhigil) girl, 9.3.91, 10:00 am, Amritsar, 5'-1", BDS Doctor, only Amritsar. 78889-54979. (CL21025160)

Govt. Officer pure vegetarian match for Saraswat Brahmin girl 20.5.1991, 7:35 pm, 5'-2", Bathinda based, B.Tech. (ECE), M.Tech., MA (English), pursuing Ph.D., Assistant Professor. Father retired Govt. Lecturer, mother Professor. 94657-50635. 94650-61755. (CL21025169)

Match for homely beautiful, slim Brahmin girl 28.03.86, 5:00 pm, Roorkee, 5'-3", M.A., M.Phil, earlier 5 yrs teaching exp. Father landlord & have agriculture land, settled at Pehowa. 99916-30331, 99915-60331. (CL21025181)

Bhardwaj girl, MCA, 06.03.1988, 5'-3", 2:20 pm, Chandigarh resident, working Mohali. Preferred Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali. 98151-55145. (CL21025200)

Fair, slim 27.9.82, 7.57 pm, Hamirpur, 5'-6", Brahmin girl pursuing Ph.D. WhatsApp 94590-12772. (CL21025203)

Match for Brahmin Kaushik beautiful MA B.ed. girl 7.2.1992, 10.50 am. Delhi, height 5'-2". Brother, sister already settled Canada. Canadian citizen/PR boy preferred. Contact: 96506-79295. (CL21025204)

Alliance invited from Civil Services/ Doctor/ Businessman match for Brahmin girl 91 born, 5'-4", very beautiful BDS Doctor pursuing MDS, convert educated and experience of Directing Manager of private school for 2 years. Father businessman. Brahmins alliance accepted. kundli must. 95783-01000. (CL21025261)

Suitable match for well educated & settled Brahmin girl of Himachal, 5'-10", 1995 born, MA in English Literature. Working in a reputed firm at Chandigarh. Preferred Area Chandigarh, Ambala and Yumanaon. Contact: 98160-79986. (CL21024812)

Match for smart Manglik Brahmin girl, 29, 5'-4", M.Tech. IT, working preferred well settled family 90563-11932. (CL21023070)

Match for Punjabi Brahmin girl 02.03.1990, 5'-4", 03:45 pm Dasuya (Hoshiarpur), B.Tech., working in MNC (Bangalore), upper caste. welcome. 82953-53761. (CL21023111)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 2.2.1993, 1:20 pm, 5'-4", Chandigarh based family. 62946-42259. (CL21024837)

Match for Brahmin girl fair 19 July 1985/ 5'-2", BDS, MBA, working Gurgaon, Senior Manager in Healthcare, MNC, handsome package, upper caste no bar. 096468-89800, 98558-19461. kaushik.chh55@gmail.com (CL21024847)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 1992, 08.12.1988, 12.05 pm, Kharar, 5'-3", MCA, B.Ed. Govt. job preferred. Contact: 94175-05098. (CL21023244)

Suitable match for well educated & settled Brahmin girl of Himachal, 5'-10", 1995 born, MA in English Literature. Working in a reputed firm at Chandigarh. Preferred Area Chandigarh, Ambala and Yumanaon. Contact: 98160-79986. (CL21024846)

Match for good looking, slim Brahmin girl, 5'-1", BA, NT, 1 Jan. 1984, 11:37 pm, Hoshiarpur. 9872692266. (CL21024516)

Match for Brahmin convert educated girl 5'-4", 12.09.93, 2:40 pm Ambala, B.Sc. II Officer in PNB. Father Railway Officer, brother working in MNC. Required Bank Officer or equivalent Tricity preferred. 94646-46020. (CL21024577)

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Singla Manglik qualified girl 6.10.1985, 5'-3", 8:20 pm, Kotkapura, good status family 98148-28409. (CL21024020)

PQ educated match for Garg N/M Oct. 84, 5.00 p.m., Ldn born, 5'-2", slim, fair, convented, M.Sc., B.Ed. girl. Contact: 94172-20989. (CL21024070)

Match for slim girl, Goyal, 5'-6", 22.11.1994, 04:40 AM, Bathinda, Govt. Teacher. 90416-37597. (CL21024169)

SM4 beautiful, CA, Chandigarh based 5'-5", 1990 born, Singla girl, from an affluent business industrialist family. Tricity preferred. Upper caste also welcome. WhatsApp: 94171-50866. (CL21024170)

Goyal girl, 22.12.1993, 12.55 a.m., (Mansa), 5'-3", double MA, marriage bureau excuse. 99147-35185. (CL21024233)

Match for Manglik girl, 5'-6", 15 Dec. 1989, 10:34 am Chandigarh, 5'-5", preferred MBA boy surrounding Ambala, kundi matching must. 81686-55110, s.a.p.h.a.s.i.n.1 @ y a h o o . c o m (CL21023616)

Hightly rich Aggarwal girls slightly healthy 1990 CA, 1991, B.Tech, MBA, 5'-4", Only industrialist business big city. 82171-23150, 86993-72414. (CL21024252)

PQM for Bansal girl, 22.08.90, 1:40 am, Chandigarh, 5 feet, working Chandigarh. 85588-88026. (CL21024532)

Match for Anshik Manglik beautiful, homely very fair Garg girl, MBA, B.Tech, 5'-3", 11.9.1992, 3 p.m. (Moga), decent marriage. 98147-92667. (CL21024234)

Highly rich Aggarwal girls slightly healthy 1990 CA, 1991, B.Tech, MBA, 5'-4", Only industrialist business big city. 82171-23150, 86993-72414. (CL21024252)

PQM for Bansal girl, 22.08.90,

1:40 am, Chandigarh, 5 feet, working Chandigarh. 85588-88026. (CL21024532)

Match for exceptionally beautiful girl, 5'-8", M.Tech, UGC-NET, brother Asstt. Section Officer in Central Govt. WhatsApp only. 98155-43355. (CL21024616)

MD/DM/Civil Services match for MD Medicine Jindal girl, 30/5'-4", Ludhiana, 78649-94618, 83603-85394. (CL21024836)

Bansal 5'-0"/28, fair girl, B.Tech, CS, MNC Gurugram, 11.81 LPA, required B.Tech./M.Tech. in CS, pure veg, job NCR Delhi, handsome package family Punjab based height 5'-3" to 5'-6". 98108-59784, 87008-76203. (CL21024859)

A beautiful CA qualified, 5'-6", 1996 born girl from Panchkula, seeks a suitable match preferably in Tricity, boy must be professionally qualified, vegetarian, teetotaller, well settled Businessman. Contact No. 98762-88669. (CL21024870)

Suitable match for Anshik Manglik beautiful Goyal girl 4.4.1992, 9:55 pm at Moga, 5'-3", B.Tech (CSE), 98147-92754. (CL21024900)

SM4 Garg girl 27.11.1995, 5:27 am, Dirba, 5'-1", Punjab Govt. Teacher. Prefer Govt. employee near by Patiala, Rajpura. WhatsApp: 89681-75724. (CL21024882)

Match for beautiful Verma girl, 35/ 5'-3", Asstt. Professor University. No bar. 8968606075. (CL21023337)

Unmarried professional Arora girl M.Sc Nursing 5'-6", 39% Professor, 90000/- Health University Punjab, preferred Bathinda, simple marriage, dowryless, marriage bureau, divorce excuse. 89687-66541. (CL21025009)

Khatri beautiful MBA anshik manglik girl, 5'-4", 1993, Kotak Bank, working Mohali. Tricity preferred. 89504-71005. (CL21023447)

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KHATRI/ARORA

Del NCR 30/ 5'-1", 17.11.1990, 5:50 am, Saharanpur, CA wrking Gurgaon, 21 LPA, seeks Manglik/ non-Manglik boy CA job practice/ other 98372-70704, sureshslauja@yahoo.com (CL21015581)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl (Kohli), convent educated. Post Graduate (Economics Honour) B.Ed., 22.08.94, 10:35 a.m. Chandigarh, 5'-4", working teacher. Only child, based at Panchkula. Preferred Tricity. 097819-22966, 098141-22966. (CL21023166)

Professionally qualified match for Slim, Beautiful, CA, Chandigarh based 5'-5", 1990 born, Singla girl, from an affluent business industrialist family. Tricity preferred. Upper caste also welcome. WhatsApp: 94171-50866. (CL21024170)

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Professional match for BDS, slim, 20.8.1985, 6:05 am, Ambala, 5'-4", MA (Eng), B.Ed., Brahmin also welcome. Contact: 98130-52348, 99960-30207. (CL21023197)

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SCHEDULED CASTES

Beautiful Himachali Ravidasia girl, 26.8.1991, 7.12 am, Ambala, B. Com (Hons), CA Inter, 5'-5", MNC Executive Chandigarh, Strictly Vegetarian Teetotaler Radhaasami family, Father Central Govt. Officer, Mother Homemaker, Sister, Bank Officer married, Brother abroad, Preferred Chandigarh Tricity, Dowry seeker excuse, Mobile/ WhatsApp 94175-92369, 94464-81699. (CL21023793)

Valmiki girl, 9.11.90, Height 5'-5", M.A. History, Punjabi, preparing competitive exams. Father Head Cashier in Bank of Baroda, Brother Professor, Patiala 90411-86926. (CL21022865)

Suitable match for Ravidasia/ Chamar beautiful, B.Com, girl 5'-0", 30+, well-educated family, vegetarian/Radhaasami, Tricity preferred. 93162-3211. (CL21022909)

Suitable match for PR Canada, SC Ad-dharmi beautiful girl, 30, 5'-9", MBA, PGDBM Jalandhar, Diploma Human Resources Canada, Doctors family. Seeks PR Canada preferably Toronto, settled boy. Only whatsapp biodata: 9878130989. (CL21022922)

SM4 for ad-dharmi girl, 5'-9", 27, BBE, MBE working for US, MNC Delhi. Mob. 98111-31262. (CL21022151)

Punjabi Ad-dharmi B.Com., MBA smart girl 91 born, 5'-1", working in MNC, Gurugram, CTC 4.5 lacs. Family living in Delhi, Contact 98112-92037. (CL21018371)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl 5'-3", 1987, Commerce graduate, NTT, Well settled Gujish family. Mob: 87088-46247, 87089-2915. (CL21024547)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh girl (Julaha) fair complexion, 1991, 5'-6", MBBS (Doctor) working in Private Hospital, looking for NRI/ Willing to settle in abroad. Contact: 98886-96122. (CL21024833)

Ravidasia girl 32, 5'-2", Scale-I, Officer in SBI, Ludhiana, seeks Govt. employee match. 82838-15004, 94631-44989. (CL21024850)

Match for Ravidasia Sikh girl, 1979, 5'-2", fair, MA, M.Com, Tricity preferred. 81463-74358. (CL21024872)

Fair, May, 1986, 5'-2", M.Sc. (Nursing), Tutor GMCH-32, Chandigarh, 40000-, Pursuing Ph.D., Castle no bar, 0172-2674466, 094641-63960. (CL21024888)

Ravidasia Sikh girl, 1989, 5'-4", B.Architect, preferred Canadian PR/ work permit. 81464-99299. (CL21024898)

Suitable match for 5'-2", 89 born TET cleared working girl, Doaba based vegetarians can contact: 96466-86950. (CL21023057)

Match for Ad-dharmi girl 1986, 5'-1", B.Tech (ECE), MBA (Oil & Gas) Officer in BSNL at Chandigarh, settled family. Prefer Tricity. Castle no bar, 99153-07187, 81461-30379. (CL21023169)

Match for Chandigarh based Balmiki girl, August 94, 5'-6", Government job, Chandigarh. WhatsApp: 92163-01179. (CL21023174)

Beautiful, 5'-2", Punjab Govt. Service girl, 1987, M.Sc., Microbiology Lab, Tech, Ropar, Mohali preferred. 94177-04050. (CL21023176)

Suitable match for Himachali Kabirpanthi unmarried girl, Assst. Professor in Govt. College, 17 Nov. 1981, 5'-4", Himachali serving boy of equal status preferred, issues divorce/ caste no bar. 95184-80345. (CL21023244)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, June 1988 / 5', M.Sc (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D. final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL21023355)

Suitable match for Ad-dharmi SC (Manglik match) for smart & fair complexioned girl 1992 born/ 5'-3"/ BE. Electronics and Communications & Masters from Canada in Electrical and Computers. Now working with reputed firm in Canada BC. (PR applied Biometric done) family Mohali based father Gazetted Officer in Punjab. Boy preferred PR or citizen of Canada with equivalent qualifications 88570-05906. (CL21023372)

Match for RAMDASIA BDS 25 May 1989/ 5'-5", girl vegetarian. Contact No. 81464-30451. (CL21024985)

Suitable match for Addharmi educated girl, B.Sc. Medical MBA, birth detail: April 1990/ 5'-2", Officer in reputed University Father mother housewife, brothers 2 (younger) Doaba preferred. 94172-46325. (CL21024987)

PQM for Majbi Sikh/ Balmiki girl 1977/ 5'-4", BA, LLB, Law Officer Class I Punjab Govt. caste no bar. Contact: 98789-17458. (CL21025102)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, 1988, 5'-3", MCA. Seeking well educated boy from well settled family. 94630-88847. (CL21024959)

Well settled reputed Manglik SC (Ravidasia) family of Jalandhar, seeks professionally qualified match for the fair complexion daughter, 1993 born, 5'-3", doing MD Pathology. Preferred medical profession/ foreign settled. Contact: 78969-12984. (CL21024959)

Match for Ramdasia Sikhs girl, Jun 1988 / 5', M.Sc (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D. final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL21023355)

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Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, 1988, 5'-3", MCA. Seeking well educated boy from well settled family. 94630-88847. (CL21024959)

Smart match for Ramdasia Sikh girl 5'-5", 90 born, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Maths, B.Ed., PETET-I) cleared. Well-settled, educated family based in Ludhiana. 84271-50778. (CL21025170)

Suitable Govt. Officer match for Ramdasia Chamor girl, July 1989, 5'-1", M.Com, M.Ed., NET/ JRF qualified, pursuing Ph.D. in Commerce with fellowship. NET qualified in Education also. Father Class I Officer retired, Mother Class I Officer & brother also Officer in Centre Govt. Contact: 94161-95679. (CL21025191)

Ramdasia Sikh unmarried girl 1972, 5'-4", MA, B.Ed, education Provider Teacher in Govt. School. 81462-41017. (CL21025208)

Smart match for Ramdasia Sikh girl 5'-5", born B.C., M.Sc. (Maths, B.Ed., PETET-I) cleared. Well-settled, educated family based in Ludhiana. 84271-50778. (CL21025170)

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Vegetarian teetotaller match for SC Ravidasia girl, 1986 born, 5'-2", B.Sc- II, MCA, pursuing for Govt. Exams. Parents Govt. jobs, preferred Govt. employee/ own business, NRI. (CL21025247)

Manglik Tonk-kshatriya girl (IT Sector, Mohali), 02.05.1993, 5.32 am, Sultanpur Lodhi, 5'-4", seeking non-alcoholic and non-smoker Hindu match. 70093-04619. (CL21024809)

PQM Hindu slim beautiful 5'-3", 29 Dec 11.1991, MBA, B.Tech. (CS), working in big four MNC. Reputed family preferred. Bureau excuse. Email: rpkrh@gmail.com 94179-37172. (CL21023471)

Suitable match for Manglik beautiful Hindu Khatri girl, 5th Jan. 1992, Jalandhar, 5'-5", M.Com. Inter, Call: what'sapp: 9872856154. (CL21023502)

October 92 born, Mahasha (SC), convent educated, MBA, fair, beautiful, Manglik, self-employed girl, 5'-3". Canada PR application filed. Father Retd. Govt. Officer. Brother residing in Canada after study, also filed PR. Kundli match must. 76528-93862. (CL21023664)

Match for beautiful Hindu Khatri Canadian PR Saini, 1993 born, 5'-1", working as Hygienist, reputed Hospital Vancouver. 94179-74464. (CL21024817)

Seeking professionally qualified, settled in Canada match for Punjabi Nai girl, 29, 5'-2", working in a Software company in Ottawa, Canada. Girl has completed Bachelor's in Engineering from Canada and is permanent resident. Prefer to be settled in Ottawa, Ontario or Montreal. Mobile: 98882-40303 or sonalikaila92@gmail.com (CL21024840)

Match for beautiful Hindu Khatri Canadian PR holder girl, Nov. 1993 born, 5'-6", currently in India. Preference for well settled PR/ Canadian citizen. Please send latest biodata and photo on WhatsApp 85569-00089. (CL21024854)

Match for New Zealand PR Brahmin working as Executive, December 20, 1992, Hoshiarpur, 5'-4", 98554-92693. (CL21024955)

Well qualified smart & tall NRI match for Canadian citizen Punjabi beautiful 5'-4", MBA, working Mumbai, seeks professionally qualified match. Caste no bar. 95692-21171. (CL21024873)

Wanted IAS, IPS, PCS, MCH, DM, MS, MD doctor for good looking girl M.D Gynae 1994 born, ht. 5'-1", parents Doctors. Mobile: 98146-53604. (CL21023919)

SC beautiful girl, June 1989, 5'-3", B.Tech, MBA, Bank job, required similarly qualified boy, Govt. job/private job 98567-9918, 98164-77499. (CL21024017)

5'-6", 1986, Govt. Teacher Diocese seeking handsome Sikh Ramdasia boy. Only Govt. Job. Contact 99153-54849. (CL21024023)

NRI match for Ad-dharmi girl New Zealand work permit 32/5/49, preferred B.Tech., M.Tech. MBA boy from well educated family or NRI. Father retired Gazetted Officer. Brother PR in Canada 81467-10771, 94642-42526. (CL21024215)

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Suitable match for 5'-4", 1990, ETT Teacher working on contract basis. Father Govt. service, Doaba based family, caste SC. Contact: 98786-90032. (CL21024240)

Ravidasia Manglik BAMS Doctor girl 30.11.1990, 5'-5", Government job. Ludhiana preferred. 92172-11988. (CL21024266)

Equally qualified match for Valmiki girl 1984/ 5', Assistant Lecturer G.N.D.U., M.Com., M.Phil., Ph.D. minor polio in right leg, no problem in walking. Package 10 lac PA. 97819-47798. (CL21024269)

Suitable match for scheduled caste Himachali girl DoB Dec. 1986, 5'-5", M.Sc., MA English Center Govt. employee, salary 45000 pm. Preferred Himachal, Chd. Punjab. Contact: 94184-04192, 70184-16490. (CL21024285)

Suitable match for Ravidasia/ Chamar beautiful, B.Com, girl 5'-0", 30+, well-educated family, vegetarian/Radhaasami, Tricity preferred. 93162-3211. (CL21022909)

Suitable match for PR Canada, SC Ad-dharmi beautiful girl, 30, 5'-9", MBA, PGDBM Jalandhar, Diploma Human Resources Canada. Doctors family. Seeks PR Canada preferably Toronto, settled boy. Only whatsapp biodata: 9878130989. (CL21022922)

SM4 for ad-dharmi girl, 5'-9", 27, BBE, MBE working for US, MNC Delhi. Mob. 98111-31262. (CL21022151)

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ज़िला कांगड़ा (हि.प्र.)
निविदा सूचना**

खुम्ब विकास परियोजना, पालमपुर, ज़िला कांगड़ा, हि.प्र. द्वारा खुम्ब खाद बनाने के लिए निविदा समाप्ती क्रम लिया गया है। जो कि उसे दिन 3.00 बजे अपारहन को खोली जाएगी। सामग्री का विवर इस प्रकार से है:-

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- समस्त प्रकार की सामग्री के लिए रट एफ.ओ.आर. उपयोग दरावर्ष गए रसायनों पर पहचानकर प्रति विवर्टल जिसमें भारई, लुइल, तुलाई व भंडर में रखना आवश्यक समिल हो, के अनुसार दी जाये।
- उपरोक्त सामग्री की आपूर्ति द्वारा निविदा भेजने वाले निविदादाता सामग्री के आगे रसायनों गई धरोर राशि का बैंक डायप/एफ.ओ.आर./टी.डी.आर./नायर विषय विवेक उत्तम खुम्ब विकास परियोजना, पालमपुर के पक्ष में बनारस निविदा के साथ पथक-पूक क्रियाकलाप में भेजे, जो भी राष्ट्रीय वर्तमान वर्ष में देव हो व रखेकाने न किया गया हो। काफ़ी भी निविदा भेजने वाले निविदादाता का मान्य नहीं होगी।
- जिस सामग्री के लिए निविदा भेजी जा रही हो, उस विवर्टल के ऊपर सामग्री का नाम लिखा होना चाहिए।
- सरद अंधा तर द्वारा भेजी गई निविदा मात्र नहीं होनी तथा रद्द समझी जाएगी।
- आपूर्ति की जाने वाली सामग्री की मात्रा आवश्यकता के अनुसार बढ़ाव व बढ़ाव जा सकती है।
- यदि किसी कारणवश निविदा प्राप्त होने वाली तिथि को सरकार द्वारा अवकाश प्रोविद दिया जाता है तो उस अवकाश में निविदाएं अगले कार्यवाय को उसी ही समय प्राप्त की व खोली जाएंगी।
- दरावर्ष गई सामग्री के लिए प्रत्युत्तर विवर्टल को मुक्ताएं 25 दिनों के भीतर किया जाएगा।
- जिस निविदा फर्म का नाम दरावर्ष गई सामग्री को क्रय करने हेतु अनुमति दी जाएगा, उस फर्म को आपूर्ति आदेश में दिए गए रसायन अनुसार सामग्री की आपूर्ति करनी होगी अन्यथा धरोर राशि को सामग्री को जमा करवा दिया जाएगा, जिसका लिए इस कार्यवाय को कोई विमोर्दित होनी होगी और उसको भारई आपूर्ति करनी होगी, जिसका निविदादाता को स्वाम पेपर पर इकायना देना होगा।
- सामग्री की आपूर्ति के संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार का विवाद उत्पन्न होने पर निवेदक उद्यन विभाग, हि.प्र., शिमला-2 का नियंत्रण देने पांच वर्षों के लिए अंतिम एवं मान्य होगा।
- गेहूं की तुड़ी के लिए निविदा भेजने वाले निवेदक यह विशेष ध्यान देने के लिए अपूर्ति की जाने वाली तुड़ी नहीं फसल की 5 से 6 सें.मी. तक तापी व सूखी तुड़ी में 10% से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए। रेत, मट्टी व खरपतवाय मिश्रित या सूखी तुड़ी किसी भी कोषण पर स्वाक्षर नहीं होगी।
- खुम्ब खाद का एक लॉट बनाने के लिए लगभग चार ट्रकों की आवश्यकता होती है, इसलिए गेहूं की तुड़ी की आपूर्ति के लिए निविदा भेजने वाले निवेदक यह सुरक्षितता कर ले कि उनके द्वारा यही भी अपूर्ति आदेश के अनुसार एक लॉट की पूर्ण तुड़ी तीन तिथियों के भीतर उत्पादन होने पर आपूर्ति आदेश के अनुसार एक लॉट की पूर्ण तुड़ी तीन तिथियों के भीतर उत्पादन होने होगी और इस अवधि में अपेक्षल की जानी चाहिए। उत्पादन स्थान के अनुसार एक लॉट की पूर्ण तुड़ी तीन तिथियों के भीतर उत्पादन होने होगी। इसलिए दोनों के अनुमोदित के प्रत्यक्ष आपूर्ति दरावर्ष पेपर पर इकायना देना होगा।
- नियम पाठ्ड, विलोला खाद व कायार सिथ के लिए भेजी जाने वाली निविदा के साथ सामग्री का नमूना आवश्यक होता है। नियम पाठ्ड प्रयोगशाला ग्रेड का होना चाहिए तथा इसका पी.एच.मा. मात्र 4 से 5 तक होना चाहिए।
- अन्य सभी शर्तें मौके पर सुना दी जाएंगी।

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**HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

Sealed item rate tenders for the following works are hereby invited on form PW 6 and 8 by the **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Shillai** on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the approved contractors registered in the Jal Shakti Vibhag in the appropriate class. The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 3:00 PM on **29.06.2021** on payment non-refundable in cash or by money order as per cost shown below. The tender forms shall be issued in the office of the Executive Engineer up to 4:00 PM on **29.06.2021**. The earnest money as shown below shall be accompanied with tender in the shape of FDR / Deposit at Call from any nationalized bank duly pledged in the name of **Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Shillai**. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner at the time of tender Submission, their offer shall be summarily rejected and the tender offers received will be processed on the basis of eligibility criteria prescribed for the work that has been tendered for. The draft Notice Inviting Tender can also be downloaded from the departmental website www.hip.hip.org. The conditional offer shall be outrightly rejected. The offer shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The tenders shall be received up to **12:00 (Noon) on 30.06.2021 & opened on same day at 12:30 PM** in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the tender will be opened on next working day at the same time.

Sr. No.	Description	E/Cost	E/Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Name of Work:- C/O LIS Matiyana in GP Gawali in Tehsil Shillai, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Barbed wire fencing around Puma House with gate and C/o Breast Wall)	4,78,108/-	9565/-	3 months	250/-
2	Name of Work:- Periodic Operation of LWSS Bali Koti GP Bali Koti in Tehsil Shillai (HP) (SH:- 2 No. Pump Operator, 2 No. Fitter and 1 No. Chowkidar for 180 days for Operation of 1st stage, 2nd stage and sand & Carbon Filter & Chlorine Auto Dozer.	3,26,764/-	6540/-	6 months	250/-
3	Name of Work:- Providing Balance FHTC's to various habitations under JSV Sub-Division Kaffola Division Shillai in Tehsil Kamroo, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Laying and Jointing of GI Pipe 15 mm for 253 Nos. balance FHTC in GP Shaoga for Balance households) JJM	3,89,620/-	7792/-	3 Months	250/-
4	Name of Work:- Retrofitting of various NRDWPs Schemes under Jal Shakti Division Shillai Tehsil Shillai, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Providing 100 No. balance household connection under JSV Sub-Division Ronhat at various habitation) (JJM)	2,28,918/-	4580/-	3 Months	250/-
5	Name of Work:- CAD LIS Upper Mashu GP Jamna Kaffola in District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Providing Laying and Jointing of HDPE Pipe and GI Pipe in Distribution System.	2,46,474/-	4930/-	3 Months	250/-
6	Name of Work:- R/M of GWSS to Gangotri in GP Pal Manal Tehsil Shillai District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- C/o Storage tank 10000 Ltr cap at Pab)	1,34,685/-	2695/-	3 Months	250/-
7	Name of Work:- R/M of GWSS Shiri Kiani in GP Shri Kiani in Tehsil Shillai, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Supply additional source to tubewell from Kundli Khala under Drought i.e. C/o Intake, Sump well 10000 Ltrs cap and L/J of GI Pipes)	2,74,059/-	5481/-	6 Months	250/-
8	Providing GWSS to Pattiyan Bass GP Naya in Tehsil Shillai, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- C/o Intake and storage tank laying jointing of GI Pipes)	4,87,419/-	9750/-	6 Months	250/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. The cost of form is non refundable and no claim of refund shall be entertained.

2. The Tender received without Earnest Money, Copy of Registration/G.S.T./E.P.F./PAN will not be acceptable.

3. EMD is required to be deposited by the contractor in shape of Bank FDR duly pledged in favour of "Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Shillai" at the time of applying for tender form.

4. The tenders of the Contractor/Firms who fails to fulfil the eligibility information will be summarily rejected.

Executive Engineer,
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Rejections, humiliations, slights — both at the personal and professional level — define the engaging story of Neena Gupta, told sans artifice in her autobiography

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WITHOUT LIMITS

So much of the legend of Milkha Singh sounds like a Bollywood script to captivate audiences. Yet, it is all real

PRADEEP MAGAZINE

RAMROD-STRAIGHT, upright, wiry and brimming with confidence, Milkha Singh never looked his age. He never aged. Looking at him, it was hard to imagine that he was a man in his nineties. Nothing seemed to have changed from his youthful days, except maybe his greying hair, which he used to dye.

He did not know how old he was, having had to flee his village in Multan during the bloodbath of Partition, leaving behind his parents and siblings who were killed in the riots. His official date of birth — November 20, 1929 — was a later-day invention to maintain records in his job applications. He was a child of that traumatic period of Indian history when its very survival and identity were under threat. Hungry, without any means of living, Milkha struggled on the streets of Delhi in 1947, seeking menial jobs in grocery stores, polishing shoes and even being jailed for travelling ticketless in a train.

His story of that struggle and deprivation that could not deter him from becoming the leading athlete of his times has been dramatically encapsulated in the film 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag', which reintroduced him to a new audience and has made him a household name for even the present generation.

The legend of Milkha is well documented and needs no retelling, yet there are so many dramatic elements to it that each time you hear or narrate them, something new gets invented. So much of it sounds like a film script, written in the typical Bollywood masala style to captivate the audiences. Yet, it is all real.

When we were growing up in the India of the Sixties and Seventies, we had two superheroes
— Milkha Singh



umphing against all odds. He would regale us with stories of his past with the relish of a child, never flinching from explaining in detail his impoverished past and his complete lack of formal education. We would gather around him in parties and ask him to recount some of the more engaging tales for the newer audiences who were not aware of those nuggets. He would always oblige. He would call us rookies "Kakey" (child) and relate his embarrassing and triumphant moments with great relish.

One of our favourite stories was his response to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru when he offered him the job of Director (Sports) in Punjab. He was not aware of such designations, nor of the hierarchies in jobs. All he knew was that 'Afsar' means someone important, and so he told the PM: "No I don't want to become director, make me Afsar." Despite having heard this story many times over, we all, including him, would break into peals of laughter every time he related it.

He would always blush when we would ask him about that famous quip of his, "No, no, I am Milkha Singh", on being asked by a woman: "Are you relaxing?" This incident was real and happened during one of his races abroad, where a white English-speaking woman saw him lazing around while sitting on the turf. Milkha would become red in the face when he told this story and acknowledge that he was taken aback at seeing a young woman approach him and thought she had mistaken him for someone else.

It was hard to identify the Milkha we knew with the Milkha we had created in our imagination. He would speak fluent English, something he must have worked hard on during his later days, and his manners were urbane and he would carry himself with élan. There were no traces of bitterness in him of a past which could have scarred the best of us. He had learnt the ways of the world well. He was now a golfer, playing regularly at the Chandigarh Golf Club, where his son Jeev mastered the game to become a successful professional golfer.

He thought he was lucky to get into the Army after failing in his first two attempts. While doing his mundane chores, when working in the mess of his regiment, he would often see many jawans running around the ground. He would also notice them getting preferential treatment, be it better diet or time to train and rest. He had till then not known that there is a sport called running and the person who finished first is called the winner. What attracted him to sport was not the race itself but the perks attached to it.

Milkha would always emphasise that the only way to succeed is to train and work hard, even if it means dying of exhaustion. He would give his own example, be it when he discovered what running is all about while in the Army or when training to become one of the best in his field. He would even vomit blood, as he would say, while working on his fitness and running.

Thus began a career that was to blaze a trail on the running tracks of the world and ignite the imagination of a country in search of new heroes and icons.

— The writer is a senior sports journalist

and Dara Singh. While Dara Singh was the epitome of power and strength, Milkha was the essence of speed. If anyone tried to show off his physical powers, people would taunt him and say: "Do you think you are Dara Singh?" And if anyone would boast about running fast, they would sneer at him and say: "Do you think you are Milkha Singh?" Even for those who had no interest in athletics or sports, Milkha had become that mythical figure who could run faster than the gods.

The epithet 'Flying Sikh' is believed to have been given to him by Pakistani President General Ayub Khan in Lahore, where he beat one of the best runners in Asia, Abdul Khaliq, in 1958. And this sobriquet struck a chord among the Indian masses — now he was no longer just a speed merchant difficult to beat, but had also added wings to his sprinting legs. He was now the best runner in Asia and

the Commonwealth countries, winning gold medals in their top events. He was by then being counted among the best 200m and 400m runners in the world and one of the favourites for the gold in 400m at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games. In a photo-finish, he came fourth, missing out on a medal by a whisker.

Despite that loss, which remains the best finish in track and field for an Indian in the Olympics even now, his legend endured. He was already beyond the human realm in the popular Indian imagination. His Olympics timing stood as a national record for the next 38 years and his winning 77 of the 80

races he ran is a feat not to scoff at. His exploits had seeped so much into our minds that it won't be wrong to say that he, much like Dara Singh, was a "Superman" in India's collective conscience.

CHANDIGARH DIARIES

It was this "Superman" I interacted with from the early 1980s during my Chandigarh days, where I started my journalistic career. Milkha was then Director (Sports) with the Punjab Schools Department, and his wife — the affectionate, genial and hospitable Nirmal Milkha Singh — was Director (Sports) with the Chandigarh Administration. Nirmal was an achiever

in her own right, having captained the Indian volleyball team, and the couple was made for each other, so deeply did they seem to understand each other. In a conversation, if she thought he was about to say something improper or was on the verge of losing his cool, she would immediately interject and just say "Sardari?", and Milkha would immediately cool down. The bond was so strong that Milkha survived for barely five days after Nirmal succumbed to Covid-19.

He was a modest man but fully aware of his status and achievements. He knew what the name Milkha meant — the very definition of overcoming adversity and tri-



His Olympics timing in 400m stood as a national record for 38 years.



Milkha and wife Nirmal were made for each other, so deeply did they seem to understand each other.



Milkha played regularly at the Chandigarh Golf Club, where son Jeev (R) mastered the game to become a successful professional golfer.



Milkha Singh (centre) with 'superheroes' Dhyan Chand (left) and Dara Singh.
PHOTOS COURTESY: MILKHA SINGH'S FAMILY

To be jabbed or not, 200 years ago

Vaccine hesitancy refers to a delay in acceptance, or refusal of vaccines despite the availability of vaccine services. Vaccine hesitancy is complex and context specific, varying across time, place, and vaccines.

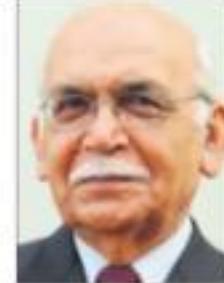
— WHO

I shall endeavour still further to prosecute this inquiry (about the prevention and cure of small-pox), an inquiry I trust not merely speculative, but of sufficient moment to inspire the pleasing hope of its becoming essentially beneficial to mankind.

— Edward Jenner

In science, credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not the man to whom the idea first occurs.

— Francis Galton



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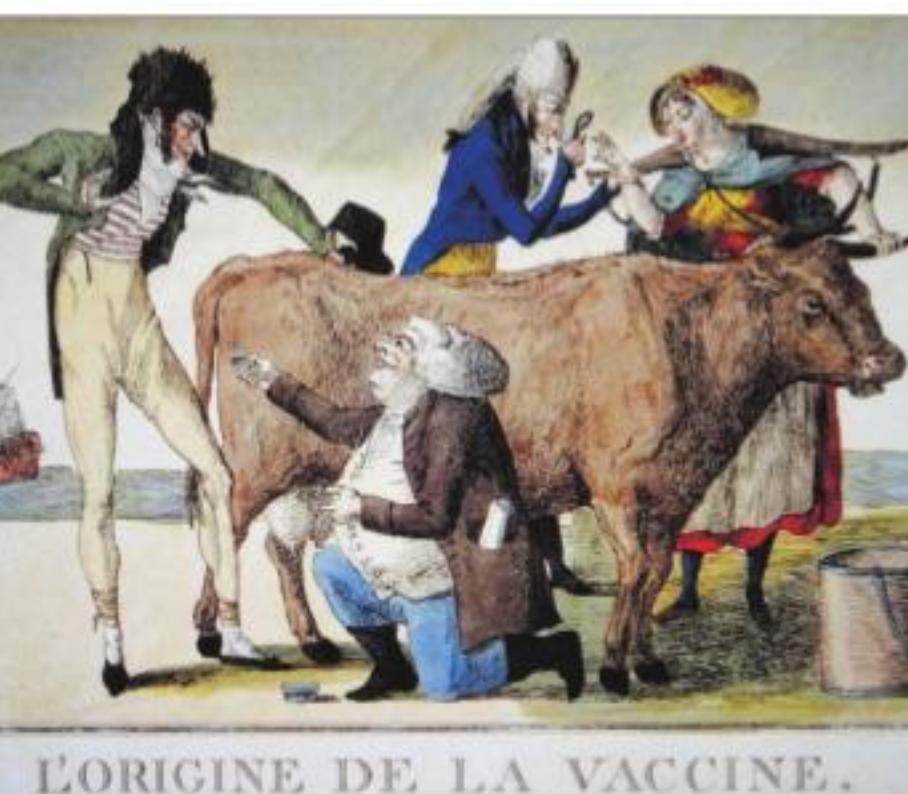
BN GOSWAMY

It is nothing that I know much about. But I write, almost compulsively, against the background of the devastation that the virus — tentatively named '2019-nCoV' — has brought to our entire world and is by no means gone yet. This piece is essentially about another virus that used to rage hundreds of years ago, causing millions to die every year or become scarred for life; the one we refer to simply as 'small-pox'. That virus is now fortunately gone, all because

A noisy anti-vaxxer movement tried to thwart trials of small-pox vaccine, illustrating its point through caricatures and cartoons

of a vaccine: it has been wiped out so completely from the face of the earth that the last remaining specimens of it are held in just two laboratories, in Siberia and the USA. These samples, used exclusively for research — one gratefully learns — are placed under 'higher security than a nuclear bomb'.

While so much is happening in our world and the spectre of death from Covid-19 still roams the streets of every village and every town, it is of profit to recall the story of the small-pox vaccine. For, it is a story as much about the development of the vaccine as about the hesitancy of acceptance that it faced. The story of the first vaccination ever has been told many times over and has grown into a legend: not believed in all its somewhat romantic detail by many, but in its essence true. One goes back to the year 1796 when Edward Jenner, a small-time country doctor practising at Berkeley in Gloucestershire, England, was consulted by a young milkmaid, Sarah Nelmes, about a rash on her hand. The doctor had



(Clockwise from left) Caricature by James Gillray: 'The Wonderful Effects of the New Inoculation', 1803; 'L'Origine de La Vaccination' (Cartoon in a Paris newspaper, 1800); Edward Jenner's desk (a reconstruction) at the Jenner Institute; a portrait of Jenner; and a popular print showing Jenner administering vaccine to a child.

generally observed that milkmaids working in the countryside around him had remarkably clear complexions and were never afflicted 'by the scars of the feared disease 'small-pox'. From observation, he had deduced that this was partly because most of them had contracted at some point of time or the other cow-pox — a condition which came from proximity to cows that grew some 'boils' which exuded some fluid — and it was this relatively mild condition which protected the girls from contracting small-pox, granting them some kind of immunity. Jenner questioned Sarah and she confirmed that one of her cows — Blossom is cited as the cow's name — had recently had cow-pox. In an inspired moment of realisation, the doctor decided to test the protective properties of cow-pox. In 1798, he lanced a sore on Sarah's hand and injected the resultant lymph into the arm of a young boy as an experiment. The boy became mildly ill with cow-pox but recovered quickly and even when infected, a bit later, with small-pox, did not develop the dreaded disease.

Jenner knew that he was on to something. His theory was correct: this is how vaccination (I did not know but the term comes from *vacca*, the Latin word for a cow), was born.

As time passed, and Edward Jenner spoke to his patients and the public in a voice which was persuasive, not aggressive, acceptance of his great discovery grew. He came to be justly recognised as a saviour; he began to refer to himself as the 'Vaccine Clerk to the World'; and honours homed in towards him from all directions. Within a year, the first mast trials of the small-pox vaccine were already underway. But the passage to that stage had not been easy. For, suddenly, in opposition to his method, there also grew up a noisy, raucous 'anti-vaxxer' movement. To his vaccine against small-pox began to be attributed the birth of 'ox-faced children, elderly women sprouting horns, and cloven minds': all with reference to the bovine origins of the vaccine. Leading the campaign against his discovery and method was a doctor, William Rowley by name, who

attacked Jenner with viciousness, publishing cartoons and caricatures highlighting the effects of small-pox vaccination. "These," he wrote in one of his many pamphlets, are "the diseases of beasts, filthy in their very nature and appearance, in the face, eyes, ears, (leading to) blindness and deafness, spreading their baneful influence over the whole body". Another fierce opponent of Jenner's discovery was Benjamin Moseley, who penned a tirade against the cow-pox derived vaccine in which he warned of its effects not only upon the body but also upon the mind.

Jenner was, however, not without supporters. The conflict between the two sides began to play out in newspapers, in artwork, and even in the streets as both sides battled for the body and soul of Britain'. In this melee, caricaturists had a field day. James Gillray published in 1803 a caricature in which Jenner was shown poking a heartless needle into the arm of a seated woman, all around was a crowd of men and women showing calves coming out of the sides of men, women's noses growing into

weird shapes, and little dwarfs scurrying around with pans of cow-pox, as if peddling the fluid. There were cartoons in Paris also: a newspaper publishing in 1800 a sketch showing a milkmaid offering her hand for examination to Edward Jenner, half hidden by a massive cow, while a portly physician knelt on the ground tempting a dandy with inoculation. As against this, the proponents began to successfully point out that there were vested interests at work, for some people had major financial interest in stopping Jenner's discovery catching on, resulting in their losing their lucrative practice of old-fashioned treatments of the disease.

That was a long, long time ago. But traces of hesitancy still linger; in this case in the context of the Covid vaccines. No fierce opposition may be in sight, but insidiously things are being said. Can we not see that, ignorance and mismanagement apart, Mammon, god of wealth, is at work, jealousies are doing their rounds, and hoary old weapons, in the form of religious bigotry and the Fear of the Unknown, are being hawked about in the countryside?

WFH casuals, top to toe

PURNIMA SHARMA

"SOMETIMES I surprise myself. From the cool diva of the pre-pandemic era, I have now become just the opposite," says Tanushree Jana. The 25-year-old artist laughs, calling herself 'brand ambassador of the 'casual-est' of casual wear', happily taking recourse to "comfortable alternatives" that her wardrobe now throws up.

Going by the uber-cool style statements that global fashionistas are now making, this chapter of pandemic fashion — wherein 'uber-casual' is the buzzword — is likely to stay on for a while. Recently, we've had celebs such as Jennifer Aniston and Jodie Foster attending (OK, virtually) the Emmy and Golden Globes awards ceremonies in casual clothes. While Jennifer was there in a silk embroidered robe paired with a blingy necklace, Jodie turned up in a white and black pyjama outfit.

"Stuff like this would have been unheard of prior to this period — when pyjamas were meant only for the night," smiles Pushkal Prasad, who runs two "responsible" clothing brands. Talking about the time the first lockdown was unleashed, he says, "For our meetings on Zoom, we would be out there in our formals, but soon realised we'd be better off without all that jazz." He now ensures his upper body is presentable, "complete with gelled hair and a formal shirt, a la Hrithik Roshan in *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*".

With WFH becoming the norm since the dreaded 2020, the social media has forced people to come up with a list of must-dos for virtual meetings "such as bright-hued tops to brighten up the mood of meetings", says lifestyle blogger Shifa Merchant. "But as I always tell my friends, no one should forget to wear decent lowers. You might have to get

From minimalism in clothing to bold makeup for Zoom meetings, the perfect look may be tricky to attain but is easy to carry



(Clockwise from above)
Shifa Merchant, Garima Chandari, Pushkal Prasad.

up for some reason or the other! Going by some viral memes and videos — of people caught with their pants down — it could get embarrassing," she laughs.

Virtual meetings, says Merchant, must also not see you in chunky jewellery, "including bangles that can irritate with their jingling sound and earrings as they can get pretty distracting — sometimes, annoying — when something serious is being discussed".

Happy that the pandemic has allowed casual wear to become the norm, Sushasini Malik hates it when people show up on Zoom with not just unkempt hair but also a stubble and unplucked eyebrows. "They think that all this is not visible on camera. But truth be told, it is, and hence, best avoided," says the media executive.

The lipstick index may have taken a nose-dive, but the spotlight has shifted to the eyes and skin, feels Prasad. "Even guys are becoming particular about their skin and hair." Being a propagator of the au naturel, he feels happy that ingredients from the kitchen are making their way into masks for skin and hair care.

What's more, the pandemic has forced people to do a rethink on fashion, with most veering towards the 'dressing down' camp, as against the 'dressing up' one. "However, this does not take away from people's need for higher self-esteem. Of course, the focus has shifted from a need to look good for others to feeling good for themselves," says wellness coach Garima Bhandari. In her interactions with people, she has noticed a "happy change" among the millennials — a shift towards minimalism. "This could well be because they feel there's no point in wasting money on expensive outfits that are just going to hang in their closet. Let's just stick to being casual, simple and smart — that's the pandemic *gyan* for all of us," she adds and hopes it stays that way.

CAPTION CONTEST 1310



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

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June 13 issue (see photo)

- **Mourison** — Gian Chand Dhiman, Chandigarh
- **Paddling past parched paths** — Samar Singh Sohi, Malerkotla
- **Land-lines** — RP Kaushal, Palampur
- **Crack track** — Sandeep Daniel, Shimla
- **Rough road, tough ride** — Santosh Bhatia, Panchkula



The Maulvi Bazaar, Sylhet MVCs

Lt Col Dilbag Singh Dabas (RETD)

DURING Operation 'Cactus Lily' on the eastern front, 8 Mountain Division, with 81 Mountain Brigade (10 Mahar, 3 Punjab and 4 Kumaon) and 59 Mountain Brigade (4/5 Gorkha Rifles FF, 9 Guards and 6 Rajput), and some BSF and Mukti Bahini battalions were to operate in the Sylhet district of then East Pakistan. The large area of responsibility, with just two regular infantry brigades, made the task of the Division formidable.



But all the battalions of the two brigades did exceedingly well, with Sepoy Anusuya Prasad of 10 Mahar and Lieutenant Colonel AB Harolikar and Rifleman Dil Bahadur Chhetri of 4/5 Gorkha Rifles winning the Maha Vir Chakras. Both the battalions also added three and two Vir Chakras, respectively, to their roll of honour.

Despite some stiff resistance in the initial stages, the forward movement along the Gobindpur-Munshi Bazaar axis continued, with 3 Punjab clearing all pockets of resistance along the Dhalai river. 10 Mahar and 4 Kumaon, advancing along the Maulvi Bazaar-Sherpur-Sylhet axis, found the going tough since Maulvi Bazaar, a strong-hold on the route, was reportedly held by the enemy in strength.

The heavily fortified Tea Factory on the outskirts of Maulvi Bazaar, targeted by 10 Mahar, was strongly held by a company each of 22 Baluch and 91 Mujahid Battalion. Two determined attempts by 10 Mahar were foiled by heavy automatic fire from enemy machine guns located at the house of the factory manager, resulting in unimaginable casualties. At that critical moment, to stop any further casualty, Sepoy Anusuya Prasad of 'C' Company, in a rare display of courage, albeit at the highest cost, set the entire building afire, paving the way for his battalion to capture the targeted objective.

Anusuya Prasad was recruited in the Mahar Regiment on May 19, 1971, the day he turned 18. The young recruit from Nanna village in Chamoli district of Uttar Pradesh (now Uttarakhand) left for the Mahar Regimental Centre, Saugor (MP), for nine months' training. During the training break, Anusuya had come down to his village to collect some documents, the period in which he was also married to Chitra, who was in her early teens. After just five days as a married man, he went back to the training centre, never to return.

When the war clouds started hovering rather low, the training at all Regimental Centres was truncated and the drafts dispatched to the respective battalions. After six months' basic training, Sepoy Anusuya Prasad joined 'C' Company of 10 Mahar on



November 20 at Shamsher Nagar inside the eastern bulge of East Pakistan. And within 10 days, he made the battalion proud by earning the MVC, posthumously, and also becoming one of the youngest awardees.

The battle account reads:

"Sepoy Anusuya Prasad of the 10th Battalion, the Mahar Regiment, was a young soldier who had joined the unit on November 20, 1971. On November 29, his battalion was given the task of capturing Maulvi Bazaar defended locality. Inside the main defences, the enemy was occupying a well fortified building which dominated the entire area around. At dawn on November 30, the attack was spearheaded by 'C' Company of 10 Mahar with its No. 9 platoon in the lead. Anusuya was part of the attacking platoon.

During the attack, the assaulting troops were held up by heavy automatic fire from enemy machine guns. It soon became apparent that the building would have to be neutralised before own troops could close in on the enemy bunkers surrounding it. Since it was not possible to call for air support or artillery fire due to the close proximity of own troops, it was decided to send a daredevil squad to get into the enemy defences by stealth and set the building on fire. Sepoy Anusuya Prasad volunteered and taking a few phosphorous grenades, with utter disregard for his personal safety crawled towards the enemy position. During the process, he was shot in both his legs but this gallant young soldier did not abandon his mission. He succeeded in crawling up to the building, selected it as his target and started crawling towards it. While doing so, he received a machine gun burst in his shoulders. Bleeding profusely, he crawled up to the room with

great difficulty and lobbed the grenades, setting the building on fire before succumbing to his wounds.

His gallant action forced the enemy to abandon the building. In this action, Sepoy Anusuya Prasad, in spite of his young age and inexperience, showed outstanding courage, with utter disregard to his personal safety and made the supreme sacrifice in the call of duty."

The capture of the Tea Factory has gone down as one of the toughest battles fought by any infantry battalion in the eastern front.

The hard slogging match decisively won by 10 Mahar was played on November 30, three days before the declaration of war. Along with one MVC, three bravehearts, Major Lil Bahadur Gurung, Naib Subedar Mam Chand Sharma and Havildar Budhi Ballabh, won the Vir Chakras; albeit all posthumously.

Chitra Anusuya Prasad, now 63, speaks with pride: "I was merely around 13 when I got married. I remember Anusuya had come down during a break from the training for collecting some documents — this is when we got married. Five days and he went back for the training and went straight to the battlefield. What I received thereafter was a telegram, saying my husband was dead. I could not even read the telegram, forgot understanding the severity of it."

The Veer Nari, who in 2002 started an organisation called Veer Shaheed Anusuya Prasad (MVC) Mahila Samiti in Dehradun, working for women empowerment, adds, "There are just two things I want to do — help to empower other women and visit the place where my husband fought bravely and breathed his last, for which I am still struggling to get a passport."

4/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF) was one of the infantry battalions on the Order of Battle of 59 Mountain Brigade ex 8 Mountain Division. And for 4/5 GR, the battalion raised just 30 years earlier which fought gallantly in the Burma Campaign during World War II and in all the India wars since Independence, all that mattered was war and the will to emulate the bravery of its predecessors.

During 'Cactus Lily', 4/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF) carried forward the legacy and added two Maha Vir Chakras and two Vir Chakras in its tally of the gallantry award winners.

Arun Bhimrao Harolikar, the Kolhapuri Maratha, after matriculation from New High School and first year from Rajaram College, Kolhapur, joined the Joint Services Wing, Dehradun, and was commissioned into the 3rd Battalion of the 5th Gorkha Infantry Regiment. Just three months before commencement of 'Cactus Lily', Arun, now a Lt Col, took over the command of 4/5 GR.

Like all officers and junior leaders, he was aware that in war every combatant fights his best. But when he notices that his senior is by his side, and in the same dangerous situation that he is in, undeterred, he goes beyond the call of duty, like Rifleman Dil Bahadur Chhetri, Second Lieutenant Hawa Singh Chahal and Rifleman Phas Bahadur Pun of 4/5 GR (FF) did.

During the war, Lt Col Harolikar made his presence felt not just by being with his men in all dangerous situations, but also leading one of the successful khukri charges with the war cry "Jai Mahakali — Ayo Gorkhali".

In a rare display of spectacular jointmanship, he heli-landed his battalion under fire at the gates of Sylhet where, after landing, his Gorkhas fought valiantly and successfully, preventing the enemy brigade from reinforcing Dhaka and coercing it suffi-

ciently to surrender on December 16.

His conspicuous bravery earned him the Maha Vir Chakra. The battle account reads:

"On December 5, 1971, Lieutenant Colonel Arun Bhimrao Harolikar, who was commanding 4th Battalion of the 5th Gorkha Rifles (4/5 GR) was given the task of capturing an enemy position in Eastern Theatre. When two assaulting companies were held up due to intense enemy fire, Lt Col Harolikar came forward and personally led the remaining two companies along the most difficult and unexpected approach from behind the enemy. On reaching the objective, on the battle cry Jai Mahakali — Ayo Gorkhali, he personally led the charge and took part in hand-to-hand fighting, resulting in the capture of the enemy position.

On December 8, after landing of his battalion by helicopters behind Sylhet, the resolute fight by his Gorkhas under his inspiring leadership broke the enemy's will to resist, resulting in early surrender of the entire garrison of several thousand enemy personnel."

Dil Bahadur, the living legend, belongs to the reputed Chhetris of Nepal. The Chhetri clan traces its ancestry to the oldest martial race that generally had the last word in military matters and governance of the Himalayan kingdom. It is also widely believed that khukri as a weapon was crafted by this reputed clan. During hand-to-hand combat, Gorkhas are known to have wielded their shining khukri in close quarter battle, with effect.

For the capture of fortress-like Atgram defences in East Pakistan, for his single-handed dare-devilry, wiping out almost a section strength (10 men) of the enemy, Rifleman Chhetri was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra. The battle account reads:

"Rifleman Dil Bahadur Chhetri was part of 4/5 Gorkha Rifles battalion which was given the task of clearing the enemy position from Atgram. This was a well fortified position and was held in strength by the enemy. During the assault, the enemy brought down sustained and accurate fire from medium machine guns, inflicting heavy casualties on the Gorkhas. Rifleman Chhetri, realising the importance of silencing the machine gun, in complete disregard for his personal safety, drew his khukri and single-handedly charged at the bunker and killed eight enemy jawans who resisted his charge. He then caught the red hot barrel of the machine gun, pulled it out and lobbed a grenade inside the bunker killing the firing crew.

His determination and cool courage so inspired his comrades that they charged the objective with great dash and captured it without any further casualties."

After the investiture ceremony, a lady reporter asked Dil Bahadur, "Chhetriji, dushman dus, aap akele, aur hath mein sirf khukri, aapko dar nahi laga?" And the reply by the young Gorkha was classic: "Memsabji, haath me chamakti khukri aur Gorkha dar jaye! Kabhi suna hui aapne?"

Second Lieutenant Hawa Singh Chahal from Mirzapur village near Hisar (Haryana) and Rifleman Phas Bahadur Pun from Ramche village in Parbat district of Nepal also made the battalion proud by winning the Vir Chakras, posthumously.

When the rain comes...

As you say hello to the monsoon, make sure that your garden has good drainage to check waterlogging, besides proper aeration

AMARJEET SINGH BATHI

IN the plains of India, it is said it never rains, it pours. Water in excess of absorption capacity of soil leads to waterlogging. To avoid direct contact of the water with the stem of the plant, raise a soil mound around the main stem of the plant. Dry ankles and wet feet — that is what most plants need. Keep in mind that the best jungles grow on hill slopes, not in wetlands. The following tips will help you maintain your garden during the rains.

Irrigate on need basis only: The water requirement varies from soil to soil, plant to plant, age, size, season, weather conditions and growth phase of the plant. This requirement reduces during the monsoon. Therefore, watering must be done on a need basis. Too much irrigation can lead to fungal infection and yellowing of leaves. Observe the plant in the morning. If the leaves are drooping, it is a sign of dehydration.

Upkeep of the lawn: The vigorous grass growth demands frequent mowing, at times twice a week. Mowing must be done much before the grass grows high, else the overgrown grass will leave behind ugly patches. The weeds, too, grow extensively during the rains. These should be uprooted as soon as spotted. The lawn also greets earthworms. They are the builders

of soil, enhance its fertility, improve aeration and should not be treated as pests. The fortnightly application of urea (15 gm/sq m) is highly beneficial.

Flower beds: The flower beds should not be sunk deep in the garden. These should not be more than 1-2 inches deep. Deeper beds hold more water, leading to waterlogging. Summer annuals like cosmos, zinnia, gomphrena, which required twice a day irrigation during peak summer, now just require moist beds.

Potted plants: Waterlogging in potted plants is caused if the drain hole while potting was not plugged with a piece of broken pot material. Waterlogging will also occur when the root system of the plant develops so extensively in the pot leaving no space for the water to seep out. Cemented pots, especially the painted ones, add more to this problem. Therefore, always go for clay pots. Whenever you repot the plant, use a sandpaper (No. 80) to scrap the pots from inside to open up the blocked pores before filling the new pot.

ting mixture. Ventilation, sunlight, irrigation and temperature are primary areas of concern for all pot plants. Regular hoeing improves aeration.

Exotic beauties: Plants like Chinese green (*aglaonema*), pothos (money plant), schefflera, dracaena, *syngonium*, *philodendron* are native to tropical zones where they grow under direct filtered sunlight. In this region, these need to be moved under cover in the severe summer heat. These must be rotated to recharge and refreshed under the rain. Within a few days, they will show new growth and improved foliage.

Chrysanthemum: As the monsoon sets, the terminal cuttings of chrysanthemum are taken from root stocks, which had been protected under shade during the harsh summer. The basal leaves of terminal cuttings are removed and treated with a growth hormone and fixed in a rooting medium, which consists of one part of sand and one part of burnt rice husk. The cuttings are kept under shade and moisture

is maintained. By mid-July, the cuttings are ready to be shifted in pots containing the mixture. Pot mixture consists of one part garden soil, one part of well-rotten farmyard manure or vermi compost, two parts of leaf mould, two tablespoons of bone meal. Apply Captain (0.3 %) to check rotting of cuttings.

Rose: New roses are best planted from September onwards till January. It requires a sunny location, receiving at least six hours of direct sunlight and well-drained rich soil. Maintain plant-to-plant distance of 2 feet in the flower bed, which must be mixed with FYM and superphosphate. Deep irrigation, once a week, keeps the rose in good health.

Bulbs: Bulbs are heavy feeders and require rich moist soil; they also need a frequent dose of regular fertilisers during the growth phase. Spider lily in white and rain lily (*zephyranthes*) in three colours — white, yellow and pink — bloom during the monsoon. Tuberose (*rajnigandha*), with a pleasant fragrance, gives sporadic

flowering which lasts till mid-December.

Fruit trees: It's time to plant fruit trees in newly dug pits of 3x3 feet. A dose of manure in Aug-Sept must be given, along with an application of fertilisers (NPK) before the beginning of flowering and another at fruit set stage.

Vegetables: Late summer vegetables like okra (*bhindi*), cucumber (*kheera*), bottle gourd (*kadu*), bitter gourd (*karela*), sponge gourd (*lauki*), capsicum (*simla mirch*), brinjal (*baigan*), radish (*muli*), etc, are sown keeping in mind the late-variety seeds only. The vegetables must be sown on raised beds 6-9" high to avoid waterlogging damage.

Pests: Favourable temperature and humidity can lead to growth of all kinds of organisms, including insects, pests and fungal growth. It is better to take expert advice.

Sharing her life, as honestly as possible

NONIKA SINGH

SACH KAHUN TOH' — when an actor decides to tell the truth and titles her book the same, you take her assertion and the book with a pinch of salt. For, how many actors truly have the gumption to take skeletons out of their cupboard and share unsavoury truths of their life?

But when the actor in question is the redoubtable Neena Gupta, bold and upfront, you can only get an honest sneak peek into her life and through the world of arclights she inhabits. On the surface, to you and me, Neena Gupta might seem a rebel who cocked a snook at societal dictates and dared to have a child out of wedlock. But as she makes you privy to her journey — right from her childhood to her National School of Drama days, from a struggling artiste to an actor of immense calibre who found her real groove at ripe 60, you meet a real woman. One of substance, yes, but, above all, a woman who is as humane as we all are, with her fair share of fears, insecurities, doubts, ambition, dreams and desires.

Now diffident, now confident, she emerges as a person and actor who has risen to great heights despite odds and insurmountable obstacles. Cinephiles might today acknowledge the tremendous talent of the 'Badhaai Ho' actor, but Gupta tells you with unconcealed candour and honesty, how it has not been a smooth ride. Rejections, humiliations, slights, slurs — both at the personal and professional level — define her engaging story, told

sans artifice. Nowhere do you sense a desire to impress her readers to whom she often talks directly.

During the making of her directorial venture, the National Award-winning film 'Bazaar Sitaram', one of her favourite people, celebrated filmmaker Shyam Benegal, told her: "Every story has to have a clear beginning, middle and an end. Remember that and you will never fail." This advice, it seems, she applied not only to the film about 'Delhi's treasure trove of culture and art', but to her autobiography too. Except for the last four chapters wherein she goes back and forth while talking about significant others (excluding West Indies cricketer Vivian Richards, but very much including her husband, Vivek), she follows a linear style of narration.

Interestingly, while she takes many aspects of her life almost like a bull by the horns, she breezes through her affair with Richards, father of her daughter, the noted fashion designer Masaba Gupta. For her stance to remain tight-fisted, if not tight-lipped, about details of her relationship with the former cricketer, she uses the alibi of another relationship. A mother first and foremost, she apologises to readers for not divulging more. "I would appreciate it, my dear reader, if you could respect my silence on this matter because I honestly don't want to rehash the entire situation and make myself and especially my daughter vulnerable to public speculation once again," she says.

However, she shares her experience of motherhood with joy and pride that only a mother can know. She credits the presence of Masaba not only for much that is beautiful and joyous in her life, but life itself. Recounting a tragic incident when



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a fire engulfed the sets of television serial 'The Sword of Tipu Sultan' leading to loss of many lives, she shares how she had moved out from the epicentre of the accident to check out on her daughter in the green room. What if she hadn't? She shudders at the thought and so do we at the possible consequences.

On the repercussions of being an actor, rather than an actress, she does talk about the discomfiting realities, including being stereotyped. How making a mark with her first notable performance in 'Saath Saath', the image of 'Lalla Ladki' stuck and actually became a curse. Why despite making waves as the strong-willed Ketaki in TV serial 'Khaandani', she was only flooded with negative roles. On the infamous casting couch, she is once again

frank and direct. Yes, it exists, she admits in no uncertain terms, but the choice to sit (sleep) on it, she insists, is purely yours. But does she name and shame men who made indecent proposals to her? No, she plays safe. In fact, each time she talks about people who have hurt her, she doesn't identify them. Be it at a personal level or professional, you can only second guess their identities. Of course, there are tell-tale clues. More so, when part of her life where she had all but tied the knot with the son of a renowned musician unfolds. Who is this family whose son developed cold feet at the last minute? Well, she doesn't identify (nor would we), but if you read the book, the answer lies in the line, "I was introduced to Raghav's maternal grandfather, one of

India's foremost film-makers."

Bitter-sweet memories dot her memoir and she interweaves the personal and professional, navigating the two worlds almost seamlessly. Minutiae jostle with issues that call for graver consideration. While telling a personal story, Gupta makes some incisive worldly observations about society, women, marriage and love. She strikes more than a chord, and more than once, as she shares her views on what we call 'behenjis' or when she writes, "When I think of love, I don't think of grand gestures or boxes wrapped in bows, I think of little things in life."

On filmdom, her thoughts are precise. "The industry is a business and nobody is your friend." Primarily an actor of art house cinema, she shares her discomfort in the commercial setup. She has no hesitation in sharing what Subhash Ghai said before canning the iconic song 'Choli ke peeche'. While taking us behind the scenes of many a film/TV serial of hers, we get to see the heartwarming persons behind eminent filmmakers such as Satyajit Ray, Girish Karnad, Shyam Benegal and Gulzar; actors like Vinod Khanna too come across as amiable beings.

And we most certainly meet Neena Gupta the actor and the woman who is not afraid to face both the ups and downs of her journey with vulnerabilities intact. To let the chinks in the armour show, isn't that the most sterling hallmark of confidence? As the world is rediscovering the wonderful actor in her, readers will discover who Neena Gupta really is. Truth be told, she may have glossed over a few things, for which she even pens an apology in the epilogue, but her honesty speaks in a crystal clear voice.

Surviving grief's onslaught

RAJESH SHARMA

THIS is a lyrical, moving journal in 30 entries. A daughter mourns her father's death, circling around her grief like a bird that is its own prey, peeling her way to the core of the grief, pecking at it. It is a ritual of self-healing and it culminates in intimations of her own rebirth as a writer.

He was 88, but there was no sign he would go. He had only looked a little unwell when the family last came together on Zoom. But an infection stole up to get the better of the old man, made vulnerable by ailing kidneys. The worldwide Covid lockdowns kept the airports shut and delayed the funeral even as corpses piled up in mortuaries and suffered, under bribe-hungry morticians' noses, 'transubstantiation', a daughter's euphemism for rotting. How would she reconcile with her father's death, this self-confessed 'daddy's girl'?

He had been Nigeria's first professor of statistics and a deputy vice-chancellor. Surrounded by deception, corruption and greed, he had lived a life of simplicity and integrity devoted to learning. If Adichie is a feminist of such powerful conviction and universal persuasion, she owes it admittedly to his teaching her not to fear men's disapproval. He had been a cherished friend and colleague. His American colleagues replenished his library after the Nigerian army had

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burnt all his books during the Biafran war. And he had been a fighter. When he died, he was fighting 'a diminutive self-styled philanthropist drunk on oil wealth and bereft of scruples', who had set his eyes on the land in Abba, the professor's hometown.

Adichie's poignant lyricism flows probably from her view of grief as something that can also be a 'celebration of love'. The love for her father gives her the courage to see her own pain without blinkers. She is not a Hamlet seeking solace in metaphysical speculation. Tears do not dim her sight. When emotion threatens her sanity, she turns to writing, as Hamlet does to acting. It is a performance and affords distance to survive grief's onslaught. At one level then, the book is a set of variations on mourning performed in language to keep madness at bay. At another, it is a baptism of grief that draws the writer so far out into the wilderness of language that she senses a self-birthing: she hears 'a new voice pushing itself out of my writing'. The voice has the urgency of death's summons. It dawns on her that she too is mortal and may

die, like her father did, any moment. And so she 'must write everything now'. With this realisation, she has won the writer's last freedom.

Mourning will rid her language of glibness, flaccidity and vacuity. The inessentials will fall away. Superlatives, when they exist, will possess full, naked force. She will meet language afresh, where it stands guard against chaos and slobbering sentiment. At that post, language will be lean, spare, muscular, in control, even when the writer is sobbing. Mourning is a process of purification.

It is her four-year-old daughter's mimicry of her uncontrollable grieving that makes her see herself as at once a spectator and a performer. In the space that opens up between the two poles of the self, healing can take place. Adichie later sees logic in the Igbo custom of the prolonged performative acts of mourning in which the community participates to collectively wash and flush out the poison of private grief.

But, as she says, one comes to know grief only when it is one's own. Empathy goes only so far and no farther. And we protect ourselves behind walls of delusion, that grief visits other people only, that it will not touch us. Until, that is, it crashes down on us. 'We don't know how we will grieve until we grieve,' she writes. And you can already hear a new voice, Orphic, ringing with the lucidity of one who has fathomed the depths of grief and been to the world of the dead. This is the voice of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie reborn.

When sport leads the spirit

VIKRANT PARMAR

JUXTAPOSING strife and sport is tricky, but in the hands of a master storyteller like John Grisham, it becomes a cinch. In his latest novel 'Sooley', he delves deep into the heart of war-ravaged South Sudan to pull out an exceptional character — Samuel Sooleymon. A promising hoopster at 17, Sooley is selected for a showcase basketball tournament in the United States, along with a team of aspiring youngsters.

Sooley's passion for basketball germinates in an arena of warlords,强men, bandits, corrupt politicians; a chaotic world where 'many obvious questions were left unanswered'. During a bus ride, Sooley even witnesses the nonchalance with which Sudanese soldiers kill a bunch of rogues.

Growing up in penury and then finding wings, his innocence is well-captured as he boards a plane for the first time — when 'his stomach floated a bit'. He knows his future was 'nothing but basketball'; however, even before he makes a mark in the United States, Sooley gets the shocking news of his father's slaughter in ethnic violence. His sister goes missing and two brothers, along with his mother, fight for their lives as they try to flee the perpetrators.

Sooley wants to return, but is convinced that his future lies on the basketball courts in America, where he could earn enough to afford his family a bright future. Although he fails to impress with his skills initially, a benevolent coach offers him a chance to play with his club, a scholarship at college and also a job. Sooley grabs it with both hands, works harder than before and sharpens his

focus; his dreams begin to flower.

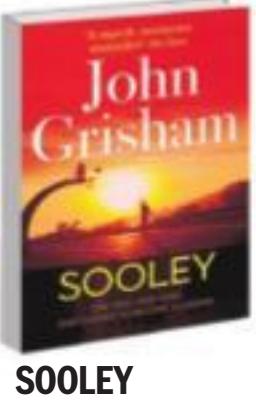
In parallel movement of the story, quite flawlessly managed by Grisham, Sooley's family manages to reach a refugee camp in Uganda after days of hunger, thirst and gut-wrenching fear. The place offers life, yet squalor and suffering are rife. There are unending lines for food, snatching is the order of the day and tribal rivalries refuse to die. Disease spreads often, death goes unnoticed.

As Sooley starts making a mark with his enviable 'vertical leap' on the court, his name and fame spread. With each match, he takes his club to heights it has never seen before. Sooley's coaches, roommate and others stand firm as pillars beside him, even though 'often, he allowed himself a good cry'. Sooley even manages to contact his mother — who later watches him play on the big screens set up at the refugee camp to highlight a star from their ilk — and promises her a safe future.

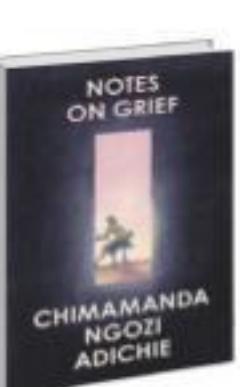
With growing affluence, Sooley in part loses his way, but his deep desire to get his family to safety never leaves his thought. And then, like often, destiny has a twist to offer.

On a different 'court' in this novel, Grisham does not miss a trick with the basketball jargon. His love for the game stands out in each sentence, as he describes the tense matches. Action merges with emotion seamlessly; realities of two different worlds stare naked in the eye, as the author skillfully stitches the story.

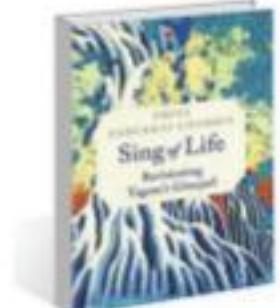
Like with most of his novels, Grisham shines in this one too. Despite the sprawling length, his narration is quite remarkable. Holds attention, deserves applause.



SOOLEY
by John Grisham.
Hachette.
Pages 368.
₹699



NOTES ON GRIEF
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.
Fourth Estate.
Pages 96.
₹399



SING OF LIFE: REVISIONING TAGORE'S GITANJALI
by Priya Sarukkai Chabria.
Westland.
Pages 156. ₹499

FIRST published in 1992, 'The Artist's Way' has been inspiring generations to pursue their passions. Hailed as 'The Queen of Change', Julia Cameron is credited with starting a movement that has brought creativity into the mainstream conversation. The book provides a 12-week course to guide you through the process of "recovering your creative self". It begins with her most vital tools — The Morning Pages, a daily writing ritual, and The Artist Date, a dedicated block of time to nurture your inner artist. Hundreds of exercises follow. Over the last 30 years, the book has been translated into 40 languages and sold over five million copies. Not a surprise then that wherever she goes, she often encounters people whose lives she has touched, changed — all for the better.

THE ARTIST'S WAY: A SPIRITUAL PATH TO HIGHER CREATIVITY
by Julia Cameron.
Hachette.
Pages 242. ₹699

SUNDEEP BHUTORIA loves to travel and wherever he goes, he carries with him a little bit of India, and looks for a little bit of India in every new place he visits. These experiences, coupled with the interactions with NRIs there, have often resulted in columns. These pieces have now become the book 'The Global Desi: Reflections on Home and Away'. It is divided into three topics — food & travel, literature and social issues. Some of the pieces might have been written years ago, but have a quality of timelessness about them. Be it a quirky café in Brazil or a glimpse of Rajasthan in Rome, be it a commentary on social etiquette (or lack thereof) during a pandemic or behind-the-scenes notes on the largest literary festival in the world, this book informs, amuses and provokes in equal measure.

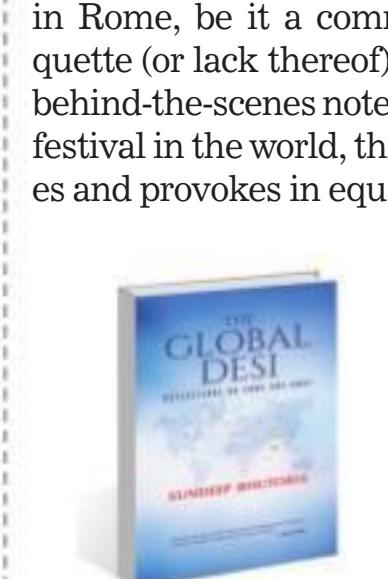
THE GLOBAL DESI: REFLECTIONS ON HOME AND AWAY
by Sundeep Bhutoria.
PanMacmillan.
Pages 362. ₹599

MAHABHARATA, the epic, is full of stories — several told, several untold. In this one, third in the Young Pandavas series, Sahadev, Nakul, Arjun, Bhim and Yudhishthir are all set to graduate from Guru Dronacharya's school, having learnt to lead armies and wield battle-magic. And now they must display their skills in a grand tournament before the entire kingdom. Unfortunately, Duryodhan and his uncle Shakuni already have a whole new bag of dirty tricks waiting to keep them from impressing the people of Hastinapur. Can the Pandavas outwit their cousins yet again? As the five brothers move closer to their destiny as the heirs of the Kuru kingdom, they must face powerful new rivals and uncomfortable family secrets, while dark clouds of war loom in the distance.

YOUNG PANDAVAS: THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT
by Anupam Arunachalam.
Hachette.
Pages 128. ₹250

JIA KHAN, a British Asian woman from an organised crime family, rejects the family business. A successful lawyer, she has built a quiet and solitary life for herself in London, away from her family and the streets of Yorkshire where she grew up. But certain truths cannot be wished away. Her father's murder creates a vacuum that ultimately pulls her in. She now must lead an all-male *jirga*, the local crime syndicate. Convincing the *jirga* of her worth, combating a particularly ruthless rival, preventing gang wars and keeping the family together — author Samir Mir pens a gritty story, in the tradition of Mario Puzo's 'Godfather'. An award-winning journalist, Mir's essay for 'It's Not About the Burqa' appeared in the *Guardian Weekend*, receiving over 250,000 hits in two days.

THE KHAN: I AM JUSTICE
by Saima Mir.
Westland.
Pages 318. ₹499



THE KHAN: I AM JUSTICE
by Saima Mir.
Westland.
Pages 318. ₹499



GUEST COLUMN

NEELAM MANSINGH CHOWDHRY

The social media blinkers

MY growing-up exposure was to the world of telegrams, booked telephone calls, mediated through an operator, and greenish-blue inland letters as modes of communication.

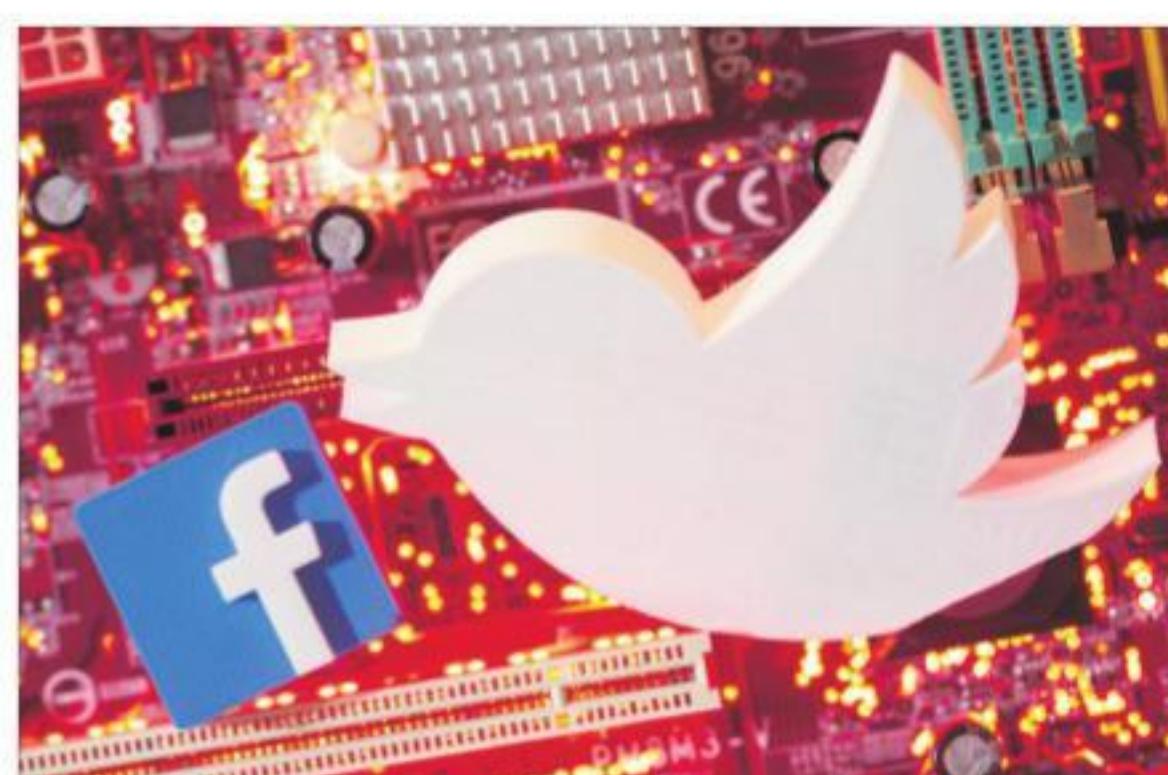
The postman's arrival was the most anticipated moment of the day. I constantly peered from my window, waiting for him, as a delayed love letter or a bad report card from school could create havoc.

The arrival of computer changed one's entire understanding of time and speed. How, at the click of a button, a mail written in Chandigarh could reach London in the same instant. It seemed not only a miracle but a source of wonderment and awe. The computer quickly became the new-age god.

The journey from the telegram era to the computer took many decades but I remained a technological refugee — unsure of its basic usage, constantly floundering.

What is disconcerting in this technological 'Pandora's box' is the way information is disbursed, like lightning, with deadly force. Thoughtfulness, homework, due diligence sometimes get brushed aside in this immediate and reactive space. This space sometimes becomes contentious where invectives are spewed and media trials take place. The words that are churned out can be a source of unexpected troubles, or alternately can help in articulating lost spaces, awaiting to be reclaimed and articulated in a language that sometimes gets buried in hyperbole and rhetoric. Words are never 'only words,' says Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Zizek; they matter because they define the contours of what we can do'.

I see most social media spaces as a space where one has a voice to articulate a multitude of singularities. It all adds up and strengthens free thought and expression despite the fact that words do not always have fixed meaning and can lend themselves to multiple interpretations. "Do I contradict myself? Very well then, I contradict myself. I am large



Social media is a space to invent, imagine and have multiple identities. This identity, constructed through imagination, makes the ordinary extraordinary. REUTERS

I contain multitudes," says American poet Walt Whitman.

Social media is a performance space. It allows you to be whoever you wish to be. I see profiles of writers and actors claiming international renown and strangers becoming confidants and personal therapists. This made me understand that social media is also a space to invent, imagine, fantasise, fetishise and have multiple identities. This identity, constructed through the imagination, makes the ordinary extraordinary, creating a hallucinatory world where truths are tested and discarded and then tested again and again.

We are now inundated with instantly available information, and we all have become addicts to this accessibility. The question that concerns is the difference between apprehension and comprehension, between information that is received and the information that is processed and should ostensibly transform us. Transformation that requires effort and imagination has somewhat got dissipated due to social media and its accomplice — information at the press of a button.

We have sterilised and sanitised our world, and like Lady Macbeth, we are constantly washing not only our hands but also our reality. Surrounded by social media — WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook, Clubhouse, Instagram — a digital reality within the confines

of the computer replaces real life, real experiences, real relationships. Through this medium, we enter an etherised, safe, cocooned world with no tangible connection, no smell, no touch, no feel. A virtual, alternative reality with no sunlight or air!

Social media is under the scanner, and the cacophonous arguments for a ban are certainly an assault on free expression and choices. Most social media chatter hovers between fact and factoid. Hate speeches, stalking, trolling is now a cottage industry and no one emerges smelling of roses. Conversely, social media is also a space that is associated with heat and passion, conflict/confrontation and defiance. An interplay of opposing forces and actions, in which beliefs, moral choices and political proclivities are in evidence. Isn't that what democracy is all about? Plurality, multiplicity, many voices, many threads, many layers of opinion? Why silence it? Dissent is considered a threat in autocracy, not in a democracy!

The irony is that social media is used for different reasons by different people. Sometimes to plug an opinion, sell a product, share an idea or a poem! More significant than the facts of life is the meaning and significance that we attribute to those fact-formulating ideas and opinions, creating perceptions and perspectives.

Social media also caters to the exhibitionist within us, and can also make us believe in the 'Dear Diary' syndrome. The isolation of being with your phone, iPad or computer makes one temporarily forget that social media is a public space. Conversely, the fear of being invisibilised due to Covid-19 has made us desperate to be noticed, acknowledged and validated through our endless posts, with the number of 'likes' and 'comments' determining our existence. I exist only because of social media is a scary dictum, but a truism for all addicts. Most social media addicts are nocturnal ramblers, interacting with disembodied souls, unknown to each other. They spew, rant, share intimacies, secrets, thoughts, fetishes and a response from this faceless multitude becomes the barometer from which one's popularity and visibility is mapped.

It's a double-edged sword, which plays different roles for different strokes. It satisfies a voyeuristic streak within us. A new dress, haircut, outing to a fancy eatery has no purpose unless it is photographed and shared. Each phone has become a personal museum of pictures and events. If this museum of photography is not acknowledged, our digital edifice crumbles and disintegrates. It never ceases to amaze me how fragile, transient and vulnerable we are!

The social media world is certainly polarised by those who are active and those who have rejected it. An isolating and lonely space, filled with unexpected ripples. We do not realise that our tiniest gesture can have a large-scale impact. A comment that does not fit into the national narrative can lead to jail, public censure or court cases. As a child, we often recited this ditty, "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." But today, it's all reversed, the sticks and stones that break the bones of a hapless vegetable seller or violate the body of a woman have the perpetrator escaping unscathed, while the words and ideas of a thinker, a protester, an artist or a cartoonist can land him/her in jail or make him/her face the lynch mob.

Milkha, a life lived to the fullest



GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHAJAN

THE seemingly indestructible Milkha Singh — strong and wiry, his gravelly voice firm and unwavering, his mental faculties excellent at age 91 — falls to Covid-19.

The greatest Indian runner, reintroduced to younger generations with the movie 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag', was a legend in his own lifetime. The regret of losing a medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics pained him for 61 years, and he'd often say that before he "left this world", he wanted to see an Indian athlete take the "gold medal that fell out of my hand".

Milkha didn't really have the 400m Olympics gold in his hand — however, the medal was well within his reach, and he was one of the favourites to win it. But Milkha's tale, extraordinary and brutal, inspirational and edifying, is a near-mythical superhero story that has acquired layers with time. The core, though, is crystal clear — the limitless power of the human will. Milkha often repeated an Urdu couplet to explain how he did it:

"Haath ki lakeeron se zindagi nahin banti
Azm hamara bhi kuchh hissa hai zindagi
banane mein"

Witnessing the killing of his parents and siblings, surviving as a penniless refugee in Delhi, joining the Army and becoming a world-class athlete — Milkha did it all because of his 'azm', will.

Not a joke

In the 1980s, to us schoolkids, Milkha Singh was a mythical character, possibly invented for the noble purpose of raising laughter — he was the Sarbjit who didn't catch the thief because he sprinted past him; he didn't take the bus because he travelled faster than it; he was the man who, when asked if he was relaxing, answered: "No, I'm Milkha Singh."

Before the Rajinikanth memes of paranormal achievements, we had the Milkha Singh and Dara Singh memes.

Milkha's achievements were indeed extraordinary — he remains the only Indian track athlete to win a gold at the Commonwealth Games, where the athletics competition is markedly stiffer than at the Asian Games; his fourth-place finish at 1960 Rome is the best result for an Indian in track

and field at the Olympics (PT Usha emulated him in the boycott-affected Los Angeles Olympics in 1984); his 400m national record stood for 38 long years. An aside — when this reporter called him after Paramjeet Singh broke his record in 1998, Milkha was frank in expressing his doubt over the new 'record' because it was set in India — he said an athlete's top performance comes against tougher competition, i.e. abroad. Milkha had announced an award of ₹2 lakh for the athlete who broke his record, and he did give away ₹1 lakh to Paramjeet, despite the doubts.

Milkha's achievements are amazing, especially for a man who didn't even know for the first 22 years of his life that you could make a living by running and winning races.

Milkha ran and won races, 77 out of the 80 that he ran in his lifetime. He made a comfortable life for himself and his family, and his son Jeev Milkha Singh is one of India's greatest golfers.

Five days before he died, his wife, Nirmal, had passed away. For the Milkha family,



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their remaining separated for only five days is a sign of "true love and companionship".

Lamenting over the passing away of the great runner, a friend who was inspired by Milkha said: "Surely, we'll meet in a better world." But one would argue that, surely, meeting and knowing of Milkha in this one world we know of, in this one life that we know of, is enough — the lessons that his life can teach us are precious and timeless: azm, blood and sweat, acceptance of the fruits of one's labours, living life to the fullest. Unlettered and wise, naive and worldly, Milkha teaches us how to live life — only if one's willing to be taught. Milkha's chalice was bitter and sweet, as it is for most of us, but he drank it to the dregs.

Lessons from a father and a teacher



GUEST COLUMN

GUL PANAG

A FEW days back, I was in Himachal Pradesh waiting for the train at the Kandaghat railway station with my son when a gentleman, either an ex-serviceman or a serving officer (obvious to me from his carriage and bearing), walked up to me and enquired if I was General Panag's daughter. Considering that I was wearing a mask, I was a little surprised, but, of course, admitted to being guilty as charged. This is quite a routine occurrence — to be approached as my father's daughter.

The officer went on to tell me that he was my father's student in the Indian Military Academy (IMA), and later again at Staff College, and that he holds dear all that he learnt from him. Customary pleasantries exchanged, we said goodbye.

My father has spent a significant part of his 40-year military career teaching as an instructor; something I, as a child, knew at the back of my mind, but didn't actively reflect on. This Father's Day, and that chance encounter at the railway station, got me thinking about the things my father has practised, taught and

passed on to his students and, of course, to his children.

Here are some key learnings that I endeavour to imbibe, and that have resonated over many such chance encounters with his former students:

Making a point without making an enemy.

This is an important skill to have in order to navigate fragile egos while still being able to make a difference. My father didn't rise to the top of his profession by being a 'yes man'.

But the fact that he did get as far as he did while continuing to call a spade a spade is something to learn from. Even today, he continues to do the same, actively engaging with those he disagrees with on social media — with a dose of wit thrown in.

Intellectual pursuit — over and above the perceived job requirement.

The only way to grow is to learn more and read more, especially when most around you will point out the redundancy of the additional effort, given that things appear to be on track. This is the reason I have continued academic pursuits, along with my professional commitments.

Physical fitness. The one tool that

one has to live life to the fullest with is one's body — be it pursuing a sport, or simply moving with ease in one's younger years and without pain in later years. Many of us don't devote adequate time, energy and resources towards the pursuit of physical fitness — only to pay for it dearly later. Physical fitness isn't just about physique. It's an outcome of critical character traits — discipline, consistency, commitment and perseverance — that are essential for a fulfilling life.

Raise the bar higher. Be highly competitive but ultimately strive to compete with your own self. As Ernest Hemingway said, "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."

Say the right thing, even if it's unpopular.

Especially when it's unpopular. When in doubt about how to conduct yourself, always choose to be a role model because you never know who may be watching and getting influenced. Speaking up for what you believe in is very important, especially in times like these.

Never compromise on integrity.

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. And there's really no room for grey in this regard. Because it's not others that you do it for. You must maintain the highest standards of integrity so that you can look yourself in the eye.

Always apologise when wrong.

It's not easy to eat crow and admit a mistake or an error of judgment, especially when one is perceived to be successful or a 'rising star'. However, I've seen my father do this over the years, and he continues to do so. Although such admissions to his children, understandably, are cloaked in sermons!

This Father's Day, I thought I'd share some learnings from my father that have shaped the person that I am. I do have a long way to go.

Papa, I know you're reading this, and I'd like to say that it is my constant endeavour to live up to your ideals. Thank you for being a true role model. I constantly strive to achieve the high standards set by you.

Salute.

In dark times, a friendship that helped heal the hearts



IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT

NATASHA BADHWAR

The Internet had been Surekha's stage, where she engaged with causes she believed in. Following her death, people collected there to share stories that featured her joys, angst, and generosity.



Surekha always taught us to put love and compassion before judgment.

MISSSED all my deadlines last week. I didn't reply to urgent emails and failed to deliver work commitments. After a while, I could not tell whether I was not functioning because I was anxious, or if I was anxious because I was not being able to function. It was an unfamiliar, emotional terrain.

Last fortnight, I had shared that my friend, S, had been critical with Covid-19 in a hospital. Her name is Surekha, and she died last week. I cannot remember experiencing this kind of shock and grief in my life before — both of which are also clouding my ability to process any other memories, except those of Surekha.

When her condition deteriorated in hospital, a few of us who knew about it wondered how and when we should begin to break the news to others who were her friends.

Surekha had been one of the early adopters of Twitter in India and, over the years, she brought to Twitter a spontaneity and creativity that was hard to define, yet magnetic in its appeal. She understood and exploited the

charm that drew people to her.

I had imagined that there would be an outpouring of tributes and memories but nothing prepared me for the deluge of Surekha stories that people began to share as soon as news of her death spread online. Soon her name was trending on Twitter. Online news portals published her obituaries; and columnists who had been friends wrote in mainstream newspapers about what she meant to them.

The Internet had been her stage, and it seemed only fitting that her people collected there to share their grief as well as personal stories that featured Surekha's words, joys, angst and reckless generosity.

"With Surekha, there was no mask," one person said. "She came as herself and others felt safe lowering their own guard with her."

"She was everyone's unpaid agent. She would critique your work but also be an unabashed champion of your creativity."

"You believed the lies she said about you in your praise to the point that the lies became

true," another multi-talented friend shared.

"Considering I interacted with S only a few times, I have been wondering why her death seems to have affected me the way it has," wrote one person, resonating the feelings of a collective. A pattern began to emerge as we read each other's words on the common friend who had died so young. Each one of us spoke of a unique, intimate connection with Surekha. Each had felt cherished in this relationship formed via text messages and chats on Twitter DM. She had argued, critiqued, encouraged us.

"This is my friend," I wrote, sharing a photo of her and me together as we stood at one of the stalls at our daughters' school fair. "Surekha, the empath, the lover, the carer of people. Surekha, the wounded. The healer."

"She taught me so much, I could spend the rest of my life writing about it. No one can love like her. Although we have nothing left with us now except how to practice being Surekha."

Exactly a week after her death, her friends

and family came together on Zoom to celebrate her love and our sense of bereavement. Many of the friends shared that while they had known Surekha for years, they had not met her in real life. Most of us were seeing each other for the first time. Yet the sense of anguish at her death was so tangible that we were allowing our voices to break and tears to flow in the company of each other. We had loved and lost together.

We all agreed that Surekha would have forbidden this public display of love and adulation. Yet, we had no choice but to be disobedient now.

I learnt from Surekha to always put love and compassion before judgment. To know that everyone is haunted by pain, that we all carry unresolved trauma, but in our own way, we are fighting to emerge from it... Be true to yourself, be forgiving of missed deadlines and help others get in touch with their best selves.

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1,152 students move SC, want compartment exam cancelled

Demand court-approved CBSE evaluation formula for them too

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19
As many as 1,152 students have moved the Supreme Court, seeking cancellation of CBSE Class XII compartment exam as they demanded that the court-approved evaluation formula for regular students be applied to those in compartment, private and repeat categories and their results be declared on time.

They urged the top court to direct the CBSE to finalise a formula for performance evaluation of the Class XII private, compartment and repeat-category students in accordance with the formula adopted by CBSE and other school education boards for the regular students. Keeping in view the safety, health and well-being of students, their parents and family members, teaching faculty and all stakeholders, the notification issued by CBSE calling off the Class XII Board Examinations due to Covid-19 should be given widest interpretation so as to include all



WHAT THE PLEA SAYS

Petitioners said the CBSE had attempted to give an unequal treatment to private/patracar/second chance compartment candidates of classes X and XII, thereby creating a classification that had no reasonableness, rationale and hence, "is prima facie, unfair, unjust, arbitrary, and unreasonable and violative of the principles of equality enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution".

While 30 per cent weightage will be given for classes X and XI, for Class XII the weightage will be 40 per cent, for Class XII, the marks obtained by a student in his/her unit test/mid-term/pre-Board examinations will be considered while 20 marks will be declared by July 31. Marks in the best of three subjects will be considered for the purpose for classes X, XI and XII.

The CBSE had said if a stu-

dent wasn't able to meet the qualifying criterion; he/she would be placed in "essential repeat" or "compartment category". However, the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) had proposed a different set of criteria to compute marks based on performance of students in the last six years and declare results by July 20. The court is to take up the matter again on Monday.

categories of students, and not just regular ones.

According to the CBSE formula accepted by the top court on June 17, classes X, XI and XII marks will be considered in 30:30:40 ratio to prepare the final results of Class XII students will be declared by July 31. Marks in the best of three subjects will be considered for the purpose for classes X, XI and XII.

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Amid low turnout, hardliner Raisi wins Iran's presidential election

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19
Iran elected hardliner Ebrahim Raisi as its next President on Saturday. With the lowest turnout since the 1979 elections, people expressed disappointment about the limited field of contestants.

Raisi is sanctioned for human rights abuses by the US, but has the ears of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who favoured him among four hardliners and one moderate. He had lost to the present Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, a moderate, in the previous presidential poll. Raisi's election means



President Hassan Rouhani (L) with President-elect Ebrahim Raisi. AP/PTI

Tehran will push for the nuclear deal that will loosen US and UN sanctions and help it earn revenues by selling oil to old customers India, South Korea, Japan and China. But as a hardlin-

er, Raisi will consolidate Khamenei's endeavour not to provide the West with any further concessions, especially withdrawing support to militancy in Lebanon, Gaza, Yemen and Iraq.

'Superior courts' to decide Jadhav case: Pakistan

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Pakistan has contested South Block's claim that a recently passed Bill by its National Assembly does not facilitate an effective review of Kulbhushan Jadhav's case as mandated by the judgement of the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has suggested overinterpretation by the MEA when it said on Thursday that the Bill invited the municipal courts in Pakistan to decide whether or not any prejudice has been caused to Jadhav on account of the failure to provide consular access. The MFA said Islamabad "chose to provide Jadhav the right of review by superior courts of Pakistan". — TNS

Gilmour helps Scotland hold off England in Euro c'ship

LONDON, JUNE 19
Billy Gilmour made his first international start against his team's biggest rival at European Championship.

And he wasn't fazed even a wee bit. "I was ready," the 20-year-old Scotland mid-fielder said on Friday after helping his team hold England to a 0-0 draw at the European Championship.

"I trained with the squad and all the boys have helped me settle in really well," Gilmour said. "To come in and play against England my first game — so proud. Then to come here and do really well was even better."

Gilmour was included in Scotland's Euro 2020 squad before ever even playing a match for his national team. — AP



India captain Virat Kohli

Kohli helps India rebuild to 120-3 at tea in WTC final

SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 19

India captain Virat Kohli took on a rebuilding job for his team on Saturday, taking them to 120-3 by tea on the first day of play in the World Test Championship (WTC) final against New Zealand.

Trent Boult dismissed the dour Cheteshwar Pujara after lunch before Kohli, on 35 at tea, combined with deputy Ajinkya Rahane to try to shore up the innings. Rahane did not look entirely convincing against the moving ball and was batting on 13 when fading light forced an early break for tea. After persistent rain

washed out the entire opening day on Friday, New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson unsurprisingly elected to field after winning the toss. India scored 69 runs but lost both their set openers in an evenly balanced morning session. Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill raised 62 runs for the opening partnership.

But Kyle Jamieson brought the flourishing stand to an end with a delivery that swung late. Rohit, having made a fluent 34, left his bat hanging and Tim Southee dived to his right to pouch the outside edge at third slip. — Agencies

Cadets from non-military families make the cut at NDA

Constitute 75% of strength at Pune academy

AJAY BANERJEE
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Cadets from non-military backgrounds continue to form the largest chunk at the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, shows an internal assessment.

The data has been collected by the office of the Chief of Defence Staff.

It has been seen in the last six batches that children of military officers collectively form just 5.47 per cent of the strength among 1,862 cadets. Children from non-military backgrounds are making the cut, with 1,409 cadets having joined the NDA during the same period. This is 75.67 per cent of the 1,862 cadets.

About 18.9 per cent of the cadets at the NDA were



HIGH ASPIRATIONS

1,862	5.47%	75.67%	18.9%
TOTAL CADETS IN SIX BATCHES	FROM OFFICERS' FAMILIES	NON-MILITARY BACKGROUND	CHILDREN OF JCO/JAWANS

from families of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) or jawans.

Earlier, the number of children of officers used to be high at the NDA. It was considered a matter of pride for cadets to get commis-

sioned into the same regiment as their fathers'. Over the past 15 years, the numbers have been coming down steadily despite better salaries and assured one rank, one pension on retirement, said a functionary.

ED freezes funds of Qatar crime accused

NEW DELHI The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said it had frozen investments worth Rs 88 lakh in India of Subrahmanyam Srinivas Pinninti from Qatar in connection with a money laundering probe. The ED, in a statement, said it issued freeze orders against Pinninti, Head of Buyers Department in Al Meera Consumer Goods Company, Doha, to safeguard proceeds of crime worth Rs 88 lakh. — TNS

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Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra

Bureaucrat who managed O2 crisis dies

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed grief over the demise of Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Odisha-born Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Mohapatra succumbed to Covid-19 on Saturday. Mohapatra was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Delhi, where he breathed his last.

Mohapatra, a 1986-batch Gujarat cadre officer, chaired the Covid-19 empowered group on essential equipment and medical oxygen supplies to states. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said: "Saddened by the demise of Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, DPIIT Secretary. I had worked with him extensively in Gujarat and at the Centre. He had a great understanding of administrative issues and was known for his innovative zeal. Condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti."

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba expressed deep shock over the "untimely death" of Mohapatra. — TNS

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Deepti's gritty knock keeps India afloat

BRISTOL, JUNE 19
Indian women wiped off the deficit and took a six-run lead as they went into lunch at 171/3 in the second innings, thanks to Deepti Sharma's gritty 168-ball 54 that ended just before the break on the fourth and final day of the one-off cricket Test against England here.

Deepti added 72 runs for the third wicket with Punam Raut (39 batting) after Shafali Verma was dismissed early for 63. Left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone picked both the wickets to fall on the day. England had, on Friday, asked India to follow on. — IANS

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tenders on prescribed form-7/8 for under mentioned works are hereby invited in separate envelop for each work from contractors having current enlistment in the appropriate class with HP PWD (B&R), CPWD, & HP Housing Board and hereby invited in separate envelop for each work. The tenders should reach in the office of undersigned up to 3:00 PM on or before 28.06.2021 and will be opened on same day at 4:00 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The rates should be quoted in words & figures both.

The tender forms can be had on production of GST registration, Income-tax clearance certificate and detail of works executed/under execution of similar type of works from the office of the undersigned Shimla on any working day against cash payment as indicated against each of them (non-refundable) up to 28.06.2021 at 1:00 PM. The application should be accompanied with the requisite earnest money in shape of bank draft/banker cheque only favoring HPSIDC Ltd; payable at Shimla. The application not accompanied by the EM shall not be considered. The earnest money deposited by the un-successful tenderer will be released without interest by cheque only.

The successful contractors shall have to fulfill the requirements of RPFC and Labour Act. The drawings & specifications can be seen in the office of the undersigned on any working day from 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. If the date of opening of tenders is declared a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on the next working day at same time. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereto. The bidders are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be