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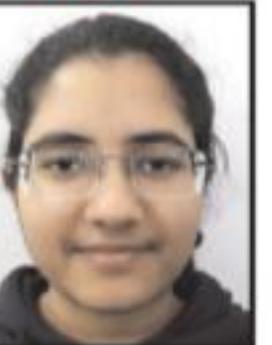
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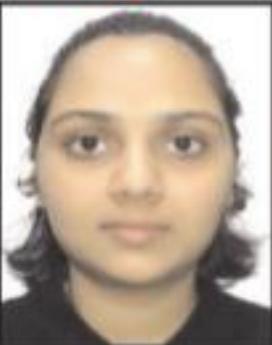
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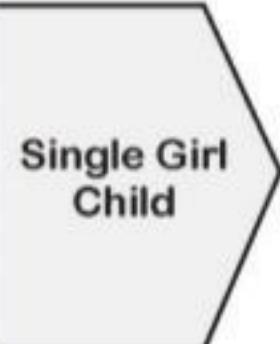
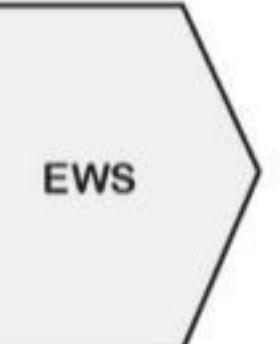
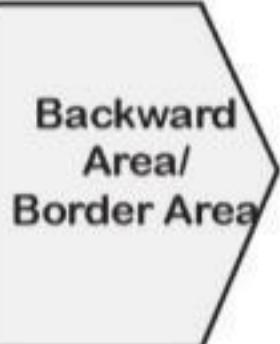
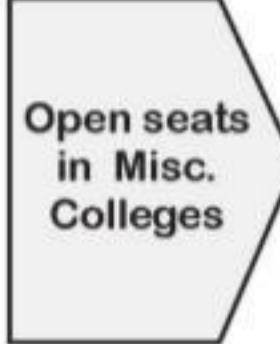
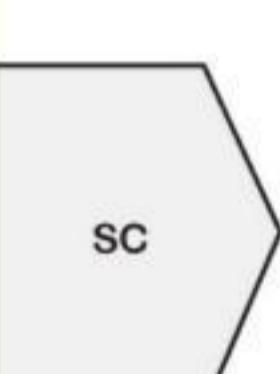
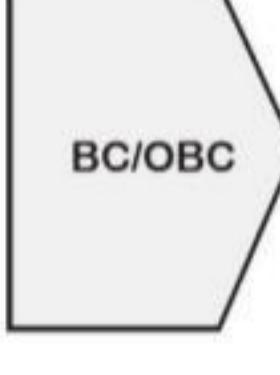
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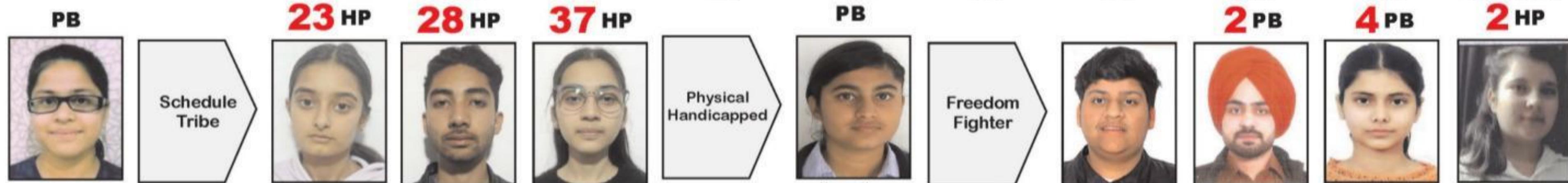
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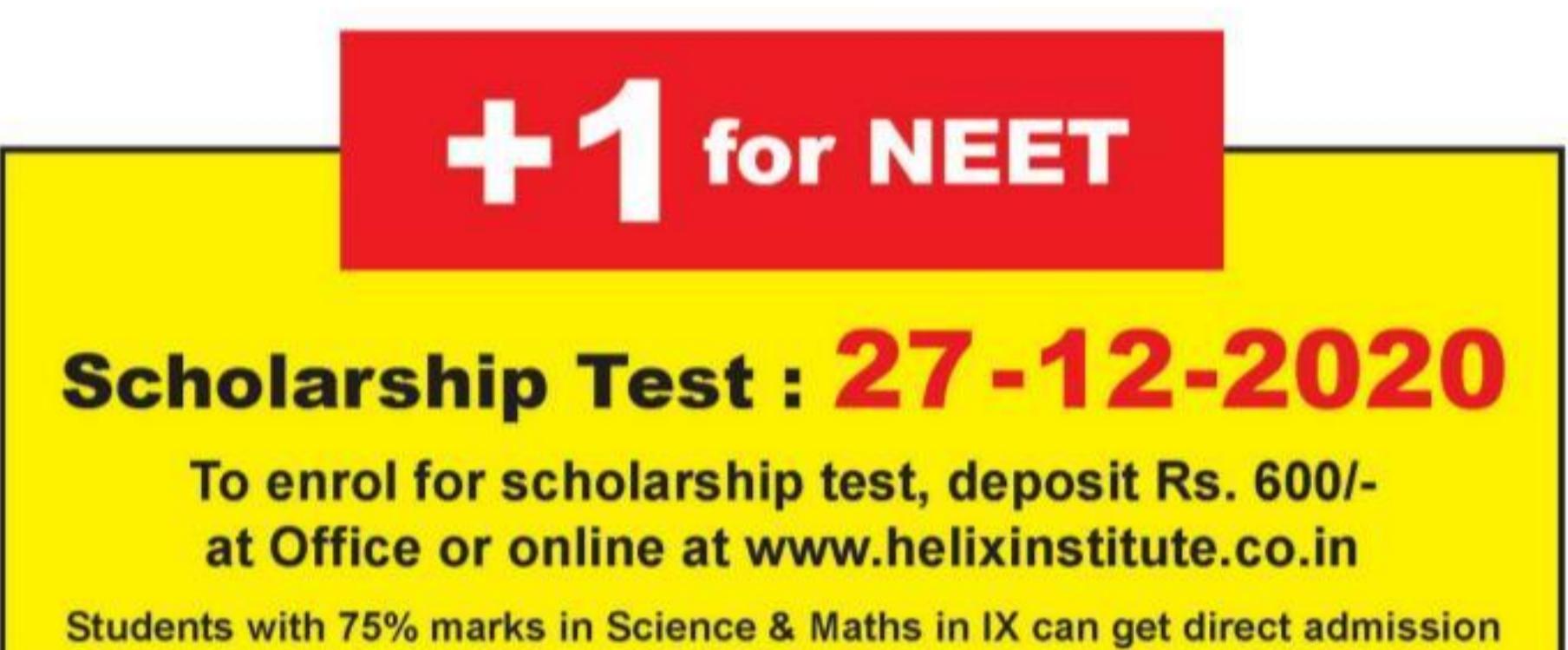
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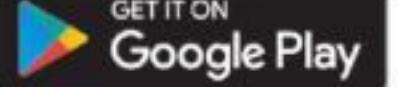
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- Victory, Soldier!  
Victory, Farmer!

## CAN BE A WAY OUT IN A DAY OR TWO: KHATTAR

There can be a way out for the next round of talks between the government and farmers' unions in a day or two, Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar said after meeting Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday. "In a day or two, there can be a way out for talks. The government is ready for talks," he said. TNS

## BJP ALLY BACKS STIR

Rajasthan's Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal on Saturday resigned from three parliamentary committees in support of the farmers' stir. Beniwal, convener, Rashtriya Loktantrik Party and BJP's ally, submitted his resignation to LS Speaker Om Birla. PTI

## STIR APOLITICAL: FARMER GROUP WRITES TO MODI

The All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee on Saturday wrote to the PM and Agri Minister Tomar asserting their protests were not affiliated with any political party. PTI

# Sonia breaks ice with dissenters

Plans Pachmarhi-type conclave | Rahul 'ready' for any responsibility

Tribune News Service



(From left) Congress leaders Pawan Bansal, Prithviraj Chavan and Harish Rawat after the meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

### FIVE-HOUR MEETING

We are all one big family and will together strengthen the party. We will meet more often & have more conversations. Sonia Gandhi, CONG PREZ

### NO DISSIDENCE: BANSAL

There is no dissidence in the party. Everyone gave suggestions on strengthening the party. Pawan Bansal, AICC TREASURER

Gandhi to lead the Congress from the front, to which the latter said: "I am ready to take over any responsibility the party gives me." With this, Rahul shed his long-held position about a non-Gandhi becoming the Con-

gress chief. He, however, added, "This issue should be left to the internal electoral process which is underway."

The meeting, sources said, was cordial and principally shaped as "an icebreaker" between Sonia and the rebels

whom she had denied a physical interface for four months since they wrote to her in August. The dissenters articulated the suggestions they had earlier flagged in their letter to Sonia Gandhi.

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# Tax raids on Punjab arhtiyas

Capt calls it intimidation, warns Centre of backlash

KARAM PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, DECEMBER 19

Amid the ongoing farmers' stir against the three farm laws, the Income Tax Department has reportedly conducted raids on the premises of several arhtiyas (commission agents) in Punjab over the last 48 hours.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh castigated the Centre for allegedly adopting intimidatory tactics against arhtiyas. Terming the raids as a pressure tactic to curb arhtiyas' democratic rights and freedom, he said such oppressive actions would backfire against the BJP.

Arhtiyas claimed the premises of their five union leaders were raided in Patiala, Nawanshahr and Ferozepur districts. In Patiala district, raids were conducted at Bhunderheri, Samana and Rajpura.

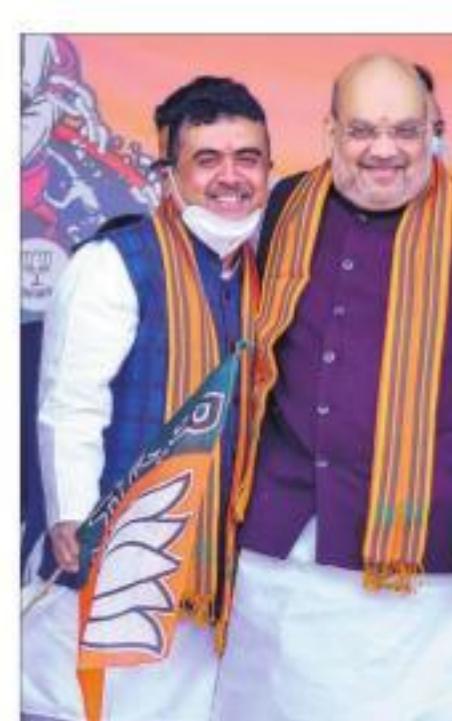


An elderly farmer rests on a tractor-trailer at Singh. MUKESH AGGARWAL

Premises belonging to Punjab Arhtiyas Association president Vijay Kalra, Samana Mandi unit chief Pawan Kumar Goyal, Patiala unit chief Jaswinder Singh Rana, Samana and Rajpura jinder Singh Walia, Rajpura unit chief Hardeep Singh Ladda and Rajpura arhtiyas Kartar Singh and Amrik Singh were raided by Income Tax Department officials. Fourteen

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# Ex-TMC leader, 9 MLAs join BJP at Shah rally



Home Minister Amit Shah (R) with Suvendu Adhikari. PTI

# 103 cops convicted in criminal cases still in service, Pb tells HC

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19

In an astounding revelation, the Punjab Government has told the Punjab and Haryana High Court that no less than 103 convicted police functionaries, including three SPs and two DSPs, were continuing in service.

An affidavit filed before the court by the Department of Home Affairs and Justice makes it clear that some police officials were even convicted in drug cases, but continuing in service after the suspension of conviction.

The affidavit adds that one police official sentenced to life imprisonment in a kidnapping and murder case under Sections 364, 342, 302, 201 and 120-B of the IPC, was serving sentence at the Patiala Central Jail. "In this

### SAYS NO PROVISION TO DISMISS THEM

In an apparent attempt to justify the continuation, the government has referred to a High Court judgment. It claimed that the court categorically observed that no Constitutional provision or rule provides that a govt employee has to be dismissed from service in case of conviction in a criminal matter.

### 3 SPs AMONG CONVICTED

Constables	75	Inspectors	2
Head constables	13	DSPs	2
ASIs	8	SPs	3

regard, information may please be taken from the litigation branch office of the DGP, Punjab," it says.

In an apparent attempt to justify their continuation, the government has

referred to a High Court judgment, claiming that it categorically observed that neither any provision of the Constitution nor any rule provides that a government employee has to be necessarily dismissed from service in case of conviction in a criminal matter.

"It is for the punishing authority to decide each and every case and the quantum of punishment to be inflicted on the convicted employee keeping in view the gravity of conduct that led to his conviction on criminal charge. Similarly, the dismissal of a government employee cannot be automatic merely on the registration of an FIR against him/her" the affidavit adds. Policing the police, the High Court had earlier called for details of accused and convicts in uniform.

# ED attaches ₹11.86-cr assets of Farooq mir Cricket Association, offic

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

The ED has attached assets worth Rs 11.86 crore of former

Jammu and Kashmir CM

Farooq Abdullah and others

in connection with a money

laundering probe linked to

alleged financial irregularities

in the Jammu and Kash-

mir Cricket Association, offic

cial sources said on Saturday.

The agency has issued a

provisional attachment order

under the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act. The

attached properties are locat

ed in Jammu and Srinagar.

Three immovable assets —

two residential and one com

mercial — and three plots of

land have been attached, an

ED official said.

While the book value of the

attached properties is Rs

11.86 crore, the market value

is about Rs 60-70 crore, he

added. — TNS



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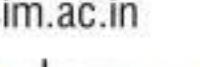
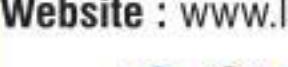
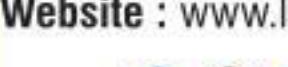
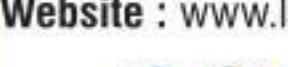
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# Adelaide debacle: India fall to new low of 36, lose Test in three days

ADELAIDE, DECEMBER 19

The Indian cricket team suffered a mind-boggling batting collapse against top-class fast bowling to be bowled out for 36, India's lowest-ever score in Tests, losing the first Test against Australia by eight wickets.

Clearly lacking intent and technique against quality pace bowling, India lost eight wickets for 16 runs to fall from 15/1 to 31/9 in a manic afternoon.

The sequence of scores by the Indian batsmen read 4, 9, 2, 0, 4, 0, 8, 4, 0, 4, and 1. No one could reach double figures, for only the second time in over 150 years of Test cricket. There were no demons on the pitch but Josh Hazlewood (five wickets for eight runs) and Pat Cum-

## Desist from vendetta politics: SAD to BJP

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19** SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today condemned the BJP-led Central Government for carrying out raids against prominent arthiyas in Punjab with the "sole objective" of intimidating them and forcing them to forsake the support they had extended to the ongoing farmers' agitation.

Claiming that the move would spoil peace and communal harmony in Punjab, he requested the Centre to desist from vendetta politics against those protesting against the government by using their constitutional right of freedom of speech.

The SAD president said it was shocking that well-planned coordinated raids were conducted on premises of a number of office-bearers of the Punjab Arthiya Association by using the CRPF. "We

### WILL ALIENATE PEOPLE

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Sukhbir Badal, SAD PRESIDENT

condemn this oppressive action and assure our arthiyas brethren that we will join them in protesting against such repressive measures".

Sukhbir said the Central Government was also going against the principle of federalism and taking on the powers of the state with this latest action. He said the Centre should not misuse its agencies to settle scores against any section of society. —TNS

## Centre intimidating arthiyas: Capt

Terms I-T raids pressure tactic to weaken stir against farm laws

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday castigated the Centre for its intimidatory tactics against arthiyas supporting the agitating farmers, and warned that such draconian measures will further aggravate the anger of the people against the BJP-led Central Government.

Terming the income tax (I-T) raids against some arthiyas as a pressure tactic to curb their democratic right and freedom, Captain Amarinder said such oppressive actions would backfire against the BJP.

The Chief Minister said it was evident that having failed to persuade, mislead and divide the farmers into ending their prolonged protest against the new farm laws, the Centre was now trying to

### GROSS VIOLATION OF SC DIRECTIONS

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weaken their struggle by targeting the arthiyas, who have been actively supporting the agitation since Day 1.

The I-T raids were conducted on the premises of several big arthiyas of Punjab within a span of just four days of issuing notices, without waiting for responses to the notices, said Captain Amarinder, adding that it was clear debasement of the due process of law. Even the local police were not informed or taken into confidence, as is the normal procedure, and

instead, the CRPF was used to provide security during the I-T raids, he pointed out.

"What is this if not a clear case of vendetta politics by the Centre, which is hell-bent on demolishing the farmers' protest by hook or by crook?" asked the Chief Minister.

The night-long raids were conducted in the presence of two bus-loads of CRPF personnel at the premises of Vijay Kalra (president, Punjab Arthiya Association), Pawan Kumar Goyal (president, Samana Mandi), Jaswinder

Singh Rana, Manjinder Singh Walia, Hardeep Singh Ladda and Kartar Singh & Amrik Singh (arthiyas, Rajpura). A total of 14 arthiyas across Punjab have received notices from the I-T Department.

Captain Amarinder observed that this was not the first instance of misuse of an agency by the Central Government to browbeat dissidents into succumbing to its writ and diktats. "These bullying actions of the government do not augur well for the world's largest democracy," he added.

Pointing out that even the Supreme Court had upheld the people's right to protest peacefully, the Chief Minister said the Centre's actions amounted to gross violation of the apex court's directions and the spirit of the Constitution, which granted every citizen the right to raise his voice.

### BJP'S OLD HABIT

Picking on those who dare to raise a voice against the BJP for their rights is the party's old habit. However, the move (raids on arthiyas) won't succeed this time around.

Bhagwant Mann, AAP PUNJAB PRESIDENT

Mann said corrupt and weak leaders, the likes of Narendra Modi, Captain Amarinder Singh and Prakash Singh Badal, could be cowed down or intimidated by the central agencies, like the ED and CBI, but this manipulation of the Central Government would not scare away the labourers, 'arthiyas', traders and others who stood rock solid behind the farmers.

**The Tribune INTERVIEW: TARUN CHUGH, BJP GENERAL SECRETARY**

## Farmers being misled by Oppn

**BJP national general Secretary Tarun Chugh recently talked to Vibha Sharma on issues ranging from the ongoing farmers' agitation to the BJP's relationship with the Akalis and its future plans in state. Excerpts from the interview:**

**As a BJP leader from Punjab, do you think the Centre misjudged the underlying anger among farmers on the three laws?**

No, it didn't. Discussions on reforms in agriculture marketing have been going on for the past 20 years in political, administrative and academic circles. I wish the protesting farmers had seen the Acts for themselves, instead of getting misled by the Opposition.

**Are Punjab politicians also not responsible for the escalation of the crisis?**

The Congress government



**The SAD has broken the alliance, not us. Whether we will rejoin hands or not, only time will tell.**

fanned and supported the initial voices of resentment and gave it the shape of a state-wide campaign. SAD, whose leaders were all along part of the process of making the Bills, ran away from the alliance and added fuel to the fire.

**What about the BJP?**

We have been making all efforts to make farmers

understand the true spirit of the Acts, which was to empower them and help double their income.

**The amendments being offered by the Centre virtually rewrite the Acts. Why doesn't it simply repeal them and end the stir?**

The proposed amendments are meant to reassure farmers that the Centre will always protect their interests. There is nothing wrong in the agriculture Acts.

**Do you think the current situation will affect the BJP's position in the state?**

The BJP has been contesting elections in Punjab since 1952. In 1992, when it contested alone, it polled 16.7 per cent votes and won six seats. It is a firmly rooted party in the state and our base is expanding. We have started preparations on a war footing to contest all 117 seats in 2022.

## Month on, stir at BJP leader's house continues

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**MANSA, DECEMBER 19**

Members of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) continued their protest for the 43rd day outside the residence of BJP leader Suraj Kumar Chhabra in Mansa district on Saturday. They raised slogans against the Central Government for bringing in the new agriculture laws.

Jagshir Singh Kala, a BKU leader, said, "Till the Central Government repeals the farm laws, our protest outside the residence of the BJP leader will continue unhindered. To keep the protests going, farmers, workers, intellectuals and women will continue to visit the Delhi border. While our farmers will continue to hold fort at the national capital, we will make sure that we protest against BJP leaders and workers in the region."

## Leading the way



Visually impaired people join farmers' sit-in against the farm laws at the Singhu border in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

## Freedom fighters remembered at Kisan Morcha

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**

BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) marked the martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, and freedom fighters Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaq Ullah Khan at the Kisan Morcha today.

The gathering observed a two-minute silence and paid homage to the martyrs and vowed to follow in their footsteps. The rally was addressed by farmers as well as Sukhdev Singh Sirsa, representing Kendri Punjabi Lekhak Sabha and Progressive Writers' Association. Sirsa supported the farmers' protest and termed it as the common voice of the Punjabi society. He said the movement had brought important aspects of the society forward, which would provide ideas to writers and artistes. —TNS

## BKU pays homage to deceased farmers

**SANGRUR, DECEMBER 19**

To pay homage to the "martyrs", who lost their lives in the ongoing farmers' agitation, 'Shradhanjali Samaroh' will be held in villages on Sunday. Meanwhile, the number of protesters has been increasing across Sangrur at 13 different places.

"Those, who have died during the protest against the farm laws at New Delhi, are the martyrs of Punjab. After getting free from the protest, we will also fight for compensation and government jobs for the families of these martyrs," said Dharminder Pashore, Lehra block president, BKU (Ugrahan).

The protests against the farm laws have been going on at 13 various places in Sangrur district, including the

Lakhbir Singh, one of the farmers who died at Tikri border recently.

**Says will fight to get compensation for their families**

Railway station, in front of the houses of BJP leaders and at toll plazas. "Next week, more farmers from Punjab will reach Delhi," said Gobindar Singh, Sangrur president, BKU (Ugrahan). —TNS

## Protesters up ante against corporate houses

**VISHAV BHARTI**

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**

From villages putting up special camps to providing the facility of porting out mobile numbers from a leading cellular service provider to closing down big stores, the farmers' call to boycott products of big corporate houses seems to be gaining momentum in Punjab.

The most recent was the youth wing of Kirti Kisan Union closing down the Jio Store at Bholat town in Kapurthala district. Earlier, a village panchayat of Badrukh village in Sangrur district had passed a resolution against using a cellular company's connections and had also put up a special camp for those who wanted to port out their numbers from other

### BKU FLAG HOISTED ON PHONE TOWER

**Abohar: Some members of the BKU (Ekta Sidhpur) reportedly climbed on a leading mobile phone service provider's tower in Panjwana village, 27km from here, and hoisted the BKU flag atop it.**

BKU activists Amar Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Sunpreet Singh and Harpreet Singh said the fight to get the "black" laws repealed would be taken to village level to motivate people to boycott corporates, which were being allegedly favoured by the Central Government. oc

service providers.

Some of the organisations have even given a call that those who could not participate in Delhi protests could

show solidarity by saying no to telecom and other services and products of big corporate houses.

Now, taking advantage of

the situation, other telecom companies have started giving offers to customers.

As per an estimate, before the farmers gave a call to boycott a particular mobile phone service provider, there were around 4 crore connections of various telecom companies in the state.

Piara Singh Patti, a local leader of Bhartiya Kisan union (Krantikari), said it had become like the civil disobedience movement in villages. "There's a drive among people to port their phone numbers and become a contributor to the farmers' movement against the contentious Central farm laws."

Some independent technology experts have also reported how a certain telecom company was losing a large share to other companies.

## Cow dung cakes sent to Singhu, Tikri for bonfire

**MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 19**

With protesting farmers spending night out in open at Delhi borders, some kind-hearted persons have started donating cow dung cakes for bonfire.

Rajot Singh, a farmer from Muktsar, who last night distributed cow dung cakes in a tractor-trailer, said: "This is also a 'sewa'. A number of farmers here need something to keep themselves warm, especially at night. While some people are distributing wood, I along with my friends distributed cow dung cakes, which can also be used in case there's shortage of LPG."

A number of people are donating quilts, blankets, jackets, sweaters, shoes, geyser, wolleens, tarpaulin sheets and wood to help the protesters combat the cold. —TNS

## Camping site



Farmers rest at a petrol station during their protest against the farm laws at the Singhu border. PTI

## Water heaters, firewood for Tikri protesters to fight chill

**SAMEER SINGH**

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**MANSA, DECEMBER 19**

In a yeoman service to the ongoing farmers' agitation against contentious farm laws, a social service organisation in Mansa district has sent wood-fired water heaters, washing machines and truckloads of firewood to the protest site on the Tikri border on Friday.

The members of Cycling Group, Mansa, have pooled in money to purchase these items and also bore transportation cost on their own. According to the group members, water heaters would keep the protesting farmers "alive and kicking" amid biting cold.

Talking to *The Tribune*, group president Balwinder

Singh Kaka said: "It is indeed a brave decision by our farmer brothers to continue their agitation in these adverse conditions. We hope to provide them some relief."

Balwinder Singh Kaka, MANSA RESIDENT

<< Mansa residents give a water heater to farmers at Tikri border.

Singh Kaka said: "It is indeed a brave decision by our farmer brothers to continue their agitation in these adverse conditions. We hope to provide them some relief."

Singh added: "Over 200 basic requirements. Hot water would keep them warm and going. We have sent 50 wood-fired water heaters, five washing machines and two trucks loaded with around one quintal wood each to the Tikri border."

Singh added: "Over 200 members contributed to the cause with a major share of contribution coming from Jagandeep Singh. Now at Tikri border, we are busy distributing these items as per requirement. Anybody who requires these items at the protest site can contact

### DOING OUR BIT

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Balwinder Singh Kaka, MANSA RESIDENT

on 62800-55146." Meanwhile, a leader of Samvidhan Bachao Manch, Gurabh Singh Mahal, exhorted more support from NRIs and those within the country to the protest site at Tikri border where concentration of protesting farmers (Malwa districts) is comparatively more.

Mahal said: "A large number of farmers from Malwa districts have reached the Tikri border to take part in the ongoing agitation and hundreds of them are moving to the protest site on a daily basis so it is important that resources, philanthropic activities or any help coming both from NRIs from Doaba and Majha region and other parts of the country are diverted to the Tikri border."

## Traders targeted for backing protest: AAP

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Punjab, has termed the sudden spree of raids by the Income Tax Department on arthiyas, businessmen and traders as a retaliatory step by the Narendra Modi government at the Centre.

In a statement, state unit president and MP Bhagwant Mann said the Income Tax Department had conducted raids on around 25 arthiyas and businessmen who were openly supporting the ongoing peasant movement.

Pointing out that even the Supreme Court had upheld the people's right to protest peacefully, the Chief Minister said the Centre's actions amounted to gross violation of the apex court's directions and the spirit of the Constitution, which granted every citizen the right to raise his voice.

Mann said corrupt and weak leaders, the likes of Narendra Modi, Captain Amarinder Singh and Prakash Singh Badal, could be cowed down or intimidated by the central agencies, like the ED and CBI, but this manipulation of the Central Government would not scare away the labourers, 'arthiyas', traders and others who stood rock solid behind the farmers.

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# CM sets targets, timeline for probing criminal cases

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**  
To enforce strict investigation and improve the conviction rate in criminal cases, especially heinous crimes and crimes against women, children and other weaker sections, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Saturday ordered setting of specific targets for investigation of criminal cases by police officers across ranks.

With this, all police officers, from the rank of CPs and SPs down to SHOs, SIs and HCs, will now be required to personally investigate and present challans in a set number of cases in a year, with strict supervision by senior officers. Regular follow-ups, as well as close coordination

## CABINET MEETING TOMORROW

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has convened a meeting of the Council of Ministers on December 21. The meeting gains significance in the wake of the ongoing farmers' agitation at Delhi border and decision on the date of elections to the urban local bodies (ULBs). The ULB poll assumes significance as Assembly elections are due in March 2022. The invite of the luncheon meeting has been sent by the CM's office.

with prosecution and law officers, has also been made mandatory as per the Chief Minister's directives, which are aimed at ensuring strict compliance.

As per the directives issued by DGP Dinkar Gupta on the orders of the Chief Minister, who is also in charge of the Home portfolio, ADCPs in the three police commissions and SPs posted in the districts shall personally investigate at least six heinous crime cases in a year.

and submit challans under their own name, while ACP/DSP sub-divisions have been tasked with personally investigating at least eight heinous cases in a year and submit challans under their own name.

The SPs/DSPs of PBI and investigation/detective shall personally investigate at least 18 crime cases in a year, including those of heinous crime, commercial quantity NDPS cases, etc., and submit challans.

The teachers had initially started a peaceful protest after they were given verbal assurance of a solution to their demands. However, after waiting for half-an-hour, the teachers tried to march towards the Chief Minister's residence, and the police lathicharged the teachers, including women.

The protesting teachers said the state government was not serious about advertising jobs. They

protested against the Education Department's provision to allow the BEd graduates to apply for the posts

of ETT teacher. They demanded that the Education Department should repeal this provision and

advertise 10,000 new posts immediately.

Deepak Kamboj, state president, Unemployed ETT TET Pass Union, said, "Owing to the indifferent attitude of the government, many ETT/TET-pass aspirants are without jobs. The government has failed to provide jobs to the youth for the past three years. The government is bragging 'ghar ghar rozgar', while the qualified youth are still protesting on roads."

Meanwhile, the teachers said they had refused the offer of the district administration of a three-member committee under the chairmanship of Cabinet minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa. Till the filing of the report, the teachers would continue holding a sit-in near the CM residence, they said. —TNS

# ₹12.5-cr heroin seized near border

OUR CORRESPONDENT



The BSF troopers with the recovered packets of heroin.

off regarding it.

He said BSF troops

observed suspicious movement of smugglers ahead of fencing on Friday night. When the BSF troops challenged smugglers, they managed to escape taking advantage of dense fog. "Later, a search operation was carried out during which the consignment was recovered," said the DIG.

On November 18, seven packets of heroin weighing 7.528 kg, worth Rs 38 crore, were recovered by the troops belonging to the BSF.

Along with heroin, the BSF troops had also recovered a pistol, a magazine and seven live rounds.

On November 3, the BSF troops had recovered 2.250 kg heroin worth Rs 12.5 crores. On October 20, 2.435 kg heroin along with one pistol, one magazine and four rounds were recovered by the troops.

Notably, 493.555 Kg heroin worth Rs 2,467.775 has been recovered this year by the BSF.

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## Atmanirbhar Bharat Tracker launched

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19**  
The Department of Planning, Punjab, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have launched the Atmanirbhar Bharat Tracker for Punjab. The tracker is a web-enabled platform to

track implementation and monitoring of the Atmanirbhar Bharat stimulus package announced by the Centre. An economic stimulus package of more than Rs 29 lakh crore was announced for states to introduce policy reforms. —TNS

## TENDER NOTICE

- The Principal, Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira invite sealed tenders from reputed/Govt. Contractors for the Construction of MI Room, Accommodation for Matron/Aaya and Six Washroom with toilets of approx area 2500 Sq.Ft. during the session 2020-21.
- Tender form with terms and conditions, containing other details can be obtained from school office on payment of Rs. 500/- through bank draft in favour of Principal, Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira payable at PNB/SBI/Canara Bank Sujanpur Tira (HP). The tender form can also be downloaded from the school website www.sainikschoolsujanpurtira.org. In such a case a DD for Rs. 500/- may also be forwarded as fee of tender form in a separate envelope along with filled tender documents. Sealed tenders must be submitted in the office of Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira by 1700 hrs. on 14th Jan., 2021 along with earnest money of Rs. 2000/- through demand draft in favour of Principal, Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira. Tenders will be opened at 1000 hrs. on 15th Jan., 2020 in the presence of available bidders/contractors.
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## PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD VATAVARAN BHAWAN, NABHA ROAD, PATIALA Phone -0175-2200282, Tele Fax: 0175-2215802

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for information of all concerned that M/s Bassi Alloys has submitted an application to Punjab Pollution Control Board for conduct of public hearing for carrying expansion of its existing industry by enhancing the capacity of Steel ingots/billets from 29,400 TPA to 1,10,000 TPA by replacing existing 1 No. induction furnace of 7 TPH capacity with 2 Nos of induction furnaces of capacity 15 TPH each and addition of Rolling Mills for manufacture of heavy rounds, Flats and structures @ 200 TPD, located at Village Ambey Majra, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab. The project is covered under the EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (MoEF&CC) Govt. of India, New Delhi and the industry is, thus, required to obtain environmental clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

As a part of the procedure for seeking environmental clearance, as notified by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi, the industry has applied to the Punjab Pollution Control Board for conduct of the public hearing of its proposed expansion project. The draft Rapid Environment Impact Assessment study report along with executive summary (in English & Punjabi) of the project submitted by the industry is available in the following offices, which can be perused during the office hours on any working day.

- The Chairman Zila Parishad, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- The Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Mandi Gobindgarh, The Advisor, Regional Northern Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (MoEF&CC) Govt. of India, Bays No. 24 & 25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.

Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Notice is, hereby, given to all concerned to file suggestions, views, comments and objections, if any, on the proposed project, to the Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, VATAVARAN BHAWAN, Nabha Road, Patiala, within 30 days of the Publication of this notice. Besides, a public hearing will also be held on 19.01.2021 at 12:00 Noon at the main gate of the industry located in the revenue estate of Village Ambey Majra, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, which can be attended by any person including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others, located at the project site/sites of displacement/sites likely to be affected. Oral/written suggestions, if any, can also be made during the public hearing.

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MEMBER SECRETARY

For further information, please contact Mr. Gurmeher Singh Rekhi, S/o Late Sh. Surjit Singh Rekhi (Borrower/ Co- Borrower) 2. Smt. Parveen Rekhi W/o Late Sh. Tejinder Singh Rekhi (Borrower/co-borrower) and 3. Smt. Mannat Rekhi D/o Late Sh. Surjit Singh Rekhi (Legal Heir Representative) All C/o Hotel Regent, SCO No. 329-32, Sector 35, Chandigarh- 160035 And also in their capacity as Legal Heir/ Representative of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) Late Sh. Surjit Singh Rekhi, Late Smt. Rani Rekhi and Late Sh. Tejinder Singh Rekhi (Since Deceased)

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Last date for submission of Sealed Tenders is 19-Jan-2021 before 05:15 PM (at HDFC Ltd, SCO No. 143-144, 2nd Floor, Sector 8-C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh).

The immovable properties/ Secured Assets shall be available for inspection on 05-Jan-2021 between 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM.

For queries, interested buyers may contact Mr. Vaibhav Singh Tara at 0172-6761040 or Mob. No. 9780516300

Date: 20.12.2020  
Place: Chandigarh

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# Police lathicharge protesting teachers

After peaceful stir, they tried to scale barricades near CM's residence



Police lathicharge members of the Unemployed ETT TET Pass Union in Patiala on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

## 'ETT-PASS TEACHERS WITHOUT JOBS'

● The Education Department should repeal the provision of allowing the BEd graduates to apply for the posts of ETT teacher. Owing to the indifferent attitude of the government, many ETT/TET-pass aspirants are without jobs. Unemployed ETT TET Pass Union

protested against the Education Department's provision to allow the BEd graduates to apply for the posts

of ETT teacher. They demanded that the Education Department should

repeal this provision and

## 4 modern X-ray machines donated to govt hospitals

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19

Fujifilm India, Gurugram, donated four modern Japanese X-ray machines to the Health and Family Welfare Department of Punjab.

Health Minister Balbir Sidhu said Fujifilm India had donated the machines under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, which would prove a great help in further modernising and strengthening the health infrastructure to provide the best possible care to the people of Punjab. Notably, the total cost of the machines is Rs 1.2 crore with each costing Rs 30 lakh. Sidhu said these machines would be installed at government hospitals of Jalandhar, Pathankot, Ludhiana and medical college at Amritsar, where people can avail the services at nominal charges. —TNS

## IDBI BANK

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### NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFPs are invited by IDBI BANK LTD, from eligible, reputed and experienced Service providers / vendors for providing "Housekeeping, Sweeping, Cleaning and other Incidental Services" at Bank's branches / establishments in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K (U.T.), Leh (U.T.) and Chandigarh (U.T.).

For further details please Visit Bank's website [www.idbibank.in](http://www.idbibank.in) or contact on 0172-5001731 / 0172-5059483. The Last Date of submission of application is January 11, 2021 by 3:00 pm. Corrigendum, if any, in this regard shall be posted only on Bank's website and no separate notification shall be issued in the newspapers.

Closing date & time 29.12.2020 up to 1700 Hrs. (for 01 No. work)  
05.01.2021 up to 1700 Hrs. (for 01 No. work)  
12.01.2021 up to 1700 Hrs. (for 01 No. work)

For details logon to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Detail of works, other terms & conditions, tender documents and any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,  
Ludhiana Smart City Limited.

DPR/P/120094

## Farmers disrupt BJP's dharna on SYL canal

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAIJAR, DECEMBER 19

State Congress president Kumari Selja has termed BJP's protest on the SYL issue a "political drama", which, she said, was organised to divert the attention of protesting farmers and mislead the people of the state.

"She told this to the media here on Saturday after having campaigned for the Congress nominee in the forthcoming Municipal Council elections.

"Misleading people is BJP's old strategy. The symbolic fast by the BJP is nothing but a tactic to divert the attention of the common man. It is unfortunate that farmers are dying due to severe cold, but the BJP government has no time to express its sympathy towards them," Selja said. — TNS



Farmers protest against the BJP in Karnal on Saturday. SAYEED AHMED

protested against the BJP, which, they claimed, was dividing farmers by sitting on a fast demanding state's share of the SYL waters.

BJP leaders and workers staged a dharna and sat on fast at the gate of the new grain market, Jagadhri.

Farmer leader Arjun Sudhail said, "The BJP is playing divisive politics. If the Haryana Government is concerned about farmers, we have one question for it: why did the government close the Dadupur-Nalvi canal by de-notifying the Dadupur-

Nalvi Irrigation Scheme, which benefitted farmers of Yamunanagar, Ambala and Kurukshetra districts?"

In Jind district, a group of about 15 women who were part of the BJP's dharna said they knew nothing about the SYL issue and came to the dharna to demand the release of pending grants under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

In Charkhi Dadri, farmers disrupted the BJP's dharna and termed it a "joke".

The dharna, however, passed off peacefully in Hisar.

### 4-DECade-old fight

● Haryana has been struggling to get the SYL waters for more than four decades. Punjab should provide its younger brother with its legitimate share without delay. ■ Om Prakash Dhankar, STATE BJP CHIEF

**Karnal:** BJP workers and leaders on Saturday observed fast at Sector-12 here demanding Haryana's share in SYL waters.

In a parallel event, scores of farmers took out a protest march against the fast of BJP workers and leaders. The farmers claimed that the BJP was playing divisive politics to divide the farmers of Haryana and Punjab on the SYL issue.

**Kurukshetra:** Kurukshetra MP Nayab Singh Saini, Thanesar MLA Subhash Sudha along with other leaders and party workers sat on a dharna at Mini Secretariat and observed a symbolic fast in support of the state's share in SYL canal water, in Kurukshetra on Saturday. Meanwhile, a group of farmers also reached there and raised slogans against the BJP leaders.

### HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan District Kangra H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. re-invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for down-loading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	Construction of Rajiv Gandhi Govt. College at Nagrota Bagwan in District Kangra (HP) Deposit Work (SH:- Construction of Architectural school including water supply & sanitary installation rain water harvesting system septic tank and protection work etc.).	Rs. 70508456/-	22.12.2020	Rs. 500000/-	13.01.2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

(On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, H.P.P.W.D. Division, Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan.

DPR/HP/5175

### POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

#### TENDER NOTICE-2020/21/19

#### ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES

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

Shops/sites	Last date for download-ing of tender forms from PGI Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/ Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1 Built up Chemist Shop No. 3, APC (Basement), for sale of medicines, drugs and surgical items PGIMER, Chandigarh.	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 04.00 P.M.	12.01.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
2 Built up Chemist Shop No. 4, APC (Basement), for sale of medicines, drugs and surgical items PGIMER, Chandigarh.	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 04.00 P.M.	12.01.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
3 Open trade at Rotary Sarf, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 04.00 P.M.	12.01.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
4 Rent free MESS - NIVEDITA HOSTEL, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 04.00 P.M.	12.01.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
5 Built up Shop No. 24, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 04.00 P.M.	12.01.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.

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

Website: <http://pgimer.edu.in>

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### MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)	Jurisdiction
1.	Landscaping work in Green Belt Village Kajheri under Village Development Fund.	18.12.2020 To 28.12.2020	28.12.2020 at 12.30 P.M.	Horticulture Division No. 2
2.	Erection of LED Garden Lights, LED Street Lights and LED Flood Lights at Chandigarh under Electrical Sub Division No. 1, M.C. Chandigarh.	18.12.2020 To 28.12.2020 10.30 A.M.	28.12.2020 at 10.45 A.M.	Electrical Division
3.	Erection of LED Garden Lights, LED Street Lights and LED Flood Lights at Chandigarh under Electrical Sub Division No. 4, M.C. Chandigarh.	18.12.2020 To 28.12.2020 10.30 A.M.	28.12.2020 at 10.45 A.M.	Electrical Division

The Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at [www.chandigarh.gov.in](http://www.chandigarh.gov.in) or [etenders.chd.nic.in](http://etenders.chd.nic.in)

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#### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Online percentage rate bids are invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh from the Original equipment manufacturer/ Authorized dealer dealing in similar type of work on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Completion	Last date and time of submission of bid
PGI/Engg/ RAC/ 2020/85	CMC of VRV system/Package AC/Split & Window type Air-conditioning system installed at various locations of Satellite centre of PGIMER at Sangrur.	Rs. 7,60,304/-	Rs. 15,206/-	Twelve Months	28.12.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.

Date and time for submission of original EMD as uploaded:- 29.12.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Technical-cum-Eligible Bid:- 29.12.2020 up to 15.30 hrs.

Online percentage rate bids are invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh from the Original equipment manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Specialized agencies dealing in similar type of work on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Completion	Last date and time of submission of bid
PGI/Engg/ RAC/ 2020/84	Three shift operation and comprehensive maintenance contract of CAC plant installed at Library & Bhargava Auditorium, PGIMER, Chandigarh.	Rs. 9,64,650/-	Rs. 19,293/-	Twelve Months	28.12.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.

Date and time for submission of original EMD as uploaded:- 29.12.2020 up to 12.00 hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Technical-cum-Eligible Bid:- 29.12.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) and official website of the PGIMER [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in). Press notice is also available on [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) for participating in e-tendering process. (Helpdesk for registering 9988447883). For any technical information Contact (0172-2758861, 7087008861). Website: <http://pgimer.nic.in> <http://eprocure.gov.in>

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NIELIT 'A'-Level (IT)	'O'-Level	1 year
NIELIT MAT 'O'-Level (Multimedia and Animation Technology)	10+2	1 year
Certificate in Computer Applications	10+2	6 months
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# Una freezes at 0°C, Keylong sees coldest night at -12°C

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, DECEMBER 19**  
The hills and valleys of Himachal saw no respite from the biting cold as the minimum temperatures hovered around the freezing point.

Una district recorded a minimum temperature of zero degrees Celsius. According to district Meteorological Department, this was the minimum temperature recorded there in this season. The region has also been experiencing severe frost during the night.

Keylong in the tribal Lahaul and Spiti district experienced the coldest night of the season with the minimum temperature dropping to -12.1°C.

Kalpa in the tribal Kinnaur district shivered at -3°C, even as the weather remained clear and a bright sun greeted people during the day. High altitude tribal areas witnessed minimum temperatures between



People walk on snow in Lahaul and Spiti district on Saturday. PTI

**RAIN, SNOW LIKELY IN HIGH HILLS TODAY**

The Met office has predicted rain or snow at isolated places in higher hills on Sunday and dry weather in the rest of the state up to December 25, belying hopes of a white Christmas.

minus 3°C and minus 18°C and all natural sources of water like lakes, springs and tributaries of major snowfed rivers froze, drastically reducing the discharge of water and affecting hydel power generation. The minimum tempera-

tures stayed close to the freezing point in lower hills too. The state capital Shimla, which recorded a low of 4.4°C was warmer than most places in the plains. Bhuntar, Sundernagar, Solan and Manali recorded a low of minus 1.9°C, minus

1.6°C, minus 1.3°C and minus 1°C, two to five degrees below normal.

Chamba was colder at minus .4 degrees Celsius while Kufri recorded a night temperature of .8 degrees, followed by Una and Palampur at 0°C and 0.1°C, Dharamsala 2.6°C and Nahan 7.5°C.

The local MeT office has predicted rains or snow at isolated places in higher hills on Sunday and dry weather in the rest of state up to December 25, belying hopes of a white Christmas.

The MeT office has also predicted foggy conditions and severe cold wave in five districts of Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi and Sirmour, which will reduce visibility to less than 500 m and disrupt vehicular traffic. Thick ground frost is expected at many places, which will affect Rabi crops.

The maximum day temperatures rose marginally but a pale sun failed to warm up the region.

# RERA directs firm to refund ₹1.65 crore to 9 customers

Also imposes a penalty of ₹21 lakh on realtor

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, DECEMBER 19**  
The Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Himachal Pradesh has ordered a real estate company to refund Rs 1.65 crore and imposed a penalty of Rs 21 lakh on it for a complaint filed by nine persons who had booked flats.

RERA had received 12 complaints against Rajdeep and Company Infra Pvt. Ltd stating that they had booked flats in the Claridge Residency project at Bharari, near here, in blocks A, B, C and D in 2014.

Five complainants alleged that the promoters along with his family members had collected Rs 1.65 crore by booking flats but did not start the construction work. However, later the promoters sold the flats to a third party despite receiving the booking amount, depriving them of the ownership of the flats.

**'SOLD FLATS TO THIRD PARTY'**

- Promoters had collected ₹1.65 crore by booking flats but did not start the construction work
- However, later they sold the flats to a third party, depriving them of the ownership of the flats

They said that they had also paid maintenance charges to the tune of lakhs of rupees without being provided the basic facilities of parking, electricity and water connections, club house building and a gym, as promised.

RERA has directed the promoters to refund Rs 1.65 crore with 9.3 per cent interest. Besides, it also ordered the promoters to pay a penalty of Rs 21 lakh to be deposited in the RERA account within two months, failing which they would have to pay double the penalty amount.

Besides, a penalty of Rs 18 lakh has been imposed for not providing basic facilities such as electricity and water connections, to be paid within two to three months, failing which the defaulting promoters would pay the penalty amount and refund extra maintenance charges to the tune of Rs 50 lakh.

**Govt's 3 years: Rajnath, Nadda to address public**

**SHIMLA, DECEMBER 19**  
Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda will address the public virtually on the completion of three years of the Jai Ram Thakur government in the state, said state BJP president Suresh Kashyap, addressing a meeting of all district and mandal presidents today.

The completion of three years of the state government on December 27 will be celebrated by the party. The main event will be held in Shimla. The BJP will celebrate on the mandal level in all 68 constituencies. — TNS

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## New ITI to come up in Solan village

**SOLAN, DECEMBER 19**  
A new building of the ITI at Saiyri in the district will be constructed over nine bighas at a cost of Rs 1.23 crore. It will be a pre-fabricated structure equipped with the required facilities, said Minister for Technical Education Ramal Markandey today.

He said that two more trades would be introduced in the ITI in the next two years to provide jobs to the students. He added that

they were focusing on starting trades to provide the latest skills to the students, as per the requirements of the industry.

The ITI, which started in 2015, has only 71 students enrolled in fashion designing technology (FDT) and electrician trades, as it is located at the far end of Kandaghat block. The FDT trade has less than 10 students.

Earlier, the State government had decided to secure funds from the Asian

Development Bank for its construction and the PWD was supposed to call its tenders. It has now been decided to provide State funding for it. The ITI, however, lacks a permanent principal and its additional charge has been held by various principals from time to time. Even the support staff was outsourced. Despite sanctioning posts for this institution, the government was yet to provide adequate staff. — TNS

**SHIMLA, DECEMBER 19**  
The government has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the death of an advocate, who was undergoing treatment for Covid-19, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Saturday.

Additional District Magistrate (Protocol) Vinay Dhiman has been entrusted with the task of undertaking the inquiry.

Senior advocate Rajinder Handa succumbed to coronavirus at the Indira Gandhi

Medical College on October 3. Following his death, members of the Bilaspur District Bar Association had alleged negligence in treatment.

A delegation of the Bar association called on the Chief Minister at his official residence here on Saturday and was informed about the inquiry, an official spokesperson said.

385 new cases, 3 deaths

The state recorded a total of 385 Covid cases today, taking the tally to 52,010.

Besides, three persons were reported to have succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours — one person each died in Kangra, Mandi and Una.

The highest number of 83 cases were reported in Mandi, followed by 72 in Shimla, 41 in Kullu, 33 in Sirmour and 32 in Kangra. — TNS

**PUNJAB CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
Sector-63, I.S Bindra Cricket Stadium, SAS Nagar, Mohali-160062

**SHORT TENDER NOTICE** Date: 20.12.2020

PCA, Mohali invite Quotations from resourceful and experienced Contractors /Agencies for following works at Punjab Cricket Association, I.S Bindra Stadium, Mohali:-

Sr. No.	Particulars/Nature of Work	Bid Security/Earnest Money	Period of Completion	Estimated value of Work
1.	Supply, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of H.D.P.E pipe lines and irrigation accessories for main cricket ground	25,000/-	15 days	9,07,620/-
2.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hot water Auxiliary S.S 304 grade Pressurized Tank with Electrical back up for main club house and Players Hostel Building	10,000/-	15 days	1,48,500/-

The Detailed terms and conditions including the BOQ of above works are available at the official website of PCA at [www.cricketpunjab.in](http://www.cricketpunjab.in). Important dates are as under:-

1. Period of availability of Tender online at the website 20.12.2020 to 30.12.2020 up to 11 AM
2. Last Date for submission of bids 30.12.2020 up to 11 AM
3. Date of opening of technical bid 30.12.2020 at 12 Noon
4. Date of opening of Financial Bid To be intimated later

The PCA, Mohali, reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever. The bidder, at his own responsibility, expenses and risk is encouraged to visit & examine the site & obtain all information (including that on the risks, contingency and other circumstances which may affect on influence the bids that may be necessary for preparing the bid).

Sd/-  
Chief Executive Officer

## Advocate's death to be probed

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**CLARION CALL**

11:25 PM to 12:00 Noon  
JOSH AUR JASBAH Episodes

- The Legacy of the Gorkha Soldier
- The Legacy of the Sikh Soldier

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM  
The Khalistan Conspiracy by GBS Sidhu, IPS

- GS Ajula, IPS (Moderator)
- MPS Aulakh, IPS
- Jagtar Singh
- GBS Sidhu (Author)

**CLARION CALL**

1:00 PM to 1:15 PM  
Curtain Raiser: The 1971 WAR by HQ Western Command Col RS Mangat

- Capt Amarinder Singh
- Lt Gen BS Nagal
- Lt Gen DDS Sandhu
- AM KK Nohwar

**EVENTS AND PANELISTS**

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Crossing the Meghna: 1971 Victory Curtain Raiser

- Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Moderator)
- Lt Gen GS Sihota
- Maj Chanderkant Singh
- Lt Gen SS Mehta
- Gp Capt CS Sandhu

**CLARION CALL**

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM  
Military Leadership for the Present Day

- Lt Gen TS Shergill (Moderator)
- Capt Amarinder Singh
- Lt Gen BS Nagal
- Lt Gen DDS Sandhu
- AM KK Nohwar

**BOOK RELEASE**

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Jai Jawan Jai Kisan

- Victory, Soldier!
- Victory, Farmer!
- Manish Tewari (Moderator)
- Maj Gen AP Singh

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM  
Pluralism, the Armed Forces and the Question of Who is an Indian?

- Lt Gen NS Brar (Moderator)
- Manpreet Singh Badal
- Prof Rakesh Sinha, MP
- General VP Malik
- Col Shantanu Pandey
- Manish Tewari
- Maj Gen AP Singh

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

# 50.9% turnout in final phase of DDC election

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19  
With the peaceful voting in 28 constituencies in the last phase today, the District Development Council (DDC) polls have been concluded smoothly across the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The voter turnout stood at 50.98 per cent.

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar this evening, State Election Commissioner KK Sharma said the voting percentage in Jammu was 72.71 per cent and in Kashmir Valley was 29.91 per cent. He said a total of 3,21,694 electors exercised their franchise out of a total electorate of 6,40,443.

Poonch district topped the list with an impressive voter turnout of 83.58 per cent followed by Reasi district with 81.92 per cent and Rajouri with 77.31 per cent. In Kash-



Voters in a queue outside a polling station in Baramulla. PTI

mir Valley, Kupwara district recorded the highest polling at 63.80 per cent followed by Bandipora with 56.56 per cent and Baramulla district recorded 44.60 per cent.

With today's polling the fate of 168 candidates has been sealed in the ballot boxes, as the first ever DDC polls were held in J&K in eight phases. The counting of votes

will be taken up on December 22 and the results are expected to be announced later on the same day.

Of the 28 constituencies, which went to polls today, 13 were from Kashmir division with 83 candidates, including 31 women, while in Jammu division, there were 85 candidates for the 15 constituencies, including 15 women.

## 100% JJM goal accomplished in two districts

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19  
Srinagar and Ganderbal districts of Jammu and Kashmir have accomplished their goal to provide every rural household with tap water connection under the Centre's flagship Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the Union Jal Shakti Ministry said.

"This kind of work in difficult terrains speaks volumes of the commitment of the people and the government to provide basic facilities in rural areas," it said.

A ministry's official involved with the JJM today said the implementation of the JJM in the UT having dotted with difficult geographical terrain was fraught with technical challenges.

The mountainous terrains are undulating which make laying of water pipes difficult. Also, the uneven heights, coupled with low climatic temperature creates vacillating pressures in the pipes which in many cases have led to damages to them. The JJM was launched on August 15 last year. — TNS



A health worker collects swab samples in Jammu on Saturday. PTI

## 301 fresh Covid cases

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 19

The Covid death toll in Jammu and Kashmir rose to 1,837 on Saturday with four more fatalities, while 301 new cases pushed the infection tally to 1,18,006, officials said.

Of the new cases, 136 were from Kashmir and 165 were from Jammu division. Jammu recorded the highest 97 new cases followed by 61 in Srinagar district. The number of active cases came down to 4,076 as 465 patients recovered from the infection, taking the overall recoveries to 1,12,093. — PTI

### 1 DEATH IN LADAKH

- Ladakh has recorded one more Covid-related death and nine fresh cases
- With this, the infection tally has reached 9,252 and death toll 124
- The fatality figure in Leh district has reached 81

The UT recorded four more Covid deaths in the last 24 hours – three in Jammu and one in the Kashmir region. The death toll due to the pandemic has now risen to 1,837, officials added. — PTI

## Sonia breaks ice...

All of them spoke, including Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Prithviraj Chavan, Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor and Vivek Tankha, and said their intention was to "strengthen the Congress to take on the BJP".

It's learnt that Sonia told the gathering she would call a conclave like the ones held in Shimla and Panchmarhi as soon as Covid abated. The suggestion on the conclave, sources said, came from Manish Tewari.

Prominent absentees from the meeting were Kapil Sibal, KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala. Priyanka Vadra was in attendance, along with Ambika Soni, P Chidambaram and Kamal Nath.

## Tax raids on arthiyas...

ago. He had already appeared before taxmen in Patiala and agreed to submit the required documents on the next date of a hearing, he said. "Income tax officials, accompanied by CRPF personnel, raided my house on Thursday night. The search continued till Friday night," he added.

Association's vice-president Harjeet Singh said, "The raids were conducted against those who supported farmers financially."

Dr Darshan Pal, state president of the Krantikari Kisan Union, said they would gherao income tax offices across the state, if the raids on arthiyas did not stop.

## Adelaide debacle...

Kohli fell for four, driving far away from his body and giving a catch to the man at gully.

At one stage, reduced to 26/8, India seemed set to equal the all-time record low of 26 (New Zealand vs England) but Hanuma Vihari hit a four to avoid that particular ignominy.

India have now lost three successive Test matches well inside three days, the previous two defeats coming in New Zealand early this year.

Kohli blamed the "defensive" approach of the batsmen for the collapse. "They bowled similar lengths in the first innings. We were handling it better then and had a plan around it," he said.

"We lacked intent because we probably should have seen where the game needs to go

rather than where it has come till now," he said. "The batsmen needed to keep moving the game forward which they weren't able to do. The way we batted allowed them to look more potent than they probably were in the morning because they bowled similar lengths in the first innings as well and we batted way, way better in the first innings than we did in the second innings."

— TNS/Agencies

### CALENDAR

December 20, 2020, Sunday

- Vikrami Samvat 2077
- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Margshirsha Shaka 29
- Posh Parvise 6
- Hijri 1442
- Shukla Paksha Tithi 6, up to 2.53 pm
- Vajra Yoga up to 12.02 pm
- Shabbatisha Nakshatra up to 9.01 pm
- Moon in Aquarius sign

**PRABHAT GOYAL**

With Sorrow we share with you the demise of our beloved Prabhat Goyal

**Shradhanjali Sabha**  
will be held at Arya Samaj Mandir,  
Sector 7 B, Chandigarh on  
**27 December, 2020 (Sunday) at 3.00 pm**

In Fond Remembrance  
Puneet Goyal IAS (Father)  
Easha Goyal (Mother)  
Noor (Sister)

**FIRST BARSI**  
In loving memory of our beloved  
**Col. K.I.I. Singh (Retd.)**  
Bhog of Shri Akhand Path, Ardas  
and Kirtan will be held at our  
residence 12A1/B 'Rehmat', Ranbir  
Marg, Patiala on Friday, 25th  
December 2020 from 12 Noon to  
1 PM followed by Guru Ka Langar

Deeply Missed by :  
Hartashika Kaur  
K. Harkirat Singh & Gurleen Kaur  
K. Ravikrat Singh & Amrit Kaur  
Anahita Kaur, Mehar Kaur & Rehat Kaur  
All Relatives and Friends

(Daughter)  
(Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
(Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
(Grandchildren)  
Mobile : 98888-89202

**BHOG AND ANTUM ARDAS**  
With profound grief and sorrow we inform about  
the sad demise of our respected father  
**S. Charanjit Singh Sekhon**  
(District Attorney Retd.) On 15.12.2020.

Bhog and Antum Ardas will be held on  
Wednesday 23.12.2020 at  
12.00 to 1.00 PM at Gurdwara Sahib  
Mehal Mubarak, Sangrur (Near Civil Hospital).

**In Grief**  
Prof. Hardarshan Kaur Sekhon (Wife)  
Dr. Kanwalpreet Kaur (Candy) & Dr. Rubinder Singh Sidhu (Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Seema Sekhon Chahal & S. Pritinder Singh Chahal (ADA Mansa)  
(Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Dr. Preet Parkash Singh Sekhon & Dr. Ramanbir Kaur Bopari Sekhon  
(Son & Daughter-in-Law)  
Gurnoor Sekhon, Amrit Fateh Sekhon (Granddaughter, Grandson)  
Amiteshver, Jesmeher, Raajeshvar (Dohtae, Dohti)  
99146-00099, 98763-31004

# INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV

17-25 December, 2020

**INAUGURATION**

Monday, 21 December, 2020 (10:30 AM)

**Inauguration of International Gita Seminar**

11:00 AM

Srimad Bhagavadgita Sadan, Kurukshetra University

Preside Over By

**Sh. Satyadeo Narain Arya**  
Governor, Haryana

**Sh. Jai Ram Thakur**  
Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh

**Gita Yajna**  
10:30 AM

Purushottampura Bagh, Brahma Sarovar

Chief Guest  
**Sh. Jai Ram Thakur**  
Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh

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# MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

## ARORA

## Unmarried Status match for Hindu

Arora slim, fair, beautiful girl, 5'-4", MA, B.Ed father Gazetted Officer retired forty plus. 98144-52413, arorab1@gmail.com (CL20075690)

## Status family Arora girl 07.02.1994,

12.55, Kurukshetra, 4'-11", M.Sc., B.Ed, thyroid problem. 90345-16008. (CL20075717)

## Qualified match for a girl, waiting

for dentist license in 23/7/86, 5'-3". Contact: 98151-96203. (CL20075733)

## Professionally qualified match for

Punjabi Khatri Manglik girl, 07.07.87, 6:40 pm, Ambala, 5'-2", MBA, Manager Scale-2 Govt. Bank Peer Mucchalla, Panchkula, 99964-95487, 72066-17979. (CL20075824)

## Match for very beautiful BDS Arora

girl, 1993/ 5'-4", residing in Canada will get PR soon. Preferred PR Canada DDS. BDS/ MDS, India: 98142-53913. (CL20075837)

## Arora slim beautiful girl 19.03.1983,

12.15 p.m., Ludhiana, 5'-3", MA, B.Ed., PGDCA, 99880-64382. (CL20075854)

## Khatri Manglik girl 16.12.90, 5'-3",

B.C.A, M.Sc. (IT), MCA serving Ambala, 97200-16169, 98961-54595. (CL20075926)

## Fair beautiful Khatri Arora girl

35 yrs., 5'-3", Ph.D. Zoology, CSIR UGC NET qualified, working as Asstt. Professor in reputed College, Chandigarh, 97797-02091, 79739-4648. (CL20075960)

## KHATRI

## Doctor, Senior Lecturer, Dental

College Mullan, First May 89, 5'-4.5", 5.30 pm, Karnal, 98964-98043, 90349-71143. (CL20075327)

## rich Industrialist, businessman boys

for status very beautiful Anshik manglik two Khatri sisters 1993 M.tech 5'-2", 1995 MBA, 23150. 86991-50414, 84271- 23150. (CL20075452)

## Beautiful anshik manglik Khatri

girls 1989 MBE 5'-7", 1988 BDS 5'-5" and 1986 M.Sc. Contact only rich background Industrialist businessman Chandigarh Ludhiana Jalandhar, 86991-50414, 84271- 23150. (CL20075485)

## 1996/ 5'-4", B.Tech., Central

Government Officer, father well settled business, requirement- serviceman, businessman all contact: 62653-95942, 91796-34190. (CL20075541)

## Match for NM Punjab Khatri

M.Com, MBA, NET working girl 14.06.83, 8.20 p.m., Ambala, 5'-3", preferred educated & teotaller, kudi must, bureau excused. 99964-36784, 79880-9583. (CL20075911)

## Chandigarh native upper middle

class family, like minded family boy, 27-32 yrs for 07 March 1994, 10.55 am born, 5'-1", Post Graduate, working girl. Contact: +919941-472997, shashi.chadha@gmail.com (CL20075664)

## Required smart, handsome, well

settled businessman (Educated)/ Government employee for convert educated, very beautiful, 5'-6", M.Sc, 1986 born girl, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar preferred. 7719574549. (CL20073083)

## PQM for Delhi based fair girl

1990, 5', MBA, from Yamunanager Haryana. M-87085-36167. (CL20073602)

## SM for homely, GNM, Khatri

Manglik girl, 27.1988 Patiala 9.20 a.m./ 5'-0", 98762-64109. (CL20075568)

## Status match for vegetarian Punjabi

Khatri beautiful girl, 5'-3", M.Com, 21.5.1994, 01.58 am, Chandigarh.

Private job. Father Joint Secretary, Government. WhatsApp 98886-91061, satshamji@gmail.com (CL20073668)

## Khatri girl, 10.02.1989, 12:30 pm,

Ambala, 5', B.LL.A, ILLM, working Legal Assistant Directorate of School Education Haryana 85718-27771, 83980-44695. (CL20075828)

## Match for girl doing MD

1989, 5'-5", Data Scientist, working PUNE, educated Chd. based Jain family. Contact: matrimony30098@gmail.com with photo. Caste no bar. (CL20075975)

## Suitable match for Hindu Khatri

Bhatia working girl, M.B.A, 17.10.94/ 5'. Ambala, divorce after 7 months. 82951-63383. (CL20075828)

## Match for Hindu Punjabi Khatri

beautiful girl B.Com, LLB, 23 June 93, 5'-3". Match in Tricity & Ludhiana. Contact: 78887-96564. (CL20075852)

## Prof. qfdi match for (Pune) based girl

1989, 5'-5", Data Scientist, working PUNE, educated Chd. based Jain family. Contact: matrimony30098@gmail.com with photo. Caste no bar. (CL20075927)

## Respected well established Khatri

Business family invited proposals for their extremely beautiful well educated daughter, 5'-5", 15.12.1995, 5.09 am. Only reputed Business family invited. Contact: 98765-05424, 94170-08928. (CL20073708)

## Professional qualified match for

Khatri girl, B.Tech, 24.12.91, 11:07 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-6". Father Doctor, Businessman/Industrialist also welcome. Jalandhar preferred. 9988804263, 9988836520. (CL20073840)

## Beautiful slim unmarried girl,

December 1974/ 5'-3", M.Com, 20.11.1994, 4.32 am, Ludhiana, 5'-2", MBA, 98141-72696, 98156-9717. (CL20074489)

## Looking suitable match for beautiful

girl M.A., B.Ed. job MNC, 23.06.89, 3:45 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-6". 78146-91038. (CL20075714)

## Suitable teotaller around Delhi

working match for Hindu Arora Manglik beautiful girl, 27.08.1990, 1.45 p.m., 5'-3", Mohali. Pursuing Ph.D. from reputed IIT, brokers excuse. narula.inderjeet@gmail.com WhatsApp: 84272-66006. (CL20074805)

## Professionally qualified Govt

employee, match for Khatri beautiful girl 05- March -1992, 02:15 pm, Ambala, 5'-5", Serving, a Scallie III, Bank officer, Preferred Tricity. Contact 94162-00937, 92533-47109. (CL20074964)

## Anshik Manglik/ Non-Manglik

match for Hindu Arora/ Khatri girl 22.12.87, 5'-2", B.Tech, Bank Officer in Nationalised Bank posted at Mumbai. Contact 98154-80298. (CL20075612)

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SM4 Hindu Graduate girl, 23.3.1984, 6:45 pm Karnal, 5', preparing for Govt. job. Nearby Patiala. 99886-65589. (CL20074480)

Tecotaller match for Punjabi Sunar girl 5'-3", 10-09-1985, 12:05 am, Ambala B.Sc B.Ed, CTET 890107-0005, 94660-28640. (CL20074206)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl, 28-10-89, 4:30 a.m. Chd, 5'-6", M.A., MBA working in Mohali, prefer tricity. 95929-00561. (CL20074527)

Science trained Post Graduate Himachali 23 yrs Khatri girl looking for the well settled boy. 94158-41167. (CL20074672)

Permanent resident Sydne 5'-3", 20.9.1991, Chandigarh, MIT/ MBA, Sydney. Tricity professionally qualified required. 90230-76732. (CL20074782)

Employed match for Ahuja Hindu girl 5'-2", 1990, MCA, NRI considered. 84479-23918, 98777-48425. (CL20074821)

Suitable match for Khatri girl, 24.12.1992, 1:38 am, Jalandhar, 5"-5", M.Com, CS, Mobile 9915662162, 9815547404. (CL20074903)

Match for Hindu Sachdeva Khatri Manglik Panchkula based girl, 25 Sep. 86 born, 1:05 pm, Chandigarh, CA, M.Com, 5'-2", working PUNE, 25 lakh CTC PUNE friendly similar profile prefer upper caste welcome marriage bureau excuse. Call: 98156-63146. (CL20074918)

Tanwar 11.18.84, Asstt. Prof. minor defect in right leg. Cal/WhatsApp: 08056-21600. Only well settled. (CL20074245)

Doctor, Gazetteed Officer match for very beautiful, slim, Sish Mair Rajput (Goldsmith) girl, 1989 born, 5'-7", B.Tech, M.Tech, pursuing Ph.D, regular Assistant Professor in Engg. College. Only Canada preferred. 98159-95361. (CL20074290)

Kashyap Rajput Mehra girl, 19.10.1991, 5'-2", M.Sc. B.Ed., IT, veg. Mob. 98722-92112. (CL20073875)

Match for beautiful Anshik Manglik Himachali Rajput girl, 27.1.1990, 1:15 a.m., Chandigarh, 5"-3", M.Com, pursuing C.S. (Final), working HDFC Bank Chandigarh. Parents both Govt. employees. Preferred Tricity, Rajput only. 90412-20891, 98882-19027. (CL20074231)

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Kashyap Rajput Mehra (OBC) fair girl, 1992, 5'-1", BCA, PGDCA, tutor. Contact: 98146-79755. (CL20074595)

Suitable match for Sunni Muslim girl, 30/5'-4", Graduate, doing MA (History). Contact: 99141-88534. (CL20076032)

Beautiful Muslim girl 5'-4", 15.04.1988, B.Com, ICWA, working as Administrative Officer (Scale-1) in PSU (Govt. job). Looking for Army/Air Force Officer. Downy seeking please excuse. 99154-04369. (CL20073651)

Suitable match for beautiful Aggarwal Mittal girl, 5'-3", 25.3.1994 11:45 am, pursuing 2nd year MD Anesthesia in Delhi. Father Senior Officer in Nationalised Bank at Chandigarh. Slim, smart with high traditional values. Delhi settled Doctor family. Contact: r a m p a l g p l @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20073651)

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Postgraduate/Postdoctoral Brahmin

Medico match for 24, 5'-5", Brahma girl doing MD in India, 27.1.1991, 5'-5", M.Com, Central govt. employee. Preferred Tricity, Rajput only. 90412-20891, 98882-19027. (CL20076052)

MD / MS / civil services match for Nai Sikhi girl, 5'-1", 1991, 5'-1", M. Tech (Medicine), 09462-87660. (CL20076052)

Suitable match for Tonk-kashatriya girl, November 1991/ 5'-3", MBBS. Working as Medical Officer. Contact: 98190-18227, 94185-11048. (CL20076052)

Scheduled Castes

Beautiful, tall Ad-dharmi SC 25th December 1990, height 5'-7", B.Tech, (ECE), working in MNC (Mohali) with good salary. Father is Superintending Engineer in Punjab Govt. Dept. Seeking handsome tall Govt. Officer/ NRI boy (sorry for sub caste Banger & Swan). WhatsApp: 78870-50508. (CL20075825)

## YADAV

**Suitable match for Yadav girl Nov. 1989, 5'-2", M.Sc., B.Ed. working as Teacher, Punjab Govt. School. Mobile: 94638-72305. (CL20075602)**

## WIDOW

**Chandigarh based divorcee girl 39, 5'-1", (one kid) Wkry. In Bank seeks suitable Veg. match. Contact: 84479-92427, 97800-53119. (CL20073619)**

**1977 born Sikh Ramgarhia issueswidow 5'-3", M.Sc. B.Ed. 4200/-, teacher public school, Jalandhar job non-transferable. Father retired bank manager. Brother Asstt. Professor. Jalandhar and nearby preferred. 9357212507. (CL20074946)**

## NRI

**Dec. 94, 5'-6", PR Canada-Brampton work as Nutrition Manager. +9184220-03671. (CL20071261)**

**Looking for suitable Doctor match for Lubana Sikh beautiful, fair, MBBS Doctor from India born 1984, 5'-2", currently Canadian citizen, working as Clinical Assistant and seeking residency. Boy from India or Canada only. Kindly e-mail photo and biodata to: amarinder@icloud.com or whatsppt: 001204183321. (CL20071931)**

**Canada PR Jat Sikh girl 1990, 5'-3" Engineering from India. Wants Well Educated, Landlord boy/ Canada living. Preferred Malwa. Send biodata photo. 98556-21051, karanchohan84@gmail.com (CL20073474)**

**B.Tech/ MCA/ MBA beautiful girl for handsome Punjabi Arora divorced 1984, 6", Canadian citizen, working with IT MNC. Send details with photo, WhatsApp: +91-9915210735, +1-82546-17686, arwan92as@gmail.com (CL20073474)**

**Sikh Rajput Canada PR girl, B.Tech. CSE, 21.11.1994, 5'-4". Parents Govt. retired. Middle class family. No bar. 8696563423. (CL20073989)**

**Mazbi Sikh girl PR Canada, 31/ 5'-4", BDS. Presently in Vancouver (Canada). Required qualified PR Canada boy. Caste no bar. Contact: 98729-81659. (CL20074140)**

**Seeking professionally qualified well settled Canadian citizen/ PR Sikh boy for beautiful, slim, Sikh girl, Canadian PR. Oct. 1990 born/ 5'-1", M.Com., working in reputed Canadian organisation. Simple marriage, caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. Send photo profile. WhatsApp 91-99990-22418. (CL20074216)**

**UK PR Ramgarhia Punjabi Manglik girl. Masters in Software from UK, 5'-3", April 1990. Caste no bar. Preference to well settled boy in UK. Kundli must. 86992-96040 - WhatsApp only. (CL20074291)**

**Professionally qualified match for Canada PR permanent Govt job beautiful, convenient educated girl (BDS India) (Master Canada) 89 born, 5'-3". Jalandhar based Doctor engineer family. Father retired Senior medical officer and running his Own Hospital. Caste no bar. Contact/ WhatsApp 9814139097, 7009533959. (CL20074933)**

**Canadian citizen Hindu Dhiman (Vishwakarma) girl 5'-4", 18.8.1986, 10:40 am, Kapurthala, MS, job at Toronto. Seeking well qualified boy, settled nearby Toronto. Marriage bureau excuse. 97801-03942. (CL20075048)**

**Sikh beautiful girl, 29, 5'-4", Ph.D., doing job in USA as DE. Only contact USA Green Card/ settled match. Upper caste also welcome. WhatsApp: 88723-32033, 98149-16153. (CL20075093)**

**PQM for Sikh Khatri very beautiful girl, Oct 84 (looks younger) India born & raised 5'-5", MS (USA) Green Card, presently working in NY based Fortune 500 Company, issueless & divorced. Qualified working boy in USA preferred. Send biodata & photo WhatsApp +91-99880-67011. (CL20075270)**

**Punjabi Bhatia, Canadian PR girl, Toronto, Delhi based family, 29/ 5'-4", LL.M., Lawyer/ Lawyer family in Canada preferred. 88820-10845, canadadvocate03@gmail.com (CL20075479)**

**Canadian citizen PR, NRI, teetotaller match for vegetarian, convenient educated, B.Tech. Computer Science, 1996, 5'-7", girl doing PG (IT) in Toronto, Tricity based. Father XEN. Send details 95921-09494, jawahar.sagar2001@gmail.com (CL20075613)**

**SM4 Hindoo Arora Canadian PR girl 5'-5", 16.05.1993, 03:35 pm, Dhuri, B.Com. Pursuing CPA working. Contact: 99962-99483. (CL20075615)**

**31, B.Tech., MBA, Canada, PR applied, Ravidasi WhatsApp only +1289683167. (CL20075633)**

**Goyal Manglik girl 26.07.1991, 8 pm, Jalandhar Cantt, 5'-2", B.Tech., MS (Germany passed), currently living in Germany, seeking for Europe well-settled match. Father own business. Contact: 98152-41831. (CL20075639)**

**Ramgarhia Khatti girl 30/ 5'-3", M.Sc. Biotechnology and Food Technology Course in Canada lives in Brampton Canada. One elder sister sister at present studying, seeks Jatti/Ramgarhia/ well educated Canadian boy. Marriage bureau excuse. 89855-10782. (CL20075660)**

**Ramgharia girl 1989, height 5'-3", Panipat, qualification BA and GNIT appearance fair and smart looking for NRI. Contact Mother +9183076-00913. (CL20075771)**

**Ramgarhia educated match for Canadian PR girl, Ph.D. (Canada) convenient educated from Chandigarh, slim, fair 33, 5'-3", Mohali based family. Caste no bar. Contact: 98147-06908, Email: golfercv@gmail.com (CL20075849)**

**Educated M4 Canadian PR Postgraduate Saraswat Brahmin girl 91 born, 5'-2", preferred CA/Banker/ B.Tech/ MBA/ Doctor. Upper caste welcome. 94170-00708, 94170-9220. (CL20075855)**

**Professional match for Canadian citizen Hindu Khatri beautiful Manglik girl 24/5'. Preference IT professional or Doctor. Contact: 93178-0055. monsopride@hotmail.com (CL20075856)**

**Match for Hindu vegetarian Mai Rajput, 1991/ 5'-6", MBBS, American citizen girl, innocently divorced after 2 months. Preferred USA boy. Master Degree, Engineer or Doctor. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp +1-714-276-5711. (CL20075880)**

**Required Govt. job/ well established businessman for Tomi Kashatriya widow beautiful girl, 1991/ 5'-6", Govt. Maths Teacher, having 2½ years preference NRI upper caste no bar. WhatsApp +1-714-276-5711. (CL20075885)**

**Match for Hindu vegetarian YADAV BRAHMIN**

**Manglik/ Non Manglik match for Gaur Brahmin beautiful fair Chandigarh based girl, 31.10.1991, 06:07 pm, Pehowa, 5'-6", B.Tech, MBA, working in MNC Pune. M: 98764-03001. (CL20075511)**

**Judicial officer/Doctor match for beautiful Brahmin girl, 37, 5'-5", Judge (HSIS) (D), 18 Lacs P.A. Contact: 9814066363. (CL20068210)**

**Professionally qualified match for fair Punjabi Sarawat Brahmin girl, 1984/5'-1", M.Sc., B.Ed., Govt regular Teacher (TGT) in Delhi. Mail: sesharma05@gmail.com 98993-83246. (CL20070789)**

**Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl 5'-2"/29, convent educated, LLB CLC DU, pursuing LLM reached interview level in JS. US/UPSC/Lawyer family preferred. 98765-98948. (CL20071253)**

**Professionally qualified match for fair Sarawat Brahmin girl, 15-08-1987, 06:17 pm, Barnala born, 5' MBA (HR) Job III (Contract), Rajrura. 97804-69658 (CL20075417)**

**Suitable match for Beautiful Saraswat Brahmin girl 25-Nov-91, 5'-3", B.Com, persuing CA (Final) 94166-30211 (CL20075432)**

**Saraswat Brahmin 28-07-90, 09:00 am, 5'-4", Ambala. Software engineer, equivalent qualified 92151-97487. Not above 1988 (CL20075491)**

**Brahmin Anshik Manglik girl, 18.11.1993, 10:35 am, Patiala, 4'-11", MBA, wheat allergy. Upper caste welcome. 70871-82945. 98760-79338. (Patiala) (CL20073721)**

**Match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl, B.Sc Nursing, regular Staff Nurse in Punjab Govt, 89 born, 5'-5", Karanchohan84@gmail.com (CL20073747)**

**B.Tech/ MCA/ MBA beautiful girl for handsome Punjabi Arora divorced 1984, 6", Canadian citizen, working with IT MNC. Send details with photo, WhatsApp: +91-9915210735, +1-82546-17686, arwan92as@gmail.com (CL20073474)**

**Saraswat Brahmin girl, 14-08-1993, 06:00 p.m., 5'-3", BCA, M.Sc IT, working as Executive, Public Sector Bank. Kharar based family. Whatapp No: 94172-49953, 97170-40782. (CL20073930)**

**SM4 Saraswat Brahmin girl Oct. 89/5'-4", M.Phil, NET cleared, Assst. Professor, College Delhi University, 10 LPA, NCR settled Himachal/North Indian family/group preferred. Mob.: 82833-35463. (CL20075621)**

**Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, Dental Surgeon, Canadian PR, 5'-3", 1989, Ambala. 94668-50803, 94660-62657. Caste no bar. (CL20075626)**

**Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 12.01.1987, 5:22 am, Hoshiarpur, 5'-3", MA, B.Ed., TET qualified. Required teetotaller, well settled boy. Mob: 62448-45454. (CL20073595)**

**Match for Vashisht Vfair girl, Fashion Designer doing MBA, 97 born, 5'-4", with traditional family values. WhatsApp: 95012-00231. (CL20073990)**

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**Match for Brahmin girl 1995, Chandigarh born, working in well renowned MNC, Gurgaon, 5'-2". Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 95012-20880. (CL20075667)**

**Suitable match for Brahmin girl 26.10.1983, 5'-3", Amritsar, M.Sc. in Fashion Designing, issueless divorcee. Amritsar/ Jalandhar/ Ludhiana/ Chandigarh preferred. WhatsApp 95012-20880. (CL20075667)**

**Suitable match for Brahmin girl, 30/ 5'-3", B.Tech., working Noida (package 94%). Vegetarian family from Punjab. Contact: 7986072177, 9815006667. (CL20074128)**

**Looking Canadian PR/ Govt. job in Tricity match for beautiful, slim, Sikh girl, M.Com., 5'-2", Kundli must. 86992-96040 - WhatsApp only. (CL20074291)**

**Professionally qualified match for Canada PR permanent Govt job beautiful, convenient educated girl (BDS India) (Master Canada) 89 born, 5'-3". Jalandhar based Doctor engineer family. Father retired Senior medical officer and running his Own Hospital. Caste no bar. Contact/ WhatsApp 9814139097, 7009533959. (CL20074933)**

**Canadian citizen Hindu Dhiman (Vishwakarma) girl 5'-4", 18.8.1986, 10:40 am, Kapurthala, MS, job at Toronto. Seeking well qualified boy, settled nearby Toronto. Marriage bureau excuse. 97801-03942. (CL20075048)**

**Sikh beautiful girl, 29, 5'-4", Ph.D., doing job in USA as DE. Only contact USA Green Card/ settled match. Upper caste also welcome. WhatsApp: 88723-32033, 98149-16153. (CL20075093)**

**PQM for Sikh Khatri very beautiful girl, Oct 84 (looks younger) India born & raised 5'-5", MS (USA) Green Card, presently working in NY based Fortune 500 Company, issueless & divorced. Qualified working boy in USA preferred. Send biodata & photo WhatsApp +91-99880-67011. (CL20075270)**

**Punjabi Bhatia, Canadian PR girl, Toronto, Delhi based family, 29/ 5'-4", LL.M., Lawyer/ Lawyer family in Canada preferred. 88820-10845, canadadvocate03@gmail.com (CL20075479)**

**Canadian citizen PR, NRI, teetotaller match for vegetarian, convenient educated, B.Tech. Computer Science, 1996, 5'-7", girl doing PG (IT) in Toronto, Tricity based. Father XEN. Send details 95921-09494, jawahar.sagar2001@gmail.com (CL20075613)**

**SM4 Hindoo Arora Canadian PR girl 5'-5", 16.05.1993, 03:35 pm, Dhuri, B.Com. Pursuing CPA working. Contact: 99962-99483. (CL20075615)**

**31, B.Tech., MBA, Canada, PR applied, Ravidasi WhatsApp only +1289683167. (CL20075633)**

**Goyal Manglik girl 26.07.1991, 8 pm, Jalandhar Cantt, 5'-2", B.Tech., MS (Germany passed), currently living in Germany, seeking for Europe well-settled match. Father own business. Contact: 98152-41831. (CL20075639)**

**Ramgarhia Khatti girl 30/ 5'-3", M.Sc. Biotechnology and Food Technology Course in Canada lives in Brampton Canada. One elder sister sister at present studying, seeks Jatti/Ramgarhia/ well educated Canadian boy. Marriage bureau excuse. 89855-10782. (CL20075660)**

**Ramgharia girl 1989, height 5'-3", Panipat, qualification BA and GNIT appearance fair and smart looking for NRI. Contact Mother +9183076-00913. (CL20075771)**

**Ramgarhia educated match for Canadian PR girl, Ph.D. (Canada) convenient educated from Chandigarh, slim, fair 33, 5'-3", Mohali based family. Caste no bar. Contact: 98147-06908, Email: golfercv@gmail.com (CL20075849)**

**Educated M4 Canadian PR Postgraduate Saraswat Brahmin girl 91 born, 5'-2", preferred CA/Banker/ B.Tech/ MBA/ Doctor. Upper caste welcome. 94170-00708, 94170-9220. (CL20075855)**

**Professional match for Canadian citizen Hindu Khatri beautiful Manglik girl 24/5'. Preference IT professional or Doctor. Contact: 93178-0055. monsopride@hotmail.com (CL20075856)**

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## AGGARWAL

**Wanted SM for Garg girl, 5'4", 12.12.93, 9.00 pm Patiala B.Tech., working Bangalore, 35+ LPA. Contact: 85449-36794. (CL20073612)**

**Manglik girl 1992 M.Com Ph.D 5'4" slightly healthy permanent job Ambala. Rich background. Required Industrialist, business family Chandigarh Ambala. 84271-23150, 86993-72414. (CL20075459)**

**Suitable match for NM Garg girl 12.12.1993, 11.00 PM, Bhushan Mandi, Bathinda, B.Tech. 5'3", 7 LPA, Working in MNC Noida, naveengarg502@gmail.com, 96547-31201. (CL20073587)**

## MATE FOR BEAUTIFUL AND FAIR CA SINGAL GIRL

August 90 born, 5'2", status family from Punjab studied at Chandigarh, now working in Delhi for last 2/3 years, seek suitable CA, B.Tech., MBA boy from good institution. Caste no bar.

92167-45348,

sanjivsingal2@gmail.com

GE20075605

**Wanted Canadian/ USA citizen or PR match for Bansal 29 yrs 5'4" beautiful BDS girl now in Canada, PR under process. Medico match preferred. Send detailed particulars along with photos. 98688-27600. (CL20073603)**

**Beautiful Jain 11.10.87, 13:30, Delhi, 5'1", MBA, job Gurgaon, Delhi based family. No location constraint. 98912-34450. (CL20073605)**

**Suitable match for Panchkula based homey Aggarwal (Garg) girl 1990 born, 5'4", (B.Com/ MBA) beautiful, fair complexion, from businessman family. (Preferred) well settled Haryana base family Tricity or near by. 98884-98465. (CL20073662)**

**SM4 Singla girl, 28, 5'3", B.Tech., Senior Software Developer Gurgaon, 16 LPA. Software Professional preferred. 97176-38587. (CL20073692)**

**Beautiful Aggarwal girl 1989, 5'5", Ph.D, Prof. 8 LPA, Tricity preferred, very short issueless divorce. aggarwalgupta25@gmail.com (CL20073706)**

**Beautiful Garg, 1988, 155, LLM, job Ifco, Tokio Legal Advisor, Tricity preferred: 94175-12077. (CL20073712)**

**Goyal Beautiful Working Girl Nov. 92/ 5'4", B.Tech., Status family. Preferred Engineers/ CA/ Serviceman, Bathinda. 94644-96008, 70099-08402. (CL20073732)**

**Haryana based reputed business family seeks similar match for slim, fair, beautiful daughter B.Tech. 27-5'8", Job in MNC, 13 LPA, decent marriage. 98960-17550. (CL20073832)**

**Suitable match for Aggarwal girl 28/ 5', M.Sc. Biotech, Job at Bangalore. Contact 99141-40409. (CL20073841)**

**Handsome, tall, convent/ well educated match for Manglik Garg, 5'6", 03.04.1992, Panchkula, B.Tech, MBA girl from respectable Panchkula based business family. Contact: 98153-60106. (CL20073859)**

**Manglik Singla girl, 08.05.1994, 12:35 p.m., 5'3", Chandigarh, B.Sc. (IT), 94786-46868. (CL20073999)**

**25/ 5'5", MCA, job in Australia want suitable family, 97543-58825, 97548-82585. (CL20074038)**

**Bansal Fair Beautiful Girl 21-2-95, 8:00 AM, Barnala, 5'1", B.Arch, job Delhi, 4 Lac Package. Family Delhi settled, Punjab Based. Seems well status family, good marriage. 94636-37567, 98685-04096. (CL20074129)**

**Professionally CA qualified, beautiful Manglik Garg girl, 5'6", 03 Aug 1994, 01:40 am, Sirsa, Father Businessman, Brother CA. 79886-15059, 70158-12316. (CL20074172)**

**Singla girl November 1992/5'1", MS by Research, ECE, IIIT Hyderabad. Now Engineer, Qualcomm, Bangalore, Package 30+, seeks well qualified boy from Punjabi Aggarwal family, doing job good company in Bangalore. Contact: 97792-00609. (CL20074507)**

**Suitable match for beautiful, fair Singla girl, 5'1/2", 05.11.1987, 1:02 p.m., Chandigarh, B.Tech, M.Tech, Permanent Punjab Govt. job, (Distt. Mohali). Chandigarh based educated status family. Decent marriage. Contact: 98147-11609, Send biodata and Photo. WhatsApp 98147-37353. (CL20074546)**

**SM4 MBA girl 5'3", 08.02.1988, 06:25 am, Jagraon. 95015-72036. (CL20075492)**

**Match for Garg girl from Panchkula, B.Tech., MBA (Thapar), 5'2", 11.8.1991, 3:58 pm. Businessman in Tricity preferred. 92167-04499. (CL20074563)**

**Suitable handsome match for beautiful Bindal girl 27/ 5'3", (Non-Manglik) family based in Chandigarh, Chartered Accountant working with big four package 17 lacs P.A. at Gurgaon. Father practicing Chartered Account in Chandigarh. Mother Manager in RBI and younger brother CA. Contact: 94170-14357. (CL20074754)**

**Match for Manglik Bansal girl 1994/ 5'0", Software Engineer Chandigarh, 6 lacs. Tricity preferred. 91466-32950 (M). (CL20074798)**

**Vegetarian smart fair B.A. B.Ed. Garg girl, 5'3", 1982 looks young. Caste no bar. Early marriage. Chandigarh around preferred. Phone: 98143-93725, 96468-31502. (CL20075285)**

**Professionally qualified match for Anshik Manglik Garg, convert educated 5'2"-5", 07-03-1993, 15:27, Ambala. B.Tech, currently working in Amsterdam (Europe) 94781-00222. (CL20075469)**

**August 1989 born, 5'2", convert educated Chandigarh, MNC, best package WhatsApp 94637-92731. E-mail: goyalarchit29@gmail.com (CL20075478)**

**Manglik non-Manglik match for 25/5'3", BCA, MCA slim beautiful working girl. Decent marriage. 98962-55510. (CL20075484)**

**Suitable match for Himachali Aggarwal/ MBA girl 5', 1996, working as HR with handsome package, boy with other higher education along with a good family background. Contact: 94184-07669. (CL20075600)**

**Match for Bansal Manglik 5'2" girl 90 born, Ludhiana. M.Sc. Physics, Ludhiana boy preferred. 919889-74721, 9196465-82394. (CL20075635)**

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**Required high status officer, Post Graduation Doctor posted in Punjab for SDM Agarwal girl 1990, 5'4". 94634-87508. (CL20075721)**

**High status most beautiful Aggarwal girl Chandigarh 1990, MBA, 5'3", Required top industrialist, business tricity only. 84271-23100, 86993-72414. (CL20075743)**

**Suitable match for Garg girl divorce 5'2" 6.28, 11:05 pm, Tech, working with MNC in Bangalore, 21 LPA. Preferred working in Bangalore. Apply non divorce also. 70157-88083. (CL20075757)**

**Status smart Aggarwal sisters, 1994, MA English, 5'2" and 1991, MDS, own practice. Required Industrialist, Businessman boys. 84271-23150, 86993-72414. (CL20075766)**

**High class businessman match for NM, Post Graduate Aggarwal girl, 26 years, 5'2", Ludhiana based preferred. Local preferred. 79868-84587. (CL20075844)**

**Match for Manglik Singla girl 25.05.1993, 09:55 am, Pathankot, 5'2", working in Bangalore, package 14 lac. 90237-47708. (CL20075845)**

**Patiala based Manglik beautiful Aggarwal girl 1993, 5'2", MCA. Wanted high businessman boy Budget 50, 93567-22798. (CL20075861)**

**Match for fair Singla girl, 05.10.94, 19:22 Ambala Cantt. (Birth place), 5'3", M.A, Ed., teacher in reputed Chandigarh school. Business family. Contact: 92167-42807. (CL20075873)**

**Suitable match for Bansal girl 90 born, 5'4", 04.11.1992, B.E. E.E. Good knowledge in computer operations creative mind (artist) working as MTS in Govt. office Chandigarh. Vegetarian Panchkula based family. Preference Tricity. Contact: 98159-91050. WhatsApp 98765-24422. (CL20075905)**

**Gair fair girl, Oct 1991, 5'4", BA, B.Ed, ETI, PSTETI cleared, NTT, Art and Craft diploma Muktsar. 94789-68656. WhatsApp: 98760-64183. (CL20076008)**

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**Rishi Apartment 3 BHK Semi Furnished Flat Sector-70, 3 BHK Darshan Vihar, Sector-68 Mohali. Orbit Estates - 8728883540. (CL20074945)**

**Luxury 3 BHK+ servant room apartment heart of Mohali with lift and two covered car parking. Starting price 70 lac. Call 98157-67928. (CL20075154)**

**Chandigarh flat No. 2281 BSNL Society first floor facing park 3 BHK 2 washrooms. Subhash Mangat & Co. 98726-65556, 90233-11852. (CL20075885)**

**HIG 10 marla GF Phase 9, Mohali, five bedrooms, drawing, dining, single lane, completely renovated, facing park, price 99 lacs. Contact: 94178-90970. (CL20075874)**

**8 marla New Constructed 3 BHK GF 50% Share for sale in Sector 78. 4 BHK Society Flat Sixth Floor facing park for sale in very reasonable price at Sector 91. Contact: 70094-57067, 98888-54924. (CL20074327)**

**Wanted/available CHB flats all categories Sectors 38West to 63 societies flats Sector 48 to 51 Chandigarh. Rama Properties 98140-35506. (CL20074078)**

**Chandigarh one kanal facing North house Sector 18, facing East Sector 21. Both confirmed. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20073818)**

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**1 kanal house Sector 8 Chandigarh good location Wadhawan Consultants 98720-00044. (CL20073799)**

**Chandigarh two kanal facing park house Facing North, another B-Road facing East. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20073812)**

**Chandigarh one kanal marbled duplex house Sector 32. Fully renovated. Ready to shift. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20073813)**

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**Once New Chandigarh, The Lake Super Luxury Flats One of its kind in entire region, Arora (HSAS) Retd. 98787-09884. (CL20065874)**

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**Mohali Aerocity:** 300 gaj East facing rare available excellent location, rare availability Block-F, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000. (CL20074052)

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**8 Marla Sector 78, 80, Ten marla A-road:** Sector 80, 12 Marla corner Sector-78, 79, Orbit Estates 987883540, 9915534500 (CL20074935)

**4 Marla Facing Park & B-road,** 8 Marla B-road, 12 Marla Corner, Facing park, 1 Kanal B-road, Sector 88-99 Mohali, Orbit Estates 987883540, 9915534500 (CL20074941)

**Available 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 500 gaj plots, good locations in Aerocity,** IT City, Orbit Estates 8728883540, 9915534500 (CL20074942)

**4, 5, 6 marla plot Sector 92-A, Mohali @ 25000/- per sq. yds with 15 months easy installment payment plan on 200' Airport Road, Shrinath Estate 89683-19903, 90410-62555. (CL20074953)**

**Mohali: 5 Marla East facing registry case, near park, direct approach from B-road, Sector-77, 75085-75089. (CL20075029)**

**Mohali IT City 66-B: Available 200 gaj plot facing, clear and levelled plot.** 93160-37544. (CL20075631)

**EcoCity New Chandigarh plots** in resale 100 - 500 sq. yards. Contact: Satinder Singh 98281-25105. (CL20075982)

**Mohali 1 Kanal Industrial plot on** 115 ft. road near Airport road. 98140-51116. (CL20075940)

**Aerocity: 128 sq.yd. 23"x50"** adjoining Block-G, 98140-51116. (CL20075941)

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**Available all sizes plots Sectors** 76 to 80 JPL Sec. 82, 88, 89, Aerocity, EcoCity, Itcity, Rama Properties Rera approved. 98140-42287. (CL20073752)

**5 marla single line plot near NH-22** Lalu Mohali @ 11 Lacs. Owner: 81465-22514. (CL20074083)

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**9872437035**

**CL20074333**

**300 gaj, facing park plot Sector 89,** Mohali. Contact: King Associates, F-465, KB Tower, Phase 8-B, Mohali. 90289-0004. (CL20074389)

**Mohali booked plots: Ten marla** main road 1301 Sector 80. Six marla 1680 Sector 100. Marwaha 204, Phase 3B1, Mohali. Phone: 98140-38566, 98140-10193. (CL20074513)

**Mohali industrial one kanal** builtup Jantaland, Royal 98889-88899. (CL20074866)

**ECO 1/2 wanted/ available 500, 400,** 300, 200, 100 prime, normal location, office 3014/ D-Block Ravi Garg: 98881-11888, Hardik 78883-73520. (CL20074879)

**Plot, 4 marla facing North East,** 12 marla facing East Sector 89, 1 kanal facing park Sector 88 best deals. Castle Estates 95011-83500. (CL20075105)

**Plots 150 b-roads, 8 marla** facing East, Sector 79, Mohali, confirm deals. Castle Estates: 95011-83500. (CL20075124)

**Omaxe Phas 1 Mullanpur** show room plot 16x66 ft. each single (2 cr.) pair (4 cr.) non-negotiable. 85560-00351. (CL20075128)

**200 square yard plot at** Chandigarh Royal City is for immediate sale. Contact: 83605-57139. (CL20075162)

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**AeroCity 250 square yards (Block-II) East** facing plot for sale genuine buyer may contact: 82839-30009. (CL20075618)

**Plot in Sonipat 14 marla for sale** # 1513, Sector 15, prefer cheque payment. Contact: Owner: 89681-80320. (CL20075628)

**GMADA Aerocity 7341, corner,** facing park 25% built for sale. Aavaas 70871-03704. (CL20075674)

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## RENU SUD SINHA

**A**T 86, Gulzar has achieved almost everything in the field of words, but is still not ready to rest on his innumerable laurels. Driven by his love and passion for poetry, Gulzar was 76 when he started off on yet another uncharted path — to gather contemporary poetry in Indian languages in one volume. A decade later, what emerged was a labour of love and passion — 365 poems, a poem for every day of the year — reflecting the ethos of a nation born some 70 years ago.

'A Poem A Day' is a massive 968-page book ostensibly "for anyone who likes poetry and is interested in the use of words and language", as the author's note says in the beginning. However, as this child of Partition, growing up on classical poetry of undivided Punjab, experienced the turning and tossing of his era in the poetry of his times, he wanted the Indian youth of today to experience the joys of contemporary poetry so as to relate it to their times and not the verses of Tagore or Ghalib of bygone eras they read in their textbooks.

So, the grand old man of letters waded

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through Indian regional poetry, literally from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, starting from 1947 to 2017, to sift through the works of contemporary poets rooted in their soil, (*apni zameen se judey*, as he says in his inimitable style), and translated most of them into Hindustani and English.

Because language has no borders, there were also poets from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, all foreign lands now, as well as languages and dialects without scripts of their own, written in scripts of better-known languages.

## Poets from the land of his birth

Born in Jhelum district of undivided Punjab, Sampooran Singh Kalra may have been particularly fascinated by the poets and poetry of North-East, but was always connected with those from his own land despite moving to Bombay.

Amrita Pritam and her Partition-based "Ajj Aakhan Waris Shah Nu" was an obvious choice, as were Shiv Kumar Batalvi, Paash, Sukhbir, alias Balbir Singh, Lal Singh Dil, Mohan Singh, Surjit Patar and Ustad Daman (Pakistan) among the contemporary names from Punjabi poetry.

Many poets and writers, who could not find a place in the book due to space constraints, remain etched in his consciousness and he talks about them with much admiration — Navtej Singh, Harnam Singh Naz, Gurmel Pannu and S. Swarn.

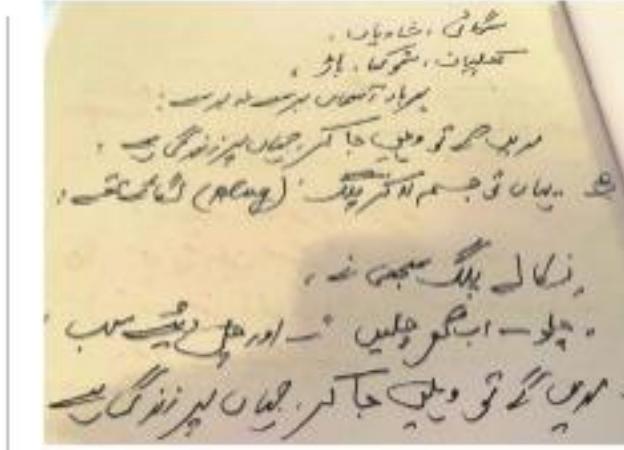
## Timeline of a nation

Poems written in all 34 languages since Independence have been included in a chronological order, capturing and reflecting the journey of a nascent nation through its evolution. It starts with verses of hope tinged with the rosy glow of freedom, but soon turns into disappointment of expectations not met. The feminist movement, emergence of Naxalites and their struggle, the trials and tribulations that Punjab went through — in short, it is the poetic journey of a nation and its testing times, through the eyes of the poets who spoke in the voice of masses, yet had a limited reach.

## The journey

The hurdles were countless — lack of proper scripts, non-availability of translations and sometimes translators, even the English translations of Punjab's most popular poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi were hard to come by. So what kept Gulzar going? A simple yet burning desire to bring to the young their poetic heritage.

And who were the people who helped him traverse the path? He makes particular mention of Ananth Padmanabhan and Udayan Mitra from the publishing house for their support but at home, it



The plight of migrant labourers plodding home during lockdown, hoping to escape the pandemic, hunger and misery, is reflected in this unpublished, untitled poem that Gulzar, who still writes in longhand Urdu, has shared with the readers of *The Tribune*:

*Mahamaari lagi thee  
Gharon ko bhaag liye the sabhi  
mazdoor-karigar  
Machinein band hone lag gayin  
thee saree  
Unhi se to haath-paaon chalte  
rehte the  
Warna zindagi to gaon mein hee  
bo ke aaye the  
Arre, sagaayi, shaadiyaan,  
khalihaan, sookha, baadh  
Harr baar aasmaan barse  
naa barse  
Marenge to wahin jaakar  
jahaan par zindagi hai  
Yahaan to jism laakar plug  
lagaaye the  
Plug nikale sabhi ne  
Chalo ab ghar chalein sab  
Sab chal diye  
Marenge to wahin jaakar  
Jahaan par zindagi hai.*



REUTERS  
was daughter Meghna who kept her "Papi", as she fondly calls him, from burning the candle at both ends at the "young" age of 86.

The indulgent father speaks of her and the women poets included in the book with much admiration. Shefali Debbarma, Mamang Dai, Mamta Kalia have found a special mention at various foras where he has talked about the book. And he refuses to bind their words within their gender, as he feels women, in their poetry, have achieved the equality they may not have found in reality.

He also refuses to burden Meghna with the task of carrying forward his legacy, as he feels she has the capability to forge her own legacy and imprint. He fondly talks of her capacity for detailed research and hard work, her feminism — reflected in her works like 'Filhaal' and 'Talvar'.

## A peek into the future

After this mammoth project of capturing the past, what's on his mind? The confining months of lockdown may have provided a requisite pause but have also brought home the problems of the common man whom he lovingly calls "Murari Lal". His troubles and struggles will feature in "Murari Lal ki Nazmein" in the coming months.

The living legend is also mulling over publishing the leftover verses that could not be accommodated in this book — poems on universal emotions such as death or poems on the poem itself. His legions of fans await.

## Yours, Gulzar

Writer, poet, filmmaker, lyricist, the Renaissance man has reinvented himself yet again as sutradhar, bringing together poems of 279 post-Independence poets from 34 languages. His passion kept him going for 10 years, getting even those dialects that had no script translated into English and Hindustani

## I Have Seen This Scene Before

BY GULZAR

I have seen this scene before  
A whole army standing entrenched  
With guns on shoulders, ready to fire  
And, in front, a crowd of people  
Waving hands;  
Perhaps it is 1919, and Amritsar  
Somewhat like Jallianwala Bagh.  
Or maybe it is the scene of Lahore in 1936:  
The day of the freedom struggle's annual assembly.

So much in this scene seems to be familiar  
The faces appear to be known  
The despondency and anger on their faces  
Their ages, their emotions

All of this, I am acquainted with.

Maybe, it is 1942 in Allahabad:

In a railed-off island

In the centre of the town square

An entire army in readiness

Lines drawn, their guns ready to fire

And in front a mob of people

Waving hands;

Their fists clenched

The same flag in their hands

The same slogans on their lips

The bullets fired in the same way

Some people dying as they died before

Blood flowing the same way on this

very street.

(Translated from the Urdu by

Pavan K Varma)

## My Mother and My Poem

BY SURJIT PATAR

My mother could not understand

my poem

although it was written in my mother-tongue.

She only gathered that there was some grief in her son's mind.

But wherever his grief came while I am here.

My illiterate mother scanned my poem with great care

and said to herself: look, people, look the sons whom we gave birth from our womb

tell their grief to the papers not to us.

She took the page to her breast hoping

perhaps it is the only way

of getting close to her son.

(Translated from the Punjabi by the poet)

## Will Be Killed

BY RAJESH JOSHI

Those who not participate in this madness

Will be killed

Those who oppose, will be made to stand in the witness box

Those who speak the truth

Will be killed

It will not be tolerated that someone else's shirt

Be whiter than 'Their' shirt

Those wearing spotless shirts

Will be killed

Pushed away from the world of Art

Will be those who are not bards

Those who do not plod

Will be killed

Flying the flag of religion

Those who do not participate in the rally

Will be shot brutally

Will be named atheist

Bigest crime this time is

To be unarmed and to be innocent

Those who are not criminals

Will be killed.

(Translated from the Hindi by Nirupa Joshi)

## Alibi

BY RANJIT HOSKOTE

Wipe your fingerprints from the air, rinse out the mug from which you drank last night's coffee.

Clear the view in the window with a sweep of plush curtain

that takes cloud, sky and mountain with it.

Cut the photograph from the frame, grab the red hair-band from the onyx jar, the spectacles from the desk.

Cover your tracks.

Walk through water.

You were never here.

(Written originally in English)

## Rain

BY RAMAKANTA RATH

As I was about to go out to meet you it rained.

How could I, dripping with water, meet you? I came back.

It hasn't rained for a long, long time, but you've moved away.

A drop of water will no longer fall on this bone-dry body of mine.

(Translated from the Odia by the poet)

— Excerpted from 'A Poem A Day', selected and translated by Gulzar, with permission from HarperCollins.

# The mercenary who loved finer things

James Skinner fought for East India Company, but was deeply interested in painting and set about engaging Indian artists to work for him

*History of the Origin and Distinguishing Marks of the Different Castes of India.*  
Ms. folio, written within red and gold borders, with 120 full-page illustrations, and 2 illuminated opening pages, native leather. (c. 1830).

— Descriptive title of the volume by James Skinner, in the Library of Congress, Washington

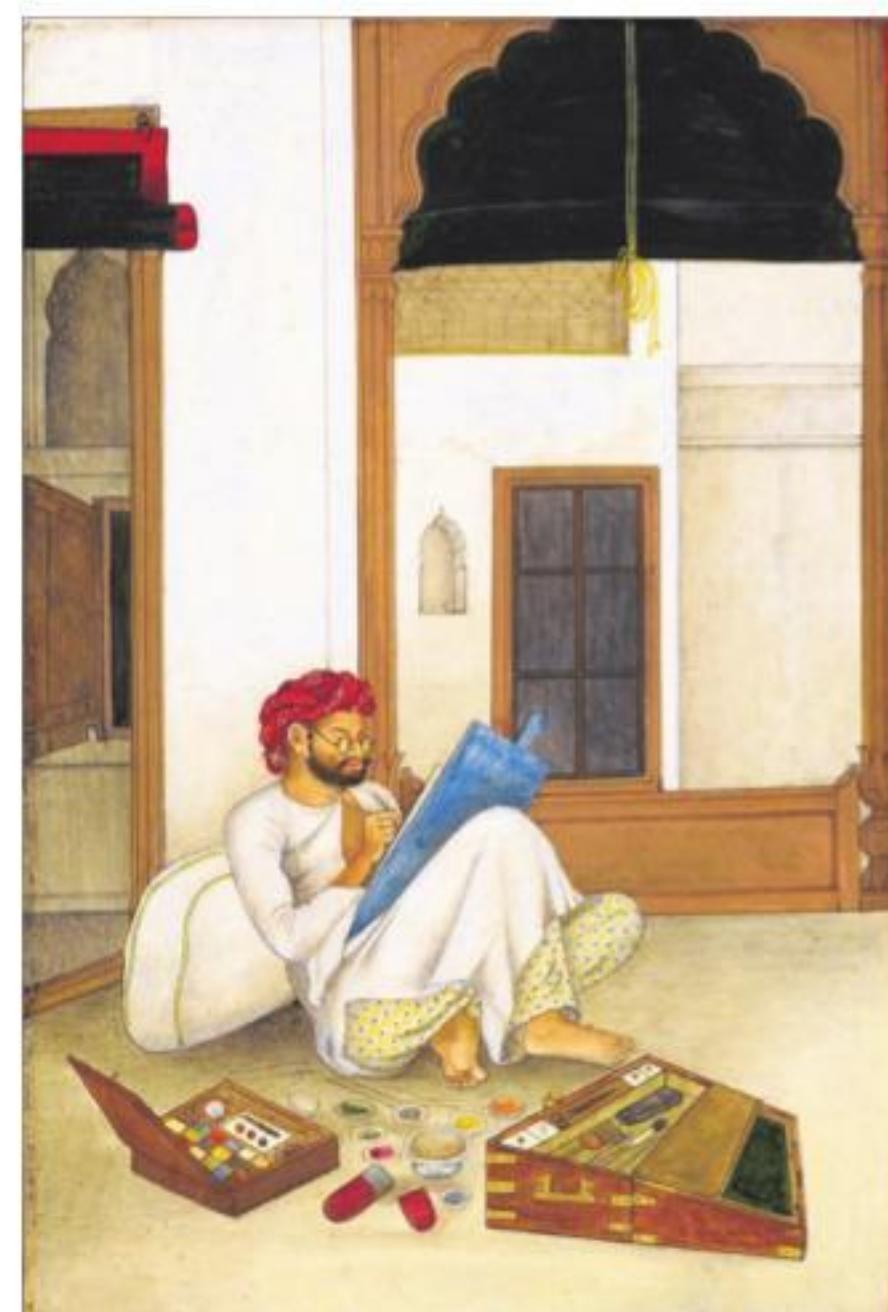


ART & SOUL

BN GOSWAMY

JAMES SKINNER (1778 - 1841) — 'Sikandar Sahib', as he came to be known and called by his devoted troopers — was evidently a man of parts. One could simply describe him as a mercenary — one of the many, whether French, Irish, Scottish, German, Austrian, or English, who one finds roaming the plains of India in the 18th and early 19th centuries, ready to fight for anyone who paid well: 'swords for hire', so to speak — but that would do him little justice. For certain, he was a soldier with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, who raised formidable cavalry regiments that still bear his name in independent India's Army — 'Skinner's Horse', the 'Yellow Boys' — and who did fight for the Marathas and, eventually, the East India Company. He was diplomatic enough to keep up with high officials of the East India Company which had declined to offer him employment initially because he had an 'Indian' wife. But he had other interests, too. Passions, in fact. Living in style, from his perch at Hansi in Haryana apart, he was, like the Fraser brothers to whom he was close and with whose name discerning patronage of art is associated, he was deeply interested in painting and set about engaging Indian painters — then more or less at a loose end, royal Mughal patronage having dwindled and virtually dried up — to work for him.

Unlike many other mercenaries, however, Skinner had one other talent: he knew Persian well and could write long texts in it. One reads this with the fact that, possibly on account of his 'Indian' connection — his wife who he used to designate as a princess from some royal family or the other — he was genuinely interested in things Indian: ancient Indian texts for one, and, for another, the people whom he knew and saw every day; if not in his immediate environment, at least in the streets outside. From all this emerged at least two works that remain of



Portrait of a painter at work. ALL WORKS TASHRIH VOLUME, BRITISH LIBRARY



A kayasth/account keeper at work.



Portrait of the great veena player, Mian Himmat Khan Kalawant.



Portrait of James Skinner, inscribed with his titles; From the Tazkirat al-Umara volume.

absorbing interest: the *Tashrih al-aqam*, which was finished in 1825, and the *Tazkirat al-Umara* of 1830: the former dealing with *The Origin and Distinguishing Marks*

*of the Different Castes of India*, as noticed before, and the latter with *Historical notices of some Notable Families*.

The *Tazkirat* volume is illustrated with portraits of known and oft-painted rulers and highly-placed zamindars, mostly of Rajasthan and the Punjab. The *Tashrih* volume — the word means, literally, 'exposition; elucidation', and *aqam* is the plural of *qaum*, used here in the sense of a community or profession — is far more lavishly illustrated, one might add, which draws one to itself, for even though it does not deliver all that it promises in the title, it engages mostly with common people of virtually no rank: priests and account-keepers, performers and artisans, butchers and bow-makers, perfumers and distillers, faqirs and charlatans, jugglers and courtesans, musicians and dancers, snake-charmers and street-surgeons. It is a record of sorts of what one sees: thematically of a piece in a sense with masses of 'Company' work, which went under the name of *firkas* paintings, commissioned or collected by officers of the 'Company' for taking back home as 'picture postcards', so to speak, from a country which was vastly different from their own. But these paintings — there are, it might be mentioned, two manuscripts with the same title and theme: one in the Library of Congress in Washington and the other in the

British Library in London — are leagues above the general run of *firkas* paintings in respect of quality. Not every leaf is of the same high order, but the vast majority of them is. And this because Skinner had the discrimination — and the opportunity — to engage painters of singular talent.

Sadly, the names of the painters whom Skinner asked to work for him are, uncharacteristically, not recorded even though it has often been suggested that among them was one of the most gifted of the painters then active — Ghulam Ali Khan, who first worked for the last of the Mughal rulers, and then for the Fraser brothers. The quiet but sharp observation to detail, the singing line, the delicacy with which colours were applied, are in evidence everywhere. When a painter picks a subject like a *kamangar* — maker of bows — for instance, his portrait of the man might not be all that realistic, meant as it was to be a generalised image of a bow-maker, but nothing that could have been there in and around him as he worked is left out: the hookah which he smokes in between bouts of work, the shoes that he has taken off before perching on the ground, the earthen brazier alive with embers and smoke, the long-handled container with coals which he holds under an unfinished bow to heat the bamboo rod which he is about to bend, the half-finished bows hang-

ing on a peg on the wall. Everything is in place, neatly placed and meticulously painted. When Skinner's painter turns out the portrait of a painter, again, every little detail is marshalled as the man, leaning against a bolster, legs crossed, knees raised a bit to support the wooden *takhti* on which is pasted the sheet of paper with the unseen drawing on which he works as if peers through the pair of spectacles he is wearing. On the ground all around and close to him lie the tools of his trade: the large wooden box lying open with drawers and grooves for brushes; a small wooden box with pigment-containers; the shells on which pigments are seen glistening; the little brush-box with its lid laid aside; rulers for drawing lines. It is a perfect study. But nothing comes close to the portrait of the aged player of the double-gourd veena — as an exception, the name of the venerable man, the much celebrated 'Mian' Himmat Khan Kalawant', is inscribed both above the portrait and on a part of the tube itself — for the painter seems to have reached out and touched the very soul of the blind musician as he, lost to the world around him, plucks with his superbly rendered, delicate fingers the strings of his instrument. There is something deeply moving about the rendering; seeing the work, an elevating, almost mystical, feeling descends upon one.

## How does one show 'bhaava' to a camera?

SHAILAJA KHANNA

THE first dancing duo in Indian classical dance, the first really popular solely Kuchipudi performers, the first joint Padma Bhushan awardees... Raja and Radha Reddy have many firsts to their name. In the 1960s, Kuchipudi dance was virtually unknown to the north of Vindhya. Greats like Yamini Krishnamurthy and Indrani Rahman would occasionally include a Kuchipudi item like the famous *thali* dance (*tarangam*). The Reddys not only brought recognition to the dance form, but also a great deal of glamour. At the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London in 1974, after a performance with items depicting Lord Shiva, the press acclaimed the tall and handsome Raja as 'The Black Shiva'. At a landmark performance at Avignon, France, the audience called them out nine times for standing ovations, and it was only after the duo did a *shasthang namaskaram* did the clamour die down. Sixty years after their debut, the tradition is being ably carried forward by the younger Reddys — Yamini and Bhavana.

"I was obsessed with music and dance as a boy and that obsession remains," says Raja, adding that the last nine months have been hard for everyone. "Initially, we did try to put out some online performances to recorded music, but we did not enjoy it. How does one show 'bhaava' to a camera, how does one restrict one's movements to its vision? Most importantly, the vibe from the audience was missing. Though the auditoriums are dark, we can sense their energy and hear their appreciation. The love we have received over the decades has pampered us and we really need that," says Raja, who is married to Radha and her younger sister, Kaushalya.

While the trio has been keeping busy with choreographing new concepts and teaching online, Radha feels for the younger generation of artistes. "For someone who concentrated on the arts as a full-time career, it all stopped abruptly! Cancelled shows, no income," she says,

voicing her fear that young instrument makers may not choose to continue in the line. She says governments abroad have tried to support artistes, Germany, in particular. "In India, we just have too many artistes, too many issues. I feel it is important that ticketed concerts come back, especially in Delhi. That will help survive while gauging the worth of a performer."

Recently, they took their 24-year-old festival, Parampara, online. Kaushalya, who curated the festival, tells that they relayed recordings of old performances. "We did not want to record new content where the artistes cannot give their best in the changed circumstances, without an audience. So, we used archival content," she says.

Laudably, the Reddys have been passing on the tradition to the younger generation. Their elegantly constructed three-storey building houses a 30-year-old teaching institution that has made Kuchipudi one of the most popular dance forms in the Capital. "It was quite a task when we started. I didn't realise it would involve so much work," says Kaushalya, adding, "We have around 100 students at any given time; around 80 per cent of them being Punjabis! Interestingly, it was only when we took the troupe to perform at the Patiala Heritage Festival and were announcing the names of the dancer did we realise that we had so many Punjabis among us."

But how do non-Telugu speaking disciples understand the lyrics? "Rajaji involves the students in the whole process while choreographing a piece and explains each line. It is not possible to dance and express the 'bhaava' without knowing the meaning. Also, since girls come to us from a very young age, around 5-6 years, it's not that hard to teach them," Kaushalya says.

On what the immediate future holds, Kaushalya laughs: "Being artistes, we are very spontaneous. We never plan too much in advance!"

**The first family of Kuchipudi dance, the Reddys feel only ticketed shows would be able to salvage the artistes in a post-pandemic world**



(L-R) RADHA, KAUSHALYA AND RAJA REDDY

## Missing 'live' experience

AS this incredible year comes to a close, one can only marvel at what it has brought about in the world of the arts. The increasing ability to connect directly with one's audience, worldwide, is a revolutionary tool. But also real is the fear of being forgotten by the audience, forcing artistes to engage virtually in unfamiliar ways. As eminent dancer Alarmel Valli says: "In the middle of the isolation, there was a virtual cacophony."

However, some artistes remain reluctant to embrace the virtual space, the insidious need for a 'live' connect still overwhelming them. Virtual concerts are recordings; there is no spontaneous audience feedback, they reason. That physical acknowledgement of creativity, that connection between several people at the transmission of art, is missing. Nightingale of the South, Bombay Jayashri puts it thus: "The presence of the audience, the vibrations that are required in that journey of creation of music, are necessary. I am so scared of not experiencing that. Even if you can't see anyone in a dark hall, you do experience the energy."

Currently in the US, 'thinking' singer Mahesh Kale considers two factors relevant. "Technologically, we are still not at a place where we can really replicate the 'live' experience. Personally, I do not want classical music to become just background music, a mere tertiary activity," he says.

Jayashri says her guruji would say a diary full of concerts should not make an artiste happy. "If there are breaks between concerts, you will have time to think, to add to your music. This break is very important for me," she says.

Perhaps the period will allow performers to perform for themselves, thus enriching their art. As violin legend Dr N Rajam says: "My first audience is myself." — SK

# The F&B survival menu

Premium deliveries, cloud kitchens, live social media tutorials and more. Covid-19 saw the food and beverage industry reinventing itself to stay attractive

PUNEETINDER KAUR SIDHU

**I**T is no secret that Covid-19 has, in one fell swoop, completely upturned the food and beverage industry on a global scale. The unpredictability and uncertainty of the past few months has found the food world reinventing itself in order to keep up with a dramatically changed consumer behaviour. Innovation has taken centrestage and all stakeholders, from food manufacturers to restaurants to retailers, have adapted beyond measure to stay in the reckoning and be counted. Heightened safety precautions, trimmed menus, immunity-boosting ingredients, contactless service, and digital payments are some of the new marketing mantras in the retail space. Major investors, on the other hand, are shying away from retail, training their sights instead on packaging, frozen food, bulk orders and exports, says hospitality consultant, Chef Vikas Chawla.

Several disruptive F&B trends have spawned during these times. Some have gained a strong traction, an equal number are emerging and gaining steam. Resurgence in home-cooking is being witnessed, as is the usage of healthy and local produce, the latter for fear of contagion from exotic goods. Grocery shopping has by and large moved online, effectively replacing weekly visits to supermarkets. Simple DIY meal kits are being feted as the next best thing to cooked food. Premium deliveries, cloud kitchens, brand collaborations, and live social media tutorials are but a few reinventions in the voluminous inventory. We take a closer look at some of them.

#### Home chefs

Topping the list is the exponential swell in home chefs. With whole families confined to working and studying from home, it was only a matter of time that planning, strategising, and experimenting spilled over into the kitchen. Countless WhatsApp groups sprung up populated with eager takers for freshly prepared meals, pickles, spice mixes, rubs, cakes and confection — shared through daily or weekly menus. YouTube channels mushroomed just as fast as a hungry audience willing to watch and learn. "The virtu-



Many brands and professionals are coming together to curate culinary experiences in the safety of the client's home.

al aspect blurred geographic boundaries and more and more people from other countries could join in too," shares Vernika Awal of Delectable Reveries. A Delhi-based home chef, she regularly hosts live programmes and uploads video recipes on Instagram.

#### Chefs come calling

For those reluctant to step out into public places just yet, or place orders through aggregators, the chef-at-home concept helps recreate restaurant-like food for a select group within comfort zones. As lockdown restrictions eased and safety bubbles came into being, several hotel chains saw a tentative but steady rise in demand for culinary experts. With a restriction imposed on numbers, the Hyatt Regency team in Chandigarh found a wider audience for its Hyatt At Home service, both for small house parties, as well as, intimate wedding gatherings.

#### Cloud kitchens

This trend is more or less here to stay. With customers generally staying away from restaurants, and experts being let go, cloud kitchens were a natural outcome. They offer a wider choice of cuisine, and are able to cater to a larger customer base. Professional chefs Harangad Singh and Ravi Tokai joined hands to set up their increasingly busy cloud kitchen in Gurugram. "Parat (meaning layer) came about with minimal investment, all from personal savings, second-hand equipment from eateries that were closing down,

and a team that had been idling after losing jobs. We were posting profits within a couple of months!" shares a visibly pleased Harangad.

#### Doorstep delivery

Not exactly a novelty, but the pandemic had hotel chains and restaurateurs scrambling to stay connected with their dine-in regulars through doorstep deliveries. Biryani brands, already lead-

ing the home delivery segment, were to soon find themselves in the company of many newly minted peers, ranging from affordable dining to gourmet experiences. "Delivery makes up nearly 50 per cent of our business at present," says Varun Tuli, managing director at Yum Yum Tree. Already ahead in the premium delivery game with Noshi, their Asian cuisine brand, adding Pot Pot (Indian food) and Wheaty (sourdough breads) to the stable was a breeze.

#### Brand collaborations

Several joint efforts, where brands and professionals came together to curate culinary experiences, have taken a hold of our imagination. Encompassing the beverage component are bottled cocktails. Sip At Home is one such lockdown baby, a collaboration of Upstarts Club with Gaah, Chandigarh-based entertainment solutions company. This initiative includes crafted pre-mixes delivered home, accompanied by multi-genre Sip At Home playlists on Spotify. Perry Road Peru, a distilled cocktail good-to-go for six months when refrigerated, is a collaborative consequence of Stranger & Sons with Bombay Canteen. More recently, Blue Tokai announced the revival of their Sula Barrel Aged Blend, a coffee created by aging green beans in Sula wine barrels.

#### In a digital world

The virtual existence these past months had us glued to screens, trawling the web and social media for novelty and challenges. We went from the Dalgona coffee to sushi and pick-me-up cakes, before falling back on easy-to-follow recipe demonstrations. In an interesting reversal of roles, influencers too began cooking at home with locally available products, encouraging their audience to follow suit. Food consultant and blogger Jimmy Makkar revealed that earnings from blogging collaborations, never a stable income to start with, reduced significantly. Still, social media will continue to essay a significant role as eateries gradually re-open, and potential customers look up ratings and reviews by convincing voices that have lasted in the space.

Chef Saransh Goila gets candid about his social media pet-project #74DishesOfIndia

# India on a platter

DEVI POOJARI

#### CHANA DAL KE FAREY

##### INGREDIENTS

For the dough	
Rice flour	1 cup
Wheat flour	1 cup
Salt	1/2 tsp
Water	3/4 cup + 2 tbsp
For the stuffing	
Chana dal (soaked for 4 hours)	1 cup
Ginger piece	1 inch
Green chillies	2
Garlic cloves	6-7
Black peppercorns	7
Cumin seeds	1 tsp
Dry mango (amchur) powder	1/3 tsp
Turmeric	1/4 tsp
Water	2 tsp
A pinch of asafoetida	

##### METHOD

For the dough, mix all ingredients in a bowl and knead to a semi-soft consistency.

■ Add all ingredients of the stuffing to a blender and grind to a thick, smooth paste.

■ Ensure that the stuffing is not too wet to avoid breaking the shell of dough. Add 3/4th teaspoon of salt to the stuffing and set aside.

■ Divide the resting dough into lemon-sized balls and flatten it in the palm of your hands to a fairly thin disc.

■ Add a tablespoon and half of the chana dal stuffing to the disc across the length of the flattened dough and seal the edges into a semi-circular shape similar to a gujia. Ensure that the corners of the disc are open at the time of sealing the dough.

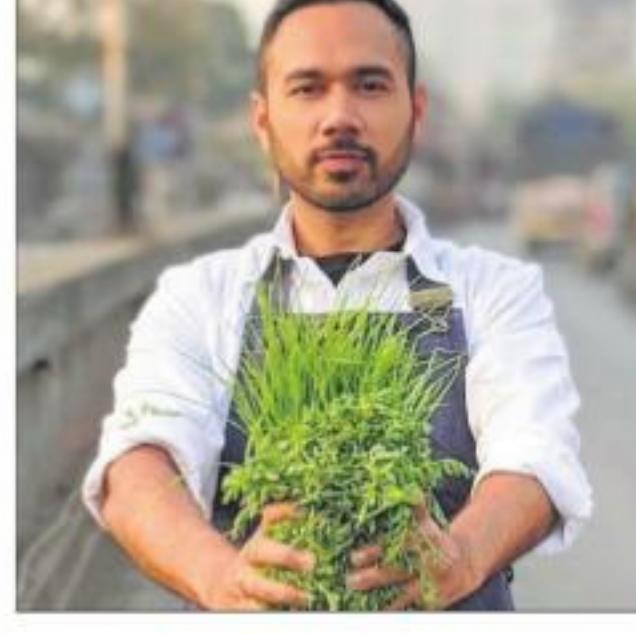
■ Boil a huge pot of water, and add a teaspoon of oil, along with half a teaspoon of salt. Add the dumplings to the water once it comes to a roaring boil.

■ Cook the farey for about 7-8 minutes or 9-10 minutes depending on the size of your dumplings after they start to float on the surface of the pot of water. Use a skewer or a knife to pierce the centre of the farey to check if fully cooked.

■ Slice and serve warm or pan fry the dumplings with a teaspoon each of ghee, cumin seeds, mustard seeds, turmeric as well as finely chopped ginger, green chillies, quarter teaspoon of asafoetida and 10-12 curry leaves. Toss until golden brown at the edges and serve.



PHOTO COURTESY: SARANSH GOILA'S FACEBOOK PAGE



about not adhering to the stereotypical expectation of the cuisine representing their region.

A few interactions and recipe tests later, #74DishesOfIndia was kick started with Ladakhi specialty 'Skyu' — a local favourite made with handmade pasta and winter vegetables. Saransh was challenged with finding the right ingredients required to put together these dishes as well as finding alternatives, if needed. "Although I don't claim any of the showcased recipes to be authentic, yet I try to hold on to the essence of each dish because it is a representation of the culture and history

associated with the region it originates from," he says. One of the key advantages, he confesses, to having a social media audience is the kind of leverage causes like 'Vocal for Local' get, a key factor in making his series a gradual success. Simultaneously, he rides high with the newly acquired feather in his cap with Goila Butter Chicken opening its doors to diners in London. Saransh hopes to take this project back on the road soon. "If that doesn't happen, there can always be a second part because 74 dishes are not enough to represent the beautiful food India has to offer," he signs off.

# The lantern from the hills

A tribute to Hindi poet and writer Mangesh Dabral, who leaves behind an enduring legacy

SATYAPAL SEHGAI

**T**HE passing away of Sahitya Akademi Award-winning poet Mangesh Dabral has shocked the literary community. Leave alone the loss to Hindi poetry, prose and translation, the void created by his absence, in our spiritual and emotional lives, shall be regarded as one of the most catastrophic effects this pandemic has had.

His individual warmth, humanity, sensitivity and simplicity travelled into his poetry and prose and back into his life, encompassing the people who came close to him and his writings. The stories in his poems are those of the struggling youth, the brutal force of money, administrative and political power. When he hits them hard in a language soaked in pain and cry, sweat and blood, he sings the songs that his numerous readers wanted to sing for themselves. His unflinching commitment to the marginalised, his radical understanding of politics, society and human values was in no way detached of the homely affections and gentle, soft brotherhood he carried down from the hills of Garhwal to the plains of the North.

The quietness of solitude, the flow of rivers, the vast sky overhead, the flowers, smells and the slow pace of life, the women, people — young and old and the struggles of livelihood, the simmering anger against injustice, exploitation and the loss of the ethos of the ethnicity and a sense of displacement can all be dissected in his poetry spread over almost half-a-dozen collections. One



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of his favourite poetry lines, often quoted by him, attributed to German playwright-poet Bertolt Brecht read as follows: "Pahdon ki yaatanaayein hamare peeche hain, maidanon ki yaatnaayein hamare aage hain". (In our past are the agonies of the hills, in our present are the torments of the plains.)

All through his journalistic career, he edited literary and opinion pages in various Hindi journals and newspapers. He was among the top literary editors the language had in modern times. Maybe he was the best in his times, more so after the demise of Dharamvir Bharti and Raghuvar Sahay, editors of *Dharmyug* and *Dinman*, respec-

tively, who evolved canons for a serious, professionally competent and socially, historically responsible journalism with a human face. Using original sources of language, he made Hindi much more than just a language of translation. Mangesh was the Supplement Editor in *Jansatta* in the 1980s and 1990s, and there was scarcely an edition which was not worth preserving. Every budding writer wanted to be published by him, and there was hardly any significant writer in Hindi who did not prefer to be seen there. He was fighting a consciousness war on behalf of the interests of the masses and for a sustainable future for all. His articles under-

scored the vanishing lifestyles and sub-cultures as the onslaught of neo-liberalism was swarming up everything coming its way. It brought in economic risks for him; however, he weathered them all without any cynicism. He remained a person with graceful demeanor but with unshakeable self-belief and ethical steadfastness. He got some brickbats too, but earned much love from poetry lovers across the world.

As the tremors created by his death die down, the vividness of his legacy shall be much more pronounced. And without his kind of poetry being written anymore, it would be a different and difficult literary world we shall have to live in.

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# Capturing entire gamut of India's wars

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**I**t was sometime in 2007 when Ramchandra Guha's book 'India after Gandhi' was released, and it lamented the fact that India's history had stopped being written after it got Independence, and how his hope was that the book would fill that void. In 2013, the book somehow came up in my conversation with Air Vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam, who was then commanding an operational headquarter of the IAF at Pune. Arjun was a bit glum about how "that historical narration of 700-odd pages, covering six decades, has just about 10 pages of the numerous wars that India has fought!" He may well have said 15 pages, but the point being made was that there was no authoritative and researched account of India's conflicts, perhaps the highest in numbers that had been thrust on a fledgling democracy so soon after its Independence while struggling with the effects of a traumatic Partition that killed millions. Then, he said, "I am researching and writing on our wars."

As it turned out, his first book, 'India's Wars,' published in 2016 covered conflicts till the 1971 Indo-Pak war. 'Full Spectrum' is a continuation of that documentation as he chronicles the void in recording of India's multifarious and multi-dimensional conflicts from 1972 till date.

The book starts with an introduction on what war is all about and the various ways



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it manifests itself; this academic discourse in a historical account is welcome for its uniqueness as it helps understand the nuances of conflicting ideas — which war is actually all about. It then moves on to discussing the insurgencies, call them rebellions, in the North-Eastern states. Not many are aware how the Indian state used its armed forces to subdue the violent elements and enable the politicians in bringing Nagaland and Mizoram to the national mainstream. It's the use of the offensive element of the IAF that is most fascinating and when one discusses whether air power should be employed in internal insurrections, one needs to remember that there is a precedence, but as a last resort — that desperate situation had arisen in present-

day Mizoram and Nagaland!

The narration shifts westward to Op Meghdoot, the ongoing Siachen saga, the disastrous Sri Lanka peacekeeping episode in 1987, the quick airborne intervention to upset the coup plotters in Maldives, the plunging of J&K into a crisis in the late 1980s (with full support from Pakistan) and then to Kargil 1999. Kargil is discussed threadbare, with no punches pulled in talking about what went wrong in those hills where we lost 520 brave Indians; this added emphasis is done on purpose as the Indian leadership comes face to face with a well-coordinated scenario of hybrid warfare in the subsequent years leading up to the Chinese incursion in eastern Ladakh this year. AVM Subramaniam's analysis wades

through the 2001 Parliament attack and the resulting military activation in Op Parakram, the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist mayhem followed by the Uri carnage and the even more deadly Pulwama terrorist strike in February 2019 to drive home the point of hybridisation of threats. The Indian response in the beginning of the century, characterised as 'strategic restraint', gives way to a policy of 'strategic offense', demonstrated by the 'surgical' strikes by the Army post-Uri and then the IAF attack on terrorist training camps at Balakot in mainland Pakistan in 2019. This change is captured succinctly: 'Recalibrating its relationship with its adversaries can help India define the extent to which it is willing to be pushed by them. There is a growing willingness to

move from reactive to proactive deterrence, but it is too early to assess whether it will be possible for India to walk the talk given the capability deficit that exists across the national security architecture.'

"Full Spectrum" takes readers through the intense security challenges that India has faced though detailed research done by the Air Marshal for almost a decade — 51 pages of end notes and references and an interviewee list of 66 people from around the world! There are 'lessons learned' segments, along with suggestions for the way forward.

Are there campaigns that have been missed out? For sure — for example, the chapter on UN Missions, but to do justice to India's contribution to peacekeeping would require a full book by itself. A tabulated listing, though, could have helped absorb the enormity of India's contribution. Similarly, while campaigns and operations analysed in the book have a wealth of data, a reader would have benefitted with some more maps or sketches. Once again, the author would have had to make a choice — to keep the narration of five tumultuous decades within an acceptable length or let it become an unwieldy one. He has wisely chosen the former and made up by adding an essential reading list'.

A war thrust upon a nation leaves it with no choice but to fight back, win and convey a sense of deterrence in no uncertain terms to the adversary. "Full Spectrum" has this sense watermarked as a thread in the narration of challenges that have come India's way. It's a fine reference book for all who want to know the invaluable contribution of India's armed forces in nation-building.

## How pandemics shaped world history

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

**N**INE months into the worst pandemic to have hit the world in a hundred years, few could have imagined that farmers would march 300 km to block Delhi's arteries with Punjab and Haryana? Or that, after the pandemic had stilled the protests in Hong Kong, Chile and Lebanon due to lockdowns and fear of contagion, popular anger would, nevertheless, emerge in India, the US, Nigeria and Belarus.

The upsurge of confrontational politics may surprise many because past pandemics were not included in the global historiography of the period. But, as Chinmay Tumbe establishes, they did contribute to shaping world history.

Pandemics were the springboard for resistance to colonial rule in India. The plague outbreak in Poona coincided with the heightened tensions between the Congress and the British. Societal distress due to plague-induced lockdowns and colonial political injustice led to the rise of Bal Gangadhar Tilak. In Punjab, the volatile political situation and the high plague toll coincided with the temporary deportation of Lala Lajpat Rai and a rise in his stature. In UP, the plague

swept through Azamgarh, Jaunpur, Ghazipur and Ballia (migrants had then too walked home) that has emerged as the social justice belt.

The loss of memory about pandemics is also because historical accounts talk more about dramatic events. Twentieth century history records the two World Wars in great detail but not the plague pandemic, which silently claimed more lives.

The 'age of pandemics' may not have got much attention because it was also the age of more seminal events such as the age of revolution, capital and empire, besides the birth of the modern world. There were many pandemics all through human civilisation but even the Arthashastra pays less attention to it than the other three mass killers — war, famine and natural disasters — because of the lack of dramatic impact.

Major pandemics had hit the world in the 6th and 14th centuries as well. And there were many epidemics (mini-pandemics) in between. But the 'age of pandemics' that marked greater international commerce began in 1817 with a new strain of cholera. It killed 80 lakh in India and another 1.9 crore elsewhere. Plague was the second major shock. It

started in 1894 and lasted till 1920, killing 2.5 crore worldwide, half of them in India. Overlapping with plague, from 1918 to 1920 was the influenza pandemic that killed six crore, including two crore in India.

Whether it was the cholera, plague or influenza, India was at the epicentre. The colonial masters remained divided over keeping the wheels of commerce open or saving lives by lockdowns.

Historical amnesia has already cost Europe and the US heavily. There was a false call when the 2009 H1N1 was hurriedly declared a pandemic. But East Asian nations that bore its brunt were the ones that were well prepared when Covid hit. Kerala, too, withstood the first wave better as it had dealt with Nipah in 2018. Several assumptions at the beginning of the Covid pandemic have collapsed. In India, many had boasted in March about the special nature of our immunity. The toll is about to touch 1.5 lakh.

Tumbe closed his book before vaccines were on the horizon and we may not have to live with Covid-19. His work is all about carefully documenting the lessons so that in future, a total lockdown or the migrants' crises can be avoided. Future rulers may also avoid the lure of pushing through policies during a pandemic in the belief that restricting citizen freedoms would keep them off the streets.

INDIA has long been an outlier in its South Asian neighbourhood, with its inclusive Constitution and functioning democracy, so what accounts for so sharp a turn in recent years that the very centre has shifted considerably?

In 'Our Hindu Rashtra', Aakar Patel argues that what has happened in India over the last 30 years is the telescoping of a majoritarianism already present; it was not as overtly and as aggressively pursued as it is being now, but it existed'. He asks and answers the key question: what possibilities exist for a return?

HIS personal life has been marked with the greatest sorrows that could ever befall a man. His 50-year political life has landed him at the White House, the most powerful office in the world. American journalist Evan Osnos captures President-elect Joe Biden's journey that has been shaped by drama, but has been powered by a willingness to confront his shortcomings, errors and reversals of fortune. The author projects Biden as flawed, yet resolute, and tempered by the flame of tragedy — a man who just may be uncannily suited for his moment in history.

WHEN Swedish statistician Hans Rosling was diagnosed with cancer in February 2016, he was left with a lot to write and just a year to do that. He soon decided upon writing two books. The first one was 'Factfulness' (now a bestseller), about the reasons why people find development on a global scale so hard to grasp; this one, is about him and how he reached that understanding. The memoir is full of stories about meeting people who opened his eyes, made him step back and think, mapping the journey of the young scientist who went on to become a revolutionary thinker.

FOUNDED in 1920, Delhi's Modern School has been an integral part of the history of India's national capital. In his book 'The Modern School (1920-2020) — A Century of Schooling in India', historian Rakesh Batabyal chronicles its extraordinary journey over time as well as its enabling influence over generations. In this centenary history of the school, which has produced people of distinction in every walk of life, the author attempts to place the school within the intellectual and social developments in colonial and post-Independence India.



## Calm in the intricacy

**T**HE fierce frame of fantasy manifesting multiple aspects of daily life reflect in 'The Afterlife of Silence: Still Lives of Jogen Chowdhury' by Anuradha Ghosh. Aesthetics delicately amalgamating with Jogen's visual vocabulary and anthropomorphic shapes, the book stands as a continuum of his endemic embeddedness. It takes a close look at the essentials of the European tradition of still life painting and argues that Jogen Chowdhury's works, while sharing certain common concerns of the tradition also differ significantly from it, and are firmly rooted in his indigenous situatedness.

A conceptual basis of life in the plausibility of stillness is probed throughout the dimensions of this book. Specific sections contextualise the chronological refinement of his work. With images and paintings as a treat to the eyes and food for the soul, along with intensive conversations between the author and the artist prevalent throughout the background, the unparalleled intricacy of the artist's horizon is reflected vividly.

— Sandeep Joshi

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by Anuradha Ghosh.

Pages 212.

₹1,500

**THE AGE OF PANDEMICS, 1817-1920: HOW THEY SHAPED INDIA AND THE WORLD**  
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## Cricketing biography of a failed cricketer

ROHIT MAHAJAN

**A**T 62, Ramchandra Guha — the historian, writer and political commentator with gravitas — seems to be a boy at heart. He's still excited by a selfie with his heroes from cricket. Boyhood in Dehradun — with cricket at its centre, and myriad grounds surrounded by trees of all kinds, hills in the distance — seems to be still alive in the mind of Guha. It is this connect, perhaps, that has given him immunity from bitterness that must afflict one after dealing with the power brokers of Indian cricket in a failed attempt to reform it. He's met his cricket heroes, too, and found out that they're human, after all — a perfect straight drive or googly is no guarantee against greed; but the loss of Guha's innocence about cricket has not caused replacement by cynicism.

Playing cricket, failing badly, and yet loving it deeply — Guha could negotiate failure so well probably because of his enormous success as a historian. A cricketing biography of a failed cricketer — one of the less talented ones in his college team — can yet be fascinating, as

Guha proves. He revives childhood memories of failed cricketers, who must number tens of millions in India alone.

Guha's boyhood in Dehradun had a distinct English countryside feel to it — with lovely cricket grounds in British-created institutions, such as the Survey of India, IMA, the Forest Research Institute. His sensibilities as a cricket writer are English — his Dehradun could well be a town in Somerset. But there's a distinct Indian touch as well — his uncle's childhood friend was a peon's son, Ram Bahadur, or Ramu, of Nepali stock. It was only due to the brotherhood of sport that Ram Bahadur could tell Ram Guha: "Ram, I have only one brother. His name is Duraiswami."

Guha's father and uncle related fascinating stories about great cricketers; the uncle, Durai, despite a bad arm, became a skilful cricketer. He wanted to live his dream through the young Guha by rearing him up to be a Test cricketer. Guha writes of his exploits — more often, the lack of them — in school and college cricket. His accidental meetings with people who became famous had a cricketing context — he got a ride to a ground in the official vehicle of police officer Kiran Bedi, played against Tom Alter in school and with Kirti Azad and Arun Lal in

the class struggle", he gave away his cricket books. But the cricket bug didn't die.

Nearly four years ago, the Supreme Court named Guha among four administrators to implement the reforms mandated by the Lodha Committee. From a fan's perspective, it was a wonderful move — it gave us an insider's account of just what goes in the higher echelons of cricket's governance.

Guha saw it from close quarters and, as the court seemed to lose interest, he resigned. In an era defined by IPL's riches, Guha found out that even men such as Rahul Dravid didn't see any harm in conflict of interest. At one time, before Guha's advent, the highly-respected Anil Kumble wore four hats — as the Karnataka cricket association president, National Cricket Academy head, an IPL mentor, and director of his own player management company!

Guha declares that Bedi is the only one cricketer he knows who is himself clean and also questions cricketers who are "crooks" or "willing and keen to practice conflict of interest explicitly". Despite the good men being in a distinct minority in cricket, Guha's passion remains undimmed — it's probably down to those halcyon days of amateur cricket in good old Doon, related with brilliance in this book.

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF CRICKET**  
by Ramchandra Guha.  
HarperCollins.  
Pages 360.  
₹699

**THE MODERN SCHOOL (1920-2020): A CENTURY OF SCHOOLING IN INDIA**  
by Rakesh Batabyal.  
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Pages 412. ₹899

# At less-explored southern Leh



**THE ITINERANT**  
NECHAL SANDHU

Reflecting over the bounties that nature has bestowed upon the land — 3,000 feet and more higher than Leh — that at first seems too barren to be a cradle for a kaleidoscope of unusual sights



The village entrance near Puga, which is known for its hot water springs. istock

WINTER was well underway in 1981 and biannual visits to the few personnel serving in bleak, forbidding and harsh terrain in each of the six isolated northern pockets had been accomplished. The cadence of official demands was fading. The prospect of being discovered for being away from headquarters was remote, since only Morse Code communication existed between us in Ladakh and our principals in Delhi and Chandigarh. So, it was an opportune juncture to explore southern Leh district, which did not educe attention in the normal course of our duties. That was even otherwise a less visited part in the western protuberance of the Changthang plateau, 3,000 feet and more higher than Leh.

Knowing that roads were scarce and cross-country traverses would be the norm, a couple of mechanics were mustered for the foray. Driving upstream along the Indus, for the most part on the right bank, we were treated up until Kiari to deep purple striations in the sand-hued rock faces on the other side, quite resembling those between Upshi and Taglang La. The Indus was lacking in verve and much of it was frozen. Our progress was good as the drive on a partially developed road remained uninterrupted; we were way ahead of the convoys that usually operated along that route.

By the time we crossed Chumathang, the river course was fully frozen and all the streams flowing into it were frozen too, often times encroaching on to the route. At one point, a stream had created a sharp icy slope across the track. While we disembarked to examine the obstacle, Sonam Tashi, formerly of the Ladakh Scouts, who was driving the second vehicle, nonchalantly bypassed us and drove his Jonga onto the icy patch. Before we knew

it, the Jonga spun around and slid into the frozen Indus, nose up. Sonam Tashi emerged unfazed as the vehicle remained still and clawed his way back to where we were. Without offering an explanation for his rashness, he strode towards the nearby Mahe Bridge, and returned with an Army recovery vehicle.

Since it would take time to pull out the Jonga, we cut ruts in the icy slope, filled those with sand, crossed the hurdle and headed off to Nyoma (13,600 feet), which though off-track presented the possibility of some rest. Upstream of Nyoma, the Indus debouches into an expansive basin before it is confined again to a narrow valley as it heads towards Leh. The hills athwart the southern perspective ring a plain expanse, which has since been exploited for creating a landing ground. The sprightly Tehsildar, who discovered our presence there, was very hospitable. And he took it upon himself to edify us about the topography, largely nomadic population, their husbandry practices and means of sustenance, as also about the fauna.

Sonam Tashi's Jonga was recovered, with minimal damage. And we set off before noon for Puga (14,400 feet), known for its impressive hot springs. As the narrow valley opened up at Sumdo, billowing clouds could be seen a couple of miles away. Closer to the venue, steam was seen gushing out at multiple points through little mounds of ice, forming 'ice volcanoes'. Water on the marsh-like surface was far too hot despite the ambient temperature being several degrees below freezing point. Deposits of sulphur and borax covered the ground in and beyond the marsh. Years after this visit, the Puga complex was recognised as the most promising hydro-thermal system in the Indian subcontinent. A Geological Survey of India study conservatively suggested (2000) that steam from the fumaroles in the shallow Puga geo-thermal system could be harnessed to generate 2 MW of power. Later, in 2013, other researchers suggested that, with deep wells, a 20-MW power plant could be sustained.

Backing up a bit to Sumdo, we headed towards Tso Moriri (14,850 feet), known for ecological diversity; this distinction was to earn its listing as a wetland conservation reserve

under the Ramsar Convention in 2002. Descending into the basin cradling this lake, it was like a giant mirror in a broad alpine frame reflecting the circumambient mountains and the sky. Fifteen miles long and about 5 miles at its widest, although endorheic, brackish and without effluence like the larger Pangong Tso, the spectrum of colours this water body offered did not match those of the latter. Yet it was starkly beautiful. Insulated from human presence for the most part, barring residents of Karzok, a small village, and a few Changspa (nomadic herders), Tso Moriri has been favoured as a breeding ground by the rare black-necked crane, bar-headed goose, brown-headed gull and ruddy shelduck. Sadly, none of these species, nor any migratory birds, were noticed during our brief visit; we should not have expected any sightings considering that we were well into winter.

Pilgrimage to this unique and isolated spot over; and recognising that a detour to Kar Tso, another lake further west, would not be feasible due to paucity of time, we turned back reaching Chumathang (12,950 feet) for the night. There, we came across an enterprising individual who was planning to build a hut over the waters of the hot sulphur spring that bubbles forth to the west of the village before they join the Indus. One wonders if this naturally and uniquely heated accommodation materialised and whether others of his ilk set up similar digs. The image created by the undercroft on a stygian night studded with a plenitude of celestial wonders remains ineffaceable.

On the way back next day, one reflected over the bounties that nature has bestowed upon a land that at first seems too barren to be a cradle for a kaleidoscope of unusual sights.

## In defence of Virat Kohli's paternity leave



**GOOD SPORT**

ROHIT MAHAJAN

Cricketers today are more secure about their place, and financially too. With his tough guy image, the skipper is the right man to project a progressive message to Indian men — being a nappy-changer wouldn't emasculate him

36 all out — thus ends Virat Kohli's Australian summer, with India's lowest ever score in Test cricket and one of their most shocking defeats. Kohli's scores of 74 and 4 in the defeat would deflate him — run out due to a mistake by Ajinkya Rahane in the first innings, sixth man out in the second innings, after being frustrated by falling wickets at the other end. After two days of breathtaking cricket, a prosaic end to the Test — an eight-wicket win for Australia.

Not the best memory to take home, as Kohli returns to India to be with his wife, Anushka Sharma, for the birth of their first child. His competitive spirit would have preferred to remain in Australia, as he admitted: "Obviously, you want to be committed to the team's cause...."

Kohli is doing the right thing by returning home.

His decision has been made possible by the changing perceptions about gender roles — and cricketers becoming more secure about their place in the team. Most of India is marked by strict compartmentalisation of gender roles — men as family heads and breadwinners, women as homemakers and carers of children. The mod-



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ernisation of the Indian society and the need for a second income are causing these gender roles to intersect. Kohli, a man with a tough guy image, is the right man to project a progressive message to Indian men — being a nappy-changer for his baby wouldn't emasculate him.

Merely six years ago, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Kohli's predecessor, was in Australia when his daughter was born. India's first World Cup match was still a week away — perhaps he could have flown to India for a couple of days? Asked if he'd like to be with his family,

Dhoni said: "Not really. As of now, I'm on national duties so I think everything else can wait. The World Cup is a very important campaign."

Dhoni hates to show emotion in public. His answer was characteristic of him. Kohli wears his heart on his sleeve. His choice to be with his family is in character, too.

Cricketers worldwide have gone on paternity leave to be there at the birth of their kids. From anecdotal evidence, it seems that this practice has become more common in the recent years, even in countries such as England, Australia or South Africa. Shane Warne was away in England when his first two children were born, and Allan Border was actually batting against India in Sydney when the news that he had become a father was flashed on the scoreboard: "Congratulations on the birth of your daughter Nicole. Born this afternoon."

In the Indian context, it can be recalled that VVS Laxman and Sourav Ganguly were playing abroad when their first-borns arrived. When Sunil Gavaskar's son Rohan was born, he was with the Indian team in New Zealand. The team's next stop was the West Indies, and Gavaskar saw Rohan for

the first time two-and-a-half months after he was born.

Recently, Kapil Dev said that in his time, cricketers couldn't afford to visit their new-born: "Things have changed. We couldn't do... Who's going to feed us this evening's food?"

Food? That's a bit extreme because really, cricketers weren't exactly poor in his time.

What's more likely is that there was real fear of missing a Test or series, and the man who replaced you doing well and keeping you out. Test cricket was the only format available — when Gavaskar left for New Zealand in January 1976, India hadn't played a Test match for a full year! India played only five matches in 1975 — two Tests, three ODIs. There was no way a cricketer was going to skip a game then.

With three international formats and the IPL available, cricketers are more secure about their place, and more secure financially too. That's why they can 'afford' to skip a game or two.

It may be remembered, too, that the analogy of cricketers as soldiers fighting for the nation is very false — a soldier can't leave his post and go home for the birth of his child.

## New Year wishlist



**MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS**  
KEKI DARUWALA

Lord! Took me by surprise.

May I wish for the safety of children, no beating them into conformity. Less of learning by rote. More of creativity, more laughter in their arduous process of learning. Let TV anchors give news rather than expel their prejudices and hate. Let a Hindu male and a Muslim woman, or a Muslim man and a Hindu woman live in peace without sucking up to some DM, SP or sundry *thanedars*.

Going back to nature for a while, is not such a bad idea. More respect for trees and plants. Another wish Lord, though the majoritarians ain't gonna like it. Minorities need care, they are smaller in number, or they would not have been minorities. The Rohingya are being shifted to an island by the Bangladesh government, which has stood by them for these last few years, when even Aung San Suu Kyi ignored them. What is their fault? They are Muslims among a landmass where Buddhists thrive. Let us not forget our leader went to Myanmar to discuss the security threats posed by the Rohingyas! Let people live! Our migrants had a bad time this year. But at least they had a home to go back to. Refugees the world over were worse off. To quote Polish poet Adam Zagajewski:

*"Shuffling their feet,  
they move slowly,  
very slowly  
toward the country  
of nowhere,  
and the city of no one  
and the river of never"*

A wish regarding Union Territories, may no state be turned into a UT. Sorry Lord, I withdraw that wish. What about Uttar Pradesh turning into a UT? A state today, UT tomorrow. *Kifarak painda*, as we say so rationally in Punjab. Each state could be turned into a UT, but then what would happen to federalism? We could leave that to the constitutionalists. Lord, less definitions of what is good for me, or the farmer, coming down from the Red Fort. Some of us are aware of what is good for us. Lord, suppose the government enacts a law about poetry. What would happen to some of us? We would have to turn to prose! Horrific thought! May the farm laws be withdrawn. May they go back to the warmth of their homes. More real respect for them, and their intelligence, not just speeches to pacify them. We don't want mixing of truth with lies and half-lies. Let no one be despised because of pigment, family name and family tree. Let not the farmer be let down, the way the migrants were.

Lord, please find a nice way to grant my next wish. Less humans on the earth so that there are more animals — this planet is as much theirs as ours. May the rhino horn and the elephant's ivory survive the poachers. The Chinese are even after tiger-bones. Please tell the Chinese they won't become more virile with tiger-bone decoctions. Tough task Lord. How will you manage that?

## I may have resisted belonging to Punjab, it belongs to me



**IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT**

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Dealing with the perplexity of having to choose one cultural identity when an individual belongs equally to multiple places

HERE are you from? Where do you belong? As children growing up in Ranchi and later Kolkata, my brothers and I had learnt that the correct answer to this question was "Punjab". We did not understand at that age why we were asked this question so frequently. We were a migrant family, but children don't see demarcations in identities till we teach them differences.

On the other hand, when we would actually visit our grandparents and extended family in the small towns and villages of Punjab during our school vacations, we would be asked the same question with equal curiosity. In this context, the correct answer was no longer "Punjab". We stood out as Hindi-speaking children from a non-Punjabi, urban culture and were now identified by the city where we lived and went to school.

As I grew up and began to travel on my own, I would often reply to the question by saying, "My parents are from Punjab." At

21, when I returned home after a brief stint of volunteering in Jhabua, I gave myself a new state to belong to. "I am from Madhya Pradesh," I would say, in my resistance to having to choose one cultural identity when my truth was that I belonged equally to multiple places and not only to the one I was supposed to name.

As I walk through the surreal scenes of the farmers' protest sites at Tikri and Singhu on the outskirts of Delhi, I realise that the Punjab of my childhood has returned to my life this year. In January, we watched with awe as busloads of Punjabis arrived at the anti-CAA protest site at Shaheen Bagh in Delhi with the determination to offer solidarity by cooking meals for the protesters and sharing their stories.

In February, I travelled to Malerkotla with Harsh Mander and Navsharan Singh to participate in one of the largest anti-CAA rallies organised by farmers' unions in north India. My grandfather had been the Postmaster in Malerkotla for a few

years when we used to visit my Dadi and him as pre-teen children. Now I had come back with my own 11-year-old daughter to attend a rally of solidarity. I looked out at the busy streets of the town, searching for familiar remnants of my own childhood.

*"Hindu, Muslim ladnay nahi denge,  
San santals hone nahi denge."*

This popular slogan at the rally had evoked the horror of Partition violence and vowed to defy any renewed efforts to divide communities on communal lines for political gain. "We will not allow 1947 to be repeated," speakers had repeated from the stage. Attended by Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs of Punjab, the rally had challenged the inherent divisiveness of the CAA, NPR and NRC processes.

At the ongoing farmers' agitation in Delhi, I meet many of the same people we had met in Malerkotla. Lachman Singh Sewewala of the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union reminds me that he had been conducting the programme on the stage that day. I show him photos I had

taken on my phone. There is a sense of wonder that we are meeting again in such changed circumstances.

"When something threatens your very survival, people have no choice but to take to the streets," Sewewala says, alluding to both the anti-CAA movement as well as the farmers' agitation. "People realise that these new laws will destroy their livelihood and dignity. Why else would lakhs of people leave the comfort of their homes and spend days and nights camping on the highway in these extreme conditions?"

One of the memories that comes back to me is from Makhu, my grandmother's village in Ferozepur district. Dadi's family was uprooted from their homes in 1947 and crossed the border as refugees. Dadaji found them in camps in Dhuri and brought them home with him to Ferozepur, where he had been transferred from Kasur. My father was a favourite cousin in that home and we were treated like royalty by our aunts and uncles, who would laugh at everything we said as if

we were little jokers. My brothers and I tried our hand at flying kites on the roof of that home. I saw my elder brother pick up the tricks from a girl cousin. We watched *Krishi Darshan*, the daily programme for farmers on Doordarshan, sitting on a durrie in that courtyard, surrounded by older neighbours. For the first time I had understood who the audience of that show was. In our city home, we had always ignored this daily broadcast for India's farmers.

As my husband and I walk on the roads at Tikri, watching farmers camped on both sides, I translate snatches of conversation for him. I stare at slogans written in Gurmukhi and try to read them letter by letter. We owe our people the same hospitality they would extend to us when we meet them in their homes. I realise now that I may have resisted belonging to Punjab, but Punjab belongs to me.

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