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THE YEAR THAT WAS: LITTLE SENSE  
OF AN ENDING SPECTRUM

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UNDER PM: SHAH BACK PAGE

## Some in Delhi trying to teach democracy: PM's dig at Rahul

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



WHY NO LOCAL POLLS  
IN PUDUCHERRY?

• The very people who give me lessons in democracy are in power in Puducherry. Despite Supreme Court's 2018 orders to hold local elections, the government there continues to dither

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26 Launching a free health insurance scheme for Jammu and Kashmir residents today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying "those lecturing me on democracy are refusing to conduct local body elections in Puducherry where their party is in power."

"While J&K has successfully conducted three-tier local body elections within a year of becoming a UT, some people in Delhi keep rebuking me all the time and using unparliamentary language against me. I want to show them the mirror," the PM said, noting that J&K voters were hoping for a better future and putting the past behind.

In clear reference to Rahul who had earlier this week termed Indian democracy as "imaginary", PM Modi noted, "The very people who give me lessons in democra-

cry are in power in Puducherry and you will be surprised that the Supreme Court orders to hold local elections came in 2018, but the Puducherry Government,

which has no faith in democracy, continues to dither."

The PM said the last local body elections were held in Puducherry in 2006. "The term of elected members expired in 2011. Some political parties obviously say one thing and do another. The non-conduct of elections shows how serious they are about democracy," the PM said.

He said the DDC elections had written a new chapter in J&K. "The people here have worked to strengthen the roots of democracy. Elections have been held transparently and in the right earnest. This moment heralds the beginning of a new decade and a new era of leadership in the UT," the PM said.

He earlier justified BJP's exit from a coalition government in the state, saying, "We quit the government over our insistence to hold panchayat elections. Today, people here have chosen their representatives at the block, panchayat and district levels."

## Talks on Dec 29, farmers set 4-pt agenda

Want laws repealed | MSP guarantee | Exclusion from air quality ordinance | Changes in power Bill

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CENTRE MAY NOT AGREE  
TO REPEAL DEMAND,  
SAY GOVT SOURCES

The farmers' condition of repealing the three laws is unlikely to be accepted by the Union Government and it may only be ready for certain amendments, said govt sources. PM Narendra Modi had hinted at the same while addressing farmers at a PM-Kisan scheme event on Friday.

FARMERS TO BLOCK KUNDLI  
EXPRESSWAY ON DEC 30

JOIN US FOR NEW YEAR, UNIONS  
TO HARYANA, DELHI RESIDENTS

Farmers protesting at the Singhu-Delhi border take rest on a makeshift bed. PTI

### FORMER MP KHALSA QUILTS BJP

Chandigarh: Former Fatehgarh Sahib MP Harinder Singh Khalsa on Friday resigned from the BJP to protest the alleged insensitivity shown by the party leadership towards the farmers' stir. Before switching to the BJP, Khalsa had won the LS poll on AAP ticket. TNS

### MONTH ON, 50 LIVES LOST IN STIR

Chandigarh: Around 50 farmers have died over the past one month after the protests against the three agriculture laws started on the Delhi borders. Fifteen of them died over the past fortnight either in accidents or of health issues, mainly triggered by cold weather. "Their sacrifices won't go waste," said a union leader. TNS

### NDA ALLY BENIWAL QUILTS

Jaipur: Rashtriya Loktantrik Party convenor and Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal on Saturday announced a split from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) over the farm laws. "I am not stuck with Fevicol with the NDA. Today, I separate myself from it," he said. PTI

logue to proceed in that order.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Morcha, an umbrella body of 40 farmers'

unions protesting at the Delhi entry points. Dr Darshan Pal, a union leader, said it

was also decided that farm-

ers would organise a tractor

march on the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway on December 30. "We appeal to

the farmers from surrounding states to turn up in large numbers in their tractor-trailers.

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## UK working on instant antibody drug

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE & PTI

LONDON/NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26 Scientists in the UK have begun trials of innovative antibody drug treatment they hope could provide instant protection against Covid-19.

The University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH) says researchers believe a long acting antibody (LAAB) known as AZD7442, developed by AstraZeneca, may offer immediate and long-term protection to people who have been recently exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and prevent them from developing Covid-19.

"We know that this antibody combination can neutralise the virus, so we hope to find that giving this treatment via injection can lead to

Oxford vaccine may be first to get nod;  
Daily deaths below 300 in six months

### 51 UK RETURNEES IN HP

Solan: The HP Government has issued an alert and asked 51 UK returnees to contact the local administrations and get themselves tested for Covid. As many as 51 persons had come to the state from the UK between November 25 and December 21. TNS

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT	1,01,69,118
RECOVERED	97,40,108
FRESH FATALITIES	251
TOTAL DEATHS	1,47,343
WORLD	
TOTAL	8,03,41,261
RECOVERED	5,66,32,212
DEATHS	17,60,227

### SHANTA, FAMILY TEST POSITIVE

Palampur: Veteran BJP leader Shanta Kumar, his wife Santosh Sheila, two granddaughters, private secretary and his PSO tested Covid positive on Saturday. Shanta Kumar & his wife were shifted to Tanda medical college. OC

immediate protection against Covid-19 to people who have been exposed

when it would be too late to offer a vaccine," said virologist Dr Catherine Houlahan.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway in India for a possible vaccine rollout in January. Phase 3 trials of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin are still underway, while Pfizer is yet to make a presentation. "Going by this, Oxford's Covishield is likely to be the first to be rolled out in India," a source said.

Daily deaths fell below 300 after more than six months. There were 251 deaths over 24 hours and 22,273 new infections. Daily new infections have remained below 30,000 for the 13th day today.

Meanwhile, whole genome sequencing of swab samples of 5 per cent Covid positive persons in each state and UT will be conducted over the coming days to rule out any potential mutation of the virus as reported by the UK.

## Won't give land for Katra-Delhi Expressway, say Punjab farmers

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 26

The acquisition of land for the Katra-Delhi Expressway is likely to face a stiff resistance in Punjab. Amid farmers' protest at Delhi borders, members of the Kisan Sangharsh Committee today announced not to allow the NHAI acquire land for the purpose.

"When the Centre is not ready to accept our demand, why would we allow them to acquire our land? Nearly 14,000 acres of land is to be acquired in Punjab and most owners have decided not to allow it," said Jagjit Singh, Jalandhar unit head of the committee.

### REPEAL LAWS FIRST

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Jagjit Singh, JALANDHAR UNIT HEAD OF THE PANEL

Union activist and farmer BS Atwal said, "Even the acquisition process is riddled with anomalies. We are not getting adequate compensation. A part of my land was acquired for the laying of a CNG pipeline in 2014 for Rs 82 lakh per acre. For the

expressway, the authorities are paying me Rs 25 lakh per acre, which is not acceptable."

Sukhwinder Singh from Singhian village said, "The project will split my chunk of land. How will I carry out farm operations on the other side of the expressway? The authorities have not shown us any plan. They have not even invited objections."

Jagjit Singh said land in nearly 35 villages of Jalandhar was under the acquisition plan. "We had met the SDM concerned and gave him a written representation. He has so far not assured us any help," he said, alleging that the administration had reduced the collector rates of the land to be acquired.

## Shopian fake encounter: Capt among three named in challan

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 26

The J&K Police on Saturday produced a chargesheet in the court of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Shopian, against three persons, including an Army Captain, for their role in an alleged encounter in Shopian district in which three civilians were killed.

The three accused in this case are Captain Bhupinder of 62 Rashtriya Rifles, Bilal Ahmad of Pulwama and Tabish Ahmad of Shopian," said Wajahat Hussain, DSP.

Hussain has been heading the SIT set up to probe the case.

The Army on Thursday had issued a statement saying that the process of summary evidence had been

Three labourers were killed on July 18

completed in the Amshipura (Shopian) 'encounter' of July 18, 2020 in which three labourers were killed though they had no connection with militant activity.

The Army said the summary of evidence was being examined by legal experts to ascertain if further action was needed.

After relatives of the slain labourers raised a hue and cry, the police conducted DNA profiling of the three families. It was established that the killed persons, Abrar Ahmad (25), Mohammad Ibrar (16) and Imtiyaz Ahmad (20), were locals though it had been claimed that the three were foreign terrorists. — IANS



Shubman Gill hits a boundary in Melbourne on Saturday. AP/PTI

### DAZZLING SHOTS BY SHUBMAN GILL

- Australia bowled out for 195 on Day 1 of the second Test
- Jasprit Bumrah (4/56) & R Ashwin (3/35) bowled with guile
- Rahane's captaincy, in Kohli's absence, was impressive
- Pb's Shubman Gill made 28 of India's 36/1 at close of play

INDIA, desperate to bounce back from the defeat in the first Test at Adelaide, where they were bowled out for 36 in their second innings, were ably led by Ajinkya Rahane, who marshalled his resources to perfection in the 72.3 overs that Australia batted. Punjab's lad Shubman Gill hit some selectable strokes, including a straight-drive and a pull, to showcase his talent.

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## 10-year jail, fine for conversion, MP Cabinet clears draft Bill

BHOPAL, DECEMBER 26

The Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Bill 2020, which provides for prison term of up to 10 years and fine of Rs 1 lakh for conversion through marriage or by any other fraudulent means, got the state Cabinet's approval on Saturday, Home Minister Rattom Mishra said.

Mishra claimed that once enforced, it will be the most stringent law in the country against religious conversion carried out by fraudulent means, allurement or threat.

The violation of the proposed law will be considered a cognisable and non-bailable offence, he said. After the Cabinet's approval, the Bill will now be presented in the state Assembly. It will replace the Religious Freedom Act of 1968. "The new legislation will prohibit religious conversion or such efforts by misrepresentation, allurement, force, undue influence, coercion, marriage or any other fraudulent means. Abortion and conspiracy for religious conversion will also be prohibited under it," he said. — PTI

## India will be 5th largest economy in 2025, 3rd by 2030: UK think tank

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

India, which appears to have been pushed back to being the world's sixth biggest economy in 2020, will again overtake the UK to become the fifth largest in 2025 and race to the third spot by 2030, a think tank said on Saturday.

India had overtaken the UK in 2019 to become the fifth largest economy in the world, but has been relegate-

ed to the sixth spot in 2020.

"India has been knocked off course somewhat through the impact of the pandemic. As a result, after overtaking the UK in 2019, it has surpassed India again in this year's forecasts and will stay ahead till 2024," the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) said in an annual report published on Saturday.

The UK appears to have

overtaken India again during 2020 as a result of the weakness of the rupee, it said.

The CEBR forecasts that the Indian economy will expand by 9 per cent in 2021 and by 7 per cent in 2022.

"Growth will be naturally slow as India becomes more economically developed, with the annual GDP growth expected to sink to 5.8 per cent in 2035. This growth tra-



jectory will see India become the world's third largest economy in 2027, overtaking Germany in 2027 and Japan in 2030," it said.

The UK-based think tank forecast that China will in 2028 overtake the US to become the world's biggest economy, five years earlier than previously estimated due to the contrasting recoveries of the two countries.

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Members of various farmer unions protest near the BJP meeting venue that was cordoned off by the police (right) in Bathinda on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: PAWAN SHARMA

## BJP holds workers' meeting amid protest

Farmers say stirs will continue | State party chief condemns bid to disrupt events

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, DECEMBER 26

Facing a backlash from farmers over the three agriculture laws, state BJP president Ashwani Sharma today addressed a meeting of the party workers in a private hotel in the city amid tight security.

Sharma first went to the residence of BJP leaders Kanchan Jindal and Ravinder, who sustained injuries in the clash between farm-

ers and party workers on Friday, and inquired about their wellbeing.

After yesterday's widespread protest against the BJP, the Bathinda police today made an elaborate arrangement with the heavy deployment of personnel on all the ways leading to the hotel, which was cordoned off with barricades. SSP Bhupinder Singh Virk and civil administration officials, including ADC and tehsil-

### BOOK VANDALS, PROBE ROLE OF POLICE

We want FIR against those who disrupted the events and a probe against police officials present at the spot. Ashwani Sharma, STATE BJP CHIEF

dar, were present at the spot. Farmers under the banner of the Bhartiya

Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) protested at some distance from the hotel and raised slogans against the BJP.

"We have already announced that the protest against BJP leaders in the state will continue till the Centre rolls back the farm laws," said Sukhjivan Singh, a farmer leader. Mediapersons and police personnel were not allowed in the BJP meeting.

Later, talking to mediapersons, Sharma con-

demned the ransacking of the venue for a BJP event yesterday. He said in democracy everyone has a right to expression.

On Friday, farmers ransacked the venue where BJP workers had gathered to celebrate former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee birth anniversary on Amrik Singh road in the city and they disrupted the event. Even a clash between farmers and BJP workers was also reported.

## Govt gives security cover to leaders facing farmers' wrath

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26  
Sensing trouble for BJP leaders in Punjab, the state government has beefed up their personal security.

Farmers have been continuously protesting outside the houses of some BJP leaders for the past three months. On Friday, when the state unit of the BJP tried to celebrate the birth anniversary of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the farmer unions across the state sabotaged the functions.

Looking at gravity of the situation, the state police have deployed security personnel for even small-time leaders. A district president of the party, who wished not to be identified, said the protest had been continuously going on outside his house for the past three months. "But I was surprised to see that two policemen came to my house yesterday and said they were for my protection. I did not ask for any security," he said.

Sources said the security



Farmers block the entrance to Patiala BJP chief Harinder Kohli's house.

### SIT-IN AT PATIALA BJP CHIEF HOUSE CONTINUES

Patiala farmers on Saturday continued their indefinite protest outside the residence of BJP district president Harinder Kohli, demanding his resignation over the farm laws. As Kohli's son was unwell, farmers allowed him to visit a doctor with a warning that they wouldn't let him move out further until their demands were accepted.

was mainly being provided to those leaders whose houses have been gheraoed by the farmer unions.

The BJP was expecting that the number of protesters would reduce once the farmers went to Delhi for the protest. But the number of protesters has swelled up at

84 places, including toll plazas, malls, thermal and houses of BJP leaders.

The farmer unions are demanding the repeal of the new farm acts. They are mounting pressure on local BJP leaders to convince their central leadership to farmers' demands.

## Thousands more head to Delhi

SANGRUR, DECEMBER 26

Thousands of more farmers today left for the Delhi border in tractor-trailers and other vehicles through the Khanauri border with Haryana in support of the protesting farmers against the farm laws.

"Farmers from Sangrur, Patiala, Barnala and Ludhiana have left for Delhi through the Khanauri border. They will stay there until the black laws are rolled back. Scores of vehicles carrying thousands of farmers are heading to the national capital," said Jagtar

Vow to remain there till laws are repealed

Kalajhar, a BKU (Ugrahan) leader from Sangrur.

As per the union's December 20 decision, homage was paid to farmers who had lost their lives during the protest. On December 21, 22 and 23, memorial processions were organised in villages. After village-level tributes, block level homage was paid on December 24.

## Laws will deprive farmers of assets, says Cheema

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26  
The new farm laws introduced by the Centre were not only 'anti-farmer', but also against the poor, middle class and small traders of the country, who would be the most hit, said Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema.

He said the new agricultural laws would grab the land of farmers by giving it to the capitalists, depriving them of their assets.

Claims prices of food items will skyrocket

Cheema said, "With an end on the limit of stocking essential commodities, the capitalists will hoard the food items on a large scale and sell it to the poor at an expensive price. The Centre should have come out with new laws for the public welfare to remove poverty, but it is working to eliminate the poor by crushing them." Cheema said it would endanger the future of the poor, middle class and small traders. "Inflation will be out of control and black marketing will increase," he said.



YOUNG GUN: A child waves a farmer union's flag during a protest against the new agriculture laws at the Singhu border on Saturday. PTI

## Month on, 50 lives lost and counting

Tribune News Service

### ON WAY BACK, FARMER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26  
Though in the past one month the farmers' agitation in the national capital has brought the issue of agriculture on the centre stage, the prolonged struggle is taking its toll. Around 50 persons have died in the past one month either in accidents or at camps on the Delhi border.

The 32 farmer organisations had given the 'Delhi Chalo' call for November

26 and 27. Following a massive response from Punjab, a large number of farmers from other parts of the

country also reached the capital borders.

In the first 15 days the protest at Delhi, 15 farmers

died either due to cold weather conditions or due to accidents. Since then, the number of casualties is continuously increasing. As per a list released 10 days ago by the Sanjyukta Kisan Morcha, 30 farmers died while opposing the three farm laws. Since then around 20 more have succumbed to either accidents or health issues.

The farmer unions had earlier paid homage to the departed activists.

## Lecturer opts for cleanup job at Tikri

MAHESH SHARMA

MANDI AHMEDGARH, DEC 26  
Bhupinder Singh Uppal of Jhuner village is a chemistry lecturer and had gone to Tikri border to extend support to farmers. He was so moved by the plight of the protesters, forced to camp unprotected under the open sky that he decided to perform seva at a langar there and not return home till the laws are withdrawn.

The story did not end there, as the nature of service he was performing changed abruptly after he observed the need to improve sanitation levels in the areas surrounding the border.

"Having realised that owners and organisers of a sports club at Naya Gaon were finding it difficult to maintain cleanliness due to the increase in the number of protesters camping there and using the facilities, I decided to call my friends and start sanitation seva," Uppal said, maintaining that volunteers from Jhuner, Chuhanke and Ahmedgarh had come forward to take up the job.

Jasdeep Singh and Amit



Bhupinder Singh Uppal (holding a broom) along with other volunteers cleans a washroom at the Tikri border.

Pal Singh said performing sanitation seva was more satisfying for him than any other work. "Though we had been helping in preparation and service of langar earlier, we feel blessed to be chosen

## Abohar growers to send kinnow for protesters

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAL, DECEMBER 26  
With the support for farmers growing manifold with each passing day, there is no dearth of food and other essential items for the protesters at the Delhi borders. Now Abohar residents too want to play their role in extending the support.

Truckloads of kinnow fruit will be transported to the Delhi border where farmers have been camping for the past many days to get the agricultural laws repealed.

Fruit growers have decided to stack crates full of kinnow at the historic gurdwara in Haripura village that was visited by Guru Nanak with his two associates.

Forest range officer Balwinder Singh Jhurarkhera said the area of Abohar was famous for kinnow crop and on the call of Baba Harbans Singh of Gurdwara Bangla Sahib in Delhi, a truck of kinnow was sent to the Singhu border by Baba Sucha Singh Dhillon of Gurdwara Haripura.



Truckloads of the fruit will be distributed on Jan 1

As the gesture won appreciation, farmers in the Abohar area will now stack hundreds of kinnow crates at the gurdwara on Monday and Tuesday and these will be uploaded on December 30. The distribution at the Delhi border has been planned on January 1. Kinnow carries high nutrient value which will be beneficial to farmers in braving the inclement weather.

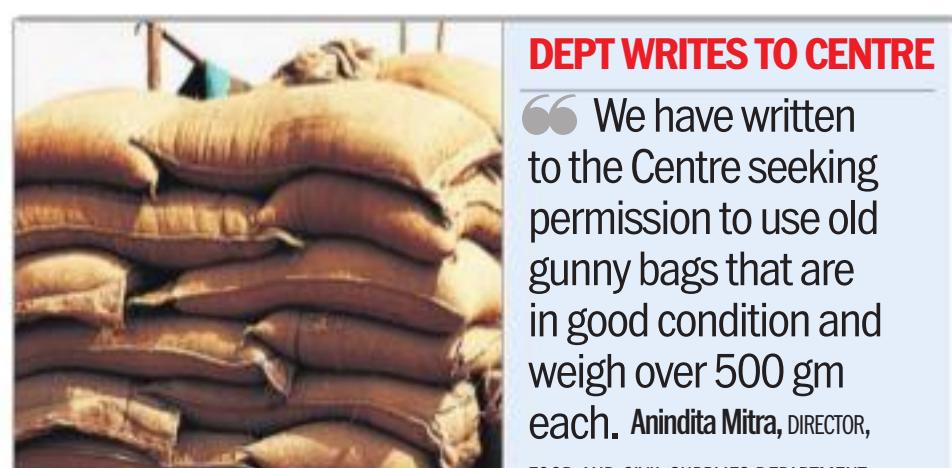
## Short on gunny bags, millers say difficult to meet deadline

ARCHIT WATTS

MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 26  
Rice millers in Punjab are facing acute shortage of gunny bags this season. They claim that if the state does not supply them gunny bags before January 15, they will not be able to deliver custom-milled rice to the government by March 31.

The rice millers said the state had to give 50 per cent gunny bags to them this year, but they had got only 20 per cent till date, which was affecting their work.

Bharat Bhushan Binta, president, Punjab Rice Industry Association, said, "There are 4,370 rice mills in the state that are facing acute shortage of gunny bags this season. As per the new policy, the state government had to provide 50 per cent gunny bags to the mills and the rest 50 per cent were to be used for the paddy crop procured. We have bags that will last for a couple of days. We are raising the issue timely, so that the



work is not affected. Our labourers will have to sit idle if the bags are not supplied on time. Further, we will be unable to deliver the rice timely to the Food Corporation of India (FCI)."

He said, "A few days ago, we got a letter from the Food and Civil Supplies Department to the Centre, seeking permission to use old gunny bags that are in good condition, weighing not less than 500 gm each. Anindita Mitra, Director, Food and Civil Supplies Department

Anindita Mitra, Director, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Punjab, said, "We have written to the Centre, seeking permission to use old gunny bags that are in good condition and weigh over 500 gm each. Anindita Mitra, Director, Food and Civil Supplies Department

work is not affected. Our labourers will have to sit idle if the bags are not supplied on time. Further, we will be unable to deliver the rice timely to the Food Corporation of India (FCI)."

Meanwhile, Ashish Kathuria, a rice mill owner, said, "The shortage of gunny bags is a headache for us. The state should take up the matter with the Centre. A new gunny bag costs around Rs 50-60."

# SAD, BSP 'close' to forging alliance

Have held series of meetings in Punjab, New Delhi to ink pact

JUPINDERJIT SINGH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26  
The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) are in the process of forging a pre-poll alliance in the state for the next Assembly elections.

Senior leaders of both parties have held a series of meetings in Punjab and New Delhi to ink a pact. Leaders said both parties agree their alliance will be 'natural' in the state owing to the fluid situation over the farmers' protest and the prospect of a multi-party contest as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had made statements on contesting all 117 seats on its own in the state.

"We think we are close to reaching an understanding with the BSP over a poll alliance. Both parties have a number of common public welfare agendas," said an Akali leader privy to the discussions. He said the election year had almost begun and going by the fluid political situation over the farmers' protest, political parties were in the battle mode already.

BSP state president Jasvir Singh Garhi said discussions were on with the SAD and national president Mayawati would take



Sukhbir Singh Badal



Mayawati

## INCREASED POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- The talks come in the backdrop of increased political activity of the BSP in recent months. It has organised 14 rallies in the past two months
- The BSP has a considerable hold over the 31 per cent Dalit votes in the state. The concentration is more significant in 23 seats of the Doaba region
- The SAD, a former ally of the BJP, aims to fill the vacuum being felt in some seats after the end of the ties over farm laws
- Both SAD and BSP are looking for an early alliance also because the role of Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu in the elections is still not certain

## BOTH HAVE COMMON AGENDA

We think we are close to reaching an understanding with the BSP over a poll alliance. Both parties have a number of common public welfare agendas. AKALI LEADER

the final call. "The Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have double standards. These have been exposed on their stand over the farm laws," he said.

The talks come in the backdrop of increased political activity of the BSP in recent months. The party has held 14 rallies in the past two

months. It is organising protests in favour of farmers. "We dedicate 2021 to farmers. We are standing by them in the protests," said Garhi.

The SAD was earlier an ally of the BJP. In protest over the farm laws, the party broke ties. It aims to fill the vacuum being felt in some seats after the end of the ties. Also, the BSP has a considerable hold over the 31 per cent Dalit votes in the state. The concentration of these votes in 23 seats of the Doaba region is more significant.

The BSP was a part of a third front in the last Assembly elections. It had contested the Lok Sabha elections jointly with the Left parties, Lok Insaaf Party and Punjab Ekta Party. The party is focusing on key Dalit seats where with support of the Akalis, it hopes to have a major impact on the elections.

Both the SAD and BSP are looking for an early alliance also because the role of Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu in the elections is still not certain.

Though Sidhu represents the Congress, there are reports he may lead a new political front in the state providing an alternative to undecided voters.

## Akali Dal list for MC polls likely by January 5

ABO哈尔, DECEMBER 26

SAD observer for municipal corporation elections and former minister Jammeja Singh Sekhon said party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal was likely to announce the candidates for the polls by January 5. The names would be finalised during meetings of local officials on January 2 in a democratic way, he said.

Addressing workers and media at the residence of SAD (Urban) president Suresh Satija today, he said a 12-member committee had been constituted to contact voters in all 50 wards.

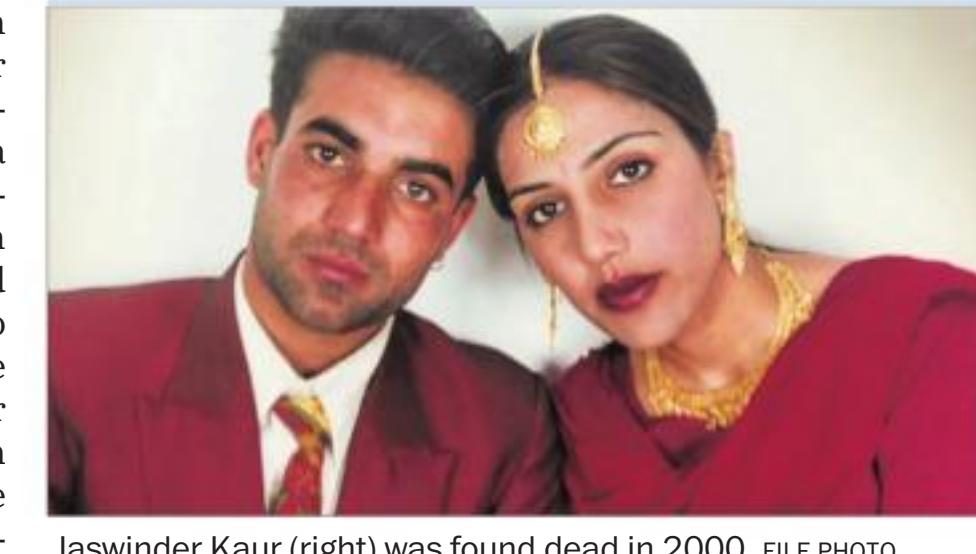
Kanwarjit Singh Rozy Barkandi, in charge, municipal elections, and Karamdeep Kaur Dhillon, district head of the women wing, were also present.

"The aim is not only to win the elections, but also to strengthen the party base to get an overwhelming majority in the next Vidhan Sabha elections and ensure Sukhbir becomes the next Chief Minister," he said.

Speaking about the farmers' protest in Delhi, Sekhon said the Centre passed three new laws and implemented these without taking the farmers into confidence. The "black laws" would prove to be fatal for the farmers, he said. — OC

# High Court grants bail to Jassi's mother in honour killing case

Told to give undertaking not to leave country



Jaswinder Kaur (right) was found dead in 2000. FILE PHOTO

302, 307, 364, 148, 149 and 120B of the IPC and the provisions of the Arms Act at the Amargarh police station was a Canadian resident. If allowed bail, she might abscond and also influence the witness.

The complainant-husband, Sukhwinder Singh, had claimed that he entered into love marriage with Jassi on April 15, 1999, against her parents' wishes. Residents of Canada, they had come to India on a vacation.

He alleged the mother, perturbed over the solemnisation of marriage, hatched a conspiracy to eliminate the couple and paid Rs 5,00,000 to contract killers.

Her counsel PS Bar contended the petitioner had remained behind bars for more than seven years and eight months from the date of her extradition proceedings. The trial may be pro-



Devotees pay obeisance at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib on Saturday.

## At Jor mela, Cong, Akalis slam Centre over farm laws

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, DECEMBER 26  
Though the Covid threat failed to dampen the enthusiasm of lakhs of devotees on the second day of the Shaheedi Jor Mela, it cast a shadow over top politicians' visit as neither Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh nor SAD chief Sukhbir Badal came to pay obeisance here.

However, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Cabinet Minister, and Prem Singh Chandumra from the SAD, paid obeisance on behalf of their respective parties.

Addressing the media at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Dharamsot said it was unfortunate that farmers were sitting on a dharna in Delhi for the past month demanding repeal of the three contentious farm

laws, but the arrogant Modi government was not heeding to their demands. He alleged the Prime Minister was working as a 'chowkidar' of corporate houses and protecting their interests instead of farmers'.

Chandumra also lashed out at the Centre for ignoring the farmers' demands and said the SAD had called a meeting of all regional and like-minded parties in the first week of January in Delhi to forge an alliance to the BJP over its anti-federal and dictatorial attitude.

Meanwhile, setting a unique example, the Muslim community from Malerkotla set up a community kitchen in front of Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib for devotees to express solidarity with the Sikhs.

## Inmates' kin toss mobiles inside jail, 7 booked

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PATIALA, DECEMBER 26  
A bag containing mobile phones and tobacco products was tossed inside the Patiala Central Jail premises here today by three persons, purportedly relatives of three inmates.

The incident came to light when an inmate was caught picking up the bag by a patrol team along the jail boundary. The bag contained nine mobile phones, four chargers, nine data cables, four earphones, a pen drive, 19 tobacco packets and two cigarette packets.

Shivraj Singh, jail superintendent, said the inmate claimed the bag was

19 tobacco packets, bag with nine phones seized



thrown by his and two other inmates' relatives. The suspected inmates have been identified as Gurdeep Singh, Vikramjeet Singh and Sikander Singh.

He added the inmates took advantage of the foggy conditions to smuggle in goods, but alert officials thwarted their attempt.

Following the incident, officials raided barrack No. 1 (quarantine) and recovered three more mobile phones from the possession of another inmate.

Harry Boparai, SHO, Tripuri, said a case had been registered against seven persons, including four inmates and three of their relatives. The inmate from whose barrack seizure was made had also been booked. The police would seek remand of the inmates for further investigation, he added.

## After two decades, Kargil martyr's 80-year-old mother gets pension

Relief comes after video showing her plight went viral

trial and state governments, but his widow Paramjit Kaur took away everything and remarried.

According to the ESGC, Nirmal had been married for four years, but Paramjit never lived at her in-laws' place. Even no 'Part-II' order recording the marriage, as is required for administrative purposes, was published by the Army. However, after Nirmal's death, Paramjit

had managed to get the Part-II order published.

Jagir Kaur, being illiterate and from a remote place, never knew her entitlements. She had six sons, out of whom two died, and four daughters, who are married. Her sons work as labourers or do odd jobs.

After the ESGC took up the case with the Army in August this year and presented various documents and court records, the Army issued a new pension order granting Jagir Kaur one-third of the liberalised family pension that was being paid to Paramjit. — TNS

## Experts dwell on history of mass movements

BATHINDA, DECEMBER 26

Literary personalities and historians dwelt on different aspects of mass movements and traced their history through speeches and discussions on the second day of the ongoing People's Literary Festival in Bathinda today.

Renowned historian Sukhdev Singh Sohal talked about the Gurdwara Reform Movement, the Akali movement and the farmers' movement during British rule in India. In the second session, Baldev Singh Shergill, an economist, said, "The government is implementing foreign models, which have already failed in other countries." — TNS

## Seats vacant after 2nd round, dental colleges offer 'fee discount'

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, DECEMBER 26  
Wary of seats going vacant this time, some dental colleges in the state are offering discount in tuition fee to students.

As many as 970 applicants are eligible at the start of the third round of counselling (mop-up round) to fill 88 MBBS and 479 BDS seats. However, many dental colleges fear all seats may not be filled as a majority of these applicants are aspiring for MBBS seats.

Nine medical and 15 dental colleges offer 1,375 MBBS and 1,140 BDS seats, respectively, in Punjab and the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot, is conducting the centralised counselling to fill these seats on the basis of NEET-2020.

In the first two rounds of counselling, some dental colleges could not get sufficient number of students for their BDS seats. Genesis Dental College, Ferozepur, has 58 vacant BDS seats out of 100, followed by Adesh Dental

### GOVT QUOTA FEE FOR MGMT SEATS

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Not only this, 54 of Adesh College's total 150 MBBS seats are lying vacant after the first two rounds of counselling. Let alone manage-

ment quota MBBS seats, the college is yet to fill its 38 government quota seats due to a legal dispute over the fee structure. A writ petition over the fee structure for government and management quo-

ta seats in the college is pending in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

While the state government is insisting the college collects Rs 3.50 lakh per year tuition fee (with 10 per cent increase every year) for government quota seats, the college is demanding Rs 9 lakh per year in tuition fee (with 10 per cent increase every year) on all its 150 seats, which include 75 government quota and 75 management quota seats.

Before the start of the mop-up round of the counselling to fill the vacant seats, some

dental colleges are offering lowered fee. These colleges are asking students to pay government quota fee against vacant management quota seats. Under the management quota, colleges charge Rs 2.20 lakh per year as tuition fee for the BDS course. However, for a government quota seat, the fee is Rs 1.65 lakh, with 10 per cent increase every year. However, private dental colleges in the state have 237 vacant government quota seats at this stage apart from 227 management quota seats.

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# Farmers block Delhi-Jaipur highway

About 3,000 protesters camping at border | ITBP, RAF personnel deployed

RAVINDER SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

REWARI, DECEMBER 26

Protesting farmers from Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra staying put at the Shahjahanpur-Khera border for the past 13 days have intensified their agitation by blocking both sides of the Delhi-Jaipur highway (NH-44).

The development not only led to great inconvenience to the commuters but also kept the Rewari police and administrative authorities on their toes. They had to divert vehicular traffic to avoid the traffic snarl.

A heavy posse of local police and several companies of the RAF and ITBP have been deployed at the border to prevent farmers from entering Haryana. Top officers have also been keeping a close tab on the movement of the farmers camping here.

The farmers had, on December 13, pitched tents on one side of the highway for staging dharna against the three farm laws when the Rewari police did not let them head towards Delhi. They had left the other side of the highway open for vehicles.

"The farmers geared up to



Farmers block the Rajasthan-Haryana Jaisingshpur border in protest against farm laws, in Rewari on Saturday. PTI

march towards Delhi on Friday but the police — sensing the situation — diverted traffic and placed barricades on the other side of the highway to thwart them. The farmers then took over the entire highway by parking their vehicles there with an intention to block it. However, the service lane has been kept open for vehicles," said

sources. Sources maintained that traffic for those going to Jaipur from Delhi has been diverted from Kapriavaas and Kasola Chowk (Rewari) while those coming from Jaipur could use the route from Behror and Shahjahanpur village (Rajasthan) to bypass the blockade point.

"I got stuck in a long queue of vehicles on an

alternative route and it took around over 30 minutes to return to the highway," said Pawan from Delhi.

Balbir Singh Thaken, state secretary, All-India Kisan Sabha, said they had been awaiting direction from the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha for heading towards the national capital. Till then, they would continue to stage dharna

here. The number of protesters is rising with farmers in large numbers joining the dharna daily, he claimed.

"Around 3,000 farmers from various states are camping on the border. Adequate arrangements have been made here to maintain law and order," Rewari SP Abhishek Jorwala told *The Tribune*.

## Fearful, govt avoiding House session: Hooda

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26

Former Haryana CM and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda said that the state government was avoiding Assembly session as it didn't want a no-confidence motion against it.

Responding to CM Manohar Lal Khattar's remarks that there was no need to call a special session of the Assembly as the Opposition didn't have any specific issue, Hooda said

that today, the farmers of the state were protesting all over Haryana and at the Delhi border.

"Every day, one of the agitators sitting under the open sky is dying. Does the state government not consider such a big agitation of farmers as an issue? Does the government not consider the martyrdom of farmers as an issue that merits a discussion? What can be a bigger issue for the government," he said. — TNS

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Anil, a resident of Phoosgarh village, said: "Farmers and commuters enjoyed the

combination of hot 'gulab jamuns' and ice-cream. We will continue the ice-cream langar at the Delhi border till the time protest continues." Residents of the district's Dabri village organised langar of 'bread

pakoras' at the toll plaza. Farmer leader Laddi meanwhile said they were hopeful that the deadlock would end soon. "The Union Government is working at the behest of capitalists," he alleged.

## 'Gulab jamun', ice-cream langar at Karnal

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, DECEMBER 26

Residents of Kalsora and Phoosgarh villages in the district organised langar of "gulab jamun" and ice-cream at the Bastaria toll plaza on the National Highway-44 on Saturday for protesting farmers and commuters.

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People serve 'gulab jamun' at a toll plaza in Karnal on Saturday.

## Hike in pension a bribe: Bhim awardee

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 26

Jagmati Sangwan, a recipient of the state's highest sports honour Bhim Award, has alleged that the new pension scheme announced by the Khattar government for sports awardees was more of a bribe than an honour.

"The increase in pension was a long-pending demand. Why now when farmers are protesting against the Centre's new farm laws? The timing of the announcement raises question. It is a bribe to sports persons so that they don't raise their voice against the 'anti-farmer' policies of the Centre," she said on Saturday.

CM Manohar Lal Khattar had, on Friday, announced that the monthly pension for Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand awardees would be increased from Rs 5,000 to Rs 20,000 from next month.

"After sportspersons from Punjab announced that they would return their awards in protest against the farm laws, it was natural that Haryana sportspersons would follow suit. Ever since boxer Vijender Singh and kabaddi coach Ashan Singh Sangwan said they would return their awards, the government has been per-



WHY THE MOVE NOW?

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turbed," said Sangwan, who is also a social activist.

The government has also started a monthly allowance of Rs 5,000 for Bhim awardees and Rs 20,000 for winners of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award.

There are 80 Arjuna, 15 Dronacharya, nine Dhyan Chand and three Adventure awardees in the state.

She called upon sportspersons to refuse the benefits. "We cannot forget that the road to sporting awards and honours runs through farms," Sangwan added. — TNS

**2 cases registered for trying to stop leaders' cavalcade**

KARNAL, DECEMBER 26

A day after farmers tried to stop the cavalcade of Minister of State for Women and Child Welfare Department Kamlesh Dhanda in Kalyat and that of JJP MLA Ishwar Singh in Cheeka, the Kaithal police on Saturday registered two FIRs against unidentified persons.

Farmers had also shown black flags to Dhanda and demanded his resignation during a programme on Good Governance Day. Later, they had protested outside his residence in Cheeka.

Superintendent of Police Lokender Singh said two FIRs had been registered against under Sections 147, 148 and 341 of the IPC. — TNS

**BKU leader lashes out at Birender, Dy CM Dushyant**

HISAR, DECEMBER 26

Launching a scathing attack on Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and BJP leader Birender Singh, Bhartiya Kisan Union leader Gurnam Singh Charuni said Dushyant and Birender had dented their political legacies. Dushyant is the great grandson of former Deputy PM Devi Lal and Birender is also the grandson of peasant leader Chhotu Ram.

Charuni, who visited Jind and Hisar districts to strengthen the agitation, said electorates gave overwhelming support to Dushyant during the Assembly polls when he was opposing the BJP. But he joined hands with the BJP for the post of Deputy Chief Minister ignoring the anti-BJP sentiments of the electorate. — TNS

## FARMER LAUDED BY PM SUPPORTS AGITATION

**Hisar:** Hari Singh Bishnoi (50), a farmer from Fatehabad district, who had interacted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to share his experience over crop diversification recently, stated that he supported the farmers' protest. TNS



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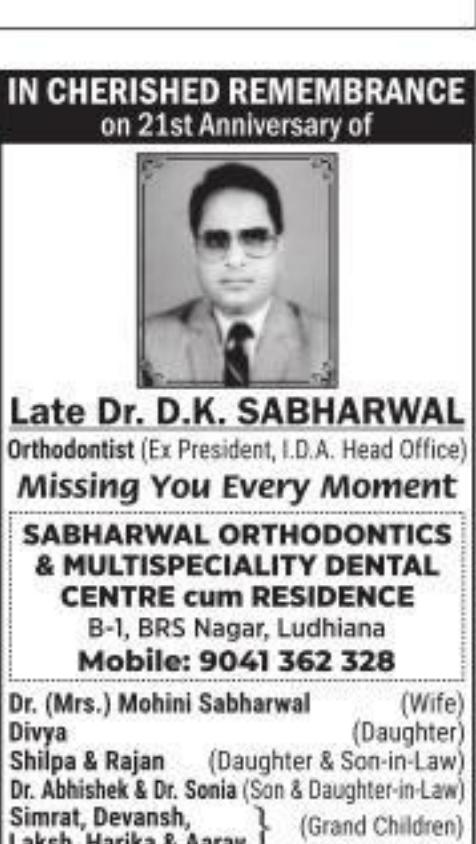
## 2 protesters die at Tikri

JHAKJAR, DECEMBER 26

Two protesting farmers, one from Punjab and the other from Kaithal, died of cardiac arrest at the Tikri-Bahadurgarh border in the past 24 hours. The deceased have been identified as Amrik Singh (75) of Gurdaspur and Amarpal (32) of Kaithal.

So far nine farmers have lost their lives during the protest at Tikri border.

Amarpal, camping at a petrol pump near the main dharna spot, died on Friday evening. The second death at Tikri border was reported on Saturday afternoon when the body of Amrik Singh was brought to Civil Hospital, Bahadurgarh. — TNS



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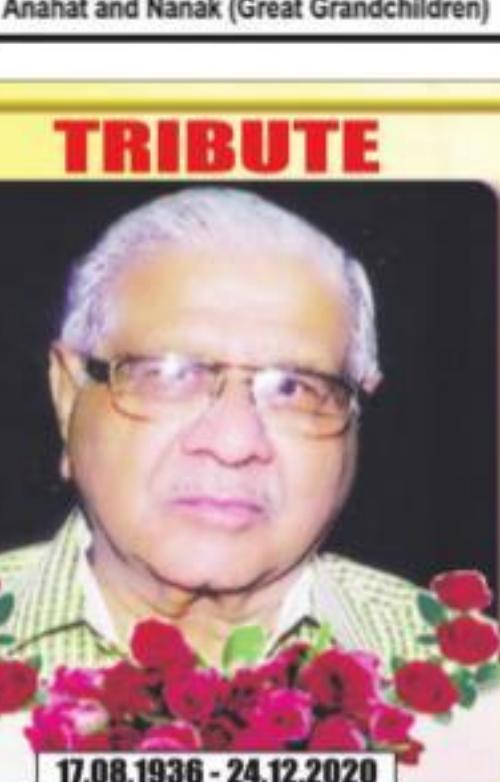


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Officials check EVMs in Sonepat on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, DECEMBER 26

The stage is all set for the Ambala Municipal Corporation election for which polling will be held on Sunday.

A multi-cornered contest will be witnessed among the candidates of BJP, Haryana Jan Chetna Party (V), HDF and Congress.

As per the data provided, there are 1,87,604 eligible voters under the Municipal Corporation limits and they will exercise their franchise on 198 booths to elect 20 municipal councillors and one mayor.

As many as six candidates are in the fray for the post of Mayor — Dr Vandana Sharma (BJP), Meena

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# Growth, not vendetta politics, is my agenda, says Thakur

Tribune News Service



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur addresses mediapersons in Shimla on Saturday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

**SHIMLA DECEMBER 26** Listing the achievements of his regime, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said he believed in the politics of development and not vendetta, which is why he had ensured all-round development of the state without discrimination. He was addressing a press conference here on the completion of three years of the BJP government.

Thakur said that from day one, his mission was to put an end to vendetta politics and registration of cases against political opponents. "It is for this reason that I never discriminated against any Assembly segment when it came to development, unlike the previous government when constituencies of not just BJP legislators, but also of some Congress MLAs, not aligned with the then Chief Minister, were ignored," he said, while hitting out at the Congress.

To drive home his point, Thakur said that development works worth Rs 400 crore had been inaugurated or the foundation stones

had been laid in the Haroli Assembly segment of Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mukesh Agnihotri. "It's a different matter that he does not miss any opportunity to hit out at the government quoting wrong facts, but I want to tell him that he should see the ground beneath him slipping as in the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP had a lead of 15,000 votes in Haroli," said Thakur. He added that similarly, projects worth Rs 100 crore had been completed in Shimla (Rural), which is also repre-

sented by a Congress MLA. He said that the pace of development had slowed down but not stopped. "Despite severe financial constraints and an expected revenue decline of 11 per cent during the 2020-21 financial year, we have ensured all-round development of every section, including farmers, youth, women, employees and weaker sections," he said.

Various programmes such as the Jan Manch, Mukhya Mantri Swavlamban Yojana, organic farming and the solar fencing

## Cong leaders raised 'fraud bill' of ₹12 cr

The CM said the Congress leadership raised a fraudulent bill of ₹12 crore for the work claimed to have been done during the pandemic, whereas the reality was that no such help had been extended to people. ■ "When Congress leaders do not hesitate from cheating their own party, I wonder what would have happened if the Congress was in power in the state during the Covid times," he said

scheme had been launched. He lashed out at the Congress for misleading people with distorted facts, be it on Covid mortality, suicides or outstanding loans.

Talking about the financial health of the state, he said, "We are still repaying loans raised by the previous Congress government as we inherited a debt burden of Rs 48,000 crore," he said.

He said that no government could function without loans and his regime had to pay an outstanding loan of Rs 7,870 crore taken by the Virbhadr Singh government.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Paonta Sahib,

# Barmana becomes new 'chitta' hotspot

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 26

The transit point hotspot of 'chitta' procurement, supplied from Delhi, has shifted from Sundernagar in Mandi district to Barmana in Bilaspur district and the rate has shot up to Rs 7,000 to Rs 8,000 per gram (an increase of up to Rs 3,000). The fact came to light during the first meeting of the HP Nasha Nivaran Board



● The chitta (heroin) addiction has surpassed cannabis (charas) and other hard drug addiction in HP. As per the study of 1,170 drug users lodged in 27 de-addiction centres, 34.61% of the addicts are chitta consumers.

OP Sharma, CONVENOR, NASHA NIVARAN BOARD

ing injections, said OP Sharma, convener-cum-adviser of the board.

A

survey conducted on 4,020 persons between Salappar and Mandi has revealed that 70 per cent of the youth are using drugs of which 500 are girls. There has been an increase in the number of girls tak-

centres, 34.61 per cent of addicts are chitta consumers with highest number in 15-30 years age bracket and tramadol is being used as its substitute," he said.

Sharma, who made a presentation on "Prevailing Drug Situation in

Himachal Pradesh" said trends needed to be analysed as possibility of turning opium into heroine in times to come could not be ruled out.

Inputs suggested that around 400 gram panchayats in six districts — Shimla, Sirmaur, Mandi, Kullu, Chamba and Kangra — were dealing with the sale of commercial drugs, mainly cannabis, he stated.

However, the efforts of the police were also lauded and it was revealed that drug-free Himachal Aap and nasha nivaran samitis, constituted at police station level to combat the drug menace, have been appreciated by the Union government.

at duping the gullible youth," he said.

A case under Sections 420, 188, 269 and 270 of the IPC has been registered against them for cheating and negligence, causing risk to health and safety of the public.

The duo had deliberately chosen a remote village where no official could check them and they could dupe the villagers with ease.

# Two from Haryana booked for cheating

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, DECEMBER 26

A novel way to dupe villagers came to the fore at remote Bokala village in Shillai where Rs 6,300 were collected from boys and girls for conducting kabaddi trials by the Haryana-based Amarit Kabaddi Federation.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Paonta Sahib,

villagers gathered at the ground in violation of the safety protocols of the Covid pandemic.

"The duo had neither taken any permission from the local administration, nor had any authorisation from any sporting body for conducting the trial. It was merely aimed



BJP state in-charge Avinash Rai Khanna and co-in-charge Sanjay Tandon meet the CM in Shimla.

# Rajnath, Nadda to address people

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, DECEMBER 26

Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda will address the people of the state virtually tomorrow on the completion of three years of the BJP government.

Besides, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, state BJP president Suresh Kashyap, ministers, Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur, former Chief Ministers will

will take place in Shimla.

Him Care Yojana, Janmang, Grehni Suvidha Yojana, CM Helpline, social security schemes such as pension for above 70 years and the inauguration of the Atal Tunnel have been the highlights of the BJP government.

Meanwhile, Avinash Rai Khanna, in-charge of BJP affairs in Himachal, along with Sanjay Tandon, co-in-charge, gave courtesy calls to the Governor and the Chief Minister today.

3 YEARS  
of  
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also join the occasion virtually.

The BJP will celebrate the occasion at the mandal level in all 68 constituencies. Two LED TVs will be installed where maximum 50 people each will witness the event. All state party office-bearers, district office-bearers and BJP leaders will be present in their constituencies. The main event

# Get tested for virus, govt tells 51 UK returnees

SOLAN, DECEMBER 26

The state government has issued an alert and asked 51 UK returnees to contact the local administrations and get themselves tested for Covid. As many as 51 persons had come to the state from the UK between November 25 to December 21.

The maximum number of 15 persons have come to Kangra, 10 to Sirmaur, six each to Solan and Shimla, one each to Bilaspur and Chamba, four to Hamirpur, three each to Una and Kullu and two to Mandi. No person has come from the UK to Kinnar and Lahaul and Spiti, according to the list released by the government.

Solan Deputy Commissioner KC Chaman said that all UK returnees, who had come to Himachal between November 25 and December 21, were requested to come forward and get themselves tested for Covid. Those failing to do so would invite punitive action. — TNS

E-tender notice for appointment of Laboratory for Chemical Testing of food grains (Wheat/Rice)

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Managing Director

PUNJAB STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

S.C.O. 74-75, BANK SQUARE, SECTOR 17-B, CHANDIGARH 160017

PHONE: 0172-5197880, 5197881, FAX: 2705855 & 2723176,

WEBSITE: [WWW.PSWC.CO.IN](http://WWW.PSWC.CO.IN)

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PUNJAB STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

1-A, Sec 36-A, Chandigarh, Ph. 2615385, 2622584-85, Fax: 2660734

PUBLIC NOTICE

Affiliation Process for session 2021-22

Applications are invited from Technical Institutions for seeking affiliation for Academic session 2021-22 for the following categories:

A) Affiliation for Setting up New Technical Institutions for conducting Diploma Level Courses.

B) Affiliation for below mentioned processes in existing Technical Institutions offering Diploma Level Programs:-

i) Extension of Affiliation

ii) Increase in intake in existing course(s)

iii) Reduction in intake in existing course(s)

iv) Addition of new diploma course(s)

C) Affiliation for Technical Programs other than diploma courses approved by Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training.

D) Affiliation for New & Existing Institutions Community College Courses.

Applications in prescribed format along with prescribed fee in the shape of demand draft in favour of 'Secretary, Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training' payable at Chandigarh and reach the office of the Board from 17.12.2020 to 15.01.2021.

No further extension in date shall be given after 15.01.2021.

For Information regarding prescribed format and fees, visit the websites of the Board: [www.punjabteched.com](http://www.punjabteched.com) and [www.punjabteched.net](http://www.punjabteched.net)

Secretary

DPR/Pb/122559

# 10 films screened on last day of Shimla fest

Tribune News Service



## AWARDS

### INTERNATIONAL

Best short film - I'm Gonna Tell God Everything

Best feature film - The Song of the Sea

Best documentary film - Made Like a Gun

Best Animation Film - The Boundaryless Night

### NATIONAL

Best short film - Unbinding

Best feature film - Pullu

Best documentary film - Feed or Bleed India

Best animation film - Blind Faith



BJP state in-charge Avinash Rai Khanna being welcomed by party workers at Solan on Saturday.

# Eliminate Covid, corruption, Cong: Khanna to BJP workers

Avinash Rai Khanna, in-charge of BJP affairs in Himachal, today exhorted party workers to work in union to get rid of Covid, corruption and the Congress. Khanna was given a rousing welcome at Solan during his maiden visit to the state after assuming charge as the Himachal in-charge. He told the party workers that they should ensure that their booths were free of the Congress to ensure that the BJP retains power in the next Vidhan Sabha elections. He added that the field-level functionaries should be respected, as they work without any allurement. When last Vidhan Sabha candidate from Solan Rajesh Kashyap rued that he had lost the elections by 671 votes, Khanna said

he was not announcing the ticket but whoever gets it should say he won because of their field functionaries.

"The Congress is bereft of leadership and they should gear up for the Mission 2022 from today itself," he said. "Since Solan has got an MC from the BJP government, the first Mayor should be from the party". — TNS



Tender Enquiry No.	Item Name	Ernest Money (In Rupees)	Due Date & Time
220	HME with Bacterial filter (Adult) (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 10,62,800/-	27.01.2021 at 12:30 p.m.
221	HME with Bacterial filter (Paediatric) (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 1,53,300/-	-do-
222	Thermovent T2 (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 25,080/-	-do-
223	Dorsiflow Meter (Dra Flow Meter) (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 66,000/-	28.01.2021 at 12:30 p.m.
224	Oxygen Flow Meter Pipeline (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 11,060/-	-do-
225	Wall Suction Unit (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 21,112/-	-do-
226	Needle Free Connector- Double Lumen (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 15,68,000/-	29.01.2021 at 12:30 p.m.
227	Needle Free Connector- Single Lumen (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 14,40,000/-	-do-
228	Reuse preventer Syringes without needle Size: 2ml, 5ml, 10ml and 20ml (Rate Contract for two years)	Rs. 4,00,000/-	-do-

The Tender Form and specification of the products are available on the website [www.pgiimer.edu.in](http://www.pgiimer.edu.in) and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). The Tenders will be received manually on or before due date and time mentioned against each item in the table above at Procurement Branch (Indigenous), 'C' Block, 2nd Floor, Central Store, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh. (Telephone Number: 0172-2756468, 2756467). These shall be opened on the same date at 03:00 p.m. in the presence of the authorized intending tenderer. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form/without the required Earnest Money shall be summarily ignored. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

DI-16911

Prof. Ashok Kumar, Officer In Charge (HPD)

### POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

#### TENDER NOTICE-2020-21/20

#### ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES

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

Sr. No.	Shops/sites	Last date for downloading of tender forms from PGI Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1.	Shop No. 8, New Shopping Complex at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh for opening a Restaurant (Non-Traditional)	19.01.2021 (Tuesday) up to 04.00 p.m.	21.01.2021 (Thursday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	22.01.2021 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
2.	Built up Shop No: 10, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	19.01.2021 (Tuesday) up to 04.00 p.m.	21.01.2021 (Thursday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	22.01.2021 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
3.	Built up Shop No: 15, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh	19.01.2021 (Tuesday) up to 04.00 p.m.	21.01.2021 (Thursday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	22.01.2021 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
4.	Open space measuring 8x4' in the Waiting Hall, CLR, 3rd Floor, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh for the purpose of keeping wears (clothes) for new born babies.	19.01.2021 (Tuesday) up to 04.00 p.m.	21.01.2021 (Thursday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	22.01.2021 (Friday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.

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

DI-16905

DIRECTOR

### ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, BATHINDA

#### Military Station, Bathinda

(An English Medium Co-Education School), Tele No -0164-2290057

1. Army Public Schools, CBSE Affiliated invites application for selection of energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated teachers. The details are as follows:-

Place of work	VACANCIES	Pay Scale (Approximate)
APS Bathinda	PGT- Psychology, Physical Edn, Biology	Basic Pay - Rs. 33,840/-
	TGT- English, Science, Social Science, Special Educator	Basic Pay - Rs. 33,360/-
APS Faridkot	TGT – English, Social Science, Hindi	Basic Pay - Rs. 30,163/-
APS Fazlka	TGT-Social Science	Basic Pay - Rs. 29,190/-
APS Sri Ganganganagar	PGT-Physics, Chemistry	Basic Pay - Rs. 32,430/-
	TGT- English	Basic Pay - Rs. 31,970/-

Note :- DA and HRA applicable as per school norms.

2. Candidates already holding CSB Score Card and who have recently passed CSB Written Exam with 50% marks only are eligible to apply. Applications forwarded through e-mail will NOT be accepted.

3. Qualification. The requisite qualifications are:-

Ser No	Post	Minimum Qualification		Age/Experience Criteria
		Educational	Professional	
(a)	PGT	Post Graduation Minimum 50%	B. Ed minimum 50%	Fresh Candidates - Below 40 years as on 01 Apr 2021.
(b)	TGT	Graduation /Post Graduation Minimum 50%	B. Ed minimum 50%	Experienced Candidates - Below 57 years. (Should have minimum 5 years teaching experience in the last 10 years in respective categories).
(c)	PRT	Graduation /Post Graduation Minimum 50% Part-A of CSB	B. Ed/ DE, Ed minimum 50%	

4. The above mentioned posts are for regular appointment. The selection process will be followed by evaluation of teaching skills include interview. 5. Application form and other details can be obtained between 0900 hrs to 1400hrs from the School office of APS Bathinda on all working days. Application form may also be downloaded from School Website: [apsbathinda.org](http://apsbathinda.org). Application form alongwith DD for Rs. 100/- and copies of all educational and experience certificates duly attested must be sent to APS Bathinda on or before 19 Jan 2021 by 1400hrs. Thereafter no application form will be accepted. No representation in this regard will be entertained. 6. Date & Time of interview will be intimated to only short listed candidates through mobile/telephonically/e-mail. Don't forget to mention mobile number/e-mail. 7. Decision of SAMC (School Administrative & Managing Committee) will be final and abiding.

School Management



Govt. of Haryana

## Another Unique Initiative of Haryana Government

Government invited **objections and suggestions** from citizens of the State to amend the collector rate for the year 2021

The draft of Collector Rate has been uploaded on the concerned website of all district administrations.

Objections & Suggestions can be sent before 15 January, 2021 on Website [www.jamabandi.nic.in](http://www.jamabandi.nic.in)

### STEPS TO RECORDING OF OBJECTIONS BY CITIZENS



Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Haryana

### CORRIGENDUM

Refer advertisement published for Recruitment of Teachers on Regular basis for Army Public Schools on 16 Dec 2020. Last date for submission of application has been extended till 30 Dec 2020. For details visit school website [www.apsjalandhar.com](http://www.apsjalandhar.com).

Sd/-Principal

Army Public School, Jalandhar

### Chief Executive Officer Zila Parishad, Palwal

#### NOTICE

Sealed tender are invited from reputed firms/individual for Community Toilets Bio-Digester under Swachh Bharat Mission (G). Tender terms/conditions can be obtained from office of undersigned w.e.f 24.12.2020 to 30.12.2020 upto 05:00 PM (during working hours and working days) on cash payment of Rs. 2000/- each (non refundable) or by way of demand draft in favour of undersigned. Tenderer will submit bids in separate envelopes i.e. in one envelop the technical bid and in 2nd Financial bids and both bids will be submitted in a duly sealed single envelop for each tender upto 08.01.2021 at 11:00 AM. Tenders will be opened 08.01.2021 at 12:00 Noon in the office of undersigned in the presence of all interested firms/individuals. No tender will be accepted after due date. Unsealed/open tender shall not be considered. The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/bid without assigning any reason(S).

CEO Zila Parishad Palwal

### WESTERN RAILWAY

#### E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/31/2020 Date 22.12.2020

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
793	Lubricants/Coating for Flat Bogies	50 Nos.	28.12.2020
794	Set of Spares for Wheel Mounted Brake Disc	10 Set	02.01.2021
795	Set of Hydraulic Dampers.	40 Set	02.01.2021
796	HEX Head Bolt & Nut	3891 Nos.	04.01.2021
797	Key for Brake Shoe	25780 Nos.	04.01.2021
798	Lever for 13 T Bogie Brake	410 Nos.	04.01.2021
799	Primary Bump Stop	1089 Nos.	04.01.2021
800	Rubber Pad for Primary Susp.	820 Nos.	04.01.2021
801	Gang Way Bridge Mounting Asstly.	450 Nos.	04.01.2021
802	Set of Gear and Pinion of WAP-5 LOCO.	10 Set	04.01.2021
803	Pin	964 Nos.	04.01.2021
804	Auxiliary Reservoir	561 Nos.	04.01.2021
805	Auxiliary Reservoir	1500 Nos.	04.01.2021
806	Door Hand Hold	1640 Nos.	04.01.2021
807	Pipe Connection for Water Tank	583 Set	05.01.2021
808	Bolt for Primary Vertical Stop	2070 Nos.	05.01.2021
809	Ladder Hand Hold	507 Nos.	05.01.2021
810	Set of Spares of Valves in 3 Phase Locomotive Brake System	1 Set	05.01.2021
811	Constant Voltage Regulated cum Emergency Battery Charger	30 Nos.	06.01.2021
812	Inter Vehicle Coupler	1 Set	06.01.2021
813	Electropotted Pin for ICF Bogie.	7265 Nos.	06.01.2021
814	Traction Center Elastic Joint	1029 Nos.	06.01.2021
815	Nylon Roller	272 Nos.	06.01.2021
816	Maintenance Kit-01	551 Set	07.01.2021
817	STD Hex Head Bolt	12891 Nos.	07.01.2021
818	Ready Mixed Paint Air Drying Red-Oxide	20680 Ltrs	08.01.2021
819	Inter Vehicle Coupler	1 Set	08.01.2021
820	Wheel set earthling equipment	200 Set	08.01.2

**MATRIMONIALS****BRIDEGROOMS WANTED****RAJPUT**

**Suitable match for Verma beautiful** slim girl, 25, 5'-2". Graduation and Fashion Designing, from reputed business family, Chandigarh. Manglik/ Non-Manglik both contact. Caste no bar, looking for reputed family in Chandigarh Tricity only. 98141-45231, 98158-82692. (CL20069208)

**Suitable match for Rajput girl** Chandigarh 1990 /153 cm, M.Sc. Working in NCR LPA. Mob. 98766-61521. (CL20071160)

**Professional match for Rajput** unmarried girl BAMS Doctor, 1972/ 5'-3". Brahmans welcome. Divorcee excuse. 94652-24547. (CL20076082)

**Rajput Pathania** 27, 5'-3", fair M.Tech, IELTS clear requires equivalent boy no dowry preferred abroad aspirant call 94177-31160. Mail: deepak.pathania193@gmail.com (CL20076124)

**SMF Shimla based un-married** Rajput girl 1978/5', Non-Manglik, b'ful, slim, vegetarian, PG(Med), working PGT Convent School Shimla. Preferred Himachali boy in Govt job. UCNB. Marriage bureau inquiry and divorcee please excuse. Contact: WhatsApp: 94180-37585. (CL20076301)

**Punjabi Varma 39/ 5'-5", beautiful,** slim, conventuated, graduated, unmarried, homemaker, legal heir crores assets. Normal marriage. Required: Crorepati Hindu family settled boy earning yearly 7,00,000/- / higher. Unacceptable: Employed seekers, demands, Pakistani, divorcee having liabilities, middleman. Write overall factors to decide match (Telephone calls unentertained). WhatsApp: 94787-28105. (CL20076417)

**Suitable groom, Govt. Employee** preferred for 25 yrs. very beautiful, very fair, 5'-5", M.Sc. Fashion Technology Himachali girl. Father Govt. employee and well settled at Patiala. Mob: 7837826112. (CL20076436)

**PQ well settled Manglik/non-** Manglik boy for Mumbai based Himachali Rajput smart, beautiful girl Aug 90, 5'-5", MBA, pursuing CPA, Mgr. Mumbai, (marriage bureau excuse). WhatsApp: 98194-19380. (CL20076461)

**Wanted groom** 28, 5'-4", 12th, childless (widow) skilled in home work. No caste bar, 9110-77208, 88277-6851. (CL20076610)

**Kashyap Rajput fair girl, Nov. 87, 5'-5", MBA (International Business), LPU, upper caste no bar, 75083-18341. (CL20076614)**

**Suitable match for Sikh Kashyap** Rajput (Mehra) beautiful, slim girl 5'-3", 16.07.1994, PG Physics (Gold Medalist). Preferred Canadian PR boys or any country. Sister DR. Father Govt. servant retd. 98555-32300. (CL20076640)

**Suitable match for Kashyap Rajput** girl, 91/5'-2", MCA, (Jalandhar). Father Govt. employee. Contact: 9815856646. (CL20076856)

**Match for Rajput girl 36, 5'-1", BA,** Govt. job Patiala, preferred local government employee. 78887-43397. (CL20077216)

**Good looking working boy required** for 29 yrs fair complexion girl, 5'-2", B.Tech, currently working in reputed MNC Gurgaon. Delhi NCR preferred. Caste no bar. Ph/ WhatsApp 98965-63863. (CL20077242)

**Mair Rajput girl 29.8.96,** 5'-5", 9.30 am, Ambala, PG Mass Communication. 94160-23781. (CL20077348)

**Wanted boy from Tricity for** Rana Rajput fair, active girl, 5'-6", DOB 8.9.90, time 145 pm. Chandigarh, B.Com. MBA, IT sector job. Early marriage. Call: 98155-45398. (CL20077893)

**Thakur Rajput girl, M.A. B.Ed** (English), Lecturer Engg. College, 30.10.85/ 5'-4". Preferred good serviceman/ business man/ landlord family. U/C no bar, 84277-13205, 94656-97494. (CL20078179)

**B.DES (NIFT) Hindu Rajput** Sood working girl 32/ 5'-4", seeks well-settled vegetarian non-smoker, teetotaller boy. Preferred from Metros. Contact: 98179-60009. (CL20078277)

**Suitable match for Rana Rajput** girl, 11.10.1987, 3 pm Nangal. 62840-9685. (CL20078517)

**Canadian PR, Mair Rajput Sikh** girl, 93/ 5'-4", MS in Software, seeking teetotaller match from Sikh family. Bio-data with photo- k.mahar16@gmail.com (CL20078304)

**Kashyap Rajput girl MBA, Nov** 1984/5'-1", Right Leg minor Polio affected, 6.5 Band (GT). Caste no bar. 99142-11128 (Sister), 95929-55855. (CL20078405)

**Himachali Rajput beautiful** fair complexion girl, M.Sc. 5'-1", 1993, Govt. Bank employee Chandigarh. Reputed Rajput family. Tricity preferred. 97792-42718. (CL20078496)

**Match for Himachali Rajput** girl, Captain in Indian Army 5'-6", 16.03.1991 born, Defence Officers preferred. Contact: 82196-30313. (CL20078555)

**AHLUWALIA**

**Qualified professional Sikh non** trimming, non drinking match for May 92 born, 5'-7", B.Tech., MBA girl working in MNC. Present location Gurugram, package 15 lakhs. 7740-56287, 7740-56187. (CL20071274)

**For Circulation and Advertisement booking** and other related queries please call at following numbers from Monday to Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

**Advertisement:**

**Classified:** 0172-2670257, 2670338, 2670258

**E-mail at:** classified@tribunemail.com

**Display:** 0172-2670256, 2670342

**E-mail at:** advt@tribunemail.com

**Circulation:** 0172-2670319, 2670250, 2670442

**E-mail at:** circulation@tribunemail.com

**SAINI**

**Beautiful homely Saini Sikh girl** from high status family 19.01.1989, 5'-6". Qualified Clinical Psychologist. Seeking an educated and well settled match from status family. Open to settling abroad. Preferably Sikh family. Caste no bar. Contact 98140-59536; mss448080@gmail.com (CL20076163)

**Professionally qualified match** preferably Doctor for convent educated BDes girl very fair 84 born, 5'-1", Canadian PR Saini family. 94179-74464. (CL20078243)

**Wanted Saini Sikh turbaned** boy for BAMS Doctor girl, Govt. job, 1991, 5'- 94175-57686. (CL20075794)

**Match for Saini girl, Feb. 1993,** 5'-8". B.Tech (CSE), working in IT Park, Chandigarh. 94171-98474. (CL20076247)

**Hindi Saini girl 10.04.87/ 5'-5",** Delhi based, BBA. Parents retired from Central Govt. 98554-41192. (CL20077427)

**Match for Hindu Saini Jalandhar** 26/ 5'-2". B.Tech, working in TES Noida. 94788-25414, 79860-73361. (CL20078321)

**Radha Soami Saini girl, 1988/ 5'-2",** MCA, Govt. employee, issueless, divorcee, Panchkula, Tricity, Ambala preferred. 98137-29281. (CL20078558)

**SOOD**

**Well qualified match for Himachali Sood girl 5'-4",** 27.10.1987, 1.23 am, LLM, working in Law Firm, Gurgaon, 10 Lac approx. Upper caste no bar. 94171-66417. (CL20076206)

**Manglik/ Non-Manglik match** for Sood girl 22.08.1991, 7:10 am, B.Com., LL.B., LLM, working Foreign based law firm, Gurgaon. Status family. Send pic/ biodata. WhatsApp 94178-87552. (CL20078257)

**MUSLIM**

**Match for Sunni Muslim girl** 5'-2"/ 34, B.Sc. B.Ed., PGDCA, Teacher (Regular) at APS. 98761-73637. (CL20071372)

**JAT**

**Very beautiful Hindu Jat girl,** 1985 born, 5'-4", regular PGT in Haryana Govt. 83078-27885, 95188-27082. (CL20077360)

**Chandigarh based non-manglik** Himachali Jat girl, 26.09.1989, 12:30 p.m., 5'-2", MBA, Pvt. job. 97793-12202, 62802-78107. (CL20078406)

**TONK-KASHATRIYA**

**Tonk Kshatriya girl, 6 April 1992,** 5'-2", M.Com, B.Ed, VLCC Diploma, Chicka, Kaithal, Father working Naib Tehsildar Ambala Cantt, gotra Tagger Kainth, short time divorcee, PR. Caste no bar. 98961-78831, 99911-16962. (CL20077216)

**Educated, Govt. job, tall, issueless** match for beautiful, 29, 5'-6", Ph.D, Ass'tt. professor PAU Ludhiana, divorcee, single, Sikh Tonkashatriya girl. Contact, photo, biodata. Caste no bar. 78143-48101. (CL20078414)

**KAMBOJ**

**Kamboj Sikk (Jossan) fair,** beautiful girl, 31, 5'-3", Ph.D. Boy should be well educated, Canadian citizen/ PR. Khatri/ Arora/ Jat welcome. Contact: 959282537, 9914912154. (CL20076253)

**Doctor/ NR Doctor/ Class-I Officer** match for Kamboj Sikh BDS girl, 24/ 5'-5", fair, slim, beautiful, currently doing job as Lecturer in Dental College in Punjab. Doctors family. Only Kamboj caste contact 998865-2020, 9463134063 (Timing 4 pm to 10 p.m.). (CL20076342)

**Kamboj Sikh girl, 1992, 5'-4",** MBA, Deputy Manager ICICI Bank (transferable job). Preferred Kamboj Sikh boy with reputed job and rural/ urban property. Contact No. 99968-80054. (CL20076669)

**MISC**

**Match for Hindu Nai (non prof)** beautiful slim girl, 37, 5'-3", BA, well settled Ludhiana business family seeking well settled boy. 062846-07112. (CL20078509)

**Suitable match for convent** educated only daughter B.E. (ECE), 03.04.1996, 5'-7", fair colour, caste Banodia Vaish. Father Govt. Chieff Manager. 85170-07874. (CL20074493)

**SM Chandigarh based non-manglik** Himachali Jat girl, 26.09.1989, 12:30 p.m., 5'-2", MBA, Pvt. job. 97793-12202, 62802-78107. (CL20078508)

**Himachali Kumhar girl, 31/5'-5",** reprobated job. Tricity upper caste preferred. Contact: 82644-71695. (CL20078690)

**Suitable match for Himachali** Chaudhary (Girth) 5'-2", Aug. 1986. B.Com., Anshik Manglik, Working Chandigarh. 86992-94177. (CL20077231)

**Well settled attractive and prof** match for smart divorced lady, SC/5'-5"-4", Professor @ 70995-54788. (CL20077745)

**Suitable match for beautiful, slim** Kashatriya I.T. professional girl height 5'-7", born March 92, working Hyderabad. Salary above 16 lac/ year. Father Engineer, Mother Teacher, one younger sister Postgraduate, Caste no bar. Contact No. 79861-58146. Email: aparna1992@gmail.com (CL20078412)

**PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED**

**SM for Khatri girl 35, 5'-3",** minor problem in left leg, Haryana Govt. Lecturer. 85720-076647. (CL20076487)

**Suitable match for Arora Manglik** girl 11.12.1987, 3:50 pm Abhara, 5'-4", Diploma House Keeping, Diploma Special Education D.Ed., handi capped (minor right leg). Father Bank Officer living Chandigarh. 98726-29229. (CL20077830)

**WIDOW**

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

**Extremely beautiful Punjabi Khatri** widow, issueless, homely girl 26.11.1992, 12:30 pm, New Delhi, 5'-4", B.Tech, seeks well-established businessman, Govt. employee. Doctor, Advocate Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Delhi preferred. 80593-44162. (CL20078439)

**Match for Saini girl, Feb. 1993,** 5'-8". B.Tech (CSE), working in IT Park, Chandigarh. 94171-98474. (CL20077444)

**MANGLIK**

**SM4 80 born, 5'-2", fair, slim, MCA,** B.Ed. Saini Manglik girl. Contract job. 97293-03808. (CL20075788)

**Required smart educated Manglik** only Ludhiana boy for Manglik Goyal girl, Law Graduate, own work wedding planner, born 1992. Contact 83603-34651. (CL20078223)

**SM4 80 born, 5'-2", fair, slim, MCA,** B.Ed. Saini Manglik girl. Contract job. 97293-03808. (CL20078223)

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## JAT SIKH

**Practicing Doctor or doing Residency**, match for Jat-Sikh beautiful girl, 26, 5'-8", MD, doing Residency, US citizen, well established family. Email: slkmkamal2020@gmail.com (CL20071433)

**SM for 5'-8", 1991 born beautiful girl**, currently pursuing Ph.D from Agricultrist/ service class family of Abohar. Presently residing at Mohali. 99140-41109. (CL20076485)

**Qualified match for Graduate Jat Sikh** vegetarian family good adjusting religious 31, 5'-3", working MNC Gurgaon, residing in Delhi respectable family. Contact: 95822-40253. (CL20077813)

**Non-drinker, vegetarian, Equally Qualified**, match for 5'-8" 1991, Punjab Govt. Class one Medical Officer. 98789-60578. (CL20078532)

**Defense Officer's BDS qualified daughter**, Mohali, Nov. 91, ht. 5'-3". 99889-99170. (CL20071736)

**Suitable match for Sept., 86, 5'-8", MBA, Punjab Govt. Officer, Chandigarh, agri land 30 acres preferred.** 98150-80344. (CL20072281)

**Wanted Jatt Sikh Canadian PR boy** for 1993, 5'-1", M.Tech. Canadian student girl. 9173-21555. (CL20073179)

**MD/MS/MBBS match preferred for beautiful**, Jatt Sikh 1990, 5'-5", MBBS girl. Contact: 92177-69396. WhatsApp: 70098-60490. (CL20073656)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh, 5'-3" 1984, Govt. Science Teacher girl, Ambala preferred.** 8930084071. (CL20074036)

**Groom wanted for Jat Sikh Nov 1984, 5'-4", MBA, B.Ed. (Australia settled), seeking well settled, Aurora boy. (contact +6142751132 what's app) (CL20074053)**

**Status match for Jat Sikh girl, Gazetted Officer (Class one), working in Punjab, 5'-6" 35 years, very beautiful, slim, sober, from status family. Short time divorcee. Kindly respond below 40 years. Only. WhatsApp 80544-10002. (CL20074336)**

**Senior Army Offr seeks Jat Sikh alliance for his fair, beautiful daughter. A smart well-brought girl with a traditional and defence upbringing who is 5'-4", tall and 24+ years old. Comes from a cultured, highly educated, well-placed and affluent defence family with urban and rural property. Educated in a prestigious boarding school, she is confident girl with a caring and affectionate nature. She will make an ideal partner and will fit in well in a cultured family. Please contact on johnmiz647@gmail.com / 70427-82703. (CL20075585)**

**Australian/ Newzealand PR/ TR vegetarian Jat Sikh boy for Sandhu girl, Australian PR, M.Com., 29, 5'-6". Malwa preferred. WhatsApp: +61406031842, 8699002182. (CL20076103)**

**Jat Sikh match for girl, 35 years, height 5'-3", M.Sc., MBA, French, working MNC Chandigarh, drawing Rs. 6 lac pa. Status family. Tricity preferred. Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp: 95015-53975. (CL20076113)**

**Jat Sikh Girl Jan. 1993, 5'-4", B.Sc. (Non-Med.), PGDBM, M.Sc. (Chemistry), B.Ed., PTET, CTET, Science Teacher (PGT) reputed school. Preferred Employed, having 15-20 acre land boy. 97807-91013. (CL20076115)**

**Suitable educated match for Jat Sikh beautiful girl, 30, 5'-5", C.A. job in Jalandhar 9417078900. (CL20076159)**

**Beautiful homely Saini Sikh girl from high status family 19.01.1988, 5'-6". Qualified Clinical Psychologist. Seeking an educated and well settled match from status family. Open to settling abroad. Preferably Sikh family. Caste no bar. Contact 98140-59536; mss448080@gmail.com (CL20076163)**

**Looking for a suitable match for a Jatt Sikh Canadian PR girl, 1994 born, 5'-2", B.D.S. Masters from Canada. Currently pursuing Medical Sonography course. Canadian PR/ work permit preferred. Tricity, Patiala and Ropar based preferred. Call/ WhatsApp: 62842-63250. (CL20076344)**

**Seeking Educated Jatt Sikh match for our daughter, Born 15.11.1990, 5'-3" B.Sc. Nursing, PR in Canada. Preferred Employed, having 15-20 Acres Land boy. 98280-06509, 98155-58375. (CL20076394)**

**Well-qualified preferably teetotaller for our daughter, Born 18.01.1990, 5'-4", B.Sc. Nursing, PR in Canada. Preferred Employed, having 15-20 Acres Land boy. 98280-06509, 98155-58375. (CL20076390)**

**Canadian citizen Jatt Sikh Pharmacist girl, born 1993, 5'-6", Degree in Biochemistry and Pharmacy. Seeking a POM with strong morals and family values, and willing to relocate to Manitoba. Please contact: 0012049304994 or pushpinderaulakh@hotmail.com (CL20076451)**

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**Seeking suitable match for our daughter, Master's in Nursing, 89 born, 5'-7". Currently working as a RN in California Green card holder. Enquiries only from USA. Please send bio-data and pics at: kp682110@gmail.com Contact 98726-16451, 510-314-1280. (CL20078344)**

**Seeking suitable match for a Jatt Sikh match for an officer 82/ 5'4" girl. Kindly share profile @ 98550-00856, 98886-67404. (CL20078368)**

**Fair Jat Sikh (Gill), 5'-5", 1993, Mohali Bateman (PU) Assistant Manager (Govt) professionally qualified match. 95016-96953. (CL20076394)**

**Professionally qualified match for convent educated girl, October 1989 5'-8", B.Tech., MBA, Senior Software Engineer in Foreign based MNC, 12 LPA. Applied for Immigration Visa to Canada in Express entry. Only daughter of status family. Respond with biodata, recent Photographs E-mail: chd1777@yahoo.com (CL20076418)**

**Jat Sikh girl 88, 5'-5", Convent educated M.Tech central Govt service having property in crosses sufficient rental income .highly educated high status family. whats app no 83609-24418. (CL20076448)**

**Canada Citizen Jat Sikh girl, 25.3.1990, 5'-4", Charter Accountant. Well qualified Jat Sikh boy preferred. 98140-29512. (CL20076565)**

**Qualified match for 17-1-1992, 5'-4", beautiful girl, MBA Finance. Working HR. Only tricity 98886-40466 (CL20076603)**

**Chandigarh based Jat Sikh family seeks alliance for their daughter, 1991, 5'-3", working as Class I Officer in Punjab Govt, selected through PPSPC. Father and mother retired as Class I Officers. Match required from status family preferably Govt. sector job, minimum Class I Officer. WhatsApp complete biodata and latest pic on 94170-36538. (CL20076675)**

**Well off Jat Sikh Grewal parents seek handsome, professionally well settled match from US/ Canada for their beautiful, fair and slim, 5'-4", March 88 born daughter. Indian/ US educated, MBBS/ MD, Canadian PR, decent job, Toronto. Willing to settle in US/ Canada. WhatsApp full details: +6147-646-7870, aman617@gmail.com (CL20076699)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl, Food Supply Inspector in Punjab, beautiful, slim, 35 years, 5'-5", from established family. Short marriage divorcee. Respond with biodata, snap to WhatsApp only: 90693-00033. (CL20076966)**

**SM for beautiful 5'-6", 32 years Doctor girl. Preferred Doctor, PCOS. Father Class-I Officer. spschahal61@gmail.com, 93161-33072. (CL20077027)**

**Status Jat Sikh match for 1975 Nov born 5'-6", University Professor, very beautiful girl, brief marriage annulled. M: 81461-95555, legal matters3@gmail.com (CL20077081)**

## SIKH KATHRI/ARORA

**B'ful, slim, converted, B.Com, ICW, 5'-3", 25.7.1988, 5:36 am, Chandigarh, working with SBL. Caste no bar. Email: bhatia.parveen63@gmail.com (CL20078170)**

**PQM for Mohali based girl, Dec. 1992 born, 5'-3", B.Com, MBE, working with Real Estate Group. Seeks well educated alliance from Tricity, Ropar, Sirhind, Patiala Area. WhatsApp: 97808-3192 (CL20077480)**

**Wanted match for Jatt Sikh MBBS Doctor, 91 born/ 5'-4", PCMS Govt. job, USMLE step 1 cleared. Biodata with recent pictures. 70875-08731. (CL20077600)**

**Ahluwalia Jatt Sikh girl 5'-3", 1991, BCA, MCA, Gold Medalist. Preparing UPSC/ PSCL. City Govt. Government job preference. 98159-21931. (CL20077834)**

**Professional educated Doctor/ Engineer match for beautiful Sikhs** Khatri MBA girl, 10.05.1986/ 5'-7", working as a Manager MNC Noida, package 9.70 lac. Preferred NCR. 95013-14888. (CL20078324)

**High status Match for beautiful,** smart, Amiable girl, 5'-7" November 1993/ MBA, convert educated. Canadian PR file in process. NRI also welcome. Preference: minimum height 5'-10" & Age below 31. Chandigarh based affluent status Ahluwalia Sikh family. 98767-51157. (CL20078448)

**Suitable match for Khatri Khatri girl, August 1987 5', Permanent Govt. Teacher. WhatsApp 81466-61992. (CL20078561)**

## SIKH

**Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, 5'-3", 88 born, B.A., LL.B., Assistant Manager in IDBI Bank. Tricity preferred. Mobile/ WhatsApp 94160-20124. Email:jeetsimran9000@yahoo.com (CL20071328)**

**Ramdasia Sikh convert educated girl, Nov. 88, 5'-5", MDS, only child, prn/ R Mohali. 82645-27536. (CL20076135)**

**PQM4 Canadian citizen 89 born, beautiful Sikh girl, 5'-2", Govt. Employee. Canadian/ US Citizen/ PR only. WhatsApp: +13659982827. (CL20076232)**

**Professionally qualified match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, 1985/ 5'-4", B.Tech., working as IT Analyst in Sydney, Australia. Caste no bar. Mail: sandeep.kaurkota@gmail.com (CL20076732)**

**Suitable match for Majhihi Sikhi Homely girl, 40 plus two simple marriage only Doaba region 84378-57402. (CL20077206)**

**Suitable match for Majhihi Sikhi beautiful, slim girl 32, Matric simple marriage preferred Doaba region. Contact: 98149-66146. (CL20077217)**

**Suitable match for 29/5'-3", beautiful, slim, Punjabi Saini girl. Post Graduate working in Chandigarh. Match from Chandigarh, short term divorcee. Upper caste welcome around tricity. 79735-58564. (CL20078278)**

**Seeking a Dr/ Er/ Acct/ Law, clean shaved Jat/Sikh/ Rajput and US/ CA citizen for US born 1987, 5'-5", MD Practising Dr. girl in US. WhatsApp 1-425-770-9811, 90422-89173 (IND). (CL20078291)**

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Corner 14 marla newly built modern house (top floor) Sector-37 and 10 marla corner ground 40, 15, 5 marla ground 22, Chandigarh. Immediate sale. 98149-67149. (CL20076859)

**Chandigarh one kanal Sector 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 27, 33, 36, Gulati Estates 98140-16644. (CL20077192)**

**Chandigarh direct deal corner 4 kanal house & facing park, (going very cheap). Required payment urgently, genuine buyers. 98149-67149. (CL20076719)**

**Showroom Sector 34 monthly rent 11,50,000/- Mohali showroom. Bank tenant Rent 3,00,000/- Sharhan 98728-92299, 98766-60333. (CL20076824)**

**Mohali 125 yds newly North-East triple class material full/ floorwise. Sharhan 98728-92299, 98766-60333. (CL20078251)**

**One/ two kanal facing park Sector 8, 34, 35. Four kanal 8, 9, Chandigarh shaheen Ent. 98881-2113. (CL20070617)**

**Chandigarh freehold shop cum flat, prime location on main road, front huge car parking, Sector 9, genuine buyer only. Bansals Associates Showroom 45-46-47, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh. 98149-67149. (CL20075002)**

**Chandigarh 2 kanal house B-Road huge driveway greenbelt, facing park, prime location. Genuine buyers. Plot price. 98149-67149. (CL20070605)**

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**Chandigarh corner 12 marla house B-Road facing park, North - East, Sector 15, 21, 27, 34. (All Confirmed) 98149-67149. (CL20076066)**

**Chandigarh going cheap, ten marla triple storey, immediate sale. (Direct Deal), Genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL20076067)**

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**Chandigarh one kanal facing park second floor Sector 33. Reasonable price. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076486)**

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**Chandigarh eight marla houses B-Road/ facing park Sector 22, 27, 38. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076490)**

**Chandigarh one kanal marbled duplex houses Sector 10, 19, 32, 34, 36. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076491)**

**Chandigarh one kanal house facing North Sector 18, B-Road Sector 27. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076492)**

**Chandigarh two kanal B-road/ facing park house Sector 28. Confirmation with Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076493)**

**Chandigarh two kanal corner house Northern Sector, prime top location. Confirmation with Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076494)**

**Chandigarh freehold SCF Sector 18 (building material market) vacant possession. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20076495)**

**Chandigarh four kanal house B-Road Sector 8. Prime location, direct deal with seller. Shree Properties: 98140-35506. (CL20076498)**

**Chandigarh showroom (2 bay) ground floor rented to bank for Rs 3,13,000/- per month. Shree Properties: 98140-35506. (CL20076500)**

**Chandigarh one kanal facing North East house Sector 11, confirm direct deal with seller. Shree Properties: 98140-35506. (CL20076501)**

**Chandigarh going cheap, 1 kanal plot B-road Chandigarh immediate sale (Genuine buyer only). 98149-67149. (CL20076778)**

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**One kanal duplex modern corner house facing North East, A-one location Sector-8. Choice 10, 11, 16, 18, 32, 33, 35, 36. Chandigarh. Contact genuine buyer only. 98149-67149. (CL20076782)**

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**Available / wanted kothis full/ floorwise eight marla 18, 20, 38, 40, 43, 44, 46. Seven marla Sector 32, 35, 37. Five marla 22, 23, 40, 46, 38. Aarkay Estates 98140-12730, 98148-22230. (CL20077856)**

**Available / wanted kothis full/ floorwise eleven, 21, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40. Ten marla 15, 27, 21, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44. SCO 7, 21, 22, 35, 32, 35, 37, 38, 40, 44, 46. Aarkay Estates 98140-12730, 98148-22230. (CL20077896)**

**Society flats Cat-B, Ajanta, Custom, Dayalbagh, Pinkrose, Virdhansabha, AOT, Progressive, newlight, Paradise. Megh Estates: 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL20077897)**

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**Society flats Flat-C, Ajanta, Custom, Dayalbagh, Pinkrose, Virdhansabha, AOT, Progressive, newlight, Paradise. Megh Estates: 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL20077899)**

**CHB flats Sector 38 W, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 51, 61, 63, Society flats 48, 49, 50, 51. Regent Estates: 97794-64287, 98143-42287. (CL20078551)**

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## 2020 The Year That Was

YEAREND SPECIAL



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SHIVVISVANATHAN

**A**NARRATIVE of a year ending is sometimes more than a literary problem. Usually a year's events can be assembled like a family album presented with a sense of awe or familiarity. But sometimes, events become surreal and it is not easy to even juxtapose them into any idea of linearity. 2020 was a strange year, full of historical events that somehow looked meaningless. One can list the headlines like a town crier, but as a narrative, the year makes little sense. One has to invent a new genre, a surreal accounting that goes beyond socialist realism or magical realism. Literature and sociology feel helpless before the cascade of events; where history enacts itself as trauma.

2020 began with Shaheen Bagh and CAA. A little slum near Jamia Millia provided a lesson in constitutional history and solidarity in citizenship. Democracy seems to have been reinvented like a parable again, but Shaheen Bagh disappears as Covid demands its own attribution.

Covid is the one event that dominates 2020 and brings out our sense of stereotype and mediocrity. It operated along the faultlines of all major dualisms, formal, informal, public, domestic and created a world of shattering indifference. The documents were classic — from migrants being sprayed with chemicals to a child sitting innocently next to its dead mother on a railway platform. Covid showed that the migrant was an invisible creature, helpless in coils of exploitation. The pandemic triggered the greatest migration since the Partition and India watched it like an empty event. It was as if pain and suffering on this scale was impossible to grasp. Even Bollywood failed to create a myth of meaning from it. In fact, all it could offer was the saga of Bollywood through Sushant Rajput. One suddenly sensed Bollywood as fiction was more real than Bihar as reality. It was as if Covid was a parallel world which Indians entered occasionally.

The ridiculous and the banal dominated us in a way that is difficult to label. In the middle of the coronavirus, India pretended to have found a new leisure class discovering cooking and fitness. An Olympiad of death exponentially presented was no match for the excitement of stars in Maldives. Maldives became the promised Covid land and a film star without a Maldives shot was irrelevant.

In a strange sense, Covid declared the declining power of Bollywood. Bollywood was no longer a myth machine, but an extension of the ad industry.

The Chinese intrusion into India added a touch of sombreness, but India acted as if it was a Bollywood movie. The Chinese were demons that our heroes Rajnath and Jais-

# Little Sense of an Ending

hankar managed to shake off. A great civilisation degenerating into brutality hardly bothered our elite. It was as if the BJP wanted a touch of Chinese machines to stay in power. Geopolitics seems to be haunted by trivialities. Indian politics reduced the border to a sideshow where the internal dramas were taking place.

The world's focus was on the US election, with Trump as an all-consuming obsession. Trump was the superhero of this era. A man who enabled America to caricature itself, becoming a display of threat and inanity difficult to digest.

Yet, as the events unfold, one realises it is not the events in their caricatured immensity that haunt us, it is the nature of narrative that is challenging. It is as if history — whether it is nationalism, globalisation, super power rivalry — makes no sense. All of them get reduced to banality and in the way we consume it. I think India discovered it had arrived as a post-truth society. We did not destroy an event, we embellished it through entertainment. Trump is a caricature of the American dream, Covid gets reduced to a Bollywood serial. People don't care and the media, the most lethal casualty of the year, plays to audiences. Narrative and truth are no longer important. Politics as consumption is. A disaster has to be diverted into entertainment. A border war becomes slapstick, migrants dying an exercise in exponential magic.

2020 marked the death of narrative and news. It was presented as the end of the print

era. Covid was an epidemic of the digital. Countries wallowing in backwardness competed for digital acclaim, Guinness book style. It was as if the news supplement had colonised the editorial page. It did not make a difference whether it was WHO or Bollywood that was the source of news. Nothing seemed convincing except as caricature or entertainment. The year discovered two new words: digital and exponential. Both labels marked India's entry into science fiction territory. What haunted one was the enormous gap between the enormity of historical events and the inanity of interpretation. One would need a surreal Hegel or Marx to grasp the poignant emptiness of the era. It was as if middle class India and the media decided History with a capital H made no sense. It was better seen through the lenses of Bollywood or TV, presented as an inane serial or a piece of digital gossip. *Bigg Boss*, or Kangana Ranaut made more sense as metaphor than the best of our social science intellectuals.

It was not merely India alone. The world seems to have embraced this epic of nonsense; the Nobel committee gives a peace prize to a Nigerian leader who then proceeds to decimate a community. It showed that Kissingers are alive and well in every culture of power.

The farmers' crisis in one sense becomes the exemplary event of the year, exemplary only in terms of the nonsense it evoked. The regime immediately suspects it of Khalistani, Naxal, anti-national, pro-Chinese, pro-

Pakistani pretensions. There is no sense of guilt that Parliament has not even debated the Bill effectively. India, which boasted of a rural imagination, suddenly seems to have lost sense of agriculture as livelihood. The Swaminathan Report is treated like an Old Testament document. There is little empathy for the farmer in the regime as the unity of farmers becomes the real Opposition. The sadness is there is no coherent narrative or policy beyond allowing the intrusion of corporates into agriculture and accelerating the level of vulnerability.

In fact, right in the middle of this, Narendra Modi, who has become a background figure, presented the Central Vista project of a new Parliament as if it was an architectural Christmas cake to the nation. It is as if neither democracy nor agriculture makes sense. Central Vista embodies the Haussmannic mentality of Lutyens, of centralised powers, indifference to vulnerability and informality. The ceremony of Central Vista becomes the year-ending ritual for a regime that does not care, where a Home Minister handles all issues as if they were internal security problems.

It is not just that narratives collapse. A sense of democracy collapses with the end of storytelling. 2020 becomes the year of inanity and mediocrity in power locally and



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globally. The storyteller as witness watches helplessly as events unfold without meaning. One has to change dictums that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Power corrupts and the inanity of power corrupts absolutely. A regime loses a sense of problem solving of welfare as it moves into authoritarian control.

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Works by KM Madhusudhanan & Sabitha Satchi and Kajal Deth (R) were showcased by Kochi Biennale Foundation.

## World in lockdown, the canvas craved

BOSE KRISHNAMACHARI

**L**OOKING back, this has been one of the most unusual yet noteworthy years of my life. I remember the last few days of February and the early days of March 2020 — my exhibition at the Emami Art Gallery, Kolkata, titled 'The Mirror Sees Best in the Dark', was coming to a close. I had seen this through and had taken a flight to Madrid for the ARCO20, a large annual and one of the oldest contemporary art fairs in Europe. I was fortunate to have made it back in Mumbai safely, right before the pandemic began picking up momentum.

This year has allowed us a lot of time for observation and reflection

For many like me, who once had a lifestyle that involved constant travel and movement, this year has been a call back home. Being indoors for the most part of this year has allowed us a lot of time for observation and reflection. It was, however, alarming to see the bustling city of Mumbai, and the entire country suddenly come to a standstill during the initial lockdown. There was panic and fear among the people, concerns about the economy, the government's handling of the crisis. The images of the migrant workers who set out for their homes on foot reminded me of the black and white stills from the Partition.

I am grateful that my family and I managed to stay safe this year. While at home, we would try to keep ourselves occupied with games of chess, cards, learning some cooking, tending to our kitchen garden, and so on. I am not sure if it was just as a result of more time and a greater focus on the news, or that so much chaos was actually unravelling everywhere around the world! The theatrics of both the government and the media seemed to be upsetting, unending, driving us all to emotional burnout.

Recognising that the pandemic would create serious disruptions in the academic year for school and college students, as a passionate educator, I felt it was my responsibility to take up as many opportunities as possible to continue to give educational presentations to students (both school and college) of disciplines of art, design, architecture, technology and so on.

As the art world began engaging increasingly with the digital format, at the Kochi Biennale Foundation, we made some modifications to our programming as well. Initially during the lockdown, the team approached our artist friends to share with us what they had been thinking about and creating. We wished to use our platform to show how artists continue to work during such a situation, what sort of art is created during a pandemic, and what purpose

art serves during times like these. The result of which was the lockdown series, where our social media handles hosted a collection of diverse works of various mediums of artists around the country and the world.

Although we were to open the 5th edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale this December, continued unprecedented challenges owing to COVID-19 drove us to reschedule the opening to November 1, 2021, in the hope that circumstances by then would be more conducive for everyone to have complete Biennale experience. However, our other programmes have continued to go on in a modified format. The fourth edition of the Students' Biennale has been re-structured to take place online, and the programme towards the online opening next year has commenced under the leadership of five curator-mentors, viz. Adip Dutta, Archana Hande, Manoj Vyloor, Suresh K Nair, and Vasudha Thozhur. The Art By Children activities have also been adapted as a Learning at Home programme, with exercises that encourage children to engage creatively with our present circumstances. Our educational workshops for young practitioners have also moved online, including the graphic fiction workshop with Sarnath Banerjee. A few more workshops have also been planned for the next few months.

The only physical exhibition I managed to work on this year was a group show titled 'Origins of a Perennial Bouquet' that I curated for a new art gallery, called the Vida Heydari Contemporary Art Gallery, in Pune. It featured artists Benitha Percival, Manish Nai, Sudarshan Shetty, Sumedhi Rajendran and Tanya Goel. The gallery did quite a remarkable job in ensuring the safety of its visitors and staff, given the safety concerns. Entry was staggered and upon reservations of slots only, ample physical distancing was maintained within the gallery space as well.

Exercising caution, I have been travelling within Kerala over the last few months working on an art project with the local artist community. It's been an illuminating journey so far, discovering some new and fresh talent from the state, and also revisiting the works of some of the master practitioners of the Malayali artist community.

A quote by German artist Joseph Beuys comes to mind — 'Every human being is an artist, a freedom being, called to participate in transforming and reshaping the conditions, thinking and structures that shape and inform our lives'. This year called for sensitisation and a rethinking of the way we have been going about our lives for so long. And we, as a people, were able to adapt, find a way around obstacles, and reinvent the norm. Art has always continued to grow, even in darkness, and will continue to do so.

— The writer is president of Kochi Biennale Foundation

DUB SHARMA

**I**T has been an unforgiving year, 2020. Cassettes died ages ago and CDs have long given in to consumption via digital downloads and online streaming. Hence, most film and non-film industry musicians have been depending on live performances for making money. The pandemic hasn't helped.

Closure of performance spaces across the globe shut the revenue streams down for most of the live musicians. As in other industries, there was no plan B for this industry as well. So, like everyone else, recording artistes and musicians took to social media actively — not just to promote their music, but also to perform for their audiences remotely. Studio artistes took a while to figure out a way to record and produce music at home but a lot of them began successfully producing high-quality content without stepping into a professional production environment.

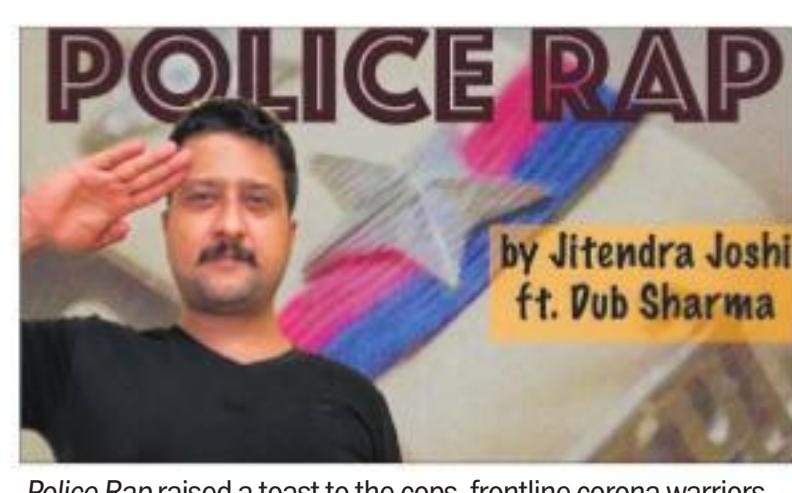
Relatively better off were artistes signed by major record labels. They were able to release music and music videos and promote them well on all possible platforms. However, it was a difficult year for independent artistes and independent record labels that suffered due to no live bookings and severely low payouts from various music and video streaming

## A year for music, not musicians

For the music industry, which mostly survives on live concerts, pandemic was the worst thing that could have happened



Deny the Bogeyman by Rudy Wallang was an ode to lockdown.



Police Rap raised a toast to the cops, frontline corona warriors.

platforms. Disturbing news kept trickling in too — several musicians considered changing careers to support themselves and their families. If at all the pandemic has helped in any way, it has been in highlighting the foundational problems with the industry and the way artistes are exposed to audiences and monetised.

Interestingly, music consumption increased drastically this year — a news report suggests that the subscribers of music streaming services grew by around 40 per cent. But unless it leads to enough revenue to support artistes financially, they cannot become part of the winning

marque. Most music streaming platforms are designed to be dependent on revenue from advertising, which is, in turn, dependent on a lot of other factors than direct support from listeners.

We haven't reached this abyss overnight. Successive governments have seen music, or arts in general, as less important areas. Corporates, on the other hand, have been using the arts to create large advertising platforms. This is similar to how the live music business is largely dependent on the food and liquor business, where food and liquor are the products being sold using music as a tool, instead of music.

This particular time, unfortunately, isn't very favourable for people who see music as a form of expression. All new platforms favour the supply-and-demand style of music manufacturing and artistes are forced to reposition according to the popular music consumption platforms and their formats, instead of being allowed to compose what they feel like. In an excessively hype-driven environment, musicians are nobody's concern. In an environment designed to discourage honest artistes and entertain shiny music with low shelf life, who will rethink the future of music?

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# Stage MANAGED

It was a testing time, but plays were still written, recorded, streamed

NEELAM MANSINGH CHOWDHRY

**W**HEN will anyone want to be in a dark room full of strangers again, I ask myself over and over again. Theatres are shut, time seems frozen and tomorrow is a distant dream. I recall the story of Dalai Lama being asked if he would like to be born again despite the fact that the world will not get better. He answered: "If I could be useful, then I would like to be born again."

In violent times, the notion of usefulness is radical. Can art be useful? Art sometimes, I feel, is an extravagant and exquisite waste of time and a world complete by itself. Yet, the irony is that art is useful in a deep and enduring way. Poet Joseph Brodsky describes art as the oxygen that might arrive when the last breath has been expended.

We are living in difficult times that expect from us certain responses. No matter how many impediments, we cannot afford inertia due to despair.

An invite from Rang Shankara to work on a performance piece became the catalyst and 'Black Box' was birthed. New content was entering the work space as no matter which text I studied and improvised on, the fear of the pandemic was all-persuasive, insistent and slinked its ways through my threshold. I could not escape the contagion, the fear of the virus, the loneliness of being 'home alone' the desperation to reach out, to speak to connect, elements that entered my work space.

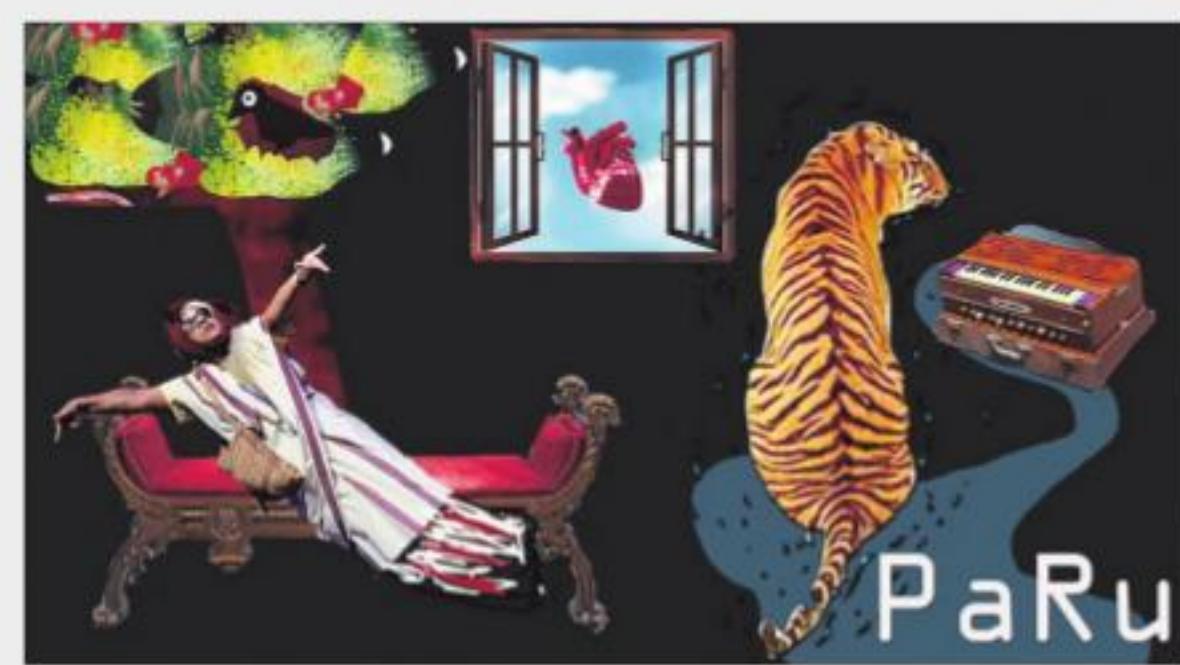
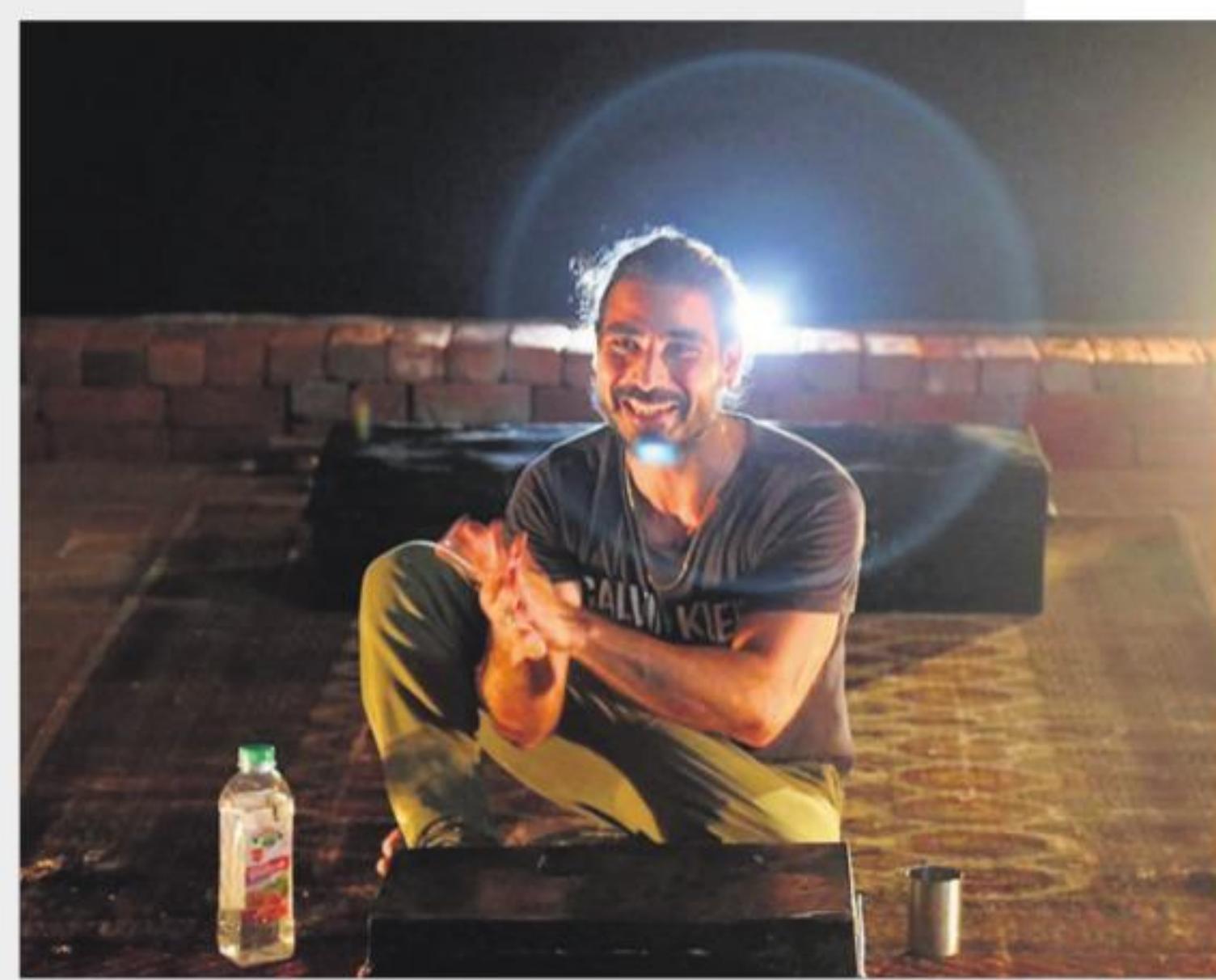
The images of migrants going home, trudging along highways, on rail tracks, trunks on their back, transportation shut, everything immobilised. These images exploded and became the theme of the play.

The actor sets up a stage, tells a story to a passing dog, an imagery audience? An attempt to keep the imagination and sanity intact? Craving food, a simple meal, but only managing a sandwich, perhaps donated. Humanity asserts itself when the protagonist shares his frugal meal with a stray dog.

Kabir Singh Chowdhry filmed the play by retaining the identity of it being a theatrical piece, yet exploring its cinematic dimensions.

The new dictum 'All the web's a stage and the show must go online' haunted and lodged itself in my head. Can the digital space replace the performance space that involves intimacy, touch, feel and smell? I don't really know, and have no answers. The digital space is a simulacra where the artiste and his/her desperation of disappearing, of being invisibilised was palpable.

Webinars, virtual festivals, lectures became rampant, a deluge. A necessity too, to feel that you are still 'alive'. The hard part of creation is the financial aspect. It's an uncertain future, but despite that some heart-



From top: Vanesh Bhardwaj in a scene from 'Black Box'; Maya Krishna Rao's 'Paru' is a 'nonsensical take' on the news around Covid; Jyoti Dogra came up with 'Nihayati Niji Baatein'. PHOTOS COURTESY: WRITER AND THE TRIBUNE

A range of performances, small, large, solo and ensemble, have been making the leap. The pandemic, strangely, has also been freeing, giving the space to explore and reinvent imagination



warming works have emerged. Jyoti Dogra's 'Nihayati Niji Baatein', Mohit Takalkar's 'The Colour of Loss' and Amitesh Grover's 'The Last Poet' made a lot of noise. Atul Kumar created a theatre performance in an outdoor space in Kamshet.

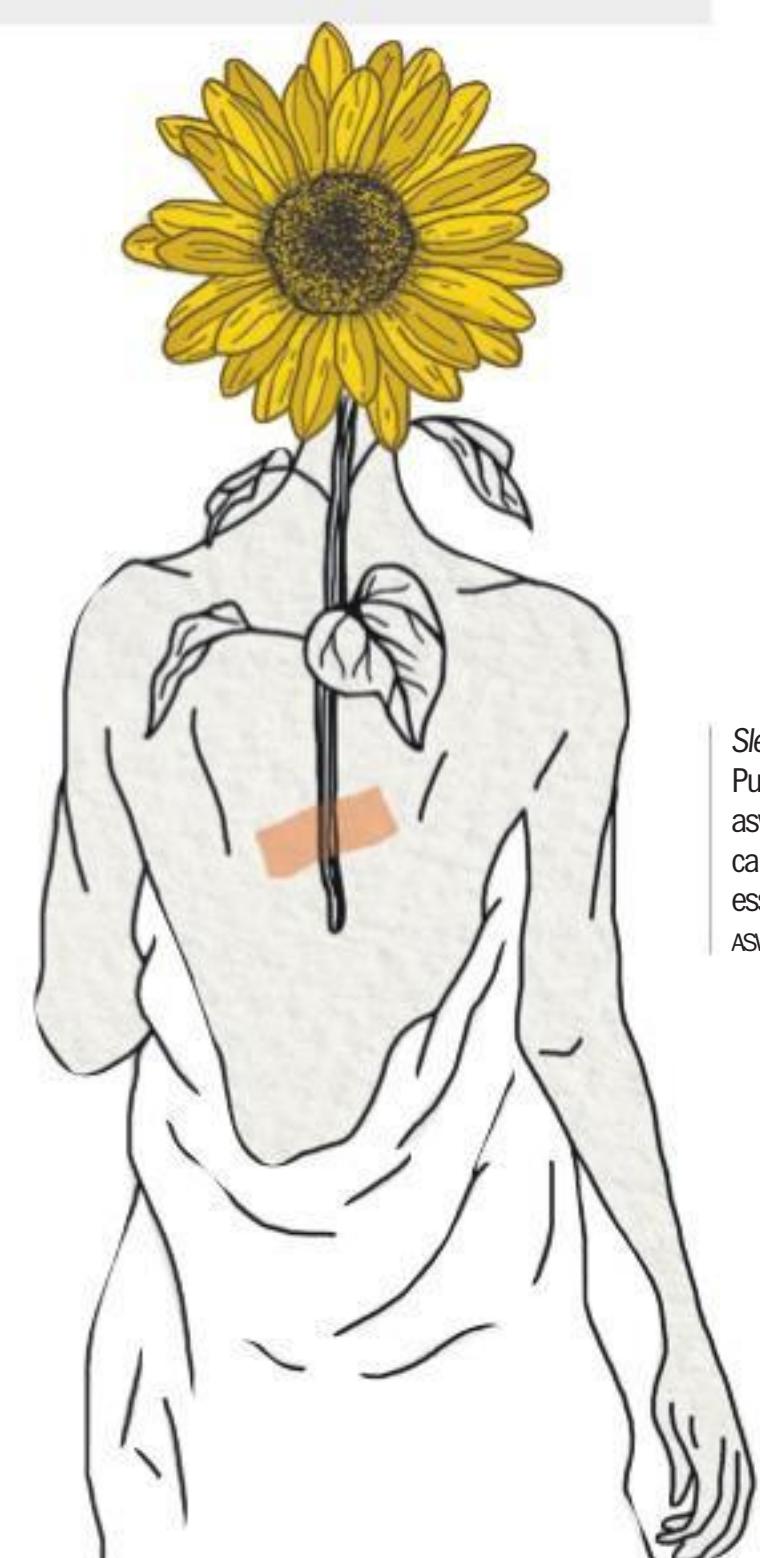
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"New ways of making theatre have come into existence and even though it isn't live, theatre is still happening. And that's because the process has been inherently a the-

atre process — it has been embodied both in the moment of making and performing," says Maya Rao, who created a character called Paru, expressing the dilemma of the times. Mahesh Dattani wrote a short play called 'Untouchable' on two men meeting in 2032 where the pandemic that started in 2020 has revisited twice over. This was his first experience with Zoom, he says.

Welcome to the new dark, uncertain dystopian world which can, despite the lurking fear, still deliver a hard punch. Necessity is, really, the mother of all inventions.

— The writer is an acclaimed theatre director



Sleep, an album by Pune-based aswekeepsearching, captured the essence of isolation. ASWEKEEPSEARCHING

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2020 has been difficult and trying in more ways than one, particularly for the world of art and entertainment. So many left us, but the enduring legacy of their life and work shines on. In remembrance of...

## Sushant Singh Rajput

21 JAN 1986 – 14 JUN 2020

Actor Sushant Singh Rajput was found dead in his Bandra apartment on June 14. What followed was an appalling trial by media, with accusations of drugs, depression, nepotism, murder and abetment to suicide flying thick and fast. As one investigating agency after the other was put on the job, many Bollywood biggies got sucked into the high-octane drama, fuelled and driven by 24/7 television. A private tragedy was turned into a public spectacle and no one was spared of the mud-slinging, including the actor's family. Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty, along with her brother, was arrested. #JusticeForSushantSingh Rajput kept the twitterati busy, but in all the noise and din, what was lost was the silent mourning for a promising life cut short. And remembering the man who won hearts with his TV show *Pavitra Rishta*, and then went on to give memorable performances in films like *Kai Po Che!*, *MS Dhoni: The Untold Story* and *Kedarnath*. His last film, released after his death, was ironically titled *Dil Bechara*, an adaptation of *The Fault In Our Stars*.



## SP Balasubrahmanyam

4 JUN 1946 – 25 SEPT 2020

The passing of SP Balasubrahmanyam due to Covid at age 74 silenced a beautiful voice that was loved all across India. Thanks to the Hindi film industry, the velvet voice of Balasubrahmanyam – or simply Bala – sailed over the Vindhyaas and enriched the North, West and East, too. Thus Bala's beautiful singing became a voice of India, instead of remaining the voice of South India, which had been the fate of wonderful singers like P Jayachandran of Kerala and PB Sreenivas, celluloid voice of Kannada superstar Rajkumar.

Bala was introduced to listeners of Hindi songs in 1981, with *Ek Duuje Ke Liye*, a year after the death of Mohammed Rafi. Bala was the rightful follower of Rafi, both as the sweetest male voice in Hindi cinema and as a man of unmatched humility. He was Kamal Haasan's voice in Hindi songs, and when Salman Khan arrived, Bala sang some of the emerging superstar's greatest songs in films like *Maine Pyar Kiya*, *Patthar Ke Phool* and *Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!* Bala was heard lesser and lesser in Hindi films –

Haasan retreated to the South and Salman became a toughie, less likely to lip-sync soulful songs – but he remained deeply loved, as was evident in the mourning that followed his death.



## Jagdeep

29 MAR 1939 – 8 JUL 2020

The Soorma Bhopali of *Sholay*, Jagdeep, aka Syed Ishaq Ahmed Jaffrey, enjoyed a long innings spread over nearly 400 films, winning audiences with his comic act. Calling Bombay home around Partition, he was just six when picked up from the streets to enact in a film. The rest, as they say, is a rags-to-riches story. From his first break in 1951 in *Afsana* as a child artiste, he continued to work as late as 2012. He also directed a light-hearted comedy *Soorma Bhopali*, taking the lead role in it. It was his comic timing that won him fame. Jagdeep was seen in yesteryear melodies – "In Pyar Ki Raahon Mein", "Chal Ud Ja Re Panchhi" and "Chali Chali Re Patang". His last message to his fans was through his son Jaaved Jaffrey's social media handle in 2018, "Main muskarata hoon, main Jagdeep hoon... Aaye o haste aur jao haste haste," he said in a short video in which he reiterated his famous dialogue – "Hamaara naam bhi Soorma Bhopali aise hi nahi hai, ab aap samajh lo".



## Wajid Khan

7 OCT 1977 – 1 JUN 2020

Musical heartbeat of many Salman Khan films, composer and singer Wajid of the Sajid-Wajid fame has gone too soon. He became a victim of Covid-19, exacerbated by an underlying kidney ailment. In sync with the tradition of hit *jodis* of Hindi film industry, he, along with his brother, embellished the music of films like the *Dabangg* franchise, besides *Gari Tere Naam*, *Tumko Na Bhool Paayenge* and *Partner*. Inspired by Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, in a way it was his robust voice that set the tune for "Hud Hud Dabangg". A singer in his own right, besides their favourite Salman, Wajid also lent his voice to Akshay Kumar. His song "Chinta Ta Ta Chita Chita" from *Rowdy Rathore* became an instant hit. So did the foot-tapping "Mashallah", which he sang in his inimitable style. As his song "Baaki Sab First Class Hai" from *Jai Ho* resonates, his premature end will forever rankle.

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## Pandit Jasraj

28 JAN 1930 – 17 AUG 2020

A voice that mesmerised millions across the globe could also charm animals, and even conjure up storms, literally out of thin air. As the legend goes, Pandit Jasraj, a name synonymous with Indian classical music the world over, was performing Raag Todi on the grounds of Sankat Mochan Temple in Varanasi (1996), when a deer came near the stage and stayed till the performance ended. According to another tale, a rendition of Raag Dhulia Malhar brought about a storm on a calm summer night when he was performing in Delhi in 1998. His magical voice that could traverse over all four-and-a-half octaves was a perfect blend of sur, laya and gayaki. Born in Hisar into a family of musicians belonging to the Mewati Gharana, Pandit Jasraj's journey started under his father Pandit Motiram. After his father's death at four, he would accompany his elder brother and guru, Pandit Maniram on tabla. A caustic remark at 14 made him switch to singing. What taal lost, sur gained. An eight-decade career, studded with numerous international and national honours, including the three Padma awards, his contribution to Indian music is immense. His legacy lives on in his unique creations that include Jasrang (a unique jugalbandi style), Haveli sangeet, more than 300 compositions, and perhaps a minor planet named after him.

## Kapila Vatsyayan

25 DEC 1928 – 16 SEPT 2020

A life that enriched the world of arts in myriad ways, art scholar Kapila Vatsyayan wore many hats. A redoubtable author, an able administrator, adviser and a dancer in her own right, her journey may have started when government patronage for the arts was unheard of. Yet, she not only patronised the arts at a personal level, working with luminaries like Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Indira Gandhi, but also helmed many important institutions. The founding director of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, she was also chairperson of the Asia Project at the India International Centre. The recipient of Padma Vibhushan and former Member of Parliament, she leaves behind a treasure-trove of wisdom and knowledge with her books like *Bharata: The Natyasastra*, *Traditions of Indian Folk Dance*, *Classical Indian Dance in Literature and the Arts* and *The Square and Circle of the Indian Arts*. The archives she built at IGNCA are as enviable a collection as her insightful life. Much ahead of her time, she was a true scholar of ancient Indian culture and civilisation.

## Ebrahim Alkazi

18 OCT 1925 – 4 AUG 2020

The year was 1963. The ruins of Ferozeshah Kotla became the setting for the epic story of *Mahabharata*. India had still been bearing the brunt of the 1962 war with China when Ebrahim Alkazi staged *Andha Yug*, discussing the cost of violence. The play, along with his productions such as *Tughlaq* and *Ashaad Ka Ek Din*, will be remembered for long. Hailing from an Arab family settled in India, he studied at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, UK. At the National School of Drama, he mentored actors like Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri and Rohini Hattangadi. His passing away at the age of 95 in August sent his students back to the classroom. They remembered stories of his strict nature, of his appreciation that was to remain the best compliment ever, his lessons in dignity of labour, his appreciation of other arts. Among the tallest of contemporary Indian theatre practitioners, Alkazi quit NSD in 1977, at the age of 52, and set up an arts gallery. His experiments in theatre, meanwhile, continued, and will continue to inspire generations to come.

## Irrfan Khan

7 JAN 1967 – 29 APR 2020

As an actor, he never missed a beat but in real life, his heart stopped beating as he succumbed to neuroendocrine tumour gnawing him for two years, leaving millions of fans grief-stricken. India's most visible ambassador to Hollywood, seen in movies like *Life of Pi*, *The Namesake*, *Jurassic World*, *Inferno*, *A Mighty Heart* and *The Amazing Spider-Man*, he was truly an international star. A product of National School of Drama, the film industry may have taken a while in recognising the sheer brilliance of this rather different actor. But *Paan Singh Tomar* and a National Award established him firm and square as an actor par excellence. Be it the titular part of *Maqbool*, Rana of *Piku*, Ashoke Ganguli of *The Namesake* and *Roojdaar* of *Haider*, it's near impossible to say which his best role was. He achieved perfection each time he melted into a character and proved his worth on the box office barometer too. From sombre to comic, there wasn't a genre or formula that would limit him. A critics' darling, directors' favourite and viewers' delight, his early demise seemed like a personal loss to his countless avid fans.



## Soumitra Chatterjee

19 JAN 1935 – 15 NOV 2020

The streets of Kolkata swarmed with people who came out to pay tributes to Soumitra Chatterjee when he died of Covid last month. A Dadasaheb Phalke Award winner, he was the first Indian actor to be conferred with France's highest award for artistes, *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*. Ironically, the actor wasn't awarded National Film Award for much of his earlier work, which included most of the world class cinema he did with Satyajit Ray. The doyen of Bengali cinema started his film journey with Ray's *Apur Sansar* in 1959. He went on to do 14 films with the ace director. With his role of sleuth Feluda, he won hearts across generations. In a career spanning 300 films, the versatile genius worked with directors like Mrinal Sen, Tapan Sinha and Rituparno Ghosh. Besides screen and theatre, his poetry recitations saw full house as well. Even in his 80s, the Padma Vibhushan recipient could carry a film on his shoulders. Complete scripts were written keeping him in mind. When Sujoy Ghosh came out with his 14-minute epic thriller *Ahalay*, he said he made the film only to direct Soumitra Chatterjee.

## Basu Chatterjee

10 JAN 1927 – 4 JUN 2020

Film director, screenwriter Basu Chatterjee worked as an illustrator and cartoonist for nearly two decades before turning his gaze towards filmmaking. Known for his content-driven cinema, he has left behind an unparalleled cinematic legacy with films like *Rajnigandha*, *Chitchor*, *Khatta Meetha*, *Baton Baton Mein*, *Chameli Ki Shaadi* and *Ek Ruka Hua Faisla*. Before debuting as a director with *Sara Akash* in 1969, Chatterjee assisted *Hrishikesh Mukherjee* and Basu Bhattacharya. He even wrote the screenplay for the film, which was based on a novel of the same name. The film got him Filmfare Best Screenplay Award. Coated in

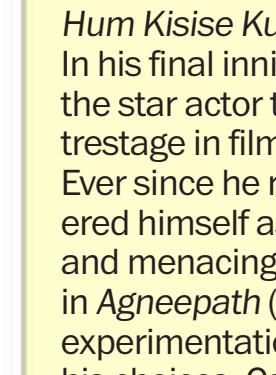


satire, a humorous take on the common man's problems was at the heart of his repertoire. He found his quintessential hero in Amol Palekar, who helmed six of his films. Amitabh Bachchan played the protagonist in his critically acclaimed film *Manzil*. Chatterjee received the National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare for *Durga* in 1992. This master storyteller of the urban middle class ruled television with shows like *Rajani* and *Byomkesh Bakshi*, winning the hearts of audience as well as critics.

## Rishi Kapoor

4 SEPT 1952 – 30 APR 2020

Eternal heartthrob, Chinuji to millions of his fans, the ever-charming Rishi Kapoor, lost the battle with cancer in April. The cherubic child actor of *Mera Naam Joker*, the breakout star of *Bobby*, he endeared himself to cinema lovers time and again. Be it as the romantic hero in hits like *Khel Khel Mein*, *Karz*, *Rafoo Chakkar*, *Chandni* or with twinkling toes in *Hum Kisise Kum Naheen*. In his final innings too, the star actor took centrestage in film after film. Ever since he re-discovered himself as the man and menacing Rauf Lala in *Agneepath* (2012), experimentation defined his choices. Cantankerous Babul of *102 Not Out*, 90-year-old grandpa of *Kapoor & Sons*, righteous Muslim of *Mulk*, Rishi proved he was the rightful inheritor of the rich legacy of acting that came naturally to the son of Raj Kapoor. If spontaneity was his middle name, candid charm was his innate style. *Khullam Khulla: Rishi Kapoor Uncensored* was not just the name of his autobiography, but that is who he was, as he tweed fearlessly. The actor, who had begun to master his autograph soon after his debut in *Mera Naam Joker*, leaves behind a signature impossible to erase and equally hard to emulate.



## Satish Gujral

25 DEC 1925 – 26 MAR 2020

Artist, sculptor, architect – Satish Gujral excelled in each role he took up. Having lost the sense of hearing when he was eight, silence was to fill his world with unparalleled imagination. This silence was to manifest itself on his canvas, making him one of India's best-known artists. The pronounced pain of Partition in his works brought him recognition – women huddled together, the trauma and pain evident on their faces, becoming a symbol of the great migration. An implant brought back the sounds of the world to him, at 72 years of age. But when the sounds became too much, he returned to silence again, six years later. As an architect, his designs for the Embassy of Belgium and India Islamic Cultural Centre in Delhi stand out. Younger brother of former Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. In his death in March, the country lost one of its greatest icons of modernism, who towered the art scene for six decades.

## Saroj Khan

22 NOV 1948 – 3 JUL 2020

When Sridevi danced to choreographer Saroj Khan's *Hawa Hawai* moves in *Mr India*, not only did these capture the imagination of an entire generation, but also rewrote the rule book of Bollywood dance. Shattering the glass ceiling and becoming the first woman choreographer of Hindi cinema wasn't easy for Saroj, born Nirmla Nagpal. Starting her career at three as child artiste Baby Shyama, she worked as a background dancer in films like *Howrah Bridge*, *Taj Mahal* and *Madhumati*. In a career spanning four decades, Saroj choreographed more than 2,000 songs and won three National Awards. Fondly called Masterji, she made leading Bollywood stars like Sridevi, Madhuri Dixit and Aishwarya Rai groove to her steps. Bollywood's go-to artiste, Saroj was best known for the dance form *muja*. She fused elements of folk and classical Indian dance into film choreography. Her dance moves in iconic songs like "Ek Do Teen" (*Tezaab*), "Dola Re" (*Devdas*), "Choli Ke Peeche" (*Khalnayak*), "Mere Haathon Mein" (*Chandni*) and "Yeh Ishq, Hai" (*Jab We Met*), will remain etched in memory. As Subhash Ghai, in his tribute, said, "With her death, an era has ended".



## Akbar Padamsee

12 APR 1928 – 6 JAN 2020

A modernist in the true sense, a pure colourist, creator of metascapes, whatever may be the epithet you choose to confer on Akbar Padamsee, he is, perhaps, best described in his own words. "You need the mind of a mathematician and a poet to be a painter." Trained at Sir JJ School of Art, he learnt as much from his international experiences and worked with surrealist painter Stanley Hayter. Yet, when it came to putting his brush, rather knife, to canvas, he drew inspiration from Sanskrit texts and Indian philosophy. It might be fashionable to use words like *avant garde* today, but here was an artist who broke barriers of mediums and subjects. Film director Ashim Ahluwalia was so inspired by Padamsee's films that he decided to reconstruct his 6-mm film, *Events In A Cloud Chamber*. He may have courted controversy with his nudes, which invited charges of obscenity, but Padamsee would call his creations "dressed in shadow". The Padma Bhushan recipient went beyond the obvious and captured essence and stillness as his works would constantly remain a study in contemplation. But then, here was a thinker's artist who felt no need to play to the gallery or gallerists.

## Astad Deboo

13 JUL 1947 – 10 DEC 2020

Hailed as a pioneer of modern dance in India, Astad Deboo was born into a Parsi family in Navsari, Gujarat. Trained in Kathak at the age of six, he learnt kathakali, and later Martha Graham's modern dance technique, besides José Limón's. A recipient of Padma Shri in 2007, Deboo's fusion dance broke the barriers of style, culture and nationality. He collaborated with the likes of Pink Floyd, Gundeche Brothers and Dadi Pudumjee. Amalgamating Indian classical with western group dance techniques, he created a dance style unique to him. Deboo also initiated social consciousness in his projects. He trained marginalised street children and worked with differently abled youngsters. Deboo's dance innings spanned half a decade, taking him to about 70 countries, collaborating with scores of artistes. Deboo was also honoured with the Sangat Natak Akademi Award. He choreographed for MF Husain's *Meenaxi: A Tale of Three Cities*, besides working with filmmakers like Mani Ratnam and Vishal Bhardwaj. During the lockdown, Deboo choreographed his last piece *Boundaries*, an ode to migrant workers. India lost a cultural treasure in the death of this pioneer of modern Indian dance.

## Nimmi

18 FEB 1933 – 25 MAR 2020

A female superstar even before Bollywood could accept this, Nimmi, born Nawab Bano, ruled the silver screen in the 1950s. There are other firsts to her name. Her second movie, *Mehboob Khan's Aan* (1952), was the first Indian movie in colour. She was also, perhaps, the first actor to turn down four major Hollywood offers as she was "uncomfortable with kissing scenes". She had gone to meet Mehboob Khan on the sets of *Andaz* when she was spotted by Raj Kapoor, who launched her in *Barsaat* (1949). In a short journey of 15 years, she worked with top names like K Asif, Sohrab Modi, Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand, Sunil Dutt, Kishore Kumar and Naushad. Even among contemporaries like Madhubala, Nargis and Meena Kumari, her beauty stood out. Madhubala is said to have got insecure during the making of *Amar* (1954), which starred Dilip Kumar. Among her memorable films are *Udan Khatola*, *Daag* and *Mere Mehboob*. Some of her iconic songs include "Hum Se Mile Tum, Sajan", "Dil Ka Diya Jala Ke Gaya", "Tum Na Jaane Kis Jahaan" and "Jia Begarar Hai".



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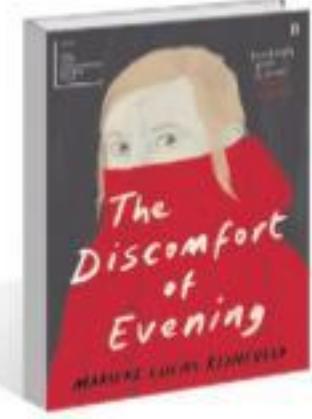
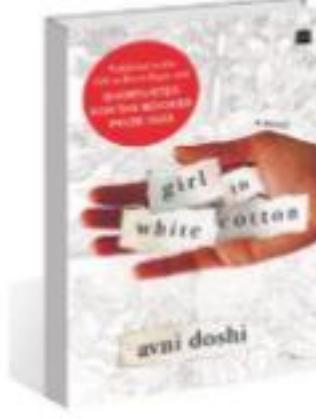
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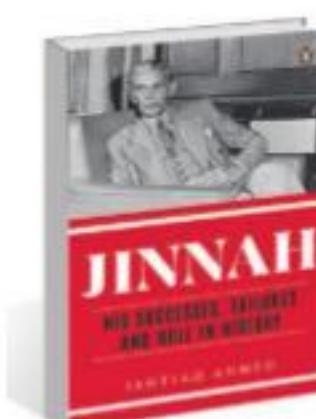
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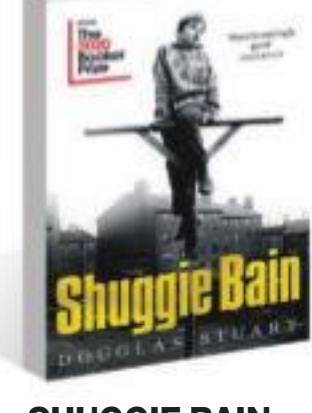
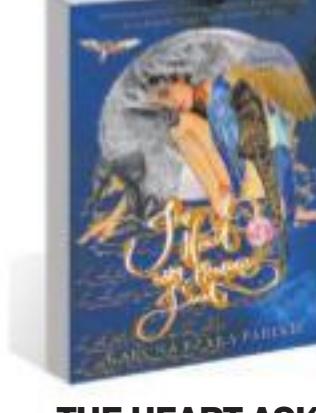
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## Iconic ride with Royal Enfield

SPS GARGHA

**A**MRIT RAJ, a communications professional, has woven various aspects of Royal Enfield motorcycle's journey from the beginning to the present 'premium global market motorcycle' with a 'Made in India' tag.

Inspiring trips across the continents on a Royal Enfield by various travellers make for a rather interesting reading, especially for the riders.

The book gives a descriptive rise and fall and eventual rise again to the present Royal Enfield cult. Vikram Lal's son, Siddhartha, has been instrumental in bringing RE to its present glory, mainly because he himself is a rider. He understood what the market trend was, but more importantly, what quality the people who would ride a bike like this wanted. He had firsthand knowledge.

The author has described the magic behind the Royal Enfield sound and the humongous effort by the company to replicate it in an AVL engine which met the 1996 new emission guidelines. Apart from a .2 per cent variation from the original sound, the



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new engine met the emission laws, became oil-leak proof and much more reliable. Fuel efficiency was the only drawback, but Vikram and Siddhartha started building a brand instead of a motorcycle.

The book describes how this pivoted the company's position, besides how the company was run without 'the founder family's mandate to run it theory'. Siddhartha's tough training process, instead of automatically get-



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ting the reins of the company, is well explained in the book. Extensive research has been carried out by the author on each and every decision which Siddhartha made to turn a struggling company into a successful one.

Marketing strategies, phasing out of old models, introduction of new ones and the amazing 'first time ever' TV and other commercials resulting in RE meeting its capacity utilisation form the core discussion in chapter 7: 'Everybody Makes Way for the Bullet'.

I personally liked the 'Trip' campaign as I related to it, reminding me of my over-land motorcycle trip to West Asia and Europe.

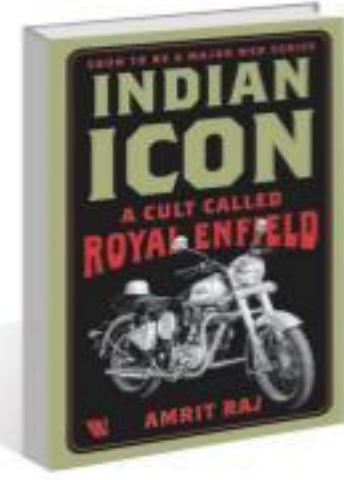
The photo section starting with the 1952 Indian Army 350 Bullet and ending with a picture of the elegant Interceptor offers some great shots in between.

Basically, the book narrates how Vikram Lal of Eicher managed a complete

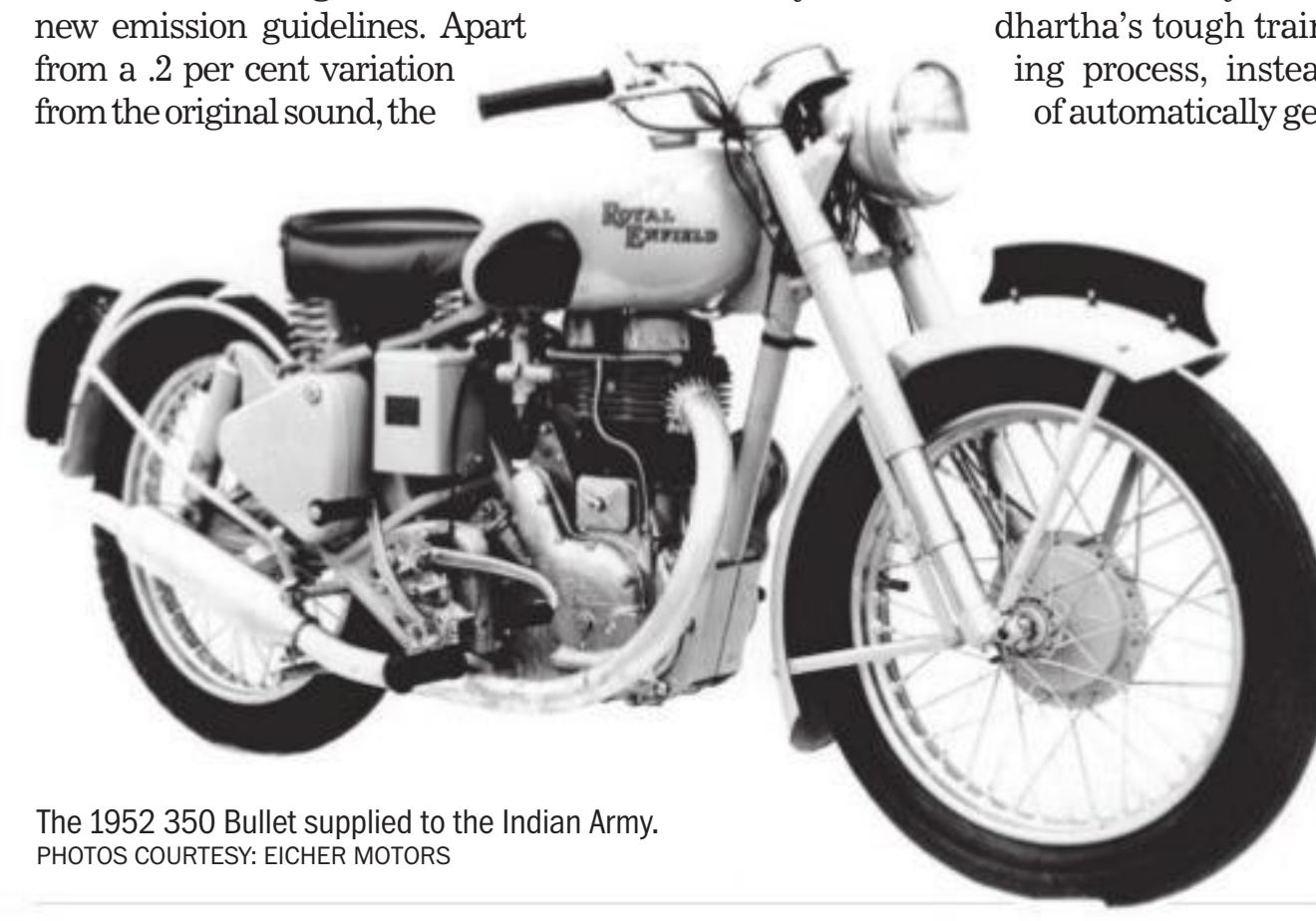
makeover of the company and how his son Siddhartha, with some awesome marketing of the great product, including taking RE to foreign countries, transformed Royal Enfield into its iconic status.

No mention of dealers who stood by the company through thick and thin to keep the RE flag flying is a disappointment. Balvinder Singh Oberoi of Mammohan Auto Stores, Chandigarh, is one such example; he is selling almost 4,000 RE motorcycles a year.

This book is about a family which had passion and perseverance that shadowed the desire of making only money. A well researched and thoughtfully written book.



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The 1952 350 Bullet supplied to the Indian Army.

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## Tastes that only the hills remember

SARIKA SHARMA

**I**N a world ready to lap up food fads, traditional wisdom has been relegated to history. The foods that fortified our ancestors, the grains that shaped our genes were all given up — first for the tastier and then the fancier. There came "ancient grains". We were told quinoa was high in fibre and had more protein than any other grain. Then came chia seeds. They told us these seeds with gelatin-like consistency were packed with nutrients and didn't burden the body with carbohydrates. It wasn't until glossy magazines and international chefs started telling us about the goodness of our own grains and greens that we realised what we were losing.

Amid this background, Veena Sharma's cookbook, 'Vegetarian Cuisine from the Himalayan Foothills: Flavours and Beyond' does a great favour to those from the Himalayan foothills, not just in Uttarakhand (where she, and the book, is based), but also in Himachal Pradesh, food traditions of the two states being rooted in the same ingredients. She introduces one to the various legumes indigenous to Uttarakhand, the seeds, the herbs and the spices that were once integral to cooking in its homes and the vegetables native to the place. Head of Swahili Service, External Services Division, All India Radio, for nearly 22 years, the author shifted to Uttarakhand a few years ago. This shift, she writes, made her engage with food in a way she hadn't known. The local grains, lentils, nuts and seeds made her connect to "the soil, the sun, the wind... that nurtured my body and mind."

Lentils like Harsil ke rajma, crunchy hemp seeds, the ubiquitous dried faran leaves — hailing from the onion family but lacking its pungency, the amazing choraa, which isn't great to taste, but enhances

the flavour of a dish and makes it easily digestible. The author says the journey to the realisation of the special benefits of these foods is slow, but is deeply connected to the mind.

Each chapter gives an overview of the subject and follows it up with recipes. Uttarakhandi cuisine is rich in millets such as mandua and jhangora. Also used is flour from seeds and lentils such as soya, amaranth, water chestnut and chickpea and sama rice. The book illustrates various sweets and savouries made out of these flours — chilla, halwa, kadhi, pakoras being some, besides breads, of course. For the vegans, the book has recipes in making vegan paneer, vegan raita, vegan bhurji and pumpkin pancakes. She gives a peek into a myriad local chutneys, of which we tried two — amla aur sev ki chutney (gooseberry and apple) being one and dried date and fenugreek

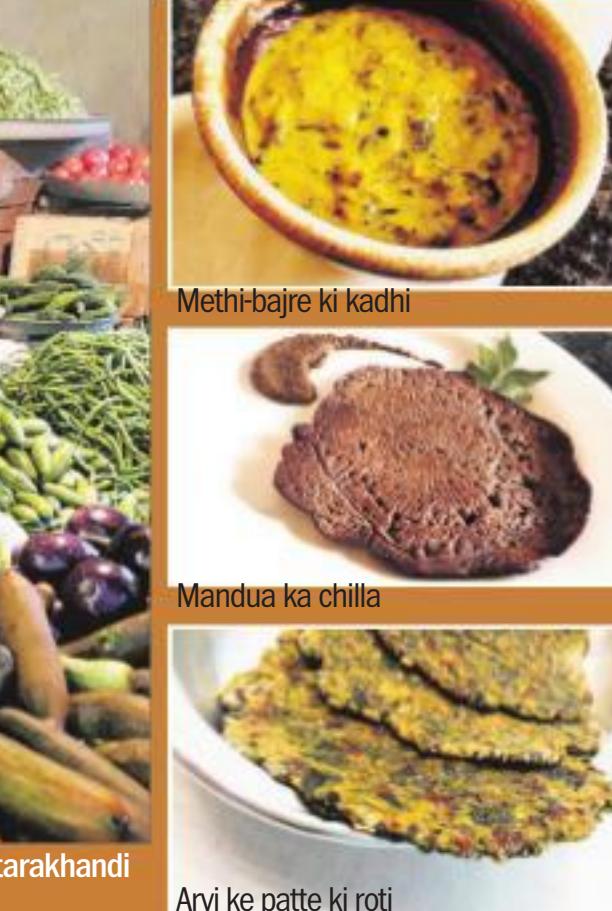
chutney the other. For the enthusiastic, it may be difficult to procure the flours, spices, herbs and seeds. However, Sharma makes a point to share that some vendors sell them online.

What seems odd though is the use of coconut, chia and oats that aren't native to Uttarakhand hills. The author, however, does explain her rationale behind the use of coconut. She says that since Rishikesh is a holy town and coconut is integral to Hindu rituals, these abound the little shops in markets.

For the urban readers, who may not have the palates for the very basic Uttarakhandi recipes, she suggests tossing up an amaranth seed pizza, baked savouries with jouwar and kasuri methi, zucchini and sweet potatoe tossed in mustard and poppy seeds. Actually, barring a few recent fancy food pop-ups in the metros, Uttarakhandi cuisine, as also Himachali, has always remained confined to its state of origin. To be honest, these may also never match the popularity of a Punjabi or Rajasthani cuisine for their sheer simplicity. Whose loss?



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Methi-bajre ki kadhi

Mandua ka chilla

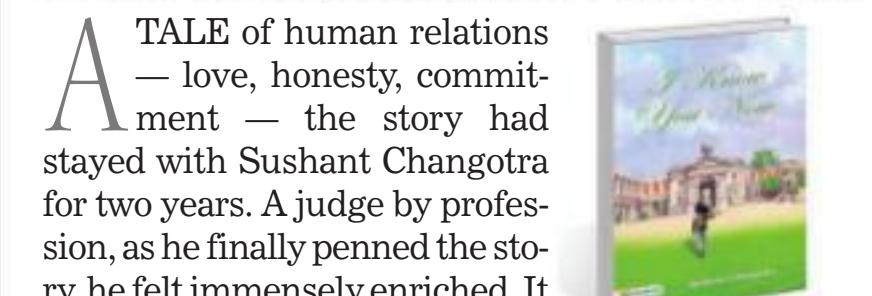
Arvi ke patte ki roti

**R**UTTIE JINNAH is probably one of the most understood figures in the history of India and Pakistan. The book, a product of 12 years of research and interviews by Pakistani scholars Saad S Khan and Sara S Khan, takes an incisive look into her life and legacy, bringing about a novel and fresh understanding of her husband, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, as well as the freedom movement. While this isn't the first attempt at spotlighting Ruttie, it brings out the influence she had on Pakistan's polity, during her life and in her death.

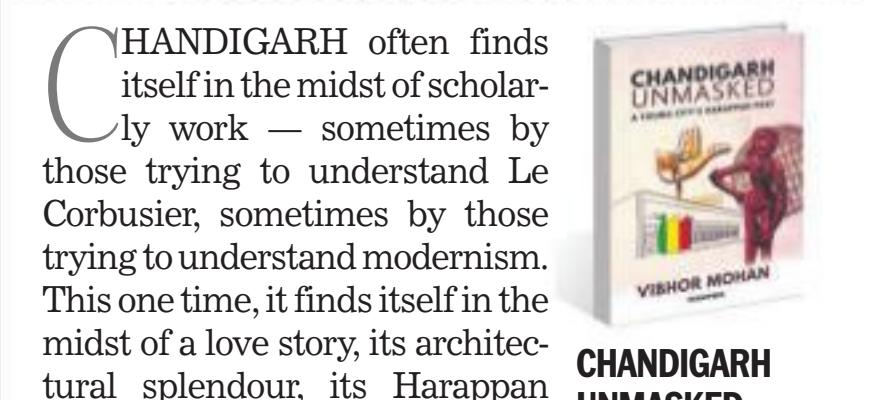
EVER since Amish gave up his career in financial services, he has been 'introducing' Indians to various aspects of their mythology, history and philosophy. In his latest book, the author teams up with his sister, Bhavna Roy, to dive into Indian epics, as well as his previous works, to explore the key concepts of Indian philosophy. What is the ideal interplay between thought and action, self-love and sacrifice? How can we tell right from wrong? What can we do to bring out the best in ourselves, and to live a life with purpose and meaning? The book offers help find answers.

A TALE of human relations — love, honesty, commitment — the story had stayed with Sushant Changotra for two years. A judge by profession, as he finally penned the story, he felt immensely enriched. It is a tale of making choices. The protagonist, Nitin, wants to be a singer, his father has other expectations — he wants him to be an engineer. As he carves his life the way he wants, he finds himself face-to-face with the most difficult choice of his life. Will he survive the outcome of his decisions? The book intends to make you dig deep within.

**C**HANDIGARH often finds itself in the midst of scholarly work — sometimes by those trying to understand Le Corbusier; sometimes by those trying to understand modernism. This one time, it finds itself in the midst of a love story, its architectural splendour, its Harappan past. Young engineer Walaita Batra is tasked with completing Corbusier's buildings. He finds himself drawn to its pre-historic past. Misunderstood, he stands disillusioned. Meanwhile, he falls in love with a researcher and leaves the city, to return to it only 40 years later, when the city is at the threshold of change. Will his ideas finally be acknowledged?



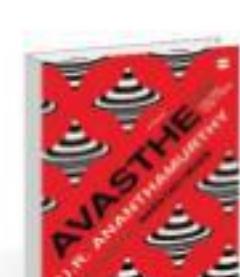
I KNOW YOU NOW  
by Sushant Changotra.  
Prabhat  
Paperbacks.  
Pages 166. ₹195



CHANDIGARH UNMASKED  
by Vibhor Mohan.  
Ferntree.  
Pages 186. ₹395

## Allegory of a time gone by rings a bell today

**A**TORCHBEARER of the modernist movement in Kannada literature, UR Ananthamurthy's works have been translated into many Indian as well as European languages. First published in 1978 in Kannada, 'Avasthe' (meaning plight or condition), reflecting a moral dilemma central to human values, remains true to his oeuvre. The allegorical work, ironically enough, mirrors the painful present even more than the times when it was written. The novel is based loosely on Kannada socialist leader Gopala Gowda's life who led



AVASTHE  
by UR Ananthamurthy.  
Translated by Narayan Hegde.  
HarperCollins.  
Pages 212. ₹499

the Kagodu Satyagraha, bringing about an important legislative change beneficial to farmers. The nation is besieged by corruption and eroding human values. The prime minister has assumed dictatorial shades. Protagonist Krishnappa Gowda is a revolutionary peasant leader, who possesses the moral and political capital to combat the PM and his party. The trope which runs through many of Ananthamurthy's works is the hypocrisy of great men. In 'Avasthe' too, the Jhanpith awardee, with his deep

understanding of human dilemmas and how politics can seduce and overpower even the idealists, shows Krishnappa grappling with his conscience. Can the revolutionary retain his ideals in the murky world of politics? The novel teems with memorable characters, realistic and vivid, even minor ones. His wife Sita, his love Gowri, his lover Lucina, his teacher Maheshwarayya, another teacher's wife Rukminiamma... With its themes and sub-themes of caste, poverty, modernity, equality and spirituality, Ananthamurthy's writings remain relevant even in the present context, both social and political. —TNS

# Dalip Tiwana, the voice, the words resonate



GUEST COLUMN

ANNE MURPHY

We must endeavour to do justice to her work: to recognise the inequalities of our time, complexities of our lives, and embrace the beauty of Punjabi language, and the literature that expresses it

**I**t is almost a year now since Dalip Kaur Tiwana left us. This is a personal tragedy for all who knew her, her friends and family with whom she shared her life. It is a measure of her achievement, and her deep impact, that this loss is so felt even by those of us who knew her less, or even not at all.

For, she was known to us through her words, through the books that she wrote and the stories she composed, the lives she wove into words and pages, and the voices and worlds she captured and described. And through the ideas that she presented before us, and forced us to consider.

She was unlike many other writers, in that there was not one voice, not one aspect of our complex and varied lives, that she made hers through the telling. She wrote of women often, but certainly not only. She wrote of the spirit, but also the trials and limitations of the body. Of the frailty of the human spirit, of cruelty and violence, and of the fragile possibility of hope. She wrote of the Gurus and of their wives and mothers; she told a history of the Sikh tradition through their eyes, words and deeds. She told us of honour, of anger, of pride, and of generosity. And she wrote about families and individuals, and how each are riven to each other, neither com-

plete without the other. Those of you who know her work may recognise some of the specific ones I have in mind, in mentioning these features — although these themes and more echo through many works. I think of 'Mata Dharti Mahat' (The Greatness of the Mother Earth) of 2014, told from the perspective of the women important to Guru Gobind Singh. We see the meanings of devotion, of what a woman's position can mean, both in relation to a man and in her own terms. There is 'Katha Kaho Urvashi' (Tell Us a Tale, Urvashi), published in 1999, which explores in depth the lives of individuals wedded together by blood as well as marriage, by birth and by choice. We live with them through their trials and their failures, and through the terms of their transformation.

In these works, we do see continuing interest in women's lives, so well known to readers in her early works such as 'Eho Hamara Jeevna', which Prof Harjant Gill in 1980 called "a creative exercise in women's lib, or an anthropomorphic [sic] statement on feminine condition in the lower class peasantry of the Punjab, or an exploration in existential anthropology of this region", or all three of these things at the same time perhaps.

We also have her autobiographical



Dr Dalip Kaur Tiwana leaves behind a rich legacy

works, the first of which — 'Nange Pairan da Safar' (A Journey on Bare Feet) — explored her debts to the women of her family, and her path to becoming a writer. These works in all their different forms retain an interest in women's lives, but not only in the sense of their experience of exclusion and violence — as real as that so often is. Dr Tiwana was absolutely clear in her interviews, as was in her work, about the relative lack of power women have in society. But she did not limit her

exploration of women's and men's lives to this dimension. She was concerned with the whole person, male and female, alone and in relationships. With what makes for meaning and promise in life, and what makes for disappointment and loss. And with that which can allow us to transcend our circumstances and allow us to become more.

This is why this loss, the loss of this voice, is profound. And we must mark its passing. For those of us relatively new to Punjabi as a language and as literature, like myself, or for those for whom it is their language of birth, life and death — for all of us, this is a passing that is a great loss. Her voice shall be missed dearly.

We must recognise this loss for what it is, and endeavour all the more to do justice to her work and her vision: to recognise the inequalities of our time, the complexities of our lives, and — as ever — to embrace the beauty and complexity of the Punjabi language, and the literature that expresses it.

I have chosen here to embrace the creative spirit and diversity of voices that Dr Tiwana articulated through her works. I could write it in a different way: there are her accomplishments as Professor and former Dean (Faculty of Lan-

guages) at Punjabi University, Patiala, and the many awards she received, both at the university (such as her appointment as UGC National Lecturer for a year) or beyond, such as the the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1972 for 'Eho Hamara Jeevna', the Nanak Singh Puruskar for her novel 'Pele Patian di Dastan' in 1980 and Gurmukh Singh Musafir Puruskar for her autobiography 'Nange Pairan da Safar' in 1982. There is also the Shiromani Sahitkar Award from the Punjab Government in 1987, and the Best Novelist of the Decade Award from Punjabi Academy, Delhi, in 1994.

There are more that could be added. The list of her works is too long to be included here. I discuss a very small number of these many works above. What is all the more striking is Dr Tiwana's position in the first generation of modern Punjabi writers moving out from the colonial era, through the trauma of Partition, and in and on to the present. She was a leader in so many ways.

These are her achievements in concrete terms, and these are significant. But what she captured in language and in character, and idea: this is what will stay with me, for the rest of my life.

— The writer teaches at the University of British Columbia

## Good riddance, over to New Year



ISTOCK

**I**t is with heartfelt relief that I bid 2020 goodbye. Not in a century has mankind experienced another like it and no country, race or human being has remained unaffected by the trail of devastation it has brought. So join me in praying that the start of a New Year will bring back the hope and joy that have all but vanished at present.

I cannot remember another year when I have lost so many dear friends and beloved family members. Some died of natural causes, many fell victim to Covid. The latest loss was of a dear Chandigarh friend, Anil Anand, who lost his brave month-long battle against post-Covid complications just a few days ago. Surely one of the saddest duties one performs is attending the memorial of a person younger than oneself.

That said, let us turn to happier thoughts. First on my to-do list after the end of this pandemic will be to touch and feel human hands and hold them in a warm grip. Next, being able to see faces behind masks and breathe without a muzzle over my nose. Dropping in on friends, enjoying a meal out with loved ones, snuggling next to little children and travelling to meet our children and grandchildren... the list seems endless. What is remarkable is the discovery that these simple desires are the most important on one's wishlist. I no longer want to travel to New Zealand or go on an Alaskan cruise (even if I could afford to), but just go to my beloved Kumaon and meet my family there. The magnificent Himalayas, the tall deodars, those laughing brooks and tumbling streams, little temples dedicated to well-loved deities: I have missed these more than I had ever thought possible. It is humbling to know how deep the call of one's native land can be.

Strangely enough, even though my family has such a deep connect with Kumaon, not one of us siblings ever built a place of our own there. However, whenever we talk to each other, it is always old

reminiscences, old faces and old memories that form the bulk of our conversation. Sad to think that this intense love for Kumaon may not outlive our generation as many of our children have decided to settle abroad or marry those who do not share their enthusiasm for the hills. All of you who have a similar background will agree when I say that all mountain communities are different from those who live elsewhere. I recall Khushwant Singh once saying that either one is a mountain person or a sea person. 'I am a mountain person,' he told me. 'I love my Kasauli.' That is why his beloved Kasauli was the place chosen by his children to celebrate his memory in the annual Festival of Letters held there.

Forgive this nostalgic personal digression, but there is something about the end of a year that forces one to seek one's inner self. So before I become more maudlin, let me tell you about a brilliant Pakistani TV programme called 'Loose Talk'. Anchored by a mild-mannered and

gentle host, Anwar Maqsood, it was an interview forum for conversations with invited guests. The guest was often the late Moin Akhter, who rose to fame in the era of Radio Pakistan along with his co-actors Anwar Maqsood and Bushra Ansari. Moin was a television, film and stage artiste, also a brilliant comedian who, like a chameleon, could change into whatever he decided to be when being 'interviewed'. Please watch the episode where he is a Bangladeshi cricketer and another where he is a harmonium player. I cannot stop shaking with laughter every time I hear him.

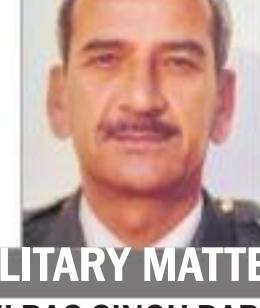
Of course, we have some terrific stand-up comedians in India as well but I have to say that the Pakistanis display a level of sly humour and a political tinge of such refined subtlety that one has to doff one's hat to them. The earthy Punjabi or the cultured Urdu they speak may have something to do with it, but unlike many of our own comedians, they do not freely pepper their speeches with four-letter words to raise a laugh.

It is like a yearning I have for the old middle class TV programmes of the old Doordarshan days, when a Sai Paranjape and Manohar Shyam Joshi or Basu Chatterjee and Saeed Mirza brought credible, well-spoken comic characters that have remained with us till today. Decency in language, character and plots are only memories now and although I have immense admiration for some of the series that have been released recently on our digital platforms, I still rue the loss of pure, clean fun. However, one must also concede that these new serials, such as 'Mirzapur', are also a reflection of the grim times we live in and that the truth they portray is not something we can close our eyes to.

So, as I end this column, I pray that the coming year brings a closure to all the ugliness that has made us forget that somewhere there is a new world waiting to be reborn.

A happy New Year to all my readers.

## Tribute to bravehearts



MILITARY MATTERS

LT COL DILBAG SINGH DABAS (RETD)

**T**HE Defence Services Officers Institute, Gurugram, displays the portraits of the 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees inside its main entrance. I never get tired of looking at the faces that radiate valour and self-confidence of the highest order. One day, I thought that we all remember these faces as we see some of the living legends on Rajpath on Republic Day every year. But there are other bravehearts who too outperformed themselves in battles, many laid down their lives for the Tiranga and whose bravery has been recognised and deservedly awarded. Should the nation not read and remember their heroism and supreme sacrifice?

In March 2018, a thought germinated in my mind and I started writing on these bravehearts. *The Tribune* has kindly been publishing my stories in its weekly supplement. As a young Second Lieutenant, I was in the line of fire along with 19 Maratha Light Infantry during the 1971 war. Having been part of the live action very early in service, the subject has always been close to my heart.

Here is how writing of the book 'Gallantry Award Winners of Haryana' became a solemn obligation on my part.

In July 2018, I delivered a lecture at MD University, Rohtak, on the 'Haryanvi soldier and his demonstrated valour since World War I'. The listeners were mainly NCC cadets and students from Rohtak and villages around. After the lecture, I asked them to name the gallantry award winners from Haryana that

they knew of. To my disappointment, the young audience could not collectively name more than 10. But then a smartly turned out NCC girl cadet got up and confidently spoke, "Sir, we cannot find any book where from we can know and read about the deeds of our bravehearts. Whatever we hear is from *fauji* uncles from our villages and that too is restricted to their respective *paltans*."

I realised the fault lay with us veterans, institutions and academics, who need to shoulder the blame for this gap in our history. It was at that moment that I, being the son of the soil and a third generation soldier, decided to research and collate the information. This book is my labour of love and earnest response to that day's young listeners. As and when my book gets published, I will reserve one copy for that girl cadet. It is my fervent hope that some day, I will find her attired in combat fatigues.

There are a total of 1,601 Cross and Chakra awardees in India who were decorated for their gallantry in the face of the enemy. From this long list, to discern how many are Haryanvis involved a great deal of extensive readings of regimental histories, visits to the Regimental Centres, the District Soldier Boards, reaching out to the descendants of the old-timers and also the living legends; I met or interacted with 21 of them. After detailed research, I found that 174 among the above bravehearts belong to Haryana.

Be it in the epic defeat at Rezang La in 1962 or the victory at Dograi in 1965, Haryanvi soldier has always gone beyond the call of duty and outperformed wherever he fought. Incidentally, Haryana has a share of 11 per cent among the awardees pan-India.

The errors in the research, if any, are mine and mine alone and the glory for any good words about the book must go only to these bravehearts, to their parents, and the soil which nurtured them. Jai Hind.

## Welcoming the 'son-in-law of India' for Republic Day



REUTERS

**P**RIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has excelled himself by getting the British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, as the chief guest for Republic Day. There is some bit of uncertainty over his visit owing to the pandemic-induced restrictions in place in the United Kingdom, but it is a good occasion to reflect on India-UK ties, especially since 1947.

For a start, Johnson has a close family connection with India. His second wife, Marina Wheeler, is half-Indian. In fact, Marina's mother, Dip Kaur, was a Sikh. She was married to my father Khushwant Singh's youngest brother, Daljit. They divorced and Dip then married Sir Charles Wheeler, the BBC correspondent in New Delhi. They had two daughters, Marina and Shirin. Marina met Boris when she was studying at The European School in Brussels. After his brief first marriage was annulled, he married Marina. The marriage lasted 25 years, and they had four children. The couple was formally divorced just over a year ago, and Boris married Carrie Symonds, with whom he had been having an extra-marital affair. The rather colourful — and much-publicised — personal life of the British Prime Minister does not seem to

have been detrimental to his political career. He was a hugely successful Mayor of London, and led his Conservative Party to a massive victory in the last election. The victory reaffirmed that most Britons wanted to leave the European Union. Brexit could be India's gain. Actually, Marina's connect with India goes deeper. Her mother's elder sister married my father's eldest brother, Bhagwant (there is also a third sister whose family lives in Mumbai). Hence, Marina has several Indian cousins based

in Delhi and Mumbai. She and Boris would stay with them on their frequent personal trips. Half-jokingly, he used to refer to himself as "a son-in-law of India"! Marina, a barrister, who also holds the high-level designation of Queen's Counsel, has just published a book on her maternal family. They originally came from Sargodha, now in Pakistan. Research on that book took her to India and Pakistan. Clearly, the British PM, through his over two decades of married life to Marina, knows India well.

I met him, Marina and three of their children in Delhi in 2018 at a family dinner. They were on their way to Ranthambore, to see tigers at the sanctuary. In my interaction with him, it was evident that he was quite knowledgeable about India. He must also have got wind of the infamous ordinance recently passed by the UP government against inter-faith marriages. With Marina being at least half-Sikh, one wonders if the subject will come up in his discussions with the Indian PM, even in playful banter.

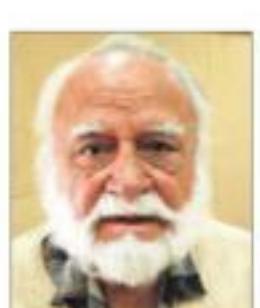
At a more serious level, India and the UK have much in common, thereby providing a solid foundation that the two countries can build on. In a letter to the Indian diaspora, Johnson put it well: "We

share so many values, the rule of law, democracy, a dynamic entrepreneurial spirit, and I believe that is why India should be one of our most important partners on the global stage." He went on to promise that he would deliver "a truly special UK-India relationship". Those are the very sentiments that the British PM is bound to stress in his talks with Modi. Johnson will surely be mindful of the fact that Indians in the UK have traditionally favoured the Opposition Labour Party. That is mainly because the Labour was more sympathetic to India's Independence movement, whereas Winston Churchill, the Conservative British PM during World War II (and, incidentally, one of Johnson's great heroes), was an arch imperialist, strongly opposed to independence for India. He dismissed Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi as "men of straw", who would not be able to effectively govern an Independent India. Significantly, India got its Independence sooner rather than later, largely on account of Churchill being surprisingly defeated soon after the end of WWII, and being replaced by Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party.

Be that as it may, the Indian diaspora

in the UK has undergone a massive change. Initially, it consisted mainly of workers who had migrated to earn a better livelihood. Indians doing menial jobs, such as sweeping and cleaning toilets at London's Heathrow airport, used to be a common sight. No longer. More of them are now seen as officials stamping passports or manning the Customs. The descendants of the former workers have become middle class and professionals, such as doctors and lawyers. Some have become successful entrepreneurs. Quite a few have gone into public life. In fact, Johnson's Cabinet has three well-known ministers who are of Indian origin: Priti Patel, Rishi Sunak and Alok Sharma. Sunak, a Punjabi, married to Akshata, the daughter of Infosys founder Narayana and Sudha Murthy, is Chancellor of the Exchequer, in effect the number two. Many think he could one day succeed Johnson, and become the first Indian-origin leader of the UK. With Kamala Harris, whose mother was Tamilian, the Vice President-elect of USA and being talked about as a future President, what a great and proud day it would be for India to have them leading the US and the UK!

— The writer is a veteran journalist



MY TAKE

RAHUL SINGH

Boris Johnson has a close family connect with India. During his 25-year marriage to his second wife, who is half-Indian, he visited the country often and knows it well

**BRIEFLY**

**'Lukoskin' developer gets Scientist of the Year Award**  
New Delhi: Senior scientist Hemant Kumar Pandey has been honoured with DRDO's "Scientist of the Year Award" for his contribution in developing several herbal medicines, including popular drug Lukoskin meant for treatment of leucoderma. A recipient of several prestigious awards for his contribution to the field of herbal medicine, Pandey has been undertaking research at the DRDO lab in Uttarakhand for the past 25 years. PTI

**3 Naxals arrested in J'khand**  
Hazaribag (Jharkhand): Three Naxals belonging to the banned Tritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC) outfit were arrested in Jharkhand's Hazaribag district on Saturday. The arrested Naxals include the outfit's self-styled 'sub-zonal commander' Durga Bedia and 'area commander' Rakesh Ganju alias Abhishek Ji, they said. PTI

**CRPF jawan shoots himself**

Medininagar: A CRPF personnel shot himself dead in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Saturday, the police said. The incident took place in the guard room of the 133rd battalion's camp in Manika in the afternoon, he said. "Trooper Praveen Mochahari (35) from Assam's Baksa district shot himself under his chin with his service rifle, killing him on the spot. He had recently returned from home," the police said. PTI



**Rajinikanth's condition 'stable'**  
Hyderabad: Superstar Rajinikanth (70), being treated for blood pressure fluctuation, is stable and a decision on discharging him would be taken on Sunday, Apollo Hospitals said here on Saturday. PTI



Union Home Minister Amit Shah (C) is felicitated by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at Amingaon in Kamrup district on Saturday. PTI

## Shah: NE has emerged as country's growth engine

In run-up to polls, lays stone of medical, law colleges

GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 26

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday asserted that the Northeast has emerged as the growth engine of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said, "Modi considers the Northeast as the focal point for the nation's development and has visited the region 30 times in the past six years

Amit Shah, UNION HOME MINISTER

Bodoland Territorial Council polls was like a semifinal before the Assembly elections in which it would emerge winner with huge majority.

He said all militant organisations in the state have surrendered and returned to the mainstream. Shah laid the foundation stone of a medical college and nine law institutes, besides launching two other projects in Assam.

All four projects were launched centrally from the Kumar Bhaskar Barman Kshetra at Amingaon here in the presence of Sonowal, Union Minister for Food Processing Rameshwar Teli, Sarma and others.

The Union Home Minister

laid the foundation stone of Guwahati's second medical college and hospital which will be set up by amalgamating the Mahendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital and the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Chest Hospital at an estimated amount of Rs 755 crore, officials said.

Shah also laid the foundation stone of nine law colleges to be set up at Diphu, Silchar, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, North Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Nalbari, Rangia and Raha.

He launched the development and beautification project of Batadrava "Than" at Borduwa in Nagaon district, the birthplace of 15th century Vaishnav reformer-saint Sri-Sankaradeva, at an estimated cost of Rs 188 crore.

He also launched the third phase of the "Asom Darshan" scheme to protect places of worship of different faiths. In this phase, 8,000 "Naamghars" (Vaishnav prayer and community halls), which are over 50-year old will be given Rs 2.5 lakh each. — PTI

Delhi gurdwara polls slated to be held in April-May

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

In the run-up to the elections of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), six elected members of the executive committee of the DSGMC led by the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) have joined the SS Dhinda-led faction.

The six, who were part of the Sukhbir Singh Badal-led SAD, joined the Dhinda-led splinter group at a press conference in the national capital on Saturday.

Within the group of six, five of the rebels have formed the "Gurdwara Sudhar Parbandh Committee (SGPC).

Front", which now aims to contest the DSGMC poll under the guidance of Dhinda.

Harinder Pal Singh, one of the five members of the front, said the front was only for contesting the DSGMC elections.

It had nothing to do with politics. "We are only seeking the guidance of Dhinda and have joined him for that," added Pal, who has also been a member of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC).

The other four members of the front are Kulwant Singh Battah, Jatinder Singh Sahney, Paramjit Singh Rana and Malkinder Singh. All of them are also part of the executive committee of the DSGMC.

The DSGMC has 46 elected members and 15 of these comprise the executive board.

"The maintenance of gurdwara is not the priority of the ruling combine. It's more about personal politics of the party, Sukhbir Singh Badal and Manjinder Singh Sirsa," Pal said justifying his decision to leave. — PTI

## I-T Dept raids unearth ₹100-cr black money

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) today said in the I-T raids early this week against leading contractors in the Northeast region of the country, the department officials have unearthed black money worth Rs 100 crore.

It said the raids were initiated on December 22 at 14 locations in Guwahati, Silapath and Pathsala in Assam and in Delhi. "Rs 2.95 crore cash has been seized. Overall, undisclosed income to the tune of Rs 100 crore has been unearthed so far during the search and survey operation," it said without revealing the identity of those, who were raided.

Giving details of the seizure apart from cash, the CBDT, said, "Jewellery worth Rs 9.79 lakh has been seized and the sources of acquisition of some



other jewellery worth Rs 2 crore is under verification."

"The entities covered are leading contractors of Northeast and one group is also involved in the hospitality business," it said.

Noting that the main allegation against the groups is they have allegedly taken non-genuine unsecured loans and securities premium from dubious Kolkata-based shell companies, the CBDT said, "The three groups have suppressed their net profits across the years and routed the money back into business through entry operators based out of Guwahati and Kolkata." — TNS

PATNA, DECEMBER 26

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) on Saturday hinted at the possibility of a fresh alignment in Bihar if Chief Minister Nitish Kumar chose to snap ties with the BJP following the "humiliation" in Arunachal Pradesh.

RJD national vice-president Shivanand Tiwary, however, made it clear that the ball lies in the court of the JD (U) boss, who needed to

realise that the development in the north-eastern state, where his party MLAs defected en masse to the BJP, was aimed at "settling old scores".

The RJD leader, who has also been with the JD (U) for some time, insisted that the development in Arunachal was "part of the chain of events that began with Chirag Paswan's rebellion".

Paswan, the LJP chief, had

## Australia fall for 195, Gill leads India's reply



Indian players celebrate the dismissal of Australia's Tim Paine (R) in Melbourne on Saturday. PTI

Jadeja took a great catch despite Gill running into him, also trying take the catch.

Ashwin got the big wicket of Smith (0) with a straighter one, when Smith glanced the ball to Pujara at leg gully.

Siraj initially bowled a bit short at Labuschagne and Travis Head (38 off 92 balls) as they added 86 runs for the fourth wicket. Bumrah provided the post-lunch breakthrough when he got Head to edge one to Rahane at gully.

Siraj got lucky for his maiden wicket when Labuschagne tried to whip him down the leg side but Gill, at backward square-leg, snapped the ball inches off the ground. A few hefty blows by the tail managed to take the score close to 200. — Agencies

**SCOREBOARD****AUSTRALIA 1st innings**

J Burns c Pant b Bumrah	0
M Wade c Jadeja b Ashwin	30
M Labuschagne c Gill b Siraj	48
S Smith c Pujara b Ashwin	0
T Head c Rahane b Bumrah	38
C Green lbw b Siraj	12
T Paine c Vihari b Ashwin	13
P Cummings c Siraj b Jadeja	9
M Starc c Siraj b Bumrah	7
N Lyon lbw b Bumrah	20
J Hazlewood not out	4
Extras: (B 10, NB 3, W 1)	14
Total: (All out, 72.3 overs)	195
FOW: 1-10, 2-35, 3-38, 4-124, 5-	
6-155, 7-155, 8-164, 9-191	
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Umesh Yadav	12 2 39 0
Ravichandran Ashwin	24 7 35 3
Ravindra Jadeja	5.3 1 15 1
Mohammed Siraj	15 4 40 2
<b>INDIA 1st innings</b>	
M Agarwal lbw b Starc	0
S Gill not out	28
C Pujara not out	7
Extras: (NB 1)	1
Total: (1 wicket, 11 overs)	36
<b>FOW:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Mitchell Starc	4 2 14 1
Pat Cummins	4 1 14 0
Josh Hazlewood	2 0 2 0
Nathan Lyon	1 0 6 0

visitors seemed fired up, and looked more galvanised than in the first Test.

Rahane's first success came after he introduced Ashwin inside the first hour of play

after Bumrah had forced Joe Burns (0) to nick one to Rishabh Pant. Trying to attack Ashwin, Matthew Wade sent the ball high towards midwicket, where Ravindra

**BJP to organise 25 webinars on 'one nation, one election'**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

The BJP will organise nearly 25 webinars over the next few days on the issue of "one nation, one election", as it seeks to build popular support for what has been a strong plank of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Party sources said its senior leaders, besides members of academia and legal fraternity, will be attending these "webinars".

"We plan to hold 25 webinars by the end of this month," a party leader said.

Since coming to power in 2014, Modi has often advocated holding all elections together, from Lok Sabha to state Assemblies and local bodies, arguing that this will orient various elected bodies fully towards development as the current cycle of frequent polls across the country hampers work. — PTI

**Homage to tsunami victims**

People pay tribute to the 2004 tsunami victims in Kanyakumari on Saturday. PTI

■ The victims of the tsunami, that wreaked havoc in 2004, were remembered by people in coastal Tamil Nadu and neighbouring Puducherry on Saturday on the 16th anniversary of the disaster.

■ Fisheries Minister D Jayakumar and CM V Narayanasamy led the events to pay homage to those killed in TN and Puducherry. Fishermen associations paid tributes by pouring milk at beaches. PTI

## Talks on Dec 29, farmers set 4-pt agenda

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"If the government doesn't want us to block the KMP expressway, the three farm laws must be repealed before that," said Pal.

He also urged the residents of Delhi and other parts of the country to celebrate New Year with the protesting farmers on the Delhi borders and enjoy 'langar' with them. He said the call for suspending fee collection at toll plazas — earlier for three days — had been extended indefinitely.

In their reply to the government's December 24 letter, the unions have accused the Centre of "suppressing facts" on the deliberations held in the previous meetings. "We have consistently demanded repeal of the three laws. The government, however, has tried to portray as if we were seeking amendments. The government must not spread misinformation. The campaign launched by the entire state machinery to defame the farmers' movement must stop forthwith," the morscha said in its response addressed to Vivek Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture.

He contended that "reckless reportage by the electronic media without accountability can, by no stretch of imagination, be read into the right to freedom of speech and expression enjoyed by the electronic media".

They argued that a citizen-led independent media tri-

## PIL in SC seeks setting up of media tribunal

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Amid allegations of hate speech, media trial, fake news and violation of right to privacy against the media, a PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking setting up of an independent media tribunal to make journalists and media houses accountable for such acts.

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bunal was needed to hear and expeditiously adjudicate complaints against media businesses.

He said such a body was needed to bring about a balance between the right to freedom of speech and expression of the media houses and right to reputation as also in the interests of preserving peace and harmony.

The petitioners, however, sought to clarify that his PIL wasn't aimed at curtailing the fundamental rights of the media and that he only wanted to ensure that those indulging in spreading misinformation, inflammatory coverage, fake news and breach of privacy were held to account.

## Central Vista: Shram Shakti, Transport bhawans first to go

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

The Shram Shakti Bhawan and Transport Bhawan in Lutyens' Delhi will be the first two buildings to be razed to pave the way for the construction of chambers of Members of Parliament there as part of Central Vista redevelopment project.

An official from HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt Ltd, which has prepared the

master plan of the ambitious project, said, "MP offices will come up where Shram Shakti Bhawan and Transport Bhawan are currently located on Rafi Marg and Sansad Marg, respectively."

According to the plan, a tunnel would be constructed to connect the building with chambers of MPs in the Parliament complex. — PTI