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Sh. Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

Drop flyers flouting Covid norms: DGCA

No second wave yet, assert experts | Active caseload again crosses 2-lakh mark

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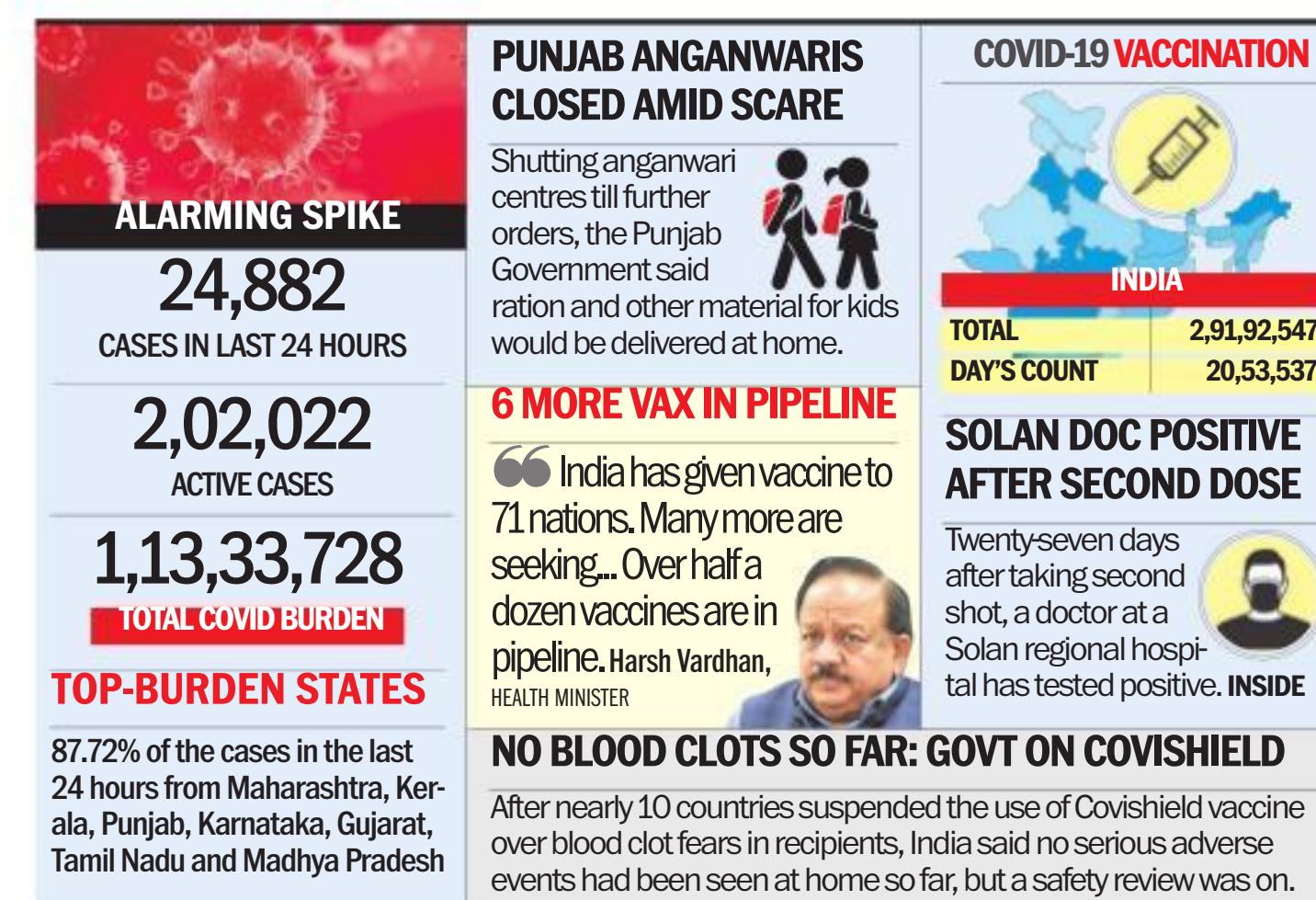
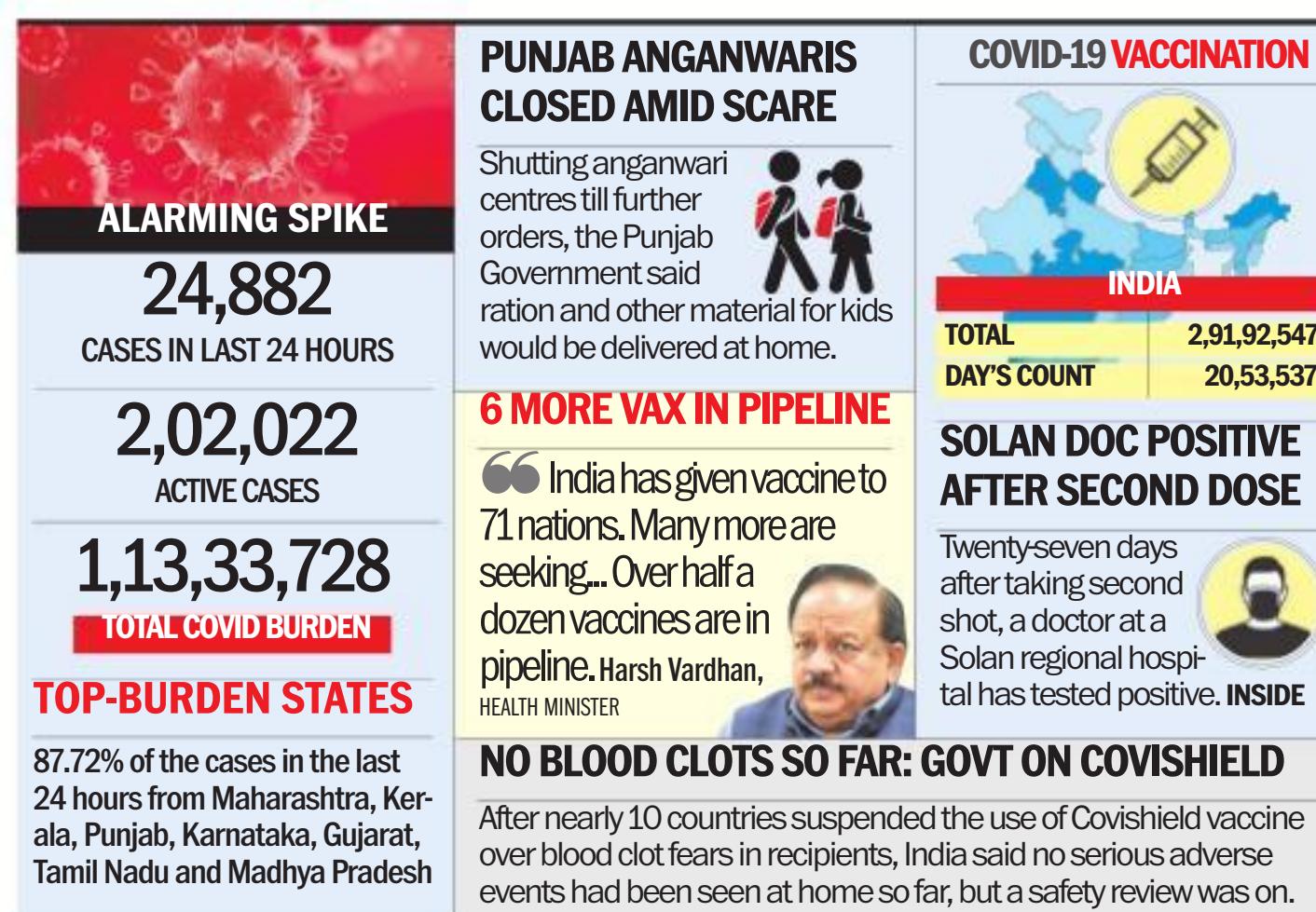
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13
After a Delhi High Court directive on strict adherence to Covid protocol earlier this week, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) today told the airport authorities and airline operators to ensure compliance.

"Passengers should be deboarded if they don't wear mask properly or don't follow Covid-appropriate behaviour. If required, they should be dealt with as per law and put on no-fly list," the regulator said.

The development came on a day India registered 24,882 new Covid cases, the highest in 83 days since December 20 when 26,624 cases were seen.

The active caseload touched 2,02,022, the highest in 72 days. The last highest active caseload was 2,00,528 on January 16. In some good news, the country saw the highest single day inoculations today with a record 20,53,537 doses being administered on the 56th day of the vaccination drive. Even as the cases continue to rise steadily, experts at the ICMR said the surge could not be counted as a new wave yet. It said speed inoculation was the way forward to achieve herd immunity and ward off a second wave.

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15-day footage must for hotels, shrines

DEEPMALA KAUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, MARCH 13
Alarmed over a spurt in virus cases, the Punjab Government is contemplating harsh measures against violators of Covid norms.

While night curfew has already been imposed in eight districts, Jalandhar DC Ghanshyam Thorat today ordered hotels, marriage palaces, banquet halls, eateries

Move aimed at keeping tabs on gatherings

ies and religious places to keep CCTV footage of events held on their premises for at least 15 days. This has been done to ensure strict compliance of norms, including cap on gatherings (100 for indoor and 200 outdoor).

In another move, Civil Surgeon Dr Balwant Singh said

the government had allowed teachers to get themselves registered for vaccination.

District Education Officer (Secondary) Harinder Pal Singh said teachers would be considered frontline workers.

On closure of schools for students, Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh said: "Exams will be held as per schedule, although these can be staggered to ensure less attendance on a given day."

Meanwhile, the state has decided to revise the critical treatment protocol. It has been decided to prescribe Tocilizumab in some cases.

Experts, however, blame the high mortality rate on heavy load of population that suffers from co-morbidities.

It referred to the presence of a big crowd at the spot, but made no mention of the people, who allegedly attacked the CM, the official said.

No attack on Mamata, injury accidental: EC probe report

MUKESH RANJAN

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

Election Commission's special observers Vivek Dubey and Ajay Nayak have concluded in a report that the injury to West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram was "accidental".

Sources said the observers had ruled out the possibility of an attack, claiming a heavy police force was deployed around the Chief Minister at the time of the incident.

Special police observer Dubey and special observer Nayak inspected the "accident" site before submitting the detailed report to the EC on Saturday evening, the sources said.

According to state's nodal officer for Covid control Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, the fatality rate in the state has declined slightly as the number of Covid cases has gone up, but the number of fatalities has taken a dip.

Experts, however, blame the high mortality rate on heavy load of population that suffers from co-morbidities.

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PM Narendra Modi being welcomed by BJP chief JP Nadda at an election meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. MANAS RANJAN BHU

Democracy in peril, says Sinha, switches to TMC

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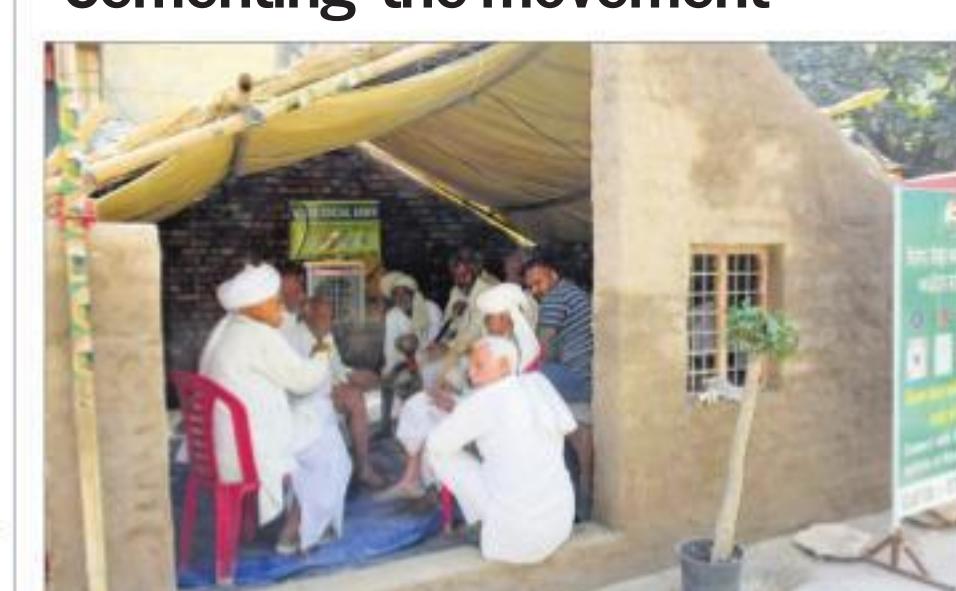
NO MORE ATAL'S BJP

There is a world of difference between this BJP and Vajpayee's BJP. Atalji believed in consensus; this BJP believes in crushing others. Yashwant Sinha

intervals. It also means the elected leaders are account

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'Cementing' the movement



The Haryana Police have booked farmers at Tikri and Singhu for building concrete structures at the protest sites. INSIDE

Post 'heckling', Hry to review CM's safety code

Motion planned to condemn Pb MLAs

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

After filing a police complaint against the alleged heckling of CM Manohar Lal Khattar by Punjab Akali MLAs, the Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat now plans to review the CM security's standard operating procedures so that such incidents don't recur.

Haryana Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said they also planned to table a resolution in the House on March 15 condemning the alleged action by the Punjab MLAs.

"It's my duty to inform the House that such an incident occurred. I will seek suggestions from the members on how to proceed further. Whatever happened can't be taken lightly," said Gupta. Besides, the DGP has been told to submit a report on the alleged security lapse by Wednesday.

The Vidhan Sabha Secre-

SAD MUST APOLOGISE

After seeking suggestions from our MLAs on how to proceed further. Whatever happened can't be taken lightly. The Akali Dal president must apologise to the CM.

Gian Chand Gupta, HARYANA SPEAKER

tariat today lodged the complaint with the Chandigarh Police against the Punjab MLAs for allegedly heckling the CM on the Assembly premises on March 10.

Naming the MLAs, the complaint, filed by a Vidhan Sabha marshal, has sought action against the MLAs and six-seven other persons. The complainant alleged the MLAs misbehaved with the CM, tried to attack him and disrupted his press briefing.

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SHIMLA, MARCH 13

The elections to the four municipal corporations of Dharamsala, Solan, Mandi and Palampur and six nagar panchayats in Himachal Pradesh will take place on April 7, the State Election Commission announced today.

The four municipal corporations except Dharamsala and the six nagar panchayats — Anni and Nirmand in Kul-

To be held for the first time on party symbol

lu, Chirgaon and Nerwa in Shimla, Kandaghat in Solan and Amb in Una — are newly created and will go to the polls for the first time.

According to the poll notification, the nomination will be filed from March 22 to 24 between 11 am and 3 pm.

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'Criticism shouldn't hurt India': Naidu's tip to new RS MPs

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

Newly elected Rajya Sabha MPs on Saturday got tips in parliamentary working from House Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, who gave them lessons in rules, democracy, nationalism and privileges and told them to remember that they

were "Bharatiyas" irrespective of political differences.

"We should not do or say anything which will damage the country's image and which our enemies will use saying this was said in Indian Parliament," said Naidu during the orientation of newly elected and nominated MPs, including External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar. Naidu cautioned the Opposition against overusing the adjournment notice. "The House has frequently run into problems due to repeated recourse to certain rules, nowadays to Rule 267, seeking suspension of business to take up a certain subject.

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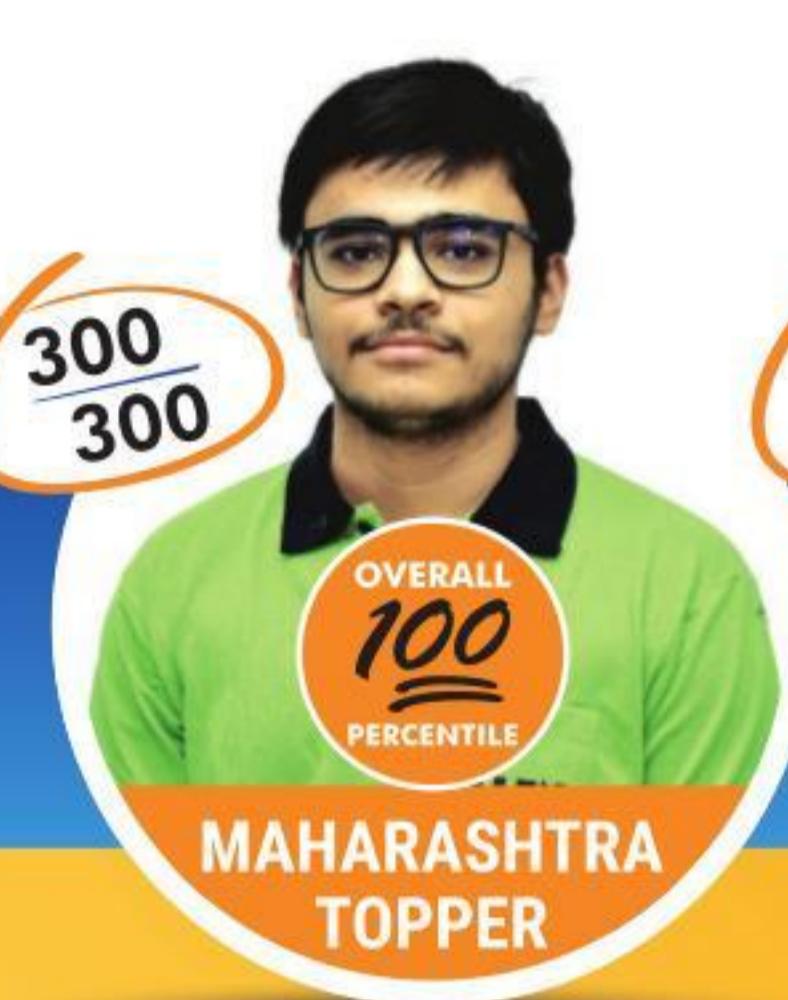
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Ex-MLA Marar dies of infection

MUKTSAR, MARCH 13
Former Muktsar MLA Sukhdarshan Singh Marar, an SGPC member, died of Covid-19 today at the Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot. A septuagenarian, he was taken to Faridkot on Tuesday night and put on ventilator support.

A close aide of Marar said, "The cremation will take place at Madahar Kalan village in Muktsar on Sunday." The health department officials said precautions in view of pandemic would be followed.

Marar, a resident of Madahar Kalan village, had joined the Congress in the presence of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and PCC chief Sunil Kumar Jakhar in 2019.

He became an Independent MLA in 2002 after defeating former Chief Minister Harcharan Singh Brar of the Congress. After a short time, he had joined the Congress. — TNS

Anganwari centres shut amid surge in Covid cases

Staff to visit beneficiaries' homes with ration supply

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13
The Punjab Government has issued directions to close all anganwari centres in the state till further orders due to resurgence of Covid-19.

Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary termed the decision a safety measure for children, saying ration and other material for children and other beneficiaries would be distributed by anganwari workers and helpers at home so that nutritional support reached the beneficiaries unhindered.

She issued instructions on following health protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining social distancing.

The minister said efforts were afoot to save children from the virus, as she urged workers and helpers to raise



Workers will be present at the centres and conduct home visits. FILE

22 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

The state reported 1,511 cases and 22 deaths in 24 hours. Among districts, Jalandhar led with six deaths, followed by Patiala (4), Ludhiana and SAS Nagar (3 each), Amritsar and Hoshiarpur (2 each), and Muktsar and Ferozepur (1 death each).

awareness among people about the precautionary measures. She made it clear workers and helpers would be present at the anganwari centres and conduct home visits for distribution of supplementary nutrition and other activities.

Chaudhary said workers and helpers would call in beneficiaries in a staggered manner and ensure growth monitoring record was prepared within the timeline given by the department.

High infection rate in 2nd wave fuels fear of mutation

KARAM PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, MARCH 13

With positive cases surfacing post vaccination, there are fears of virus having already mutated in Punjab. While the state awaits an official confirmation in this regard from the Delhi lab, many frontline workers, who have already received vaccines, continue to test positive for Covid-19.

The latest to join the list is the State Nodal Officer for Covid-19, who tested positive a few days ago after having received both doses.

Many frontline workers have also tested positive for



A health official collects a sample. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the virus, thereby fuelling speculation of mutation.

Besides post-vaccination positive cases, there are cases of re-infection in the state, indicating mutation has already taken place, say experts. Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, State Nodal Officer, said he received the second dose of the vaccine on March 4 and tested positive on March 10.

Dr Bhaskar did admit there were sporadic cases of workers testing positive even after the second dose, but within a 14-day period.

Sources in the health department said the infection rate was much higher in the

second wave — another indicator that mutation had already taken place. An epidemiologist said: "This time,

the virus is spreading at a faster rate, therefore, it is possible it has already mutated."

Dr GB Singh, Director,

KEY REASONS CITED BY EXPERTS

- State Nodal Officer for Covid-19, who received both doses of the vaccine, tested positive a few days ago
- Many frontline workers have also tested positive, thereby fueling speculation of virus mutation
- Besides, high infection rate in the second wave and cases of re-infection indicate mutation, say experts

NO +VE CASE AFTER 14 DAYS OF SECOND JAB

Immunity develops after 14 days of the second jab. I tested positive before I could complete 14 days. No positive cases have been reported among those who have completed this period.

Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, STATE NODAL OFFICER FOR COVID

Health and Family Welfare, said: "Viruses are known to mutate, therefore there is always a chance. However,

there is no official confirmation on this virus. Only two samples have been found positive for Kerala strain."

Cops leave for R'sthan to get Bishnoi's custody

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, MARCH 13

After nominating Lawrence Bishnoi, a notorious gangster, as an accused in the murder of district Youth Congress president and zila parishad member Gurlal Singh Pehlwan of Faridkot, a police team today left for Ajmer in Rajasthan to bring the suspect on production warrant here.

The police had yesterday approached the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Faridkot, to procure the production warrant of Bishnoi, currently lodged in the Rajasthan jail. Bishnoi will be produced in the court here on March 17.

After arresting some suspects in the murder case, the Faridkot police had nominated Bishnoi as a conspirator in this crime.

After the February 18 killing in the centre of the town, Bishnoi along with Canada-based Goldy Brar had in a Facebook post claimed responsibility for the murder to avenge the killing of latter's cousin

In the FIR, the police claimed ASI Shamsher Singh and son Satinder Singh, alias Goldy, were running an extortion racket in the area. After arresting Shamsher, the police claimed he used to carry out recce of potential victims in the area and pass on the information to his son in Canada, who further used to make extortion calls.

However, those close to Goldy's family claimed the extortion case had been registered against Goldy to frame his father and pressure him to surrender for further investigation in the Gurlal murder case.

They had registered a separate criminal case of extortion against Goldy, currently living in Canada, and his father in Kotkapura on March 6. Goldy's father is an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) with the Muktsar police.

Procure production warrant in YC leader's murder case

**NAMED CONSPIRATOR**

■ Lawrence Bishnoi has been nominated as a conspirator in the murder of district YC president Gurlal Singh Pehlwan in Faridkot on February 18

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Excess screen time 'taking toll' on eyes

SUKHEMEET BHASIN

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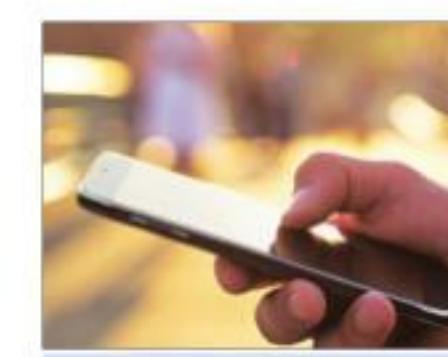
BATHINDA, MARCH 13

Doctors have claimed the increased use of computer and mobile phones during the pandemic has led to eye problems, such as visual fatigue, headache, blurred vision, double vision, irritation and watering. Researchers have created a name for this common condition — Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS).

Dr Parul Gupta, an ophthalmologist from Bathinda, said, "There has been a hike in the number patients, who are working professionals, complaining of dry eyes and blurred vision".

The overexposure to screen had increased during the pandemic, leading to dryness and stinging sensation in eyes, and pain in neck, back and shoulders, she said.

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Offered 'parsad' by 2, devotee dies at Asr

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AMRITSAR, MARCH 13

Two unidentified youths allegedly robbed a man after serving him "parsad" laced with some poisoned substance, leading to his death, at the Golden Temple complex here today.

The police have registered a murder case against the two suspects and are analysing the CCTV footage of the complex.

The suspects took away the victim's mobile phone and a gold ring.

The victim was identified as Payara Singh, a resident of Kalanaur in Gurdaspur. The incident occurred near Ghanta Ghar at Golden Temple plaza.

Surjiti Kaur, wife of the deceased, told the police they had come to pay obeisance at Darbar Sahib last evening. She said after paying obeisance, they sat near the plaza when two unidentified persons

came and sat next to them. The suspects befriended the couple and identified themselves as Bittu and Gurdas Singh.

They claimed they had come from Batala to pay obeisance.

The suspects later offered "laddu" as parsad, which her husband ate, while she kept it aside. The victim then went to the uninal and the two taunted him, claimed Surjit.

When Payara returned, his condition deteriorated. He was taken to a hospital, but he died on the way.

Gurmeet Singh, Station House Officer (SHO), Kotwali police station, said a murder case had been registered against the unidentified persons and further investigations were under way.

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₹700-cr GST billing scam unearthed

Five held | Passed on fraudulent ₹122 crore input tax credit to fake companies

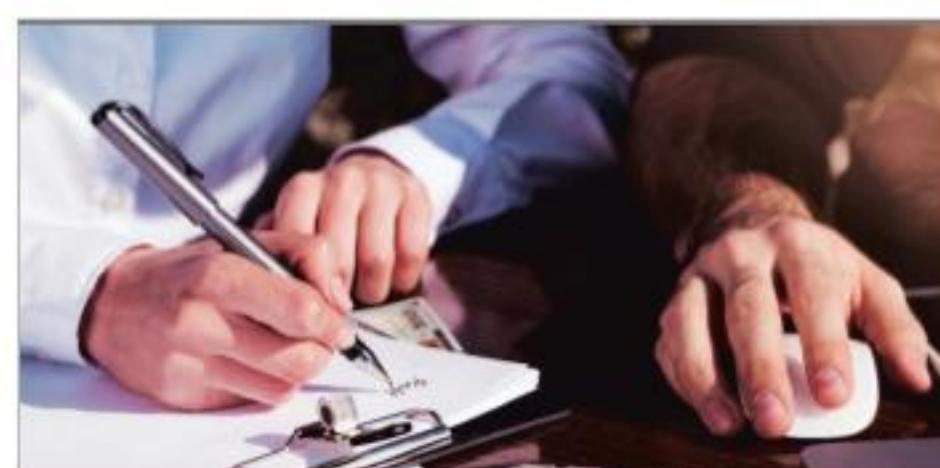
Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

The investigation wing of the Punjab State GST today arrested five persons for creating and operating a bogus billing network across various states, including Punjab, Delhi and Haryana, and availing and passing on fraudulent input tax credit (ITC) to the tune of Rs 122 crore to various firms without due payment of tax to the government.

The authorisation for the arrest of seven persons was issued by Commissioner State Tax Nilkanth S Avhad, under Section 69 of the GST Act for violation of Section 132(1)(a), (b) & (c).

Search and seizure operations were conducted at multiple locations, including resi-



CREATED NETWORK OF 44 FIRMS

- As many as 44 fake companies, dealing in copper scrap and hosiery, were created across various states, including Punjab
- Bogus input tax credit (ITC) was created to set off tax liability arising out of purchases made from local unregistered dealers
- The ITC, estimated at more than ₹122 crore, was passed on to beneficiary firms in the state

dences, in Khanna town by teams of the department to gather evidence to establish the modus operandi, which involved creating fake firms,

dealing in copper scrap and hosiery items, both inside and outside Punjab and thereafter passing on the ITC to beneficiary firms in the state.

Those arrested have been identified as Vinod Kumar, Maninder Sharma, Sandeep Singh, Amarinder Singh and Sunny Mehta, all residents of Khanna in Ludhiana district.

As per the release, the department were alerted about the network after a vehicle carrying copper scrap was detained by the Mobile Wing, Jalandhar, last year and investigation revealed the goods had been procured locally while as e-way and invoice were generated from an outside firm.

Detailed investigations revealed a network of 44 firms, spread across various states, involved in the creation of bogus ITC for setting off the tax liability arising out of purchases made from local unregistered dealers.

On being confronted with

the evidence, the kingpin admitted to running the network with the help of some other accomplices, some of whom have also been arrested. During search, incriminating documents related to various firms and mobile phones used for sharing fake invoices and e-way bills generated were seized.

The total bogus billing by the network is likely to be more than Rs 700 crore, while the ITC created/availed and tax evaded is more than Rs 122 crore.

Evidence was also gathered about various beneficiaries of the bogus network and other accomplices involved. The accused were produced before the Duty Magistrate and were remanded in judicial custody for 14 days.



Passengers of Delhi Shatabdi at the Amritsar railway station on Saturday. PHOTO: SUNIL KUMAR

Buzz back at Asr rly station as Delhi Shatabdi returns after yr

NEERAJ BAGGA

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, MARCH 13

Much to the delight and relief of passengers, vendors, porters and others, after a gap of nearly a year popular Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express arrived at the Amritsar railway station on Saturday. Passengers were upbeat about the resumption of trains from the railway station as it offered them convenient travel at moderate price.

Harjit Singh, a passenger, said he and his family frequently visited the holy city to pay obeisance at the Golden Temple and to meet close relatives living here. He said the central government should empathetically listen to farmers in distress.

Krishan Kumar and Sandeep, both traders, said

agriculture, in a large democracy like India should be avoided. Similarly, Covid-19 lockdown and its restrictions were equally and even more massive". The moment the train arrived at the station concerned staff was seen engaged in sprinkling disinfectant over it.

Expecting livelihood, porters were seen running behind the train. However, most vendors did not open their vends at the railway station, demanding compensation in waiving rents during the past one year. They said vends had been closed since March last year following the announcement of Covid-induced lockdown in the country. They were being asked to open these without any assurance by the railway authorities in this regard.



Cops with the confiscated drums of illegal liquor in Amritsar.

Huge haul of illicit liquor, lahan'; 3 held

AMRITSAR, MARCH 13

The Amritsar rural police today busted 12 illegal working stills at Kotla Sakka village falling under the Rajasansi police station here.

During the nine-hour operation, the police confiscated 360 litres of illicit liquor besides 1.26 lakh kg 'lahan' and 1,830 kg jaggery and yeast for preparing Lahan. Three persons — Gurbir Singh, Bhagwant Singh and Balwinder Singh — were arrested and 12 persons booked in connection with the raid.

The police rescued two migrant workers, both speech and hearing impaired, who were forced to distil liquor and look after cattle. Following this, house owner Gursewak Singh was booked under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code and Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act.

TWO RESCUED

- Two migrant workers kept as bonded labourers were rescued by the police. They were forced to distil liquor and look after cattle
- Landlord Gursewak Singh was booked under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act

This is the fourth such seizure by the rural police in the past 12 days. Earlier, raids were held at Khiyala Kala, Lakhwala and Chhapa Ram Singh villages.

The police authorities said the suspects had formed six huge concrete pits to store 'lahan', which was further used in manufacture of illicit liquor. Bhagwant and Gursewak were facing 10 and five cases, respectively, under the excise Act at Rajasansi and Lopoke police stations here.

Gursewak was today charged under Sections 371 (habitual dealing in slaves) and 374 (unlawful compulsory labour) of the IPC for keeping two migrants as bonded labourers. — TNS

Habit-forming tablets seized

SANGRUR, MARCH 13

The Moonak police have seized habit-forming tablets and bottles of smuggled liquor, and started further investigation.

"During patrolling, our team saw a car overturned near the Ghaggar bridge and during search, seized 200 habit-forming tablets and 300 bottles of smuggled liquor. We have registered a case against unidentified persons," said Assistant Sub-inspector Balbir Singh. — TNS

Traders down shutters to protest liquor unit

FAZILKA, MARCH 13

Shopkeepers of Fazilka town today shut their establishments to express solidarity with villagers and farmers, who had been spearheading the agitation against setting up of a liquor factory in Hiran wali village.

Ashok Gulbadar, president, Fazilka Beopar Mandal, said the Punjab Government should accede to their demand, which was in the

interest of environment also.

Meanwhile, activists of nearly 30 villages under BKU Ekta-Sidhpura, Dakaunda, Krantikari, Qadian, Azad Kisan Morcha, Punjab Bachao, Pind Bachao campaign and Ex-servicemen Union, gheraoed the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

They also took out a protest march and blocked the overbridge on the Fazilka-Ferozepur highway. — OC



Kejriwal answer to Modi: Mann

MANSA, MARCH 13

Ahead of the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) 'Kisan Maha Sammelan' on March 21, party's state president and MP Bhagwant Mann held three public meetings in Ulakh, Makha and Kharak Singh Wala villages of Mansa district on Saturday.

Mann appealed to the people of Punjab to attend the event in large numbers at Bagha Purana. He said AAP's national convener and Delhi

Says nation listens when he speaks

CM Arvind Kejriwal would be coming to Punjab to strengthen the voice of farmers.

Mann said when Kejriwal came, national media also came along with him and what he said was considered by the entire nation. "When he speaks about the farmers' issue, the nation listens. But,

we all need to show that the people of Punjab are standing strong in favour of the farmers. We need to show that we are united," he added.

He appealed to the people to come to the 'Kisan Maha Sammelan' and show the nation that the farmer agitation was still strong.

Mann said: "He is coming to Punjab now to shake the roots of Modi and will force him to accept the demands of the farmers." — TNS

Speculation rife as Sukhbir gets active in Lambi

MUKTSAR, MARCH 13

SAD president and Ferozepur MP Sukhbir Singh Badal has been holding booth-level meetings with party men at his Badal village residence here, giving rise to speculation of contesting from the Lambi segment.

Notably, Lambi is the home constituency of former Chief Minister Parkash

Meets party workers from 17 villages

Singh Badal, who is, however, abstaining from these meetings, has been representing this constituency since 1997.

Sukhbir today held meetings with the SAD workers from 17 villages in Lambi. On Thursday, he had meetings with party men from 21 villages.

Sources in the SAD said Sukhbir today asked the party men to gear up for the state polls next year. However, some party leaders said it was too early to say who would contest from Lambi. — TNS



Nanakshahi calendar being released at the Akal Takht secretariat.

Nanakshahi calendar out

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, MARCH 13

A day before the commencement of the 553rd Nanakshahi Samvat, Akal Takht officiating Jathedar Harpreet Singh released its calendar for the next year at the Akal Takht secretariat on Saturday.

Dedicating the calendar to the 400th Parkash Purab of Guru Tegh Bahadur, he said Gurmat programmes should be organised all over the

year. He congratulated the Sikh 'sangat' on the new year and called upon them to celebrate occasions as per the Nanakshahi calendar.

The calendar contains pictures of historic places associated with the ninth Sikh Guru, including Gurdwara Guru Ka Mahal, Baba Bakala, Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib and Gurdwara Manji Sahib in Talwandi Sabo. SGPC members and senior functionaries were present during the release of the calendar.

Sangrur residents 'mourn' axing of trees, want FIR against officials

PARVESH SHARMA

Tribune News Service

SANGRUR, MARCH 13

Residents of Sangrur, known as the city of gardens, have decided to organise a first-of-its-kind gathering on Sunday to mourn the axing of trees by the Public Works Department (PWD).

"PWD officials have destroyed the green cover of Sangrur by 'massacring' trees all across the city. We have decided to organise a congregation to mourn the 'massacre' as authorities are planning to axe more. We request all residents to reach at Mata Mahakali Temple on Sunday to extend their support and ask local MLA and PWD Minister Vijay Inder Singla to look into the matter," said advocate Dasvir Singh Dalee.

Earlier, on almost all roads, including the ones leading



Axed trees along the road at Patiala Gate in Sangrur.

from Nankiana Chowk and Barnala Chowk to bus stand, Barnala Chowk to Dhuri Road, and Railway Station Chowk to Gaushala Road and New Delhi Road, there were trees on either side. Last week, the axing of many full-grown trees in the Patiala Gate area without the requisite "permission" had the residents fuming. They have been demanding the registration

Women protesters at Tikri vow to fight to end

SAMEER SINGH

Tribune News Service

MANSA, MARCH 13

Buoyed by being featured on the cover page of US-based 'Time' magazine recently, the spirits of women protesters at the Tikri border are quite high who have now vowed to "fight the battle with renewed vigour and take it to its logical end".

Protesters from Talwandi Aklia village in Mansa said: "It's not only an honour to feature on the cover page of one of the top magazines in the world, but it also a morale booster to continue our fight against the farm laws with renewed vigour."



Women protesters make chapatis at the Tikri border on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SEMINAR ON FARM LAWS ORGANISED

Chandigarh: The Kirti Kisan Forum, a platform represented by former civil servants, Armymen and other officers, on Saturday organised a seminar, 'Kisan Andolan: Challenges and Possibilities'. The seminar was attended by scholars and legal luminaries. TNS

FARMER TAKES POISON

Sangrur: A young farmer allegedly attempted suicide over the central farm laws at Sunam by consuming poison. Avtar Singh was referred to PGI, Chandigarh, in a serious condition. TNS

visit protest venues and take part in the agitation."

Kuldeep Singh, a farmer leader and resident of Talwandi Aklia village, said, "As many as 13 women from our village alone have been pho-

tographed and given space in the 'Time' for their invaluable contribution to the farmers' stir. Khalsa Aid, a social service organisation, has also made announcement of helping farmers of our village."

Farmers raise structures at Singhu, booked

Case against Bathinda farmer for digging borewell in Kundli | Protesters say firm on repeal of laws

MUKESH TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, MARCH 13

The police have booked agitating farmers for allegedly constructing concrete structures at the Singhu border along the National Highway No-44 and digging a borewell in the Kundli area despite a ban. The police have registered two cases against the farmers under various sections of the IPC and the National Highways Act.

Farmers are protesting at Delhi borders against the three farm laws for more than three months. They have now started constructing concrete structures along the highway at the Singhu border, where they are camping since November 26.

Some farmers have constructed permanent structures with iron bars and bamboos while others are using bricks to construct special structures and have also brought solar panels. We are ready to stay here for a long time," said Gurpreet Singh Sahabana, a farmer



Farmers construct a concrete structure along the NH-44 near the Singhu border. TRIBUNE PHOTO

ing permanent structures.

leader from Ludhiana.

"We are staying at the Delhi borders for the past over 100 days, but the Central Government does not want to pay heed to our demand of repealing the three farm laws. That's why we have decided to construct special structures and have also brought solar panels. We are ready to stay here for a long time," said Gurpreet Singh Sahabana, a farmer

from Ludhiana.

"We have constructed a permanent structure for our union office and are ready to fight till our last breath. We will go back only after winning the fight," said Gian Singh Mand, block president of the BKU (Lakhawal), Ludhiana.

"The farmers have no option but to build concrete structures to stay for a long

brethren from the summer," said Harinder Singh Lakhawal, general secretary of the BKU (Lakhawal).

"We are prepared for a long haul and will not go back till the government repeals the laws. We have come at the Centre's door to save our land and our future generations," he said.

"Not only permanent structures, but we have also installed solar panels. We are

NO OTHER OPTION

“Farmers have no option, but to build concrete structures to stay put for a long fight and save our protesting brethren from the harsh summer.”

Harinder Lakhawal, BKU LEADER

NH-44 DAMAGED

“Unidentified people have erected illegal structures along NH-44. These constructions have damaged the highway.”

Anand Sharma, PROJECT DIRECTOR, NHAI

NHAI officials also sent pictures of the illegal constructions to the police.

Following the complaint, the Kundli police registered a case under the National Highways Act and Sections 283 and 431 of the IPC.

In another complaint, Pawan Kumar, Secretary of the Municipal Committee, Kundli, said despite a ban, Karam Singh, a protesting farmer from Bathinda, was digging a borewell in a field near KFC Mall, near the NH-44. The Municipal Engineer had tried to stop the digging but it was still “continuing”. The police have booked Karam Singh under the National Highways Act and Section 188 of the IPC.

If a transporter does not lift the crop from the mandi within 48 hours of purchase, he will be fined,” Dushyant said at a meeting with senior officers associated with the procurement process here today.

V Umashankar, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister; PK Das, Additional Chief Secretary; and other senior officers attended the meeting.

The Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds charge of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Depart-

Lift produce in 48 hrs or pay fine, transporters told

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala has said the state government has made all arrangements in mandis for the procurement of rabi crops at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). The procurement of wheat and mustard will start on April 1, while the purchase of barley, gram and pulses will commence on April 10.

If a transporter does not lift the crop from the mandi within 48 hours of purchase, he will be fined,” Dushyant said at a meeting with senior officers associated with the procurement process here today.

The JJP leader directed officers that the payment should be credited to the farmers' bank accounts within 48 hours of the submission of J-form. “Ensure an adequate number of gunny bags and sewing machines in mandis,” he told the officers.

ment, gave directions regarding the timely lifting of the crop and smooth functioning of the procurement process. “No arhatiya or farmer should face any problem during the procurement process.”

The Deputy Chief Minister said the state government would procure every grain of wheat, mustard, barley, pulses and gram at the MSP grown by farmers who had registered themselves on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal.

So far, 7.5 lakh farmers have registered themselves on the portal. They will be informed in advance when to bring their produce to the mandis.

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Dharna near college, BJP, JJP leaders cancel visit

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, MARCH 13

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, other Cabinet ministers, MPs and BJP and JJP leaders cancelled their visit to Mahavidyalaya Gurukul situated on the outskirts of the city following a protest by local Chahar khap farmers, who today pitched a tent near the college to stop leaders from entering the premises.

The college has organised a two-day annual function that commenced today. The



WE ASKED THEM NOT TO COME: COLLEGE

“In view of the protest, we requested the leaders not to come. The dignitaries were invited so that Gurukul, which is a religious society, could get some financial aid.”

Acharya Vijaypal, COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

<<< Farmers stage dharna near Mahavidyalaya Gurukul in Jhajjar. PHOTO: SUMIT THARAN

In face of protest, MLA skips function in Karnal

KARNAL, MARCH 13

Gonder is an Independent MLA who supports the Khattar government. He is the chairman of the Haryana Forest Development Corporation.

The protesters said the BJP had denied ticket to Gonder in the last Assembly elections, but he still won the elections as an Independent candidate on the back

farmers' support.

Gonder said he had to skip the event because he had a meeting with the CM. — TNS

College prof held for vulgar talk with student

REWARI, MARCH 13

The police have arrested an associate professor of Government Women College in the city on the charges of having a vulgar talk with a girl student over the phone.

The action comes after students under the aegis of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad staged a dharna outside the college yesterday.

A case was registered against him under the IPC earlier. — TNS

30K litres of biodiesel seized at Manesar firm

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

The CM flying squad has busted a Manesar company that was illegally storing and selling biodiesel without a valid licence. The team seized over 30,000 litres of oil and also took samples. An FIR has been registered at IMT industrial police station, Manesar.

According to Inspector Krishan Kumar of the CM flying squad, the company was running by the name of Arohi Petrochem at Plot No. 61 in Sector 7 of the IMT, Manesar. It stored biodiesel in very large tanks without government permission or a valid licence.

During investigation, about 30,000 litres of oil was seized. Company owner Lokesh Kumar was asked to show documents, but he could not produce any. — OC

Tractor episode: Women panel seeks Hooda's explanation

from across the parties had presided over the day's proceedings in the Assembly.

Hooda along with some party legislators sat on the tractor while other Congress MLAs pulled it with ropes. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had expressed his anguish over the incident.

As known to the whole world, the day is celebrated as International Women's Day and the instance shocked the entire nation, Bhardwaj wrote in the letter.

Bhardwaj sought a "strict written explanation" from Hooda within three days (by Sunday) and asked why strict penal action under relevant provisions of law may not be taken against him. — PTI

House Speaker forms panel

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta has constituted a five-member committee to share its valuable suggestions/ recommendations to the House during the course of the present Budget session whether there is need to repeal or amend the sub-section 7 of Section 8A and Section 42 of Haryana Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961.

MLAs Kiran Choudhary, Dr Abhe Singh Yadav, Ram Kumar Gautam, BB Batra, and Sudhir Kumar Singla are the members of the committee. As per the notification, the committee will share its suggestions regarding disputes between farmers and contract farming sponsors arising out of contract farming agreements, which bar the jurisdiction of civil courts. — TNS



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RECOVERED FROM MARKANDA RIVERBED

“As the shells were recovered from the Markanda riverbed, there is a possibility that these might have travelled from any other location.”

Satinder Siwach, AMBALA CANTT SDM

<<< Vintage ammunition shells recovered in Ambala.

controlled explosions. But as the officials were about to leave, four more shells were recovered.

It is being presumed that the shells may have been left there unexploded during an Army training session in the area years ago.

The police officers said that the area was combed and no other shell was found. They appealed to local residents to inform the

police if they find a shell.

SDM, Ambala Cantonment, Satinder Siwach said, “There are fields on both sides of the river and the field owners spotted the shells this morning and alerted the police. A few shells were partially damaged. At present, it is being presumed that the shells might have been left there during an Army training session held around 20 to 25 years ago. However, as the shells were recovered from the riverbed, there was also a possibility that these might have travelled from any other location. All shells were defused by the team”.

According to Army sources, these are old vintage unidentified ammunition shells weighing around 1.5 kg each and are quite old. The Army never carries out live firing in civilian areas.

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E-tender called vide this office letter (NIT) No. EE/IPHD/WA-I/E-Tender/2020-20733-85 dated 10.03.2021 due for opening on 18.03.2021. The condition No.4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 under the folder of terms and conditions may be treated as deleted. Also item No. 1, 2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4 and 5 in the BOQ may be considered as part and parcel of item No. 3 and 3.1. for quoting the rates.

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200	Supply and Comm. of modified AS - Peri cards	10 Set	30.03.2021
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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1.	PLWSS to Thachwa - Jagatkhan in G.P. Tunnan in Nimand Block, Dist. Kullu, H.P. (S.H:- Providing/fixing and commissioning of pumping machinery with allied accessories of 25BHP submersible Pump Set & allied accessories)	47500/-	9500/-	3 Months	250.00
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3.	PLWSS to Thachwa - Jagatkhan in G.P. Tunnan in Nimand Block, Dist. Kullu, H.P. (S.H:- Providing/fixing and commissioning of pumping machinery with allied accessories of 6 BHP submersible Pump Set & allied accessories)	140000/-	2280/-	3 Months	250.00
4.	PLWSS to Thachwa - Jagatkhan in G.P. Tunnan in Nimand Block, Dist. Kullu, H.P. (S.H:- Providing/fixing and commissioning of pumping machinery with allied accessories of 7 BHP Mono-submersible Pump Set with automation & allied accessories)	175000/-	3500/-	2 Months	250.00

1. Last Date of Submission of Tender:- **18.03.2021 up to 3:00 P.M. and opened on same day 3:30 P.M.**
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2 02211537 3-Phase Asynchronous Traction Motor 252 Nos. 30.03.2021*

3 21211065 Single Core Cable 23948 Mtrs. 02.04.2021**

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5 12211187 Silicon Rubber component Elastosil RT622A 2057 Kgs 08.04.2021*

Silicon Rubber Component Elastosil RT622B 205 Kgs

6 01203931 Hydraulically Operated Lifting Platform 05 Nos. 30.03.2021*

7 01211520 Armature Shaft (Rough Machined) 598 Nos. 31.03.2021*

8 21211020 Battery set 83 Set 05.04.2021*

9 20211202 Surge Arrestor 107 Nos. 09.04.2021*

10 20211069 Spheribloc 3773 Nos. 12.04.2021**

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SN. Tender No. Description Qty. Tender closing date

1 02211307 Winding Wire for 6FRA 50568 Kgs 09.04.2021*

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Tender Closing Time (A&B) 15:00 Hrs.

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. 02206615 closing 08.03.2021

Closing date of Tender has been extended upto 22.03.2021 & PVC clause has also been added in subject tender.

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Solan doctor +ve after second vaccine dose

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SOLAN, MARCH 13

Twenty-seven days after taking the second Covid vaccine, a doctor, deputed at the Solan-based Regional Hospital, tested positive last evening. She was the first doctor who had taken the vaccine in the first phase at Solan in January.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rajan Uppal, said the doctor, who is a programme officer, had taken the first Covid jab on January 16 and another on February 13. She was being tested further and her samples were being sent to a Mumbai-based lab to ascertain the cause and also to rule out the presence of any mutant strain.

The doctor has been isolated and her contacts are being tested. The hospital premises has also been sanitised, said the hospital staff.

The CMO appealed to the people not to lower their guard against Covid and ensure that they used masks and adopt social-distancing norms to avoid the spread of the infection. He added that people should come forward and get themselves vaccinated as the vaccines are 95 per cent efficacious.

Shimla: One death from Covid 19 was reported in

Kangra district in the past 24 hours, taking the toll to 991. As many as 70 new cases were reported today, taking the tally of Covid cases in Himachal Pradesh to 59,597. The highest number of 21 cases was reported in Kangra, 15 in Mandi, 12 in Una, seven in Solan, five each in Shimla and Hamirpur, four in Kullu and one in Bilaspur district.

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BRAHMIN

Teeotaler match for 1986 born 5'-4", slim and fair, BDS girl belonging to business family based in Chandigarh. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp biodata: +91 98880-96999. (CL20106872)

Saraswat Brahmin beautiful girl, 5'-5" May 1996, working in MNC Gurgaon. Decent package. 90414-98590. (CL20108764)

DM/ MCH/ MD/ MS match for Brahmin girl MS (OBG + Gyn), 5'-2", Nov. 1990 born, currently pursuing fellowship. Contact WhatsApp 90040-21989, 93188-47457. (CL20094833)

Match Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin homely fair girl, Jan. 1983, 5'-3", Delhi, MBA. Mobile: 80761-19570. (CL20102866)

Jalandhar based Brahmin issuesless divorce girl 39, double PG wrkg with MNC, seeks suitable match. Contact 94637-67720. (CL20106350)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl, 1992 born, 5'-2", M.Sc. Chemistry, CTET/PTET qualified. District Una preferred. b.k.sharma2595@gmail.com (CL20106352)

Suitable match for M.Com., 5 feet 4 inch Himachali Brahmin girl, 29 October 1990, 21:45, Delhi working in NCR. Delhi based family. Contact: 80761-39921/ 93543-15214. (CL20106424)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 29 year, fair complexion, 5'-2", M.A, B.Ed, working as teacher in tricity. Contact: WhatsApp: 98885-30283, 98727-28579. (CL20106441)

Highly qualified well placed match for Manglik Brahmin girl 11.05.92, 1.58 pm, Delhi, Tech., 5'-1", fair working Bangalore package 13 LPA. Call 79734-46001. (CL20106482)

Saraswat Brahmin girl working IT Company Chandigarh, M.Tech. (Comp. Sci.), 5'-5" 07.08.1993 (3:15 p.m., Khanpur Dist. Sangrur). Father businessman. Canada settled or employed in reputed MNC preferred. 78142-64878, 97790-15659. (CL20106728)

SM4 innocent divorcee Mohyal Brahmin Manglik girl 5'-3", 1992 born, M.Com., MBA. Tricity preferred. 70189-73758. (CL20106861)

SM for Gaur Brahmin girl 5'-3" August 1987 slim, very beautiful, M.Tech. Computer Science, HTET (PGT), competing for state services and other suitable jobs. Father Ex Gazetted Officer from Haryana. Gaur Brahmin and vegetarian girl preferred. Mob/ WhatsApp: 94164-11059, email: vbsharma4@gmail.com (CL20106900)

Match for unmarried Manglik girl, Oct. 75, 5'-2", MA, B.Ed, working as teacher. 81960-69446. (CL20106958)

Match for Anshik Manglik girl, June 84, 5'-2", M.Sc. B.Ed, working as teacher. 9988267154. (CL20106967)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 09.10.1983, 10:15 pm, M.Com., M.Ed., MBA, NET, pursuing Ph.D., working as Assistant Professor. 89012-31572, ram 0 2 1 9 8 0 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20107031)

Professional qualified match for Brahmin girl, Oct. 1982 5'-6", M.A, B.Ed, English Lecturer. Amritsar preferred. 99157-18804. (CL20107065)

Suitable match for BDS Vaishnav Brahmin girl, ht 5'-4", 21:46, 97, time 23:35, Ldh. Caste & dowry- no bar. WhatsApp: 76961-01184. (CL20107020)

Sought preferably Chandigarh settled SM4 Saraswat Brahmin Punjabi girl 28 (5'-4") Double MA, B.Ed, CTET, PTET UGC clear, pursuing M.Sc. in PU campus Chandigarh. Teacher (Eng.) CU. Reputed family, caste no bar. M: 95305-21411 WhatsApp: 98141-37081. (CL20107085)

Unmarried Brahmin employed MBA girl 39/ 5'-2", looking well settled upper caste match. 62397-82687, 98888-38707. (CL20107149)

Match for beautiful slim Gaur Brahmin Bank employed girl, 26 Sept. 1990, pure vegetarian Bathinda based preferred. 98159-10661. (CL20107159)

A fair, well qualified Manglik Brahmin girl, 1991 born, 5'-2", B.Tech, MBA (HR). Contact: 97799525-2205. (CL20107836)

Beautiful and tall Saraswat Brahmin girl 31 Dec. 1990 M.Com., B.Ed., NET and HTET qualified from high status business family. 94162-68311. (CL20107190)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 7.5.1990, 8:35 a.m., Amritsar, 5'-7", MA Hindi, Pvt. Teacher. 98789-98936. (CL20107771)

Qualified match for December 1984 born PhD. Assistant Professor. Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana. 98760-07555. (CL20107351)

Teetotaller match for Saraswat Punjabi Brahmin girl 26.4.1992, 5'-3", M.Com, pursuing B.Ed, Lecturer Ambala, dowry excuse. WhatsApp: 89300-70390. (CL20107623)

Match for Saraswat Brahmin girl non-Manglik beautiful, 5'-4%", 17.7.1994, working as IT professional, M.Tech (PEC Chandigarh), B.Tech, (CGC Landran). Father businessman. Mother home maker. Siblings in USA. Looking for non-alcoholic, vegetarian, non-smoker and professionally educated match. Preferred IT job. Call and WhatsApp: +918729-76617. (CL20107544)

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Compatible match for Saraswat Brahmin Advocate girl 10.09.90, 1.40 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-3", LL.B, LL.M, upper caste welcome. 99158-82776. (CL20108593)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 1993, M.Sc. (Physics), B.Ed., TET pass, Govt. employee preferred. 98143-87409. (CL20107557)

Looking suitable match for Brahmin girl 13.02.1992, 5', non-Manglik, MBA, Ludhiana. 98157-3026. (CL20108836)

SM4 b'ful Saraswat Vashishth Brahma, Distt. Una, H.P. bsd, fmlly std in Delhi, 11.04/92 11:15 am, Del, 5'-3", B.Tech ECE & MBA- IIT Delhi, wkg. in MNC Ggn. WhatsApp: 98717-99932. (CL20108841)

Professional qualified match for beautiful Gaur Brahmin Bhardwaj girl, 1/5, M.Sc. Nursing, Central Govt. employee, Chandigarh. Tricity Medical professional, Central Govt. employee preferred. 94674-74039, 94677-77189. (CL20107920)

Brahmin beautiful Manglik girl, 31.05.1992, 11:26 am, Amb, Una (HP), 5'-4", D.Pharma, M.Sc Chemistry, B.Ed., Asstt. Prof. Jalandhar. Contact: 99157-71475, 628323961. (CL20107995)

Fair slim Brahmin 5'-8" girl, 13-08/88 8:45 am. Hoshiarpur, Law Editor, LLM-LLB wanted Non alcoholic, never married veg. Brahmin boy only from tricity. Ph: 97802-67680. (CL20108255)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin M.Tech (CSE) girl 5'-3", 20.09.89, 7:30 a.m., Rohtak, working in Govt. Sector at Panchkula. Father & brother are officer in Haryana Govt., residing Panchkula Gora Prashar and Mudgil. Contact: 98764-91805. (CL20108842)

Match for beautiful, fair Saraswat Brahmin girl, Medium built, 5'-6", 10.01.1992, 07:52 pm, Chandigarh, M.Sc. Fashion Technology, running own Fashion studio, father at Senior most Post in Govt. department, mother partner in Architectural firm, brother Architect, doing Post Graduation from Canadian University. Contact: 98147-11077. (CL20108866)

Suitable match for Himachali Brahmin girl, 14.8.1993, 2:32 pm, (Delhi) 5'-4", B.Tech/ MBA (HR & marketing) working in Chandigarh, Himachali preferred. Kundli milan must. Contact: 94592-07069, 82787-36985. (CL20108886)

Soliciting big status, tall & handsome match for Panchkula based extremely beautiful, Post Graduate & high cultured girl, 5'-8", 09.09.1988, 3:50 pm, Ambala. 98160-62159. (CL20108888)

Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, 5'-1" (19.09.91) 5 pm), MA, D.I.E.D CTET clear working as teacher. 97814-80075. Simple marriage. (CL20108903)

Required suitable Punjabi Brahmin match for BDS, MBA, 5'-4", 27.01.1992, beautiful, smart, fair girl. Family based in Ludhiana. Contact: 94171-77556, 98143-30556. (CL20108941)

Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl 11.09.1983 (9.10.p.m. Ludhiana) MA, B.Ed, wanted teetotaller, well settled match from reputed family. (NRI's also welcome). Kundli must. 96462-05006, 98149-01105. (CL20108951)

Well settled qualified vegetarian teetotaller match for Saraswati Punjabi Brahmin girl height 5'-3", Aug. 1996, MBA (HR) working in MNC Australia/Canada PR preferred. 78140-75019, 94174-797897. (CL20108968)

Seeking suitable match for 1997 born Himachali Brahmin girl, 5'-3", studied Software Engineering in USA and working as Software Engineer in USA. Contact 94594-00101. (CL20109000)

PQM for Mohali based Saraswat Brahmin girl, 9.9.85, 9.30 a.m. Nangal Dam, IT Project Coordinator. Father retd. Army Brother Manager. E: kmkhanot23@gmail.com M: 93188-03976. WhatsApp: 95824-34780. (CL20108633)

SM for Gaur Brahmin girl, 02.04.1995, 5'-4", B.Sc., B.Ed., now pursuing M.A. English. Govt. job preferred. Mob.: WhatsApp: 98141-10634. (CL20109006)

PQM for Chandigarh based Gaur Brahmin girl 87 born, 5'-3", pursuing Ph.D. (PU, Chandigarh). Pls send your biodata and pictures after matching kundli. WhatsApp: 98142-10634. (CL20109006)

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Well established Jat Sikh family seeking a match for their extremely beautiful and smart daughter, 35, 5 ft. 6 in tall, divorced after a brief marriage, working as a Doctor in USA. Looking for a tall, well qualified boy belonging to a respectable Jat Sikh family. Please respond with bio data and pictures to: docmat11@gmail.com (CL20109347)

Parents of Canadian Citizen Jat Sikh girl, 94, 5'-7", High School Science Teacher in Vancouver looking for a well qualified clean shaven boy from a reputed family based in Vancouver. Please respond with latest photo and bio-data to: setboudy1@gmail.com (CL20103611)

Professionally qualified suitable match for Jat Sikh Canadian PR girl 30, 5'-7", B.Tech (Computer Science), PG certifications from Canada. Currently working as IT Project Lead in Toronto. Jatt Sikh professional well settled boy preferred. Email: pmind15490@gmail.com Phone/ WhatsApp: 98762-90117. (CL20107550)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 5'-4", 04.05.1988, 6:35 am, Amritsar, 5'-4", B.Com, CA (Practicing) contact after matching kundli. WhatsApp: 98881-22880. (CL20107741)

Qualified match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 5'-4", 04.05.1988, 4:03 am, Amritsar, 5'-4", B.Com, CA (Practicing) contact after matching kundli. WhatsApp: 98881-22880. (CL20107741)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl 1985, M.Sc. Maths, Ph.D., Govt. Teacher. Preferred Amritsar. 99559-74969, 0183-2256812. (CL20107853)

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Well qualified, compatible match for Pb. Govt. class one Gazette Officer Jat Sikh girl 1993/5'-2". Call/WhatsApp: 98888-36470. (CL20106495)

MBA girl in Canada, 88, 5'-1" Jat Sikh. Groou should be in Canada. Entry, living in Toronto, well qualified (Master degree from India). Seeking Jatt Sikh well qualified boy. Canadian PR preferred. Ph: 94630-54762. (CL20107357)

Well qualified match for a Software professional girl in USA working with top MNC, 93 born, 5'-5", fair and slim with IIT background. Only USA citizen or Green Card holder. Contact on WA 94171-00755. (CL20106504)

No-drinker, vegetarian, having equal status, match, for 5'-8" 1991, Class One, Medical Officer (Specialist). WhatsApp: 98789-60578. (CL20106629)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin M.Tech (CSE) girl 5'-3", 20.09.89, 7:30 a.m., Rohtak, working in Govt. Sector at Panchkula. Father & brother are officer in Haryana Govt., residing Panchkula Gora Prashar and Mudgil

Match for beautiful Non Manglik. Gupia girl, Nov 1987, 5'4", Officer in Central Govt. PSU, 12+ LPA. Upper Caste welcome. Contact: 9418077699, 9418913594. (CL20108004)

Canadian PR 96 born Singla girl looking for USA/ Canada PR/ TR Inspector in Income Tax, working Chandigarh. Looking for Govt. employee in Tricity. 98128-08866. (CL20107955)

SM4 Bansal girl 5'4", 13.08.1992, 6:40 am, Bahadurgarh, Inspector in Income Tax, working Chandigarh. Looking for Govt. employee in Tricity. 98128-08866. (CL20107955)

Professionally qualified match for 09.09.1995, 5'4", Chandigarh, B.Tech., MNC Gurgaon, goita Mangal, working parents based Pinjore Haryana. 97790-64110, 99622-29293. (CL20108173)

Chandigarh based beautiful homely Singla girl, 26-10-1988/ 5'-3", B.Com, CA Inter. Decent marriage. Preferred tricity, Haryana. 94174-2430. (CL20108264)

Garg girl BA, B.Ed, 12.8.82, 12.50 am, Chandigarh 5'-3", local. Vegetarian. 9814393725. (CL20108299)

Seeking only a Professional Architect boy in India or Settled in any trade Abroad for a beautiful, slim 5'0", Bansal Architect girl, 7.8.94 (6:00 Am, Barnala), suprememampura@gmail.com (CL20108573)

Professionally qualified match for B.Tech girl, 5'6", 24.12.91, Jalandhar. Father and sister Doctor. High business also welcome. Preferred Jalandhar. 9988804263, 9988365250. (CL20106419)

SMF Hindu Khatri girl, 28/ 5'4", Govt. job in Police, Jatts also acceptable. Tricity/ nearby preferred. Phone: 94163-54425. (CL20108583)

Aggarwal girl 17.03.1997, 12.20 am, Ludhiana 5'-8", M.Sc, B.Ed. Contact: 98144-00937. (CL20106610)

Handsome educated Manglik/non-Manglik business class/professional match for very beautiful October 94, 5'-4", Chandigarh. 90341-12255. (CL20106820)

SM4 beautiful girl 15.12.91, 20.58, Chandigarh, 5'-5", MNC Gurgaon, 13 LPA. 96463-30076. (CL20107957)

Beautiful Garg, 1988, 155, LLM, job IFFCO Tokio Legal Advisor. Tricity preferred. 94175-12077. (CL20108625)

SM4 Singla Manglik girl 14.12.1990 (6.01 a.m. Patran) 5', MCA reputed educated business family. 98967-59211. (CL20108667)

Doctor match for MBBS, M.D., D.M. (Neurology), pursuing from AIIMS, New Delhi, Jaat boy, 5'11", 20.08.1993, 01:35 am, Hisar. Phone: 94670-49006. (CL20108686)

Suitable match for beautiful Garg girl, 13 Dec. 1994, 5'-2", M.Com, Ph.D (pursuing), NET cleared, seeks pure veg teetotaller match. 94174-57799. (CL20108718)

Wanted suitable match for extremely beautiful Garg girl, 5'-7", 11.12.1992, 6:03 am, Sunam, M.Sc. Mathematics (PU). Chd job in MNC Panchkula package 11 Lakh Tricity preferable. Contact: 98142-21127, 88798-92296. (CL20108723)

Suitable match for beautiful Singla girl, 5'-4", Sep 90 born, B.Com, MBA, homely girl from Reputed business family, Tohana. Decent marriage. Preferably from Haryana and Tricity. Contact: 94162-65525. (CL20108730)

Delhi based Punjabi fair Mittal girl, 29.09.1980, 11:16 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-3", M.Sc. Maths, B.Ed. 94655-51507. (CL20108745)

Bansal girl 21 Sept. 1991, 13.58 (Ambala), 5'-3", M.Sc (Chemistry), NET qualified, required businessman/government employee. WhatsApp: 90343-03781. (CL20108765)

Match for fair Aggarwal girl, 1995, B.Tech., MBA, UGC qualified. Preferred Gazetted Officer/ high profile businessperson/ MNC. 84373-86261. (CL20108783)

B'ful, fair 27, 5'-4", B.Com, CA, 15 LPA, Chartered Accountant, own firm, reputed upper class, working suitable match. Caste no bar. 94790-83587, 82698-39838. (CL20108826)

Suitable divorcee/ unmarried issues match for Garg beautiful divorcee issuesless girl, 2.10.1988, 2.20 p.m. MA, B.Ed. 94643-93163. (CL20108843)

Non Manglik qualified Garg girl, 30 Sep. 1986, 10:30 am, Mansa, 5'-4", residence Khanna. 99884-26686. (CL20108847)

SM4 Jindal working (Delhi) girl, MBA, 5'-3", 21.06.87, 4.00 pm, Kotkapura. 98833-66992, 98881-66992. (CL20108867)

Match for slim, beautiful Non-Manglik M.Tech. (C.S.C), 24.11.1990, 3.45 pm, 5'-5", Aggarwal girl, 98721-09891, dipeshgupta777@gmail.com (CL20108882)

Required suitable match for District Development Panchayti Officer (Gazetted Officer). Aggarwal girl Sep. 85, 5'-2", Ph.D, College Assistant Professor. Chandigarh Tricity preferred. Contact: 97730-63493. (CL20108884)

Suitable match for beautiful & talented CA practising girl 17.10.1994, 00:30 a.m., Yamunanagar, Mangal Gotar, 5'-1" boy well-settled in Chandigarh. Panchkula preferred. Contact: 94161-34421. (CL20108891)

Match for Hindu Khatri, Non-manglik software engineer B.Tech (Hons) 06-10-87, 05:20 am, Chandigarh. 5'-1", 12 lac. Top company Gurugao WA 93555-04961 (CL20108893)

Match for Hindu Khatri, Non-manglik, working girl, 5'-3", M.Com, B.Ed, 26.12.92, 4:15 am, Jalandhar. Preferred NRI (PR) or from Metro cities. WhatsApp pic with profile: 814681355. (CL20108545)

Seeks well educated, handsome Financially sound businessman match for beautiful, issuesless widow MD (Homoeopathy) Manglik Khatri girl 5'-1", 22.02.1987, 9.35 p.m. Running well settled owned clinic, brother also Doctor, Kapurthala, Sultanpur Lodhi, Nakodar, Jalandhar preferred only. 81466-77754. (CL20108585)

Aggarwal fair slim 5'-3", 364 CA, working in MNC Gurgaon, package 25L ++, send BHP apmatal25@yahoo.co.in WhatsApp: 98132-90299, 74285-42099. (CL20108548)

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PQM for fair, slim, Khatri Sober girl, 5'-3", 02.02.1991, 03:28 pm (Khamma), B.Tech, PU, working MNC Gurgaon, 11 LPA, vegetarian family, 7026-0329. (CL20107125)

Match for Punjabi Khatri unmarried, 1977, 158, M.Sc., B.Ed., fair, slim, beautiful, homely girl. Belongs Industrial family. Very decent marriage. Email: rkumar566@yahoo.com (CL20104729)

Seeking match for Waliya MBA girl 1983/5', package 40-50 lac p.a. Contact: 98888-88902, having sufficient salary package. (CL20106054)

Suitable match for slim girl, 5'-4", 21.05.1990, 11:24 am, convent educated MA, B.Ed., working as special educator in private school, Tricity preferred. Contact: 96469-23770. (CL20106370)

SM4 good looking intelligent Hindu Khatri Soob girl 01.06.1997, 12.56 pm, Phagwara, 5'-3", B.Sc (MLT) IELTS 6.5, Lab Technician DMCH, middle class family. WhatsApp D2396-46093. (CL20106373)

Looking suitable match for UT employed skill development trainer Khatri girl, 5 ft 5 inch, 29 years, M.Com, B.Ed, CTET qualified. Family well settled. 77400-91789. (CL20106374)

Seeking only a Professional Architect boy in India or Settled in any trade Abroad for a beautiful, slim 5'0", Bansal Architect girl, 7.8.94 (6:00 Am, Barnala), suprememampura@gmail.com (CL20108573)

Professionally qualified match for B.Tech girl, 5'-6", 24.12.91, Jalandhar. Father and sister Doctor. High business also welcome. Preferred Jalandhar. 9988804263, 9988365250. (CL20106419)

SMF Hindu Khatri girl, 28/ 5'4", Govt. job in Police, Jatts also acceptable. Tricity/ nearby preferred. Phone: 94163-54425. (CL20108583)

Aggarwal girl 17.03.1997, 12.20 am, Ludhiana 5'-8", M.Sc, B.Ed. Contact: 98144-00937. (CL20106610)

Handsome educated Manglik/non-Manglik business class/professional match for very beautiful October 94, 5'-4", Chandigarh. 90341-12255. (CL20106820)

SM4 beautiful girl 15.12.91, 20.58, Chandigarh, 5'-5", MNC Gurgaon, 13 LPA. 96463-30076. (CL20107957)

Beautiful Garg, 1988, 155, LLM, job IFFCO Tokio Legal Advisor. Tricity preferred. 94175-12077. (CL20108625)

SM4 Singla Manglik girl 14.12.1990 (6.01 a.m. Patran) 5', MCA reputed educated business family. 98967-59211. (CL20108667)

Doctor match for MBBS, M.D., D.M. (Neurology), pursuing from AIIMS, New Delhi, Jaat boy, 5'11", 20.08.1993, 01:35 am, Hisar. Phone: 94670-49006. (CL20108686)

Suitable match for beautiful Garg girl, 13 Dec. 1994, 5'-2", M.Com, Ph.D (pursuing), NET cleared, seeks pure veg teetotaller match. 94174-57799. (CL20108718)

Wanted suitable match for extremely beautiful Garg girl, 5'-7", 11.12.1992, 6:03 am, Sunam, M.Sc. Mathematics (PU). Chd job in MNC Panchkula package 11 Lakh Tricity preferable. Contact: 98142-21127, 88798-92296. (CL20108723)

Suitable match for beautiful Singla girl, 5'-4", Sep 90 born, B.Com, MBA, homely girl from Reputed business family, Tohana. Decent marriage. Preferably from Haryana and Tricity. Contact: 94162-65525. (CL20108730)

SM4 Hindu Khatri girl 10.10.1986, 3:30 am Ropar, 5'-3", MA, MCA, B.Com, B.Ed, Engineer in USA on HIB Visa. Visiting India soon. Contact: 78140-34420, 95010-73888. E-mail: amitnayyar22@gmail.com (CL20109018)

Suitable match for Khatri girl 26, 5'-3", MBA, SBI (working), caste no bar, 96850-08659, 72474-11329. (CL20108583)

Well educated settled for Hindu Malhotra Khatri Convent educated single girl 5'-1", December 1994, BE (PU) employed. Preferred Tricity. 97794-56638. (CL20108594)

Suitable match for extremely beautiful, Nov. 79 born, Khatri girl, B.Com, MBA, working as Manager in reputed education institute. Father retd. Govt. Officer. Preferred Tricity match. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 82830-37322. (CL20108634)

Suitable match for Khatri girl, 21.12.1988, 5'-5", M.A., B.Ed., TET pass. 98773-63308, 88470-55560. (CL20108636)

Match for smart Sood girl, 30.12.1992, 12.02 a.m., Chandigarh, height 5'-2", MA, B.Ed, private job. Contact: 98156-03553. (CL20108702)

Suitable match for Hindu Arora Khatri girl, 1978/ 5'-2", ETT, ITI, private School Teacher. 95010-28174. (CL20108772)

Seeking match for Hindu Arora Khatri girl, 1977, 5'-2", MA, B.Ed, Aanganwadi Worker. Contact: 95010-28174.

Professional match for Hindu Arora Khatri girl, 1977, 5'-2", MA, B.Ed, CSE, working in Gurugram, Ambala City, 5'-4", pure vegetarian family required. Tricity only. Mobile 99966-98820. (CL20106586)

Hindu Khatri Non- Manglik, 5'-4", 12.29 pm, Panipat, MCA, working in Gurugram, Ambala City, 5'-4", pure vegetarian family required. Tricity only. Mobile 99966-98820. (CL20106586)

Match for Hindu Arora Khatri girl, 1978/ 5'-2", ETT, ITI, private School Teacher. 95010-28174.

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NRI

1990 born, fair, 5'-2", Sharma Computer Engineer in Toronto, Canadian Citizen. 83603 48613 (CL20108550)

PQM for beautiful girl 26/5"-4", working in Canada, seeks suitable match. 86025-07879. (CL20108887)

PQM for Agrawal girl, 13th May 1987 5'-9 inches, having Canadian citizenship, presently working in Canadian Govt. Bank. Caste no bar. Contact or WhatsApp: +9198106-51100. (CL20108885)

Match for US Citizen Gurjikh Rajput extremely beautiful, 25 years, 5'-10", Engineer girl working in Multinational Company in USA. Looking for handsome Sikh boy 25- 29 years, well settled in USA with good family values. Please email details and latest picture at singhdss2021@gmail.com (CL20106507)

Suitable match for Canadian Citizen, well educated Jat Sikh girl, 5'-5", 1993, looking for handsome well settled educated boy. Preferred Canadian resident. Contact: 98877-0018, +17788632051. (CL20106534)

Match for Australian TR Brahmin girl 1992, doing Nursing, 5'-1", beautiful slim, Melbourne, wanted suitable match of Brahmin boy lives in Australia. Cal: 94652-01651. (CL20106640)

American citizen MBBS, MD, minimum 5'-6" height, Gursikh match for Canada PR girl 28/ 5'-4", M.Sc., Scientist. Family settled America. Preferred non-drinker. 82830-44392. Email: 8991nareshverma@gmail.com (CL20106838)

Canadian immigrant (PR) Randasia Sikh divorced girl, 36 / 5'-8", M.A; seeking match student visa / work permit also considered. Contact: 98766-15542 (CL20106884)

Doctor match pursuing Research or Fellowship in USA for Chandigarh Garg girl, 27/ 5'-3", doing Research in USA. Send bio-data. 9875-11146, 81469-95790. (CL20106951)

Suitable match for slim, beautiful girl, 26, 5'-5", fair complexion, MBBS PLAB passed, doing GP training in Blackburn, UK. Preferred MBBS/ MD Doctor, CA, investment bankers & who wants settled in UK. Caste no bar. Contact 98142-48266, Email: savaitsathi317@gmail.com (CL20106969)

Upper caste never married match for Saini Sikh girl, fair, 5'-6", PhD Public Health, never married, December 15, 80. Canada PR, girl in India. WhatsApp: 84696-60203. (CL20107008)

Match for beautiful girl, Doctor MD Medicine, Assistant Prof. in USA, 5'-4", Hindu Punjabi Khatri, born Oct. 1989. Required Doctor boy in USA. Contact: 79866-89712. (CL20107009)

Arora Sikh Nagpal girl 5', 1993, M.Tech ECE, PG Diploma from Canada, one younger brother. Both on work permit in Canada. Father Businessman, Mother Teacher. Contact- 83600-36500. (CL20107095)

Beautiful Goyal girl 21.11.1993 , 1:50 PM, Patiala 5'-3", MCA (India) pursuing H.R. Mgt. Toronto study visa. 88720-06090 (CL20107097)

Highly qualified Jatt Sikh match for USA for highly qualified 1992 5'-5", beautiful, smart, Jatt Sikh girl, convert educated in Chandigarh, B.Tech. (Gold Medalist) from PEC MS from Stanford University, California, USA. Employed in a Global Software Major in Silicon Valley USA on H1B visa. Pls send biodata and pictures +91-82849-52186, mt7us@gmail.com (CL20107131)

Match for Hindu Khatri girl 1991 born, 5'-4", IT Engineer, high job in Canada. Govt. high class family. WhatsApp 97793-88882. (CL20107316)

Match for beautiful Dhiman Brahmin girl, B.D.S, 32/5'-4", income 100,000/- per month, own bank building. Job in MNC. PR shortly. Tricity working match of business family. 9417223496. Email: eptdm@yahoomail.com (CL20107697)

Professionally qualified match for Canada PR, 32, 5'-1", Khatri, vegetarian girl. Very short term divorced. Working as Biological Scientist in Toronto, USA, Canada preferred. 70092-17463 (CL20107552)

London based girl working in a Big-4 MNC in London, Masters top B-School USA, 5'-6" 86, from Delhi Punjab Sikhs family, seek match having similar profile, educated from premium institutes. Caste no bar. aark3427@gmail.com +9198100-43510. (CL20107697)

Professionally qualified only Canada settled match for Canada PR girl, born 1991, 5'-7", Software Engineer, job Toronto, Castle Weaver. 98725-09938. (CL20108724)

Qualified well settled NRI match for Sikh Walia girl Ph.D. 1985, 5'-5", permanent Professor in College, (PR under process). 94646-27450, bir2751@gmail.com (CL20107804)

Professionally qualified only Canada settled match for Canada PR girl, born 1991, 5'-7", Software Engineer, job Toronto, Castle Weaver. 98725-09938. (CL20108724)

NM Garg girl 30.3.89 Delhi, 5'-2", Toronto PR holder. Bank job. Pref. std boy Canada. Wasp: 86890-09000, E: akr6064@gmail.com (CL20108612)

Seeking qualified match for Prajapati Sikkh fair beautiful 85 born, Canadian PR girl. Father retired class one Gazetted officer. Contact: maternimony.rjs@gmail.com (CL20108622)

Australian PR divorced Sikh Khatri Post Graduate girl 40, 5'-4", one daughter, well settled. Australian PR preferred. 95011-00770. (CL20108662)

Required Australian Doctor for Saini Sikh girl, 1989 born, 5'-3", working as Doctor in Melbourne Australia. Upper castes no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp: 9815627242, 9878917025. (CL20108807)

Suitable match for 1991 born Canadian PR Dentist Babarai Singh girl, 5'-4", Canadian PR and citizens are preferred. 98153-17658. (CL20108845)

Arora Khatri Brampton Canada PR girl 1993, 5'-5", require Canadian CPA boy. 97000-40770. (CL20108850)

Match for divorced Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl with one son, 38/5'-4", Govt. job in Chandigarh NRI preferred. Preferably from Canada. USA. 97865-11959. (CL20108858)

Canadian citizen 1994, 5'-5", MS Engg. Senior Software Engineer \$100,000 Req. well educated match. Caste no bar. 70675-80823. (CL20108889)

Match for beautiful Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin girl PR Canada 1995, 5'. Preference to Punjabi Brahmin boy on Canadian work permit/PR. Kundli must. Contact: 98885-68303. (CL20108869)

WIDOW

Govt. employee ETT Teacher Mazhabi Sikh 5'-2", 1977, slim issueless widow. Preferred tricity.62839-08727. (CL20108455)

Suitable match for Graduate beautiful issueless Widow employed Khatri girl, born on 21.10.1975 at 10:10 pm, 5'-1". Contact: 9872004629, 946393577. (CL20108781)

Suitable match for Army widow, fair, beautiful, 35 years, 5'-6", with one 11 years girl child. Karnal based. 80533-73182, karnali7755@gmail.com (CL20108349)

Wanted/ Available Ecocity Plots /Showrooms / Booth New Chandigarh Arora (HSAS) Rtd. 9878709884. (CL20078914)

Eco 1/2 DLF, Omaxe wanted/ available plots, commercial any size. Ravi Garg: 98881-11888, Hardik 78883-73520. Office D3014, ECO 1. (CL20083449)

Wanted/ Available Ecocity Plots /Showrooms / Booth New Chandigarh Arora (HSAS) Rtd. 9878709884. # R2/B406 DLF. (CL20086172)

One Kanal Kothi Sector 2/ 8/ 10 etc. Chandigarh. Arora rtd. (HSAS) 50-51 Sector 17-A. 9878709884.

Sale/ purchase of properties residential commercial industrial hotels malls at Chandigarh/Panchkula/ Mohali/ Kharar/ Mullanpur (immediate settlement). Contact Bansal Associate, Showroom 45-46-47, Sector 17-A (Near Taj Hotel), Chandigarh. 98144-67149. (CL201210230)

Eco 1/ 2, DLF, Omaxe, Greater Punjab, wanted/ available plots/ SCO/ bayshop/ booth. 98881-11888, 78883-73520. (CL20104214)

10 marla newly built house first floor main road opposite market Sector 18, Chandigarh for immediate sale. 94175-67249. (CL20107104)

Chandigarh one kanal newly built duplex house Sector 16A, also Sector 35A. Gulati Estates: 98140-06264. (CL20107110)

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Corner more than 1 kanal house Sector 8 and corner green belt Sector 8 Chandigarh direct deal. 98149-67149. (CL20107131)

12 marla house A-Road, green belt, North-East (prime location) Sector 15 Chandigarh genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL20107132)

5, 7, 8, 10 marla house Sector 8, 15, 18, 22, 23, 27, 35, 37, 40, Chandigarh. Going cheap. 98149-67149. (CL20107160)

Partial- Four bedroom kothi with drawing, dining, porch for two car vehicle, 355 sq.m. (40x85 am. Jalandhar). 98149-67149. (CL20107110)

2 Kanal ultra modern new house, Central Sectors Chandigarh. Contact K.D. Sharma Real Estates 98142-10139. (CL20108548)

1 Kanal duplex modern house Sector 18, Chandigarh direct deal (reasonable price). 98149-67149. (CL20107106)

2 Kanal ultra modern new house, Central Sectors Chandigarh. 98140-06264. (CL20108549)

Two Showroom Site 15'x70', near HDFC Bank, village Jandpur. Sunny Enclave. Kothi 10 marla, Single, Giani Zail Singh Nagar-Ropar. 98785-83184. (CL20108758)

Mohali: 12'x30' DSS Ground + First floor builtin in Sector-66. 98140-51116. (CL20108851)

Mohali: 18'x90' Showroom builtin in Sector-66. 98140-51116. (CL20108862)

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I. Sita Krish d/o Shri Krish r/o No. 99, Village Kodiala Anshik, Bikapur, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh - 224204, have changed my name to Sita Rawat. (CL20108646)

I. Umashesh w/o Ashok Singh Aneja r/o # 83-C, Raiguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab, have changed my name from Umashesh to Umashesh Aneja (after the marriage). (CL20107295)

Chandigarh freehold corner showroom (front stairs) Sector 19, busiest market. Vacant possession. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20107603)

Chandigarh bay shop in busiest food market Sector 32, for sale vacant. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20107605)

Chandigarh showroom ground floor with basement Sector 32, for sale front huge parking. Shree Properties 98140-35506. (CL20107608)

I. Darshan Kumar s/o Late Hemraj r/o No. 45/9, Krishna Basti, Near Post Office, Samana, District Patiala, Punjab, declare that my son Nakul Agarwal his wife Payal Agarwal their son Divyam Agarwal is out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable immoveable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk. Me and my family are not responsible for any kind of act done by them. (CL20108939)

I. Makhwir Kumar s/o Babulal r/o Kirpal Sagar, Campus Daryapur, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have changed my name from Makhwir Kumar to Makhwir Kumar Aggarwal. Concerned note. (CL20108944)

We Balwinder Singh and Inderjeet Kaur resident of Vill. Dauwal, Distt. Chamba (HP), declared that our son and his wife living in Australia. They never asked about our condition. So we have disinherited our son Mandeep Singh and his wife Mandeep Kaur from our all moveable immoveable properties. (CL20108779)

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

One/two kanal facing park Sector 8, 34, 35. Four kanal facing park Sector 8, 9, 10, 11. Megh Estates: 98815-00789. (CL2007617)

6 kanal prime Sector 9, four kanal Sectors 9, 8, 2, 27. Sharan 98728-92299, 98766-60333. (CL20108848)

Showroom/monthly rent 11,50,000/-, Sector 34. Showroom Bank tenant rent 3,00,000/- Mohali. Sharan 98728-92299, 98766-60333. (CL20108854)

Approxi 2 kanal prime location (plot price), Sector 16. Chandigarh immediate sale. 98149-67149. (CL20108842)

Chandigarh available approx. 900 square yard freehold commercial plot in Timber Market. Call: 98148-44646. (CL20108971)

10 marla 3 BHK house 1st and 2nd floor 200 yrd kothi in Aero City. floorwise options also available. Contact: 98145-67788, 88940-44488. (CL20107280)

Emaar/ Sector 108/109: Available 300/ 400 yrd in Sector 109/ Emaar, 250 yrd facing main road. Sector 104, Emaar. Contact: 98146-70154, 98151-78832. (CL20107284)

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Kothi available kanal kothi facing park, East facing 986 Phase-B2, booked deal. Sahni Properties 76966-16106, (CL20107595)

Sector-80, 562 sqyd North facing plot # 1907 on 100 ft. road top location booked deal. Sahni Properties 76966-16106, (CL20107595)

5 and 8 marla newly built floor at Aero City Mohali. Contact: Chandigarh Realtors 98554-04849, (CL20107759)

127 gaj kothi newly built (old Sunny Enclave) commercial location corner facing park. Chandigarh Realtors 98554-04849, (CL20107775)

10.5 marla duplex nicely constructed (4 bedrooms attached bathrooms) Phase 11, triple storey house Phase 10, facing park Sector 71. Prinji Associates: 82839-30009, (CL20108555)

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112 gaj kothi single storey new buildup Sunny Enclave. 97811-88097, (CL20108567)

105 gaj plot for sale Gold City Sunny Enclave. 97811-88097, (CL20108559)

10 marla kothi corner kothi for sale Mohali. Contact: 9316119139, (CL20108564)

One kanal single storey kothi Sector 71, six marla plot B-Road Sector 79. Five marla corner plot Sector 79. Six marla double storey facing park Sector 80, Mohali. Pure Realtors & Builders 99141-19272, 98140-12256, (CL20108572)

Mohali plots 150 yds 2283 and 129 yds 980, Sector 79, Industrial plot 850 yds corner 238-A, Sector 82 JPL. Aarkay Estates: 98140-12730, 98148-22730, (CL20108575)

Eight marla newly renovated single storey, kothi at Sunny Enclave, Sec. 125, Kharar. Contact: 98152-26018, (CL20108576)

2 kanal industrial plot 6000 sqft RCC construction for sale in Phase 7, Mohali. 95924-99924, 90140-00010, (CL20108601)

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5 marla 125 sq yds # 2231 Aerocity C-Block triple storey call Getmax Realtors: 70093-34244, (CL20108650)

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One kanal old single storey kothi, Phase 3B2, Mohali. Venture Property 98727-73972, (CL20108808)

Sector 95 to 96 sownroom sit on 200 ft. road good investment purpose. Venture Property 98727-73972, (CL20108811)

1 kanal 55 build-up East facing Sector 70, 71, 69, 70. Venture Property: 98727-73972, (CL20108822)

8 marla kothi, Sector 67, facing park/ corner location. Venture Property 98148-99086, (CL20108823)

300 yards bungalow for sale in Sector 108. Emaar rare availability and genuine price. 98551-83109, (CL20108839)

10 marla duplex kothi, Sector 69, excellent condition, East facing with ample parking. Venture Property: 98148-99086, (CL20108844)

10 marla nicely built first floor at reasonable rate Phase I, also H-E floors Phase V, L. 98728-18063, 94170-28398, (CL20108912)

Showroom fully builtup/ 3B2 and Kharar, second and top/ 3B2, Harmandeep Singh 94171-93939, (CL20108922)

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Prime location: 268.33 gaj big corner, facing park kothi Phase 9, Mohali. Nareesh Properties 98141-25665, (CL20108929)

Mohali: (Commercial): Booth & showrooms, main market, Phase-5, 3B2, 7, X, XI, Sector 66A. Empire Estates 98159-50922, 98159-50922, (CL20109025)

Mohali: 10 marla house, 60 feet road, ample parking, North facing, Phase 5. Contact Empire Estates 98159-50922, 98159-50922, (CL20109026)

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Mohali: 8 & 10 marla brand new house in IT City, Aerocity, Sector 78, 79, 80. Contact Empire Estates 98159-50922, 98156-66055, (CL20109029)

Commercial (Shop): 10x30, site & builtup huge parking, front Airport Road, Busiest Market, Janta Land, Sector 66A. Contact: Empire Estates: 98159-50922, 98156-66055, (CL20109030)

8 marla facing park, 10 marla B road, 1 kanal corner plots available in Sector 88, 89 and Aerocity, IT City, Mohali. Contact 86999-99090, (CL20109659)

Aerotropolis Land 1, 2 kanal & in Block E, H. Best investment. Jindal & Co. 98145-88499, (CL20107111)

Available Loi in Block A, D-Aerotropolis, Mohali. (Loi coming soon) 98145-88499, 98141-40084, (CL20107128)

285 sq yd plot for sale Ansals' Golf Link Sector 114, Mohali. 98687-66591, (CL20107147)

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Wanted one/ two kanal house 8, 34, 36 Chandigarh. One kanal Gilco Industrial plots Mohali. Kohli & Kohli 98154-75238, 99152-29101, (CL20106792)

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Wanted disputed properties all over North Legal heirs/ occupants/ tenants (free consultation) Aarkay, 97805-03648, 80549-08612, (CL20108925)

Wanted all kinds of Properties in Tricity. Fair deals since 1968. Azad Properties 78373-44591, (CL20108627)

Wanted 4 Kanal house in Northern Sectors Chandigarh. Confirmed buyer. Unnati Estates 9888011180, 987207555, (CL20108504)

Wanted Two Kanal house in Chandigarh Sector 8, 18, Confirmed buyer. Unnati Estates 9888011180, 987207555, (CL20108500)

PROPERTY

Batra Estate - # 99, Sector 17, Panchkula, 94179-7716, 85669-15000, 94638-37635, 70093-27189, property consultants specialised in commercial and residential accommodation. (CL20107495)

Tolet: Commercial properties booths/ SC/ floors wanted/ available in Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali. 98151-59696, (CL20108705)

SCF in Urban Estate Phase 2. Jamalpur Ludhiana. For immediately sale. Contact: 97804-96890. (CL20108726)

PLOT FOR SALE

Available / Wanted Plots Ecocity direct meeting. Buyer / Seller New Chandigarh, Arora Rid (HSAS) B2A06 DLF 9878709884, (CL20094911)

Aerotropolis LOI: Block A, B, C, D 500, 300, 200, 150 residential & 200, 100, 60, 25 commercial. Royal Castle 98787-80000, 98767-6000, (CL20107839)

Mohali Aerocity, 7 marla corner + park facing rare available location Block-1, Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98767-6000, (CL20107842)

Mohali: GILCO Industrial: 518 yds B-Road North-East/ 4 kanal facing, best location & approach. Royal Castle 98767-60000, (CL20107850)

New upcoming plots 100, 125, 150 sq yds facing park, corner plot in Sector 105, EMAR. Getmax Realtors 81968-97777, (CL20108236)

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New upcoming plots 100, 125, 150 sq yds near Golf Course & Lake Mohali. Book your plot by paying 10% of BSP. Rates area increasing. Call Getmax Realtors 81968-97777, (CL20108242)

AP-395, 300 Sq Yds in Sector 109. EMAR. Call Getmax Realtors 81968-97777, (CL20108243)

Aerotropolis lands: 2, 4 kanal, 1 acre, Block-E, F & G, H best investment. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000, (CL20107846)

Mohali: GILCO industrial 1040 gaj B Road, East facing, high potential investment. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98787-80000, (CL20107850)

Industrial kanal plots prime locations only JPLL, Gilco, Landchesteer and showrooms Airport Road, Mohali. EMMGEE 98150-29454, (CL20107882)

4 Marla Big Corner Sector-77, 8 Marla Sector-77, 78, 79, 80 & 10 Marla B-Road Sector-79, 12 Marla Corner, A-Road sector-78. Orbit Estates- 9878200042, 9915534500, (CL20108250)

Commercial plot for sale, size 15'x60', 100 sq yard, Chaura Bazar, near best price, Ambala Road Zirakpur. 98152-35851, (CL20108564)

GMDA IT City Sector 83, Alpha Beta 500 sq. yds. plots for sale. 1584 adjoining park. 1579 direct entry from 164 feet road. Aavaas 98787-73972, (CL20108565)

GMDA IT City Sector 66, Beta 500 sq. yds. plots for sale. 1584 adjoining park. 1579 direct entry from 164 feet road. Aavaas 98787-73972, (CL20108566)

Land deals in Zirakpur, Derabassi, Dappar, T. Tricity, residential, commercial and agriculture, fair deal. 98766-10603, (CL20104452)

Sirsas: 3 to 6 acres land in 1 kilometer near Rampura Village Bishnoi is for sale, after the announcement of becoming a Sub-Tehsil, Tehsil. Contact for future investment/ business. 97294-13108, (CL20105711)

Mullanpur - Farmhouse 4 kanal, swimming pool, land scaping, huts, 2 bedroom, Village Soonak nearest to Chandigarh. 98159-49013, (CL20106704)

Agriculture lands suitable for farmhouse near New Chandigarh, good investment in future 1 acre, 2.5 acre, 6 acre, 15 acre, 25 acre 50 acre + only genuine buyers contact Hello Hi Bhatia 94170-09175, (CL20106813)

60 acre R-Zone land in Lalru suitable for Plotting/ Colonizing. RV Associates 98140-42287, (CL20106469)

Mullanpur - Farmhouse 4 kanal, swimming pool, land scaping, huts, 2 bedroom, Village Soonak nearest to Chandigarh. 98159-49013, (CL20106704)

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chairs the 40th meeting of the Amarnath Ji Shrine Board in Jammu on Saturday. PTI

Amarnath yatra from June 28, registration begins on April 1

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

The Sri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB), headed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, today decided to hold the 56-day annual yatra to the 3,880-metre high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas beginning June 28. As per the tradition, it will end on August 22 when Raksha Bandhan is to be celebrated.

The government, in a series of tweets, said, "A decision to this effect was taken in the 40th board meeting of the SASB chaired by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan in Jammu."

In another tweet, the Union Territory govern-

ment said the registration process would begin on April 1 through 446 designated branches of Punjab National Bank (PNB), J&K Bank and Yes bank in 37 states and all the UTs.

The yatra was restricted to a group of sadhus (seers) last year due to the Covid pandemic, while a year earlier it was called off mid-way due to "terror threat" on August 2, three days before the Centre revoked provisions of Article 370 and divided the state into two UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

However, this year the SASB has decided to increase the number of yatris. L-G Sinha has directed the officials to upgrade facilities on both the routes.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA KHANPORA DISTRICT BUDGAM (J&K)

Website : www.jnv.budgam.com, E-mail : jnvvbudgam87@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Date:- 13-03-2021

For and on behalf of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, New Delhi sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 2/- are invited from registered tenderers/ firms/ Manufacturers/ Government Agencies (General Order Supplier excuse) for supply of the below mentioned items for the financial year 2021-22. The tender documents & other terms & conditions can be had from the office of the Principal JNV- Khanpora, Distt. Budgam on any working day on or before 30.03.2021 against cash payment of Rs. 200/- or the same can be downloaded from Vidyalaya Web site <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/BUDGAM/en/home/> and Demand draft of Rs. 200/- as cost of tender document payable at SBI Budgam in favour of Principal JNV Budgam.

The tenderers are directed to deposit the tenders in the office of the Principal JNV Khanpora District Budgam on or before 31.03.2021 upto 2.30 P.M. along with demand draft for the amount shown below against each item in favour of Principal JNV-Khanpora Distt.Budgam payable at SBI Budgam without which no tender will be entertained.

S.NO.	NAME OF THE ITEM	SECURITY DEPOSIT AMOUNT RS.
1	Rice	15,000
2	Dietary items	15,000
3	Local Roti / Bread etc.	5,000
4	Fresh Vegetable, Fruit, Eggs, Cheese Chicken (Broiler) Dressed/Mutton/boneless Fish and Fresh Milk/Curd	5,000
5	Stitching of Uniform	5,000

The intending tenderers are required to quote their rates F.O.R. JNV campus Khanpora Budgam (except Chicken) inclusive of all taxes & VAT. The Tenderers are required to follow the terms and conditions scrupulously before submitting their tenders. The tenders will be opened on 03.04.2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the undersigned. The interested Tenderers are free to attend the said office on the date of opening of Tenders. The U/Sd reserves the right to reject all or any tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Principal

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, H.P. PWD, Dhami on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in two Cover System for the undermentioned works from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms registered with H.P. PWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractor	Time
1	Construction of Govt. Primary and Senior Secondary Smart School Boilegwan Shimla H.P. (SH: C/o building portion, Providing WS & SI development and C/o approach road in km. 0/00 to 0/120). (Under Smart City Shimla)	Rs. 4,74,75,563/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	Class-A	Eighteen Months
2	Construction of Parking block-A at Bangalore Colony, Totu Shimla (SH: C/o Civil Work, WS & SI works, Site development, Septic tank and rain harvesting tanks etc) (Under Smart City Shimla)	Rs. 7,76,39,597/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	Class-A	Eighteen Months

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of Submission:- The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htpnders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in H.P. PWD may obtain the same from the website <https://htpnders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:-

1. Date of Online Publication	26.04.2021 18:00 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	26.04.2021 18:30 HRS up to 10.05.2021 17:00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	26.04.2021 18:30 HRS up to 10.05.2021 17:00 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	11.05.2021 10:30 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	11.05.2021 11:00 HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS:- The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in two cover:

(i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility Information".

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:- The bidders are required to submit(a) online payment receipt (Tender Fee) (b) online payment receipt (EMD) (c) Form 7-8 and (d) Affidavits to the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, H.P. PWD Dhami H.P. as specified in Key Dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS:- The bids shall be opened on 11.05.2020 at 11:00 HRS by the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami H.P. in the office of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle HPPWD Shimla-3. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. Eligibility Criteria:- The bidders must have successfully completed similar nature of work not less than 40% of estimated cost during the last five years (without liquidated damages or compensation).

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Executive Engineer,
Shimla Rural Division, H.P. PWD Dhami.

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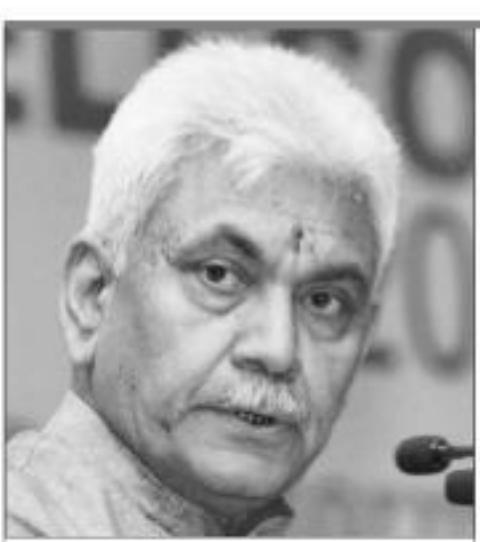
Centre should resume political process, say former legislators

JAMMU, MARCH 13

Terming the situation in J&K as chaotic, a group of former legislators belonging to different political parties today held a meeting and demanded early resumption of a democratic political process here.

The legislators included former ministers, MLAs and MLCs affiliated with National Conference, PDP and Congress. They expressed concern over "rampant corruption" in some of the government offices and sought intervention of Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha in checking the system.

Issuing a statement after the meeting held under the leadership of former National Conference MLA Qazi Jalal-ud-Din, the participants said the former legisla-



L-G Manoj Sinha urged to check 'corrupt' practices

'PROBLEM FOR PUBLIC'

- A statement issued by ex-legislators reads, "In the absence of a public representative government, the masses are facing several problems."
- "Programmes, policies are being made in cozy official spaces of the civil secretariat. There is a gap between the administration and the people," they say.
- Leaders hold meeting under headship of NC ex-MLA Qazi Jalal-ud-Din

council said.

It said the council discussed the current political, social and economic situation prevailing in J&K and was of the opinion that the current impasse on the restoration of a political process has only added to the miseries of the general masses. It sought intervention of the Lt Governor to impress upon the Union government for resumption of political process, the statement said.

The meeting was attended by former ministers Ram Paul, Jagjivan Lal and Haji Nissar, former MLA Gul Rafique and ex-MLCs Kashmira Singh, Brij Mohan Sharma, B L Bhat, Depinder Kour, Iqbal Butt and Firdous Tak. — PTI

tors and political workers had a constructive role in steering the erstwhile state out of the current "political impasse". "We cannot be mute spectators to the current situation. Instead, we

will be reaching out to the masses and administration in an attempt to bridge the gap between the government and the people," the statement issued under the banner of the ex-legislators

7 HIZB MEN HELD

- The police have arrested seven overground workers of a terror outfit from Shopian district
- The police tweeted that all those arrested were associated with proscribed terrorist outfit Hizbul Mujahideen
- Incriminating documents have been seized from the possession of the arrested persons
- A case has been registered and further investigation is on

said there are around 200 terrorists active in J&K.

"I am hopeful that the number will drop further this year like the previous year when the figure dropped to a large extent," he said. — PTI

200 terrorists active, 250 on launch pads: DGP

JAMMU, MARCH 13

Around 200 terrorists are active in J&K while intelligence inputs suggest that another 250 are waiting on launch pads across the border, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Saturday. In a clear reference to Pakistan, Singh said security forces were alive to the threat and on alert to scuttle the nefarious designs of the neighbouring country to disturb peace in the UT.

The DGP also said all necessary security arrangements would be made to ensure that the Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir Himalayas, scheduled to commence on June 28, is peaceful.

Talking to reporters before inaugurating the inter zone sports meet at the police headquarters here, Singh

Jammu-Srinagar highway cleared of landslides debris

BANIHAL/JAMMU, MARCH 13

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was on Saturday afternoon cleared of the debris brought in by a massive mudslide in Ramban district, paving the way for resumption of one-way traffic after two days, officials said.

The traffic on the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, would be allowed from Jammu to Srinagar subject to fair weather and better road condition, traffic officials said.

The road was closed for routine weekly maintenance on Friday but was blocked at Shabanbass near Banihal following a massive mudslide triggered by heavy rain. — PTI

Two killed as truck hits over 10 vehicles

JAMMU, MARCH 13

Two persons were killed and four others critically injured when a truck driver lost control over his vehicle that hit and damaged nearly a dozen vehicles inside a vegetable and fruit market here on Saturday, police said.

The accident occurred at the Narwal mandi, when the main terminal market of the city was crowded with early morning shoppers, a police official said.

He said the driver of the truck, bearing a Rajasthan registration number, lost control over the wheel apparently due to a brake failure and the truck hit and damaged nearly a dozen vehicles, including four mini load carriers, three cars and two two-wheelers.

Suraj Prakash (45) of



Mangled remains of the ill-fated vehicles after a mishap at Narwal market, Jammu, on Saturday. PTI

Akhnoor and Bodh Raj (40) of RS Pura were killed in the accident, while four other critically-injured per-

sons were shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital, the official said.

He said the truck driver fled the spot after the accident and efforts are on to arrest him. — PTI

Security men fired upon during search ops in Rawalpora

forces launched a cordon and search operation this morning in Rawalpora area of the district.

During the operation, the

security personnel were fired upon, the police said.

The search operation turned into an encounter after the militants opened fire as the security forces retaliated.

There are no reports of any casualties so far on either side, the official added.

Further investigation into the matter is going on. — PTI

Militants, security forces exchange fire

SRINAGAR, MARCH 13

An encounter broke out between militants and security forces in the Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, a police official said.

According to information, security forces got a piece of information that militants were present in the area following which the security

forces launched a cordon and search operation this morning in Rawalpora area of the district.

During the operation, the

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Democracy in peril, says Sinha as he joins TMC

able to the people. The country is not in safe hands."

In 1999, when the Indian Airlines plane was hijacked by terrorists and flown to Kandahar, Mamtaz, then a minister in the NDA government, had offered herself in exchange for Indian hostages and was "prepared to make any sacrifice for the country", he said.

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NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021/PHALGUNA 18, 1942

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 9th March, 2021

S.O. 1073(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways S.O. No. 4156(E) dated 19.11.2020 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of IT City Chowk to Kurali Road NH-205-A on the stretch of land from Km. 0.000 to Km. 31.230 (SAS Nagar Mohali) in the District of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of Punjab.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Tribune (English)" and "Ajit (Punjabi)" both dated 26.11.2020 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. 0+000 to Km. 31+230 of the National Highway No. 205-A (IT City Chowk to Kurali Road) in the District of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of Punjab.

State: PUNJAB		District: S.A.S Nagar Mohali			
Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No:
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Kharar Village: Andheri (104)					
1	109min	Private	irrigated	0.001	Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/4 part Rakha Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/4 part Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/8 part Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/8 part , Lovepreet Singh s/o Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/8 part Karandeep Singh s/o Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/8 part 109Min
2	255/2min	Private	irrigated	0.001	Surinder Singh s/o Didar Singh s/o Sumand Singh 1/4 part Harpal Singh s/o Didar Singh s/o Sumand Singh 1/4 part Darsan Kaur d/o Didar Singh s/o umand Singh 1/4 part Narinder Kaur Widow of Bahadur Singh s/o Didar Singh 1/16 part Amandeep Kaur d/o Bahadur Singh s/o Didar Singh 1/16 part Satnam Singh s/o Bahadur Singh s/o Didar Singh 1/16 part Ramandeep Kaur d/o Bahadur Singh s/o Didar Singh 1/16 part 255/2Min
3	383min	Private (Shamlat Deh)	rasta	0.005	Shamlat Deh. 383Min
4	530/83min	Private	irrigated	0.0295	Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part Dalbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part 530/83Min
5	68/2min	Private	Irrigated	0.036	Taranjit Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Chhajja Singh 1/4 part Jaswinder Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Chhajja Singh 1/4 part Baljeet Singh s/o Ram Singh s/o Chhajja Singh 1/8 part Kulwant Singh s/o Ram Singh s/o Chhajja Singh 1/8 part Chhajja Kaur Wife of Nirmal Singh s/o Arjan Singh 1/144 Part Sakindar Kaur Wife of Sapinder Singh s/o Kesar Singh 1/144 Part Surinder Kaur Wife of Amrik Singh 1/144 Part Rajni Mahajan w/o Raman Kumar s/o Rajkumar 1/192 part , saroj mahajan w/o Ravinder Kumar S/o vishwanmitra 1/192 part Paramjot Kaur Wife of Sahib Singh Resident Village Sultanpur Tehsil Kharar 7/32 Part 68/2Min
6	76min	Government	sadak	0.0885	Provincial Government 76min
7	80min	Private	irrigated	0.0337	Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part Dalbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part 80Min
8	81min	Private	irrigated	0.2277	Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part Dalbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part 81Min
9	82min	Private	irrigated	0.2234	Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part Dalbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/2 part 82Min
10	88min	Private	irrigated	0.0759	Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/4 part Rakha Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/4 part Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/8 part Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/8 part , Lovepreet Singh s/o Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/8 part Karandeep Singh s/o Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/8 part 88Min
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12	90min	Private	irrigated	0.097	Mewa Singh s/o Hira Singh s/o Nandu 1/456 part Sukhbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 17/57 part Dalbir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/6 part Manjot Kaur wife of Balwinder Singh s/o Chet Singh 81/152 part 90Min
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15	95min	Private	irrigated	0.091	Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Rakha Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Dilbag Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Tarlochan Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Surinder Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Dalvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Kuldip Singh s/o Siria Singh s/o Basant Singh 38/93 part Lovepreet Singh s/o Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part Karandeep Singh s/o Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part 95Min
16	96min	Private	irrigated	0.305	Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Rakha Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Dilbag Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Tarlochan Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Surinder Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Dalvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Kuldip Singh s/o Siria Singh s/o Basant Singh 38/93 part Lovepreet Singh s/o Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part Karandeep Singh s/o Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part 96Min
17	97min	Private	irrigated	0.1433	Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Rakha Singh s/o Hakam Singh s/o Rala Singh 1/12 part Dilbag Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Tarlochan Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Surinder Singh s/o Balwant Singh s/o Thakur Singh 8/93 part Dalvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Sukhvir Singh s/o Gurpal Singh s/o Hakam Singh 1/24 part Kuldip Singh s/o Siria Singh s/o Basant Singh 38/93 part Lovepreet Singh s/o Dalveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part Karandeep Singh s/o Sukhveer Singh s/o Gurpal Singh 1/24 part 97Min
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Sri Lanka to ban burqa, shut 1K Islamic schools

COLOMBO, MARCH 13

Sri Lanka will ban the wearing of the burqa and shut more than 1,000 Islamic schools, a government minister said on Saturday, the latest actions affecting the country's minority Muslim population.

Minister for public security Sarah Weerasekera told a news conference that he had signed a paper on Friday for cabinet approval to ban the full face covering worn by some Muslim women on "national security" grounds.

"In our early days Muslim women and girls never wore burqa. It is a sign of religious extremism that came about recently. We are definitely going to ban it," he said.

The wearing of the burqa in the majority-Buddhist nation was temporarily banned in 2019 after the bombing of churches and hotels by Islamic militants that killed more than 250. Later that year, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, best known for crushing a decades-long insurgency in the north of the country as defence secretary, was



A woman wearing a hijab walks through a street in Colombo. FILE

'SIGN OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM'

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elected president after promising a crackdown on extremism.

Rajapaksa is accused of widespread rights abuses during the war charges he denies.

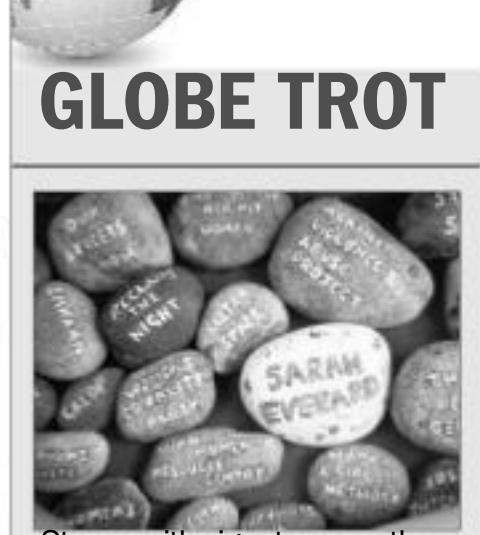
Weerasekera said the government plans to ban more than 1,000 madrasa Islamic schools that he said were flouting national education policy.

"Nobody can open a school and teach whatever you want to the children," he said.

Ex-Jamaat-e-Islami leader held for promoting extremism

A former leader of Islamic organisation Jamaat-e-Islami has been arrested in Sri Lanka for allegedly promoting extremism. Rasheed Hajjul Akbar, who headed the organisation for 24 years until September 2019, was arrested by the Terrorism Investigation Division from Dematagoda area on Friday. — PTI

GLOBE TROT



Stones with signatures on them lie at a memorial site, following the kidnap and murder of Sarah Everard, in London. REUTERS

Pak varsity expels students for 'hugging' on campus

LAHORE: A Pakistani university has expelled two students for hugging and proposing on campus, after a video of the incident went viral on social media. A special disciplinary committee of the University of Lahore took the decision. — PTI

Beijing mulls new law to curb food wastage

BEIJING: Beijing has drafted a new law calling on eateries to deploy people who will warn customers against extravagant dining and food wastage. The person tasked with this responsibility will remind diners to pack leftovers. IANS

12 more killed in Myanmar protests

MANDALAY, MARCH 13

Myanmar security forces killed at least 12 persons, witnesses and media reported, as the acting leader of a civilian parallel government vowed in a first public address on Saturday to pursue a "revolution" to overturn the February 1 military coup.

Five persons were shot dead and several injured when police opened fire on a sit-in protest in Mandalay, Myanmar's second-biggest city, witnesses said.

Another person was killed in Pyay and two died in police firing in Yangon, where three were also killed overnight, domestic media reported. Mandalay-based activist Myat Thu said the dead included a 13-



year-old child. Si Thu Tun, another protester, said he saw two people shot. In Pyay, a witness said security forces stopped an ambulance from reaching those who were injured, leading to one death. A truck driver in Chauk died after being shot. — Reuters

Minneapolis to pay Floyd's family \$27mn

MINNEAPOLIS, MARCH 13

The city of Minneapolis on Friday agreed to pay \$27 million to settle a civil lawsuit from George



How a flower, the giant water lily, became the inspiration behind the Crystal Palace in UK, and another architectural wonder in our very own Bengaluru

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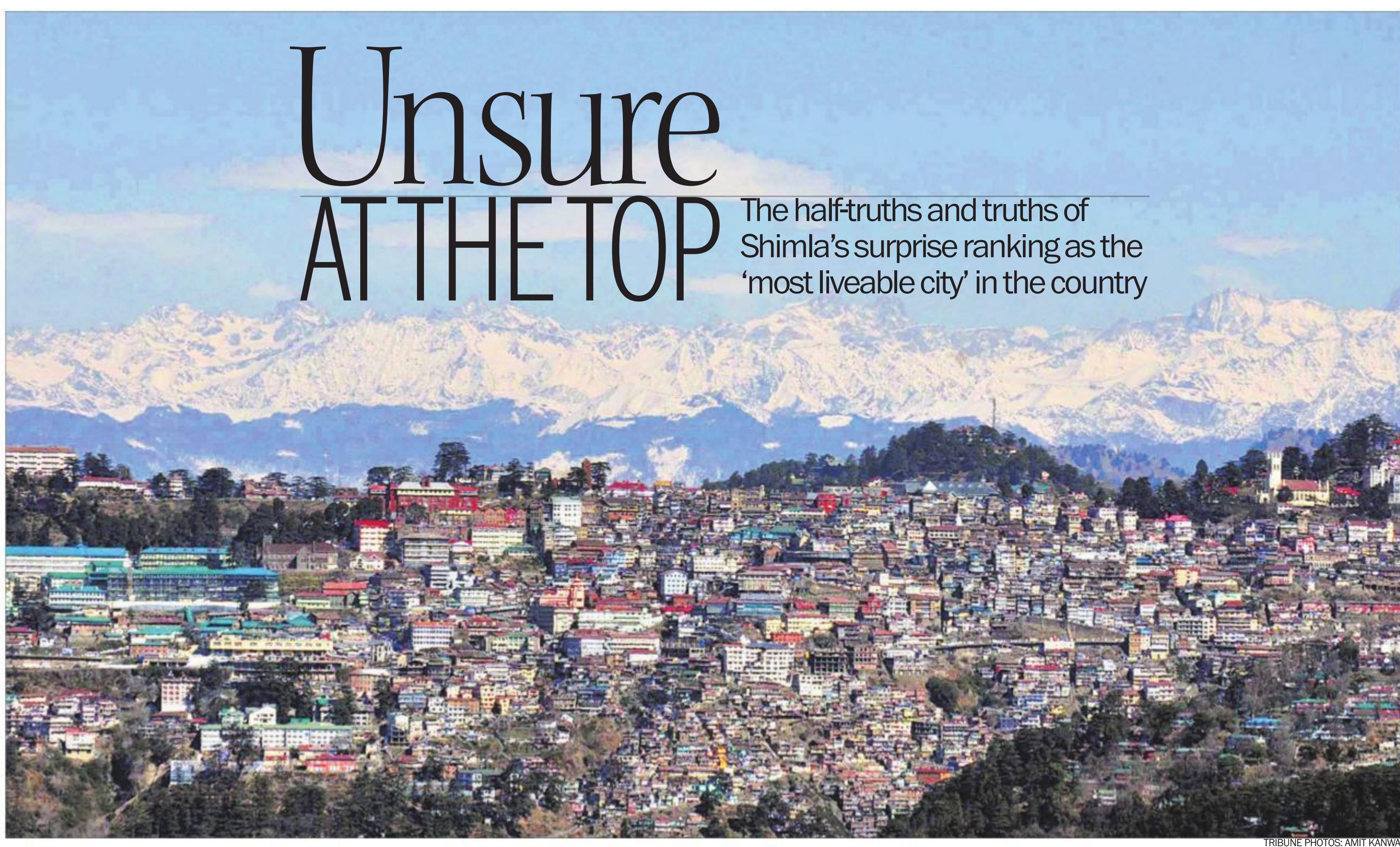


Wonderfully candid, Feisal Alkazi's 'Enter Stage Right' holds a magic mirror to the lives of the Alkazi-Padamsee families without euphemism or subterfuge

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Unsure AT THE TOP

The half-truths and truths of Shimla's surprise ranking as the 'most liveable city' in the country



Tribune Photos: Amit Kanwar

RAAJA BHASIN

WHEN Shimla leapfrogged over 91 other cities in a single year to emerge as the 'most liveable city' according to the Government of India's Ease of Living Index (EoLI), many were surprised. Among those, somewhat nonplussed, were also the people and authorities concerned in the town. A journalist friend from Delhi sent a message, "How did this happen? What are the great changes that have taken place in a single year?" Somewhat airily, I replied, "All the other places slipped." On a serious note, how did Shimla leap and clamber past a host of the 111 participating cities?

As Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri's statement sent some into a tizzy and others into a state of euphoria, a couple of incidents came to mind. A few years ago, I met a young couple from Mauritius whose ancestors had gone to that island as indentured labourers from Bihar. They had heard stories, obviously passed down a few generations, of what a wonderful place Shimla was. It had been the dream of their elders to one day visit that almost-fabled town and now, these two were here to examine first-hand what they had heard. Disappointment was written across their faces as they waded past touts, traffic jams and water shortages; they left carrying a less than complimentary impression of the town.

The one incident that truly stood out was of the time when a good friend was looking for a bride. The prospective in-laws arrived when Shimla was at its most beautiful and yet, at its most vulnerable, for a blanket of snow had just covered it. Walking through snow was a new experience for them, as were frozen water pipes and chilled fingertips. They left with the parting shot that they did not want their daughter to live in such a place and in such discomfort. Concerned parties consoled themselves in the knowledge that this was subjective and did not reflect a wider opinion.

MUCH TO LOOK BACK AT

Historically, that Shimla should take its place in the municipal sun has ample justification. Its municipality dates back to the mid-19th century, making it one of the oldest in the country. Preceding this, some sort of civic regulations, mainly pertaining to water that was drawn from various springs and streams, had appeared in the 1830s. These early enactments preceded the visit of the British Governor General, William Bentinck, and were designed for

the comfort of his person and entourage. The arrival of piped water in the 1880s, electricity in 1911, and water closets and sewage systems in the 1920s ensured a better life for the cream of the town's society. Dalits still lived in abysmal conditions and even Gandhiji was deeply saddened when he learnt that 'night soil' was still carried by head-load in most places.

By the dawn of the 20th century, Shimla had captured the popular imagination in India and overseas. This was a town that had a magnificent natural setting which was enhanced by its architecture — and by ironclad civic governance. This situation remained well into the post-colonial years and perhaps, for the average Indian living in Shimla, the period from the 1950s to the late 1970s was the best time to be there. The snobbishness and racial divide of the Raj had gone, but the old-world charm and grace was still there at a hefty discounted price. If a similar index had existed in those years, and had placed Shimla at the top of the class, it would have come as no surprise.

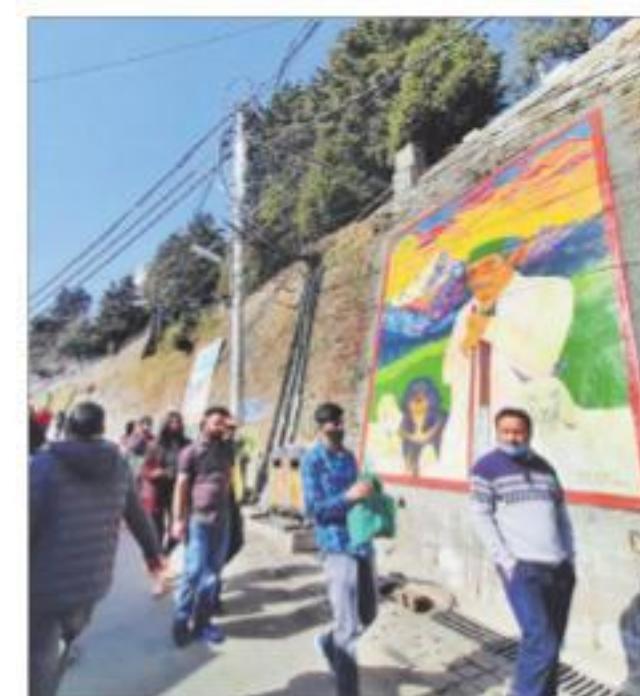
Then it began changing. From the 1980s, the town witnessed rapid and often unregulated growth. Structures of exemplary ugliness began filling the hills and slopes, and halos of garbage surrounded them. To arrest and reverse this decline would be, to put it mildly, a challenge.

TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

While building works have continued without fear of authority, or of subterranean tremor and consequent catastrophe, a couple of seemingly small local measures have proven significant — like the ban on plastic and door-to-door garbage collection. These have been followed by national programmes like the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the Smart Cities. While the change may not be consciously apparent to those who live there and see things on a day-to-day basis, it has been pointed out that the Shimla of today is cleaner, and far better than what it was a decade or so back.

Rajneesh, Himachal's Principal Secretary (Urban Development), feels that the decisive moment that led to Shimla gaining the preeminent position of EoLI stemmed from the jaundice outbreak of 2015-16. This led to major rethinking within the government. The chronically-ill water supply system was revamped and today, both quantity and quality have been positively impacted. Disparate funding has been channelled optimally. Through the Covid months, there was no slackness of civic services and if anything, this was taken as an opportunity for all-round improvement — and services were

Shimla's municipality is one of the oldest in the country, dating back to the mid-19th century. The town's magnificent natural setting was enhanced by its architecture, and ironclad civic governance. But that was once upon a time. For decades now, Himachal Pradesh's capital city has been confronting the perils of prosperity



enhanced all across Himachal. At the same time, provision was made to provide a level of minimal employment in the Shimla urban area on a pattern similar to the rural MNREGA scheme. He says, "While the parameters have altered between the surveys of 2018 and 2020 which have given

Shimla an edge, this position, as the Number One city with a population of less than a million, is perfectly valid."

EMERGENCE OF 'NEW SHIMLA'

The original reason for Shimla's creation is gone. This is no longer a colonial retreat or the preserve of an exclusive few. A considerable chunk of the town's population has moved to what were once suburbs — New Shimla, Tutu, Bharari, Bhatti, Kuffer and numerous others. When you take the 'toy train' from Kalka to Shimla and as the town swings into view, the vast expanse of New Shimla is what seems to be the actual settlement. When the older section comes into sight, and both are placed side by side, it seems almost like an afterthought.

The result is of two sizeable towns, both substantially different in character, architecture and priority that inhabit the same geographic space. New Shimla and the suburbs of yesteryears are vehicle-driven and engine-dependant; the older Shimla — the 'real' Shimla, if you will — fortunately, remains pedestrian. Numerous informal conversations with the residents also reveal other matrices. For good reason, 'Old Shimla' sets great store by its heritage; New Shimla looks at opportunity and change.

As an example, the Mall has recently been scarred by a series of paintings done along the age-old retaining walls which, with altering seasons, held mosses, fleabane, sorrel and a host of other plants. These paintings, which reflect elements of life and monuments from the district, would have been appropriate and could have enhanced a section of New Shimla. Here, they are completely out of context and serve only to mar a distinctive heritage precinct. It is only a matter of time before these paintings will become even greater eyesores as cracks will appear, as will weather-induced botches.

Over the coming three decades, half of India's population is expected to be urban-based. This is going to require multiple layers of innovation, management and resilience. Many of these cities will trail existing urban clusters that are expected to expand, and others will be brand new ones. Read in the context of Shimla, several will also have characteristics that are unique to them and will not fall into a box of ready-made matrices. Heritage, sensitive eco-systems, religious, social and historical factors compel them to be shifted out of pre-mixed benchmarks.

READING THROUGH RANKINGS & SURVEYS

While as delightful as a windfall by way of

an inheritance from an unknown relative, there is a more than meets the eye at how Shimla arrived at this position. Surveys, indices and rankings depend on the weightage given to variables. Or to a change of template. Both have happened in the EoLI. A separate Municipal Performance Index has also been introduced.

Held about a decade ago, it was a comparison test between three sports cars conducted by the influential American magazine *Car and Driver* that impacted the methodology of almost every subsequent survey conducted across the world for just about anything. The three contending cars were the Lotus Evora, the Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, and the Porsche Cayman S. The magazine noted, "The range of these three cars' driving personalities is as various as the pyjama sizes of Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and Baby Bear, but a clear winner emerged nonetheless."

Subsequently, tearing into this survey, *The New Yorker* noted that appearance matters considerably in the sale and appreciation of sports cars. *Car and Driver* had given only 4 per cent to exterior looks. *The New Yorker* noted, "In other words, in trying to come up with a ranking that is heterogeneous — a methodology that is broad enough to cover all vehicles — *Car and Driver* ended up with a system that is absurdly ill-suited to some vehicles." Much the same could be said of countries, holiday resorts or of cities.

The EoLI is expected to provide a comprehensive understanding of participating cities across India based on quality of life, economic ability of a city, and its sustainability and resilience. The assessment also incorporates the residents' views on the services provided by the city administration through a Citizen Perception Survey'.

What seems to have swung in Shimla's favour is the survey, introduced for the first time and carrying a substantial weightage of 30 per cent. The remainder is taken by outcomes connected with living conditions through 'pillars of quality of life, economic ability and sustainability'. These span the categories of education, health, housing, water, sanitation and hygiene, solid waste management, mobility, safety and security, recreation, level of economic development, economic opportunities, environment, green spaces, and buildings, energy consumption and city resilience.

The present index is no guarantee that this position shall hold good indefinitely. In the coming years, if the variables of the EoLI are changed, Shimla's position can also alter. One way or another, smoke cannot replace substance and the cosmetic will always have to be backed by the substantial.

The writer is a Shimla-based author

When one wonder leads to another

The giant water lily became the inspiration behind the Crystal Palace in UK, and an architectural wonder in Bengaluru

The leaves of Victoria amazonica (the giant water lily of the Plantae kingdom) are so strong that they can support the weight of a human... The most interesting thing about this flower is the large leaves that it creates. The leaves can grow up to 46 centimeters in size and can hold up to 136 kilograms: they are flat before growing rims at the edge. They are strong and stiff thanks to the strong bottom of the leaves. The bottoms are covered with spines to help support the ribs.

— Katherine Festaryga

The Crystal Palace was a glass and cast-iron structure built in London, England, for the Great Exhibition of 1851. The building was designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, an architect and gardener, and revealed breakthroughs in architecture, construction, and design... The structure came to be regarded as the climax of early Victorian technology. In its design, Paxton employed timber, cast iron, wrought iron, and glass in a ridge-and-furrow system he had developed for greenhouses...

— Adapted from an article in Encyclopaedia Britannica



Glass House at Lalbagh; (R) underside of a leaf of the giant water lily; (right, above) portrait of Sir Joseph Paxton by Octavius Oakley, 1850.

agrees, inspired, at least in part, by the 'design' — structure might be a more appropriate word — of the leaves of the giant water lily that this architect and botanist knew from having built glass houses in gardens earlier.

Not knowing much, anything in fact, about the giant water lily, I read up a bit on it. This 'wonder of the vegetable kingdom' has, apart from its size and structure, a fascinating history. It was originally a native of South America and the first time any European saw it was in 1837. Robert Schomburgk, a German-born British explorer, out to pursue geographical, ethnological and botanical studies in South America and the West Indies, was the one who saw it with wonderstruck eyes. So taken up was he, according to accounts, that he made up his mind to bring a specimen back to show it to the Royal Geographical Society in London. But the leaf was bigger than his canoe. Undaunted, as the account says, "He packed a bud and a small piece of leaf into a barrel full of salt water and set off back down the river to get his find onto the ship bound for England." On the way,

he decided to name the discovery after Princess Victoria, who had become Queen by the time he touched the shores of England again. *Victoria amazonica* was the name he had chosen.

From this humble but wondrous green leaf to the Crystal Palace, with its space of 800,000 square feet, 1,000 iron columns and 84,000 square metres of glass, is a long way. But the path was cleared, and bridged, by Joseph Paxton who, as a botanist and keeper of gardens, had already built a big glass house for a Duke in Derbyshire. At that time, there were plans in England to build a massive structure that could house a great exhibition, with countries spread over the whole world participating; entries had been invited from architects and more than 200 had come in. But none was found suitable till Paxton came in — late, but bristling with new ideas — and claimed that he could raise the needed structure with minimal costs and in record time: not more than a few months. He created a module, based on his observation of the weight-bearing capacity of leaves of the

water-lily: an intricate pattern of natural ribs and sharp spines in which air gets trapped to keep it afloat and buoyant. He said he could translate the network that nature had created into a design with glass and iron and demonstrated the weight-bearing possibility by getting his young daughter to lie down on an iron tray placed on a single leaf without harming herself or the leaf. It was sheer brilliance. He earned the contract; the enormous structure got built and was ready within five months through meticulous planning, involving pre-fabricated panels and welded ribs. When the Great Exhibition opened, it took everyone's breath away. Ecstatic, the Queen wrote in her Journal: "This day is one of the greatest and most glorious of our lives..."

But to get back to Lalbagh and Bengaluru. The Crystal Palace was dismantled after the Great Exhibition and re-raised at another location on the outskirts of London from where also it disappeared because two massive fires brought it down. However, the memory of that struc-

ture survived even in India long after it was gone in England, and surfaced in Bengaluru when a few buildings were being raised/re-fashioned in that great garden. This was close to a hundred years back under the directions of the then Maharaja. The Glass House that was raised was much smaller compared to the Crystal Palace, of course, but, having been built using elements of the design of 'the original', it had a wonderful sense of floating lightness: airy and spacious, despite the fact that it used mild steel, tin sheets and wired glass in large quantities. The Glass House still stands, beckoning visitors, especially in the night, when it glows and shimmers.

When some years ago, the great British architect, Norman Foster, was asked, in the course of an interview, "If there was one building from the past that you could visit, what would it be?", he thought for a moment and said: "It would be the Great Exhibition; it would be the Crystal Palace of Paxton." One wonders if he would not have enjoyed seeing the Glass House at Lalbagh, too.

Taiwanese mother and child perched on a leaf of the giant water lily; (top) ceiling of the Bandstand at Lalbagh.



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ADMITTEDLY, the title promises an odd juxtaposition. But I am led to writing this piece by something I came upon in Vijay Thiruvady's new book, 'Lalbagh: Sultan's Garden to Public Park'. His deep engagement in, and love for, one of the great botanical gardens of India shines through on every page, but I was specially intrigued by the connection he points out between an amazing plant from the world of nature and a man-made 19th century marvel of engineering and architecture. The context is provided by the sections in which he speaks of different structures in the much-loved Lalbagh of Bengaluru. Among the most distinguished of them is the Glass House, which, he says, owed a great deal to Sir Joseph Paxton's innovative design of the magnificent Crystal Palace that he built to house the Great Exhibition. That design was, as everyone

Imagined, that place called home

An ongoing exhibition explores its many meanings — in lockdown and beyond

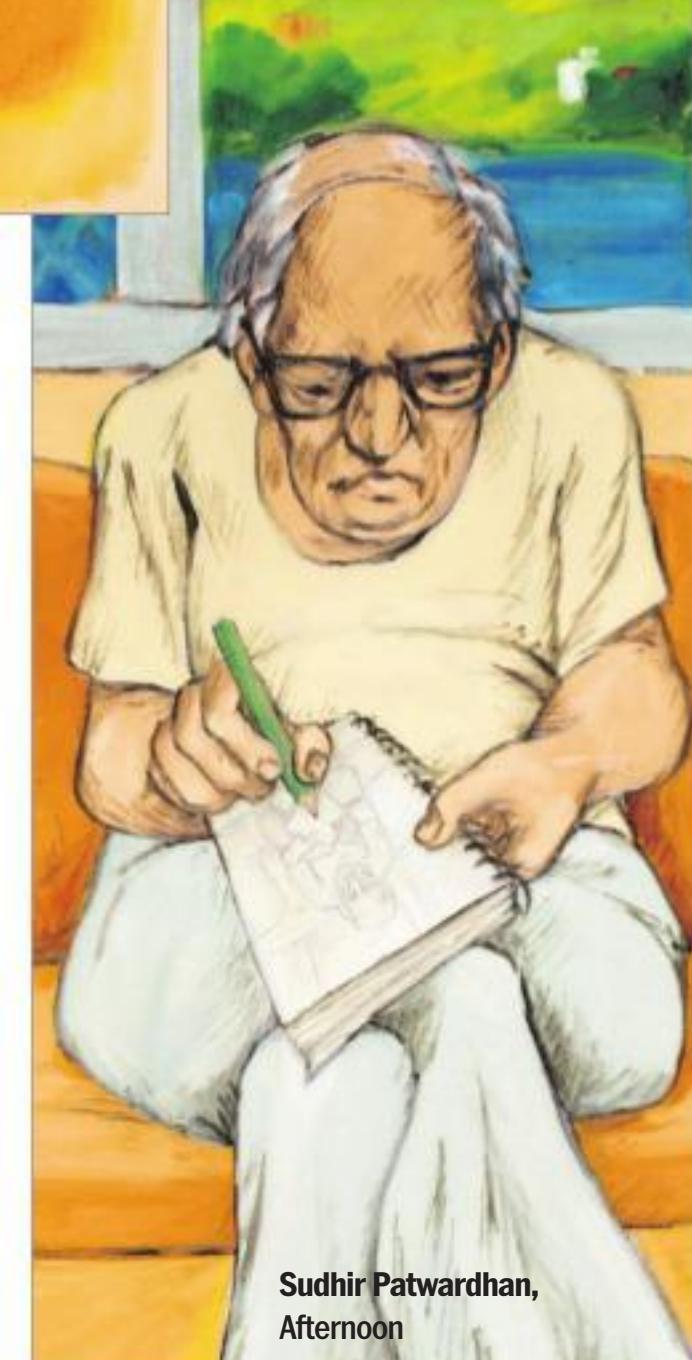
SARIKA SHARMA

As the lockdown swooped down upon the world, the concept of 'home' came to be redefined. It was the place for both leisure and work; it was the place to be together, and lonely too. For many, home was a faraway dream, and they walked thousands of kilometres towards it.

As the morbidity of initial days made way for a new way of life, Tunty Chauhan, director of Threshold art gallery in Delhi, wondered how to engage artists. A talk with art critic Prayag Shukla, and they soon got artists toyed with the idea of 'Nest: Gharonda, Basera, Nid, Ghar', the exhibition taking its name from the many synonyms of home.

On in Delhi till April 10, the participating artists include the likes of Rajendar Tiku, whose work has for long been an expression of his exile from Kashmir; his home; Nilima Sheikh, who has focussed on home and displacement in her five-decade career, and Sudhir Patwardhan, whose work has involved cities and the poor who dwell in them. Also on display are works by Anindita Bhattacharya, Jayashree Chakravarty, Manisha Gera Baswani, Pandit Khairnar, Pooja Iranna, Suneet Ghildial and Yashwant Deshmukh. Co-curators Shukla and Chauhan say the artists' reactions have been beautiful and varied, including both figurative and non-figurative works. Chauhan says the lockdown made people think of home as a metaphysical space. "With no distractions, the artists poured their hearts out," she says.

Patwardhan captures the essence of 'solitary nesting' in his works — men and women confined to their homes, trying to keep busy, but the aura of loneliness engulfing them is just unmissable. For Shukla, Patwardhan's painting of a woman knitting is sheer beauty. "The woman seems to have become one with her shadow. It is like painting a shadow without



painting one," he says.

Always the one to comment on increasing urbanism, Iranna's sculptures, created using staple pins and cement, explore the towering skyscrapers and high-rises that plague the urban landscape. "My work talks about life, emotions. It is about how fragile we are in a society," she says. The emptiness of the buildings is perhaps her way of commenting on the habit of accumulating things not needed; things that fill our home, but not our lives.

In the images painted by Sheikh, who has been working on the theme of migrants, there is a sense of a certain displacement. There are fragments of a home (sometimes in dreams), elements of homelessness, a silent prayer pervading the canvas.

Chauhan says artists such as Tiku, Bhattacharya and Khairnar have dealt with the theme in a deeper form. Khairnar's works have only a slight resemblance to a constructed home. The dense square in the middle seems like a window, perhaps to a home, or memories of a home somewhere.

Shukla says "home" is an eternal theme and the pandemic gave it a new meaning. "The idea that home is a place where one can return had turned into home being the place where one has to return. It does not matter at what time, at what juncture one examines the idea of home, it will always be relevant."

CAPTION CONTEST 1296



Entries are invited to suggest a caption for the above photograph. The caption should only be in English, witty and not exceeding 10 words, and reach Spectrum, The Tribune, Chandigarh, 160030, by Thursday. The best five captions will be published and

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- **Devil without a mask** — Naresh Johal, Amritsar
- **Demon on duty** — Gurpreet Singh, Ropar
- **Devil may scare** — Davinder Kumar, Jalandhar



3 MVCs for Dera Baba Nanak battle

Lt Col Dilbag Singh Dabas (RETD)

THE community hall in Beri village in present-day Jhajjar district of Haryana has an old black marble stone on which are engraved in golden letters the names of the bravehearts from the villages around who laid down their lives in the service of the nation during World War I and II. A close look at the long list reveals that Gochhi village has the maximum number of names. It also has the maximum number of families with a military background, some even going back to five generations.

Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat was a third generation soldier; his grandfather fought in World War I and his father was part of live action in World War II and also during India's wars in 1947-48, and 1962. Devinder, son of Lieutenant Colonel Subha Chand Ahlawat, was born on July 4, 1947 at Gochhi village in Rohtak district of then undivided Punjab.

After a year in Government College, Rohtak, he joined the National Defence Academy and was commissioned into 10th Battalion of The Dogra Infantry Regiment on December 15, 1967. The battalion was raised by Lt Col Kapur Singh Ahlawat on June 1, 1966.

Dogras have throughout outperformed themselves in all the wars fought since World War I, but a battalion earning two Maha Vir Chakras within just about five years of its raising speaks volumes of the training, commitment and dedication of its men and officers. 10 Dogra is proudly referred to as 'Terrific Tenth'.

While raising 10 Dogra, Lt Col Ahlawat, also incidentally from Gochhi, never imagined that his own bhatija (nephew) would join it and make his battalion proud.

The India-Pakistan border in Punjab generally follows the Ravi river between Gurdaspur and Attari and Sutlej between Ferozepur and Fazilka. There are three bridges over these rivers at Dera Baba Nanak (DBN), Hussainiwala and Sulemanke. Of these, the bridges at DBN and Sulemanke were under Pakistani control. The areas east of the bridges gave the Pakistan army ready-made bridgeheads where from it could launch its strike formations into Indian territory. It was necessary to eliminate the enclaves to prevent Pakistan from using these as launch pads for any offensive. 10 Dogra and 71 Armoured Regiment were tasked to capture the east-end of DBN bridge near the enclave, which was heavily fortified.



Capt Devinder Singh Ahlawat

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Recalling the exploits of Capt Devinder Singh Ahlawat and Lt Col Narinder Singh Sandhu of 10 Dogra, and Brig K Gowrishankar, Commander of 86 Infantry Brigade



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In the first phase, 'Alpha' and 'Bravo' companies of 10 Dogra were to capture the depth bundh, bundh junction and river bundh. In the next phase, 'Delta' company commanded by Major Inder Singh and 'Charlie' company by Devinder Ahlawat, now a Captain, were tasked to capture the link bundh, rail bundh and road bundh.

The companies made steady progress in decimating the Pakistanis and clearing the bundhs allotted to them. Devinder's company was to follow 'Bravo' and clear the most formidable link bundh in the second phase. And the intrepid Ahlawat led his company from the front and cleared the supposedly impregnable bundh which cost him his life, but for the ultimate cause

and in the best traditions of the Indian Army. The grateful nation recognised the conspicuous bravery of Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat and awarded him the Maha Vir Chakra, posthumously. The battle account reads:

"During the 1971 India-Pakistan war, 10 Dogra was tasked to capture Dera Baba Nanak bridgehead on the night of December 5/6. As per the battalion attack plan, 'C' company led by Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat was to capture east-end of the bridge on which the enemy defences were based on a series of concrete embankments with anti-tank guns and heavy automatic weapons. The company, led by Captain Ahlawat, came under heavy machine gun fire from a concrete pillbox. With complete disregard to his life, Captain Ahlawat

charged onto the pillbox, grabbed the burning hot machine gun barrel with his right hand and threw a grenade into the pillbox with his left, killing the firing crew, thus making it possible to continue the momentum of the attack and capture of the objective soon thereafter. In this action, Captain Ahlawat lost his life and his body was found with six bullet wounds on his chest, and his hand still clutching the machine-gun barrel."

Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat met his date with fate unmarried but not unsung — the black marble sacred stone in Beri Community Hall has his name, too, engraved in golden letters. In his honour, the Army Welfare Housing Complex in Sector 56 in Gurugram, is also named after this braveheart.

From the battle for Dera Baba Nanak emerged two more Maha Virs: Lieutenant Colonel Narinder Singh Sandhu, Commanding Officer of 10 Dogra, and Brigadier K Gowrishankar, Commander of 86 Infantry Brigade.

Having taken over 10 Dogra just a few months before the war, Lt Col Sandhu, an alumnus of Khalsa College, Amritsar, for his dynamic leadership and bold execution of the attack plan, was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra. The battle account reads:

"On December 5, 1971, 86 Infantry Brigade Group was ordered to eliminate the Pakistan bridgehead across river Ravi, north of Dera Baba Nanak. The area consisted of a series of embankments defended by an elaborate system of concrete defence works housing machine guns, anti-tank weapons and other small arms. 10 Dogra battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Narinder Singh Sandhu, was allotted the task of capturing the east-end of the bridgehead, which was the hub of the enemy defences in the area. Lieutenant Colonel Sandhu led his battalion most skillfully when the men fought from bunker to bunker to capture the objective. In the bitter fighting, he was seriously wounded in his leg; however, with complete disregard to his own safety, he continued to lead his men with cool courage and determination. His exemplary conduct and inspiring leadership so enthused his men that the vital objective was captured with minimum casualties to the battalion."

The conspicuous courage and outstanding leadership of Brigadier Krishnaswamy Gowrishankar, Commander of 86 Infantry Brigade, originally from Corps of Signals, too, did not go unnoticed. For his boldness and originality in planning and execution of the offensive, he was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra.

The Tribune, Thursday, December 9, 1971

The Tribune Valiant action that opened road to Sialkot

DERA BABA NANAK, Dec. 8 (PTI).—The Indian Tricolour is now fluttering on a former Pakistani observation tower at the western end of Dera Baba Nanak bridge across Ravi and the road to Sialkot is open, writes a PTI war correspondent.

It was here that our Army was stopped in 1965 in its march to Sialkot because the Pakistanis managed to damage the bridge while withdrawing across the river.

But General Candeth's boys after clearing the heavily fortified enclave on the eastern bank in early hours of Monday morning, went across the river quickly to frustrate and capture a demolition squad of eight engineers even as they were busy wiring the spans and preparing to set off detonator fuses.

As the first Indian correspondent to set foot on West Pakistan territory occupied by the Indian Army in this war, I walked yesterday afternoon with the Brigadier, who hails from Chingleput near Madras, on the river bank which was with Pakistan since 1947.

I had a full view of the bridge on the western bank and of the holy gurdwara. Danas Singh, Kangarpur, with not a single Pakistani soldier in sight on the Indian gun-dominated vast expanse of sand across the river waters.

Though out of sight, the enemy was making himself heard with erratic shelling from his gun positions on a road just beyond the horizon. And, as our party walked through the elephant grass between the Indian and the former Pakistani embankments, shells from both sides kept a steady whine overhead.

HEAVY FORTIFICATIONS

Traversing heavy fortifications made up of bunkers with 36 inch thick concrete walls and crawling through a maze of underground trenches leading from embankments to twin machine-gun pill boxes, I was mystified by the surrender of Pakistani soldiers within three and a half hours of the mounting of the attack on the night of December 5/6.

The Artillery Commander, who lent support to the cleaning operation, said it would have been difficult for a whole division to dislodge Indian boys in similar fortifications.

A captured Pakistani commander said his boys would have held us at bay but for the unexpected direction from which the Indian platoon led by Second Lieutenant Rohit Seth of Delhi attacked the bunkers under the direction of the Company Commander, Major A. C. Vedanta, a Calcutta-settled East Bengal.

The former enclave is 60 square kilometre in area along the eastern bank of Ravi river and just at plateau level with Indian territory just short of this village where Guru Nanak camped after he took to the monastic life.

Sahir Ludhianvi: Unforgettable, but forgotten

RENU SUD SINHA

BORN Abdul Hayee a hundred years ago, he called himself Sahir (meaning sorcerer, wizard, enchanter and magician) when the world started taking note of the magic of his words. As was the literary tradition those days, like Urdu poets Majrooh (Sultannpuri), Josh (Malihabadi), Firaq (Gorakhpuri), Daag (Dehlvi), he added the city of his birth as *takhallus* (pen-name) and a magician was born. In the preface to his book, 'Sahir: A Literary Portrait' (2019), Surinder Deol calls him 'a mystery wrapped in an enigma'.

Akshay Manwani, who authored 'Sahir Ludhianvi: The People's Poet' (2013), the first-ever comprehensive biography in English, agrees. "He wasn't a vanilla character. His life story was full of dramatic elements."

Raised amid poverty by a single mother, Sahir couldn't acquire a college degree, despite enrolling in three institutions. Yet, he went on to become a noted poet and film lyricist with a cult status in an industry not known to celebrate lyricists till then. He was known to have numerous affairs but found no lasting love in his life. A Marxist and an

atheist, despite his unequivocal condemnation of religion, particularly after witnessing the horrors of Partition, he gave us some of the most beautiful *bhajans*.

Baffling love story

The biggest mystery that has, at times, overshadowed even the literary merit of his works has been the incomplete love story of Sahir-Amrita Pritam. The tragic tale has been the subject of numerous plays and even a likely biopic that would have been the perfect centenary tribute had Covid-19 not struck.

Deol, who has critically appraised and translated a selection of over 90 of Sahir's poems, *nazms*, *ghazals* and *bhajans* in his book, tries to explain the mystery. Quoting Ahmed Rahi, Sahir's friend from Lahore, he says, "Sahir only loved one woman, his mother, and had only one hate, his father."

"Sahir never openly acknowledged his relationship with Amrita due to many reasons. When they initially became friends in Lahore, Sahir had no money, no job and Amrita was a rich man's wife, used to all comforts of life and he could offer her nothing. Later, when he came to Bombay and achieved material success, he knew how much he loved Amrita and was perhaps afraid that it would create a conflict in his relationship with his mother," says Deol.

Sahir has also often been accused of moving away from pure literature after he achieved fame and wealth. Prof Gopi Chand Narang, former president, Sahitya Akademi and Professor Emeritus, Jamia Millia Islamia, says, "Sahir stopped writing new poetry and contributing to literary magazines after he moved to Bombay. 'Talkhiyan', written when he was just 23, and later 'Parchhaiyan' (1956) remain his only two major literary works. 'Talkhiyan', which contains his famous poem 'Taj Mahal' (*Ik shahanshah ne daulat ka sahara le kar ham garibon ki mohabbat ka udaya hai mazaq*), sold 23 Urdu editions within two years of its publishing. Sahir would justify, 'I didn't get anything from my poetry but my film lyrics gave me everything'.



DISHONOURING HIS LEGACY: Sahir Ludhianvi's handwritten notes, letters, poems and photographs were found from a scrap shop in 2019 in Mumbai; and (right) Sahir (encircled) as a member of Government College, Ludhiana, photography club. PHOTOS: PTI & HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

"His childhood was spent in poverty. When he succeeded, Sahir became arrogant," says Narang. Deol agrees: "This arrogance cost him many friends and successful professional relationships such as those with SD Burman, Jaidev and Lata Mangeshkar. 'Pyasa', loosely based on Sahir's life, was a milestone, but Burman and Sahir never worked together again," he points out.

Manwani, however, is quick to defend the poet-lyricist. "He was a man of contradictions. If he was quick to insult, he would apologise as quickly. If he alienated the best of music directors, there were many others like Khayyam, Ravi and N Datta who found fame because of him."

His friend and publisher, Delhi-based Amarnath Verma, agrees. "During a visit to Bombay, I requested him to introduce me to some established authors. Sahir personally took me to Krishan Chander and Rajinder Singh Bedi. On another visit, Gulshan Nanda was with me. Nanda asked me to request Sahir to recommend him to film directors. When I asked

Sahir, he himself came to meet Nanda and later helped him in getting work."

Atheist bhajan writer

Sahir was a member of the Progressive Writers' Movement. A staunch secularist, he did not practise any religion, yet the *bhajans* he wrote remain popular — 'Allah tero naam', 'Tora mann darpan kehlaye', 'Aan milo Shyam', 'Aaj sajan mohe ang laga lo'. Deol shares an interesting anecdote. "Sahir had heard *Gurbani* in school. To him, it meant that only gurus could write hymns. Once a producer asked him to write a *bhajan*. In panic, Sahir called his friend Firaq Gorakhpuri to come to Bombay and help him. Firaq, who was fluent in Sanskrit, taught him the rudiments. For Sahir, it was more of a challenge than any devotion on his part, but in the process, he created some beautiful *bhajans*."

Like his *bhajans*, his poetry withstands the test of time and resonates with today's youth? While his ardent followers like to believe so, others differ. Ludhiana-based Dr Kewal Dhir has been celebrating

Sahir's poetry and legacy for half a century now as an annual *mushaira* called 'Jashn-e-Sahir'. "There has been an increase of youth among audience in the past three to four years," says Dr Dhir.

However, the octogenarian is worried about the absence of young torch-bearers to pass on the baton of his legacy that even Ludhiana has not cared to preserve. On his 100th birth anniversary last week, only his alma mater, Government College, Ludhiana, where Sahir studied philosophy and history as well as economics and politics from 1937 to 1943, held an event to commemorate his memory.

Literary canons change with time, adds Narang. Manwani agrees, "Language of every era is different. Tastes change." Deol puts across an even more valid reason — the diminishing popularity and reach of Urdu among youth in India. "In Pakistan, Sahir is well known. His 'Talkhiyan' is part of the curriculum," he says.

But we should let Sahir have the last word: "Kal aur aayenge... Mujhse behtar kehne wale, tumse behtar sun ne wale..."



Of politics & violence

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

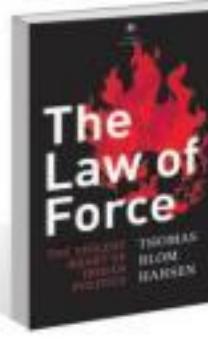
THOMAS BLOM HANSEN, an old India hand who has closely tracked the saffron wave, sets out to challenge the common storyline of Indian democracy — that it gradually changed from high-minded Nehruvian idealism to the present state of cynicism, corruption and, of late, violent majoritarianism. He tries to demolish this perception by pointing out that violence has marked Indian politics and practical governance before and after Independence. And that each spasmodic episode — whether caste-based movements or linguistic agitations — fed into the making of the Hindutva juggernaut we see today.

The Partition and its mayhem was the eruption of this ghastly truth of political life. Neither the Constitution nor universal franchise solved the threat of violence as an underlying force in political life. The late 1980s saw a doubling in cases of political violence because of three simultaneous movements — the mobilisation of lower castes, emergence of powerful regional movements and the rise of Hindu nationalism.

In the preceding decades, the Left and the Congress did not make liberties and the rule of law a major campaign plank. And by the late '70s, JP's protests were being called "anti-national". By then, the Centre had honed its policy of harassment of political opponents, violent suppression of insurgencies and systemic building of a large security state.

The new forms of protests from the late 1970s rose to consistently high levels in the 1990s and 2000s. This restricted the domain of public contestation to emotional issues and symbolic gestures about collective dignity. It also saw the emergence of a non-liberal form of democracy where the political vernacular was that the voice of people was always just.

Hansen delves into the linguistic movements of the '50s and the '60s to show that they generated emotional bonds around language, leading to a passionate and confrontational style of



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THE VIOLENT HEART
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street politics that has now occupied a dominant position across India. The linguistic movements also led to standardisation of vernaculars, resulting in "segmented publics", which became an enabling condition for the phenomenal rise of Hindu nationalist sentiment and discourse in the 1980s and 1990s.

The book sees delectable branching-outs that underline Hansen's mastery over several streams of Hindu political thought — Gandhian, Ambedkarite and Hindutva/RSS. These remain interwoven into his central theory of the law of force: that political power and mobilisation in India provides an umbrella to protect against the force of law. The force of law has been deeply unjust, opting to crack down on the vulnerable or the minority.

The net result has been that in the past, political activism meant speaking a language of attachment or self-sacrifice. Today, it promises permission by leaders to command the streets to attack and punish enemies of the state and traitors to the nation. The BJP weaponised the sentiments of outrage and hurt pride that had already become political currency.

Interestingly, since 2014, the BJP has not passed any significant new legislation but relied on the existing ones, most of which were part of the extensive security state built by the Congress. Even the Kashmir clampdown did not require new legal ordinances.

The BJP's adoption of the language of passion and anger of lower caste movements has served it well. After gaining political empowerment, these movements had turned deeply illiberal. Instead of a questioning of castes and hierarchies, there was a renewed emphasis on the myths of origin and rituals of life. This made Narendra Modi's task easier.

Modi's victories owed much to the systemic recruitment of aspirational leaders from lower castes who saw the BJP as a possible vehicle for further respectability and mobility. The calumny against the Tablighi Jamaat, which depicted Muslims as a public and medical threat, may be one of the several episodes of violence that lies at the heart of Indian public life. And they aren't about to reduce soon.

Case 'Sherlock Holmes' solved

SEEMA SACHDEVA

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE (ACD), creator of the famous detective character Sherlock Holmes, would often get letters from those sentenced for various offences seeking help to prove their innocence. He never took these seriously. A letter from George Edalji pleading for his help in a case wherein he'd been wrongly accused of being the 'Wyrley Ripper', however, changed his mind. George, eldest son of Shapurji Edalji, the 'Hindoo' vicar of Great Wyrley, had been sentenced to seven years of imprisonment after a flawed trial accused him of brutally killing animals and writing threatening letters. For the first time in his life, ACD decided to wear 'the deerstalker of his fictional detective'. George had already been in prison for three years when he sought help from the author whose works he had read while in jail.

ACD's 18,000-word summary of the case was published in 'The Daily Telegraph' in two parts. It charged the authorities, including the Staffordshire police, with racial prejudice, incompetence and deliberate deceit. The articles were widely circulated in Midland papers due to no copyright issue and generated much empathy for the man whose 'niggardly' appearance and myopic vision made him an easy target to be blamed for the heinous crimes that had terrorised the peaceful English village and surrounding areas.

In 'The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer: Arthur Conan Doyle, George Edalji and The Case of the Foreigner in the English Village', London-based Shrabani Basu gives an account of the discrimination that the family of Indian Parsee-turned-Christian Shapurji Edalji, the first South Asian to be appointed a vicar in Britain, faced due to the colour of their skin. Shapurji served the church tirelessly for 42 years but a brown man preaching the word of Christ to a white parish didn't go well with many there. His bulgy-eyed, nondescript solicitor son became the scapegoat for the desperate policemen looking to nab the maniac, whose brutal attacks on animals had been spreading fear among the villagers. The George Edalji case had eventually led to the setting up of the Criminal Appeal Court in 1907, a legacy for future.

The author of works like 'Victoria & Abdul' and 'Spy Princess' uses hitherto unpublished correspondence between ACD and Staffordshire police chief GA Anson to give a detailed account of the developments in the case. The painstaking research done for the book is evident in the minute details. Giving a peek into the Victorian and Edwardian times, the book takes note of the historical events such as the Boer Wars, the coronation of Queen Victoria, World War I, that went parallel with the lives of this lonely family. The book does justice to the shy 'brown' George Edalji, who forever remained a foreigner in the village of his birth.

What it means to be a Muslim in India today

RASHEED KIDWAI

IN some ways, Ghazala Wahab's 'Born A Muslim' is a story of every Indian Muslim's life that transformed the day Lal Krishna Advani rolled his *rath* and Syed Shahabuddin gave a call to boycott Republic Day celebrations. The constant search for a political identity, safety, employment and religious demands to follow Saudi-Iranian models of Islam, geopolitical tussles and *maulvis*' often misinformed Friday sermons have left an average Muslim confused, scared and tentative.

Ghazala's narration is compelling, often poignant where she gives many 'live' examples of Muslims hiding their identity, reverting to Hinduism under perceived coercion or carrying the burden to prove themselves as secular in the presence or in the eyes of the non-Muslims.

It is an open fact that Muslims are not homogeneous in either their identity or political thinking. The majority Sunni community, for example, divides itself into conflicting groups like Barelvi, Deobandi and Salafi-inspired Ahle Hadith. The overarching umbrella of Saudi Wahabbism has made Indian Islam even more primitive. In any case, a broad division among Muslims

on caste, economic activity, lineage and sects makes the community as diverse as the majority community. Words like *jati* are replaced by *zat* (caste), while sub-identities such as *jamaat* (economic group), *nasab* (lineage) and *firqa* (sect) have firm roots in society. Pathans of Rohilkhand, for instance, still divide themselves between Jalalabadis and Qandharis in all matters ranging from marriage to voting. The sectarian divide between Shias and Sunnis, Deobandis and Barelvis has been equally polarising. Lucknow has had a history of a section of Shia Muslims voting for the BJP. In post-Independent India, the Uttar Pradesh capital has not had a full-scale communal riot, but violent clashes and curfew used to be an annual feature due to Shia-Sunni feuds.

On a political plane, there are many factors at play feeding fear, stoking communal passions and leading to counter-polarisation among groups and sub-groups. Sustained democracy over the past seven decades has been the key factor why Indian Muslims have not fallen to the "temptations" of

extremist violence. However, since the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Muslim representation in the Lok Sabha and several state Assemblies has fallen drastically. There were only 23 Muslim MPs in the 2014 Lok Sabha, which went up marginally in 2019 to 27, with no representative from the ruling BJP. The representation of Muslims in Parliament has never been proportionate to their population. The highest was in 1980 at 49 members. It was 21 in 1952.

Communalism is a causative factor. Fewer and fewer Muslim candidates are being given tickets by major parties. There is a growing sense of a majoritarian worldview. Lynching incidents may have been sporadic, but have created panic and a degree of alienation. Widespread prevalence of false and fake news on WhatsApp, arrest of innocents on charges of sedition, selective use of law, deteriorating socio-economic indicators, unemployment and a general sense of despondency among Muslims are pointing to a situation that may trigger off something obnoxious.

As a journalist, Ghazala has had varied

interests. She wrote numerous features before settling as an expert on defence, Kashmir, left-wing extremism, national security, Pakistan, China, etc. She writes irreverently with a sense of enquiry and an eye for detail. These traits come through in the book, which is painstakingly researched, provocative, yet logical. Among many debatable points, her concluding remark asking the community to cut the 'umbilical cord' with Saudi Arabia and the need to reform *madrasas* has been handled deftly.

According to the Sachar Committee report, the number of *madrasa*-attending students is much less than the commonly held view. For instance, in poll-bound Bengal, Muslims constitute well over 25 per cent of the population but the number of *madrasa* students is 3.41 lakh, only 4 per cent of the 7-19 age group. However, *madrasas* in India are huge thought-influencers, since they produce *imams* for mosques. In most cases, the sermon is divided into two parts — religious and social. The social part often has a pronounced political flavour, and the Friday sermon has a potential of conveying socio-political commentary and convincing many.

'Born a Muslim' starts off well, giving an overview of Muslims post-Partition: where

they live (rural-urban), how they live and their education and employment profiles. Ghazala Wahab does well to dwell upon the subject of Partition-led migration of educated, upper caste Muslims to Pakistan and the demographic impact it had.

She liberally quotes Quranic text and its interpretation to assert how the holy book is being used to validate what some politically-inclined scholars seek to propagate.

There had been 58 major riots before the carnage of 2002, resulting in the death of over 15,000 innocents. Ghazala thinks post-2014, the communal prejudice has gone to another level of permanent conflict between Hindus and Muslims. The author insists that female genital mutilation, veil, segregation, lack of education, divorce and inheritance have made Muslim women somewhat disempowered not due to faith, but selective use of the religious text by the male-dominating clergy.

On a positive note, she argues that Muslim society is changing. The protests against CAA/NRC cut through sectarian, economic, gender, regional lines, giving rise to an assertive Muslim. Would the new phenomenon be eventually subsumed by the growing insecurities of the Muslims? Ghazala has attempted answering it in 'Born a Muslim'.

Personal history that's history of theatre too

NEELAM MANSINGH CHOWDHRY

I JOINED the National School of Drama in the mid-Seventies and Ebrahim Alkazi, the charismatic and adored teacher, challenged our limitations and pushed us into the unknown terrains of our own possibilities. Costumes for all the shows were designed by his wife, Roshen, a diminutive woman clad in a sari, with not a pleat out of place. She taught us about colour, texture and the intricacies of designing costumes for the stage. Her sister-in-law Pearl Padamsee was a close friend and neighbour and her home Bella Terrace became an extension of my home in Cuffe Parade, Bombay. Hence, the feeling of *déjà vu* while reading this book written by Feisal Alkazi, son of Roshen and Ebrahim Alkazi, was strong and sharp.

I have frequented Kulsum Terrace, the Padamsee family home, but unfortunately never noticed the horseshoe table from where, as the author provocatively says, English theatre in India was born. His uncle Sultan Padamsee (known as Bobby to all) made his cast of young actors read scripts around this table, followed by endless discussions, arguments and airing of creative ideas. Sultan's alternative sexuality and tragic suicide at the age of 24 loomed like a dark shadow over both the families. In 1943, he was a modern-day guru to a legion of theatre artistes in Bombay, but unfortunately became the doomed Greek hero from one of his own plays. 'Enter Stage Right' is a first-person narrative, unravelling complex family histories, alliances, weaving incidents, moods, colours, tones and sounds with a compelling vividness, making you feel like a participant in this multi-generational chronicle. Wonderfully candid, it holds a magic mirror to the lives of both these families without euphemism or subterfuge. There is both heart and darkness in the writing. It requires courage to open sealed trunks of memories and spill out family histories, hurts and joys without sentimentality.

The archives from where these memories have been pulled out may ostensibly appear haphazard and fractured, but there is a luminous lucidity and clarity, having the ability to both bruise, sear and uplift.

"On a dark October evening while we were at dinner, my father's cook announced a doorbell downstairs and came up to tell my father that there was a woman at the door asking to meet him. It was my mother looking sad and desolate with a small suitcase clutched in her hands. My parents and Uma disappeared together into one of the bedrooms for over three hours. Amal and I sat in the cold night wide awake below the bare

tree trunk with which my father had decorated his living room. We were the two loneliest children in the world that night. We knew our fate was being decided in the next room, and we had no part to play in shaping it. We knew life would never be the same again."

There is no deep freeze in the mind, where memories are stored intact. Memories are always interpretive, subjective and it is the power of the imagination that makes them come alive.

The biographer is not obliged to tell the whole truth, he chooses what to edit and what to reveal from the accumulated stories that are gathered over a lifetime. The indiscretions, likes and dislikes, taboos and indulgences which could fill many ledgers, are choices made by the biographer. When the biographer happens to be connected to most of the main protagonists through blood, it's like walking a tightrope with a vertiginous view.

BRINGING together stories of Covid-19 response from around the world and the country, the report of the Independent Commission on Development & Health in India seeks to do two things — provide an insider's view on the pandemic situation, and map the response and the subsequent management. It discusses the role played by the government and various other organisations in battling the virus. The authors say the way forward through this and any other health emergency is to stick to a holistic healthcare system.

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Sedition and other traditions



MUSINGS & MALEDICTIONS

KEKI DARUWALLA

My horoscope says I am far too willing to make value judgments, and this may not be the time to impose moral standards. So, I am all for the turncoats in Bengal, never mind that they had the best of it for 10 years under Mamataji. May the reservationists thrive as long as they do not go over 100%. And I won't question why ghastly sedition law is allowed to continue



It's the season of turncoats in Bengal. PTI

ONCE in a while I look at my horoscope and follow directions. My forecast said: "You are far too willing to make value judgments at the moment. You must understand that, even though there are many issues about which you feel very strongly, this may be no time to impose your own moral standards." I think Peter Vidal overestimated me. My enemies are not sure if I have any moral standards. I follow planetary dictates, first dump your moral irritants. So the first thing I wish to say is that I am all for the turncoats in Bengal, the ones who came all the way from Kolkata to rightfully pledge fealty to the Home Minister. True that they had the best of it for 10 years under Mamataji, car, ministry, private secretary, even goons when they wanted them. Incidentally, goons are recognised as genuine perks in the Indian political landscape. (So I wish them good, solid-muscled goons to whichever camp they have got into). Then, all of a sudden, conscience starts pricking TMC types. How can true gentlemen resist? And there are of course the Narcotics Bureau, NIA, CBI and ED, watching you with your record of misdoings earlier. Except in that one seat, Nandigram, may the turncoats (meaning floor crossers, ship-jumpers) win. May laurel wreaths encircle their ever so slightly moth-eaten brows. It is a fine war, the raucous versus the shrill. I would prefer the whimsical side to the one with telescopic rifles. But much can be said for ideology spread out on the beaten

accounts in Panama or Jersey islands, that kind of stuff.

Keeping Peter Vidal in view, one has to offer behind-the-scene support to the raids on the premises of film-maker Anurag Kashyap and Taapsee Pannu, never mind if the film industry provides the only entertainment during this dour, humourless, sedition-bandaged regime. By which I mean the polity is bound by our saviours, 153A, 120B and all such laws promulgated to straighten the crooked; 168 tax officials were searching 28 premises, from Mahim to Sion and the Thane creek. The numbers are mind-boggling.

In the same vein, am all for the Haryana initiative in reserving 75 per cent of jobs in private establishments for locals. Thank God I am not looking for a job in Haryana. What would happen to a pianist and a violinist from the Delhi School of Music, aspiring to a living in Haryana? Their dreams of playing a requiem in Rohtak or a sonata in Sompat would not be realised. May reservationists thrive as long as they do not go over 100 per cent. People think this will be struck down, but the judiciary is short of time. The courts have not looked at the Malegaon bomb case for years since Pragya Thakur became an MP.

Talking of courts, I was taken aback when a Bench presided over by the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court asked a rapist if he would marry the victim, a minor. It will give ideas of an escape hatch — first rape, then marry. A High Court Judge of the Nagpur Bench,

Justice Pushpa Ganediwala, acquitted a rape accused, saying "highly impossible (sic) for a single man to gag the victim and remove her and his clothes at the same time without a scuffle". Paralysis through fear did not occur to her. She also talked about skin-to-skin contact when it came to a man groping a 12-year-old girl.

Law and order is a state subject, and crime and its investigation is a part of it. In a disturbing move, the MHA has handed over the Ambani terror scare case to the NIA without even consulting the Maharashtra government, which has described the move as "fishy". With its allies, NIA, CBI and Narcotics Bureau, an aggressive Home Ministry thinks it can take over and do what it likes. The move will have a fallout on federalism.

Seeing the Home Minister folding his hands in front of the portrait of Bal Gangadhar Tilak on his 100th death anniversary, a stray thought struck me. It was the very same Tilak, great leader in the struggle for freedom, who was first charged under the sedition law (124B of the IPC) in 1897. Did this innocuous coincidence occur to Amit Shah that the police under him has gone into an overdrive on sedition? Jamia Millia and JNU bear the bruises, with the Delhi Police under the direct control of the MHA implementing this ghastly law, which has been dumped in UK. Is there an answer to this? Several, but one will suffice. Indian rulers are reluctant to do away with coercive laws once they come to power.

Edinburgh magic



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NECHAL SANDHU

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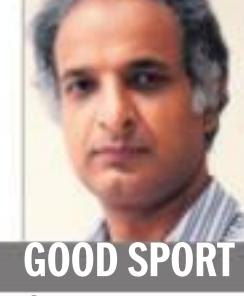
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How Covid, BCCI bit off a year for women



GOOD SPORT

ROHIT MAHAJAN

ON March 8, Women's Day, exactly one year since the Indian women's team fought and lost to Australia in the T20 World Cup final, watching the incredibly brave women of Pakistan taking to the streets to demand their rights at the 'Aurat March', one was reminded of an essay with a thought-provoking title — 'Are women human?' It was written by Catharine Alice MacKinnon, the American writer, scholar and activist.

MacKinnon concluded that women are not human, for their rights of life, safety, education, medical care, choices, etc, are denied by society — patriarchy, basically. MacKinnon cast her eye on the state of the women's world — she speaks of dowry deaths, for instance, and also trafficking of women; but her lived experiences were western. Think, then, what the perspective on women's humanness would be in the context of India, where a very large number of women is still, well into the 21st century, without the freedom of choice in the matter of education, career, clothing, marriage, or going out to play — well, not even walking down a street unmonitored. Patriarchy and tradition combine to deny women rights guaranteed by the Constitution — the Pakistani women on 'Aurat March', for instance, were lectured and quoted the scripture by reporters, mostly men, who seemed to spot a personal challenge against them in women demanding their rights.

It's not much different in India, though emancipated parents in all regions of the country have been encouraging their daughters to go out



The Indian women's team's first match after the World Cup final in Australia in 2020 (above) was held one full year later, in Lucknow on March 7 this year. PTI

and educate themselves and play, too.

Back to India's women cricketers — reaching the final of the World Cup, having also reached the final of the 50-over World Cup in 2017, was a great achievement. Yet, after that, for one full year, they sat home, twiddling their thumbs. Covid turned 2020 into a year of nothingness, but the Indian cricket board (BCCI), at the earliest opportunity, did organise the IPL for the men — 60 matches in 53 days. The men then went to Australia for a thrilling tour of 12 matches, including two preparatory games. Now we're in the midst of the series against England, and four Tests and one T20I have been played. Including the IPL and the matches against Australia and England, India's men have potentially had 106 days of cricket, though some Tests ended early,

and all players didn't play all matches.

And the women? They had four Women's Challenge T20 matches during the IPL. No international cricket. Their first international match after the World Cup final was held one full year later, on March 7, the first One-day International against South Africa in Lucknow. They went into the series against South Africa after only three training sessions, no camp — is this international sport or a joke?

The 50-over World Cup is scheduled for March-April next year. Surprisingly, or unsurprisingly, no urgency was shown to get the women, especially the younger players, as much experience as possible for the World Cup. Even as international cricket resumed in July, getting women back on the field was not really a priority.

The reason? Money. Women's cricket is not commercially attractive — the TV ratings are lower, the attendance at the grounds is smaller, sponsorship revenues are minuscule as compared to men's cricket.

India's women are on a roll in Test cricket, having won three matches in a row — in 15 years! That's right, after BCCI took control of women's cricket in the country, with great reluctance, in late 2006, it has organised only two Tests for the women, both in 2014. The great Mithali Raj, who has become only the second woman to reach the milestone of 10,000 international runs, has played only 10 Test matches in 19 years. She's played 212 ODIs — 81 of them in seven years in the pre-BCCI era, 131 in a little over 14 years since the BCCI took over. She's also played 89 T20Is, all except one after BCCI took over.

From Mithali's career figures, it seems that while the women have gained from BCCI's infrastructure, sponsorship, coaching and finances (22 players were given central contracts in January 2020, and women now get match fees and allowances), the number of matches they play has not increased significantly.

The gap year of Covid showcased one glaring fault in sport across the world — in the UN's analysis of the impact of the pandemic on sport, it was noted that due to "slashed revenues", women's sport was not a priority, mainly because of its lower "profitability".

That's the attitude of the BCCI as well, and the gains made by the women in the last five years could be lost. That would be a tragedy — for women cricketers are human, too.

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For our dearest Rahat, the one who lived to give solace



IMMORTAL FOR A MOMENT

NATASHA BADHWAR

I hope reading about the beloved cat evokes memories of your own deep loves and losses.

ONE of the hardest things I have done in my life so far is waking up my children a few mornings ago to tell them that Rahat had died.

Rahat was an adventure-seeking tomcat; he was also the most vulnerable in our family. In that moment of breaking the news, I was learning how to function despite blinding grief and also to hold the distress of others.

We used to spend a lot of our time with Rahat, searching for him in the grass and plots around our house to bring him back home. Once we found him trapped high on a thorny tree. Our daughters and I managed to extricate him with the help of a step ladder. For days afterwards, I admired the cuts and scratches on my hands with pride.

Rahat's name served a dual purpose in those moments of looking for him. "Rahat, Rahat..." we would call out in various tones, almost as if it were a chant. Rahat means solace, and it always reminded us to stay calm. He was okay. He would return.

Rahat was obedient that way. He loved us.

Rahat's short life was the location of many miracles. He had a pronounced limp from a spinal injury he had recovered from at six months of age. He was rescued as a palm-sized, abandoned kitten by a schoolgirl. He was fostered by a multi-talented artist who took him to work with her as she nursed him to health and instilled cat confidence in him. He was put up for adoption by a close-knit group of animal champions who expend time, energy and love trying to make sure that as many street animals get safe, protective homes as they can manage.

Rahat came to us when he was three months old and our youngest daughter had just turned 11. She reminded us that we had said we would adopt pets when she was ready to care for them.

We brought our cat home in a blue-green cat carrier, talking to him on the long car drive home. We watched as he



explored the house and found safe corners. We celebrated when he chose to sleep next to my head in my bed. We felt accepted. We were jubilant.

Two weeks later, we brought Scarlet, a rescued puppy, to add to our family. Both of them were the same age. My phone is full of videos of Scarlet and Rahat chasing each other, Rahat swatting Scarlet from a safe height, the two of them sleeping cozily on the same mat when winter came and other moments of our cat and dog bonding with each other.

Rahat used to call out incessantly from behind the wire-mesh door when we went out for a walk with Scarlet. Friends warned us not to let him out. But Rahat wanted to be out in the world. He was not smart about it. Or timid. I wish I could describe the joy he emanated as he ran out with his peculiar gait and turned in the loose mud to feel the earth on his back.

"Rahat!" I would call out to him from the first floor balcony. He would respond in cat-speak from the spinach patch below.

By the time we finally lost Rahat, I had managed to convince myself to trust him and the universe to keep him safe. Despite our fretting and fears, he would come back to us each time he went out.

Rahat was at home with us. He is now in another home without us. Our grief is doing the thing it does — it comes in waves. It transforms into guilt and shame. It makes it hard to sleep, it makes getting up difficult. Rahat's presence gave us joy every day.

Now Rahat's memory is what we have. What would Rahat want us to do?

Rahat was generous. When a pair of new cats began visiting our home during the weeks of lockdown, he would let them eat from his bowl. When one of them moved in and gave birth to two kittens, Rahat made space for them too. This is what we must do too. The human heart has infinite space. We must extend ourselves. Be generous.

It is still too early for me to be able to speak to anyone about the death of Rahat. Temporarily, the silence feels protective. I go about my everyday life looking okay on the outside. Yet when I began to write, there was nothing else I could write about.

I hope reading about Rahat evokes memories of your own deep loves and losses. I hope you are reminded of the unexpected grace we discover as we unwrap the folds of grief, one petal at a time.

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Quad summit may kill vision of 'Asian Century'

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 13 The Quad may or may not gravitate to a higher calling in joint cooperation such as emerging technologies but it may have snuffed out the visions of an "Asian Century" envisaged by non-western leaning strategists in Asia. Proponents of this outlook suggest that the era of western domination since the 19th and 20th centuries is ending and the time has come for the resurgence of Asia.

Optimists like Kishore Mehbubani still hold the view that the pandemic will consolidate Asia's dominance in world affairs and the global economy and their deference to western societies will be replaced by respect for East Asia and India. But with India and China now pulling in different directions after the Galwan valley clash of June 15, the part of Asia extending eastwards of India may be at the mercy of external powers.

With the impressive economic growth of China, India and that of Southeast Asian countries, scholars had started talking about 21st century as an Asian century, agrees Dhananjay Tripathi, an expert on international relations at South Asia University.

"The Quad summit is the first concrete step in killing the dream of the 'Asian Century' — strategic competition in Asia

CHECKING CHINA'S RISE

When India-China political relations remain tense, the Quad summit brings India close to powers interested in checking China's rise. With India, China going in different directions and most likely entering into a strategic competition, the dream of the Asian Century is difficult to see the light of day.

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as of now appears unavoidable. Although the key is still with India and China, provided both are willing to resolve their bilateral issues peacefully, he observes. The 'Asian Century' is about a united Asia dominating world politics. In the past, both India and China showed a willingness to strengthen their ties. While trade between the two improved over the years, the border dispute remained unresolved.

Moreover, the Chinese aggressive posture towards India last summer broke the illusion that there will only be healthy competition between the two. "When India-China political relations remain tense, the Quad summit brings India close to powers interested in checking China's rise. With Western powers again getting involved in Asia, the concept of the Asian century will lose its attractiveness," he observes.

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