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Impeachment  
trial in Senate  
from February 8

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 23

The US Senate will begin the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump on February 8, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said.

"The Jan 6 insurrection at the Capitol, incited by Trump, was a day none of us will ever forget... healing and unity will only come if there is truth, accountability. That's what this trial will provide," Schumer said on the Senate floor.

The Republicans and the Democrats have 50 seats each in the 100-member Senate. The vote of V-P Kamala Harris as chairman gives the Democrats a majority. — PTI

## 60 km, 5 routes, nod for R-Day rally: Farmers

But Delhi Police say talks in final stages | No decision taken yet | Will verify tractor details first

VISHAV BHARTI  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 23

The farmers' unions today claimed to have got permission from the Delhi Police to hold a tractor parade on Republic Day even as the latter said the talks over the matter "are in final stages".

A senior police official said since it was a sensitive matter, a decision on allowing the rally would be taken only after details of the route, registration number of vehicles and owners' identification were shared with the authorities.

A union leader claimed they had agreed not to organise the tractor parade on the Delhi's Outer Ring Road while the police authorities had agreed to remove the barricades from the Singhu and Tikri borders to facilitate the movement of tractors. The protesters would use five routes.

### 2 MORE FARMERS DEAD

- Two more Punjab farmers have died at the Delhi border over the past 24 hours
- Rattan Singh of Kotli Dhole Shah village in Majithia complained of stomach ache on Friday night and passed away the next day
- He had joined the protesters at Singhu on January 11
- Harvinder, alias Bholi Singh (48), of Mansa died of cardiac arrest at Tikri-Bahadurgarh
- Camping there for the past several days, he was found unconscious at 3.30 am
- He was declared dead at a hospital by doctors

Rajinder Singh Deep Singhwala, vice-president, Kirti Kisan Union, who was part of the meeting with the police authorities, said the farmers would hold the



### CHARUNI: DON'T OPPOSE NETAS AT R-DAY EVENTS

GS Charuni, Haryana BKU president, on Saturday appealed to farmers and their supporters not to oppose Haryana ministers/political leaders at Republic Day events. He said farmers would continue opposing the ministers at rallies and events on other days. "I request you not to oppose any minister or political leader invited to unfurl the Tricolour on Republic Day," he said in a video message.

«Farmers of Jalandhar and adjoining villages hold a tractor rally on Saturday. MALKIAT SINGH

parade on a 60-km stretch, half of which was inside the national Capital.

"Citing intelligence reports, the police told us that they were expecting a rush of

70,000 to 1 lakh tractors. The police were worried about the impact of the parade on the main Republic Day event if we followed the Outer Ring Road route. While we agreed

to change the route, the police assured us of cooperation," Singhwala claimed.

Among others at the meeting with Dipender Pathak, Special CP, and Surender

Yadav, Joint CP, were Dr Darshan Pal, Yogendra Yadav, Gurnam Singh Charuni and Raminder Singh Patiala.

As per the last Census, Punjab has five lakh tractors.

U-turn by nabbed Hry youth, says was forced to lie

SONEPAT, JANUARY 23  
The youth "nabbed" by protesting farmers on Friday night for trying to create mischief now claims he was thrashed and forced to narrate a concocted story. The farm leaders refuted his statement to the police in this regard.

The youth had told the media he was part of a 10-member team working under "Rai SHO Pradeep Kumar". The team, he said, had been instructed to disrupt farmers' R-Day rally and to eliminate top four farm leaders. JS Randhawa, Sonepat SP, said there was no SHO by that name at the Rai police station. "A probe at the DSP level is on."

Identified as Yogesh Rawat (21) of New Jeewan Nagar here, the youth is unemployed. He earlier worked as a factory worker in Kundli area. "We have detained his father; a cook, his mother, a housemaid, and friends to verify the facts," the SP said. INSIDE

## Post slogans, Didi refuses to address event

NETAJI ANNIV PM on stage, 'Jai Shri Ram' chants | CM says it's unacceptable

KOLKATA, JANUARY 23

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday declined to speak at an event to celebrate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary where "Jai Shri Ram" slogans were raised in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mamata had yet to begin her speech when the slogan was raised by a section of the crowd at the Victoria Memorial event to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter. Furious, the CM said such "insult" was unacceptable.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee at Victoria Memorial in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

"This is a government programme, not a political programme. It doesn't behove anybody to invite people and then insult them. I won't speak. Jai Bangla, Jai Hind," she said, wrapping up.

In his address, the PM said Netaji would have been proud to see that the country was following in his footsteps from the Line of Control (LoC) to the Line of Actual Control (LAC). He said Netaji's 125th birth anniversary was being celebrated by the Centre as 'Parakram Diwas'. — PTI

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## Ageing dams in India a growing threat: UN report

NEW YORK: Over 1,000 large

Punjab, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, MP and WB will start administering Covaxin from next week. Twelve states were already administering Covaxin.

So far, 15,37,190 persons have been inoculated.

A 1997 batch IAS officer, SK Panda became the first bureaucrat to be vaccinated on Saturday. He was inoculated as he is Deputy Director of AIIMS, Delhi, hence a frontline health worker. Panda said he felt exhilarated after taking the first of the two shots. — TNS

Exhilarating says IAS officer Panda after jab



COVID: BRAZIL INVOKES HANUMAN TO THANK INDIA

Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil President, thanked India for supplying Covid vaccines to his country and shared on social media an illustration of Lord Hanuman bringing 'Sarjivani booti' from India to Brazil. BACK PAGE

## BJP, Cong neck and neck in Himachal ZP elections

SHIMLA, JANUARY 23

The ruling BJP and Opposition Congress today made claims and counter-claims of victory in the Himachal zila parishad polls, the counting of which is underway.

Senior leaders, including Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Congress Leader of Opposition (LoP) Mukesh Agnihotri, have suffered a setback on their home turf.

If the initial results were an indication, the Congress has

CM, LoP suffer setback on their home turfs

done better in upper Himachal, which includes Shimla and Sirmaur, while the BJP stole the show in the lower belt, including Una.

BJP state president Suresh Kashyap claimed victory in 156 of the 239 ZP wards and in 1,218 (74 per cent) of the panchayat samitis. INSIDE

## BSF detects another tunnel in Kathua dist

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

The BSF today detected another tunnel across the fence along the International Border in the Pansar area of Kathua district. The tunnel was meant to facilitate infiltration of terrorists into J&K, a senior BSF official said.

"The tunnel is about 150-metre long and 30-feet deep. This is the second tunnel detected in Hiranagar sector in 10 days and fourth in six months along the IB in Samana and Kathua districts," the

Second in Hiranagar & 4th along IB in 6 mths

officer said. On January 13, a 150-metre-long tunnel was detected at Bobiyaan village in the same sector, he said.

The BSF also busted a militant hideout in Poonch and recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition, including an AK-47 rifle and three Chinese pistols. — TNS

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# Marriage 'shagun' up, girls to get ₹51K now

Those registered with construction workers' board eligible

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 23 Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has announced a hike from Rs 31,000 to Rs 51,000 in the "shagun" amount for the marriage of daughters of construction workers in the state from April 1, 2021, besides approving Rs 1,500 in financial aid to such workers or their family members who test positive for Covid.

Chairing the 27th meeting of the Building and Other Construction Workers' (BOCW) Welfare Board through video conference on Friday evening, the CM eased the process of availing the "shagun" benefit. He approved modification in the existing conditions to make valid marriage certificates issued by any religious body — gurdwara, temple and church — acceptable for the purpose.

While 50 per cent payment can be availed in advance, the rest will be provided on submission of the marriage certificate by the competent authority under the revised rules. Daughters of those registered with the BOCW Welfare Board are eligible under the scheme.

In another major decision, the CM announced compen-

## OTHER MAJOR DECISIONS...

- Marriage certificates by any religious body acceptable now
- 50% payment can be availed in advance, the rest on submission of marriage certificate
- ₹1,500 for construction workers, family members testing Covid+ve
- ₹2 lakh compensation if a worker dies while being involved in any construction activity even if he/she is not registered with the construction board
- They can now submit any two of the four government documents — Aadhaar, PAN, voter and ration cards — to avail benefits of schemes

sation worth Rs 2 lakh in case of death of a worker in an accident while being involved in any construction activity even if he/she is not registered with the construction board, provided he/she is otherwise eligible to be registered as a construction worker.

According to an official spokesperson, Capt Amarinder also announced extension in time frame from the existing six months to one year for submission of application for benefits under various welfare schemes as many workers could not apply in time due to the Covid situation.

Further, the construction workers have been allowed to prefer an appeal to the Secretariat Board within a period of 120 days instead of 90 days in

case their pension application is rejected by the screening committee.

Under the Balri (Female Child) Birth Gift scheme, the Board has also decided to enhance the time limit for submission of application from six months to one year from the date of the delivery of the girl child of the beneficiary.

In another relaxation to rules for availing benefits under various schemes, construction workers can now submit any two of the four government documents — Aadhaar, PAN, voter and ration cards. Many workers could not avail benefits earlier for lack of a birth certificate, which was the only acceptable proof prior to this amendment.

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# Colleges start releasing degrees to SC students after govt assurance

DEEPKAMAL KAUR  
Tribune News Service

## MGMTs TO GET FUNDS

- The government has promised the college management that pending funds would be released in the accounts of the authorities, not the students
- The colleges had withheld degrees of the beneficiaries of the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, saying the state would give reimbursement in their accounts and it would be tough to chase them to get back the dues

a verbal assurance and we hope the government keeps its promise. We have also been promised that the pending grant of Rs 309 crore that came from the Centre will be disbursed by March. Besides, there also is a commitment that half of the Rs 1,850 crore due for the past three years on account of scholarship amount will be released soon, while the pending dues will be given in installments."

Doaba College Principal Naresh Dhiman said, "We released all pending degrees to the SC students last evening but we still are not sure as to when and how the government will release our dues. It was a good scheme and in the benefit of the down-trodden but some wrong decisions have badly hit the financial condition of most colleges, which are now on the verge of closure and are not even able to pay salaries to the staff." — TNS

## 8-year-old girl crushed to death in Moga

MOGA, JANUARY 23 An eight-year-old migrant girl, working as a beggar, was crushed to death under a private bus at the Moga bus stand on Saturday evening.

Pushed into begging alms from passengers at the bus stand by her parents and relatives, the deceased girl, identified as Poonam from Gujarat, never went to school.

Eyewitnesses said Poonam was among a group of five-six children who came to bus stand and the main square of the city daily for begging along with their family members. After the girl was killed, the local police rushed to the spot and took the body into custody.

The body was sent to the district hospital for a post-mortem, which would be conducted on Sunday. The bus was impounded, but the driver was eluding arrest till the filing of this report. — TNS

## No 'At Home' at Raj Bhawan

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 23 There will be no 'At Home' function at Raj Bhawan on Republic Day this year.

A spokesperson for the Raj Bhawan said in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the event for this year's Republic Day to be hosted by the Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh, stood cancelled. The decision was taken in view of the compliance of the healthcare protocols issued by the Centre. — TNS

## Moga poll: SAD, AAP lists out

MOGA, JANUARY 23 The SAD today announced a list of 44 candidates for the upcoming Moga MC elections slated for February 14.

Senior Akali leader Tota Singh said the remaining six candidates would be finalised in the next couple of days. There are 50 wards in Moga and the SAD has decided to contest all. The AAP also released a list of 30 candidates. The selection of the remaining 20 candidates was underway. The Congress selection committee held a meeting under the chairmanship of Cabinet minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu in Ludhiana to select candidates. However, the names could not be finalised. — TNS



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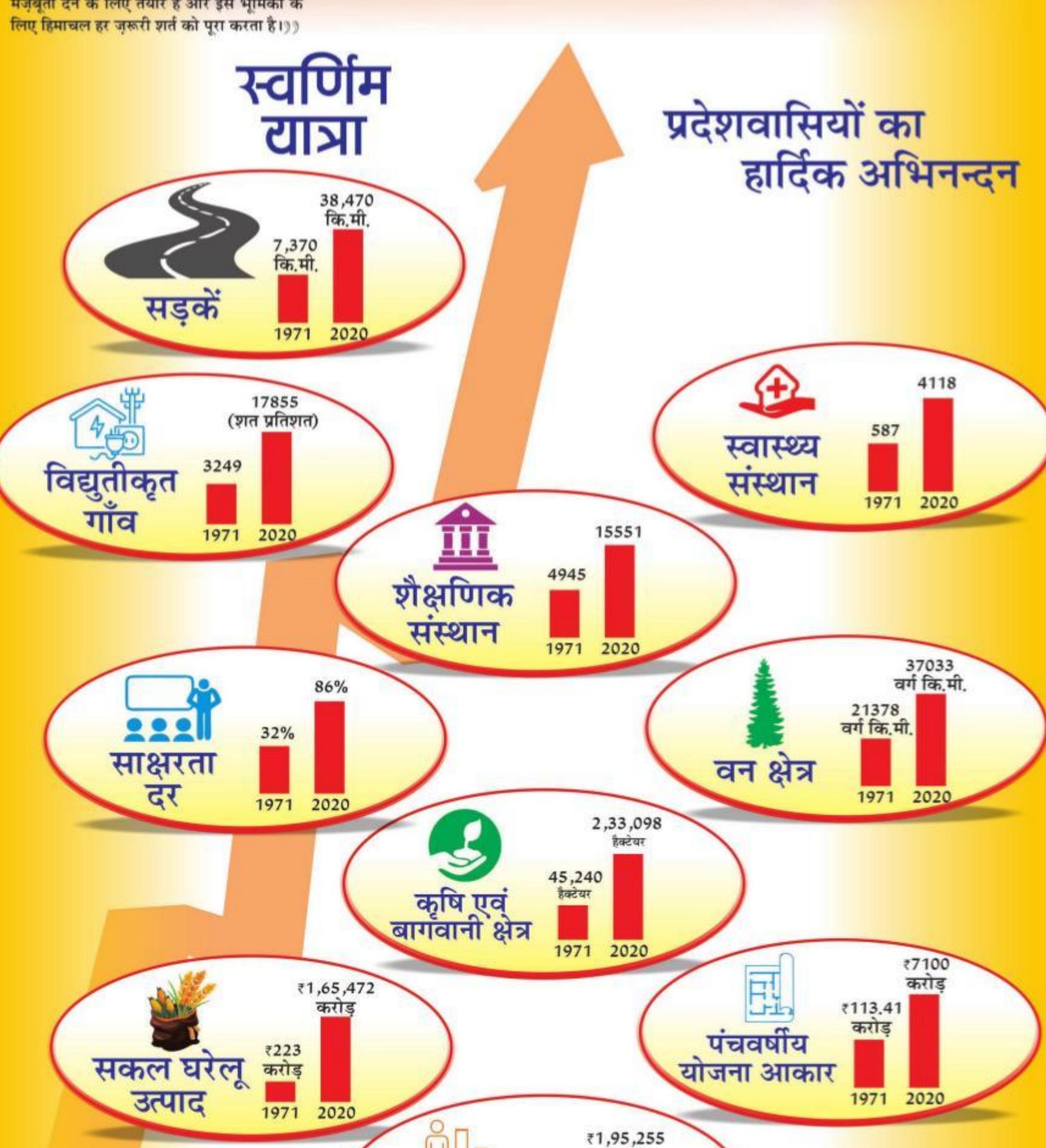
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6.	OBG	05	12/2011
7.	OBG (IRD/P/BPL)	02	12/2014
8.	ST	01	12/2011
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	

Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## U-turn by nabbed man, claims was forced to lie

MUKESH TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 23

In a twist in the "plot" to disrupt Republic Day rally, the youth "nabbed" by the farmer leaders for creating mischief last evening has turned the tables on them by claiming he was thrashed by them and forced to narrate a concocted story to the media.

The farmer leaders, present during the press meet yesterday, have denied the accused's statement before the police.

Farmer leaders Jagjeet Singh Dallewal and Harender Singh Lakhawal said, "We knew that he would make a u-turn from his statement and the same thing has happened today. That's why we produced him before the media late last night where he made the statement without any

Farm leaders refute statement to police

**THE 'CONSPIRACY'**

Farmer leaders had paraded a youth nabbed by them. He reportedly confessed about a "conspiracy" to disturb the rally and eliminate four prominent farmer leaders. He claimed that there were 10 people in the team and they were getting instructions from Rai SHO Pradeep.

pressure," said Dallewal.

However, in a press meet, Sonepat SP Jashandeep Singh Randhawa said they had conducted a DSP-level inquiry into the allegations. He said it was alleged that Rai SHO Pradeep had sent him but there was no copy by his name at Rai police station.

The youth has been identified as Yogesh Rawat (21) of New Jeewan Nagar of the city. He hails from Uttaranchal.

"We have also conducted his medical check-up in which the doctor mentioned some injury marks, especially on his back," the SP said. There is no criminal record against Yogesh.

As there are allegations against the police, a letter has been sent to the DC to get an impartial inquiry conducted.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT  
DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, WILDLIFE DIVISION, CHAMBA H.P.**

**TENDER NOTICE**

**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)**

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Chamba H.P on the behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bids on item rate in electronic tendering system <http://hptenders.gov.in/ncigep/app> in 2 cover systems for the following works from the eligible and approved contractor/Firm registered with, PWD/I/PH/CPWD and etc.

**Sr. No.-1. Name of approved Work:** Manual De-silting/dredging of Khajjiar lake in Khajjiar beat of Khajjiar Wildlife Range (Wildlife Division Chamba) H.P.

**Estimated Tender Cost** : Rs. 49,39,600/-  
**Earnest Money** : Rs. 73,070/-  
**Time Limit** : 8 Months

**Document download start date:** ----- 28.01.2021 (11.00 AM)

**Document download end date:** ----- 22.02.2021 (10.00 AM)

**Date & Time of opening tender:** ----- 22.02.2021 (11.00 AM)  
evaluation of technical bids followed by opening of financial bid

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**A) e-Tender Notice No. 33 ET/2020-21**

SN	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	01202384A	Higher Capacity Air Spring.	83 Set	08.02.2021*
2	02204044	Deep Groove Ball Brg.	480 Nos.	19.02.2021*

# Setback for top leaders in ZP poll

BJP wins only one of four wards on party president's home turf

**PRATIBHA CHAUHAN**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 23

Both BJP and Congress are making claims and counter claims of victory in the Zila Parishad elections, but one thing is clear that some senior leaders, including Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mukesh Agnihotri, have suffered a setback on their home turfs.

The results of 239 zila parishad wards are still pouring in as the counting is continuing, but it is evident that in many places top leaders of the BJP and the Congress have suffered a setback. In the Seraj Assembly constituency of the Chief Minister, the BJP could win two of the four wards, while an Independent candidate and a CPM nominee won one ward each.

## CONG PERFORMANCE BETTER IN OLD HIMACHAL

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- In the Seraj Assembly constituency of the Chief Minister, the BJP could win two of the four wards.
- In a major jolt to Suresh Kashyap, the BJP candidate in Bag Pashog ward of Pachauda came third.
- In Haroli of Una, home turf of CLP leader Mukesh Agnihotri, the BJP bagged three of the four ZP wards, while the Congress won only one.



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BJP has bagged 24 and the Congress 20. Similarly, in the Pachauda Assembly segment of Sirmaur — the home turf of BJP president Suresh Kashyap — the party won only one of the four ZP wards. The Congress won two wards while

Nancy Dadhoch (21) is probably the youngest candidate to win the Zila Parishad election in the state. She contested the election from the Badukhar ward in Fatehpur development block of Kangra district and secured 8,121 votes while her closest rival got 3,260 votes. The third candidate, Vashla Devi, secured only 1,923 votes out of the total 19,142 votes.

Nancy completed graduation recently and applied for the counseling of B.Ed in two private colleges at Ganth in Indora subdivision and Nurpur. Her father Des Raj told The Tribune that he wanted to fight the Zila Parishad election from the Badukhar ward but after the reservation roaster was declared, the ward was reserved for OBC women. He said seeing the situation his daughter expressed desire to contest the election. — OC

and Congress could not secure a majority. Minister for Industries and Transport Bikram Thakur claimed that the BJP had won three of four wards in Dehra subdivision. The son of BJP legislator from Jawali, Lakhshaya Thakur, won the election from the Mehra ward.

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KULLU, JANUARY 23

The district administration and the Animal Husbandry Department today breathed a sigh of relief, as the samples of seven dead birds recovered near Shamshi in Kullu on January 18 tested negative for bird flu. The samples of the carcasses of four crows and three mynahs were sent to the Regional Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory

(RDDL), Jalandhar, for examination in the wake of the threat of H5N1 virus after some migratory birds died due to avian influenza in the Pong Dam area recently.

Dr Sanjeev Nadda, Deputy Director, Animal Health and Breeding, Kullu, said the RDDL reports confirmed that the birds did not die of the deadly H5N1 virus. — OC

DRDH/1132/11/2/2021/1531/31/4

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# One death, 94 new Covid cases in J&K

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 23

Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 94 more Covid-19 cases, taking the count to 1,23,946, even as one death due to the virus took place in the last 24 hours, officials said.

all nine other districts did not report any fresh cases, the officials said.

The number of active cases rose to 1,103 in the UT, while 1,20,914 patients had recovered so far, the officials said.

Earlier, Kashmir had received heavy snowfall for over four days from January 3 and moderate snowfall on January 9.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir received about 10 inches of snow, the officials said.

Kupwara, also in the north, received 3 inches of snow, Qazigund in south Kashmir received about 1 cm and Srinagar 0.2 cm, they said.

There were reports of snowfall in other areas in the higher reaches of the Valley and Jammu region, including on both sides of the Jawahar Tunnel along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, the officials said.

Flight operations at the Srinagar airport were affected this morning due to the accumulation of snow on the runway, the officials said.

The Meteorological Department here has forecast light

# Snowfall in Valley, but min temp rises

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Many parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar, received fresh snowfall on Saturday, the third time this month, even as the minimum temperatures across the Valley increased due to an overcast sky, officials said.

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There was one death due to Covid-19 in the past 24 hours in the Kashmir region of the UT, the officials said adding that the death toll rose to 1,929.

**Leh:** The active Covid-19 cases in Ladakh dropped to 68 after recovery of five more patients, officials said on Saturday.

Ladakh has recorded 128 covid-related deaths among a total of 9,673 cases since the outbreak of the pandemic in March last year. — PTI



Security personnel carry a woman and her newborn baby to their house during snowfall in the Lolab valley in Kupwara district on Saturday. PTI

## IN BRIEF

### CITU supports farmers' stir

**Jammu:** The J&K Kisan Tehrik and the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) on Saturday staged a protest outside Raj Bhawan here in support of the farmers' agitation demanding repeal of the three new Central agri laws. PTI

Details regarding educational and other requirements can be checked from school website [www.apsys.org](http://www.apsys.org). Rest no change. Sd/- Principal

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOL CANTT (HP) 176052 CORRIGENDUM**  
Refer advertisement for requirement of Teachers/Staff (LSB Interview-2021 for fixed Term Aptt) published in the newspaper 'The Tribune' & 'Amar Ujala' dated 22 January 2021.  
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Read: PRTs, Computer Science teacher, PET, Music (Instrumental), Art and Craft & Special Educator on PRT scale.  
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## HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT \*FOR E-TENDERING\*

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Anni District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
1	Augmentation of various water supply schemes on the left bank of Kurian Khadd in Nirmand block Distt. Kullu H.P. (Sh:- Supply, erection and testing of Pumping Machinery, P/L Jointing and testing of M/SERW Pipe and L/I of GMS pipe in rising main in 1st, 2nd and 3rd stage and automation) Job No. 2	2,46,62,736/-	2,79,150/-
2	Augmentation of various water supply schemes on the left bank of Kurian Khadd in Nirmand block Distt. Kullu H.P. (Sh:- Excavation, C/O various sector storage tanks, Excavation, laying & jointing and testing of GMS pipe of different dia and Miscellaneous work)	5,80,97,156/-	581000/-

Time Limit: 18 Months for each

Cost of tender: 2500/- for each

1 Last Date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering:- 03.02.2021 up to 05:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in) or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

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Dated: HPHDP/PCU/148/Recruitment/Vol-V/2021

## INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH RESUMES

Services of individuals as mentioned in the Table below are required on co-terminus basis under the World Bank assisted for HP-Horticulture Development Project (HHPDP) being implemented by the HP-Horticulture Development Society, Shimla.

Sr. No.	Name of the Specialist	Number
1.	Social Development Specialist/Consultant for PCU, HPHDP	

The period of engagement shall be initially for 1 year and can be extended depending upon the performance of the individual. Application format and Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the website of the Project [www.hds.hp.gov.in](http://www.hds.hp.gov.in).

Eligible candidates below age of 65 years who wish to apply shall fill online application on the prescribed format along with self-attested testimonials copies of certificates on the above mentioned website on or before 15-02-2021upto 05:00 p.m. Applications received offline shall not be entertained.

Project Director, HPHDP

## Notice Inviting Tender for Supply of Printed (IEC) Material in Distt Chamba HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HIMACHAL PRADESH CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER CHAMBA, DISTT CHAMBA, H.P.

Phone: 01899-223010 Fax: 01899-223010 Email: [cmochambahp@yahoo.co.in](mailto:cmochambahp@yahoo.co.in)

### TENDER NOTICE

Sealed offline tenders are invited under two bid system (Technical bid cover and Financial bid cover) from firms/supplier/agencies/properties/any legal entity having adequate experience in printing of different types of printing assignments for printing IEC material on requirement basis for period of one year from date of approval of tender.

Prescribed tender document can be obtained from O/o Chief Medical Officer, Chamba, Distt Chamba from date of publishing in the newspaper on any working day on cash payment of Rs. 500 only and Rs. 550 by DD through register post.

### Time Schedule for tender Process.

Sale of Tender Documents	27.01.2021
commence from	
Last date for sale of Tender Documents	19.02.2021 05.00 pm
Date of Pre-bid meeting	10.02.2021 11.00 am
Last date of submitting duly filled in tender	20.02.2021 11:30 am
Date & Time of opening technical Bid	20.02.2021 02.00 pm
Date & Time of opening financial bid	Will be notified to the technically qualified tender.
Ernest Money deposit	Rs. 25,000/- Demand Draft or FRD pledged in favour of Chief Medical Officer, Chamba, Distt Chamba H.P.

Duly completed tender should reach in the office of undersigned as per schedule above. Late and delayed tenders will not be accepted.

Chief Medical Officer  
Chamba, Distt Chamba

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**Suitable match for Manglik Khatri girl**, 13.4.88, 5'-3", MA English, Businessman preferred. 94644-22574, 98788-32574 (CL20086299)

**Wanted SM for 37, unmarried Chandigarh based 5'-3", slim, beautiful girl, MBA.** Contact 80541-89052, (CL2008877)

**PQM4 Manglik 5'-5", 8.6.90, 1.35 pm** Srianganagar born Punjabi Arora girl, MDS Endodontist & Conservative (Delhi NCR). Father mother Medical Doctor. Prefer. Medical Doctor, upper caste accepted. 94609-49899, (CL20079338)

**Match for Hindu Bahawalpuri girl,** 10.10.1986, 05.00 pm, Rajpura, 5'-5", B.Tech, working Gurgaon. 94177-03538 (CL20088599)

**Qualified match for M.A., 5'-4", 7.9.1986, 7:15PM, Amritsar, preferred Amritsar.** 94784-57202, 94171-80951, (CL20086214)

**Suitable match for very beautiful Manglik girl 1996, 5'-2", MBA, Fashion Designing. Preferred high status businessman.** 88148-61774, (CL20086427)

**Professional qualified match, Asstt. Professor University M.Sc. Physics, Ph.D. Science,** 28.12.87, 5'-3". 946213422, (CL20086666)

**Well settled educated match for Khatri girl, 28/5'-1", M.A., Eng, IELTS Trained Amritsar preferred.** Contact: 70098-60421, 95010-01714, (CL20086893)

**Hindu Manglik Khatri girl, 25-03-90, 11:30 am at Amritsar, 5'-3", M.Sc.(IT), Teacher at private school Mohali. Family well settled, Mohali. Veg family preferred. Chandigarh tricity only - 62399-48600, (CL20086927)**

**Arora Manglik girl 7.6.92, 3:30 pm** (Rajpura Pb.), 5'-2", M.Sc., working Govt. Bank (Chd), lives in Ambala. Preferred Tricity. 97297-44565, (CL20087504)

**Manglik beautiful girl 1993/5'-3", MBA. Father landlord Hissar. Contact well settled boy 83075-69919, (CL20087510)**

**Match for beautiful Hindu Arora Aanchik Manglik girl 09.08.90, Abhobhar, 00:25 AM, 5'-3", M.Tech.** (Eco), Settled at Bathinda. Send biodata at WhatsApp 9598-28389, 94632-58389, (CL20087552)

**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", M.Tech, working Chandigarh in MNC, decent marriage.** 98960-34210, (CL20087763)

**PQM4 bful fair Punjabi Khatri girl 28/5'-5", wrking IT MNC, 10 LPA,** seeks salaried wrking MNC send pics, biodata. 98729-10355, (CL20088339)

**Status suitable match for Hindu Arora MA, B.Ed., 5'-4", slim, beautiful, unmarried girl. Father retd. Gazetteed Officer. July 1976 unmarried boy desired. 97800-32413, arorab21@gmail.com (CL20088600)**

**Qualified teetotaller match for Hindu Arora Punjabi girl, B.Tech, 31.12.88, 5'-5". Product Company, Noida, 22 acsst package.** 98772-77118, 94633-17467, matrimoniara2021@gmail.com (CL20088408)

**Suitable match for MA, B.Ed.** Issueless Manglik widow from Panipat, 5'-3", 2nd April 1976, 2:10 pm, Kota (Rajasthan). Prefer. NCR. Contact 72067-37858, (CL20088428)

**SM4 Arora girl MBA, 11.9.95, 10.10 p.m., Rajkot, 5'-3", required Hindu Arora/Khatri good looking well settled businessman. Contact: 094264-60713, (CL20088504)**

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**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", M.Tech, working Software Engineer Pune 13 LPA.** WhatsApp 7743096884, (CL20086603)

**Khatri girl ITI (Computer) 30.10.1993 left side 10% affected parents returned from Govt. service, one sister married and settled in Canada.** 98880-37677, (CL20088600)

**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", Tech, working Chandigarh in MNC, decent marriage.** 98960-34210, (CL20087763)

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**Professional qualified match for Australia permanent resident Khatri girl 5', fair. 1981 born, Postgraduate from high middle class family. Boy from India/ Australia willing to settle Haryana. Govt. Preferred Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, Ambala, Karnal, Chd, After matching kundli Contact 94161-92740, (CL20088670)**

**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", M.Tech, working Software Engineer Pune 13 LPA.** WhatsApp 7743096884, (CL20086603)

**Seeking match for Waria MBA girl 1983/ 5', package 40- 50 Lac PA.** Contact 98888-88902, having sufficient salary package. (CL20088678)

**Non Manglik Khatri girl 15 Dec. 1989, 10:34 am Chandigarh, 5'-5", preferred MBA boy surrounding Ambala, kundli matching must. 81686-55110, sapnabhasin21@yahoo.com (CL20088570)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Lubana beautiful girl, 1991 born, 5'-4", B.Sc. (Eco), MA (Eco). Private lecturer repoted university. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 98152-10447, (CL20088654)**

**Match for Arora girl 5'-1", 23.03.90, 10:30 a.m. Chandigarh, CA, M.Com. working MNC, Panchkula. Tricity preferred. Contact: 94174-44735, (CL20088677)**

**Status match for fair beautiful girl 23 Feb. 94, 9:40 am Chandigarh 5"-6", Engineer MNC, Chandigarh 21 LPA. Father Senior serving offr. 91024-12368, (CL20088792)**

**ARORA**

**Suitable match for Arora girl, IT Engineer, Manglik, 5'-7", height 1991 born, 1981 born, 92168-81643, (CL20083629)**

**Manglik/ Non- Manglik match for Arora Manglik girl, B.Com, MBA, 23.09.1993, 14.16, Panchkula, 5'-5", working in Private Company, Tricity families only. WhatsApp 87372-83407, (CL20088692)**

**Professional qualified match for Punjabi girl, 1996, 5'-4", slim, beautiful, unmarried girl. Father retd. Gazetteed Officer. July 1976 unmarried boy desired. 97800-32413, arorab21@gmail.com (CL20088600)**

**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", M.Tech, working Gurgaon. 94464-22517, (CL20088533)**

**Wanted SM for 37, unmarried Chandigarh based 5'-3", slim, beautiful girl, MBA.** Contact 80541-89052, (CL2008877)

**PQM4 Manglik 5"-5", 8.6.90, 1.35 pm** Srianganagar born Punjabi Arora girl, MDS Endodontist & Conservative (Delhi NCR). Father mother Medical Doctor. Prefer. Medical Doctor, upper caste accepted. 94609-49899, (CL20079338)

**Match for Hindu Khatri Manglik girl 1996, 5'-5", MDS preferred** Doctor/CAL/MS. 98144-17139, 98142-2822. (CL20088520)

**Match for fair, beautiful, Hindu Arora girl 1982/5'-5", MDS preferred** Doctor/CAL/MS. 98144-17139, 98142-2822. (CL20088520)

**Match for smart, slim, beautiful Khatri girl 1996, 5'-4", M.Sc. Physics, B.Ed.** NET qualified required handsome well settled boy. 94177-80588, (CL20088758)

**Professionally qualified match for Hindu Arora girl, born 29.05.1992, 12.30 pm, Ludhiana.** 98788-07431, (CL20088733)

**Wanted SM for 37, unmarried Chandigarh based 5'-3", slim, beautiful girl, MBA.** Contact 80541-89052, (CL20088734)

**Match for Hindu Arora girl 1985/ 5'-1", M.Tech, working Gurgaon. 94464-22517, (CL20088599)**

**Match for smart, slim, beautiful Khatri girl 1996, 5'-4", M.Sc. Physics, B.Ed.** NET qualified required handsome well settled boy. 94177-80588, (CL20088763)

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**NRI**

**Educated NRI Sikh family (Khatri)** is looking preferably for a clean shaven well educated (Post Graduate) and well settled match in Europe or Canada for an educated (M.Sc.) and cultured, 5'-6"-90 born, NRI girl (EU citizen), working in MNC as a Manager. Cast no bar. Mobile: 0043676490965. Mail: singh.samarai1@hotmai1.co (CL20088369)

**EQM preferably US settled** for a pretty 1983, 5'-2" Super Specialist Associate Professor of Medicine Jat Sikh doctor girl. Never married. No bars. Family of US professionals. Bio-data/ recent photo at: eyedoc113@yahoo.com (CL20088628)

**Machhiwara - Mohali based,** reputed, well off. Jatt Sikh Gill family seeks well-settled professionally qualified math for Canadian PR, July 1992 born, 5'-5", daughter, employed as Store Manager in reputed MNC. Inquiries from Jatt Sikh family only, preferably residing in Ontario Province. Please respond with biodata/ family details and recent pic. Email: familygill43@gmail.com (CL20088652)

**Canadian PR Arora beautiful girl,** 31/ 5'-2", becoming Barrister (Advocate) soon. 94639-77750. (CL20088311)

**Sikh Ghumar US citizen girl** born May 1990/ 5'-5", Bachelor of Business, B.Sc. Nursing, working in Hospital. Looking boy in Medical/ IT Sector from USA/ Canada. WhatsApp: +6167249019. (CL20088380)

**Canadian PR Arora beautiful girl,** 13.11.1982, 10:08 am, Jalandhar, 5'-2%", B.Tech, B.Ed. Seeks qualified to settle Canada. Contact: 987657256. (CL20088397)

**Indian origin boy settled Canada** for Jindal BDS girl 14.09.1988, Nabha, 12.05 am, 5'-3", migrated to Canada for studies April 2018, presently on work permit awaiting PR. Upper caste welcome visiting India in April. 99833-4652, 99885-97824. (CL20088432)

**Preferably qualified well settled** match in Canada invited for beautiful Canadian PR, Punjab Khatri Manglik girl 5'-2", 15.05.1991, 2:10 pm, Jalandhar, BDS (India). Masters in Health Admin (Vancouver). Respectable family. Siblings one younger brother. Contact: 798691916. (CL20088522)

**Rajput Manglik divorcee girl MCA,** PR Australia, 37, 5'-3". Contact only Sydney City. 94635-80944, 70096-68602. (CL20088543)

**Arora Sikh divorcee 50 yrs (one son)** looking well settled life partner (widower/ divorcee). WhatsApp 00447404687364. (CL20088569)

**Arora Gurukish Vaishnoo girl 36/5'-3", (boy 9 years) required Govt. job. Ludhiana, 33 yrs, 5'-5", fair complexion, working in Melbourne (Australia). Divorcee excuse. Boy residing in Australia. contact: 98160-24034. (CL20088753)**

**SMF pure, fair Radha Soami SC girl** 13.5.1992, 5'-3", completed studies in Canada looking for a pure veg. Radha Soami only. Canada PR holder boy. Phone: 99156-43414. (CL20088537)

**Suitable match for MBBS** Doctor Sikh girl 5'-6", Jan. 24, 1986 born, USMLE all steps clear trying for residency. Doing job in research in USA Hospital. Parents Green Card holders. Contact 001-507-319-2927. WhatsApp: 98143-9265, Email: satnam.dhanoa@gmail.com (CL20087659)

**Professionally qualified match** for Canada PR Sikhs Tonk-Kashtria beautiful girl 37 yrs, 5'-2", M.Com, Diploma in Cosmetology. Preferred NRI boy. Batala. 94173-88077. (CL20088586)

**Match for very beautiful Manglik** Brahmin girl 95 born Ludhiana, 5'-4", studying in Australia. Only PR boy family contact, Khatri also welcome. 84727-7000. (CL20088493)

**Suitable match for Himachali Rajput girl,** 33 yrs, 5'-5", fair complexion, working in Melbourne (Australia). Divorcee excuse. Boy residing in Australia. contact: 98160-24034. (CL20088753)

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**Suitable match for divorced, 25 year,** Hindu Khatri girl, 5'-5", B.Com, Diploma in Cosmetology. Preferred NRI boy. Batala. 94173-88077. (CL20088770)

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**Suitable match for Gupta fair,** most beautiful 5'-4", 1989, issueless divorcee, B.Tech girl of reputed family upper caste no bar. Tricity/Ludhiana/Jalandhar NCR preferred. 98766-33946. (CL20088770)

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**RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN**

**36 Years, 5'-7", well educated, slim, Chandigarh based Sikh girl looking for handsome qualified and well settled boy. Contact 99140-05412. Mail at: kesokhey@msn.com (CL2008584)**

**Groom for 27 yr daughter, 5'-6", quite fair colour B.M.S. Nutri & Dietetics employed (Jangra). Groom from well settled family, caste preference Jangra, Dhiman, Khatri, a m i t s o n k u m a r @ g m a i l . i n , (CL20086194)**

**Well suitable match for Govt. School Lecturer. May 1989, 5'-5", slim, fair complexion girl. Preferred Govt. service around Patiala, Jagdeo, Bhamra. Contact: 89688-84254. (CL20086280)**

**Wanted suitable qualified NRI or well-settled serviceman match in India for beautiful Manglik Ramgarhia (Panesar/ Sohal) girl MA (Psychology), 10.07.1992, 09:17 pm, 5'-4", Psychology Teacher in School, Ludhiana. 098884-34102. (CL20086559)**

**Suitable match for unmarried Ramgarhia Sikh girl 38/5'-3" MA, B.Ed. Teacher. Preferred Jalandhar. Contact: 9417258509. (CL20086810)**

**Ramgarhia Dhiman (Duffu, Bairdhi) girl 1990, 5'-6", Zirakpur Balana M.B.A. Govt. job seeks Hindu boy (Chandigarh) Panchkula, Mohali. Contact: 90410-15937. (CL20086863)**

**Match for Dhiman Manglik girl Patiala, 29.05.94, 2:58 pm, 5'-4", B.Tech., on job, Maruti, Gurugram. 94631-54174. (CL20086901)**

**Girl 30, 5'-3", Multimedia design job ux designer IT park 1 Chandigarh Chd. Panchkula. 98884-58768 (CL20086918)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Dhiman non-manglik working girl, B.A., 5'-4", fair, slim, divorced, 5.4.86, 5:50 p.m. Chandigarh. 9131952976. (CL20086955)**

**Ramgarhia Dhiman girl 22.11.90, 5'-3", Govt. job. Wanted Govt. job boy, 99146-62607, 98149-76167. (CL20086382)**

**Clean Shaven POM for self employed in start up consulting firm, 1984, 5'-6", B.Tech- MBA Ramgarhia girl. Upper caste no bar. Call/ WhatsApp: 82830 - 57081, write to mailender@gmail.com (CL20087441)**

**Required well settled, cleanshaven match for Dhiman (Gota Hunjan- Father, Bhimbra - Mother) girl, 18.05.91, 12.05 pm, 5'-9", MBA, fair complexion, Non-Manglik. Father businessman. Contact: 94633-66814, 98558-40464. (CL20087393)**

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**Canadian Citizen Gursikh Arora girl 32, 5'-3", M.Tech, income 7500 Dollar per month preferred NRI. 82643-04794. (CL20087437)**

**Sikh Arora girl 1990, 5'-3", B.Com., M.Com., working finance company. Arora preferred. 80853-37998, 99268-35522. (CL20088275)**

**Suitable match for Arora Sikh Amritdhari girl, 1995, 5'-6", fair, M.Sc (Maths), B.Ed, looking for well educated boy (job preferred). WhatsApp: 84279-45949. (CL20088405)**

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**Beautiful Jangra Khatti girl, M.A., B.Ed., L.M., 5'-5", 11.03.1985, seeks officer match in Govt job/NRI. 5'-2/2" M.A., B.Ed., private school teacher. Upper caste no bar. gkaur78911@gmail.com (CL20087881)**

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**Seeking Canadian /Australian PR Gursikh boy for double M.A., 5'-3", fair complexion, Canada visa holder. 98882 - 18228 (CL20087641)**

**PQM for Garg M.Sc. Chem, B.Ed., Govt. School Lecturer girl, 5'-4", 04.09.1989, 7:24 pm, Ferozepur Cantt. 70092-60270, 97817-33932. (CL20086210)**

**Match for Khatri Sikh girl, April 1980, 5'-5", M.A., working in IT company. Mobile: 99151-02936. (CL20088727)**

**Suitable vegetarian match for Ramgarhia Sikh girl, Aug. 1989, 5'-5", UGC NFT cleared. Contact: 82642-18161. (CL20088735)**

**Sikh Khatri girl, 5'-4", 29. Officer in Govt. Bank Chandigarh. Govt. job. Tricity preferred. 98887 - 16123. (CL20087813)**

**Professionally qualified match for beautiful Sikh Khatri girl May 90, 5'-5", MDS Dentist in Gurgaon. Upper middle class family. Pl. Cont. at: chawlaraman77@gmail.com WhatsApp: 94173 - 80008. (CL20088480)**

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**Sikh Khatri girl 1990, 5'-5", MA, B.Ed. Teacher. Preferred Jalandhar. Contact: 9417258509. (CL20086810)**

**Ramgarhia Dhiman (Duffu, Bairdhi) girl 1990, 5'-6", Zirakpur Balana M.B.A. Govt. job seeks Hindu boy (Chandigarh) Panchkula, Mohali. Contact: 90410-15937. (CL20086863)**

**Match for Dhiman Manglik girl Patiala, 29.05.94, 2:58 pm, 5'-4", B.Tech., on job, Maruti, Gurugram. 94631-54174. (CL20086901)**

**Girl 30, 5'-3", Multimedia design job ux designer IT park 1 Chandigarh Chd. Panchkula. 98884-58768 (CL20086918)**

**Suitable match for unmarried Ramgarhia Sikh girl 38/5'-3" MA, B.Ed. Teacher. Preferred Jalandhar. Contact: 9417258509. (CL20086810)**

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# How furniture 'elevated' lifestyle

JASVINDER KAUR

**B**EFORE the advent of European powers, people in the subcontinent were not using any western-style elevated furniture. Early travellers to India have chronicled accounts of people sitting on the floor on *durries* or *peehis*. When the Portuguese arrived in the late 15th century, they did not find any western-style furniture or trained carpenters to make it.

Many writers have described Maharaja Ranjit Singh's durbar wherein white sheets were spread on the floor. Emily Eden (1838), sister of Lord Auckland, mentions this in her letters to her sister. WG Archer in 'Paintings of the Sikhs' writes that Ranjit Singh started using chairs in his durbar much later. Their design was based on early 19th century English chairs with a new kind of looped arm.

In 1849, when the Sikh kingdom was annexed, Punjab came under the rule of the East India Company. Thereafter, the British reign continued for almost a hundred years, heralding the advent of western culture.

The arrival of the British impacted the way people sat, dressed & even ate in Punjab — from the use of *peehi* or *takht* to chairs and dining table, sporting trousers instead of *dhotis* or *pyjamas*, or the advent of tablecloth and embroidery design sheets

#### EFFECT ON EDUCATION, CULTURE

Thomas B Macaulay (1800-1859) came to India in 1834 as a law member of the East India Company. In February 1835, he wrote 'Minute on Indian Education' as he was in favour of introducing European education. He reasoned that education would produce a class of Indians that would act as interpreters between the British and the people they governed. The concept was that these people would remain Indian in blood and colour, but become English in taste, opinion, morals and intellect.

The British government and the Christian missionaries opened schools throughout India for the public. Government-approved English tutors became a norm in palace households.

By the end of the 19th century, several colleges opened in Punjab. The University of Punjab started on January 1, 1882, as well as an elite college like Aitchinson College (1886) opened at Lahore. Originally named Punjab Chiefs' College, it was set up to educate family members of the ruling chiefs of Punjab. Its prominent alumni included Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala.

British efforts bore fruit and a small section of educated middle class emerged. With time, people's lifestyle changed and many adopted the British culture.

A picture from 1940s of a family from Nabha seated on chairs.



Left: Western-style chairs in the palace of Maharaja Jagatjit Singh of Kapurthala (right).



Left: In this early 20th century photo, Raja of Mani Majra stands by a European-style chair; and (right) a wedding party in Arnauli (present-day Haryana) in 1940s, with men sitting on chairs, and the table laid down with cutlery and crockery.

#### MODERNISING PALACES, HOMES

To accommodate the new lifestyle, some of the palaces added European-style wings in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, while other rulers built palaces designed by western architects.

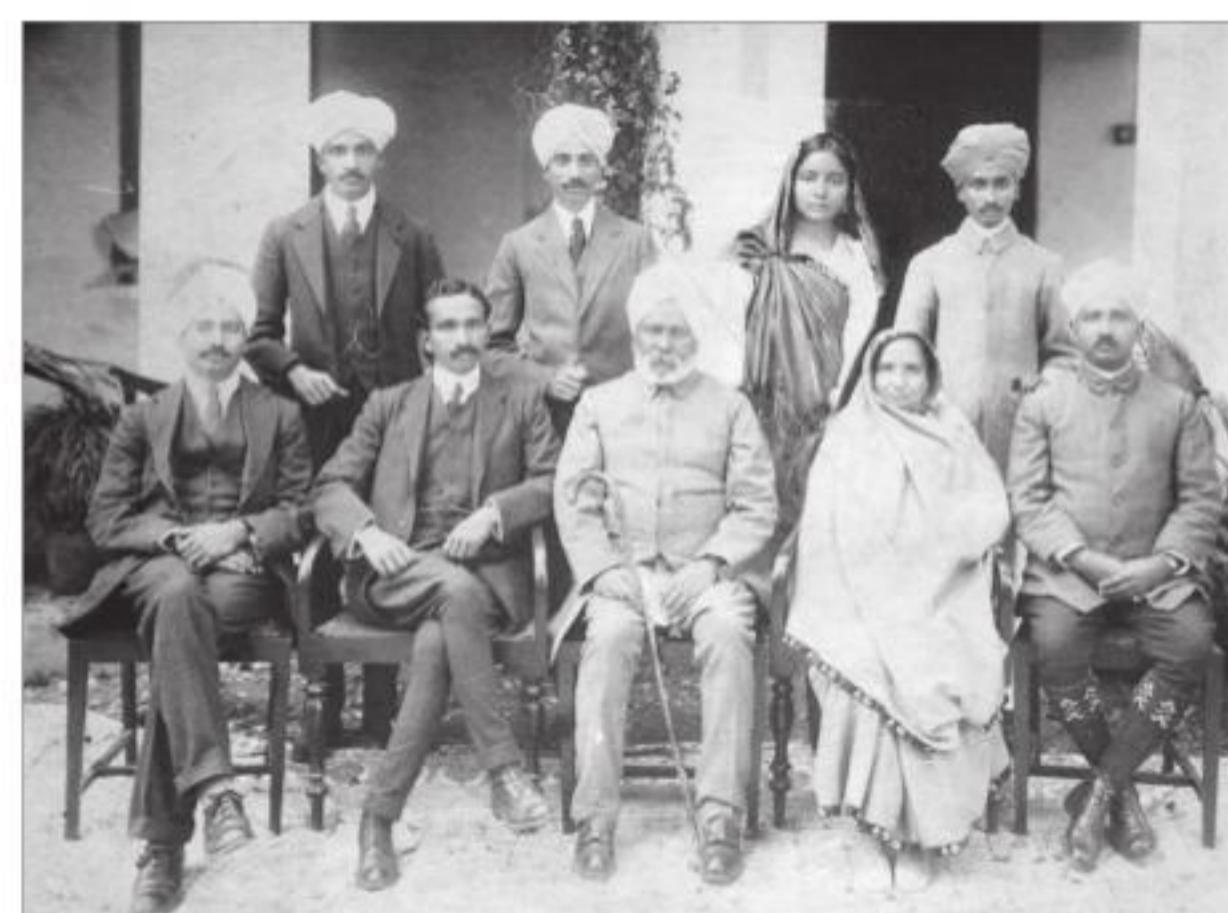
Rosita Forbes, in 'India of the Princes' (1939), termed Maharaja Jagatjit Singh's city of Kapurthala as a mini Paris where the palaces and public buildings reflected the best aspects of the French Renaissance. She writes, "The palace of the ruler might well be Versailles, having chateau with gardens like Le Nôtre."

The palaces were transformed and the royalty adopted a lifestyle similar to the aristocracy in the West. Vast saloons in Indian palaces were furnished with English-style chairs and sofas. Palaces now had large reception halls, banquet halls with chandeliers lit by electricity, large dining rooms with big tables and chairs, as the *rajas* regularly hosted European guests. Princes with western education as well as educated Indians took to wearing western clothes, engaged in western games and ate western food. Slowly, more and more people modernised their homes and started using elevated European-style furniture. This impacted the dressing style of the people.

#### NEW DRESSING SENSE

It is interesting to note that there could be a correlation between dress and furniture. This transformation happened during the British era. For Indians, the first step towards westernisation was wearing European garments along with Indian clothes. In many late 19th-century paintings and early 20th-century photographs, Indian men appear in western-style coats, waistcoats, greatcoats, or overcoats — sometimes an assortment of these garments worn by different men in the same photograph. Beneath the various western coats could be seen a *kurta-pajama*, or even a shirt and a tie worn with a *pyjama*.

The process of change in dress is



An early 20th century portrait of a family from Shimla shows men in western dress or wearing a mix of Indian and western attire.

#### EVOLVING EMBROIDERY STYLES

■ The popular embroideries of the early 20th century Punjab were *dasooti* and *bharvin*.

■ The name *dasooti* comes from the cloth on which embroidery was done. Cotton cloth of different thicknesses was woven in Punjab in the second half of 19th century. If woven with one thread used for warp and weft, it was called *eksuti*; if woven with two threads together, it became *dasooti* or *dasooti*, and similarly, *tinsuti* (three threads) and *chausuti* (four threads).

■ *Dasooti* embroidery was really cross-stitch embroidery with geometric motifs or stylised flowers on white cloth known by the same name.

■ *Bharvin*, as the name suggests, was a type of embroidery in which the prominent stitch was the filling stitch, though other stitches were also used. The most widely used material for it was white *lattha*, coarse cotton fabric

commonly used in Punjab.

■ As both these styles of embroidery were taught in schools from class VI onwards, their use became widespread. Western motifs like roses, flower baskets, tulips, hollyhock, etc., were popular.

■ Another factor responsible for spread of the European embroidery styles was the availability of magazines, pattern books and iron-on transfer design sheets from abroad, available in local shops. These came with instructions that ensured similarity between embroideries by Punjabi and European women.

■ Embroidery transfer design sheets in Europe were invented in 1875. These were commercially available in Europe by the end of the 19th century. These designs had line drawings made with ink on thin paper that had a low melting point. By using hot iron, the design was transferred onto the fabric. Briggs and Dighton transfers were popular and were used by the women of Punjab.

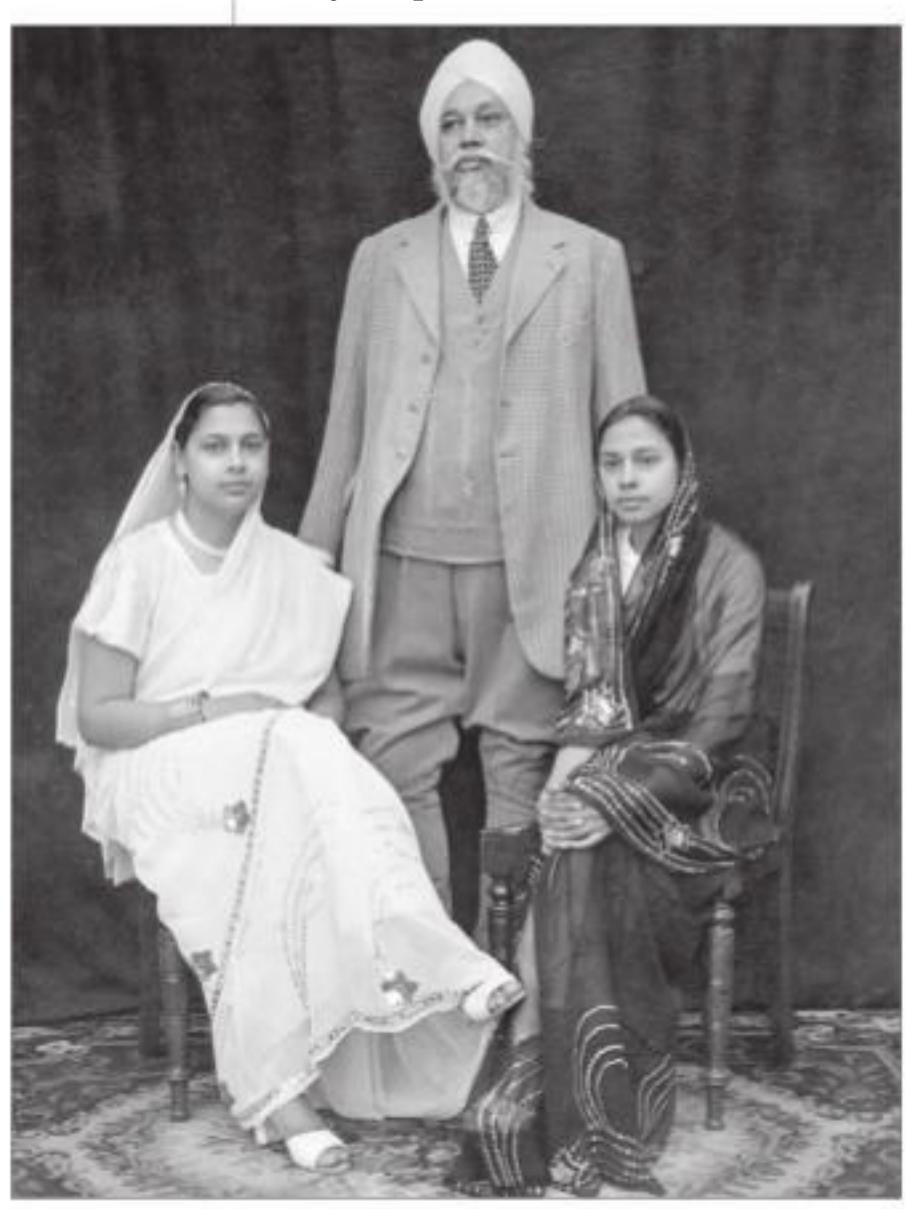
explained by St Nihal Singh in his 1916 book, 'The King's Indian Allies: The Rajas and Their India'. He writes, "The process of change in dress is interesting — nearly always the coat and waistcoat of European style are adopted before the western style trousers are donned. The latter are not worn until the floor is abandoned as a seat in favour of chairs. The reason for this, no doubt, is that Indian dress or *pyjamas* permit the wearer to sit on the floor with greater comfort than the European garments."

#### ENTRY OF HOUSEHOLD LINEN

After furniture came into Punjabi homes, the need for household linen was also felt. Articles similar to the ones used in European homes became the norm. Forbes J Watson (1866) in 'The Textile Manufactures and the Costumes of the People of India' mentions western-style items like table napkins, doilies and pocket-handkerchiefs earlier being used only by the Europeans. TN Mukharji (1888) writes in 'Art Manufactures of India' about embroidered mantel covers, table covers, chair covers, tea-cosies and cushions used by the Europeans.

As the availability of household linen was limited, Punjabi women started making their own linen, embroidering these with European motifs. New embroidery patterns emerged, heavily influenced by European styles. These became popular and both urban and rural women started embroidering linen. Slowly, articles like the *mezposh* (table-cloth), tea cosies, tray covers, napkins, *angeethiposh* (mantel covers) and sofa back covers entered Punjabi homes.

By the time the British rule ended, many Punjabi homes had western furniture. People's lifestyle changed irrevocably and became similar to western lifestyles. Clubs and Army messes now served colonial-style meals: soup, roast chicken, baked vegetables in white sauce, cutlets, stew or steak, pudding, etc. European-style furniture had changed the lives of Indians forever.



# As you chicken out, give this a try



## FOOD TALK

PUSHPESH PANT

**T**HOSE who can't live without chicken certainly believe in the dictum, "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush." What can be more mouth-watering than a tangri kebab held lovingly between the thumb and the forefinger, all set for the first bite? Ditto for the breast piece in tandoori murgh.

From chicken chaat to the more pretentious murgh musallam, chicken has long been synonymous with great food. Who can — young or old — resist the seductions of murgh makhani aka butter chicken or not take pride in the murgh tikka masala that has conquered Great Britain?

Bird flu scare might be a good time to experiment with fish and mutton



In recent years, scared of the hazards of red meat, many have become loyal patrons of chicken. Worried about choked arteries and rising blood pressure, many have made the switch. A whole new profitable business is thus flourishing — supplying chicken, salami, sausages, etc. Alas, good times don't last forever. Just as non-vegetarian food was recovering from the blow dealt by coronavirus, avian influenza has descended upon us. In a knee-jerk reaction, the government has found itself trapped in flip-flops. At several places, sale of chicken was first banned; wher-

ever the ban was lifted, consumers were advised on cooking the fowl properly. As fear persists, the million dollar question before the chicken lovers is: how to deal with the craving.

Can one switch to mutton and fish, at least to tide over the crisis? Easier said than done. First, there is the difference in cost. Chicken (broiler) usually sells between ₹225 and ₹300, depending on the quality. The bird can be cut into pieces that make equitable distribution among diners possible. Some prefer leg piece, the others, breast and some like thighs. Be it tandoori, roasted or curried, the division of assets is easy. Chicken takes far less time to marinate and cook and, except the musallam, the recipes are not difficult to master.

Mutton, to mix metaphors, is a different kettle of fish. Not many who relish it know what cuts to buy. It is easy to confuse between raan and dasti, seena and pasli. It is far more bothersome to trim and cut it in bite-size pieces or crack the bones, eliminating sharp edges at home. Membranes, tendons and excess fat are a problem as well. Then there is the important question of costs. Mixed mutton (curry cut) sells around ₹700-850 per kg. Choice cuts and boneless obviously command a high premium. Pressure cooking cuts the time to tenderise the meat. However, what was good for the toothless nabob of yore puts off hardcore carnivores who like a bite in their meaty fare.

This brings us to the other option: fish. Babur found the fish in India bothersome; he said it had too many bones. Now, unless you were born by the coastline, the riverside or in Bengal, where almost all houses in the countryside have a pokhar (pond) to farm fish in, chances are that you will uphold Babur's objection. Also, not everyone can put up with the strong smell. Matsyagandha mesmerised a prince in the Mahabharata, but that is a story about a fisherman's beautiful daughter, not an edible fish. Here again, the costs are a barrier. Boneless fish that isn't overpowering smelly — river sole, surmai and bekti — all come in the range of ₹800-1,200. Cleaned and cut, the net weight is less than 700gms. To cut a long story short, it is not very easy or possible for everyone to switch from chicken to mutton and fish.

We can't bring down the prices, but can certainly suggest recipes that allow you to hold a meaty morsel with a slim chicken-like bone in your hand or indulge guilt-free in machhi tikka. Burra kebab, tawa chaamp fry and pan-grilled fish fillets are close to familiar chicken breast. At a pinch, even seekh kebab can dispel the blues. Until the bird flies back to our platter!



### BURRA KEBAB

#### INGREDIENTS

Mutton chops 8	Lemon juice 1 tsp (optional)
Onion 1 (medium sized, peeled, chopped)	Red chilli powder 1 tsp
Garlic cloves 6 (crushed)	Cumin powder 1 tsp (dry roasted, freshly ground)
Ginger-garlic paste 1 tbsp	Coriander powder 1 tsp (dry roasted, freshly ground)
Cinnamon stick 1x 2-inch piece	Mustard oil 1 tsp
Green cardamom 1	Butter or ghee to baste 2 tbsp
Mace, a few blades	Salt to taste
Curd 1/4 cup	Spice mix (home ground or ready-made)
Malt vinegar 1 tsp	

#### METHOD

- Wash, pat dry and trim the chops. Pierce the meat with a fork. Place it in a marinade prepared with curd, ginger-garlic paste, salt, malt vinegar, lime juice, mustard oil, red chilli, cumin powder and coriander powder. Keep it aside overnight.
- Boil 2 cups of water in a pan and add the whole spices, chopped onions and garlic cloves. Remove the marinated chops from the bowl and wipe the excess marinade. Place gently in boiling water and cover and cook on medium heat till tender and until the water dries up.
- Heat a thick-bottom grilling pan on high flame and place the boiled chops on it. Cook for 3-4 minutes on each side, basting with a little butter. Remove when golden and scorch over open gas flame to get the charred look and flavour. Sprinkle over with tandoori masala, salt, black peppercorns powder or a mix of green cardamom and cloves powder.

### TAWA FRY CHAAMP

#### INGREDIENTS

Same as in burra kebab recipe plus 2 tsp cornflour  
Oil to deep/shallow fry

#### METHOD

After marination, you may proceed with frying straight away, coating the chops with cornflour to keep the spices of the marinade from 'spilling' out. Heat oil in a wok or a shallow kadhai or tawa with a rim and fry the chops in batches till golden, around 4-5 minutes on each side. Remove carefully and place on kitchen towels to remove excess fat. Sprinkle tandoori masala, chilli flakes, a pinch of rock salt and lemon juice. Garnish with onion rings and chopped green chillies.



### FISH TIKKA

#### INGREDIENTS

River sole or any boneless fish with firm flesh 750 g  
Kasundi 1 tbsp  
Lemon juice 1 tsp  
Black peppercorns 1 tsp (freshly pounded coarsely)  
Salt to taste

#### METHOD

Wash and pat dry the fish. Cut into chunky cubes. Place in a bowl of marinade prepared with kasundi and salt for 15 minutes. Carefully wipe off the marinade and steam the fish for 3-5 minutes or pan grill for 3 minutes on each side with the pan lined with a thin film of butter or oil. Sprinkle black peppercorn powder and salt. Enjoy hot with kasundi or any chutney you prefer.



# Pay loan interest you chose



## CONSUMERS BEWARE!

PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

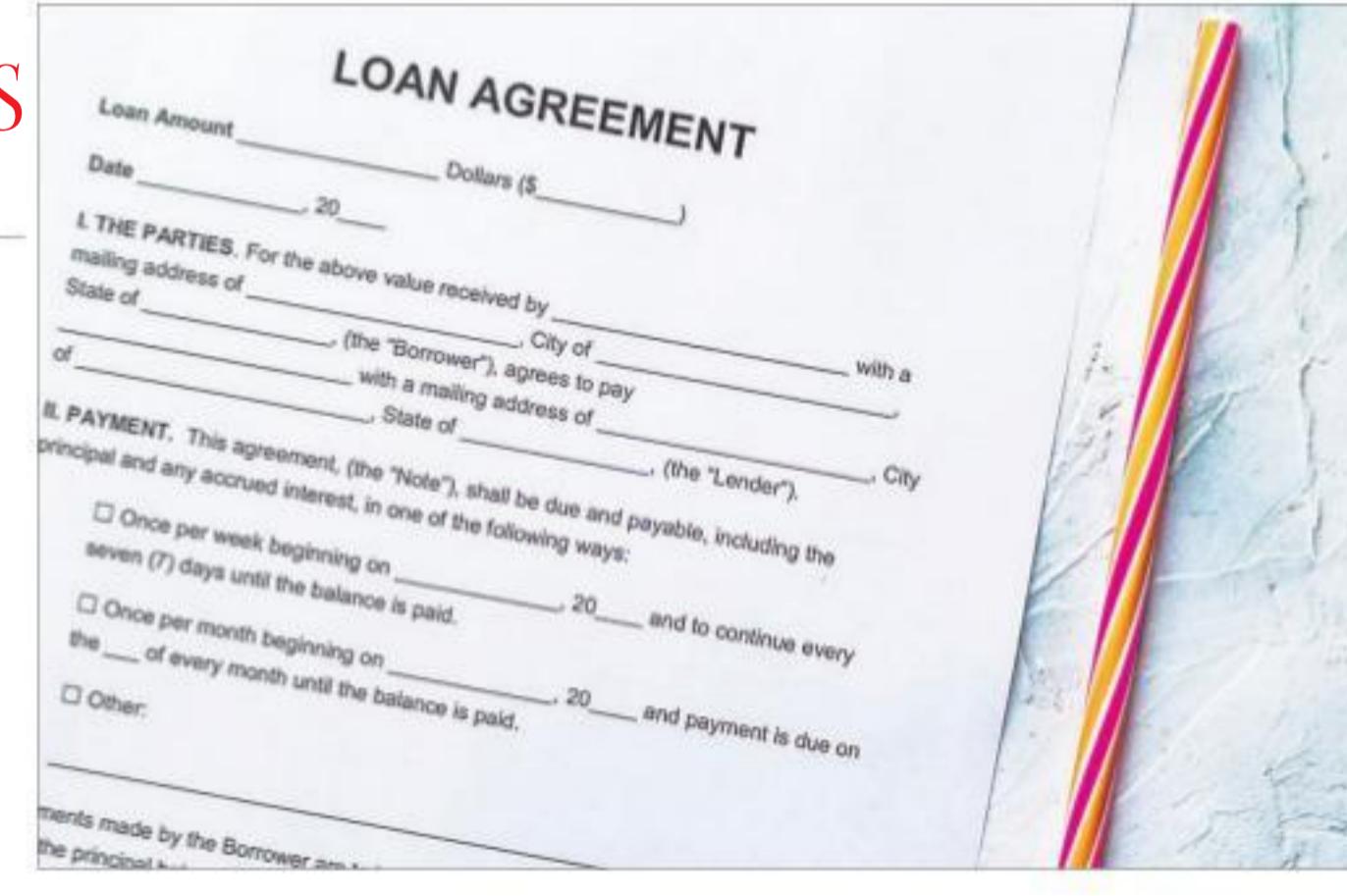
The bank from which I had taken an education loan for my daughter is charging me a much higher rate of interest than what is mentioned in the loan document. When I protested, it said it had mentioned the interest rate charged for a lower loan slab by mistake in the loan agreement and what is being charged is the applicable rate of interest for the loan amount. What can I do? The instalments have gone up considerably on account of the higher rate of interest and I am now finding it difficult to pay.

The bank is bound by the terms of the loan agreement and cannot charge you more than the contracted rate of interest. If it erroneously put the wrong rate of interest in the contract, then whoever is responsible for it has to pay. You need to pay only the rate of interest that you agreed to pay as per the contract. Besides, at the higher rate of interest, you may not have taken the loan at all.

Write a formal complaint to the nodal officer of the bank on the issue. If he fails to resolve it, you have an option of going to the consumer court or the banking Ombudsman. My first preference would be the Ombudsman in this case because you need the relief quickly and the resolution of disputes before the Ombudsman is much quicker than the consumer court. Besides, the procedure before the Ombudsman is also simple. However, go to the Ombudsman only if the nodal officer of the bank fails to resolve the issue.

Can you quote any decided cases of the Ombudsman that would help me here?

Both the consumer courts and the banking Ombudsman have held that banks cannot



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deviate from the interest rate specified in a concluded contract. Let me recall two interesting decisions of the banking Ombudsman to this effect.

The first case is very similar to yours. Here, the complainant had taken ₹10-lakh education loan from the bank. As per the loan agreement as well as the loan sanction letter, the effective rate of interest was 12.5 per cent. However, the bank charged 15.65 per cent interest on similar grounds as yours — that it had inadvertently mentioned the interest rate applicable to loans up to ₹4 lakh and not the rate for a loan of ₹10 lakh.

The Ombudsman here held that the par-

ties were bound by the contracted rates and so the bank had to honour the terms and conditions of the sanction letter and refund the excess amount recovered from the customer.

Another case pertains to a home loan. Here, too, as per the loan agreement letter, the rate of interest was 8.50 per cent, reset every five years from the date of disbursement of the first instalment. However, after the first year, the consumer was charged interest at the rate of 9.50 per cent and then 10 per cent and subsequently 12.20 per cent. It was found that the rate of interest for home loans above ₹5 lakh and up to ₹20 lakh was 9.25 per cent, fixed for the first five years. However, the bank had erroneously indicated it as 8.50 per cent. The Ombudsman held that the bank cannot charge more than the rate of interest indicated in the loan agreement and, therefore, directed the bank to refund the excess interest amount charged. (Source: Exemplary cases dealt with by the Banking Ombudsman during 2015-16, Banking Codes and Standards Board of India)

### CAPTION CONTEST 1289



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 awarded ₹300, ₹250, ₹200, ₹150 and ₹100, respectively. Each caption must be accompanied by a clipping of the caption contest and its number. Photocopies of the caption photo will not be accepted. Please mention the pin code in your address.

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#### Selected entries for Caption Contest 1288

January 17 issue (see photo)

- Journey to nowhere — Meenakshi Sharma, Chandigarh
- No work, no stay — Sanju Panicker, Panchkula
- Eyeing the past and future — Rajinder Mohan, Chandigarh
- Uprooted family tree — Kamal Singh, Kharar
- Nomadic in pandemic — Sandeep Daniel, Shimla





Give your interiors a coastal vibe with a relaxing colour combination of foam white, light blue and tan.

# Bring nature to your house

Design your interiors around a natural, organic colour scheme

**SHRISTI NANGALIA**

FROM misty mountains to serene sunsets on the beach, from dried leaves to berries, Mother Nature has so much to offer in terms of colour inspiration for interiors. Let us inspire ourselves with Albert Einstein when he said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better", and bring home the calming colour palettes of nature.

#### Yellow, orange, red and brown

Owing to the warm tones, this colour palette can liven up any space. You can set up a base of pale yellow, beige or brown and accent with orange and red furniture, artwork and accessories. Burnt orange, coral, tomato red and peach are mellow alternatives to vivid orange and bold red that you

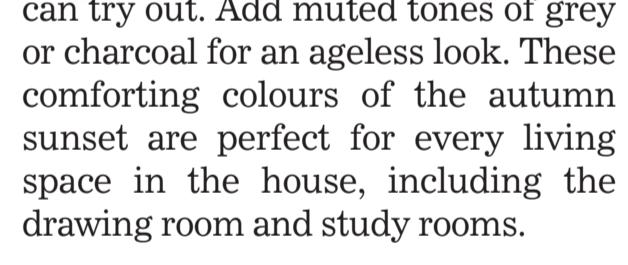


Pink, peach and classic blue

Who said nature is just about the flora? The fauna, too, can be a point of inspiration while decorating the interiors. From hummingbirds to kingfisher, from surgeonfish to angelfish, there are some stunning species out there that can be the starting point of your colour selection process. Pink, orange and blue is, surprisingly, a stunning colour combination. You can go for pastel tones of the said colours or pick from variants like plum, magenta, lapis, teal, cobalt blue, honey orange and sandstone yellow, too. Frame the bright colours over a base of stone grey, cream or beige to tailor a balanced look. Thanks to its versatile and adaptable nature, this eclectic colour palette can be translated to both common and private areas of the house.

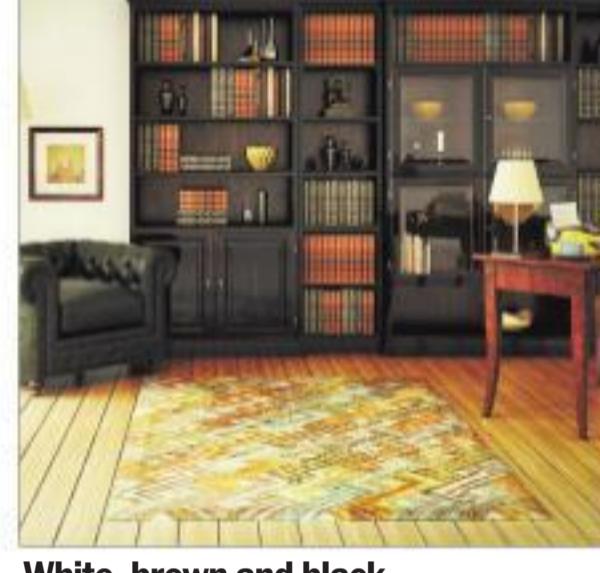
Dark green, brown, mustard and grey

This colour palette can make any neutral space stand out. Understated



can try out. Add muted tones of grey or charcoal for an ageless look. These comforting colours of the autumn sunset are perfect for every living space in the house, including the drawing room and study rooms.

#### Blue, white and tan



White, brown and black

If you like mature, sober tones of browns and blacks over flashy ones like pinks and blues, this is the palette for you. Brown walls, rich woodwork and black accessories can harvest a timeless look, while a background of cream or white and grey can provide cooler conjunction to the bold and dark hues. Other gorgeous colours like walnut, cedar, coffee and bronze also go well with this scheme too. Although this palette is pretty versatile, it works best in intimate areas like bedrooms, library, media room, home theatre and closets.

#### Blue, white and tan

The relaxing colour combination of foam white, light blue and sandy brown or tan can give your interiors a distinct coastal vibe. From wall paint to accent pieces, flooring to wall decor, one can hardly go wrong working with these hues. You can add hints of turquoise, cream, soft blue and light grey to the scheme to achieve a wholesome, beachy look. Being such a restful and well-rounded palette, it can best resonate with the look of your bedrooms, lounge, family room and kitchen. If you are an admirer of coastal décor, you can go all-in with this colour scheme as well.



Use unpolished anti-skid tiles, besides providing grip handles, for the safety of the elderly.



# Make your abode accident-free

Take the following safety measures to ensure that no untoward incident happens within the house

**JAGVIR GOYAL**

**I**N the Covid times, your house is the place where you are most likely to feel secure and safe. The increased time at home has led to more movement within the house, especially in the kitchen and bathroom. It is, thus, vital to ensure an accident-free living within the house. Here are some tips:

#### Make your bathroom safe

Bathroom is one area where maximum slipping accidents occur. A wet floor can sometimes cause a fatal injury. One slip, and your body can hit a projecting faucet or any sharp object there. Ensure that the bathrooms have unpolished rough flooring. If you have marble or tiles in bathroom floor, get an anti-slip treatment done. Else go for anti-slip tapes which remain effective for many years. Anti-skid tiles, if used, should be unpolished and have high coefficient of friction. Get grip handles near the toilet seat and in the bathing area. These are particularly handy for the elderly.

#### Light up the different level areas

Till a few years back, providing different levels of floor within the house was



Provide footlights in the wall, particularly along the steps, and keep your house well-illuminated.

popular. A couple of steps were often provided between the drawing room, lobby and other areas. If you have any such areas in your house, keep these well-illuminated to avoid stumbling and falling at night hours. It is useful to provide footlights within the wall, especially along the steps, provided at the entrance of the house and in staircase.

#### Don't ignore burning wire smell

Don't ignore if you notice the distinct smell of a burning wire anywhere in the house. Locate it and repair it at the earliest. Often this can happen behind a switch plate due to a loose wire or at the multi-plug end. For safety, avoid using multi-plugs. An extension cord is a better option. Loose pin of a plug may also

cause heating of electrical fittings. Switch off that particular point if you can't do anything about it immediately.

#### Avoid using gas geysers

Fumes emanating from gas geysers inside the bathroom can be extremely dangerous. There have been cases where these have proven fatal. If already installed, either replace it with an electric geyser or shift the gas geyser to the outer side of the bathroom wall and connect to the taps inside the bathroom.

#### Never let your guard down

Often, a half-inch difference is kept at door sill of the flooring level from the balconies and bathroom floor. Be careful when entering the room as your foot can strike the edge of the floor, making you stumble. Likewise, be cautious when using overhead cabinet doors and chimney in the kitchen, which are sometimes designed at the head level. Take care when taking out something from inside a refrigerator, which has an upper freezer cabinet. Avoid using a stool to take out a jar or utensil from the upper shelves of overhead cabinets. If you have an option, ask a taller person to take it out for you. Be safe, stay safe and stay healthy.

# Let's go traditional

**POOJA KHANNA TYAGI**

**I**NSPIRED from the grandeur of forts, palaces, temples, besides rich handicrafts from different regions of the country, the traditional Indian decor never goes out of style. You can incorporate these ideas to effortlessly lend an ethnic flavour to your house.

#### Design and planning

If the house is in construction stage, use local building material. Go for passive or natural cooling techniques for a comfortable indoor environment. Features like high ceilings, internal courtyards and outdoor water bodies effectively create a climate-responsive building.

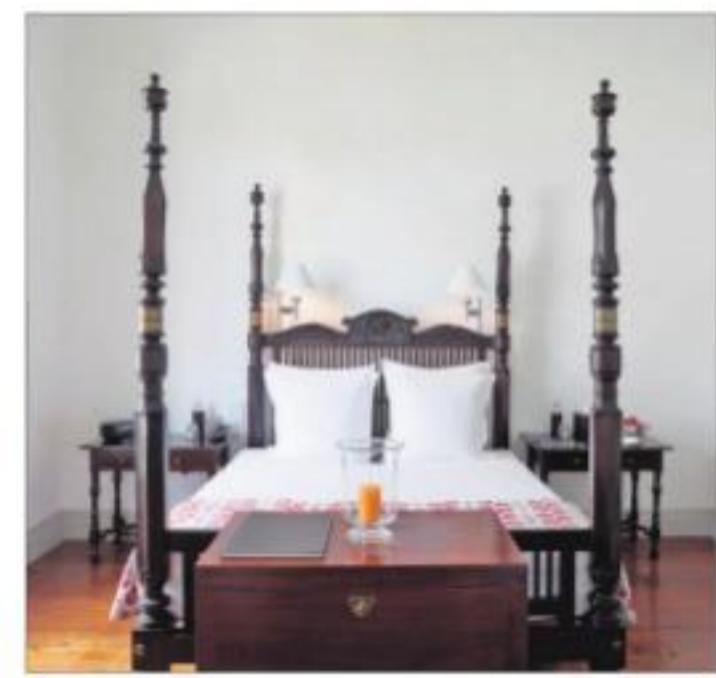
#### A riot of colour

Rich colours and textures in earthy shades of yellow, orange and brown form a prominent feature of Indian aesthetics. These colours can be incorporated in decor pieces, artworks, accent furniture and wall art. Introduce bright colours or use wallpaper with traditional motifs on a single wall to make it the focal point. Use neutral or contrast colours for the rest of the walls.

#### Stone on the floor

Go for natural stone material like Udaipur green marble, Jaisalmer yellow marble, sandstone, etc. to add colour and infuse warm look into the interiors. Create an ethnic style statement with handcrafted cement tiles which are available in rich colours and bold traditional motifs. Another type of tile is the Athangudi tiles from the Chettinad region of Tamil Nadu which is available in earthy colours and geometric or floral patterns.

The four-poster bed remains one of the most popular pieces of traditional Indian furniture.



can hang an indoor swing either made of simple wood or richly carved ornate wood from the ceiling or suspend it from a wooden frame. The informal pieces of furniture include charpais, made with a wooden frame and a tightly woven rope, and modhas or light cane stools.

#### Decorate with ethnic paintings

You can add to your interiors handicrafts like wooden boxes, decorative masks, papier-mache art, puppets, stained-glass lanterns, etc. Madhubani paintings and framed Kashmiri runners and carpets can be used to decorate the wall. Decorate your outdoors with terracotta pottery.

#### Install jaalis

Jaalis or intricately carved lattice screens can be an excellent addition to traditional Indian decor. These screens are introduced in the form of a partition, wall paneling, doors, false ceiling and in the furniture design.

#### Design a puja room

A well-designed puja room with marble or bronze idols is a must-have for a traditional Indian home. Many such idols symbolise peace and abundance and can be used to accessorise the house.

#### Intricate inlay work

Give a rich and artistic look to your house with intricate inlay work within the marble flooring. This type of detailing is quite expensive and most suitable for areas like the entrance foyer, puja room and a double-height space so that it forms an accent feature and has maximum visibility.

Bring in a quintessential traditional feel to your house with handcrafted furniture. ISTOCK



# JNU in all its facets, with some exceptions

SHAJAHAN MADAMPAT

**J**AWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, according to the long, highly informative and rigorously footnoted introduction by historians Neeladri Bhattacharya and Janaki Nair to the book under review, was founded on these ideals — criticality, secularism, inclusivity, interdisciplinarity, and 'love and trust'. The current Vice Chancellor seems to have understood this well long before the book was even conceived, for it is precisely these ideals that he has so meticulously and vengefully sought to banish from the campus.

In spite of the heroic efforts to decimate the varsity, JNU has retained its status as India's premier research centre and teaching institution. 'JNU contributes a disproportionately large number of research articles and books in the social sciences compared with most Indian research institutions and universities put together,' say the two historians.

They also point out that the uniqueness of the campus is due to not just its innovative pedagogy, but also because of its 'culture of intellect, the forms of sociality, the spirit and energy, the



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excitement and passion that permeates the institution'. The stories narrated in this volume exude so much nostalgia and poignancy because their authors penned their contributions in the context of concerted efforts on the part of the Central government to raze to the ground the lofty edifice built over five momentous decades. 'How long it takes to build institutions, and

how little time to destroy them,' the editors lament.

The book contains 75 pieces by a wide array of former and current faculty members, students and alumni. These cover many salient aspects of the campus, ranging from landscape, nature and architecture to academics, student politics, and dissent. Many of the authors are doyens in their respective areas of

scholarship; and have played stellar roles as faculty, students, or both in shaping JNU as a site of cerebral adventures and socio-political imaginations. What is common between them all is a commitment to intellectual rigor, democratic sensibilities, the idea of India as an idyll of pluralism, and JNU as its exemplary microcosm.

Although the title of the book says it is about the first 50 years of JNU, yet it is too heavily tilted in favour of the first 10 years, the 1970s. The pieces, or their authors, seem to have been selected either casually and randomly, or based solely on personal considerations. One can think of so many individuals who could have enriched the book with their reminiscences, and several incidents which could have sharpened our understanding of JNU. YK Alagh, KN Panikkar, Pranay Krishna Srivastava, Sitaram Yechury, Prakash Karat are among the numerous names that are conspicuous by their absence.

A piece by political sociologist Imtiaz Ahmed, who remained under suspension from JNU during much of his otherwise brilliant academic career, would have added a critical dimension to the book because of his experience with the university. If people were reluctant to write, interviews with them would have sufficed. 'Invisibilisation' of the mas-

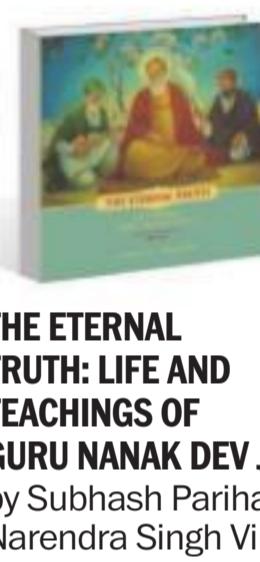
sive presence of JNU alumni in India's civil services and civil society movements is another major shortcoming in the book. Inclusion of a few pieces by people from these two spheres narrating their experiences would have made the book less monochromatic.

In short, the book could have been more inclusive and less incestuous. An article by sociologist Anand Kumar, for instance, on how he survived or thrived in a predominantly Marxist intellectual milieu for decades would have thrown up a fascinating contrast to the overall tone of the book. Inside the world of JNU, a non-Marxist would represent true dissent and rebellion! More importantly, the book fails in providing a historical narrative on how JNU has reached where it is today, capturing the subtle and not-so-subtle transformations that were set in motion since the 1990s. This reviewer can relate to the book intimately because he was a student in JNU, but will this book succeed in communicating to someone with no exposure to the campus is another uncomfortable question.

If we forget such glaring shortcomings, there is no doubt that the volume contains some exceptionally good pieces, each of which provides great reading experience.

## A vivid tribute to Guru Nanak

VIKRANT PARMAR



**THE ETERNAL TRUTH: LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF GURU NANAK DEV JI**  
by Subhash Parihar, Narendra Singh Virdi & Shamsher Singh.  
IGNCA.  
Pages 108.  
₹1,350

**T**o mark Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary, several tributes have poured in over the last two years — in the form of articles, books, artwork — and are still coming out. In this vein comes 'The Eternal Truth' by scholars Shamsher Singh, Subhash Parihar and Narendra Singh Virdi. Edited by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts' Sachidanand Joshi and Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College's Amanpreet Singh Gill and designed by Malkiat Singh, it liberally borrows from the works of the late couple Shamsher Singh and Phulan Rani. It covers the Guru's childhood, life at Sultanpur Lodhi, the many travels, discourses at sacred Hindu places and dialogue with Islam, etc — all elucidating his life and teachings. Largely pictorial, it is told through anecdotes from the Guru's life. The high point is works by Phulan Rani, depicting episodes on the Guru's birth, education, marriage, travels across the subcontinent and abroad, making this book a collector's item. —TNS



## Inspiring bike ambulance tale



Till date, Karimul Hak has ferried over 4,000 patients to hospital, braving treacherous routes and dacoits.

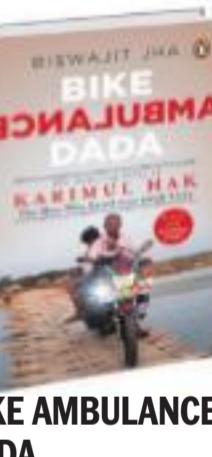
**W**HAT could motivate a child born in abject penury to serve humanity with a passion that he does now? Unrelenting will and an indomitable spirit, for sure. In 'Bike Ambulance Dada', author Biswajit Jha has covered the story of Karimul Hak, the man in question, in true earnest.

Hungry, sleepless nights in the shivering winter in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal, lack of interest in academics and then a dash for newly created Bangladesh, Karimul saw it all quite early in life. He spent a decade in Bangladesh before returning to the very place he had run away from — his family, in circumstances no better, but affection that held them together.

Menial jobs, a daily-wage labourer or an assistant to truck drivers, to eke out a living was what Karimul's life was all about at that time. Married life came and so did its pressures. But the turning point arrived when his mother died for lack of medical care, as she could not be ferried to the hospital in time.

From then on, he resolved that nobody else would meet the same fate. Whenever anybody from his village fell sick, he would carry him or her to the nearest hospital — initially on his bicycle and later a motorcycle. Ignoring personal issues, he made sure no one suffered the fate his mother did. By and by, his name grew, so did the word about his noble initiative — till he was christened Bike Ambulance Dada.

Helping humanity each day, he plugged on, without the thought of



**BIKE AMBULANCE DADA**  
by Biswajit Jha.  
Penguin Random House.  
Pages 207.  
₹250

any reward or recognition. Even when the government announced his name as a Padma Shri awardee, he had no clue what that meant — till he reached the national capital to receive the award. The moment of fame came when Karimul clicked a selfie with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other bigwigs in the corridors of power.

Till date, Karimul has ferried over 4,000 patients to hospital on his bike, braving treacherous routes, where

wild animals roamed at will and dacoits mugged the unaware. Now when his two able sons are supporting his endeavours, Karimul has branched out into other humanitarian pursuits — education, supporting destitute women, teaching self-defence to young girls and more. Despite having suffered a heart attack, Karimul's will to help others remains intact. He goes on, will go on. A movie on his life is in the pipeline, but can that waiver the focus of a true servant of humanity? Doesn't look like!

The author's words are simple, shorn of unnecessary figures of speech. Although each chapter begins with a quote by noted personalities, at no point does one lose track of the man whose story is being narrated.

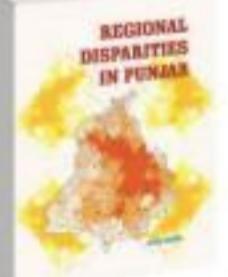
## BACKFLAP

**W**HAT is freedom? With the political and religious space in India shrinking, what do the promises made by the nation's founders mean? The question was posed to a cross-section of scholars and the answers came out in the form of essays and poems. Written immediately after the anti-CAA and NRC protests, the book brings together a range of scholars, including the likes of Romila Thapar and Aatish Taseer. The answers have an immediacy and urgency, making the book an important read.



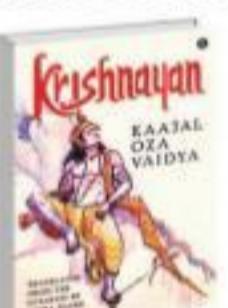
**OUR FREEDOMS**  
Edited by  
Nilanjana S Roy.  
Juggernaut.  
Pages 328. ₹599

**A**S the name suggests, 'Regional Disparities in Punjab' is Dr Anil Behl's impressive endeavour to determine the levels and patterns of development in the state, be it agriculture, industry, social indicators or demographics. As the exhaustive study seeks to provide critical information on the contours of development, it also suggests setting up five planning regions in Punjab on the basis of physical and socio-cultural homogeneity for balanced growth.



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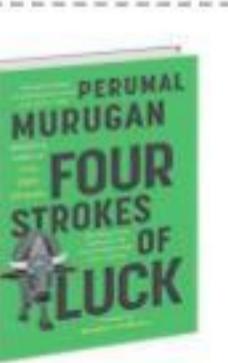
**T**WENTY-EIGHT editions and 200,000 copies — Kaajal Oza Vaidya's bestselling book 'Krishnayan' has now been translated into English. It retells Krishna's final moments. Fatally wounded, as he awaits death under an Aswatha tree, he reminisces about his time in the mortal world and the women in his life. The erudite royal consort Rukmini; Satyabhama, who dazzled him with her charm; Draupadi, his friend; Radha, the one with Krishna in heart and soul. Originally in Gujarati, the book's reimaging of what these women meant to Krishna is vivid and intense.



**KRISHNAYAN**  
by Kaajal Oza Vaidya.  
Translated by  
Subha Pande.  
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**E**VER since Perumal Murugan said in 2014 that too much hate had forced the writer in him to stop writing, he has become the rockstar of dissent. While Murugan soon returned to writing, English readers began getting a taste of the writer's work with many translations coming out. And here comes 'Four Strokes of Luck', a collection that will delight his admirers, and introduce new readers to his hallmark empathy, humanity and humour. These stories of lives on the margins, of loners and outcasts seeking meaning and happiness, are tender, heart-breaking and always surprising.



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## Celebrating the life & works of a music legend

SHAILAJA KHANNA



MS Subbulakshmi receiving the Bharat Ratna from President KR Narayanan in 1998. PHOTO COURTESY: N RAM

**F**OR anyone keen on an in-depth insight about this unparalleled musician, 'The Life and Art of MS Subbulakshmi' is a must-read. Keshav Desiraju traces her humble origins in Madurai to becoming one of the most celebrated and cosmopolitan musicians India has had. Knowledge about the system of Carnatic music, the composers, the history of the performance format, and lives of contemporary musicians are all presented, making this book an invaluable reference point.

Facts about MS Subbulakshmi that one may have forgotten are worth recalling; she received the Padma Bhushan in the year it was instituted (1954); incredibly, at the young age of 38. She was the first woman to be awarded the prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi award from the Madras Music Academy, the first musician to be awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1975, as well as the Bharat Ratna in 1998. A phenomenal success in the four films she made, ending with the immortal 'Meera', yet MS Subbulakshmi reigns in hearts solely due to her music — Desiraju skillfully writes how this came to be. He is at pains to keep refuting, through meticulously collected data, the implication that MS Subbulakshmi owed her pre-eminent position in the world of classical music only to the careful projection of her

glamorous persona and good public relations, as well as her inescapable association with spirituality. Her numerous recordings of devotional prayers are indeed synonymous with her name even today, waking up the faithful in as distant temples as Badrinath in Uttarakhand. However, as Desiraju reiterates, this was just one side of her musicality. In his words, "she was, first and foremost, a consummate artiste..."

There is also fascinating trivia — when she got the Bharat Ratna in 1998, Pt Ravi Shankar bent to touch her feet while congratulating her, and she said, prophetically as it turned out, "You next." He did indeed receive the Bharat Ratna in 1999.

In 1962, she purchased the house of Syama Sastri (one of the trinity composers, the other two being Tyagaraja and Muthuswami Dikshitar) for ₹8,000; in 1975, she bought Tyagaraja's house, and gave them both to be preserved for posterity to the Tiruvarur Music Trinity Commemoration Sabha. The singer's charity work, an essential component of her personality, is a recurring theme.

Laudably, unlike most modern biographies, there is no attempt to sensationalise gossip about her; but nor is there any attempt to whitewash elements of her life; this book is remarkably unbiased and objective. The focus rightly remains on her music.

Her financial distress towards the end of her life is tragic, but written with sensitivity and tact. Desiraju paints the picture of a dignified, humble person one cannot help but warm up to. His analysis of her music is shrewd, just and perceptive; the detailed review of her concert repertoire over the years will be of interest to devoted fans; for the lay reader, it tends perhaps to get tedious.

As this book has been written several years after Subbulakshmi's death, and that too after various authoritative books on her, obviously, as justification, it needs to be comprehensive. That also makes it a somewhat ponderous read. The lack of new material is on expected lines; the 15 chapters include extensive material on the background and context of Subbulakshmi's times, which somewhat tends to digress from the subject. That the book is well researched is irrefutable, but one misses the authentic perspective of the subject herself. This is, of course, inevitable when a person prefers to remain private; her diaries which could have been a valuable source are obviously not accessible. But then, isn't this how a public figure should be judged? Delving into private details in order to get an insight into what led to the art will always remain a speculative endeavour.

In the nightingale's own words, "It is not enough to be able to sing, one must feel deeply. Otherwise, one is merely singing a collection of words and clever musical phrases." It is this that made her music immortal.

# The day I escaped blast in J&K



THE INWARD EYE

GURBACHAN JAGAT

In troubled areas like Jammu and Kashmir, violence and its brutal aftermath are a constant part of daily life, and it requires both professionalism and prudence to survive and succeed. Two instances demonstrate that in ample measure

**T**ODAY, I thought I would recall some of the events occurring in Jammu and Kashmir in the late 1990s where I was then posted as DGP. I would normally visit the place wherever a serious terrorist incident had taken place. I would usually travel by the state helicopter and then drive to the scene of crime as the geographic distances in J&K are huge and a large territory had to be covered in a short time. Going by helicopter reduced the level of force deployment along the route and also decreased the risk element. A serious crime had taken place in a village near Rajouri and I took the helicopter to visit the village. My staff officer was with me and the village was a short distance from the helipad. We reached the village and interacted with the villagers, along with the police station staff, who had reached earlier. While flying to Rajouri, I had told my staff officer to fix a meeting of the local officers at the Police Lines after the visit to the village.

The idea was to discuss the local law and order situation. The helipad was very close to the Police Lines but as we were approaching the site on our return, I abruptly told the SO that I wanted to skip the meeting and go to the helipad directly. The SO correctly pointed out that the officers had already arrived and it would take a few minutes only to attend the meeting. I was, however, adamant and we went to the helipad directly. Just as we took off, we heard an explosion from the direction of the Police Lines and on enquiry were told that it had taken place in the office where the meeting was to be held and it was close to the chair I would have occupied. Luckily, the officers had been waiting outside and there were no casualties and we therefore did not need to land again to oversee the fallout. Also, experience had taught us

about the possibilities of a secondary explosion which might be encouraged by my presence. So, was it a coincidence? Sixth sense or divine intervention? Call it what you may, but many police and armed forces personnel have had similar experiences (the case was worked out subsequently). I narrate this and the subsequent incident so the reader may get a sense of what transpires in troubled areas where violence and its brutal aftermath are a constant part of daily life, and how it requires both professionalism and prudence to survive and succeed.

I had gone to J&K on deputation from the Punjab cadre on the instructions of the MHA and with the full concurrence of the Chief Minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah. The CM, at the very outset, had assured me that he would not interfere in the internal administration of the Police Department and would only help at the infrastructure level and in the modernisation of the police force. The goal was to rebuild the J&K Police and enable it to combat the proxy war and terrorism in the state. In this, we had the full support of the MHA. To put things in perspective, J&K was a war zone in the late 1990s, culminating in the Kargil war. The CM was true to his word and neither he nor his family members ever interfered in any matter. However, when it came to his ministers and MLAs, it was another story. Since I was an outsider and not known to them, they did not approach me, or if they did, no favours were done. This put immense pressure on the CM, but he managed to forestall it most of the time.

One day while attending office, I got a message from the CM's office that he wanted me to see him immediately. Since I knew he was attending a Cabinet meeting, I replied that I would come after the meeting.

However, I was told to go immediately and proceed to the room where the meeting was taking place. This set some alarm bells ringing but I proceeded to the meeting. On entering, I found the atmosphere quite frigid and ominous. The CM was grim-faced and asked me to take a seat. For those who do not know him, Doctor Sahib has a great flair for drama and can create the atmosphere he wants to. He had a good look at his ministers and told them that the DG was there and they should talk about their grievances directly instead of pestering him all the time. The ministers let go of their pent-up feelings, but it was all about recruitment at various levels and postings and transfers. When this had gone on for some time, the Chief Minister looked at me and asked me to answer them. Briefly, I explained that the recruitment was being done in a fair manner and in fact I was personally recruiting some boys from the border villages and everybody was very happy (except the ministers and MLAs). Of course, there were no quotas for ministers, MLAs and so on. As for postings and transfers, they were on merit basis and in this war we were fighting there could be no room for any interference. The single most important element in the anti-terrorist war was the placement of the right officers in the field. They had to be men of courage, vision, capable of strategic and tactical planning and above all, had to be leaders of men. Leaders who led from the front. Each one was carefully selected by myself and a team of senior police officers, briefed by us and fully backed in the field. The CM knew all this and was aware and supportive of this.

Coming back to the meeting, the CM then turned around to the Cabinet and in a very persuasive manner said that the MHA had sent this DG and if he failed because of their

interference, he would go scot-free and the blame would be on them. In case they did not interfere and he failed, the onus would be on the DG and the MHA. There was pin-drop silence after this and no more arguments. He subsequently turned around to me and told me that I could go but that he would expect results. I came out full of admiration for the finesse with which he had dealt with the situation.

There are new actors there in the theatre of J&K now. It is an age-old story — the history of nations is the history of wars. Men are always trying to draw dividing lines on maps and impose their will on the people. J&K has had many rulers; the Mughal empire ruled for centuries, followed by the Afghans during the decline of the Mughals and that period is remembered for immense cruelty. The Sikh empire freed the region of the Afghans and it was a short time of relative peace, followed by the Dogra rule under the tutelage of the British. In 1947, Kashmir acceded to the Indian Republic. There have been many rulers of the land with the passage of time. What will be remembered will be the kindness, fairness, prosperity or cruelty of the period. History will record it, people will remember it. Generations have been brought up now which have not experienced the beauty of the gardens and lakes of Kashmir — Shalimar, Nishat, Chashma Shahi, the great lakes of Dal, Wular and Nagin... the vibrancy of life which was associated with them, the tourists who thronged these markets and the trade which happened... all pages of history and memories. For my part, I walked with giants — quiet men, they know who they are and what they did in the defence of the Republic.

**— The writer is ex-chairman of UPSC, former Manipur Governor and served as J&K DGP**

## Letting go, & not



TOUCHSTONES

IRA PANDE

**I**RECENTLY turned 70 and decided it was time to start giving away some things. After all, when am I ever going to wear all those saris and shawls that are now hardly even taken out in these Covid times? Also, it makes one happy to see others enjoy what you have gifted them from your precious hoard. However noble this may sound, I realised as I started sorting them out that I just could not bear to let go of the memories that are associated with each one. Some are gifts from beloved people long gone and even though many are in no condition to be worn, they carry such strong memories of the occasions when they were gifted that parting with them is like saying an irrevocable goodbye to those loving souls.

I also realise now that this is how memories were carried from one generation to another and pity those children who are growing up today without the stern overseeing that our generation grew up under. The huge amount of waste that modern societies generate has drawn the attention of the world today, yet how few are willing to wear old clothes as hand-me-downs or repair machines before tossing them aside as junk. I pray that future generations will learn from the mistakes we have all made in turning our backs to doing with less.

And now for some preening about ourselves. Although I am no cricket buff and have little knowledge of the game, yet I am immensely proud of the victory of the Indian team in Australia for several reasons. First of all, for their exemplary behaviour on the field, despite the racial and bodily abuse the Aussies threw at them. Our boys not only refused to rise to the bait, but gave the arrogant Australian cricket players and fans the answer they deserved. The world applauded Indian grit and determination and the historic victory at Brisbane's Gabba stadium, a venue where the home team had not been defeated in three decades. And look at the social composition of Team India! They were picked from villages and small clubs, had grown up playing gully matches, used tennis balls in the absence of leather ones, went to no posh schools and academies but when they played for their country, they played like the kings and princes who have played Indian cricket in the past.

This is the new India, a generation that does not get overawed by white skin, foreign locations or bad hotels. They made no demands, threw no tantrums and brought back a trophy that made us all cheer. Well done, India!

## Away from home, with a bigger family



MILITARY MATTERS

BRIG SPS DHALIWAL (RETD)

One doesn't get many opportunities to celebrate due to exigencies of service. That's compensated by the love, affection and camaraderie of those around you, a hallmark of the armed forces

**I**WAS posted as an instructor in Ahmednagar and was detailed on temporary duty to teach the Technical Staff Course at the Institute of Armament Technology, Pune, for a month. Our 10th wedding anniversary on January 16, 1987, fell in the middle of the week. I knew there was no chance of getting back home to celebrate it with my wife and kids. We had reconciled to the fact, like on several previous occasions due to some service commitment or the other. On January 15, as I asked all the other Instructors to join me for a small get-together the following evening, I was told by a colleague to push off home; he volunteered to take my class.

Come morning, I was off on a bus to Ahmednagar, a three-hour journey, hoping to surprise my family. As I reached home around midday, I found my kids playing outside. They looked at me with shock and surprise. When I told them I had come to celebrate our anniversary, they laughed. "But mom left in the

morning for Pune." Apparently, when she went to Army School, where she was teaching, carrying a cake to celebrate with the other teachers, the principal asked her to take the day off and go to Pune. Those were days when there were no cellphones and it was near impossible to get through on landlines too. So we were both stuck in opposite cities.

Fortunately, I managed to convey a message to the staff at IAT to ensure she stayed put, as I headed back to Pune in the first bus I could hop on to. We then landed up at my former regimental officer's house late in the evening. The couple were equally shocked and surprised to see us both, but made sure we were served and toasted in style. Our 10th was a memorable one, the military way.

Fifteen years later, in 2002, was our silver jubilee. I was posted as a Brigade Commander along the Line of Control in J&K. Leave was planned, but things started hotting up along the LoC and any chance of

getting home was dashed. The staff did make plans for celebrations and thought about calling the COs for lunch, but I vetoed the idea and instead asked for all the young officers manning the forward-most posts to be invited, with the proviso that they stay for the next couple of days.

But then, it started snowing at night and continued till the morning, with two feet of snow all around. Accordingly, a message was sent to the units that the youngsters be held back and we went ahead with a small get-together. Around 1 pm, we heard a knock at the door of the Officers' Mess. In

walked a young Lieutenant, drenched in snow, all wet and shivering away. We quickly got him next to the fireplace and gave him brandy to warm him up. This boy's post was the furthest from the Brigade HQ and he had to leave early along with his patrol so as to make it in time. He was already on the move before his post could be informed about the cancellation.

Before he left to change his clothes, he came up to me, saluted smartly, shook my hand, and wished me a very happy anniversary. Then, to the complete surprise and bewilderment of all of us, he dug into his vest, pulled out a dry card from under his otherwise drenched clothes which read, 'Happy anniversary from CO and all ranks, 6 Mahar (Borders).' There were moist eyes all around as I hugged the boy — the most precious card ever received, which lay next to the warmth of his heart for six hours of his journey.

During service, one doesn't get many such occasions to celebrate due to exigencies, but when you do, they are memorable ones. And in places where there is more love, affection, warmth and camaraderie, a hallmark of our armed forces.

A word about our youngsters — they not only deliver cards on such occasions, they deliver in each and every operation that they are called upon to, putting their lives in the line of fire. They make us proud.

## Why charismatic Netaji casts a long shadow over politics



**S**UBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, an icon of our Independence movement, is in the news for all the wrong reasons: the West Bengal Chief Minister and head of the Trinamool Congress, Mamata Banerjee, is invoking his name, as is the Bharatiya Janata Party in the run-up to the state elections. What Netaji would have thought of it is another matter. The Centre's unilateral decision to celebrate January 23, the birth anniversary of Bose, as 'Parakram Diwas' (Day of Valour) seems to have caught the TMC on the back foot. The TMC wants it to be celebrated as 'Desh Nayak Diwas' (Day of the National Hero).

On a different note, it is also worth reflecting why we, as a people, revere certain individuals so much that any criticism of them can lead to threats, and even violence.

The late Dom Moraes once wrote a book on Bombay, as it was then called. I was asked to interview him on Doordarshan. Dom had written something on Shivaji that the Shiv Sena, named after the Maratha warrior-king, found offensive. Their goons assembled outside the studios, threatening to attack us. Doordarshan hastily cancelled the programme. In Maharashtra, you need to think twice before saying anything against Shivaji. Founder of the Shiv Sena, the late Bal Thackeray, an admirer of Hitler,

is fast becoming another sacred figure whom you criticise at your peril. Likewise, West Bengal has three icons: Subhas Chandra Bose, Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, and filmmaker Satyajit Ray. None of them can do any wrong. My late father, Khushwant Singh, once had the temerity to say that he did not think Tagore was a good

writer of short stories. *Hey Ram!* The West Bengal legislature passed an all-party resolution condemning him. When he landed at Calcutta, as it was then called, there was a demonstrating mob to greet him. They clearly did not believe the adage that writers should be read, not worshipped.

Let's now turn to Bose (born incidentally in what is now Odisha). A brilliant mind, he qualified for the prestigious Indian Civil Service. However, to his barrister father's fury, he turned it down to join politics and the freedom movement. He had a visceral hatred for the British, unlike his main rival, the Anglophilic Jawaharlal Nehru, who had a sneaking admiration of them. In 1938, when he was just 41, Bose was elected president of the Congress, defeating Mahatma Gandhi's candidate. It was the first time there had been a contest for the leadership. There was acrimonious correspondence between him and Nehru, indicating that the two did not see eye to eye. Gandhi's non-violence also ran counter to Bose's avowed militancy. "Give me blood, and I promise you freedom," became his rallying card, far removed from Gandhi's pacifism. Bose had no time for Vallabhbhai Patel, whom the BJP has made their mascot. He contemptuously likened the 'Iron Man' to a "country bumpkin".

As the Second World War loomed, Bose warmed towards the "national socialism" of Hitler and Mussolini. For him, any enemy of Britain was his ally, such was his hatred for the British and their rule. For Nehru, on the other hand, the fascism of Hitler and Mussolini was a greater threat than British imperialism. With the outbreak of the War, Bose made a blunder. He threw in his lot with Germany and Italy. When the German troops were trapped at Stalingrad and with the Axis powers staring at imminent defeat, he turned to the Japanese, who had overrun Southeast Asia and were knocking on India's doors. With Japan's blessing, he formed the Indian National Army (INA) from Indian PoWs taken by the Japanese troops after the fall of Singapore, Malaya and Burma. He believed that the INA would march alongside the victorious Japanese army into India and liberate it from British rule. To imagine that the Japanese would then simply hand over India to Bose was, to my mind, wishful thinking. Instead, the Japanese were halted at Imphal and Kohima. They then suffered reverse after reverse. The INA simply melted away.

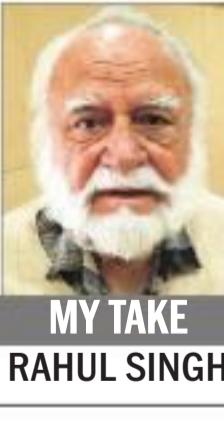
In August 1945, atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Bose knew the game was up with the Japanese, so he turned to Joseph Stalin! He was on a

plane to Moscow when it crashed in what was then Formosa (now Taiwan). He died soon afterwards in a hospital. He was cremated and his ashes taken to Tokyo. Yet, so powerful was his image and charisma that the myth persisted that he had not really died and would one day reappear to lead India. Anthony Read and David Fisher in 'The Proudest Day', put it thus: "Bose had been a failure as a conspirator; as a military leader, as a revolutionary. But whatever his shortcomings, he never lacked courage, and he still casts a long shadow over Indian politics. He set out to create a myth, and he succeeded — so much so that some Indians, mostly Bengalis, do not believe he died at all. They say he is in Russia, or is living as a hermit in the Himalayas, and that one day, like King Arthur or the Emperor Barbarossa, he will awake from his long sleep, and emerge to claim his Kingdom."

Clearly, history is not the strong point of our political parties. Bose was an extraordinary, charismatic figure who, had he lived, would have been a strong challenger to Nehru. But his hatred for the British perhaps blinded him to such an extent that he expected that Germany and then Japan, after their victories, would hand him his beloved country on a platter.

**— The writer is a veteran journalist**

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MY TAKE

RAHUL SINGH

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# Republic Day parade: Entry only with invitation card or ticket

Those below 15 years of age not allowed at event, say Delhi cops

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23**  
The Delhi Police have issued an advisory stating people will be allowed to watch the Republic Day parade at Rajpath "strictly on the production of an invitation card or a ticket". They also said those below 15 years of age would not be allowed at the event.

"This year, entry to RDC-2021 will be strictly through Invitation Card/Ticket only! All those, who don't have valid Invitation Card/Ticket are advised to watch live programme at home. Children below 15 years age are not allowed to RDC-2021 at Rajpath," the Delhi Police said in a tweet, maintaining there would be "no free entry to the programme this year".

In another tweet, the police instructed the invitees not to carry bags, briefcases, pins, eat-



A tableau of Uttar Pradesh during the full dress rehearsal for the Republic Day parade. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

ables, cameras, binoculars, handcams and electronic gadgets like iPads, iPods, palm-top computers, laptops, computers, tablet computers, pow-

er-banks and digital diaries.

The invitees have also been advised not to carry remote-controlled car keys (will be deposited at the facilitation

counter), arms and ammunition, thermos flasks, water bottles, cigarettes, matchboxes, lighters, knives, razors, scissors, blades, wire pluckers, screwdrivers, alcohol, perfume spray, cans, daggers, swords, sharp-edged materials, fireworks, inflammable items, umbrellas, replica firearms or toy guns, tear guns, stun guns and explosives in any form.

The national capital has been brought under an unprecedented ground-to-air security cover, with thousands of armed personnel keeping a tight vigil in view of the Republic Day celebrations. Patrolling has been intensified in the busy market areas of the city.

Security has been tightened at the border areas in view of a proposed tractor parade by farmers agitating against the Centre's new farm laws.

# Will ensure single-slab GST if elected: Rahul in Tamil Nadu

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**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23**  
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today wooed medium and small enterprises while launching an election campaign in Coimbatore.

He said the Congress, if elected to power at the Centre, would ensure single-slab goods and services tax (GST). "In the immediate future, our party will pressure the Centre to offer a benign GST in the wake of the Covid-induced strains on the industry," said the Congress leader.

"The only way India can compete with China and Bangladesh is through micro, medium and small enterprises. While the two countries are doing everything in their capacity to empower the small industry, India is doing everything to weaken it," said Rahul, accusing the BJP-led Centre of imposing five tax slabs, which he said had been designed to



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi greets his supporters at a campaign rally ahead of the Tamil Nadu elections in Tirupur on Saturday. PTI

weaken small industries.

He said the GST would have to be restructured and taken back to the Congress idea of 'one tax, minimum tax'.

He also told the gathering of industry representatives at Coimbatore that the petrol and diesel prices would fall "only when the Congress comes to power and not otherwise".

Rahul, who later held a roadshow in the city, said the country needed harmony for economic growth. "The current government has created an atmosphere of disharmony, and the demonetisation and GST have devastated the small industry. The pandemic has further destroyed the sector," he added.

## BRIEFLY

Remarks against judges: Pak channel's licence suspended

**Islamabad:** Pakistan's media watchdog has suspended the licence of a TV channel for 30 days and imposed a fine of Rs 1 million on it after one of its controversial anchors voiced "contemptuous" remarks and "cast aspersions" on the judiciary. The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority took action against Bol News on Friday, according to a statement. PTI

**NIA files chargesheet against 10 terrorists in Chennai**

**New Delhi:** The NIA has filed a chargesheet against 10 terrorists of Jihadi gang "Shahadat is our goal" in a Chennai special court. Those named in the chargesheet include Sheik Dawood of Tanjavur, Mohamed Rifas, Muparish Ahmed, Abubakar Siddiq and Hameed Asfar of Ramanathapuram, Ahmed Imtiyaz of Tiruvarur, Mohamed Rashid of Cuddalore, Liyakath Ali of Salem, Sajith Ahmed and Rizwan Mohammed of Tiruvarur in Tamil Nadu, officials said, adding that they have been charged under the IPC, UAPA and the Arms Act. TNS

**SC fines UP, Karnataka for delay in plea filing**

**New Delhi:** Frowning upon inordinate delay in filing of appeals, the SC has slapped a fine of Rs 25,000 each on Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka. It ordered that the money be recovered from erring officers for their "lethargy and incompetence". Non-adherence will result in appropriate proceedings against the UP Chief Secretary, a three-judge Bench said on Friday. TNS

**Argentina B beat Indian women's hockey team**

**Buenos Aires:** The Indian women's hockey team conceded a late goal to Argentina B to lose 1-2 to the home team here. For Argentina, Sol Pagella (11th minute) and Agustina Gorzelany (57th) scored while young forward Salima Tete (54th) was the lone goalscorer for India. TNS

## India's doubles pairs fall in semis in Thailand

**SHUBHADEEP CHOWDHURY**  
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**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23**  
India's top badminton mixed-doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnapa produced a spirited performance before going down 20-22 21-18 12-21 to top seeds Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai in the semifinals of the Thailand Open today. In men's doubles, the impressive run of Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also came to an end with an 18-21 18-21 semifinals defeat to world No. 9 Malaysian combination of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik. — PTI

## PM-Didi rivalry casts shadow on Netaji events

**IN ASSAM, MODI GIVES LAND PAPERS TO 1 LAKH**

**New Delhi:** PM Narendra Modi on Saturday distributed land allotment certificates to one lakh native families of Sivasagar in election-bound Assam, saying the allotments would assure them lives of dignity. TNS

The 40-minute address sounded quite like an election speech. The PM also appealed to the crowd to come forward to build "Sonar Bangla".

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that Netaji's birthday would be cel-

ebrated as "Deshnayak Divas" in West Bengal when the Centre had already announced it as "Parakram Divas".

Taking part in a procession later she proposed four different capitals for India with Parliament sessions in each of these capitals by rotation. Mamata sprung a surprise turning up at the Victoria Memorial event, Modi's last stop in the city. As she rose to speak, she was jeered at by a section of the crowd that raised "Jai Shri Ram" slogan. Annoyed, she refused to deliver her speech, observing that the organisers (Union Ministry of Culture) should not have invited her to a "political meeting".



PM Narendra Modi pays tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

## Brazil invokes Hanuman to thank India for vaccines

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23**

The US State Department has applauded India's role in global health which also came in for substantial praise from Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.

The South and Central Asia section of the US State Department called India a "true friend" for sharing millions of doses of Covid vaccine in South Asia.

"India is a true friend using its pharma to help the global community," it said in a social media post. Referencing US President Joe Biden's observation during his inaugural

US calls India a 'true friend' for free supply of vax in South Asia

speech about the US being a strong and trusted partner for peace and security, it said this commitment was also for all US' friends in South and Central Asia. Bolsonaro thanked India for supplying Covid vaccines to his country and shared on social media an illustration of Lord Hanuman bringing "Sanjivani booti" from India to Brazil. — TNS

## Final stage of Budget making commences

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23**  
The customary 'halwa' ceremony, marking the final stage of the Budget-making process for Union Budget 2021-22, was held in North Block along with the launch of Union Budget Mobile App today.

The 'halwa' ceremony is performed every year before the lock-in process of Budget preparation begins. But this time, instead of printing presses working overtime, the Budget will be uploaded on websites and the app on February 1 after the Finance Minister's speech.

The Union Budget Mobile App will facilitate access to 14 Union Budget documents, including the Annual Financial Statement (commonly known as Budget), Demand for Grants



Nirmala Sitharaman, FM, with MoS for Finance Anurag Thakur during 'halwa' ceremony. PTI

(DG) and the Finance Bill.

The app is bilingual (English and Hindi) and will be available on both Android and iOS platforms. It can be downloaded from www.indiabudget.gov.in. — TNS

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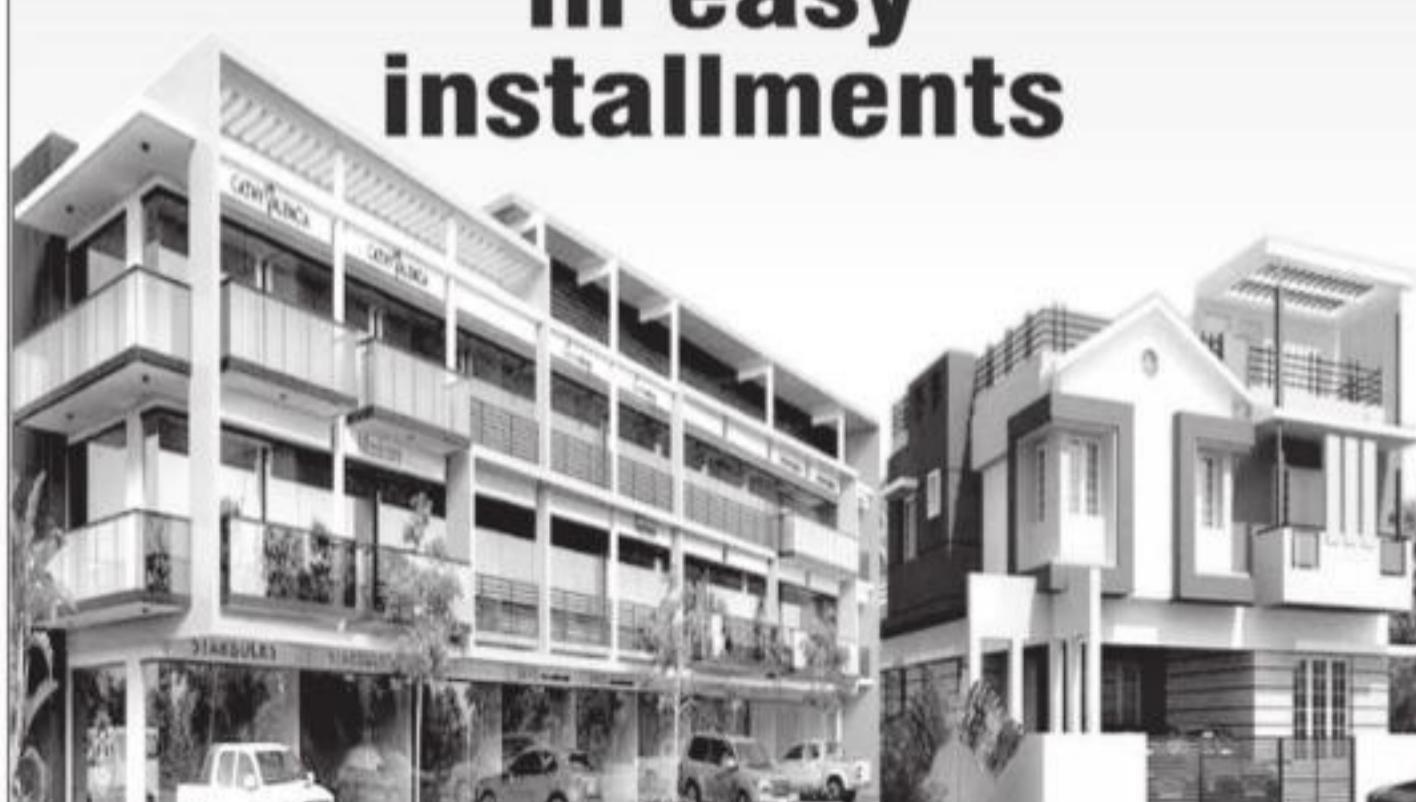
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