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# Delhiites to pay up to ₹1L fine for noise pollution under new rules

TRENTON NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

With the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) asking authorities to strictly implement revised noise pollution norms, Delhiites will have to pay Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 lakh for using loudspeakers without permission or DG sets.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) revised penalties, one will have to pay Rs 10,000 fine in case of noise violation by a loudspeaker or a public address system at a public place without permission or during night, and the equipment will also be confiscated.

A fine of Rs 1 lakh has been set for Diesel Generator (DG) sets of over 1,000 KVA, Rs 25,000 for DG sets between 62.5 KVA to 1,000 KVA and Rs 10,000 for DG sets upto 62.5 KVA, the DPCC order said.

Permissible noise level in residential areas is 55 decibel during day time and 45 decibel

Penalties also for bursting of crackers, excess sound from equipment on construction sites

## ACTING TOUGH

- ₹10,000 fine for unauthorised use of loudspeaker or public address system
- ₹25,000 penalty for using diesel generator sets (62.5 KVA to 1,000 KVA)
- ₹1 LAKH for using diesel generator sets of over 1,000 KVA

## PERMISSIBLE LEVEL

<b>55 DECIBEL</b>	<b>45 DECIBEL</b>
IN DAY TIME	DURING NIGHT

during night. Similarly, in commercial areas, the permissible sound limit is 65 decibel during day time and 55 decibel during night. In sensitive areas, it is 50 decibel during the day and 40 decibel at night.

Other than this, there are 'silent zones' that include areas that lie within 100 metres of premises of

schools, colleges, hospitals and courts. According to the order, in case of bursting of firecrackers beyond the prescribed limit within premises of any RWA or at a marriage function, the organiser and the owner of the premises will have to pay Rs 20,000 for the first violation.

"For the second violation,

the organiser and the owner will have to pay Rs 40,000. For more than two violations within fixed premises or at a marriage function, the organiser and the owner will have to pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh. The premises will also be sealed," the DPCC order stated.

If noise pollution is caused by bursting of crackers beyond a limit at a marriage procession or public and religious rally, the organisers will have to pay Rs 10,000 fine and if it is in a silence zone, the fine will be doubled. If an individual household bursts crackers in a residential or commercial zone, then the fine will be Rs 1,000. However, it will be Rs 3,000 in case of violation in a silence zone. In case construction equipment emit sound beyond the permissible limit, a fine of Rs 50,000 will be imposed. The DPCC has issued directions to all DMs, SDMs, Delhi Police, and traffic police for strict compliance of these rules.



VACCINE BOAT: Health workers aboard a boat vaccine facility for flood-affected people in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. PTI

## CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN IN UP, MP

Cong, BJP target each other, seek stringent action

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

The Congress and the BJP on Saturday slammed each other for crimes against women in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and sought stringent action.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra questioned Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for incidents of alleged violence and misconduct with women during the filing of nominations for block panchayat president

Priyanka takes on Yogi, Shekhawat slams Gehlot

posts in BJP-ruled UP. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat led the charge against Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, citing six instances of alleged sexual misconduct involving minors over the past three days in Congress-ruled Rajasthan. "CM Ashok Gehlot's government must become proactive," said Shekhawat, Jal Shakti Minister and Jodhpur MP.

Earlier today, Priyanka said, "A few years ago, a rape victim raised her voice against a BJP MLA and an attempt was made to kill her and her family. Today, the BJP crossed all limits to stop the nomination of a woman. The same government, the same behaviour." — TNS

## 2 Jalandhar youths among four held with record ₹2,500 cr heroin

TRENTON NEWS SERVICE



NEW DELHI, JULY 10

The Delhi Police today said the Special Cell had arrested four persons, including two from Punjab, one from Anantnag in J&K and an Afghan national, following the seizure of a record 354 kg of heroin worth over Rs 2,500 crore in the international market.

Officials identified them as Rizwan Kashmire of Anantnag in J&K, Gurpreet Singh and Gurjot Singh of Jalandhar and Hazrat Ali of Kandahar in Afghanistan. Police sources said it had come to light that Rizwan was involved in drug peddling in South Delhi. A trap was laid and the accused arrested with 1kg of heroin.

He revealed that he worked under an Afghan national

Pramod Singh Kushwah said: "On Monday, the police received information that Rizwan was on his way to deliver contraband in South Delhi. A trap was laid and the accused arrested with 1kg of heroin."

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10% show persistent symptoms post-Covid: Singapore study

SINGAPORE, JULY 10

One in 10 recovered Covid-19 patients in Singapore had persistent symptoms six months after their initial infection, a study led by the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) has found.

In this condition, known as "long Covid", they continued to experience symptoms, most commonly a lingering cough and shortness of breath, long after recovering from Covid-19. Other symptoms included persistent fatigue, dizziness and insomnia, but these were not frequently observed, The Straits Times reported on Saturday, citing the study by the country's top infectious disease

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COVAXIN NOD IN 4-6 WKS: WHO CHIEF SCIENTIST



New Delhi: Days after Bharat Biotech and the ICMR shared their Phase 3 trial data for India-made Covaxin, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said the emergency use listing for the Covid-19 jab could come in 4-6 weeks. WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said Covaxin was being reviewed as Bharat Biotech was now uploading its entire data on the health body's portal. TNS

HOME SECRETARY REVIEWS SITUATION AT TOURIST SPOTS

Union Home Secy Ajay Bhalla on Saturday held a review meeting on steps taken to check the spread of infection at hill stations and tourist destinations. TNS

42,766 FRESH CASES

TOTAL DEATHS 4,07,145 ACTIVE CASES 4,55,033  
1,206 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

**BJP expels Punjab ex-minister Joshi**

CHANDIGARH: The BJP on Saturday expelled former Cabinet minister Anil Joshi from the party for six years over "anti-party" activities. Joshi had gone public against the state top brass, saying they should have supported the farmers and conveyed the ground reality to the central leadership. Following his remarks, the party had served a show-cause notice on Joshi. INSIDE

Punjab govt doctors to go on 3-day strike from tomorrow

CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

The Joint Government Doctors' Coordination Committee today announced shutdown of health and veterinary services from Monday to Wednesday. The committee said OPD services would remain shut but emergency, Covid, post-mortem and medico/veterinary services would continue.

Committee convener Dr Inderveer Gill said due to the government's silence on the NPA issue, they were forced to give a call for strike again.

The Health Minister had recently assured the committee of resolving the issue within a week, but no action has been taken by the government so far, he said. INSIDE

## No govt job or subsidy if more than 2 kids, can't fight local elections: UP draft Bill

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 10  
Uttar Pradesh today became the second BJP-ruled state to propose a two-child norm for extension of state government benefits and subsidies, besides seeking to bar violators from government jobs and local body elections.

The UP State Law Commission placed draft of the new UP Population (Control, Stabilisation and Welfare) Bill, 2021, in the public domain, seeking responses by July 19.

The draft Bill was unveiled



### SOPS FOR FOLLOWING 2-CHILD NORM

- Govt staffers to get two increments, soft loans for house, 3% raise in EPF, 12-month maternity/paternity leave and insurance cover for spouse
- Any such staffer opting for sterilisation after 1 child to

get four increments  
■ Non-govt sector people following two-child norm to get subsidy on water, power charges, house tax and home loan



on the eve of World Population Day (July 11), when Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will announce a new population policy for the state for 2021-2030.

The draft Bill, which has sparked

a heated debate, limits ration card units to four and says those who violate the two-child norm after the Bill becomes a law will be denied government subsidies, benefits under government-spon-

sored schemes, eligibility to apply for a government job and contest local body poll.

The draft Bill shall come into force after one year from the date of publication in the gazette, states the draft legis-

lation that proposes to incentivise government employees following the two-child norm with two increments through their service period.

They will be offered soft loans for house purchase, discounts on utility charges, 3 per cent raise in Employee Provident Fund, 12-month maternity or paternity leave with full salary and insurance cover for the spouse. The government employees voluntarily opting for family planning after the first child will get four additional increments,

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Former intel officer Garcetti named US envoy to India

NEW DELHI, JULY 10  
US President Joe Biden announced the nomination of Eric Garcetti as Ambassador to India. Garcetti served for 12 years as an intelligence officer in the US Navy Reserve Component, including a stint with the Defence Intelligence Agency and the Pacific Fleet, which is the US Navy's sword-arm in the Quad.

Garcetti was named Ambassador barely eight days after US Chargé d'

### WORKED WITH PACIFIC FLEET

- Eric Garcetti also had a stint with the Defence Intelligence Agency and the Pacific Fleet
- The Mayor of Los Angeles since 2013, he also served as a City Council member

Affaires Atul Keshap took charge at the US embassy  
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Centre may thrust 'Delhi model', fear J&K parties

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

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SRINAGAR, JULY 10  
Restoration of full statehood is a battle that the main political parties in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are hoping to win in a bid to dodge the "Delhi model". While most key players want statehood to be restored before the UT goes to the polls, the Centre wants elections once the Delimitation Commission completes its

Want statehood restored before UT goes to polls

exercise of reorganising boundaries of segments and carving out new ones.

Gupkar alliance spokesperson MY Tarigami said the mistrust between J&K and the Centre had given rise to the suspicion that the "Delhi model" of statehood may be continued on page 10

### IN BRIEF

11 J&K employees sacked for terror links

SRINAGAR: The J&K administration has sacked its 11 employees for allegedly working as over-ground workers for terrorist outfits. INSIDE

Maha sets up panel to probe phone-tapping

MUMBAI: Maharashtra has appointed a panel to probe state Congress chief Nana Patole's charge that his phone was tapped during BJP rule when he was MP in 2016-17. —PTI

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Ph.D. (Medical Biochemistry)	At least 55% marks or equivalent in MD/MS/MDS or M.Sc. in Relevant Specialization
Ph.D. (Medical Microbiology)	At least 55% marks or equivalent in MD/MS/MDS or M.Sc. in Genetics/Human Biology/Life Sciences with Relevant Specialization
Ph.D. (Medical Pharmacology)	Bachelor degree in Medicine & Surgery/ Dental Sciences/Ayurvedic Medicine/ Physiotherapy/Nursing/Paramedical Sciences/Management followed by a post graduate degree in the specialization/ management with 55% marks both at graduate & post graduate level.
Ph.D. Biotechnology	At least 55% marks or equivalent in MD/MS/MDS or M.Sc. in Life Sciences with Relevant Specialization
Ph.D. Hospital Administration	Bachelor degree in Medicine & Surgery/ Dental Sciences/Ayurvedic Medicine/ Physiotherapy/Nursing/Paramedical Sciences/Management followed by a post graduate degree in the specialization/ management with 55% marks both at graduate & post graduate level.
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M.Sc. (Medical Pharmacology)	
M.Sc. Histopathology	
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<b>Graduate Medical Programmes</b>	
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B.Sc. Medical (Physiology)	
B.Sc. Medical (Biochemistry)	
<b>Paramedical Postgraduate Programmes</b>	
M.Sc. (Medical Laboratory Technology)	B.Sc. Medical Lab. Technology
<b>Paramedical Graduate Programmes</b>	
Bachelor in Audiology & Speech Language Pathology	10+2 Medical/Non-Medical
B.Sc. Advanced Imaging Technology	
B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology	
B.Sc. Operation Theatre Technology	
B.Sc. Radiology and Imaging Technology	
B.Sc. Dialysis Technology	
B.Sc. Anaesthesia Technology	
B.Sc. Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics	
B.Sc. Blood Bank Technology	
B.Sc. Optometry	
B.Sc. Cardiac Care Technology	
<b>Paramedical Diploma Programmes</b>	
Advanced Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (ADMLT)	
Advanced Diploma in Operation Theatre Technology (ADOTT)	10+2 in any stream. Candidates who have passed 1 year diploma in the corresponding discipline will be given lateral entry into second year of the programme
Advanced Diploma in Radiology and Imaging Technology (ADRIT)	
Advanced Diploma in Dialysis Technology (ADDT)	
Advanced Diploma in Anaesthesia Technology (ADAT)	
<b>Library &amp; Information Sciences Programmes</b>	
Master of Library and Information Sciences	B. Lib. I. Sc.
Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences	Graduation in any stream
Diploma in Library and Information Sciences	10+2 in any stream
<b>Nursing Programmes</b>	
M.Sc. (Nursing) (Psychiatric, Paediatric, Obst. & Gynaec, Medical & Surgical)	B.Sc. (Nursing)/ B.Sc. Hons. (Nursing) /Post Basic B.Sc. (Nursing) with one year of work experience
Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care' (NPCC) (Subject to the approval from Indian Nursing Council)	
B.Sc. (Nursing)	10+2 Medical (with Individual English Subject)
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## Unable to repay loan, Bathinda farmer ends life

BATHINDA, JULY 10 A debt-ridden farmer from Nehianwala village here allegedly ended his life by consuming some poisonous substance. Harbans Singh, 45, had taken Rs 10 loan from bank and commission agents. As per his family members, he was under stress as he couldn't repay his loan.

**BKU demands debt waiver, job for kin**

Harbans Singh had participated in the farmers' agitation against three farm laws at Delhi borders and returned from there 15 days ago.

He is survived by his wife and a son. BKU (Sidhpur) Goniana block leaders have demanded the debt waiver, compensation and a government job for the next of kin of the deceased farmer. — TNS

## BJP expels Joshi for 6 yrs

Ex-minister says paid price for speaking up for farmers

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10** The BJP today expelled former Cabinet minister Anil Joshi from the party for six years over "anti-party" activities. Joshi had gone public against the state top brass, saying they should have supported the farmers and conveyed the ground reality to the central leadership.

Following his remarks, the party had served a show-cause notice to Joshi for "anti-party activities" and had asked him to give a reply within two days.

In a press release, party's state secretary Subhash Sharma said Joshi's reply was examined by the disciplinary committee and it was found unsatisfactory. "So he was expelled from the party on the directions of state president

### QUESTIONED LEADERSHIP

Joshi's reply was found unsatisfactory. He instead questioned the state leadership's working. Subhash Sharma, BJP STATE SECY

### PROUD OF DECISION

I'm proud of the decision. I was part of the BJP for 35 years. I've not yet decided on joining any political outfit. Anil Joshi, FORMER CABINET MINISTER

Ashwani Sharma," he said.

Instead of giving a reply to the show-cause notice, Joshi questioned the state leadership's working, said Sharma. Reacting to the expulsion, Joshi said he was proud of the decision as he had to pay the price for standing by the Punjab's farmers and traders. "I was part of the BJP for 35 years and will keep raising my voice for the cause of farmers," he said.

Joshi served as the Local Bodies Minister in the SAD-

BJP government, but lost the 2017 elections by 15,000 votes from the Amritsar North constituency. Speaking about his future course of action, he said he would keep on taking up the issues of the people. He said he had not yet decided about joining any other political outfit.

Following opposition by farm unions in the recent past, there were some voices from within the party that had questioned the party's leadership role.

## Akalis bank on BSP's 2019 show

JUPINDERJIT SINGH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**

With a fresh alliance in place, the SAD hopes for a repeat performance by the BSP in the last parliamentary elections to see it through in the 2022 Assembly polls. However, the BSP's performance in the 2017 Assembly polls suggests the alliance seems to be a gamble.

The BSP had once become a formidable force in the Punjab politics under the leadership of Kanshi Ram. Its first alliance with the Akalis was back in 1996 for the parliamentary elections yielded rich dividends. The alliance won 11 out of the 13 seats. The BSP bagged three with a vote share of 16 per cent.

However, the BSP contested alone in the subsequent 1997 Assembly elections. While it had a respectable vote share of 13.9 per cent, 45 of its 67 candidates lost the security deposit. The party won the lone seat of Garhshankar (Doaba).

The downslide continued thereafter with the party managing 6.61 per cent vote share in the 2002 polls, which fell to 4.17 per cent in 2007. In the 2012 Assembly elections, the vote share rose slightly to 4.3 per cent, but it slid to 1.59 per cent in 2017.

In the parliamentary elections, BSP's vote share stood at 3.52 per cent and 1.9 per cent in 2019 and 2014, respectively. While the vote share is a powerful factor in analysis, it may mislead at times. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the SAD on its own got a higher vote share than the AAP but bagged fewer seats.

The SAD got 25.2 per cent vote share and 14 seats, against AAP's 23.7 per cent and 20 seats. The vote share of the SAD-BJP alliance was much higher at 30.6 per cent, but they won only 17 seats.

"The 2017 polls were an aberration as the AAP cut into the vote bank of all par-



### POLL PERFORMANCE

#### VIDHAN SABHA

YEAR	VOTE SHARE
2002	6.61%
2007	4.17%
2012	4.3%
2017	1.59%
2019	3.52%

#### LOK SABHA

YEAR	VOTE SHARE
2004	7.67%
2009	5.75%
2014	1.9%
2019	3.52%

### HOW THE PARTY VOTED IN LAST TWO POLLS

Seats	2017 (Assembly)	2019 (LS)	Gain
Kartarpur	5,208	31,047	25,839
Phagwara	6,160	29,738	23,578
Nawanshahr	19,578	32,480	12,962
Jalandhar North	1,506	12,913	11,407
Umar Tanda	1,720	12,643	10,923
Hoshiarpur	4,442	13,445	9,003
Jalandhar West	1,099	8,961	7,862
Chamkaur Sahib	1,610	7,866	6,256
Dasuya	3,180	7,720	4,540
Anandpur Sahib	1,442	5,677	4,235
Mahal Kalan	4,922	DNC*	-
Ludhiana North	1,513	DNC	-
Sujanpur	1,083	DNC	-
Mohali	1,027	DNC	-
Bassi Pathana	814	DNC	-
Bhola	695	DNC	-
Payal	618	DNC	-
Amritsar North	603	DNC	-
Amritsar Central	500	DNC	-
Pathankot	470	DNC	-

\*DID NOT CONTEST



### ENJOYS SUPPORT IN DOABA

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ties, mainly the BSP. In 2019, the politics underwent a course correction as the AAP bubble had burst," said Daljeet Singh Cheema, SAD spokesperson.

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SAD adviser Harcharan Bains called the alliance with the BSP historic. "Both share same ethos. The alliance has already set a record in 1996."

Soon after hitting a high in the 1996 elections, the bond broke with the Akalis supporting the BJP to form the government at the Centre under Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The BSP, which opposed the Akalis, termed it a betrayal by the Akalis. "The BSP left the Akalis immediately over the betrayal. Trust has to develop at the ground level. The

vote bank of the BSP has shrunk over the years. They don't cast vote en bloc. The big question is whether the BSP will fill the gap left by the BJP for the Akalis," says a political commentator.

Already, there is a revolt within the BSP. Former state president Rachpal Singh Raju and serving president of Jalandhar Ram Singh Saroye among others have termed the alliance unequal. "Out of the 20 seats the BSP has got in the alliance, its candidates polled more than 10,000 votes only in Nawanshahr. In most other seats, our candidates could not even get 1,000 votes." They want seat-sharing renegotiated.



Dhuri MLA Dalvir Goldy with his wife at Ladda village in Sangrur.

laws but some persons want to spoil the peace in villages. We will not allow it at any cost," Simrat Kaur said.

But BKU (Ugrahan) leader Harbans Singh Ladda said they would not allow any politician enter their villages.

"Farmer organisations have banned the entry of politicians in villages and we will not allow them till the repeal of the black laws," said Ladda.

## Farmers made to buy costly urea, says AAP

BATHINDA, JULY 10

Condemning the state government's order to buy expensive fertilisers only from Markfed, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA and Kisan Wing state president Kultar Singh Sandhu alleged the government was hell-bent on destroying the rural cooperative societies for the benefit of corporate houses.

He said, "Rural cooperative societies were formed with the financial support of farmers and public. Now, the government wants to loot them through Markfed. These societies independently procure urea and DAP from IFFCO and Markfed and distribute it to the farmers. But now, the government has issued an order to end the independence of these cooperative societies." — TNS

## Talwandi Sabo plant to resume ops by month-end

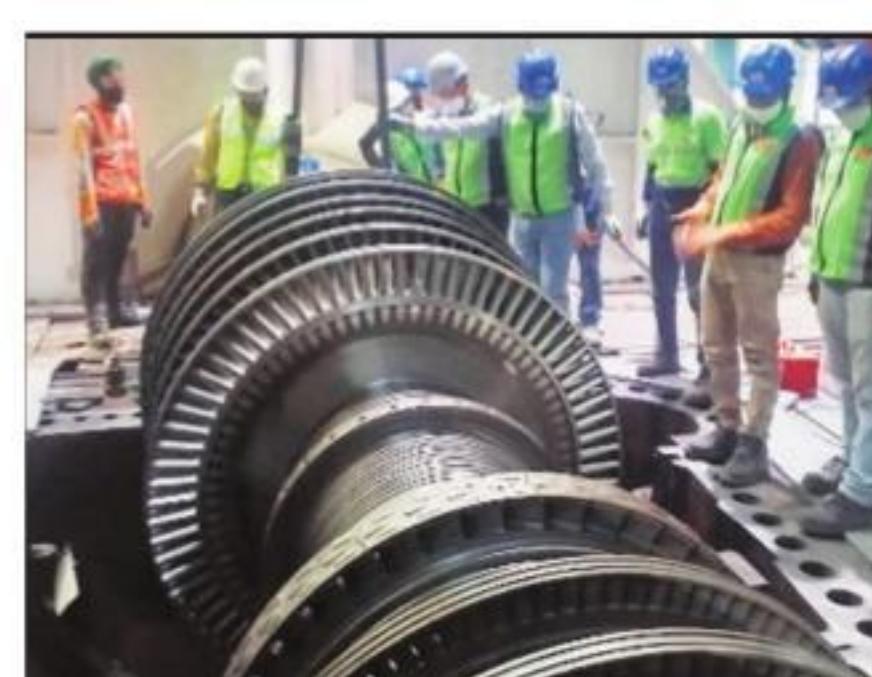
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BATHINDA, JULY 10

The power crisis in the state may take longer to be resolved as the Talwandi Sabo Power Plant (TSPL), which closed yesterday, may not be fully operational until the month-end.

One of the major reasons for the frequent breakdown of the plant is the high dependence on domestic coal, which has high ash content, and the restrictions on coal import. Despite PSPCL's support to get the supply of imported coal, the plant hasn't been able to get the adequate low ash coal.

A team of Korean engineers and experts from BHEL, GE, and TSPL are working day in and out to identify and rectify the problem. One unit is likely to be restored shortly. The



second one which stopped yesterday has minor technical snag and shall be restored within 48 hours.

Terming the current breakdown of two of their units unfortunate, TSPL officials said restoration of one of these was expected within 48 hours, while the other might take a

little longer. "We are targeting all three units of TSPL to be operational and functional to the full capacity by the end of the month," they stressed.

The first unit, which broke down in March, had an unprecedent failure. Such technical breakdown takes about a year's time to resolve.

However, TSPL has ensured the imported components are delivered within four months' time. Vedanta's Talwandi Sabo Power Limited is a supercritical 1980 MW world-class thermal power plant in Banawala, Mansa, and supplies 100% of electricity it generates to PSPCL.

## Cong, SAD workers booked for assault

Personal dispute, not party rivalry: Police

Sutanpur Lodhi DSP Sarwan Singh Bal said: "A case of embezzlement of Rs 6 lakh was being investigated against Kuldeep, also a former sarpanch. Anger over the case triggered the attack. It is a case of personal dispute. Chahal has been referred to the PGI, Chandigarh, as he has head injuries and fracture in both legs. As many as 27 persons have been booked at the Fattu Dhinga police station. All of them are absconding."

As many as 17 have been identified by name in the FIR. While Chahal belonged to the Congress, Kuldeep was an Akali Dal leader. The police insisted it was a personal dispute and not linked to the parties.

monthly rent of Rs 1,800. "Learning from the past, we did not bring families and rented a single room to curb expenditure". Their common fear is that industrialists might not give them wages during the power shutdown period as they had during the lockdown period.

Meanwhile, large-scale industrialists, having power load above 100 kw, are annoyed with PSPCL for extending their power outage from 8 am on July 8 to 8 am on July 11. They claim that they were not timely informed about the power shutdown. Industrialists asserted that clamping of power shutdown on the industry was not a solution. PSPCL should purchase electricity to overcome the shortage.

They lamented the industry had already suffered a lot in the wake of two lockdowns. A majority of factories are being run at partial capacity.

## SAD slams AAP plea in SC over thermal plants' closure

CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

The SAD today condemned AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for filing a petition in the Supreme Court seeking the closure of thermal plants in the state, saying it was against the interest of Punjab.

Terming such politics as reprehensible, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia claimed had the petition succeeded it would have wiped out the state industry, besides making trade unviable. — TNS

## After lockdown, power crisis hits labourers hard

NEERAJ BAGGA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, JULY 10

Power crisis in the state has once again rendered thousands of migrant labourers without work, besides shutting down large-scale units.

Mali Rai, a weaver at an industrial unit here, who returned along with his wife and two sons from his native place in Bihar to resume his job on July 5, was in for a rude shock. "A day after working at the unit, it has been closed for the past one week. I am being paid monthly salary of Rs 12,000 for 12-hour daily shift. I have been idle for a week and the factory owner is not likely to pay me anything without work". He claims to shell out Rs 2,500 as room rent and average Rs 600 towards power tariff, besides fees of two school-going kids and monthly ration. He wondered how he will manage all these expenses.

Pardeep Kumar, who works

25K workers engaged in large-scale units





## 2 rice millers booked for ₹8-cr fraud

**YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 10**  
Owners of two rice mills have been booked for allegedly misappropriating 3,293 metric tonnes of custom-milled paddy worth about Rs 8.32 crore.

The accused—BS Rice Mill proprietor Balinder Singh and MS Agro Foods Rice Mill owner Jarnail Singh—have been booked under Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC at the Chhappar police station.

The cases were registered on July 8 on a complaint by Vijay Kumar Dahiya, District Manager, Haryana State Warehousing Corporation, Ambala City.

The complainant said that as per an agreement for the 2020-21 season, 54,229.50 quintals of paddy were handed over to BS Rice Mill, Jagdhuli, and 37,175.62 quintals to MS Agro Foods Rice Mill, Jagdhuli, for milling.

"When the firms failed to deliver the custom-milled rice (CMR) to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) on time, a committee of the Haryana State Warehousing Corporation conducted a physical verification of the firms on June 19," said Dahiya.

During the inspection, 1,715.34 MT paddy was found short from the BS Rice Mill's stock and 1,578.09 MT paddy from the MS Agro Foods Rice Mill's. —TNS

## Charuni suggests 'Mission Pb', again snubbed by state leaders

**MUKESH TANDON**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PANIPAT, JUNE 10**

Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) president Gurnam Singh Charuni has again asked Punjab's farm leaders to take a political plunge and contest the Assembly elections in the state due early next year.

In an interview that went viral on social media yesterday, the BKU leader took a dig at Punjab farmer leaders, and appealed to them to start the "Mission Punjab" and present a new model of governance before the country.

Punjab leaders, meanwhile, said they would talk to Charuni about his statements.

On July 8, he had raised a storm by suggesting "Mission Punjab", asking farm leaders from Punjab to contest the forthcoming Punjab elections and form a pro-farmer government.

In the latest video, the BKU chief said: "Farmers have been protesting for the past seven months, but there seems to be no solution in sight. Punjab leaders have to prepare for the electoral battle because it is the only option to bring a change. If there is a better option, they should adopt that."

He further said farmers had



Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait with other leaders at the Singhu border on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

### ELECTORAL POLITICS THE SOLUTION

■ Punjab leaders have to think about it (electoral politics) and realise its importance. If they don't want to understand, they will be equally responsible for the prevailing system.

Gurnam Singh Charuni, BKU LEADER



ising a historic and peaceful movement. "It must not be forgotten that there is a difference between electoral politics and people's movement. The SKM will talk to Charuni about his remarks."

Harinder Singh Lakhawal, general secretary, BKU (Lakhawal), said it was Charuni's personal views and the SKM had nothing to do with it. "If he wants to explore the idea of taking a political plunge, he should discuss it in the SKM meeting, where 40 farm leaders will decide," he added.

Meanwhile, hundreds of farmers from Uttar Pradesh led by farmer leader Rakesh Tikait reached the Singhu border today.

equally responsible for the prevailing system."

His remarks have not gone down well with Punjab leaders. Darshan Pal Singh, SKM leader, said: "We are from Punjab and we know better than him what is to be done. Why Charuni is guiding us?"

He further said farmers had presented a model by organ-

## Health experts sound note of caution on reopening schools

**SUSHIL MANAV**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



### COVID METER

Cases	38
Recovered	50
Active	973
Deaths	8
<b>DISTRICT-WISE COUNT</b>	
Palwal	4 0
Kurukshetra	4 0
Sirsia	3 1
State total	7,691 9,542

ious, sanitisation of schools and speedy vaccination of teachers must be ensured.

The pandemic has impacted the health of people and left many dead. It has also affected studies of children. While the government has taken steps to improve health infrastructure and provide treatment

to those infected, nothing was being done for children who are practically imprisoned in their homes. Opening of the schools is very important. It is for the government to decide whether to run these on full strength or at half strength," said Bharti.

Kanwar Pal Gujjar, Haryana Education Minister, said the decision to open schools had been taken only after assessing the pandemic situation.

"In most of the districts, either no new cases are being reported or infections are being reported in single digit. We have to strike a balance between the safety and education of the students. If some parents don't think it is safe to send their children to schools, they are free to not send. The teachers will not mark them absent," said Gujjar.

When asked whether the government will ensure that the teachers and non-teaching staff were vaccinated before they attended the schools, the minister said though there were no such guidelines, most of the teachers had already been vaccinated.

The four probationary cops, involved in a brawl on Wednesday night at a local pub, were suspended today. The cops had objected to the alleged misbehaviour by two men with a woman cop accompanying them. A departmental inquiry was also marked against all four probationer cops.

As per the order of the DCP (headquarters) probationer sub-inspector Mohit Kumar, Sumit Kumar, Praveen Narwal and Pingakash had been suspended and directed to report to the police lines.

**GURUGRAM, JULY 10**  
Two men were charred to death as their Maruti Ecco van hit an electricity pole and fell into a ditch and caught fire from a high-tension wire.

A fire brigade team reached the spot and doused the flames, but both men had died by that time. One victim was identified as van driver Sunny of Kansali village, while his friend had not been identified yet. The police said the van owner was a resident of Alwar and they called him.

The deceased have been identified as Tannu and Priti. The victims were pursuing a nursing course. The accident took place when they were on their way to the college on a scooter. When they reached near a temple, their scooter collided head-on with a truck. A case has been registered against the truck driver, who is absconding. —TNS

## Over 24,000 cases settled in Lok Adalat

**FARIDABAD, JULY 10**  
A former Member of Parliament (MP) and the president of the All India Confederation of the SC/ST and Minorities Organisations Udit Raj visited Khori village today and assured his support for the agitation against the impending demolition of the constructions in the village.

He asked the Union Government to suspend the demolition "to honour the right of housing to poor people".

Udit Raj, also a spokesperson of the Congress party, had led a march to the Prime Minister's house recently to protest the demolition of the colony, described as a "double face" of the Modi government. He said the issue could have been resolved if there was a political will of the government.



Call centre employees arrested by the CM flying squad.

### SEVEN ARRESTED; POSED AS AMAZON STAFF

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Rang Sharma, Ravi Shirke, Alok Sinha, Samir Kawle, Vijay Pal Singh and Bopon Fom. Centre head Nikunj Giri is absconding.

He had started the centre

in March this year. "We have seized two hard disks and a cellphone from the centre. Raids are being conducted to nab the main accused," said DSP Yadav. —TNS

## Ex-MP against Khori demolition

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26 protesters detained; released hours later

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## Dhankar faces protest in Hisar

**HISAR, JULY 10**

Farmers protested state BJP president Om Prakash Dhankar's visit to the Guru Jambeshwar University of Science and Technology (GJUST) here today.

The police had installed barricades at all three gates of the university.

The GJUST administration had yesterday cancelled the booking of the auditorium, where the BJP function was held, following a protest by farmers. An executive engineer of the university had informed this to district BJP president Capt Bhupendra.

The district BJP unit, however, went ahead with the meeting in the auditorium. On getting information, farmers carrying black flags gathered outside the university. They tried to enter the campus, but the police stopped them. —TNS

## CM seeks Centre's help for youth's release held in Oz

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from various quarters, including his family, who have conveyed to him that Jood got into a tussle with a group that was raising anti-Indian slogans and even desecrating the Indian National Flag and these groups have subsequently framed him on false charges.

In the letter, the CM has further highlighted that he had also held a virtual meeting with some representatives of the Indian diaspora in Australia, who are backing Jood and have started a campaign there to get him released from jail as early as possible.

## Sanitation workers protest



Sanitation workers protest against the Municipal Corporation after 250 employees were sacked in Gurugram on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

## Lawyers' forum approaches SC

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**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**

The National Lawyers Campaign for Judicial Transparency and Reforms today held a press conference and announced that it had approached the SC for the recall of the order dated June 7, which had directed the demolition of Khori colony in Faridabad.

Advocate Mathews J Nedumpara said they had filed an intervention application for the recall of the order.

The SC, its order on June 7, had ordered the chief executive officer of the Faridabad Corporation to "remove the encroachers" not later than six weeks from the date of the order and submit a report of the compliance of the said direction.

## Fake call centre busted in G'gram

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

**GURUGRAM, JULY 10**  
The CM flying squad today busted a fake call centre, which was duping foreigners in the name of e-commerce major Amazon, and arrested seven persons. Raids are being conducted to nab the owner and the mastermind.

DSP, CM squad, Inderjeet Yadav said they had received a tip-off that a fake call centre was being run from the third floor of a building in Udyog Vihar, Phase 5. A team was formed that raided the fake call centre. In all, 26 boys and 10 girls were busy on computers and laptops. They did not possess an OSP licence of the Department of Telecommunications or any other agreement related to their work.

The seven employees who have been arrested are Mukul Singh Chauhan, Gau-



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# Pall of gloom descends on Raja's Bushahr

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

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RAMPUR (SHIMLA), JULY 10  
People from all walks of life bid a tearful adieu to their 'Raja' here today. More than a top political leader, Virbhadra was a revered family elder for them, to whom they could turn to in adversity, big or small.

A pall of gloom descended on this princely town on July 8 when their revered Raja of Bushahr left for his heavenly abode. A large number of people, especially from Virbhadra's hometown Rampur, Rohru, which he represented in the Assembly five times, and Kinnar, where the original seat of the Bushahr princely state was located, turned up to catch the one last glimpse of their leader.

As the body lay in the Darbar Hall of Padam Palace, where he had spent his childhood, people wept, with many of them fainting while others consoled and comforted his wife Pratibha Singh, a former MP. An emotional Vikramaditya Singh, whose 'raj tilak' ceremony was performed this morning, struggled to hold back his tears,



**SEA OF MOURNERS:** People accompany the body at the cremation site on the banks of the Sutlej in Rampur on Saturday.

seeing people's affection for his father and family.

Heart-wrenching scenes were witnessed as people bid the final adieu to their 'Raja' with the bajantris soulfully playing their traditional musical instruments. People in a large number turned up to get the last glimpse of the 'Raja' while on his final journey, donning his trademark green vel-

vet Bushahr cap. The grounds outside Padam Palace were packed to capacity.

The people had feared the worst when Virbhadra was hospitalised for the past three months, but when the unfortunate news actually came, the enormity of the loss sank in. Slogans like "Raja nahin fakir hai, Himachal ki takdir hai" and

"Dekho-dekho, kaun aya, sher aya-sher aya" rented the air. Holding flowers, garlands and scarves, people, old and young, men, women and children struggled to catch the last glimpse of their beloved leader, who had always stood by them.

The despair was writ large on every face, akin to the grief of having lost their most

loved family member. All shops and commercial establishments in the market below Padam Palace have remained closed for the past three days. Life has come to a standstill with the feeling of the unbearable loss.

"I lost both my parents almost a decade ago but with Raja Sahib around I never felt despair or the absence of



Virbhadra Singh's body being consigned to the flames at the royal family's cremation site along the Sutlej.

## Consigned to flames on Sutlej banks

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

RAMPUR, JULY 10

The body of Virbhadra Singh was consigned to flames beside the resting place of his father Raja Padam Singh and his ancestors amid the chanting of mantras at the cremation ground on the banks of the Sutlej.

It took more than an hour for the funeral procession to cover about one km distance from Padam Palace to the special cremation site reserved for the members of the Bushahr royal family. The former Chief Minister, who remained an MLA for nine times and an MP five times, was accorded the state funeral with a guard of honour.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, ministers Suresh Bhardwaj and Rakesh Pathania, Congress leaders, MLAs and others were present.

Vikramaditya Singh thanked people for being with his family in this hour of grief. He said he would try to take forward the legacy of his father and his vision for the development of the state.

Thousands of people took part in the procession with slogans "Jab tak suraj chand rahega, Raja Sahib ka naam rahega". The body with a yellow-green cloth canopy over it was taken to the cremation site. Vikramaditya lit the pyre as bajantris played on for the last time for their 'Raja'.

People from all over the state converged on the town to pay their last respect to the man who led Himachal on the path of development, to make it a model hill state.

## Kullu markets remain closed

KULLU, JULY 10

Markets in major townships of

Kullu district remained completely shut today as a mark of respect to former Himachal Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh. On the call of the Beopar Mandal, the shops in Akhara Bazaar, Ramshila, Sarwari, Lower Dhalpur, Dhalpur, Sulatpur and Gandhi Nagar in Kullu town remained closed throughout the day. Only a few vegetable vendors were seen and shops of essential items opened in the evening. —OC

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**FMG-05/07/2021 RECRUITMENT NOTICE CORRIGENDUM**

In the above advt. published on 10.07.2021, under heading Place of Posting/Duration, the date should be read as "31.03.2022" instead of 31.03.2021. Rest remains the same.

## Vikramaditya anointed next head of erstwhile princely state

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

### BRIEF, PRIVATE AFFAIR

■ The ceremony was performed in the family after a span of almost 74 years, as Virbhadra was crowned in 1947 at the age of 13 after the demise of his father Raja Padam Singh

■ The brief ceremony was completely a private affair, away from public gaze and media glare. Barring Vikramaditya and his wife, no other member of the immediate family was allowed to enter.

gaze and media glare. Barring Vikramaditya and his wife, no other member of the immediate family was allowed to enter the palace. Virbhadra's wife Pratibha Singh, his daughters and close relatives sat outside in the Darbar hall

where the Raja's body was kept for people to pay their homage. Alongside the body was the silver handcrafted throne, the 'gaddi' which was used till the rule of Virbhadra's father Raja Padam Singh, who was the last ruler

of Bushahr; he died in 1947.

The ceremony was performed in the family after a span of almost 74 years. People close to Virbhadra's family said that Vikramaditya was against the 'raj tilak' stating that "India is a democracy where such titles do not exist". However, on the insistence of old-timers, he relented.

As per the tradition, the cremation of the Raja cannot take place till his heir, the Yuvraj succeeds him and is made to sit on the 'Raj gaddi' after a special puja. As such, Vikramaditya,

who was till now addressed as 'Tikka Sahib', will now become the head of the state.

The 'raj tilak' was performed in the presence of 'bajantris' from the villages of Lalsia, Dansa, Shingla and Shaneri, as has been the century-old tradition. With the brief ceremony over, Vikramaditya took the blessings of his mother and other family elders.

Prior to shifting their base to Sarahan, the seat of the Bushahr estate was at Kamroo in the Sangla valley where the ancient fort of the family still stands.

## Leaders queue up to pay tributes

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

RAMPUR, JULY 10  
Political leaders and dignitaries from all walks of life arrived here today to pay their last respects to former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, as his body lay in the Darbar Hall of Padam Palace.

Congress Working Committee (CWC) members Anand Sharma and Rajiv Shukla, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and AICC treasurer Pawan Bansal represented Congress president Sonia Gandhi and laid a wreath on her behalf on the body of the veteran leader, who dominated the state politics for almost six decades.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, accompanied by his ministerial colleagues, also laid a wreath on the body. People from all over the state, besides party legislators and office-bearers arrived here to pay tributes to the departed leader.

## 138 new cases, three deaths

SHIMLA, JULY 10  
As many as 138 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 205,363. Besides, three persons died of the virus in Chamba, Una and Hamirpur districts. The maximum number of 40 cases was reported in Chamba, followed by 26 in Mandi, 16 in Kangra, 12 in Bilaspur, 11 in Shimla, eight in Hamirpur, seven in Solan, five each in Kinnar and Sirmour, three each in Una and Kullu and two in Lahaul and Spiti. —TNS

### COVID METER

Samples tested	25,72,421
Recovered	198,732
Active	1,335
Positive	203,563
Deaths	3,474

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**Well educated employed teetotaller match for slim beautiful Arora Patiala girl,** 37 (looks 30), 5'-4", M.Sc. Bank Manager in Nationalised Bank. Call: 82642-50811. (CL21031985)

**Suitable match for beautiful Khatri girl,** slim smart, B.A. Eco. Hons, MBA, working with MNC Gurgaon as a Financial Analyst, 26 yrs, 5'-7". Preference only in NCR. Contact: 98786-33104, neelam1234kohli@gmail.com (CL21031913)

**Non Manglik beautiful, slim, B.Tech., MBA,** 1989/ 5'-4", Manager Gurgaon 70427-99020, prospectmatri@gmail.com (CL21031074)

**Engineer, Doctor match for Chandigarh based Hindu Punjabi Khatri girl.** Tech. (CSE), M.Tech. (CSE), IT job package 10 lac, 5'-5", 32 years beautiful, slim, fair. Doctor's family. Families settled in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula to contact: 88475-65497, 94363-88580, 95305-87564. Email: shubhmatch97@gmail.com (CL21031396)

**Seeking well settled match for Khatri, slim, beautiful, fair girl,** 07.04.90, 6:04 pm, 5'-3", M.Com, B.Ed. Contact: 74042-89575. (CL21031414)

**SM for girl doing MD 10.08.1989,** 3 pm Chandigarh, 5'-3", caste no bar 98055-37606. (CL21031483)

**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri girl** 18.08.95, 8:35 a.m., Panchkula, 5'-4", MBA, working with MNC 10.15 LPA, Gurgaon preferred. 62840-60881. (CL21031492)

**1988 born, Senior Assistant, Chandigarh Administration, non transferable regular government job.** Preferred Tricity settled. 90233-90199. (CL21031895)

**Industrialist family manglik match for very beautiful professionally qualified,** October 96, Ambala, 5'-3", decent marriage. 90340-83138. (CL21032036)

**Chandigarh based, beautiful Arora Khatri girl** doing MDS Orthodontics (final year, Age 25 years, Height 5'-7"), looking for Doctor, Engineer, Govt. Employee or well settled businessman (Age 25-31 years) from a reputed Khatri/ Arora Punjab family. 9945-48168. (CL21032121)

**Looking for suitable match Arora Khatri girl,** Masters in Library and Information Science, Working in renowned University, height 5 feet 4 inches Dob 18.03.92, Time 9.54 am, Hisar, Tricity or Zirakpur and good kundi match preferred. Father own business. Mb: 99145-06078. (CL21032242)

**Gursikh and employed match for Chadha girl,** 1991/ 5'-7", B.Tech, MBA, Project Manager, package 12 lacs annum. 98558-98858. (CL21032638)

**Unmarried status match for Hindu Arora** slim, beautiful, fair, 5'-4", girl, MA, B.Ed, unmarried July 1976, arorab21@gmail.com 98144-52413. (CL21032663)

**Match for Panchkula based girl** 18.10.1989, 9:53 am, Chandigarh, 5'-4", MA Economics Honours having business for French learning 7 figure earning. Father retired officer. WhatsApp 99158-07342. (CL21032686)

**Matching alliance invited for 26, B.Sc. Designing, fair, lovely, homely girl,** 07.4711-37252, 06238-67558. (CL21032689)

**Professionally qualified match Nov. 1992, 5'-3", beautiful Chandigarh Khatri girl,** graduate Fashion Designing, upper middle class family, preferred Delhi NCR/ Tricity. 94677-58423. (CL21030797)

**Suitable match for Arora girl,** 09.05.1995, 9:06 a.m. Ambala, M.Sc. Mathematics, 5'-2", working Asstt. Professor adhoc Ambala. Contact: 94667-49211. (CL21030853)

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**Preferably Canada PR/work** permit/study visa holder boy match for Sikh Arora beautiful girl, 27 yrs, 5 feet 6 inch, working in Toronto. 87080-83314. (CL21032864)

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### MANGLIK

**Suitable match for Hindu Nai Manglik girl**, M.Com, Govt bank employee in Jalandhar, 1994 born, 5'-5". Preferred Govt. employee only. 9888334146. (CL21030594)

**PQM4 Adv.b'ful, Manglik Khatri girl** 29, 5'-3", looking yng. wkg in Delhi Courts, Canada PR pref. Decent marriage. WhatsApp 78382-92001. (CL21030730)

**Wanted suitable match for Manglik Bhagat girl** 08.02.1992, 9.30 pm, Chandigarh, Height 5'-5", M.Com, Finance. Father retired Punjab Govt. Brother Bank Manager. 95015-36416. (CL21030774)

**Wanted handsome/well settled boy** for Balimki beautiful, fair girl, 1997 born, 5'-2", M.A, B.Ed. 70152-84511. (CL21031525)

**Suitable match for beautiful Manglik Hindu girl** Nai, 5'-2", 17th August 1994, M.Com. Preferred Government employee in Tricity, NRI. Father Govt. employee. Contact: 97739-65905, 99884-12317. (CL21031686)

**Manglik NRI girl 29 year, 5'-4", BCA, MBA**, working abroad middle class family. 74899-02691, 97700-14273. (CL21031838)

**Suitable match for Manglik Mohyal (Vaid) girl** Oct. 1994/5'-4", B.Com, MBA working in IT Company NCR Delhi. Contact: 62396-10974, 98772-36598. (CL21031842)

**Looking for match for SC Manglik girl**, 16.10.1990, 5'-2", B.Com, MA Economics, B.Ed. Caste no bar. Preference Tricity. Contact No. 94173-37876. (CL21032083)

**Suitable match for Manglik Khatri girl** 27.08.90, 12.20 pm, Jalandhar, B.Com, MBA, working in MNC Noida, 9 lac annual. Father retired Deputy Director. WhatsApp: 9814257044. (CL21032340)

### DIVORCEE

**Suitable match for beautiful slim Saini girl**, issueless divorcee, 33, 5'-5", convert educated B.Tech, PGDD, working MNC belongs to well educated family. NRI, upper caste welcome. s.chd12@yahoo.co.in WhatsApp: 79739-40681. (CL21028117)

**Ludhiana based beautiful Handa Khatri**, divorced girl, 1990 born, 5'-4", with 4.5 yr son, M.A., B.Ed. Required well settled businessman. M.: 78868-60947, 94634-81049. (CL21030510)

**Match for Sarawat Brahmin girl**, 27.08.90, 12.20 pm, Jalandhar, B.Com, MBA, working in MNC Noida, 9 lac annual. Father retired Deputy Director. WhatsApp: 9814257044. (CL21032340)

**Suitable match for Manglik Hindu girl** 27.08.90, 12.20 pm, Jalandhar, B.Com, MBA, working in MNC Noida, 9 lac annual. Father retired Deputy Director. WhatsApp: 9814257044. (CL21032340)

**Suitable match for Manglik girl**, 27.08.90, 12.20 pm, Jalandhar, B.Com, MBA, working in MNC Noida, 9 lac annual. Father retired Deputy Director. WhatsApp: 9814257044. (CL21032340)

**Aggarwal divorcee Mangli girl**, 1990, 5'-4", M.Sc. Maths, extension Lecturer, family Sirsa. Wanted well settled boy. WhatsApp: 86839-81525. (CL2103260)

**Chandigarh based divorcee, SC girl** 30/ 5'-3", B.Com, M.Com, PGDCA, Tally. WhatsApp 94179-36233. (CL21031319)

**Match for Ravidasia girl 40/5'-2"**, MA private job Panchkula, preferred Tricity. WhatsApp: 98553-32887. (CL21031498)

**Match for Arora girl, Non manglik** divorced 32, 5'-3", Ph.D., Asstt. Professor Delhi/ NCR, match preferred CA/IT settler second home. 99961-22159. (CL21031529)

**Suitable match for divorcee Arora girl**, 11.9.86, M.A, B.Ed, 5'-1", around 28-29. Amritsar. 99151-03320. (CL21030906)

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**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri divorcee girl 5'-3/** 1989, MNC, Chandigarh, 18 LPA. Wanted only Tricity boy. 92564-52438. (CL21031803)

**Divorce Brahmin girl 31y 5'-4", B.Tech**, working private job. No issue. Unmarried divorce. 99268-35522, 78989-45723. (CL21031843)

**R/Q a suitable mate for legally divorced** 89 born, Hindu Khatri girl having a 5 yrs girl child. Preferred teetotaller boy from high status. Business class family. 94170-46133, 89862-7070. (CL21031863)

**Suitable match for Kashyap Rajput Mehra girl 5'/35 M.Sc.** B.Ed Govt school Teacher divorcee seven days relation only Gurkash family Amritsar. 75890-33868. (CL21031999)

**USA settled Doctor/Engineer/ Entrepreneur** for fair, beautiful, US citizen Aggarwal girl, 1986, 5'-1". Innocent, issues divorcee, very short marriage. Born and brought up in India. Email: mailoffice468@gmail.com WhatsApp: 98333-44464. (Ludhiana)

**Himachali Brahmin slim, Fair girl M.Sc, MBA, 1983/ 5'-4", Status Educated family residing Chandigarh.** 94172-49145. (CL21030442)

**Unmarried Brahmin employed MBA girl,** 39/ 5'-2", looking well settled. Upper caste match. 62397-2687, 98888-38707. (CL21031288)

**Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin girl**, 1992/ 5'-4", M.Com, UGC-NET, Assistant Professor. Contact 99884-65214. (CL21031309)

**Looking match for divorcee (issueless) Punjabi Brahmin girl,** 5'-3", 03.09.1990, fair colour, MBA. Preferred Panipat to Punjab surrounding area. Contact 96719-10558, 80534-89888. (CL21032834)

**Arora Gursikh Vaishnoo girl 36, 5'-3" (boy 9 years) required Govt. job.** 84373-64446 (Ludhiana). (CL21032912)

### BRAHMIN

**Match for Brahmin girl 11 May 1990, 5'-5", M.Tech, IT**, working in MNC Chandigarh. Brother and sister settled in Canada. Preferred from Canada. 8146-130596. (CL21032692)

**Suitable match preferably from Tricity, for B.Tech. (Aeronautical)** Brahmin girl DoB 23.03.1995, height 5'-5". Running own Academy in Mohali. Contact: 98155-51043. (CL21032934)

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin girl 5'-4"** 21.08.1993, 6:15 pm (Chandigarh) M.E.CE, working as Team Lead in IP Firm in Mohali. 99886-79955. (CL21032806)

**Well-settled match for slim, beautiful, Brahmin girl, 21-6-1992, 9:50 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2", M.Com, B.Ed, Private Teacher.** Contact matching kundi. 94170-52545. (CL21032939)

**Match for Bairagi Brahmin girl, MNC working Chandigarh, 3.9.91, 4:15 a.m., 5'-3", Panchkula, Caste no bar, Tricity preferred.** 94178-95190. (CL21031382)

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin girl, 21.5.91, 6:45 pm, Una, 5'-1", Graduate, working Kundi must.** 82830-57043. (CL21031569)

**Required IT professional well settled NRI groom** for 1990 born, Saraswat Brahmin girl please contact 81649-65755, 81649-65755. (CL21031871)

**SM4 Brahmin girl 1992/5'-2", MCA, Vegetarian, MNC Gurgaon.** Preferred open minded boy working in Metro City. 7070-69252. (CL21031819)

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AGGARWAL

**Match for Divorcee** Issueless, Assistant Professor (PhD/ Package 8 Lac), 1989, 5'-3.5" beautiful Aggarwal girl, Panchkula. Upper caste welcome. 62847-76065. (CL21028219)

**Professional, highly qualified match** sought for fair beautiful Aggarwal girl, 31, 5'-5", MBBS, Indian born, UK passport, permanently resident in UK. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: +447974366403. (CL21028603)

**Match for 1987/ 5'-3.5" beautiful, BA, LLM, Job Gurgaon**, Package 10 Lac. Status family. Upper caste welcome. 62847-76065. (CL21028959)

**Fair beautiful Sept., 88, 5'-4".**

B.Tech, MBA (IMT), package 27, Phone: 90801-00360. (CL21030475)

**Beautiful Jain 5'-1", 11.10.87, 13.30,** Delhi based family, MBA, job Gurgaon, No location constraints, 98912-34405. (CL21030540)

**Suitable match for Garg girl**

05.11.1989, 03:42 am, Moga, B.Tech, Working IT Park MNC, Chandigarh, 94642-59337. (CL2103782)

**Goyal girl 1993, Rampurphul, 5'**

M.Sc. Agriculture, all family Govt. employee, require qualified and Vaishno boy, prefer Govt. employee, agriculture education. Contact: 98154-58416. (CL21030925)

**MD/MS highly salaried professional** for Aggarwal girl, 3-5'3", MS Surgery smart girl, Status family. 98728-1002. (CL21030947)

**PQM for Jindal issueless divorcee**

single girl, 33, 5'-2", MCA, B.Ed.

94780-08975. (CL21032771)

**Bansal Girl 19.12.1991, 28:55 PM,**

Bathinda 5'-5", Regular Pb. Govt.

Teacher, 71712-48907, 94176-48907. (CL21031215)

**25/ 5'-4", B.Tech, Software Engineer.**

Preferred Agarwal boy. 78794-02462. (CL21031247)

**Match for Gupta only daughter**

22.10.1993, 9.00 pm, 5'-3/4", B.Com, LLB seeks well settled businessman/ Gazter Office decent marriage. 98725-2749. (CL21031349)

**Singh Manglik fair complexion girl,**

5'-4", 21.3.1995, 7.57 am, Nabha

McCom pursuing Ph.D (SRF) Dhuri

based teetotaller religious family send bio-data with photograph at 88268-

66118, secularkrishna@gmail.com, Call:

92568-99595 (after 5 pm only). Marriage

bureau/ dowry seekers, please excuse. (CL21031372)

**Professionally qualified match for**

Mittal girl 09.08.1991, Panchkula, 7.35

a.m., B.Tech (IT), MBA (IT)

Gold Medalist from PU Chandigarh,

Canada PR, job in top MNC. 98720-

79945, 95016-47629. (CL21031203)

**Match for Goyal girl 6 Nov. 1992, 8.10**

am, Panchkula, 5'-4/2", B.Tech, job in

NCR MNC, 11/ lac/ annum. 98156-

45469, 80541-0409. (CL21031204)

**Chandigarh direct deal corner**

4-5 kanal house, prime location,

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Sector 9, Chandigarh. (Plot price),

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Contact genuine buyers only. 98149-

67149. (CL21030402)

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Sector 8, 11, 21, 28, 33, 34, 38. Gali Estates -

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**Chandigarh: 2 bay showroom**

built upto 5 storeys with

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Handsome return. Low lease

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**2500 Sq. yds. 28000**

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**District Court. Prime**

**location. Ideal for Hotel,**

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**98789-83566**

(CL21032829)

**Zirakpur: Showroom with rental**

income (5 lac per month), top brands,

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Emporio Plaza, Empire Estates 97800-

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**Mohali: 4 marla plot, (@ 27 Lac).**

5 marla (@ 31 Lac). 6 marla (@ 37 Lac).

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**16 marla kothi triple storey with basement, Sector 79.** 10 marla triple storey with basement, Sector 78, duplex corner Sector 80, triple storey Sector 90, 91. 98142-11143. (CL21032034)

**4 marla kothi triple storey** 606, Phase 7, 4 marla single storey 413, Phase 7. 98142-11143. (CL21032039)

**Mohali 8 marla triple storey F/park,** Phase 1, 2, 11 marla corner B-road Phs 10, Empire Estates: 98159-50922, 90566-6055. (CL21032055)

**Mohali: 16 marla corner plot** Sector-71, B-road Phase-7. One kanal F/park Sector-69, corner Phase-9, 10, Empire Estates 98159-50922, 90566-6055. (CL21032049)

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**Plot in Aerocity G-Block 220 square yards, corner, East facing, excellent location** 98781-43333, 98559-22229. (CL21032075)

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**10½ Marla new Duplex ultra modern latest specifications, # 803 Phase-11 North facing.** 98158-95005. (CL21032431)

**For sale ten marla double storey old house 218, Phase 2, Mohali.** Contact 94657-02100. (CL21032564)

**50 gaj corner plot with huge green belt Sector 66 IT City, Mohali.** 98855-01199, 99884-41414. (CL21032526)

**One kanal duplex, fully marbled Phase 3B2, B-road big facing park** Phase 7. Contact: 86999-99090. (CL21032593)

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**Janta Land:** Showroom site 18x80, facing Airport Road, huge parking. Sector-66A. Genuine prince. Empire Estates 95177-60000. (CL21030641)

**Aerotropolis: Residential plots** (100, 150, 200, 300, 500) in Block-A, B, C, D. Contact Empire Estates 95177-60000. (CL21030643)

**Aerotropolis: 1 kanal to 1 acre land in Block E, F, G, H, I, J.** (Confirm deals). Empire Estates 95177-60000. (CL21030654)

**Janta Land: 1 kanal, Industrial plots # 84, # 1553, # 1954 front pocket, # 111, B210, B-road, Sector 82.** Contact Empire Estates 98150-83500. (CL21030655)

**Mohali Sector 79: 16 marla** on 150 ft. 79-80 dividing road, suitable for Doctor, dealer, Architect, Lawyer etc. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98767-60006. (CL21031188)

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**Mohali: Sector 89, 12 marla** North facing excellent location near 200 feet A-Road. Royal Castle 98767-60000, 98767-60006. (CL21031222)

**Mohali Industrial: 2 kanal** facing North - East/ acre plots, Phase-7, Royal Castle 98767-60000. (CL21031223)

**6 Marla Facing Park & B-road** Sector-79, Plot 8, 10 & 12 Marla Sector-79 & 1 Kanal Sector-77. Orbit Estates- 9878200402, 9915534500. (CL21031331)

**4 Marla B-road, 8 & 12 Marla** Facing Park, 16 Marla B-road, 1 Kanal Facing Park Sector 88-89. Orbit Estates- 8728883540. (CL21031343)

**Available/wanted all sizes** plots 76-80 etc. Mohali 21-30 Panchkula (direct meeting buyer/owner). Arora (HSAS) Ltd. 98787-09884. (CL21031990)

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**Hoshiarpur: Posh Locality** 33 Marla Corner Plot Sikhline, Behind Secretariat, J P Associates 964520520. (CL21032529)

**Available all sizes plots Sectors** 76 to 80 JPLP Sec. 82/88/99/AeroCity/ EcoCity IT City, Rama Properties Rera approved 98140-42287. (CL21030529)

**Category-B plot share in Tribune MDC Panchkula.** Contact: 98785-12651. (CL21030674)

**280 sq. yards corner plot Sunny Enclave, Sec 125 Mohali.** 63L. 98153-69456. (CL21032079)

**Ecocity 1 New Chandigarh 500 sq. yds plot NE facing new allotment 28/5 paid balance payable in 3.5 years in installments. Allotted Realty.** 98551-22199, 98551-16644. (CL21030771)

**390 Sq Yard plot 42 x 84 feet** for sale, Police line, Opp Patnayak Hospital Amritsar City 98960-65168. (CL21030788)

**Mohali Four marla B-road 643** Sector 66B. Marwaha 20, Phase 3B1, Mohali. Phone: 98140-10193, 98140-38566. (CL21031196)

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**Plot 800 gaj 80" road North East** facing Sec. 116, Mohali. 83605-48131, 95929-83702. (CL21031351)

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Tender closing Time 15:00 Hrs.

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Pre-Bid Required		No	Pre-Bid Query Date / Time
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Bidding Style		Single Rate for each Schedule Item	Bidding Unit
Earnest Money(₹)		NIL	Validity of Offer (Days)
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Bidding Start Date as per IREPS		23.07.2021	Work No. 1: 36 Months Work No. 2-3: 06 Months
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702	3 phase 440 V 10 KVA Silent Diesel generating set	25 Nos.	23.07.2021
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709	Contactor	10 Nos.	23.07.2021
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723	Foot Step Arrangement	1300 Nos.	26.07.2021
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Two sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Salahuddin on list | Others from power, health, agriculture depts

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR, JULY 10

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has sacked its 11 employees, including two sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin and two from the police department, for allegedly working as over-ground workers for terrorist organisations, officials said on Saturday.

Those dismissed are from the Jammu Kashmir Police, education, agriculture, skill development, power and health departments, besides the Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS).

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These employees were dismissed under Article 311 of the Indian Constitution under which no inquiry is held and dismissed employees can approach only a high court for relief. Officials said the UT's designated committee for scrutinising such cases, in its second and fourth meetings, recommended dismissal of three and eight employees, respectively.

Syed Ahmad Shakeel and Shahid Yusuf, who are sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Salahuddin, were also dismissed from service for allegedly being involved in terror funding, the officials said. One of them was work-

**DISMISSAL UNDER ARTICLE 311**

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ing with the SKIMS while the other was with the Education Department, they said.

They were involved in raising, receiving, collecting and

transferring funds through "hawala" transactions for terror activities of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen, the officials said.

Three ultras killed in

**Three ultras killed in Anantnag encounter**

SRINAGAR, JUL



In an era of work from home, we have been even less mindful of our sitting posture. Here is what buildings can teach the human body about stability

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Remembering 'Sant Sipahi' Brig Sant Singh, MVC awardee in both the 1965 and 1971 wars, who remained associated with War Decorated of India Trust till his last breath

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Former diplomat Vijay Gokhale's new book, 'The Long Game', reads like a crash course in the way the Chinese set about negotiating with their rivals and competitors

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India will have a realistic medal prospect in javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.

ROHIT MAHAJAN &amp; VINAYAK PADMADEO

**V**INESH PHOGAT — a wiry 48kg bundle of muscle — lay writhing on the mat, clutching her right leg. It was the biggest bout of her life of 21 years: quarterfinals at the Rio Olympic Games, against China's Sun Yanan. A medal beckoned. Vinesh led 1-0 when, trying to escape the grip of the Chinese girl, she twisted her leg badly at the knee. The pain was excruciating.

Five years of pain — that's what Vinesh takes to the Tokyo Olympics. She's now much more seasoned at 26, has won a bronze at the Wrestling World Championships and gold medals at the Asian Games and Asian Championships. She's the world No. 1 in her weight class, 53kg, and the top seed for Tokyo. The world champion, Pak Yong-mi, won't be in Tokyo because North Korea won't send their athletes to Tokyo. This is Vinesh's golden chance but standing in her way would be Japan's Mayu Mukaida, who has beaten Vinesh in all of their three encounters — handing her a 7-0 thrashing at the 2019 World Championships. So, rankings and seedings apart, don't count your gold yet.

#### TEMPERED HOPES

Indians do tend to count their Olympics medals well before winning them. For the 2016 Rio Games, for instance, the Sports Authority of India had hopes of 10 medals from 117 athletes. Computing the data of Indian athletes, Goldman Sachs had predicted eight medals, including one gold, for India. India won just two medals, a silver by PV Sindhu in badminton and a bronze by Sakshi Malik in wrestling. Lesson: data analytics won't win you medals.

Last month, Kiren Rijiju, then sports minister, and IOA president Narinder Batra said they expected India to win over 10 medals. Gracenote, a data analysis MNC, predicts 12 medals for India in Tokyo, including four gold. This, by the way, is the total number of India's medals at the last 12 Olympics — overall, India have won only 28 medals from 24 Olympics. Just for perspective, Slovakia, a tiny country of some 55 lakh people, has the same number of medals from six Olympics, and Croatia (population 41 lakh) has 33 medals from seven.

What, then, is at the root of the optimism of a good haul at Tokyo? There, indeed, are some encouraging trends: India's Tokyo contingent will have 120 athletes, the most ever; Indians have broken new ground in sports such as fencing, sailing and swimming to make it to Tokyo — in itself a triumph; at least a couple of boxers are favourites to climb the podium, and several shooters too; for the first time in living memory, in athletics India will have a realistic medal prospect in javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra; the men's hockey team has put up excellent performances in Europe and Argentina since the Covid-enforced break ended; in men's wrestling, Bajrang Punia (seeded No. 2 in 65kg freestyle) and Deepak Punia (No. 2 in 86kg freestyle) are hot prospects, and Sonam Malik (62kg) and Anshu Malik (57kg) among women wrestlers have an outside chance of a medal, apart from Vinesh. In archery, Deepika Kumari seems to be peaking at the right time.

#### SHOOTING FEARS

India felt a shooting pain in Rio as the red-hot Jitu Rai faltered with the pistol, and Abhinav Bindra finished fourth with the rifle. This time around, India's shooting team has several of the world's top-ranked shooters, both men and women. Expectations are high, but the team hit an unexpected roadblock at the

# TARGET TOKYO

As the greatest festival of sport gets underway on July 23, Indian athletes hope to wipe away disappointments of the previous Olympics and raise spirits of a nation laid low by coronavirus



Amit Panghal, the 52kg pugilist, is seeded first in Tokyo and is a good bet for a medal.



TOKYO 2021

From left: Manu Bhaker, Saurabh Chaudhary and Rahi Sarnobat. With the shooting team having several of the world's top-ranked shooters, both men and women, India can hope for some medals.

PHOTOS:

AGENCIES

#### SCARS ON THE MAT

The wrestlers too suffered in their final push. Bajrang, the only wrestler from India to have medalled thrice at the World Championships (bronze in 2013 and 2019, silver in 2018), suffered a knee injury last month. Days later, he clarified that the scans revealed no major damage. However, the injury coming in a tournament just before the Olympics has cast a doubt over Bajrang's chances.

The 22-year-old Deepak Punia could be the dark horse — he won silver at the 2019 World Championships and is seeded No. 2 for Tokyo behind the mighty Hassan Alizam Yazdancharati of Iran.

Pandit has given Manu freedom for 'her time', with the idea that she could give it her all in training. "Manu is a technically gifted shooter so as a coach you don't necessarily need to change a lot. What we are working on is confidence-building and preparations for real scenarios that can affect you and your rhythm in Tokyo," Pandit said.

cations? With that in mind, we started the training plan," Vinesh's coach Woller Akos said. "We started with low intensity training, with stabilisation exercises. We could start the full load only in November," the Hungarian coach employed by OGQ, added.

Now up to speed, Vinesh went on a winning spree, with three back-to-back gold medals in Kiev, Rome and Chinese Taipei. Expectations have risen manifold. To ignore the buzz, Vinesh has taken a break from social media. Akos wants his ward to treat the Olympics as just another event. "It should not be treated as a priority event. You want to be the Olympic champion. But when the competition starts you need to focus on one match at a time," Akos said.

#### UNBOXING MEDALS

Mary Kom too takes much pain to Tokyo. Nine years ago, as she got off the

ring after being thrashed by Nicola Adams in the semifinals, Mary mumbled: "Aaj bahut maar khaaya!" She could not qualify for Rio 2016, and at age 38, Tokyo is her final stop at an Olympics. A multiple world champion, she continues to dream of gold.

Amit Panghal, the 52kg pugilist, is seeded first in Tokyo and is a good bet for a medal, and women boxers Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Pooja Rani (75kg) have their ability to climb the podium, too.

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu (49kg), the former world champion, broke the world record in the clean and jerk category in April and is on course for an Olympics medal.

Mirabai, like Vinesh and Mary Kom, carries the pain of loss. Tokyo — the much delayed 2020 Olympics, being held minus the fans — could be their redemption.

# What buildings can teach human body about stability

Is your 'work from home' posture getting worse? Architecture might hold the key to fixing it

NIA PULIYEL

**I**t all started when I noticed in my official work photograph that my right shoulder was slightly higher than my left. I started looking through other photos, and there it was again and again. A slight imbalance, a tilt to the left.

I have been told many times, as no doubt you have too, to sit up straight and stop slouching. Experts estimate that 80 per cent of the population will experience back pain in their lives. There is no single cause of back pain, but experts agree that sitting or lying down too much can exacerbate the problem. If it wasn't bad enough that we sit all the time, we also stare into screens all day, causing us to tilt our heads forward constantly. In an era of work from home, we are even less mindful of our sitting posture. Even if we are not working from beds and have invested in an ergonomic chair, we might be less conscious of how we are holding ourselves when there is nobody around.

I have tried many methods to improve my posture, including yoga, mindfulness and reminders on my phone. But it wasn't until I started looking at my body as a building structure that I realised



Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi studied the structure of skeletons to understand the forces acting on them. The "bones" of the Sagrada Família Basilica, designed by Gaudi, in Barcelona (above) lend the building a unique look and help it stay standing by resisting wind and gravitational forces.

what I was doing wrong.

As an architect, I am used to thinking about structures and how to keep them standing. The metaphor of the body is very common in architecture. The works of the famous Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi, such as the Sagrada Família Basilica in Barcelona, are reminiscent of bones. Gaudi carefully studied the structure of skeletons of animals, plants or shells to understand the forces acting on them. More than just giving his works their unique look, the "bones" of the building help it stay standing by resisting wind and gravitational forces.

Buildings have to resist a lot of elements acting to bring them down, including the weight of the building, gravity, wind and earthquakes. The structure of the building must resist

these forces to maintain equilibrium. The materials, framing structure, connecting elements and foundations work together to brace and support the building.

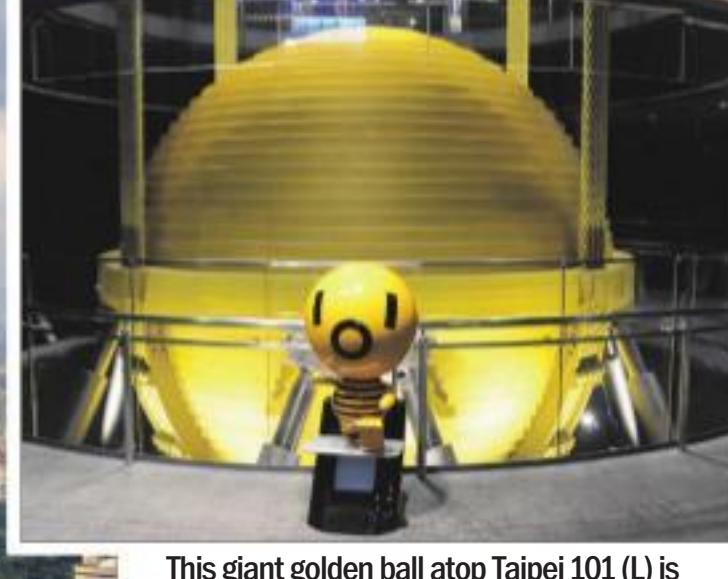
Our human bodies also need to work to maintain stability. The field of biomechanics studies the internal forces in muscles, tendons, bones and joints due to the interaction of external forces, gravitational forces on the body segments, and posture.

The skyscraper Taipei 101 in Taiwan is a popular tourist attraction. It was the tallest building in the world when it was built in 2004. One of the features that draws visitors is a giant golden ball at the top of the building. This is so popular that it even has a mascot, "the Damper Baby", which is available in four colours from the building's gift shop. Apart from looking cool, this golden orb functions as a tuned mass damper. Taipei experiences typhoons and earthquakes that would cause a skyscraper of this height to oscillate wildly. The 660-tonne sphere damper, which is located between the 87th and 92nd floors, sways to counter the swinging movement of the building. The tuned mass damper has three components: the pendulum sphere, springs and viscous dampers, which act as shock absorbers.

We can think of the damper as our head. Our brains are pretty heavy; coupled with our skull, the human head weighs about 5kg. This weight

is balanced on just seven vertebrae in your neck and supported by around 20 muscles that are responsible for moving your head around and keeping that weight in place. These are similar to the springs and viscous dampers of Taipei 101. And just like Taipei 101, the body is constantly subjected to forces of gravity, wind and movement. To maintain balance, the body is slightly but constantly swaying in all directions. This unconscious tuning keeps the body in equilibrium. When the head is aligned with the spine in good posture, the head and upper body stay in equilibrium. When your neck is tilted forward such as in the infamous "text neck" position, the weight that your head puts on your neck increases to around 22kg. This causes strain both on the muscles and vertebrae in the neck and all the way down to the lower back.

Has understanding the mechanics and physics of buildings really improved my posture? Unfortunately not. My shoulders still look like an abandoned see-saw. Posture improvement is like learning a sport. While it is important to intellectually understand the game, there is no training better than practice. But more and more whenever I catch myself leaning my "damper" of a head way over my mobile phone, I swing back into equilibrium. I'm hoping one day I'll be more Taipei 101 and less Leaning Tower of Pisa.



This giant golden ball atop Taipei 101 (L) is designed to sway to counter the swinging movement of the building during earthquakes.



## FOOD TALK

PUSHPESH PANT

# An intoxicating Peshawari delight

OME recipes intrigue with their name so much that you can't resist till you have tasted them. We went through something similar when we first heard of Tadi Ma Gos from the Parsi repertoire. Here, mutton is cooked in generous volume of beer that imparts a distinct taste to it. The same is true for Charasi Gosht from Namak Mandi in Peshawar.

The recipe makes do with minimum ingredients: mutton, fat, salt and tomatoes. No onions to be sliced laboriously or fried in scorching summer. Interestingly, even the tomatoes are added whole. All that this rugged yet delicate dish requires is patience. It has to be slow cooked, partly covered and partly without the lid. Stirring in the early stage is not too tedious. Later on, some strength is tested. And before we forget, purists insist that the meat should not be washed to retain natural flavours.

Our friends from the hills, who have long been addicted to the notorious weed, were thrilled when they heard of this stoned meat curry. But the excitement died as soon as they found out that not even a minuscule measure of grass or hash goes into it. Truth be told, we have been seduced by the dish. Forget the false promise the name

### CHARASI GOSHT



#### Ingredients

Mutton (preferably from the shoulder, cleaned and cut into chunky pieces)	1 kg
Animal fat	1 cup
Tomatoes (medium sized)	4
Green chillies (chopped)	3-4
Salt to taste	

#### Method

- Heat the fat in a thick-bottomed pan; when it melts, throw in the meat. Add salt, cover and cook on medium flame for about 20 minutes. Stir once or twice in between. Salt releases water and the meat is cooked in its own juices.
- After 20 minutes or so, add the tomatoes. Cover and continue to cook for another 30 minutes. Do not panic about the meat scorching and sticking to the bottom of the pan. But if you are the nervous type, uncover the pan after 20 minutes to assure yourself that the tomatoes have been reduced to pulp and have also added sufficient moisture to the dish. However, if you are itching to exert, mash them a bit more.
- Add the chillies and cook with the lid on for another 10 minutes. Uncover, reduce the flame and cook on low heat for another 10 minutes. The fat should, by this time, separate and you may put the lid back and let the dish simmer for 2-3 minutes. If you don't like fat, you can easily drain the roghan.
- Tastes great with roti and paratha or on a bed of rice!

# Sculptors stretch imagination to promote yoga

KAVITA KANAN CHANDRA

**W**HETHER it is pristine white sculptures in composite marble or contemporary ones made of e-waste, these figures depicting various yoga asanas provide a healing touch to the pandemic-weary souls. Two sculptors from the Pink City of Jaipur, Pawan Kumar Bhatt and Mukesh Kumar Jwala, let their artworks reiterate the power and relevance of yoga in these difficult times. There is an awakening to how the ancient art of yoga connects the mind and



Two Jaipur artists reiterate art's transformative role with their works

body, boosts immunity, ups the energy levels, lowers anxiety and stress and infuses positivity and wellbeing.

At the premises of Bhatt's Flow Design Studio on Jaipur's outskirts, the 12 9-foot high statues in composite marble look alluring against the surrounding greenery. Each sculpture, showing an asana from Surya Namaskar, instills peace and calm. Following the sequence of salutation to the sun, viewing them one by one evokes a sense of fluidity and graceful movement. The faceless sculptures allude to the idea of yoga for all. "The idea was to associate with no religion, person or anything to distract but to just focus on the immense benefits of yoga," says Bhatt. Seeing the

awareness for yoga increasing among people during the pandemic inspired him to make these sculptures.

His choice of material was composite marble (a combination of marble dust, polymer resins, pigments, gel coat, stone particles) as it is economical, easy to transport, durable, water- and weather-resistant, does not yellow over time and is ideal to be installed outdoors. Bhatt is looking forward to hearing from the state government to install them at a public place in Jaipur: "I only require the cost of making and am ready to give them to any city that approaches me," he says.

To his credit, the visual artist, sculptor and entrepreneur has many art installations and sculptures in stone, marble and metal across India and abroad. Some notable ones are at the Indira Gandhi International Air-

port, besides sculptures of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and other eminent warriors at the Kartarpur Corridor in Punjab.

Another sculptor from the city, Mukesh Kumar Jwala, has gone a step further by creating yoga sculptures from discarded electronics, thus underlining the urgent need to tackle e-waste on our planet. The visual artist from Rajasthan School of Art was photographing a dumping site of e-waste when he realised the looming threat to the environment. The use of electronics is only seeing an upward trend; and with no reuse option, it would be simply dumped in landfills. "The pandemic has made us realise the importance of yoga. So, I created these sculptures by upcycling e-waste to create awareness regarding both yoga and the environment," says Jwala.



Mukesh says that a motherboard may fade in sunlight, but still has a beauty of its own.

Two of his yoga sculptures grace the State Bank of India premises in Delhi. These have been made from the e-waste generated at the bank itself. The 12.5-feet sculptures named Manasvi and Tapasvi are in a yoga pose. Some of his other e-waste artworks are installed in Jaipur and Bhopal.

Both sculptors feel art does play a transformative role. They say artists should be asked to create artworks on contemporary issues and these should then be installed at public places. The idea, they insist, should be to let people engage with art and its message. They believe people's participation and open conversation would create awareness for a better future.

An artwork made from electronic waste by Mukesh Kumar Jwala; (extreme left) Surya Namaskar in composite marble sculptures by Pawan Kumar Bhatt.



# Brig Sant Singh, MVC and Bar

LT COL DILBAG SINGH DABAS (RETD)

DURING the 14-day lightning campaign (it actually was 15 and a half on ground on all three fronts) between India and Pakistan in December 1971, among 513 bravehearts who went beyond the call of duty and earned the gallantry decoration, 11 were Brigadier-rank officers — seven fighting on the eastern, two on the western and two on the northern front. Two earned Bar to the Maha Vir Chakra (MVC), the award won the second time. Brigadier Sant Singh earned the first MVC during the 1965 India-Pakistan war. He dared again during Operation 'Cactus Lily' in 1971 and earned the Bar to his MVC.

Brig Sant Singh is affectionately known as 'Sant Sipahi', the 'Saint Soldier'. Son of AS Gill, Sant was born on July 12, 1921. He belonged to a marginal Jat Sikh farming family in Panjgrain Kalan in the princely state of Faridkot. After Intermediate from RSD College, Faridkot, Sant was enlisted in July 1941 as a clerk in Faridkot State Forces Engineer Field Company when World War II was on.

Noticing his aptitude as a leader, Sant was recommended by his British Commanding Officer for an Officer's Commission. After six years in the ranks, on February 16, 1947, Sant was commissioned into 1st Battalion of the 14th Punjab Regiment as Emergency Commissioned Officer. During Partition, the regiment was allotted to Pakistan and Second Lieutenant Sant Singh was transferred to 2nd Sikh Light Infantry Battalion.

During the Junagarh operation in November 1947, Second Lieutenant Sant Singh, as Intelligence Officer of the battalion, at personal risk, provided vital information about the moves of the Junagarh forces that resulted in an almost bloodless takeover, and smooth amalgamation of Junagarh into the Indian dominion.

Sant Singh, now Lieutenant Colonel, went on to command the 5th Sikh Light Infantry from 1964-68. It was during his command that in 1965, against all possible odds, the battalion captured the most formidable, all-defying and heavily defended Chuh-i-Nar feature on Balnoi Ridge in the morning hours of November 3, 1965.

Chuh-i-Nar, the most dominating feature, is located south-west of the Mendha-Balnoi road in the Poonch sector. It was used as a border post by the Indian troops till 1956. Thereafter, it remained unoccupied. On August 10, 1965, it was discovered that the Pakistanis had not only occupied but also developed it into a strongly-defended area. An attempt was made to get the post vacated through the good offices of the UN observers as the ceasefire was in force since September 22.

The feature dominated the LoC between Bhimber Gali, Mendha and Balnoi and its occupation by the Pakistan army would result in total isolation of Balnoi from Mendha and Krishna



Brig Sant Singh (then Lt Col) receives the MVC from the President, Dr S Radhakrishnan, after the 1965 war and (right) the Bar to MVC from President VV Giri after the 1971 war.



Ghati. Therefore, Chuh-i-Nar had to be captured at any cost. Since this would be a major ceasefire violation, there was the risk of restarting the war. But seeing the importance of the feature, the recourse to war was considered acceptable.

Attempts by earlier two battalions of Poonch-based 93 Brigade to dislodge the enemy from Chuh-i-Nar had not succeeded. The attacks and counter-attacks, partial successes and failures commenced in early October 1965 and continued for over a month, with the casualties mounting and no end result. Finally, in the first week of November, the seemingly impossible task of capturing Chuh-i-Nar was handed down to 5th Sikh Light Infantry.

On November 2, on receiving the 10th Guru's holy verse "Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karo" from Lieutenant General Harbakhsh Singh, the Army Commander, the battalion commenced advance to the Forming Up Place (FUP) with its Commanding Officer, Lt Col Sant Singh, in the lead.

And under the dynamic leadership of their CO, famous for leading the battalion always from the front during attacks, the Panjvin (5th) did what the Sikh Light Infantry is known for: 'fateh' at any cost. The Indian post on the Balnoi Ridge, occupied by Pakistanis and named Chuh-i-Nar, was recaptured by 5 Sikh Light Infantry and the post (feature) named 'OP Hill'.

For the outstanding gallantry of its officers and men, 5 Sikh Light Infantry earned two Maha Vir Chakras (including Sant Singh, the CO), one Vir Chakra and four Sena Medals.

The battle account of the conspicuous gallantry of Lt Col Sant Singh reads:



**'Sant Sipahi' Brigadier Sant Singh, twice Maha Vir Chakra awardee, retired in 1973 after a glorious military career. He remained associated with the War Decorated of India Trust till he breathed his last in 2015**

*"On the night of the 2/3 November 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Sant Singh, Commanding Officer of 5th Sikh Light Infantry, was given the task of clearing an objective which, notwithstanding the ceasefire, had been encroached upon by the Pakistani forces. This was a difficult feature and strongly defended by the enemy. Despite enemy mines, machine gun fire and intense artillery shelling, Lieutenant Colonel Sant Singh pressed home the assault.*

*When the attacking platoon was just about 200 yards short of the objective, Lieutenant Colonel Singh received a machine-gun burst on his thigh and fell. His radio operator said, 'Sahibji tuhada zakhm tan khata nai lagdai. Tusi aithe hi pai jao. Main hunne hi Jeetant (Adjutant) Sahab nu dass dinna. Medical wale aa ke tuhanu FUP de picche lai jange' [Sir, your injury seems quite serious. You lie down here. I will inform the Adjutant. The medical team will take you behind the FUP]. And the reply by the Commanding Officer was classic. 'Bachchu! Rehan de te nahin dasna kise nu kujh vi. Kaka, oh FUP ni, oh tan Baba Deep Singh Ji de khanda nal khichi laakeer ai. Uston picche fateh hasil keete bina ni jayeeda... Hun je paina hai tan Chuh-i-Nar de top te hi ja ke pawanga. Tu fikar na kar' [Son, there's no need to tell anyone. This is not just an FUP but a line that has been drawn by the sword of Baba Deep Singhji. One doesn't back down from there without victory. I will rest only after reaching the top of Chuh-i-Nar now. You just don't worry.]*

*Lieutenant Colonel Sant Singh removed his patka from under his turban, tied it tightly on the wound, got up with the help of his radio operator and with manageable quick paces forward joined the assault. And after half an hour of close quarter battle, including hand-to-hand fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind its dead and wounded.*

*Taking advantage of the captured position, and also to exploit the success, Lieutenant Colonel Sant Singh quickly organised a Company strength of his men and led an assault onto the adjacent objective which also had been*

encroached upon by the Pakistani forces. Despite continuing automatic fire and artillery shelling, the men dashed forward, dragged the enemy out from bunker-to-bunker and cleared the subsidiary objective as well.

Throughout, Lieutenant Colonel Sant Singh displayed conspicuous gallantry and leadership of a very high order."

After its recapture, OP Hill has been strongly held by a Company of an Infantry battalion deployed on Mendha-Balnoi ridge with a mountain artillery battery deployed permanently 3,500 yards south-east of it. The writer was the Battery Commander of the above gun battery from 1988 to 1991.

Six years later, during Operation 'Cactus Lily', Sant Singh, MVC, now a Brigadier, dared again and earned the Bar (award won the second time) to his MVC.

On the outbreak of the 1971 India-Pakistan war, Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, commanding the newly created F-J Sector in the eastern theatre, was tasked to advance towards Mymensingh on Haluaghata-Phulpur road. With a meagre fighting force (just one infantry battalion, an Engineer platoon and an artillery battery in direct support), the force led by Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, fought with grit and determination and captured some strongly held localities during the advance to Dhaka. After giving a bitter fight, the force led by Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, reached just short of the outskirts of Dhaka by December 13, thereby further tightening the siege on to Dhaka.

Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, for his inspiring leadership and personal gallantry, was awarded the Bar to the Maha Vir Chakra he earned during the 1965 war. The citation on the Bar to his Maha Vir Chakra reads:

*"During the 1971 India-Pakistan war, Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, while commanding a sector on the eastern front, achieved spectacular results with a mixed force, having one regular battalion, advancing 38 miles almost on foot, to secure Mymensingh and Madhopur in eight days. During the advance, in spite of very stiff opposition from the enemy, he cleared heavily defended positions at several places. Throughout these actions, Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, personally led and directed the troops, often exposing himself to enemy MMG fire and artillery shelling. His personal gallantry, leadership, skillful handling of meager resources, audacity, improvisation and maximum use of local resources were responsible for the successful and rapid advance against the much stronger enemy in well prepared defensive positions.*

*Throughout, Brigadier Sant Singh, MVC, displayed conspicuous gallantry and inspiring leadership in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army."*

*Sant Sipahi* Brigadier Sant Singh, twice Maha Vir Chakra awardee, retired from the Army in 1973 after a glorious military career spanning more than three decades. The highly decorated Brigadier remained associated with the War Decorated of India Trust till he breathed his last on December 9, 2015.

## New consumer Act to the rescue

The last time I sought justice through the consumer court, the case dragged on for years, and finally whatever compensation I got was not even sufficient to pay my lawyer. The new Consumer Protection Act of 2019, which replaced the law of 1986, has given me some hope of an early settlement. Should I go ahead and file a complaint about a defective television set for which I am neither getting a replacement nor a refund?

First and foremost, register your complaint on [www.consumerhelpline.gov.in](http://www.consumerhelpline.gov.in). This is the helpline of the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, run by the Indian Institute of Public Administration. They will send your complaint to the company and see if they can get it resolved. Hopefully, that will work.

If the first option fails, then your second option could be mediation provided under the new consumer protection law. However, in order to seek mediation, you have to first file a complaint before the consumer court with all evidence to back your claim. The new law specifically says that the complaint shall be heard on the basis of an affidavit and documentary evidence placed on record.

Since the new law has hiked the pecuniary jurisdiction of the consumer commission to ₹1 crore, almost all cases now come under the jurisdiction of the district consumer disputes redressal commission.

Under the old law, the choice of the district commission depended on the location of the head office, or the branch office of the opposite party, or where the opposite party resided, or where the cause of action arose. Under the new law, however, you can choose a commission that covers the area where you



### CONSUMERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI



When filing your case in a consumer court, do not allow adjournment. And, if for some reason it is allowed, even once, demand a hefty cost

reside or work. So make your choice wisely. Check the case load and the time taken for adjudication at each of these commissions. Choose the one where you are likely to get resolution in the quickest possible time.

The commission will first decide whether to admit your case or not. This should be decided within 21 days. If not, it will be deemed to have been admitted. At the first hearing after the admission, or even at a later stage, if the commission feels that there could be a settlement between the parties, it

will refer the matter for mediation.

Under the new law, each consumer commission should have a mediation cell attached to it and a panel of mediators. If the parties come to an agreement, the mediator will prepare a settlement report and forward it to the commission for a suitable order to be passed. If mediation fails, the commission will proceed with your case and the effort should be made to complete the process within three months, and if the product requires testing, within five months.

#### Do I need to produce a test report on the defects in the TV?

That depends on the evidence you have and the nature of the defect. The law says, "If the complainant alleges a defect which cannot be determined without proper analysis or test of goods", then it must be sent for testing. If, on the basis of job cards indicating the problems in the set and your own repeated complaints about the company's failure to rectify them and your inability to use the set, you can prove the defect requiring replacement or a refund, then you may not need to get it tested. In respect of electronic goods like television, it is always better to ask for a refund with interest and, of course, compensation, and not a replacement, because by the time a grievance is resolved, that model would most likely be obsolete.

You do not need a lawyer for a simple case of a defective television set. So, fight it yourself, or else you will end up paying much more to the lawyer than the cost of the television set. Do not allow adjournments. The law prohibits it, except in the rarest of rare cases. And if for some unavoidable reason it is allowed even once, demand a hefty cost to be paid to you.

### CAPTION CONTEST 1313



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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#### Selected entries for Caption Contest 1312

July 4 issue (see photo)

- Above the seat level—Jasbir Singh, Karnal
- Backseat boys—Subhash Chand, Chandigarh
- T(r)ucked—Gurmehreen Chahal, Chandigarh
- High riders—Gurmeet Singh, Chandigarh
- Rear guards—Karnail Singh, Mohali



# A crash course on how Beijing negotiates

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

**I**t has been raining books on China, especially after the border standoff and the centenary of its Communist Party. Vijay Gokhale, who has taken to authoring slim books on China, has not followed the beaten path of the borders in the choice of content.

'Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest' was his first book, the bulk of it recollections of a young diplomat who actually had a bird's-eye view of the events from the balcony of his office in Beijing. His second book is also off the beaten track and equally beguiling. In four of the six case studies, all involving India and China from 1950 onwards, Gokhale was a participant. This allowed him to trace their trajectory in a manner that would escape Indian academics and journalists writing on the subject.

All through, Gokhale gives us a crash course in the way the Chinese set about negotiating with the opposite state, beginning with meticulous preparations that preceded the talks to even softening the interpreter whom many states tend to ignore or dismiss as unavoidable appendages.

Chinese negotiators have followed the pattern set by Zhou Enlai for many years (though there is a departure now with aggression seeping into their diplomatic intercourse). Only the lead negotiator speaks; the others simply take notes. The style is theatrical with the lead negotiator opening the proceedings in lofty words. They insert a Chinese proverb or two —

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The post-Pokhran diplomacy to unknot the Chinese tie-up with the Americans to punish India for the nuclear tests was a feather in South Block's diplomatic cap.

'How to untie the Tiger's knot' was the one bandied at the Indians when they sought to normalise ties after the Pokhran nuclear tests. And tend to select a venue that makes it difficult for the opposite side to frequently consult decision-makers back home. Pay attention to the choice of words, counsels Gokhale, for a different phrase on the same issue shows a shift in the Chinese position.

Gokhale begins with the two sorry but well-trodden chapters in the Indian negotiations on recognition for Communist China and on Tibet. Mercifully, he leaves

the even sorrier 1962 chapter out. As he points out, Independent India started with a handicap. Its leadership was rich in political experience but was green around the ears in international diplomacy, as Indians had been bystanders in diplomacy for almost two centuries of colonial rule.

On the other hand, China had just rubbed shoulders with the US, the Soviet Union, Japan and Britain. Gokhale, being from the Foreign Service, naturally pulls up short in examining the doings of his peers that made the Chinese suspicious of

Indian protestations about friendship in 1950 and 1954. Didn't they also ignore clear signs from the 1920s onwards that not just the Chinese Communist Party, the Kuomintang also aimed to absorb Tibet into mainland China?

The decade-long quest to list Masood Azhar as a UN proscribed terrorist also gets slotted in this category. Though India won its battle a few days before the 2019 General Election, the jury is still out on the price India is paying for repeatedly petitioning the Big Powers to stand up at the UN Security Council on its

behalf. It is not as if the western abhorrence for terrorists persuaded them to get super-active on behalf of India, coincidentally just days before the make-or-break elections for PM Modi were due in India. The West, after all, has been a much more active player in propping up armed non-state actors.

The post-Pokhran diplomacy to unknot the Chinese tie-up with the Americans to punish India for the nuclear tests — India chose elements from the China's playbook when it conducted the first nuclear test in 1964 — and the reversal of Chinese position on India's NSG exemption were the feathers in South Block's diplomatic cap.

For the outsider, more noteworthy are the nuggets about the Chinese diplomatic strategy that pepper the book — 'not ripe for settlement' means Beijing does not wish to discuss the issue; their overdependence on Left parties that led them to misread the Indian resolve after the nuclear tests; or asking the other side to speak first during negotiations, not out of politeness as is assumed, but to read the other side's cards before responding.

The Chinese also establish hierarchy in negotiations to talk down to the opposite party. How does India respond? By frequently quoting from the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence to make the point that parity is a must in talks.

The newness of the overall content, especially on the contemporary events, should have readers asking for more. And judging from Gokhale's articles, there is more in store probably on the innards of the Chinese machinery, the United Front Work Department (UFWD) for example.

## Breaking barriers, with aplomb

ROHIT MAHAJAN

**D**UTEE CHAND — a woman, an athlete. Those two are her primary identities. But it's not that simple — there are layers upon layers of identity in her being, many of them colliding with the accepted idea of a 'normal' woman in a society and a country in which regressive ideas remain entrenched.

Poor woman from a remote village: three attributes that usually combine to kill dreams, closing doors to education and ambition.

Sport, for girls such as Dutee, is a life-changer. The modest government school in a weavers' village won't produce a scholar. Sport is the only field in which Dutee could compete as an equal against, say, a city-bred upper-caste girl from a middle-class background. That did happen — and Dutee did win.

Dutee, luckily for her, had an idol at home — her eldest sister Saraswati ran fast and was among the country's best woman athletes in the 400 metres category. Saraswati, knowing sport is the only way out of poverty for families such as theirs, urged Dutee to run, and Dutee did just that everyday, along the village river. Saraswati had done the same, getting stronger by cycling 60 kilometres a day to and from her college, eventually landing a job in the police.

In a house full of kids but with little food and little money, Dutee was undernourished, more than most Indian kids. Yet, though brought up on a poor diet, she was fast, wiry, athletic.

She easily beat bigger, stronger girls to qualify for Odisha Government's Sports Hostel in Bhubaneswar. Initially, she ran longer distances, and it was only after a lot of disagreements with coaches in Bhubaneswar, Patiala, Cuttack and

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Jamshedpur — and conflicts with Saraswati — that she found her metier the 100 metre and 200 metre sprints. Then, in one magical fortnight in July 2013, Dutee made the great leap, winning bronze at the Asian Athletics Championships in 200 metres in Pune and finishing sixth in 100 metres in the World Youth Championships in Donetsk. Dutee was beginning to dream of big global medals.

### Nightmare begins

In 2014, the year of the Commonwealth and Asian Games, Dutee was looking forward to competing at the big stage. She was the national champion in both sprints and had won the 200 metres gold at the Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Taipei.

In June, though, her life turned upside down. After several medical tests, of whose purpose Dutee was kept in the dark, she was diagnosed with a medical condition called "hyperandrogenism" — her body was producing an excessive amount of testosterone. The levels of her body's natural testosterone were the same as men's, and she was banned.

At 19, life had dealt her a cruel blow and she seemed to have reached the end of the road.

Dutee's legal fight to run, the fight to be recognised as a woman, forms the centrepiece of this excellent biography. Scientific data, numbers from tests can form the basis of an academic discussion, but for the teenagers from a small village, and her family, the humiliation was bewildering, as Sundeep Misra writes:

...a few news outlets wrote stories about how Dutee was a man, not a woman... Dutee was driven to her village. Her mother wept. She didn't know why Dutee was suddenly accused of being a man. She had always been a girl and now she was a woman.

In 2015, Dutee, with help from a coalition of extraordinary individuals outside India, won a reprieve from the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which ruled that no evidence was provided that testosterone increased female athletic performance. She began to train and win, grabbing two silver medals in the sprints at the 2018 Asian Games.

Her relations with Saraswati soured over her being gay, and in 2019 she came out of the closet, the first Indian athlete to do so. More controversy, more adverse headlines. Saraswati says she was fearful for her sister, relating the story of a girl in an Odisha town who was tied to a tree and beaten up for being in a same-sex relationship. But Dutee is strong, embracing her gay identity without fear. She's different, and she's not apologetic about it. She's a strong-willed, sometimes-wilful woman, but hers is an amazing story, related with empathy and solicitude by Misra.



Madhavrao Scindia at his wedding, 1966. He married Madhavi Raje (Kiran Raja Lakshmi Devi), the great-granddaughter of the Prime Minister of Nepal and Maharaja of Kaski. He is flanked by his sisters, Vasundhara Raje to his right and Yashodhara Raje to his left. ©KEDAR JAIN; PHOTO COURTESY: ROLI BOOKS

## Palace, power and politics of Scindias

SANDEEP SINHA

**T**HE land of maharajas and snake-charmers also embodied the dichotomy that was India. In a country where the majority struggled to make ends meet, the popularity of the royals remained, acting as a bond between the past and the present. Diminished in power and pelf, the royals still evoked admiration and loyalty of their erstwhile subjects. Gwalior's House of Scindias, with their name etched firmly in history, proved to be no exception. Straddling the political firmament in modern times with prominence, their personal ties did not come in the way of their political commitments as they embraced parliamentary democracy that acted as a great leveller despite a feudal past.

The author, a senior journalist, says in the book that Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia insisted that whenever anybody from the royal family contested from Gwalior, votes should be asked for in the name of the palace and not any party. The only exception to this was when Jyotiraditya Scindia lost the Lok Sabha election from Guna in 2019 when he had to contest on the insistence of Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka.

The book provides an interesting peep into the familial ties of the Scindias. How Vijayaraje was imprisoned during the Emergency and first put under house arrest in rather comfortable confines, earning the displeasure of Indira Gandhi who asked to put her in Tihar Jail. At Tihar, the Rajmata's bond with the BJP leaders and other stalwarts of the Opposition grew. It is actually during Vijayaraje's time that the family's ties with contemporary politics got integrated. The book describes how Madhavrao Scindia fled to Nepal during the Emergency and how his sisters made efforts to reach an understanding with the government to ensure the release of the Rajmata.

There is an account of the rift between the mother and the son, how it was attributed to Sardar Angre on whom the Rajmata relied for counsel, and the differences between Madhavrao and Angre, who had not liked his fleeing to Nepal. The ties of party leaders go deep,

with the Rajmata herself serving hot turmeric milk to the present Prime Minister and other BJP leaders when they reached Gwalior late in the night for political work.

The book describes Madhavrao's persona, his popularity, education abroad (where he was provided with an ADC by the family), his relationship with the Gandhis and other Congress leaders, his love for the game of cricket and performance as a minister. Madhavrao was among the frontline leaders of the Congress, but destiny had other plans as he perished in a plane crash months after the death of his mother.

Kidwai also dwells on the ascent of Vasundhara Raje. How despite being a five-time MP from Jhalawar in Rajasthan, she was not acceptable to the local BJP leaders as the CM. It required effort to get her elected to that position. Married into the royal house of Dholpur, Vasundhara Raje was friendly with Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia and even hosted a party on the birthday of Maneka Gandhi's son, Varun.

Jyotiraditya Scindia's joining the BJP has been welcomed by his aunts as homecoming or 'ghar wapsi'; the step is also expected to help resolve family disputes. However, the book makes it clear that Jyotiraditya's entry into the BJP was facilitated by his in-laws, the Gaekwad royal family of Baroda, who opened a channel for him with PM Modi.

Jyotiraditya had started feeling restricted in the Congress, the exit of Priyanka Chaturvedi not helping matters. She had alleged mistreatment by local leaders in Mathura who, despite directions to take action against them, were exonerated at the intervention of local party leaders.

The account of the Scindias shows how the royal families have changed with the times. Deprived of their privileges, they have nevertheless tried to mainstream themselves into the political process, accepting the limitations and its inclusive nature, despite a different personal background. At times, the book seems hurried, but is still a riveting account from a reporter's diary.

## Country's pioneering women doctors

**I**t is often said in jest that the women are all liberated, it is the men who now need liberation.

But those who mock feminism forget that following centuries of subjugation by men, whenever women took one step at emancipation, patriarchy was pulling them back two steps. First barring them from pursuing their dreams, then impeding their progress by way of social ostracisation, and often erasing their achievements altogether.

'Lady Doctors' by Kavitha Rao is the result of a series of such erasures — from both our textbooks and memories — of the achievements of India's first lady doctors. Had their writings not been subject to conscious scrutiny, this book would have encapsulated the stories of more such pioneers. Better still, it could have been turned into several

books, dedicated to each of these women.

At a time when medicine is a highly sought-after career for Indian women, it is hard to imagine what it was like for them. The book tells how firmly they were bound in fetters of family, caste and society, and how fiercely they fought to escape. Rao, a London-based journalist and author, unearths the stories of six women from the 1860s to the 1930s, who defied the idea that they were unfit for medicine by virtue of their gender.

There is the inspiring yet tragic story of Anandibai Joshi, who was the first Indian woman to study medicine, but could not practice it for she died at 22.

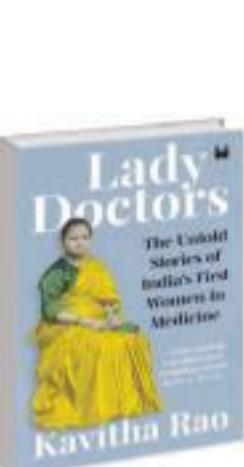
She was followed by several other women. Kadambini Ganguly became the first Indian woman to practice medicine. A low-profile unsung Bengali doctor, her achievement is often confused with that of Rukhmabai Raut, who was also the subject of a 2016 Marathi film.

While Anandibai and Rukhmabai have been lucky to have biographies written about them, Rao's research also brings the spotlight on the life of Chennai's Muthulakshmi Reddy, who established the Adyar Cancer Institute, and Mary Poonen Lukose, India's first surgeon general and first woman legislator.

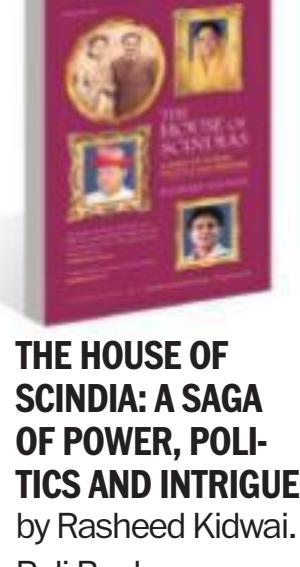
The sixth of Rao's subjects is Haimabati Sen, who, without any encouragement, dreamt of becoming a doctor, studied at a third-rate medical college, yet, somehow, endured. Her astonishing memoir, 'unprecedented in frankness', as Rao says, was discovered only recently and became the basis of her bio here.

To Rao's credit is her indepth research, whose seed lay in a Google Doodle dedicated to Rukhmabai. The forgotten lives of these pioneers will show light to modern women who still find themselves fighting prejudices all the time.

— Sarika Sharma



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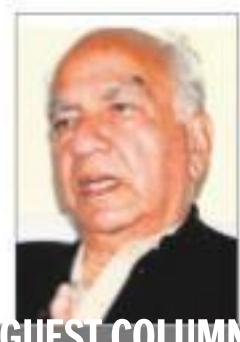
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# Virbhadra stood tall, always



GUEST COLUMN

SHANTA KUMAR

His unflinching commitment to environment protection ensured that polluting industries were kept out in our pursuit for industrial growth. Virbhadra Singh also laid thrust on medical education and several new medical colleges were set up in Himachal Pradesh during his regime



THE TRIBUNE ARCHIVES; PHOTO BY YOG JOY

**V**IRBHADRA SINGH was a leader of the masses, who always remained accessible to them. His persona, both within the party and the state, was so towering that he rarely lost an election.

He always remained above petty political considerations and parochial mindset. The fact that once he agreed to be the chief guest at an RSS function was proof enough of him being anything but intolerant. Neither was his thinking narrow, nor his politics. Despite his royal lineage, he did not have even a trace of arrogance, a trait which made him a leader of the masses. He was a sensitive and compassionate politician who remained active till his last breath.

It was on the strength of his mass popularity that he did politics on his own terms, never succumbing to pressure from his party high command, which could not afford to ignore him. He did not hesitate to speak his mind, even if it amounted to annoying the high command. It was amidst this rift-like situation that he overcame many challenges successfully.

Often accused both by the Opposition and a section of his own party of holding a strong regional bias against lower areas of Himachal, he countered the allegation by bestowing second capital status on Dharamsala. In a private conversation with me, he admitted that the move would no doubt be a drain on the exchequer, yet it was essential to bridge the emotional chasm between upper and lower parts of the state. I, too, was opposed to the move, yet he went ahead with the decision, showing his strong resolve.

His unflinching commitment towards environment protection ensured that polluting industries were kept out in our pursuit for industrial growth. He also laid thrust on medical education and several new medical colleges were set up in the state during his regime. He has many records to his credit, including father-

son being members of the Vidhan Sabha. He exhibited excellent administrative skills, which ensured that his vision and development plans got translated into reality rather than remaining a dream on paper.

At one point of time when the Congress high command was hell-bent on making Pt Sukh Ram the Chief Minister, against the wishes of majority of legislators, Virbhadra stood his ground. Despite the high command summoning the newly elected MLAs to Delhi, he along with his loyalist legislators stayed put in Parwanoo, ultimately compelling the high command to bow to the popular choice, the 'Raja'. On his part, he too never failed to back his diehard loyalists, no matter what the circumstances.

Examples of his being very obliging and accommodating towards his political opponents often come to my mind. On one occasion, I requested him to accommodate the daughter-in-law of a close relative in a particular institution, knowing very well that it was difficult as the wife of a very close friend of Virbhadra would have to be shifted out. A few days later, much to my surprise, I learnt that he had acceded to my request and accommodated both in the same institution. Such was the man, very considerate and sympathetic.

He had a tremendous trait of being a very decisive leader and an able administrator. An incident about my dream project, Vivekanand Medical Research Trust at Palampur, which I dreamt of setting up when I became the Chief Minister in 1990, comes to mind. I had plans to develop it into a super-specialty facility. The foundation stone was laid with much fanfare on November 15, 1992, after land was given on lease by the government. A huge amount, running into crores, was collected and it was decided that Apollo Health and the government would jointly set up the facility. It was resolved that Apollo Hospitals would set up a hospital within 24 months.

Work started on a war footing from the day the stone was laid. Least did I know that the dream would remain unfulfilled as exactly 21 days later, on December 6, my government along with four others fell in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition. I was certainly pained at the fall of my government but even more for the fact that my dream of setting up a super-specialty hospital had been shattered. I on my part endeavoured that the Trust remained intact so that in better times the project could be completed.

I met Virbhadra Singh, who was CM then, and told him that Apollo, a

big name in the medical field, had agreed to come to Himachal and already several crores had been spent on the proposed hospital. I suggested that the CM and Leader of Opposition could jointly create this facility which would be a boon for the people. He almost agreed and said he would like to discuss the issue with his colleagues. The moment the proposal was out, some Congress leaders from Kangra started vehemently opposing it, sealing its fate. I again met Virbhadra and requested him not to hand over this land, in the name of the Vivekanand Medical Research Trust, to any other organisation.

In a lighter vein, he said, 'How are you so sure that you will come back to power?' I replied that nobody knows what lies in the future. He assured me that the land with the Trust would not be given to anyone else. Circumstances changed and I got the opportunity to realise my dream.

Virbhadra was a born fighter. Perhaps, there has been no other Chief Minister in the country who has ruled the state for such a long stint and that too on his own terms. Such was his tenacity that he managed this feat while opposing his own high command, which was left with no other choice but to install Virbhadra.

On almost every occasion, he became Chief Minister on the sheer strength of majority support of not just the MLAs, but more importantly the people of the state.

He was an extremely sensitive politician who remained Chief Minister six times, MP on four occasions and a legislator on nine occasions. He created history by being such a tall leader, a record which will not just be difficult but impossible for anyone to break. A rare feat, which very few Chief Ministers like Jyoti Basu have to their credit.

— The writer is former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and former MP

## SDM at Samrala

TOUCHSTONES  
IRA PANDE

the Independence Day celebrations, his school composed a special song for us. Even after all these years, I can still sing it: "Mehnat se jo padhega/ Vo Es Dee Yum banega/ CM bhi vo banega/ PM bhi vo banega..."

(He who works hard, will one day become the SDM. He will one day be the CM and the PM as well).

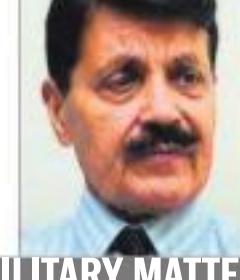
When we reached home, we collapsed with giggles: those poor children knew only the SDM, the CM and the PM. All the intervening hierarchies of the state were irrelevant to their lives. When I recall that incident today, I laugh not at those children but at ourselves. How vain we were to think we knew it all. Actually, the only Mr Know-All was the redoubtable Mr Soloman. He was prescient enough to have taught those children a lesson that 50 years later, my husband ruefully acknowledges to be the truth about the government.

That small town, with its small dreams and small joys, will always be preserved in our memories. All this came back when someone sent us a photo from those times. In the photo, the SDM is seated in the centre with the principal and the senior staff of the local government school on either side and in the front row in one corner is a solemn looking young man. This young man went on to join the state civil service and was promoted to the IAS in a few years. He recently retired and sent us this photo to remind us of the time we spent there, adding that he was inspired by my husband to work hard and join the civil service. How lightly we take the influence that we may have on those around us!

It makes me so happy to know that our civil services are now shedding their elitist public school mentality and recruiting those young men and women who will take our country forward. Many probationers now come from our small towns, villages and kasbas and they join the service because they want to do something for their own village, town or kasba one day. To be able to build a road, a hospital or a school: these are the dreams they have joined the civil service for. Perhaps one of them once studied at a school called 'Holy Child Public School' and sang a song that haunts me still.

The time has come for us to seriously reconsider our priorities and stop making fun of those who cannot speak glibly in English, or those who come from modest backgrounds and wear clothes that may not be to our taste. Is this any way of judging the worth of a person? How can we forget what happened to this country when we handed it to those who were to the manor born? I hope the coming generations will learn how to respect hard work and integrity.

## Unconventional raid, exemplary valour

MILITARY MATTERS  
LT GEN RAJ KADYAN (RETD)

For his daring act of bravery in leading the charge despite being gravely wounded, Capt Umaid Singh Mahra was awarded Ashok Chakra in 1972

**O**UR battalion 19 Rajputana Rifles moved to Nagaland in late 1970. Insurgency was active. We occupied a string of posts. As Adjutant, I was located at the battalion headquarters in Jessami. Our 2IC having been wounded and evacuated, I was also doing that job, being next in seniority. By a strange coincidence, on the day of the operation, the Commanding Officer too was away on short leave and I was officiating CO.

On July 5, 1971, Capt Umaid Singh Mahra called me on radio from his Kizare post in the Sema area. While attending Sunday church service the previous evening, Capt Mahra had noticed an unfamiliar face and had brought him to the post. During overnight interrogation, the man had confessed that he was an active underground (UG) soldier posted to a self-styled brigade HQ. He was then 'persuaded' into leading us to the camp.

The indicated camp location fell in the area of our neighbouring battalion. It was rare to get such a vital lead. Any sharing of this information outside the strict need-to-know loop could jeopardise success. I, therefore, did not inform our brigade headquarters or the battal-

ion concerned (my elder brother was their 2IC). Any risk of a friendly patrol clash was worth taking.

I asked Mahra to move immediately. The indicated location was nearly 14 hours of walking distance from Kizare. It also culminated into climbing a steep hill. The plan was to raid at dawn so that any escapees could be easily apprehended in daylight; this was the standard Army tactic.

A rivulet had to be crossed before starting the climb. Because of monsoon, it was in spate. The party kept moving upstream to find a shallow crossable site. This caused delay.

Having reached the top, the party of Company less a platoon, moved along the thickly wooded crest, taking all precautions against a possible ambush. The guide had his hands tied at the back and was secured with a rope. It was nearly 6:30 am and the party was still moving. Luckily, because of rain and thick fog, visibility was limited to a few metres, creating near-darkness conditions. Since it was well past the planned raiding time, there was palpable disenchantment among the men, who were out practically every third night searching for the elusive UGs.

At one point, the guide became visibly restive and sat down. It was clear the camp was close by. On being prodded, he vaguely waved a hand towards one of the slopes. Capt Mahra, with a small party of four, started descending in the indicated direction for confirmatory reconnaissance. It was very steep and they had to literally sit on their rumps and glide down. The undergrowth was waist high.

Suddenly, they came upon the well camouflaged camp barely 15 feet away, hidden in a depression. The sentry spotted the raiding party, raised an alarm and opened fire.

Capt Mahra was hit in the abdomen. Undaunted, and despite being wounded, he charged into the camp firing from his hip and exhorting his party. He shot the sentry through the head, killing him instantly. Some UGs were injured and fled down into the thick jungle, leaving a blood trail. They were rounded up subsequently.

The actual shootout lasted barely a few seconds, with the UGs running away confusedly. A total of 13 weapons, including a light machine gun, a large quantity of ammunition and important docu-

ments were captured.

The brigade headquarters was now informed and I asked for air evacuation of Capt Mahra. Poor visibility precluded helicopter flying. He had to be brought down on an improvised stretcher slowly along a trackless precipitous slope. Unfortunately, before he could reach the waiting ambulance on the road, Capt Mahra succumbed to his injury at 2:30 pm; his liver had been ruptured.

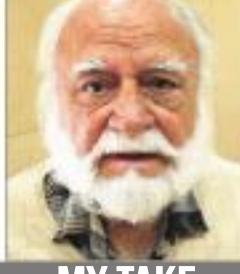
The GOC flew in the next morning to congratulate the battalion. He termed the success of the raid and the haul unprecedented.

The timing of the raid, the actual number involved at the point of contact, non-deployment of the usual support and cut-off groups, etc, made the raid totally unconventional. The UGs, who were well aware of our modus operandi, were taken totally by surprise.

For his daring act of bravery in leading the charge despite being gravely wounded, Capt Umaid Singh Mahra was deservedly awarded the Ashok Chakra. His young widow received it from the President on the Republic Day, 1972.

This was the first Ashok Chakra in our regiment, the Rajputana Rifles.

## 100 years of Chinese Communist Party, the pros & cons



MY TAKE

RAHUL SINGH

One-child norm was controversial, but in 40 years, 80 crore Chinese have been lifted out of poverty, which is a remarkable achievement

**T**HIS month marks the 100th anniversary of one of the most momentous events of our times: the founding of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). 1921 was a turbulent year. World War I had ended three years earlier and the communists were in power in Russia, with the charismatic Vladimir Lenin as their leader. The influence of Marxism was spreading in many parts of the world, including China. The equally charismatic Mao Zedong, who would later control the destiny of his nation for decades, was just 28 years old. A bitter civil war followed in China, with the communists finally triumphing over the Kuomintang, which would retreat across the sea to Taiwan. In 1949, the People's Republic of China was established. Its two main leaders were Chairman Mao and Premier Zhou Enlai (the main architect of China's foreign policy). These two men dictated the direction the most populous nation would take for the next 30 years.

Their first major move was to forcibly take over Tibet, "the roof of the world", a vast autonomous region that Britain had wisely kept as a buffer between India and China, with a token British force in the capital, Lhasa. Independent India, perhaps unwise-

ly, withdrew that force, which Beijing must have taken as a signal that it could march into Tibet, without any Indian objection. After all, those were the days of 'Hindi-Chini bhai bhai'. Jawaharlal Nehru has been blamed, mainly by the present dispensation, for being too naive about Beijing's intentions, and that Vallabhbhai Patel, Nehru's number two, would have been more realistic. Be that as it may, a big chunk of territory in Ladakh had been surreptitiously taken over by China. When India found that out, Nehru dismissed it by saying that the area was worthless, as "not even a blade of grass grew there".

Big mistake. Worse was to follow in 1962 when the border dispute escalated into a short war in the Himalayas. The battle-hardened and well-equipped Chinese troops humiliated the poorly-equipped Indian forces facing them who had little experience of mountain warfare. Bad leadership compounded the impossible situation. I had an uncle, a young Brigadier, whose soldiers were well entrenched at one of the passes. Inexplicably, he was ordered to leave his defensive position and attack the Chinese forces facing him. The Chinese were waiting for such an opportu-

nity and simply outflanked the Indian brigade and annihilated it. The 1962 defeat was the low point in the career of India's first Prime Minister, who had otherwise made Indians proud and given them a set of abiding values, rooted in democracy and secularism. Nevertheless, the 1962 humiliation has hung over the two nations like a dark cloud, preventing closer ties and a resolution of the border dispute.

I have been to China three times. The first trip in 1985 was the most instructive. It was a two-week study tour, and the main purpose was to learn about the family planning programme. The Chinese realised quite early on that the unsustainable and exploding population growth was a serious deterrent to economic and social progress. The government also concluded that to lower the population growth rate, two things were essential: higher literacy and better health care. But it added another controversial and coercive element — a one-child family. Since there was in Chinese society, as in India, a preference for a male child, there were many families in China with only a son, no daughter, which we witnessed on that tour. Clearly, sonograms (which determine the sex of the unborn child) and abor-

tions were widespread, probably even female infanticide. But controversial or not, China's population growth plummeted, and it is now at what is called "replacement level", which means it is neither going up, nor down. India, on the other hand, even though it has had a degree of success in recent years, still adds 1.4 crore a year to its population. In a few years, we will overtake China as the most populous nation in the world, a dubious ranking.

In other words, China owes its spectacular economic success in the past four decades at least partly to its family planning programme. In 1980, China and India were roughly at par economically. Today, the Chinese economy is five times larger. And the gap is growing, not shrinking. China's GDP has grown an astonishing 80 times since 1980 and 80 crore Chinese lifted out of poverty, probably the most remarkable achievement in history. To me, it is admirable as well. Yes, the Chinese do not enjoy the freedoms we do, like democratic elections and freedom of expression. Everything is rigidly controlled by the one-party state. However, if hypothetically, you were to ask anybody what he or she would prefer, a better standard of living or those

freedoms, there is no doubt in my mind that the reply would be to have a better life, with roti, kapda and makan. Deng Xiaoping, China's great pragmatic reformer, put it well when he confessed that "to get rich was glorious". And also when he said it did not matter if a cat was black or white, "as long as it caught mice". Results, not ideology, mattered most.

There are those who say that what has held India back is too much freedom, verging on anarchy, and democracy. And that an authoritarian regime, like China's, would have served us better! Wrong! Look at North Korea and South Korea or, earlier, East and West Germany. The same people, but different systems, one dictatorial, the other democratic. Which did better for its people? Or take Portugal, under Salazar, and Spain, under General Franco. And compare the record, under dictatorship and then democracy. A well-run democratic system delivers better results economically and socially than any other system. The key is that it should be "well run". As Winston Churchill put it, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

— The writer is a veteran journalist

## Dalit assaulted, panel sends notice to DGP

NEW DELHI, JULY 10  
The National Commission for Scheduled Castes on Saturday issued a notice to Uttar Pradesh DGP and Chief Secretary in an incident involving extreme atrocity on a Dalit and sought an action taken report immediately.

The commission took cognisance of the alleged crime involving insertion of an object into private parts of a Dalit in Sarwan Kheda pocket of Kanpur Dehat and sought the state police and administration to explain the lapse.

"It is a shameless, brutal, inhuman and unpardonable act," said Vijay Sampatra, chairman of the commission.—TNS

## Modi dials Vietnam PM, expresses hope for stronger ties in Indo-Pacific

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a phone call today with his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Minh Chinh.

PM Modi congratulated Chinh on his new appointment and hoped that the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership would continue to become stronger under his guidance, stated an official news release.

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### REGIONAL COOPERATION

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India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership can promote regional stability, prosperity and development.

In this context, the PM also noted that both India and Vietnam were presently fellow

members of the UN Security Council. Both PMs reviewed the state of bilateral relations and noted that 2022 would mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties. They agreed

to celebrate this auspicious milestone in a befitting manner through various commemorative activities.

The leaders agreed that both the countries should continue consultations and cooperation to support each other's continuing efforts against the pandemic. PM Modi also invited Chinh to undertake an official visit to India.

The official newspaper of the Vietnamese Government said both leaders agreed to promote the role of the existing consultation and dialogue mechanisms while expanding cooperation in defence industry.

## BLOCKBUSTER SUNDAY MESSI, ENGLAND, DJOKOVIC EYE HISTORY

6.30 PM  
WIMBLEDON

Djokovic vs Berrettini  
Novak Djokovic will be playing the Wimbledon final against Matteo Berrettini, eyeing his 20th Grand Slam title to draw level with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal

Matteo Berrettini



7 PM (WOMEN)  
T20I INDIA VS ENG

It was a moment of brilliance when India's Harleen Deol took an incredible catch in a match against England on Friday. India vs England (Women) 2nd T20I will be played at Hove

12.30 AM (MONDAY) EURO 2020 FINAL

England will look for their first-ever major international trophy in football since the 1966 World Cup in a match against Italy at Wembley Stadium in London.



COPA AMERICA

Fans of Lionel Messi on the eve of the final between Argentina and Brazil at Rio de Janeiro, in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

## Barty beats Pliskova at Wimbledon for her second Grand Slam title

LONDON, JULY 10

Ash Barty got off to a perfect start in the Wimbledon final by collecting the first 14 points, then needed to hold off a comeback bid before beating Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-3 on Saturday for her second Grand Slam title.

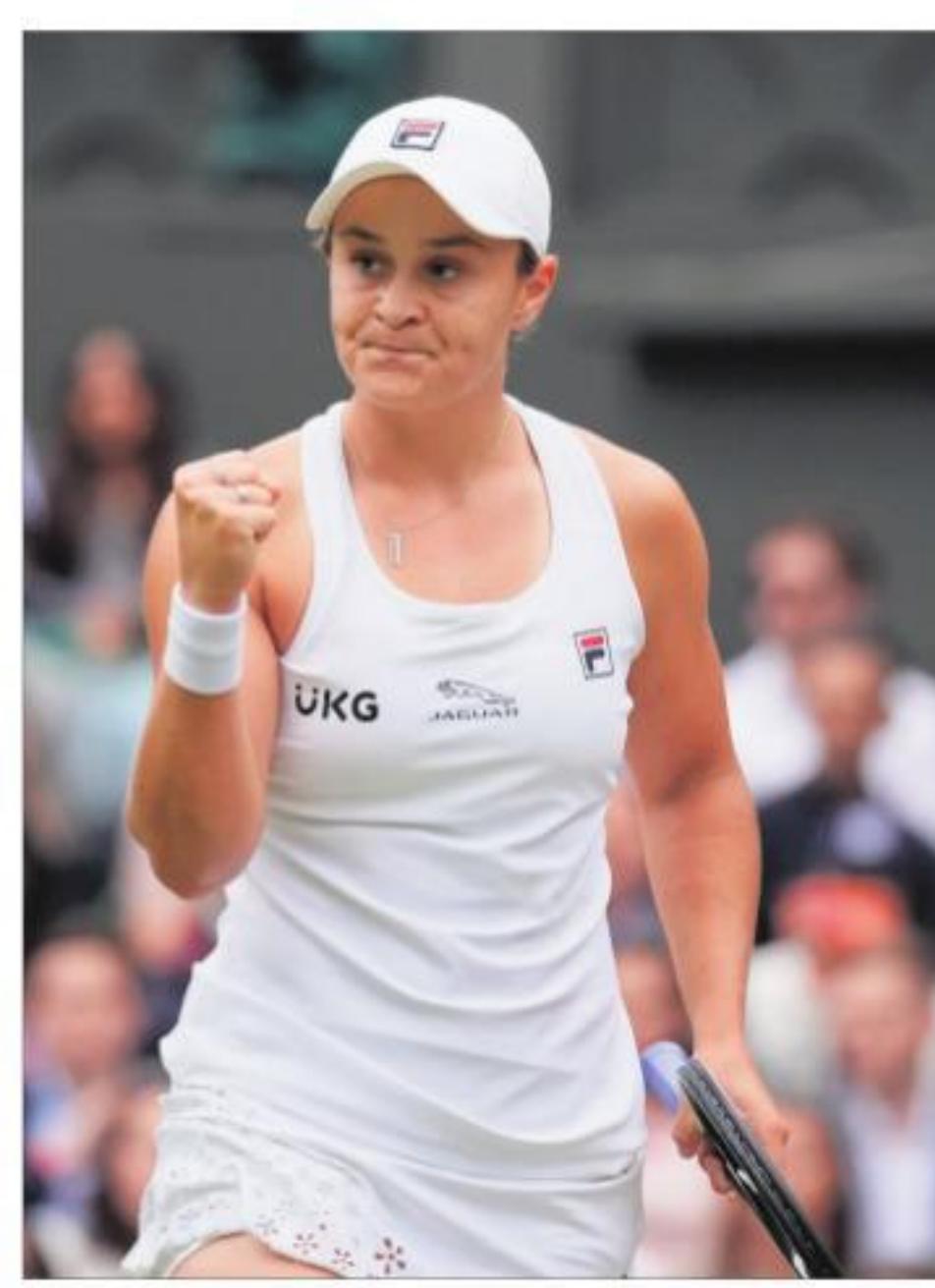
The top-seeded Barty adds this championship to the one she won at the French Open in 2019.

She is the first Australian woman to win the singles trophy at the All England Club since Evonne Goolagong in 1980. Barty says she has been inspired by Goolagong and wore an outfit at Wimbledon that was a tribute to the dress Goolagong played in when she won the tournament for the first time in 1971.

Barty, who is 25, was the junior champion at Wimbledon a decade ago, then left the tennis tour for nearly two years in 2014 because of burnout. She played professional cricket back home, then eventually decided to return to her other sport. She was at her best at the beginning of each set against the eighth-seeded Pliskova, a 29-year-old from the Czech Republic with a big serve. Pliskova dropped to 0-2 in major finals; she was the runner-up at the 2016 U.S. Open, too.

Barty's most significant wobble came late in the second set. She served for the victory ahead 6-5 but sailed consecutive forehands long to get broken, then was shaky in the ensuing tiebreaker, which she ceded with a double-fault.

In the third, though, Barty went up an early break, led 3-0 and stayed the course in the first Wimbledon women's final to go three sets since 2012. It also was the first since 1977 between two participants who never had been that far at



Australia's Ashleigh Barty rejoices after defeating Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova in London on Saturday. AP

### BRINGING LAURELS TO AUSTRALIA

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Neither Barty nor Pliskova made it past the fourth round at the grass-court major until this fortnight.

The match was played under a cloud-filled sky and with Centre Court's retractable roof open despite rain in the forecast for much of the afternoon. Because of the threat of showers, Barty and Pliskova shared a warmup session under the roof at No. 1 Court earlier in the day, at times standing side-by-side while hitting shots.

They shared some smiles and chatter during the coin toss before the final, but once things got serious, Barty was not messing around one bit.

Right from the get-go, there was not a hint of uneasiness or uncertainty for Barty. Her strokes were confident. Her demeanor, too. During the match-opening run that put her up 3-0, love-30 and, after Pliskova finally won a couple of points, 4-0 after 11 minutes, Barty showed of every bit of her versatility and varied skills.—AP

## Shah: Keen to empower cooperatives

NEW DELHI, JULY 10  
Home Minister Amit Shah, tasked with the responsibility of the newly created Ministry of Cooperation, met leaders from the sector on Saturday and assured them to further strengthen and empower the cooperative movement in India.

The meeting followed the recent swearing-in of the 77 member council of ministers and reallocation of responsibilities. The Opposition parties are fearing the Cooperation Ministry could impact the Centre-state relations in the sector and undermine federal structures. After the meeting, Shah tweeted about the engagement with industry leaders.

He met chairman of the National Cooperative Union of India Dilip Sanghani, chairman and managing director of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited BS Nakai and US Awasthi, respectively, and the chairman of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd Bijender Singh.—TNS

## India gifts part of 17th century St Ketevan's relics to Georgia

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NEW DELHI, JULY 10

It was an emotional moment in Tbilisi on Friday when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar handed over the holy relic of St Queen Ketevan to the Georgian Government at a ceremony in the presence of Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia and Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili.

St Queen Ketevan was a 17th century Georgian Queen who attained martyrdom. Her relics were found in 2005 at the St Augustine Convent in Old Goa, India, on the basis of medieval Portuguese records. These were believed to have been brought to Goa in 1627 and interred in St Augustine Complex. At the instance of the Archaeological Survey of India, the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, carried out a DNA analysis that confirmed its authenticity.

In 2017, at the request of the Georgian Government,



EAM S Jaishankar unveils a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Tbilisi. PTI

India sent the relics to Georgia for an exhibition for six months. These were personally greeted by His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, the Catholicos-Patriarch of Georgia, along with many Geor-

gians. This loan of relics was extended for another six months and was returned to India on September 30, 2018. The holy relics spent the year travelling to different Churches of Georgia.

## Visa controversy: Vlogger's wife moves Delhi HC

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

YouTube vlogger Karl Edward Rice's wife has approached the Delhi High Court challenging the Union Government's alleged "arbitrary and unreasonable" decision to blacklist him and deny visa to enter India.

The petitioner said by virtue of denying visa to her husband, "arbitrarily blacklisted" by the respondents (Centre), she had been deprived of living with him, thereby violating her fundamental right to life and dignity as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The plea, likely to come up for hearing next week, said petitioner Manisha Malik and her husband, popularly known as Karl Rock, were YouTube vloggers and had visited most of India to capture its beauty and contribute to the promotion of tourism.

It said the authorities had not communicated the grounds of blacklisting Rice, despite several representations, leading to the separation of the married couple. —PTI

## Children develop Covid antibodies better than adults

ADITI TANDON  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



### RESPONSE TO NOVEL VIRUSES

- Children's immune systems can ward off the virus before it replicates, which explains why they get mild disease unlike adults
- Their T cells are relatively

naive and untrained and may have a greater capacity to respond to new viruses

- Among Covid-positive children, 3-4% are less than 10 years old

called the nucleocapsid protein, which is key to viral replication in the body.

The nucleocapsid protein is released when the virus has

replicated enough in the body and is widely prevalent.

Children don't produce antibodies to nucleocapsid protein which indicates their

immune system's ability to fight the virus before it replicates. This could answer why children get mild and asymptomatic Covid.

"Clinical manifestations of Covid-19 are associated with age. Adults develop respiratory symptoms, which can progress to acute respiratory distress syndrome in the most severe form, while children are largely spared from respiratory illness but can develop a life-threatening multisystem inflammatory syndrome. We see distinct antibody responses in children and adults after SARS-CoV-2 infection," the researchers say.

They find that adult Covid-19 cohorts have anti-spike antibodies as well as anti-nucleocapsid antibodies, while chil-

dren with and without MIS-C predominantly generate antibodies specific to spike protein but not the N-protein. "The results suggest a distinct infection course and immune response in children," the study notes, explaining in part why children, even with antibodies to Sars-CoV-2, do not turn up RTPCR positive. They don't have enough viral load to be caught by an RTPCR test.

Commenting on the new evidence that explains why children's immune systems are better trained to respond to Covid, paediatric expert Vipin Vashishtha says the reason children can neutralise the virus is also that their T cells are relatively naive and untrained and may have a greater capacity to respond to new viruses.

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## Rare super-luminous supernova spotted

CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

Indian astronomers have discovered a rare and extremely bright supernova that shines with the energy borrowed from an exotic type of neutron star that can help probe the mysteries of the early universe.

Such type of ancient super-luminous spatial objects are hydrogen deficient and fast evolving and very rare because they generally originate from

very massive stars having a size at least 25 times that of the sun.

The number of such massive stars in our galaxy (Milky Way) or in nearby galaxies is sparse. These ancient objects are among the least understood supernovae because their underlying sources are unclear and their extremely high peak luminosity is unexplained using the conventional power-source models.—TNS

## Sarna, DSGMC president Sirsa exchange barbs over court hearing

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Sikh politics in the national capital took an ugly turn today when three major factions engaged in a heated exchange over court hearing.

The elections to the DSGMC, which were postponed due to the Covid wave, are likely to be held soon.

Manjinder Singh Sarna, president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), accused his predecessor Paramjit Singh Sarna of "lying" after the latter alleged that there was a "lookout circular" against Sarna.

Sarna cited an order of the Court of Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate, saying a "lookout circular" had been issued over suspicion that Sarna might flee the country fearing arrest in connection with the ongoing court case on the alleged misuse of funds of the DSGMC".

Countering him, Sarna, at a press conference, cited the same court order

and said, "There was no lookout circular. Sarna is lying."

On the allegation that the court has directed the investigating officer (IO) in the case to ensure that the accused does not flee from justice, Sarna said, "There is no question of fleeing. The matter is under investigation. The IO has informed the court that he was examining the funds and their outflow." Sarna, who heads the SADD, alleged Sarna had sold off his properties. He challenged the Badals (Parkash Singh and Sukhbir) to sack Sarna to prove their claims that they were custodians of the Sikh cause. Sarna, on his part, accused the Sarna brothers (Paramjit and Harvinder) saying, "Let them prove at least one allegation."

They shared some smiles and chatter during the coin toss before the final, but once things got serious, Barty was not messing around one bit.

Neither Barty nor Pliskova made it past the fourth round at the grass-court major until this fortnight.

The match was played under a cloud-filled sky and with Centre Court's retractable roof open despite rain in the forecast for much of the afternoon. Because of the threat of showers, Barty and Pliskova shared a warmup session under the roof at No. 1 Court earlier in the day, at times standing side-by-side while hitting shots.