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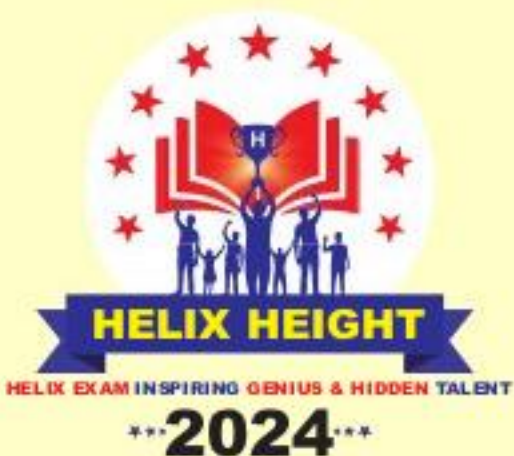
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Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi flanked by party president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi after the CPP meeting at Parliament in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

## Sonia to head CPP again, CWC favours Rahul as LoP

**SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8** Sonia Gandhi was re-elected chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) hours after the Congress Working Committee (CWC) initiated a move to make Rahul Gandhi the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha.

A general body meeting of Congress members from both Houses of Parliament on Saturday re-elected Sonia as CPP chairperson. Party president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also Leader of the Opposition

**Kharge's leadership, 'Bharat jodo yatra' come in for praise**

in the Rajya Sabha, proposed Sonia's name for the post. The proposal was seconded by Gaurav Gogoi, Tariq Anwar and K Sudhakaran.

Earlier today, a meeting of the extended CWC was held. Besides CWC members, it was attended by PCC chiefs and leaders of the party in state assemblies. The committee unanimously requested

Rahul to take up the LoP's post in the Lok Sabha. Rahul, who has been elected from Rae Bareilly as well as Wayanad, promised to soon take a call on the issue. Rahul had spurned the offer of leading the Congress in the last two Lok Sabhas. However, this time the situation is different as the Congress has the requisite strength in the lower House to make a bid for the post which has its own perks and prestige. Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said Sonia would name the floor leaders of the party

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## Modi 3.0 swearing-in today, rat-hole miners, Parl labour among invitees

Rashtrapati Bhavan forecourt all set to host an 8,000-strong gathering

**ADITI TANDON**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8** Leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Narendra Modi will on Sunday take oath as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term, equalling Jawaharlal Nehru's record of returning to the PMO thrice in a row.

When President Droupadi Murmu administers the oath of office and secrecy to Modi starting 7.15 pm on Sunday, among VIP guests at the Rashtrapati Bhavan forecourt will be 12 rat-hole miners, who had rescued 41 construction workers from a collapsed tunnel in Uttarakashi's Silkyara last year. They had been called in after everything else failed.

Besides them, Modi's swearing-in will be witnessed by Padma awardees, personalities that found a mention in the PM's Mann Ki Baat broadcast series and labourers who toiled to build symbols of new India — the new Parliament, Central Vista and Vande Bharat trains. "The invitations have been carefully crafted to represent karma yogis who gave shape

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Preparations underway for the swearing-in ceremony of the new government at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. PTI

## TDP likely to get 4 berths, JD(U) 2

**ADITI TANDON**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8** Ahead of Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi's oath-taking ceremony on Sunday, political circles were abuzz with talk of how the NDA 3.0 Council of Ministers would look like. Though there was no official word on the contours of the new Cabinet, BJP sources

did not rule out possible new inductions of three former chief ministers — Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh), Manohar Lal Khattar (Haryana) and Basavaraj Bommai (Karnataka).

Sources said BJP's first-ever Kerala MP Suresh Gopi was highly likely to be made a minister, with the PM expected to reward leaders from states

where the party did well — Odisha, Andhra, Arunachal Pradesh (where the BJP or the NDA won the Assembly elections) and Telangana. D Purandeshwari from Andhra, Bandi Sanjay from Telangana, former Assam CM Sarbanand Sonowal, former Tripura CM Biplab Deb and outgoing minister Kiren Rijiju from

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## Hasina arrives, more leaders to come today

**NEW DELHI:** Seven leaders of neighbouring nations barring Pakistan will attend the swearing-in ceremony on Sunday. The leaders of Bangladesh and the Seychelles arrived on Saturday while the ones from Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka will land on Sunday. **BACK PAGE**

## EC begins process to hold polls in J&K

**NEW DELHI:** The EC has initiated the process to conduct Assembly elections in J&K. In a notification, the poll panel said it had decided to accept applications for allotment of common symbol for elections to the legislative Assembly of the UT. The move comes days after the CEC said the people of J&K would soon have their democratically-elected government. **INSIDE**

## 50% dip in Punjab pupils heading for Canada

Curbs on immigration by Ottawa, job scarcity, high cost of living to blame

**DEEPAK KAL KAU**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**JALANDHAR, JUNE 8** With a 50 per cent dip in the number of students from Punjab moving to Canada after the Class XII examination this year, most educational institutes across the state have reported significantly better enrolment in

various courses in the new academic session.

As many as 3.19 lakh students from India had moved to Canada in 2023 as per the data of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Of these, nearly 1.8 lakh were Punjabi students.

However, this time, various immigration companies,

IELTS centres and ticketing agencies, which had seen a big boom during the past six-seven years, are currently seeing a steep downfall in their business. The grim situation these businesses are facing has, however, brought boom time for colleges and universities in the state, which had been experiencing

a lot of instability for the past few years. Dr RS Deol, Director, Lyallpur Khalsa College Technical Campus, said, "The imposition of curbs on immigration imposed by Canada has come as a huge blessing for colleges in our region. Our admissions in all courses, including BCom, CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

## Centre sets up panel to review grace marks for 1,563 NEET candidates

**AKSHEEV THAKUR**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8** Amid a backlash over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024, the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday announced the setting up of a four-member high-powered committee to review grace marks awarded to 1,563 stu-

**NTA may conduct exam again for these students**

dents. Based on the recommendations of the committee, the NTA might conduct a re-examination for these 1,563 candidates.

"A high-powered committee has been set up to review the

results of over 1,500 candidates. The four-member panel headed by a former UPSC chairman will submit its recommendations within a week and the results of these candidates might be revised," NTA Director General (DG) Subodh Kumar Singh said. He said the verdict of the committee CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

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# Govt to fill 50K vacant posts: CM

Says Group-D jobs also to be made available to the youth, will follow transparent process

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8  
Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today said that 50,000 vacant posts of various categories would be filled soon. Besides, Group-D jobs would also be made available to the youth.

The announcement comes as part of the government's ongoing efforts to provide employment opportunities to the youth and support their aspirations in Haryana.

The Chief Minister, while interacting with mediapersons after administering the oath of office to Himmat Singh, emphasised the continuation of a transparent recruitment system for government jobs.

Saini said that the state government had always honoured the youth's aspirations and soon the government was going to fill 50,000 vacant posts in various departments. He added that the government had given jobs purely on the merit basis without discrimination, and this transparent recruitment process would continue in the future as well.

"It is a matter of pride that the youth's faith in the functioning of the government has increased as they are getting government jobs without any 'Kharchi-Parchi' (bribery or favouritism), which was prevalent in previous governments," he claimed.



Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini administers oath to Himmat Singh as HSSC Chairman in Chandigarh on Saturday. PTI

## HIMMAT SINGH SWORN IN AS HSSC CHAIRMAN

■ Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday administered the oath of office to Himmat Singh, the new chairman of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC), at a swearing-in ceremony held at Haryana Niwas.

■ Before his appointment as HSSC chairman, Himmat Singh had served as Additional

Advocate General, Haryana.

■ Saini congratulated the new chairman and expressed hope that he would discharge his new responsibilities with full dedication and meet the aspirations of the state's youth.

■ The Chief Minister highlighted that during the last nine and a half years, the youth

had shown full faith in the transparent and merit-based recruitment process of the state government and its other welfare policies.

■ Saini emphasised that Haryana was the only state government that has provided jobs to youth purely on merit without 'kharchi-parchi' (bribery and favouritism).

Asked about the recent Punjab and Haryana High Court judgment on awarding additional five marks under the socio-economic criteria in case of Group C and D category

posts, the Chief Minister said that an earlier Bench of the honourable court had appreciated the criterion intended to benefit candidates from poor families. However, the subse-

quent Bench may have had a different perspective.

"The state government is committed to safeguarding the interests of the candidates. We will soon take up

the matter in the Supreme Court and strongly advocate for it to ensure justice to the youth," he added.

The Chief Minister said that the socio-economic criteria were introduced to provide employment opportunities to members of poor families, who did not have government jobs.

He accused Congress leaders of misleading the public with a false propaganda on the issue. He claimed that Congress leaders were instigating the youth by claiming that their future was bleak, whereas, in reality, it was the future of Congress that was in darkness.

# Of four Assembly seats in Ambala dist, BJP led only in Cantt segment

NITISH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, JUNE 8  
Except for the Ambala Cantt Assembly constituency, where the BJP managed to secure a small lead for party candidate Banto Kataria, it had trailed in all other three Assembly segments of Ambala district.

Of the total nine Assembly segments in the Ambala Lok Sabha constituency, the Ambala City, Ambala Cantt, Mullana and Naraingarh Assembly segments come in Ambala district.

While BJP MLAs represent the Ambala City and Ambala Cantt segments, Congress MLAs represent Mullana and Naraingarh in the Assembly.

The Congress had fielded its sitting Mullana MLA Varun Chaudhry in the Lok Sabha elections from the Ambala seat and he won by a margin of 49,036 votes. In the Ambala Cantt segment, led by former Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij, the BJP candidate secured a lead of 2,977 votes. While Banto Kataria polled 61,177 votes, Varun Chaudhry bagged 58,200 votes.

In the Ambala City segment, Varun secured a lead of 5,699 votes as he polled 78,798 votes while Banto Kataria secured 73,099 votes. Haryana Janchetna Party chief Venod Sharma had also extended his support to the BJP candidate in Ambala.



Varun Chaudhry Banto Kataria

## VARUN GOT LEAD IN CM'S HOME TURF NARAINGARH

■ In the Naraingarh constituency, the home turf of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Congress candidate Varun Chaudhry secured a lead of 20,906 votes.

■ Varun got 73,347 votes while Banto secured 52,441 votes in Naraingarh. Saini had won the Naraingarh seat in the 2014 Assembly elections.

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In his home constituency Mullana, Varun secured a lead of 28,118 votes. He polled 86,770 votes while Banto Kataria got 58,652 votes. Similarly, in the Naraingarh constituency, led by Congress MLA Shalley Chaudhary, the Congress candidate secured a lead of 20,906 votes. Varun got 73,347 votes while Banto secured 52,441 votes in Naraingarh, the home turf of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. He had won the Naraingarh seat in the 2014 Assembly elections.

BJP Ambala district chief Mandeep Rana said, "We accept the mandate given by the people of Ambala. Soon,

we will hold a workers' meeting to get feedback and we will work to resolve their issues. We are confident that we will bounce back in the upcoming Assembly elections and win all four Assembly seats in Ambala district."

Meanwhile, speaking to The Tribune, MP-elect Varun said, "The people of Ambala had fought this election and won it as well. I am grateful to party workers and leaders, who had worked hard in the field and also to the people of Ambala who accepted me as their representative. In a couple of days, I will visit all segments to express my gratitude to the voters and the party workers."

# Wrong ticket allocation to blame for Cong defeat on Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat: Kiran

DEEPPENDER DESWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JUNE 8  
Congress candidate Rao Dan Singh's defeat from the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency has stirred a row within the party with Tosham MLA Kiran Choudhary finding flaws in the candidate selection process. Dan Singh lost to BJP's Dharambir Singh by 41,510 votes.

The Congress candidate had lost from his home booth where he got only votes of his family members in own Assembly segment Mahendragarh, which he had represented four times, and three other Assembly segments falling in his home district Mahendragarh, Kiran told The Tribune.

The former minister said

this had happened despite massive anti-incumbency against the ruling BJP in Haryana. "Apparently, it was arrogance that led to the party's defeat despite the fact that there has been positive political vibes across the state for the Congress," she claimed.

Kiran said that there was strategic miscalculation in the selection of the candidates for the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh and Gurugram Lok Sabha constituencies. She claimed that her daughter and former MP Shruti Choudhary would have won the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat by an empathic margin had she been given the ticket.

"We were never called to party meetings and were

never involved in the campaign. This despite the fact that I am the Congress MLA from Tosham and Shruti is the working president of the state Congress," she said. "I had brought the matter to the notice of the party high command during campaigning," she added.

About Dan Singh's performance in his home constituency Mahendragarh, where he lost by 4,840 votes, Kiran said it was shocking that the Congress nominee trailed in his own Assembly constituency and even in his home booth.

"The poll data indicates that Rao Dan Singh, who belongs to Mahendragarh district, has lost in all four Assembly constituencies of the district. However, he led in three of the five Assembly segments

in Bhiwani and Charkhi Dadri districts," she added.

Kiran recalled that Shruti had trailed in the Tosham Assembly segment by 36,000 votes during the 2019 Lok Sabha poll when she was the Congress candidate. "But still, Congress workers in Tosham covered this deficit to a major extent and reduced this loss margin to 8,063 votes. Thus, I can't be blamed for the defeat," she said.

Kiran had not campaigned for Rao Dan Singh in the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh segment though she went to Sirsa district to campaign for Kumari Selja. She is close to Selja and Randeep Surjewala, while it was believed that former Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda had lobbied for ticket for Dan Singh.

# Infighting in BJP to the fore, Arvind Sharma camp blames Rohtak leaders for poll drubbing

SUNIT DHAWAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, JUNE 8  
BJP leaders have been taking swipes at the Congress over rampant factionalism in the grand old party. However, in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, groupism and infighting were witnessed in the BJP as well.

The BJP leaders have raised much hue and cry over some party insiders sabotaging elections. After BJP's Sonepat candidate Mohan Lal Badauli and Gurugram candidate Rao Inderjit Singh, the camp of the party's Rohtak candidate Dr Arvind Sharma has also blamed local party leaders for the poor poll performance. While Sharma and Badauli lost the elections, the winning margin of Rao Inderjit

## LOST ELECTION DUE TO SABOTAGE: DAN SINGH

■ Congress candidate from Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat Rao Dan Singh alleged on Saturday that he lost the recent elections due to sabotage by some party leaders.

■ He said the matter had been brought to the

notice of the party high command for taking appropriate action

■ Asked about his poor performance in his own Assembly segment Mahendragarh, Rao Dan Singh admitted he lost there due to his shortcomings

reduced considerably.

As per BJP sources, Sharma's wife has expressed displeasure at the role played by a former state minister during canvassing on a WhatsApp group of party workers. However, local BJP leaders say that Sharma's own conduct and the lack of performance as MP and not the alleged lack of support from local leaders had led to his defeat in the elections.

"It is very easy to blame others for the poor election results. However, those blaming others for their defeat should introspect on their own conduct and performance instead of looking for scapegoats," said a local BJP leader.

Political analyst Ranbir Kadiyan says that it is not right to attribute the defeat or low performance of the BJP candidates to groupism

or infighting in the party. "Some BJP leaders may not have put in their best or sincere efforts to ensure the victory of the party candidates. However, this was a tough election for the ruling party due to strong anti-incumbency. Hence, even if all BJP leaders had supported the party candidates, the results would not have been much different," he observes.

Rajendra Sharma, Head of the Political Science Department at MDU, Rohtak, says that factionalism prevails in all parties to some extent. "It seemed more prevalent in the Congress as its national leadership has weakened in the recent past. On the other hand, it was not so evident in the BJP owing to its strong national leadership," he notes.

# Man kills self after WhatsApp chat with Pak phone number

FARIDABAD, JUNE 8

A 35-year-old man allegedly died by suicide in Faridabad district after a WhatsApp chat with a Pakistani phone number during which he was suspected to have been instigated to hang himself, the police said on Saturday.

The incident took place in Navada village on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday, the police said. They added that the deceased had been identified as Arun.

Meanwhile, the police registered an FIR on the complaint of

Arun's younger brother Anuj. In the FIR, the complainant stated that when Arun's mother went to his room around 4.30 am on Saturday, she saw that he was lying dead on the floor with a noose around his neck, a police spokesperson said.

In the complaint, Anuj stated that "when Arun's mobile phone was checked, it was found that he was chatting on WhatsApp with a Pakistan phone number. Arun was being instigated to commit suicide by hanging himself," the official alleged. PTI

# Delay in probe doesn't imply unfairness always: High Court

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8  
The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that mere delay in carrying out a probe does not automatically imply unfairness on the investigating agency's part. The Bench ruled that dissatisfaction with the pace of an investigation did not justify the presumption of bias and the party dissatisfied with the delay could file an application before the "illaqa magistrate".

Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj ruled that the magistrate was authorised to examine the delay and call for a report from the police station concerned, ensuring in the process that the grievance regarding the pace of investigation was addressed within the statutory framework.

Justice Bhardwaj also brought to fore the misuse of petitions seeking the transfer of investigations by observing that the parties at times filed restructured pleas to circumvent the statutory remedies. The Bench made it clear that the burden of proof, in such mat-

## HOUSE TRESPASS

The Bench was hearing a petition seeking directions to the State of Haryana and other respondents to ensure a fair and impartial investigation by an independent agency in a case alleging house trespass and other offences.

ters, was on the petitioner seeking the remedy.

"The onus to establish failure to meet the ends of justice, bias, malice or undue pressure on the investigating agency is on the petitioner seeking transfer and a mere delay does not satisfy the requirement for invoking inherent powers of the high court.... The filing of a restructured petition only for this reason, instead of approaching the illaqa magistrate is merely a bypass of the statutory remedy," Justice Bhardwaj ruled.

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The ruling has significant implications on how parties approach delays in investigations. Stressing the importance of adherence to statutory remedies, the judgment discourages the misuse of judicial processes to alter the course of investigations.

Referring to a plethora of rulings, Justice Bhardwaj said the power to transfer investigation was to be used only in exceptional circumstances and for securing justice for parties. Numerous judgments had consistently held that requests to transfer an investigation should not be allowed to be "used or deployed by any party for steering the investigation and/or taking the investigation to an agency, which is more feasible to the parties seeking any transfer of investigation".

Before parting with the order, Justice Bhardwaj asserted the incident occurred in August 2023. As such, it was deemed appropriate that the investigation be concluded promptly, and the investigating agency file the final report without delay.

# Held up due to poll code, work on Faridabad projects to be expedited

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 8  
The work on some major development projects in the city and the district that was stopped or slowed down after the imposition of the model code of conduct for the past over two months is likely to be resumed and expedited.

The authorities concerned are likely to be directed to ensure that the delayed projects are completed before the upcoming state Assembly elections so that these do not lead to resentment among residents or have an adverse impact on the elections, say sources in the district administration. They add that the Lok Sabha election results are also likely to force the authorities to speed up the work on the projects as around three months are left for the Assembly elections.

"The Public Works Department (PWD) plans to get the much-awaited bridge over the Yamuna to connect Faridabad to Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh formally inaugurated before the Assembly



The work on a bridge over the Yamuna in Faridabad district was stopped due to the imposition of the model code of conduct.

elections," says Pradeep Sindhu, Executive Engineer, PWD. He adds that though the bridge over the Yamuna near Manjhawali village in the district has been completed, the work on approach roads from both sides is yet to be completed. While the road from the Faridabad side is in the finishing stage, the Uttar Pradesh authorities are being approached to complete the work on their side.

The Rs 300-crore bridge project, the foundation stone of which was laid in August 2014, is expected to reduce

the travelling time between Faridabad and Greater Noida to 30 minutes from 1.30 hours at present. The second major project that is likely to be pushed is the intercity connectivity passage between the NIT and Greater Faridabad, the DPR of which is awaiting approval, according to sources in the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA), which had taken up the work in 2022. Though Rs 1 crore has been spent on the preparation of a feasibility plan, the project is still on paper.

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# 13 illegal denim dyeing units in Sonapat served notices

Violated norms by discharging untreated effluents

**MUKESH TANDON**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SONEPAT, JUNE 8**  
The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) has served show-cause notices to 13 illegal jeans dyeing units operational in the Ferozepur Bangar area of Kharkhoda in the district, reportedly for violating pollution norms and discharging effluents without treatment in the open.

Delhi-based environmentalist Varun Gulati had filed a complaint in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) alleging that over 500 dyeing units were operating in the residential and non-confirming areas — Dheeraj Nagar and Surya Vihar of Faridabad district; Friends Colony, Pyau Maniyari, Ferozpur Bangar of Sonapat district; Bajghera, Dhankot, Dhanwapur and Sector 37 of Gurugram and Badsa village of Jhajjar district and Nizampur in

**WERE OPERATIONAL SANS PERMISSION**

■ These units were running without the consent to operate and valid permission for the extraction of groundwater from the Haryana Water Resources Authority

■ According to the complainant, these units had no effluent treatment plant and were discharging effluents directly into drains, which was also a big reason for pollution in the Yamuna

Bahadurgarh.

He said the dyeing units were under the 'red category' and were grossly polluting industries. These were running without the consent to operate (CTO) and the consent to establishment (CTE) and without valid permission for the extraction of groundwater from the Haryana Water

# Kangana slapgate: Farmers protest in support of CISF constable

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**SIRSA, JUNE 8**  
The Bharatiya Kisan Ekta (BKE) held a protest march in Sirsa town on Saturday in protest against the alleged one-sided action taken against a woman constable at the Chandigarh airport in the Kangana slapgate incident. The march began at Nehru Park and passed through the Janata Bhawan road, ending at the Subhash Chowk, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk and the Surkhah Chowk. After the march, the farmers' union submitted a memorandum to Tehsildar Bhuvnesh Kumar, addressed to the President, demanding impartial investigation.

In the memorandum, the farmers' union condemned MP-elect Kangana Ranaut for linking the incident at the Chandigarh airport with terrorism and extremism. It said this was a personal dispute that required a fair investigation. BKE state president Lakhwinder Singh Aulakh

## BJP LEADER BOOKED FOR FB COMMENT

■ The police have registered a case against Devendra Kamboj, aka Sonu, district Maha Mantri of the BJP Youth Wing in Sirsa, for making controversial remarks against Kulwinder Kaur on the Facebook. The police registered an FIR against Kamboj on a complaint filed by the Bharatiya Kisan Ekta.

alleged it had become a habit with BJP leaders to make objectionable remarks against farmers and their families.

The union claimed that on the other hand, CISF constable Kulwinder Kaur was performing her duty honestly for the past 16 years. She had been posted at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport for the past two-and-a-half years without even one complaint against her. The incident with Kangana raised questions that need to be answered.

Aulakh alleged that the

administration was portraying Kulwinder Kaur in a negative light by hiding the truth about the incident where she allegedly slapped Kangana at the airport. "Kangana has a habit of making inciting statements that cause unrest in society," he alleged.

He said the farmers and labourers fought for their rights, and it was quite natural for them to be angry if an insulting language was used against their mothers and sisters. He added that farmers across the country were with the brave farmer's daughter, Kulwinder Kaur, the heir of Mata Bhaker. No injustice would be allowed against her.

During the Sirsa Lok Sabha elections, the BJP candidate had faced opposition from farmers. In this context, the BKE ran a campaign against the BJP candidate. As part of this campaign, a mobile video van was used to show videos of the alleged atrocities committed by the BJP government against farmers during the farmers' movement.

## Farmers plan stir for crop-loss relief

**ROHTAK, JUNE 8**  
A meeting of the Haryana state committee of the All-India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) was held at Rohtak on Thursday. The farm union congratulated the farmers of the state on the defeat of five of the BJP's Lok Sabha

candidates in Haryana. The meeting, chaired by the union's state president Balbir Singh, decided to launch a statewide agitation to press for the release of pending crop-loss compensation and crop insurance claims of the state farmers. — TNS

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A labourer spreads sunflower oilseeds at the Ambala Cantonment grain market on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Higher yield, purchase as per MSP bring relief to oilseed farmers

**NITISH SHARMA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**AMBALA, JUNE 8**  
A higher yield, coupled with procurement as per the minimum support price (MSP), has brought some relief for oilseed farmers in Ambala and Kurukshetra districts. The farmers say due to favourable weather conditions for the sunflower crop, there has been an increase of one to two quintal per acre in yield compared to the previous year, and they are harvesting 10 to 12 quintals of sunflower seeds per acre this year.

Meanwhile, the procurement of the crop has been at the MSP of Rs 6,760 a quintal. Last year, the crop was covered under the Bhavantar Bharpai Scheme that led to protests and the blockade of the National Highway-44.

As per the data, nearly 29,890 quintal of sunflower seeds have been procured at various grain markets of Ambala district while around 30,785 quintals of sunflower seeds have been procured in Kurukshetra district till June 7. Dilbagh Singh, a farmer of Mamumajra village in Shahabad, who reached the Ambala Cantt grain market to sell his produce, said, "While last year the yield was around 10 quintals per acre, this year, it is around 12 quintals. I have brought nearly 70 quintals of sunflower seeds from six acres and I have been told that it will be procured at the MSP this year. The weather was good this year for the oilseed crop. If farmers keep getting remunerative prices for their produce, they will adopt crop diversification."

Manpreet Singh, a sunflower farmer, who sold his produce at the Saha grain market, said, "Last year, I had suffered a loss after selling my produce under the Bhavantar Bharpai Scheme, but this year, I have sold my produce as per the MSP. The government should procure all crops at the MSP."

## FAVOURABLE SEASON


“In the previous season, farmers had to hold protests to sell sunflower at a fair price and the yield was also poor, but this season has been favourable so far. Against a yield of eight to 10 quintals last year, it is 10 to 12 quintals per acre this year, and the procurement is also as per the MSP. It will help the farmers in recover.”

Sukhvinder Singh, FARMER

Similarly, Sukhvinder Singh, another oilseed farmer, said, "During the previous season, farmers had to hold demonstrations to sell sunflower at a fair price and the yield was also poor, but this season has been favourable so far. Against a yield of eight to 10 quintals last year, it is 10 to 12 quintals per acre this year, and the procurement is also as per the MSP. It will help farmers recover some losses."


Neeraj Bhardwaj, secretary, Ambala Cantonment Grain Market, said, "Over 8,600 quintals of sunflower seeds have been procured at the grain market so far. Last year, the total arrivals were around 37,000 quintals and we are expecting the arrivals to surpass the previous year figures. The quality of the stock is good and procurement has been smooth. The farmers bring their crop and then spread it for drying here. We are requesting them to bring their produce after properly drying and cleaning seeds, so that they don't have to wait at the market to sell it."

Meanwhile, Dr Jasvinder Singh, Deputy Director Agriculture, Ambala, said, "The weather remained favourable for the sunflower crop, resulting in a higher yield this year. The farmers are harvesting one to two quintals per acre extra as compared to the yield last year."




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- NIT No.: PGI/Engg./Civil/2024/90. Name of Work: P/F of S.S. Cover and frames of Cadaveric Tanks Id and allied Civil Work in Deptt. Of Anatomy, Research Block-B, PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh, Estimated Cost: Rs.2.83 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs.5,660/-, Period of Completion: 1 Month, Last date and time of submission of bid: 19.06.2024 upto 4.00 P.M., Last date & time for submission of Original EMD or EMD exemption certificate for MSE/MSME: 20.06.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 21.06.2024 at 3.00 P.M.
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2.	C/O Link road to Yangtli Kanda. (GP Dubling) Km. 0/00 to 8/00 (SH:- 5.00/7.00 Mtr. wide Formation Cutting from Km 0/00 to 0/515).	4,94,451/-	10000/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
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4.	C/O Link road HRTC Workshop to Khawangi (Kagra) 0/00 to 1/600). (SH:- C/O R/Wall in G.I. wire crate at RD 0/550 to 0/600)	4,65,569/-	9500/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
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9.	Construction of link road to Santhang Ribba Km. 0/00 to 0/800 (SH:- Providing and laying interlocking paver block from Km. 0/400 to 0/450).	4,64,590/-	9500/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
10.	Construction of link road to Santhang Ribba Km. 0/00 to 0/800 (SH:- Providing and laying interlocking paver block from Km. 0/450 to 0/500).	4,52,476/-	9500/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
11.	RRD on Link road to Ribba Kanda via Ribba Gompia Km 0/00 to 11/725 (SH:- Providing protection work from Km. 0/625 to 0/650).	4,98,625/-	10000/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
12.	RRD on Link road to Ribba Kanda via Ribba Gompia Km 0/00 to 11/725 (SH:- Providing protection work from Km. 1/00 to 1/029).	4,96,130/-	10000/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
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15.	C/O link road from Sunnam to Hango (Portion Chunpabang to Chelit) Km. 0/00 to 6/00 (SH:- Widening of road by formation cutting from Km. 4/870 to 4/980)	4,99,700/-	10,000/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
16.	C/O link road from Sunnam to Hango (Portion Chunpabang to Chelit) Km. 0/00 to 6/00 (SH:- Widening of road by formation cutting from Km. 4/980 to 5/100)	4,99,500/-	10,000/-	Three Months	350/-	"D" class
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No. QSD-7-2/Prospectus/CSKHPKV-Acad/2024/28676 Date of, Palampur the 07 June 2024

**ADMISSION NOTICE 2024-25**

Admission opens for all categories of candidates including NRIs/Children of NRI/ Ward of NRI/OCI/Foreign National Candidates to various Undergraduate, Masters and Doctoral Programmes of CSKHPKV, Palampur for the Academic Session 2024-25. For detailed information about Information Brochure & Prospectus 1) for Entrance Test Based Admissions 2024-25 to i) B.V.Sc. & A.H. programme on the basis of the score card of Entrance Examination of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate)-2024 (NEET(UG)-2024); ii) for B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture & B. Tech. (Food Technology) programme on the basis of the score card of Common University Entrance Test (CUET (UG)-2024); iii) M.Sc. Agriculture, M.V.Sc., M.Sc. Community Science and M.Sc. Basic Sciences programmes on the basis of the score card of ICAR All India Entrance Examination for Admission (ICAR AIEEA (PG)-2024) and iv) Ph.D. Agriculture; Ph.D. Veterinary Science, Ph.D. Community Sciences and Ph.D. Basic Sciences programmes on the basis of the score card of ICAR All India Entrance Examination for Admission AICE-JRF/SRF (Ph.D.)-2024, and 2) for Merit Based Admissions 2024-25 to B.Sc. (Hons./Hons. with Research) Physical Sciences (Physics/ Chemistry/Mathematics); B.Sc. (Hons./Hons. with Research) Life Sciences (Botany/ Zoology/Chemistry) and B.Sc.(Hons.) Community Science programmes and 3) for Merit Based Admissions 2024-25 to B.Sc. (Hospitality and Hotel Administration) programme - admissions, eligibility qualifications, procedure to apply for the programmes, number of seats, mode of admission, important dates, etc., the candidates are advised to visit the University Website (<http://hillagric.ac.in/students/acad/admissions.html>).

The portal for filling up online applications will open on 07.06.2024.

Sd/- Registrar,  
CSK HPKV, Palampur.

DI-3660

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
**PUNJAB REMOTE SENSING CENTRE (PRSC)**  
PAU Campus, Ludhiana - 141004  
Tender Notice Reference No.PRSC-2024/003

PRSC, Ludhiana intends to invite bids through E-Tendering for the following:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Tender Fee (Non-Refundable) in Rs.	EMD (Rs.)
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lift of carrying capacity of 8 Persons as per ISO-9001:2015 & Testing and Commissioning of heavy duty / latest technology without machine room, gear less and Comprehensive AMC for Five Years at (G+2) Punjab Remote Sensing Centre, Ludhiana-141004.	3,000	50,000

Date & Time of Submission of Bids : From 11.06.2024, 11:00 a.m. to 04.07.2024 till 11:00 a.m. For details login to : "<https://leproc.punjab.gov.in/>" or on PRSC website "[www.prsc.gov.in](http://www.prsc.gov.in)"

Note: Any addendum/ corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Director  
Punjab Remote Sensing Centre  
P.A.U. Campus, Ludhiana.

DPR/Pb/34242

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Thanakalan, invites tender 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	Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Structure Jassana Khad, Bangana Khad, Thanakalan Khad, & Chaprokh Khad for irrigation facility in Tehsil Bangana Distt Una (HP), (SH:- Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Structure (RWHs-2) on Bangana Khad Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Structure (RWHs-3) on Thanakalan Khad near village Thanakalan, Construction of Rain water harvesting Structure (RWHs-4) on Chaprokh Khad).	2,14,37,460/-	2,46,875/-

Cost of Tender document: 2,500/-  
Last dated of filling uploading the tender through e-tendering: 14-06-2024 upto 05:00 PM

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org).

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Divn. Thanakalan

DPR/HP/55

**Reserve Bank of India**  
Department of Supervision  
Chandigarh

**Directions under Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (As Applicable to Co-operative Societies) – The Imperial Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Jalandhar – Extension of Period**

The Reserve Bank of India issued Directions under Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to The Imperial Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Jalandhar vide Directive No. CDG.DOS.RSG.No.S1645/16-03-46/2022-23 dated March 9, 2023 for a period of six months up to close of business on September 10, 2023, as modified from time to time which were last extended up to close of business on June 10, 2024. The Reserve Bank of India is satisfied that in the public interest, it is necessary to further extend the period of operation of the Directive beyond close of business on June 10, 2024.

2. Accordingly, the Reserve Bank of India, in exercise of powers vested in it under sub section (1) of Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, hereby extends the Directive for a further period of three months from close of business on June 10, 2024 to close of business on September 10, 2024, subject to review.

3. Other terms and conditions of the Directive under reference, shall remain unchanged.

(Pankaj Setiya)  
General Manager-in-Charge  
Haryana, Punjab, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh  
June 09, 2024

**डाटिफैक्टरेट आड अंशुकेखन सैमंटी गुरुद्वारा पृथिवी कमेटी,**  
गुरुद्वारा (महिला) 147021, फोन 75270-07300, 75270-07400

सैमंटी गुरुद्वारा पृथिवी कमेटी के कारना/सकुल विच टीचिंग असामिया

विचिआक सैमन 2024-25 लटी वॉच-वॉच विचिआं के अंडग्राहक पॉपल 'ते सगलि पृथिवी/लिकचरावा/सकुल अशियापका' दीआं असामियां लटी अरुआं दी मंग कीती जांटी है। छुमिद्वारा डाटिफैक्टरेट आड अंशुकेखन दी वैबसाटीट [www.desgpc.org](http://www.desgpc.org) के ONLINE अशियां कर सकंटे हन। अशियां करन दी आधरी मिती 30-06-2024 है। सिंध छुमिद्वारा पंडित नहीं हेंटां चगीदा।

Advt. No. 362/2024 सकंडर विचिआ/डाटिफैक्टरेट अंशुकेखन

**CHANDIGARH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (DEGREE WING)**  
(Government Institute under Chandigarh (UT) Administration)  
Approved by AICTE, New Delhi/Affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh  
SECTOR-26, CHANDIGARH, PIN – 160019, Tel No. 0172-2750943  
Website: [www.ccet.ac.in](http://www.ccet.ac.in) Email: [helpdesk@ccet.ac.in](mailto:helpdesk@ccet.ac.in)

**ADMISSION NOTICE (ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25)**

For the academic session 2024-25, Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (Degree Wing), invites online applications for the admission in Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) 1st year courses on the basis of Joint Entrance Exam - 2024 (JEE) through Joint Admission Committee (JAC - 2024) online admission portal. The detail of B.E. courses offered by CCET is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Course	Seats Intake	Sr. No.	Name of Course	Seats Intake
1.	Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)	75 Seats	3.	Civil Engineering (CE)	75 Seats
2.	Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)	75 Seats	4.	Mechanical Engineering (ME)	75 Seats
			Total		300 Seats

In addition to above mentioned 300 seats, additional 13 seats under various categories i.e. Tuition Fee Waiver, Kashmiri Migrant etc. are available as Supernumerary seats.

JAC PORTAL	CCET WEBSITE	CCET HELPDESK
<a href="https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/">https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/</a>	<a href="https://www.ccet.ac.in">https://www.ccet.ac.in</a>	9872823250, 9888623825, Email-Id: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@ccet.ac.in">helpdesk@ccet.ac.in</a>

More details on the Academic Programmes, Eligibility Criteria, Seat Details in each course and their corresponding Reservation details are available in JAC information brochure published at the admission website.

Applying for admission to any of the above courses involves the following:

- Online registration at admission website <https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/>
- Online payment of a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 2800/- for General and Rs. 1400/- for SC/ST/PWD category and filling the registration fee payment details.
- Candidates will be required to upload requisite certificates/documents during online registration.

Admissions will be made on the basis of JEE (Main) - 2024 All India Rank (AIR). There will be three rounds of online counselling followed by Special and SPOT round of online counselling. Only the registered candidates will be able to participate in these rounds of counselling.

**Important Dates:-**

- Online Registration from 01.05.2024 to 23.06.2024.

**NOTE:-**

- All further notices and updates regarding the admission process will be made available on the JAC website. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly.
- For counselling schedule and other updates, please visit the JAC Portal or contact admission Helpline No: 9872823250, 9888623825. Email-Id: [helpdesk@ccet.ac.in](mailto:helpdesk@ccet.ac.in)

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## NOTICE

### INVITING CLAIMS FOR NOTIFICATION FOR 15th TERM UNDER SECTION 5(4) OF THE PRESS COUNCIL ACT, 1978

Dated: 09th June, 2024

### Last date for Filing of Claims: 24th July, 2024

The three-year term of the present members of the Press Council of India under Section 5 (3) (a), (b) and (c) shall come to an end on October 05, 2024. The Council is to be reconstituted for its 15th term. Of its 28 members, excluding the Chairperson, twenty are to be nominated in accordance with the procedure set out in the Press Council Act, 1978 and Press Council (Procedure for Nomination of Members) Rules, 1978 as amended from time to time, including the Press Council (Procedure for Notification of Associations of Persons) Rules, 2021 notified vide Gazette Notification dated February 05, 2021 read with Section 5 of the Press Council Act, 1978 (hereinafter referred as Act), which stipulates making nomination of thirteen working journalists i.e. six amongst editors of newspapers and seven amongst working journalists other than editors, six persons from among those who own or carry on the business of management of big, medium and small newspapers and one from among persons who manage news agencies, under Clause (a), Clause (b) and Clause (c) of Section 5 (3) of the Act respectively.

For the reconstitution of the Press Council of India for its 15th term, eligible Associations of Persons of the following categories are invited to file their respective claims for notification, under Sub-Section (4) of Section 5 read with Section 5(3) (a), (b) and (c) of the Press Council Act, 1978. It may be noted that the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023 and the Press and Registration of Periodical Rules, 2024 shall be referred to for definition(s) and other provisions or matters connected therewith or incidental thereto in the process of reconstitution of members of PCI:

**Vide Clause (a) of Section 5(3):**

- Associations of the category of working journalists who are editors of newspapers.
- Associations of the category of working journalists other than editors.

**Note** - The expressions "editor" and "newspaper" have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023.

**Note** - The expression "working journalist" has the meaning assigned to it in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955.

**Vide Clause (b) of Section 5(3):**

- Associations of persons who own or carry on the business of management of big, medium and small newspapers.

**Vide Clause (c) of Section 5(3) read with proviso to Section 5 (4):**

Associations of persons who manage news agencies or individual news agency in the event of there being no association of news agencies. (Covered within the ambit of the Working Journalists Act and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Misc. Provisions Act, 1955 and excluding feature and non-wire agencies).

**Eligibility of Association of Persons:**

Association of Persons must have following:

- It must have been registered under the relevant laws for the time being in force for atleast six years prior to last date of filing of the claims;
- It must be conducting its business continuously thereafter, and shall submit documents in proof thereof duly certified by the competent authority under such relevant laws;
- The Memorandum of Association (MoA) of such association of persons shall not restrict its membership to any particular religion, race, caste or language.

The claims shall be filed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Claims with the name of the Association" on the letterhead of the association carrying the registered address for correspondence, email i.d., contact numbers with the CHAIRPERSON, PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA, SOOCHNA BHAWAN, 8, CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110003, so as to reach on or before 05:00 P.M. of 24th July, 2024.

**SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED**

The claims should be accompanied by supportive documents showing that the association is eligible in terms of the Act and the Rules made thereunder to represent anyone of the categories set out above and also to establish that it is qualified to represent the category under which it is staking its claim.

Following documents authenticated by Notary Public need to be filed:

- A copy of the MoA/Constitution/MoU of the Association;
- Copy of the Registration Certificate of the claimant body, with up to date renewal certificate wherever applicable;
- Minutes of the General Body meetings for the last six years preceding the issuance of advertisement filed before the appropriate authority i.e. Registrar of Societies or such authorities under relevant laws under which the Associations of persons is registered to show their existence for at least six years prior to last date of filing of the claims;
- Certificate of the Competent Authority under relevant law in the following format:

<b>Certificate</b>		<b>Dated:</b>
I _____ (Full Name) do hereby certify _____ (Name of the Association) has been registered/incorporated under _____ (Name of the Act) on _____ (Date, Month & Year) and conducting its business continuously thereafter.		
(Signature and Seal of the Competent Authority)		

(e) An up to date detailed list of its members representing the category under which the claim is being filed with complete particulars as set out below, in hard copy as well as soft copy in Pen Drive:

- SURNAME, FIRST NAME
- RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF THE MEMBER(S)
- TITLE OF THE NEWSPAPER BEING REPRESENTED ALONG WITH REGISTRATION NUMBER
- LANGUAGE IN WHICH THE NEWSPAPER IS PUBLISHED
- NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION ADDRESS ALONG WITH STATE NAME
- OFFICE ADDRESS WITH NAME OF THE STATE AT WHICH THE MEMBER IS CURRENTLY POSTED
- DESIGNATION IN THE NEWSPAPER i.e. EDITOR, WORKING JOURNALIST OTHER THAN EDITORS, OWNER/PUBLISHER OR MANAGER
- CIRCULATION OF THE NEWSPAPER OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MEMBER [INFORMATION REGARDING THIS POINT TO BE PROVIDED BY ASSOCIATIONS FILING CLAIM UNDER SECTION 5 (3) (b)]
- WHETHER MEMBER OF ANY OTHER PARALLEL ASSOCIATION
- YEAR



Fisheries Dept inks MoU for seeds

**BILASPUR, JUNE 8**  
The Department of Fisheries on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Central Freshwater Aquaculture Research, Bhubaneswar, for making available fish feed technology and seeds of Jayanti Rohu and advanced Katla species to farmers in the state.  
Under the MoU, seafood

brood fish feed technology, seeds of Jayanti Rohu and advanced Katla species of fish will be made available by Central Freshwater Aquaculture Research to the Himachal Pradesh Fishery Department. Fisheries Department Director Vivek Chandel said the department is constantly making efforts to improve the farmers' income. — PTI

1,600 fires this season; funds, staff crunch hamper blaze management operations

**SUBHASH RAJTA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, JUNE 8**  
Himachal Pradesh has already recorded over 1,600 forest fires this season, making it one of the worst years in terms of forest fires over the last one decade. The rampaging fires have scorched over 17,000 hectares of forest land, causing extensive damage to flora and fauna and environment. "The forest fires have been really bad this time. The number of fires this time is already the fourth highest in the last ten years," said Nishant Mandhotra, the nodal officer for forest fires.

Even as the fires have been quite bad, the department hasn't sought assistance from external agencies like air force or NDRF to put out the blazing flames raging across the state on the grounds that the department did not allow any fire to go out of control. "We were asked by the Forest Ministry if we needed help to put out a



fire close to a wildlife sanctuary in district Shimla as the fire had continued for seven-eight days," said Mandhotra. "When we checked with our officials concerned, they said the fire was under control. It was the only fire when the option of using NDRF was considered. If fire threatens some critical facility, the NDRF can be called in urgently," he said. Meanwhile, some forest officials

point out that limited budget to carry out precautionary anti-fire measures like controlled burning, maintaining fire lines and shortage of staff and vehicles were hampering the fire-fighting abilities of the department. "Ahead of summer, we carry out activities like controlled burning of inflammable material and maintenance of fire lines to ensure fires do not spread

far and wide. The problem is, there's not enough budget to carry out these activities effectively in all fire-prone areas due to inadequate budget," said a fire official. "In the absence of these measures, it becomes difficult to control the fire as and when it is triggered," he added. Another official pointed out the shortage of staff and lack of vehicles that affect mobility

AT GROUND LEVEL

There's just one guard manning vast areas in the forest. Vehicles are not available for the staff to move quickly in case of fire or any other exigency. So, it becomes difficult to control the fires. A fire official

Fires singed several acres of forests around Shimla on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

At 40.2° C, Una hottest in state, rain likely today

**SHIMLA, JUNE 8**  
There was no significant change in the minimum temperatures across Himachal Pradesh and Una recorded the hottest place with 40.2°C, the local weather office said on Saturday.

The Meteorological Centre here also predicted rain in isolated areas in middle and high hills on Sunday and heatwave in low hills from Monday to Wednesday.

The centre predicted rain and issued a yellow warning of thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds at the speed of 30-40 km per hour at isolated places in Chamba, Mandi, Kullu, Shimla and Kangra in Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti districts on Sunday. It also issued a warning of heatwave in the low hills of Solan, Simlaur, Mandi, Una, Bilaspur and Hamirpur from Monday to Wednesday.

So far, the rain deficit in the ongoing summer season from June 1 to 8 was four per cent as the state received 15.3 mm rain against average rainfall of 15.9 mm, the MeT office said. — PTI

PUBLIC NOTICE  
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN TWENTY-TWO (22) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of 365 retail liquor zones of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) in 22 Districts in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code					
1.	Ambala	ZAMB01	ZAMB04	ZAMB07	ZAMB08	ZAMB09	ZAMB10
		ZAMB11	ZAMB15	ZAMB21	ZAMB22	ZAMB27	ZAMB29
		ZAMB33	ZAMB34	ZAMB36	ZAMB37	ZAMB38	ZAMB39
		ZAMB43	ZAMB44	ZAMB46	ZAMB48	ZAMB49	ZAMB50
		ZAMB56	ZAMB58	ZAMB59	ZAMB60		
		ZBWN01	ZBWN02	ZBWN04	ZBWN05	ZBWN06	ZBWN07
2.	Bhiwani	ZBWN08	ZBWN09	ZBWN10	ZBWN12	ZBWN13	ZBWN16
		ZBWN17	ZBWN18	ZBWN20	ZBWN22	ZBWN23	ZBWN24
		ZBWN25	ZBWN26	ZBWN29	ZBWN33	ZBWN34	ZBWN35
		ZBWN36	ZBWN37	ZBWN38	ZBWN39	ZBWN40	ZBWN41
		ZBWN42	ZBWN43	ZBWN44	ZBWN45	ZBWN46	ZBWN47
		ZBWN48	ZBWN49	ZBWN50	ZBWN51	ZBWN52	ZBWN53
		ZBWN54	ZBWN55	ZBWN56	ZBWN57	ZBWN61	ZBWN63
		ZBWN64	ZBWN65				
		ZFBD02	ZFBD03	ZFBD08	ZFBD13	ZFBD16	ZFBD21
		ZFBD22	ZFBD23	ZFBD26	ZFBD27	ZFBD29	ZFBD43
		ZFBD53	ZFBD56	ZFBD57	ZFBD73	ZFBD102	ZFBD112
		ZFTB02	ZFTB03	ZFTB05	ZFTB06	ZFTB07	ZFTB09
4.	Fatehabad	ZFTB12	ZFTB13	ZFTB14	ZFTB15	ZFTB16	ZFTB17
		ZFTB18	ZFTB19	ZFTB20	ZFTB21	ZFTB22	ZFTB24
		ZFTB25	ZFTB26	ZFTB27	ZFTB28	ZFTB29	ZFTB31
		ZFTB32	ZFTB35	ZFTB36	ZFTB37	ZFTB38	ZFTB40
		ZFTB41	ZFTB42	ZFTB43	ZFTB44	ZFTB45	
		ZGRE01	ZGRE08	ZGRE24	ZGRE26	ZGRE29	ZGRE31
5.	Gurugram (East)	ZGRE46	ZGRE48	ZGRE52	ZGRE55	ZGRE68	ZGRE77
		ZGRE78					
6.	Gurugram (West)	ZGRW08	ZGRW77				
7.	Hisar	ZHSR01	ZHSR02	ZHSR05	ZHSR07	ZHSR08	ZHSR12
		ZHSR18	ZHSR20	ZHSR21	ZHSR29	ZHSR34	ZHSR37
		ZHSR38	ZHSR41	ZHSR44	ZHSR47	ZHSR48	ZHSR49
		ZHSR50	ZHSR51	ZHSR52	ZHSR53	ZHSR58	ZHSR64
		ZHSR71	ZHSR74				
		ZJAG03	ZJAG06	ZJAG41	ZJAG42	ZJAG43	
9.	Jhajjar	ZJHA04	ZJHA10	ZJHA15	ZJHA19	ZJHA22	ZJHA24
		ZJHA29					
10.	Jind	ZJND03	ZJND05	ZJND06	ZJND08	ZJND09	ZJND10
		ZJND13	ZJND15	ZJND16	ZJND17	ZJND20	ZJND21
		ZJND22	ZJND26	ZJND27	ZJND28	ZJND29	ZJND31
		ZJND33	ZJND34	ZJND39	ZJND44		
		ZKTL02	ZKTL06	ZKTL09	ZKTL11	ZKTL23	ZKTL27
		ZKTL29					
12.	Karnal	ZKNL03	ZKNL10	ZKNL15	ZKNL18	ZKNL19	ZKNL21
		ZKNL22	ZKNL24	ZKNL25	ZKNL26	ZKNL31	ZKNL34
		ZKNL35	ZKNL37	ZKNL38	ZKNL41	ZKNL50	ZKNL51
		ZKNL52					
		ZKKR01	ZKKR06	ZKKR19	ZKKR21	ZKKR28	
		ZMWT06	ZMWT08	ZMWT09			
15.	Namau	ZNNL10	ZNNL18	ZNNL19	ZNNL22	ZNNL23	ZNNL28
16.	Palwal	ZPWL20					
17.	Panchkula	ZPKL04	ZPKL06	ZPKL08	ZPKL09	ZPKL10	ZPKL21
		ZPKL22	ZPKL23	ZPKL24	ZPKL25	ZPKL26	ZPKL31
		ZPKL33	ZPKL34	ZPKL36	ZPKL39		
		ZPNP04	ZPNP08	ZPNP09	ZPNP10	ZPNP14	ZPNP15
		ZPNP16	ZPNP17	ZPNP21	ZPNP22	ZPNP23	ZPNP24
		ZPNP25	ZPNP28	ZPNP29	ZPNP30	ZPNP31	ZPNP32
18.	Panipat	ZPNP34	ZPNP38	ZPNP40	ZPNP44		
		ZRWR01	ZRWR04	ZRWR05	ZRWR12	ZRWR14	ZRWR19
		ZRWR22	ZRWR25	ZRWR27	ZRWR29	ZRWR31	
		ZRTK04	ZRTK05	ZRTK08	ZRTK10	ZRTK11	ZRTK12
		ZRTK15	ZRTK16	ZRTK18	ZRTK19	ZRTK24	ZRTK27
		ZRTK29	ZRTK31	ZRTK32	ZRTK38	ZRTK40	ZRTK41
20.	Rohtak	ZRTK42	ZRTK44	ZRTK46	ZRTK47	ZRTK48	ZRTK49
		ZRTK50	ZRTK51	ZRTK53			
		ZSRS09	ZSRS14	ZSRS15	ZSRS17	ZSRS29	ZSRS31
		ZSRS32	ZSRS37	ZSRS39	ZSRS41	ZSRS43	ZSRS44
		ZSRS45	ZSRS46	ZSRS47	ZSRS48	ZSRS52	ZSRS55
		ZSRS56	ZSRS57	ZSRS58	ZSRS59	ZSRS61	ZSRS62
		ZSRS63	ZSRS65	ZSRS66	ZSRS67	ZSRS69	ZSRS70
		ZSRS71	ZSRS73				
		ZSNP39	ZSNP49	ZSNP50	ZSNP51	ZSNP61	ZSNP66
		ZSNP68	ZSNP69	ZSNP72	ZSNP73		
21.	Sirsa						
22.	Sonapat						

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 10th June, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 10th June, 2024 (04.00 p.m.)
Evaluation of e-tenders	10th June, 2024 (5.00 p.m.)

3. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the Department i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in). The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of Department i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in). The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

4. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCs (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the districts concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

5. All allotment(s) and grant of licence(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the Districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the Department.

6. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana.

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State hikes prize money for int'l medal winners

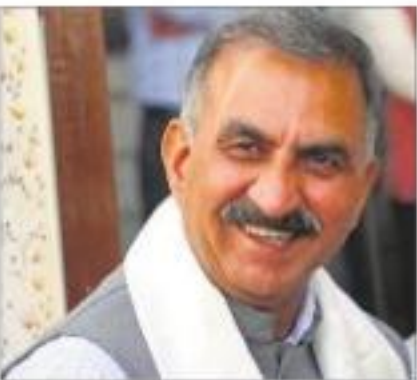
**SHIMLA, JUNE 8**

The Himachal Pradesh government has substantially increased prize money for gold medal winners in the Olympics, Winter Olympics, and Paralympics from Rs 3 crore to Rs. 5 crore while prize money for silver medalists has been increased to Rs 3 crore instead of Rs 2 crore and for bronze medalists, prize money has been increased from Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore.

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said today that for athletes excelling in the Asian Games and Para Asian Games, the prize money for gold medal winners has seen a remarkable increase from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 4 crore. Silver medalists would now be rewarded with Rs 2.50 crore instead of Rs 30 lakh, while bronze medalists would get Rs 1.50 crore instead of Rs 20 lakh.

"Moreover, sportspersons achieving glory in the Commonwealth Games and Para Commonwealth Games would also be benefitted from the revised prize scheme," he said.

Gold medal winners would now receive Rs 3 crore instead of Rs 50 lakh, silver



CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

medallists Rs 2 crore instead of Rs 30 lakh, and bronze medallists Rs 1 crore instead of Rs 20 lakh, he added.

The CM said this enhancement in prize money reflects the state government's commitment to promote sports and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of athletes representing the state at the international level.

"The new sports policy of the state government is aimed at recognising and encouraging sporting excellence and will ultimately contribute to the overall development of sports in the state. This move will not only boost morale but also attract more talented individuals to pursue excellence in sports activities," the CM said. — TNS

Wrong for security staff to manhandle someone: Vikramaditya on slapgate

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**SHIMLA, JUNE 8**

Despite losing a bitterly-fought election to Kangana Ranaut in the Mandi Parliamentary constituency, Vikramaditya Singh today condemned the assault on the actress-turned-politician by a CISF personnel at the Chandigarh airport.

"The incident is unfortunate and it should not happen with anyone, especially a woman," Vikramaditya Singh said in a press conference here today. "Our sympathies are today with the farmers as well who had to sit on a long protest. We stand by them. However, this is no way to protest. One can put forth his point through constitutional ways," he said.

He further said that it was wrong on the part of the security personnel to manhandle someone, especially at the airport where she's responsible for the safety of all passengers. "So, I welcome whatever action the government and the CISF is taking against her," he said.



PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh after a meeting in Shimla on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Incidentally, Vikramaditya Singh was probably the first state leader who condemned the incident by putting out a post on his Facebook page.

Even as Vikramaditya Singh condemned the assault on Kangana, he made it clear that calling someone a "terrorist" was also an irresponsible statement. "It's an isolated incident, and

shouldn't have happened. But then calling someone a terrorist is also an irresponsible statement," he said, hinting that Kangana should be more careful while making such statements.

As for the BJP sweeping all four Lok Sabha seats, Vikramaditya attributed the loss to the Modi magic in the state. "The Modi factor did not

work in rest of the country, but it seems to have worked here. The party needs to ponder over this and take corrective measures," the PWD Minister said.

Out of the 68 Assembly constituencies, the Congress could take lead only in seven constituencies. "We all need to introspect and find out the reasons behind it," he said.

Work on flyover at Garkhal junction to begin soon

**AMBIKA SHARMA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SOLAN, JUNE 8**  
With financial bids received from three bidders being evaluated by the HP Road and Infrastructure Development Corporation (RIDC), work to construct a flyover at Garkhal junction leading to Kasauli will begin soon.

The RIDC, which is executing the Rs 22-crore project had invited bids for the second time after the state government did not approve a single bidder, which had qualified in 2023. This had delayed its execution by nearly a year.

RIDC Superintending Engineer Mahesh Rana, while optimistic of awarding the project in the next few weeks, said: "Financial bid of three bidders were being evaluated and the task would take three weeks and the work would be awarded by next month."

Among the three bidders, two had participated in the bidding earlier also while one new bidder has staked claim to execute the project this time. Once awarded, the flyover will be constructed within a year's time.

Since five single-lane narrow roads converge at the junction, a flyover is direly required at Garkhal junction. Traffic snarls on these narrow roads often cause inconvenience

RIDC evaluating financial bids by three firms

A fire engine stuck at the Garkhal junction due to the narrow road. FILE

NARROW ROADS A BIG TROUBLE

- Since five single-lane narrow roads converge at the junction, a flyover is direly required at Garkhal junction
- Traffic snarls on these narrow roads often cause inconvenience to the tourists as well as the local residents, especially in the peak tourist season
- Kasauli is a key tourist destination of people from nearby areas like Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi

PROJECT COST PEGGED AT ₹22 CRORE

- Larsen and Toubro surveyed the junction in June 2022 and an estimate of Rs 27 crore was prepared initially. However, the amount was later reduced to Rs 22 crore
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With ribbon development, where buildings have been constructed in a continuous row along the road, there is little scope to expand the existing roads. Keeping this handicap in mind, a flyover was mooted as the lone solution.

A study undertaken by a National Green Tribunal's panel on the carrying capacity

of the Kasauli Planning Area in 2017 had also stressed the need to decongest the Garkhal junction where five roads converge. Seven years after these findings, the project was now likely to see the light of the day.

It will prove helpful, if the traffic is diverted from the Parwanoo-Dharampur section of the National Highway-5 in case of an eventuality, as the narrow junction was inadequate to bear the traffic.

Thakur reaches Delhi to attend oath ceremony

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**SHIMLA, JUNE 8**

Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today reached New Delhi to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said whole country wanted PM Modi to lead the Central Government again.

In a statement issued from Delhi, he said the day has come for which every Indian was waiting and Narendra Modi is taking oath as the Prime Minister of India for the third time.

"Modi 3.0 is officially starting. The love and support given by the people to the National Democratic Alliance and the BJP is unprecedented. I express my gratitude to everyone for this," said Thakur.

Thakur said PM Modi set goals for the country's development from his first term itself and dedicated the schemes to the service of the countrymen by completing them within the stipulated time. "He launched one country-friendly scheme after another for the development of the people of the country, working with the goal of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas. In his second term, PM made the government's schemes more comprehensive. He did not let the pace of the country's development stop even after challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic. Along with giving a new dimension to the country's development journey, he took India's stature to new heights in the world" said the leader of opposition.

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and deep sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Jagbir Singh Grewal (Niku)**  
Bhog and Antim Ardas will be held at **Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana on June 11, 2024 (Tuesday)** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by **Guru da Langar.**  
Sukhvinder Singh Grewal : Brother  
Late Bibi Ranjodh Kaur Grewal : Mother  
Late Dr. Abchal Singh Grewal : Father

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# Hinting at Assembly poll, EC invites applications for symbols from parties

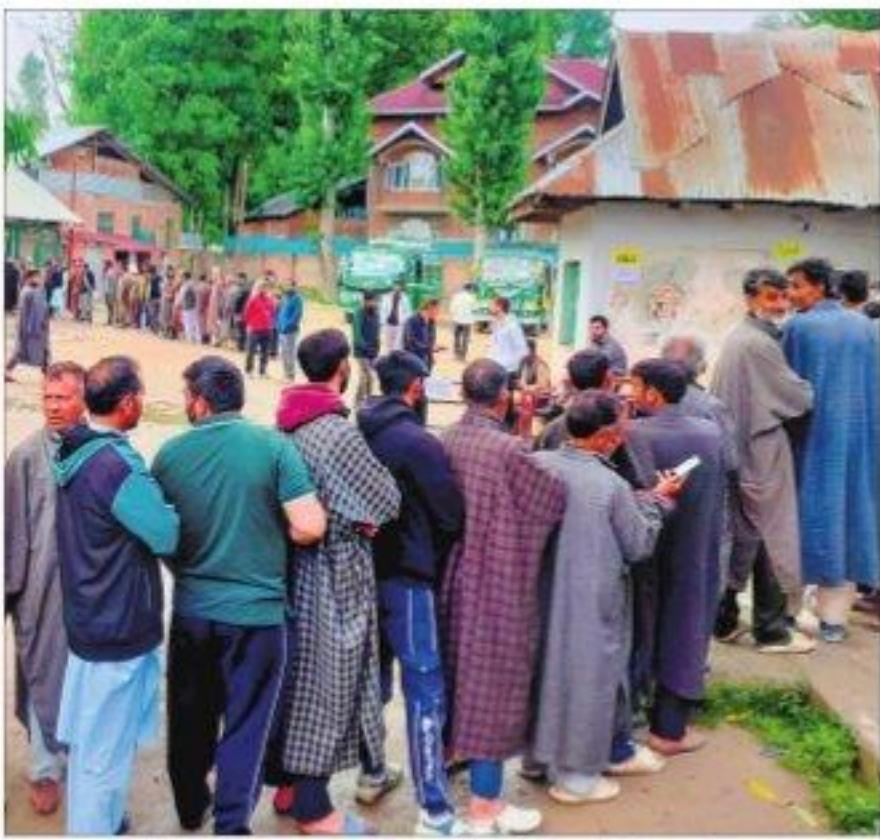
SC had directed commission to conduct J&K elections by Sept 30

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NEWDELHI, JUNE 8  
The Election Commission (EC) has invited applications seeking the allotment of “common symbols” from registered unrecognised parties in Jammu and Kashmir, days after the poll body had indicated its readiness for conducting Assembly poll here.

According to a notification issued by the EC on June 7, it has decided to seek the allotment of the symbols under Para 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968, with “immediate effect”.

While the recognised national and state parties have their “reserved symbols”, registered unrecognised parties have to apply



People wait in a queue to cast their vote in Kashmir. FILE PHOTO

for them to field candidates in the election. Under the Election Symbols order, any registered unrecognised political party can apply for a “common symbol” six

months prior to the end of the term of a House.

However, as there is no functional Assembly in J&K now, the EC has invited the applications. The move by poll body comes just a week after Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar had said that the panel would begin the election process in the Union Territory “very soon”.

Last year, the Supreme Court had directed the EC to hold Assembly elections in the UT latest by September 30, 2024. Once the schedule for the Assembly poll is announced, it will be for the first time that they will be held after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, in the UT. The last Assembly elections were held in J&K in 2014.

# Case of mistaken identity: Cook killed in BSF firing along border

SAMBA/JAMMU, JUNE 8

In a case of mistaken identity, a 26-year-old man was killed when the Border Security Force (BSF) troops opened fire on observing suspicious movement near a forward post along the International Border (IB) in Samba, an official said on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Vasudeva, a resident of Akhnoor area in Jammu. He was working as a cook with a company engaged in construction work in the border area, the official added.

“An untoward incident took place at border outpost Regal late Friday night when BSF personnel, as per preliminary investigation, observed some suspicious movement. On being challenged, the individual apparently got frightened and started running away, following which the troops opened fire,” Samba Addition-

Kin given ₹5 lakh ex gratia relief

al Superintendent of Police Surinder Choudhary said.

He added that the victim was critically injured and was rushed to hospital but succumbed to his injuries. “The police have taken cognisance of the incident and further investigation is on,” the officer said, adding the body of the deceased was handed over to his family after completion of all formalities, including post-mortem, this morning.

According to Vasudeva’s colleagues, the incident took place when he had gone out of his rented accommodation to relieve himself. Senior BSF and police officers visited the scene immediately after the incident, an official said.

Samba Additional Deputy Commissioner Suresh Kumar Sharma said an ex-

gratia relief of Rs 5 lakh — Rs 4 lakh from the company and Rs 1 lakh from district administration — had been given to the relatives of the deceased.

The labour commission had also been informed and they would calculate how much compensation should be given to the family of the deceased, he said, adding that one of the family members would be appointed as a special police officer (SPO). He said the circumstances leading to his death were a matter of investigation and the police had already started a probe. Earlier, Medical Officer K Jandyal said the patient reached the hospital at 11 pm with his vitals not responding. Every effort was made to revive him but he could not be saved, she said. — PTI

# Have emerged as alternative to family politics: Rashid’s party

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

The Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) today said its leader Engineer Rashid, who won from the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, would be sending a message from jail to his constituents by Monday. Party leaders said the AIP had emerged as a new alternative to the legacy politics of Jammu and Kashmir and that it would actively participate in the upcoming elections.

AIP leaders expressed regret over not fielding candidates in the South Kashmir and Srinagar constituencies, believing that they could have achieved a clean sweep there as well. The leaders attributed their electoral success not merely to sympathy vote, but to Rashid’s “personal commitment” and “political stance”.

AIP spokesperson Firdous Baba said: “Engineer Rashid should be released from jail and allowed to take his oath. He is a representative of his constituency and cannot remain behind bars.” — OC

# J&K police chief: Valley witnessing a shift from local to foreign terrorism

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain on Saturday said Kashmir was witnessing a shift from resident terrorism to foreign terrorism. He added that currently, 70 to 80 foreign terrorists were operating in the Valley.

In order to safeguard the rest of the population, Swain said it was necessary for the police to act tough against those involved in giving shelter to, or ferrying terrorists.

“We are witnessing a shift from resident terrorism to foreign terrorism. The number of local recruits joining terrorist groups has declined significantly. Our goal, with the support of the community, is to ensure that no local

Says 70-80 terrorists active in Kashmir; action against their supporters must



## PEACE IMPERATIVE FOR ELECTIONS

“We are satisfied that the Lok Sabha elections were held in a peaceful manner. Peace is imperative for elections and high voter turnout. When there is no fear, people will be able to vote freely.” RR Swain, J&K DGP

<< DGP RR Swain addresses the media. FILE PHOTO

gets involved in terrorism,” the police chief said while talking to mediapersons in Pulwama, where he had gone after an outreach programme in the south Kashmir district.

Swain added: “We want to prevent anyone’s brother, son or husband from joining these groups. When recruitment (in terrorist groups) occurs, we first analyse the reasons behind it and how we can prevent it. That is why the local

numbers have decreased, saving lives and families, and reducing violence.”

The J&K top cop, however, cautioned that foreign terrorism was still a threat. “Around 70 to 80 foreign terrorists have entered out territory. They come with guns and improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and they have attempted attacks such as blowing up an electric pole,” he said.

A small number of local

supporters assist them by providing shelter and transportation after they enter the Valley, Swain said. “For the safety of the majority, we are compelled to act against these few. We must take action against one to protect the other 99,” he added.

The police chief said the message for the police was clear: “We must be firm with certain people. The primary role of the police is law enforcement,” he

said. Pointing at a reporter who was asking questions to him, Swain said: “You were able to approach me because you didn’t encounter any stone pelting on your way, and when you return home, you won’t face any issues or end up in trouble.”

To maintain this environment, action was must against a few people, he said. “However, in doing so, we have the responsibility to ensure that a traffic accident is not treated as a murder,” the police chief added. Each person should be dealt with according to his or her crime, he said. “As a law enforcement agency, we will uphold the law and we need the help and support of the community to do so. We have received this support and we acknowledge and

appreciate it,” he added.

Talking about the successful conduct of the Lok Sabha elections, Swain said: “We are satisfied that the elections were held in a peaceful manner. The voter turnout remained high, which is a positive development and we want this positive impact to continue.”

He added: “Peace is imperative for elections and high voter turnout. Once there is no fear, people will be able to vote freely.” A peaceful atmosphere was necessary for a fair contest and allowed common people to participate in voting, the police chief said. He added: “If there is no fear, more people will be encouraged to contest the poll.

“In order to maintain a peaceful atmosphere and ensure stability, we have to take action against a few,” he

said. About his outreach programmes, Swain said: “These provide a higher level of access to the public and are a valuable learning session for me.”

He added: “They also serve as a message to the police community that this access is important. I emphasise everywhere that we want to do policing alongside the community and with the community’s consent.”

Such initiatives provide a chance to meet the families of police martyrs and other police families, he said. “They also help the police to understand and address the complaints and grievances of people,” the top cop said. He added: “They also help in understanding the problems and issues faced by the police personnel, enabling us to resolve them more effectively.”

## Police affix GPS tracker to monitor bailed-out detainee

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

In a bid to enhance surveillance, Jammu and Kashmir Police today said it had affixed a GPS tracking device on a bailed-out detainee.

“In compliance to an order received from NIA Court Kulgam, Shopian Police affixed a GPS tracking device on a bailed-out terror associate namely Sameer Ahmad Bhat of Manzimpora Shopian,” the police said. “The GPS anklet will be used to monitor the movements of the bailed-out terror associate and ensure that he doesn’t violate bail conditions,” the police said. — OC

# 2 cops among four govt employees dismissed for ‘anti-national’ activities

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration on Saturday sacked four employees for their involvement in anti-national activities. Officials said that of the four dismissed employees, two are police constables, one is a school teacher and one is an employee of the Jal Shakti Department. According to the dismissal order: “The activities of these employees had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and Intelligence agencies as they found them involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the state such as involvement in terror-related activities.

“Abdul Rehman Dar, selection grade constable in the Police Department, of Larmooch, Tral, Pulwama district, was involved in the commission of offence of not only carrying illegal arms and ammunition from one place to another for their delivery to the terrorists, but also providing camouflage uniform cloth and other material to them, taking undue and criminal advantage of his being a member of the police force,” the government spokesman said.

“Gh. Rasool Bhat, Constable in J&K Police, from Lalgam, Tral, Pulwama district, is also involved in the commission of offence of carrying illegal

arms and ammunition from one place to another for delivery to the terrorists. As Kote NCO in the Armory of a district, he was supplying ammunition and weapons to the terrorists for a long time. He was linked to the terrorist ecosystem, through a network of OGWs, who have been operating at the behest of terrorist outfits based in Pakistan,” the spokesman added.

According to the spokesperson, Shabeer Ahmad Wani, who was teacher in the Education Department, hailing from Bungam, Damhal Hanjipora in Kulgam, has been an active member of Jamat-e-Islam (JeI). — OC

# Centre sets up panel to review grace marks for 1,563 NEET...

would not affect the MBBS counselling process. Ever since the NEET-UG result was announced on June 4, questions are being raised over reasons behind 67 students getting the top rank and two students scoring 718 and 719 marks, respectively. Concerns have also arisen over the declaration of the NEET result on June 4 (the day Lok Sabha results were announced) whereas the tentative date was June 14. A record more than 24 lakh candidates had registered for the exam this year.

Singh said at some centres adequate time was not given to the students resulting in “loss of time”. These centres were in Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Chandigarh. “At some centres adequate time was not given as question papers were given late or wrong question papers were given. Some students moved the Supreme Court over the issue. After constituting a committee and examining details, including the CCTV footage, we found students should be compensated and grace marks were awarded to them,” the NTA DG said.

“Of these 67 candidates, 17 got the rank on merit, 44 students got the top rank after grace marks were awarded for a question in physics section. The subject experts felt that two options could be correct instead of one, so grace marks were awarded. Six more students got the top rank due to grace marks because of loss of exam time,” he said.

“We have analysed the result transparently. Of the 4,750 centres, the problem was limited to only six. The integrity of the exam was not compromised,” he added.

Singh said if the need arose, the examination would be conducted again.

“The high-powered committee will analyse the results of candidates who were given grace marks. If it recommends re-examination, then it will be conducted,” he added.

Medical aspirants have also questioned the NTA over awarding grace marks when it was not mentioned in its information brochure. “This was done so that students who faced loss of time are not at any disadvantage. We will revisit our SOPs,” Singh said.

Responding to the allegations of paper leak in which the Economic Offences Unit of the Bihar Police have made arrests, Singh said that NTA was cooperating with the police.

# Sonia to head CPP again, CWC favours...

in both Houses of Parliament. After being re-elected, Sonia, who is now a Rajya Sabha member from Rajasthan, told the Congress MPs that she was acutely conscious of the great responsibility entrusted to her by them.

The CPP chairperson congratulated the newly elected members of the Lok Sabha for the fighting the elections under most challenging circumstances. Stating that Congress was

up against a “mighty and malevolent machine which tried to cripple the party financially”, she said it was because of the deft leadership of Kharge that the Congress could navigate through the crisis.

“Many wrote our obituaries. But under the determined leadership of Kharge ji we persevered. He is an inspiration to all of us. His commitment to the organisation is truly extraordinary and we all

have to learn from him,” Sonia said.

She also heaped praise on Rahul and said the two yatras led by him rejuvenated the party workers at all levels.

“Rahul deserves special thanks for his tenacity and determination to fight on in the face of unprecedented personal and political attacks. He also shaped our narrative on guarantees and protection of the Constitution very sharply,” Sonia said.

# 50% dip in Punjab pupils...

BCA and BBA, are complete. We have already given provisional admission to students in the management quota for BTech. Our specialised courses in data sciences, artificial intelligence and machine learning have been getting a good response. The online counselling being conducted by IK Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) is also getting a good response this time.”

Aman Mittal, Vice-Presi-

dent of Lovely Professional University, said more stringent policies of the Canadian government were proving a boon for educational institutions in the region. “On our part, we too have been counselling students regarding far better placement prospects in India for them. Our courses like those in forensic sciences, aero-sciences and block chain have been in huge demand this year,” he added.

# Modi 3.0 swearing-in today, rat-hole...

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to a resurgent India that has shed the vestiges of the colonial past and is advancing with new self-confidence,” said sources, adding that the guest list reflected Modi as the Prime Minister of the

aam aadmi.

Sitting beside seven leaders of neighbouring nations, top industrialists, politicians and film personalities will also be achievers from the field of sports. Nearly 50 leaders representing all faiths are learnt to

be on the guest list. It is learnt that before taking oath, Modi will visit the National War Memorial, followed by Sadaiv Atal, built in memory of the late PM Atal Behari Vajpayee, and finally Rajghat to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

# TDP likely to be allotted four portfolios, JD(U) two; all NDA allies may be accommodated

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Arunachal are among the ministerial probables from the above states. From J&K, it is to be seen if the PM repeats Udhampur MP and MoS (PMO) Jitender Singh or accommodates Jugal Kishore, the Jammu MP.

Besides, all eyes on Sunday will be on the future of JP Nadda, whose term as the BJP president is ending on June 16, and top outgoing ministers Rajnath Singh (Defence), Amit Shah

## TARANJIT SANDHU'S NAME DOING THE ROUNDS

The PM will be closely watched for his balancing act in finalising the Council of Ministers. In the outgoing Cabinet, Urban Development and Oil and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri represents the Sikh community. The name of Indian ex-envoy to US Taranjit Sandhu, who lost the Amritsar LS poll, is also doing the rounds.

(Home), Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance) and S Jaishankar (External Affairs).

It also remains to be seen what role the PM has in mind for I&B Minister Anurag Thakur, who retained the Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat for the fifth consecutive time this

year, attaining a significant seniority in the Lok Sabha.

The sources said Rajnath, Shah and Jaishankar could be repeated with the party expected to also shift some senior ministers to the BJP organisation. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

could fall in the latter category. Some leaders said Rajnath could also fit in the role of the NDA convener. Commenting on Nadda, the sources cited the past BJP practice of sending former party presidents to the Union Cabinet.

In the past, Nitin Gadkari, Rajnath and Shah were all inducted into key Cabinet portfolios after they demitted office as BJP presidents.

Also with Piyush Goyal getting elected to the Lok Sabha, the post of the leader of

the Rajya Sabha, which he holds, would need to be filled.

As far as the NDA allies go, the sources said the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the largest NDA constituent with 16 MPs after the BJP’s 240, could get four berths in the Council of Ministers (two Cabinet and two MoS).

The names of late Union Minister Yerranaidu’s son and Srikakulam MP Ram-mohan Naidu; Amalapuram (SC) MP GM Harish (son of late Lok Sabha speaker GMC

Balayogi) and Chittoor MP Daggumalla Rao are among the probable ministerial faces from the TDP, which is yet to announce the names.

The JD(U), which has 12 MPs, could get two berths (one Cabinet and one MoS).

Former JD(U) chief Lalan Singh and Bharat Ratna Kar-poori Thakur’s son Ramnath Thakur, a Rajya Sabha MP, are among the probable ministers from the JD(U) kitty.

All NDA allies will get a place in the Modi Council of

Ministers, it is learnt, with one berth likely for each.

From Eknath Shinde’s Shiv Sena (which has seven MPs), Shrirang Barne, the Maval Lok Sabha MP, is a frontrunner. The following leaders could be likely ministerial picks from the NDA camp — NCP’s Praful Patel, LJP’s Chirag Paswan, Apna Dal’s Anupriya Patel, HAM’s Jitan Tam Manjhi, RLD’s Jayant Chaudhry and JD(S)’ HD Kumaraswamy. Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan will nom-

inate someone for the role, with the sources saying the Sunday Cabinet could likely be a “modest exercise” with an expansion later.

## CALENDAR

June 9, 2024, Sunday  
■ Shaka Samvat 1946  
■ Jyeshtha Shaka 19  
■ Jyeshtha Parvishle 27  
■ Hijari 1445  
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 3, up to 3.45 pm  
■ Vridha Yoga up to 5.21 pm  
■ Punar Nakshatra up to 8.21 pm  
■ Moon enters Cancer sign 2.07 pm  
■ Maharana Partap Jyanti



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## Bridegrooms Wanted

**JAT SIKH**

Parents are seeking a suitable qualified match for their daughter, who was born in June 1994 and is 5 ft. 4 inch tall, currently working as an Electrical Engineer in Calgary-Canada, after completing her Bachelors degree in April this year. We are a Canadian citizen Jat-Sikh family and follow the Radha-Soami faith, we have equal faith in Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji. Only vegetarian and teetotaler families may contact us at +1-587-436-0964 or [tashlichahale7@yahoo.com](mailto:tashlichahale7@yahoo.com). (CL24021582)

**Suitable match for Beautiful, Jat Sikh girl, 28, 5'-3", Canadian PR, Masters from reputed Canadian University, working as Data Scientist in Toronto. Seeking professionally qualified Jat Sikh match living in US/Canada. Please send biodata/photos on WhatsApp: +1 5484884007. (CL24021954)**

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Tricity based Jat Sikh respectable, educated, officer family seeking compatible match for their daughter 5'-3", 35 years. Send biodata-WhatsApp only: 78378-33285. Marriage bureau strictly barred. (CL24021955)

**Suitable medico match for Jat Sikh girl, 18,05.92, 5'-8", MBBS doing PG in Gynae, M: 98559-20892. (CL24021957)**

**Seeking Class 1 officer/ Doctor or equivalent match for jat sikh girl, Govt Doctor 1991/ 5'-6", Malwa preference. 94174-31133. (CL24022043)**

**Suitable/ Dr/ Officer. Jat Sikh Chandigarh based beautiful MBBS girl 22/ 5'-4", Khandani reputed family. Bureau excuse. 73470-59563. (CL24022746)**

**Well educated Jat Sikh family with reputed background seeks an alliance for their extremely beautiful, fair, slim 92 born, 5'-7", Registered Dentist daughter in Australia and PR. Pls send biodata on WhatsApp+61435037919 & 97794-45279, [pantipils86@hotmail.com](mailto:pantipils86@hotmail.com) (CL24022920)**

**Jat Sikh, Chandigarh based, unmarried, slim, fair girl 42/ 5'-5", BA, PGDCA Diploma. Seeking suitable match. 84279-19069. (CL24022965)**

**Ludhiana based Jat Sikh girl Nov, 1991/ 5'-3", M.Tech., Assistant Professor from educated family. 94174-70717. (CL24023199)**

**Jatt Sikh Sohi girl 1995, 5'-4", Medical Administrative Assistant permanent fulltime job in BC, PG Diploma in Health Informatics, Health Care Administration and Leadership from Canada. BAMS Punjab, status in Canada work permit. 98154-76154. (CL24023221)**

**Well settled business class family from Chandigarh/ Mohali seek decent match for Professionally Architect Master from Canada fair, intelligent, confident vegetarian family born 1992, height 5'-3". We are looking handsome well educated, intelligent, sincere, business upper class vegetarian boy in U.S./ U.K. preferably Chandigarh/ Mohali cities family. Contact: 7667-51690. (CL24016223)**

**PQM for Canadian PR Jatt Sikh vegetarian girl 1991, 5'-5", M.Tech., doing Govt. job, Vancouver. Parents retired class-I officers. Contact: 94632-12238 (India), +1778-598-5680 (WhatsApp) (CL24021215)**

**Suitable match for 29, 4'-11", Jatt Sikh girl, M.D Pediatrics, working as S.R. in Amritsar. Contact 94655-01472. (CL24021225)**

**Jat Sikh girl, Canadian citizen 1992 born, height 5'-4", working as Nurse Practitioner in USA, required MBBS, MD Doctor, Veterinary Doctor, Chartered Accountant, Lawyer or Engineer. Contact:- 001-416-884-5486. (CL24021373)**

**Jatt Sikh Sandhu girl, 1988/ 5'-3", M.Sc., M.Phil, UGC- NET (JRF), Government Science Teacher (vegetarian). 98554-46414. (CL24021415)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh girl born 89, 5'-1", M.Tech., Canada PR. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98059-56118. (CL24021720)**

**Jat Sikh Dhalival girl, 1993/5'-9", convent educated, Medical graduate, comes from a well known political family. 97790-43016. (CL24021745)**

**Match for Canadian citizen girl, Oct. 1989, 5'-3". Preference to Canada/USA (Ludhiana. Mohali, Chandigarh). Contact: 94172-64289 (CL24022077)**

**Match for 36/ 5'-8", widower, working Vice Principal having daughter 4 years. Contact: 99885-24639. (CL24022304)**

**Punjab educated family invites alliance for 93 born, 5'-5", tall, beautiful, professionally qualified girl. Preference: Educated and professionally qualified boy with a Defence Background. Contact: 98556-73040. (CL24022363)**

**Match for Jat Sikh Convent educated girl 1995, 5'-2", working in Govt Bank as Scale-I officer. 86830-54731 (Ambala). (CL24022599)**

**Jat Sikh girl, Canada PR in process, 29, 5'-3", Masters Computer Science. Working in MNC. Whatsapp only: 97815-14806. (CL24022760)**

**PQM for Jat Sikh Doctor girl 1993, 5'-2", MBBS, MD (Pharmacology), SR at Govt. College. 98729-90472. (CL24022917)**

**Match for Jat Sikh girl 31.10.95, 5'-5", Bachelor of Architecture (Gold Medalist). Masters in International Business. Preferred Tricity. Mobile: 81464-66400. (CL24022999)**

**Well placed match for beautiful 5'-7", 91, MBA, working for top MNC Tricity. 73470-62384. (CL24023059)**

**Australian PR beautiful girl 27, 5'-5", Masters Hons in Science from Punjab University, other education from Australia, current employment and business in Social work. Preference Medical, Law, businessmen, move permanently Australia. Caste and religion no bar. Genuine and educated applicants only. [lovelykaur72@gmail.com](mailto:lovelykaur72@gmail.com) 75699-87976. (CL24023416)**

**SIKH KHATRI**

**Gursikh Khatri smart girl 25, 5'-3", Graduation from NIFD, pursuing Advance Diploma from PU. 98784-33056. (CL24021549)**

**Looking for PQM for Ludhiana based Sikh Khatri girl 1990/ 5'-3", Pb. Govt. Officer. B.Tech, ME, Father ret'd. class I officer. M: 96461-11577. (CL24022922)**

**Compatible match for beautiful, smart girl, 5'-5½", November 1993, MBA, Convent educated, self-employed. Chandigarh based affluent high status Sikh Ahluwalia business family. 98760-01157. (CL24022924)**

**Match for Khatri Sikh beautiful girl 1991, 5'-6.5", B.Tech. (CS), wkg as VP, MNC Mumbai, handsome package seeks similar corporate background boy from Khatri/Arora Sikh family. Contact: 98780-41175, 95920-58457. (CL24023166)**

**PQM teetotaler Sardar Engineer for Engineer Sikh Khatri girl, working in MNC, NCR, handsome package, November 84/ 5'-6", Send biodata and Photograph. [somkamal14@gmail.com](mailto:somkamal14@gmail.com), 98728-18699, 98284-70758. (CL24022149)**

**Bhatia Sikh girl, 30/ 5'-5", B.Tech., job in IT Sector. Contact 99142-15655 (Patiala). (CL24022656)**

**High status Sikh Khatri business family seeks affluent match for their daughter 1995 born, 5'-6", currently pursuing LLM. Only high status affluent families contact. Marriage bureau excuse. 98763-04950. (CL24023073)**

**Khatri divorced Gursikh girl 33/5'-4", B.Sc., B.Ed, L.L.B., Teaching job, wanted Gursikh boy. 99880-01641. (CL24023174)**

**SIKH ARORA**

**Professionally qualified match for Gursikh Arora girl, 5'-1", 19.29.1991, (Divorce 2019, No issue), working as Clinical Psychologist in Mohali (Govt), doing Ph.D. Tricity preferred. 88262-30825. (CL24021361)**

**SIKH KHATRI/ARORA**

**Graduate Sikh beautiful girl, age 24 from Kamal, having problem in 1 eye. 99918-91229. (CL24021241)**

**Suitable no trimmer no drinker match for Arora Sikh girl, Dec. 1996, 5'-5", MBA, working in MNC. IT preferred. 82880-69959. (CL24022909)**

**Sikh Arora status business family with good net worth residing in Mohali looking match for May 98, 5'-5", BFA, working in IT company. Seeking educated, no trimmer, teetotaler (Arora/Khatri). Tricity preferred. 6283455271 (CL24023224)**

**RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN**

**26, 5'-5", M.Tech., Software Engineer Newzealand PR, Ramgarhia Sikh girl wants suitable match. 98586-59018, 86028-02132. (CL24021946)**

**Chandigarh based family. Looking suitable match for Himachali Dhiman Manglik girl, 92 born, Canadian PR, convent educated, B.Tech., Post Graduate from Canada. Working in reputed IT Company. Boy settled in Canada, PR or work visa need apply only. Contact/ Send details on WhatsApp 62831-15877. (CL24022256)**

**Ramgarhia Sikh girl, M.Sc, M.Ed, Aug. 84/ 5'-6", Govt Teacher. Send biodata. 98147-77441 (Same caste only). (CL24022969)**

**Looking for suitable match for professionally qualified beautiful, fair, well-cultured, slim Hindu vegetarian Dhiman girl 5'-4", July 1939, for Nurse. Post basic, B.Sc. Nursing. Looking for teetotaler, vegetarian boy from A Respectable family. Mob: 90414-00524, Email: [keshavkrishna247@gmail.com](mailto:keshavkrishna247@gmail.com) (CL24023343)**

**Seeking proposal for Ramgarhia Sikh girl 1989 born, 5'-2", studying in Australia. U.K. match. Bsc NRI preferred WhatsApp 98721-66670. (CL24021156)**

**Graduate girl 89/5'-5", divorced no baby, 8 years work experience. Require for a match. 98558-48979. (CL24021578)**

**Ramgarhia Himachali girl living in Kapurthala (Punjab) 29 yrs., 5'-5", M.Com, B.A. looking for well settled educated match. Early decent marriage. Apply with photograph. Caste no bar. Contact: 62392-40091. (CL24021676)**

**Ramgarhia qualified match for Himachali girl, 5'-3", 1989, MA, B.Ed, working Central Govt. job. 98885-68841. (CL24021717)**

**Suitable match for Ramgarhia, Gursikh girl 1990, 5'-2", Bachelor of Medical Lab Technician (India). Canada work permit (Health Care Administration) (Father Mechanic in Canada). Contact: 98767-56614. (CL24023043)**

**Ramgarhia Sikh girl 1991/5'-2", Assistant Professor. Seeks Australia/ Canada well settled boy. 99889-21332. (CL24023086)**

**Ramgarhia 26/ 5'-4", Canada PR only daughter doing Bank job, seeks well established well educated non turban boy from decent family. Send biodata only WhatsApp: 77174-20498. (CL24023211)**

**IAS / ALLIED SERVICES**

**Status match for Kangra unmarried Dhiman girl 5'-6", 03.09.1989, B.Tech, MBA, Nationalised Bank Officer, Mumbai transferable, preferred Himachali Govt./Banking job. Text profile. 80912-23156. (CL24021436)**

**Gazetted Officer with Govt. of Punjab, beautiful, smart, 5'-3", born 1991, Kamboj Sikh, seeks reputed family. Send biodata with recent pictures. WhatsApp 62831-16431. (CL24023100)**

**Match for 26 year Brahmin girl Judge, 5'-2". Upper caste no bar. Contact: 79733-44043. (CL24023350)**

**MAHAJAN**

**Suitable match for Mahajan girl from reputed Jammu family, 1987 born, (M.Tech, Bio Tech.). Mob: +94191-83808, 80824-81202. (CL24023353)**

**Status match (Business/ Professional), (India/ Abroad), very beautiful, Mahajan Manglik girl MCA, 5'-4", 20.29.01, 01.15 pm. Chandigarh, employed MNC, 47 Lakhs. No Bars. 98559-92729, [mrg27429@gmail.com](mailto:mrg27429@gmail.com) (CL24021855)**

**Himachali Mahajan girl 10.10.96, 6.24 pm, Chandigarh/ 5'-6", M.Com, B.Ed, job Pvt Bank Chandigarh. 70875-40810. (CL24021465)**

**AGGARWAL**

**MD MS match for beautiful Singla girl, doing MD Psychiatry, Feb. 96 born, 5'-2", WhatsApp: 98155-42697. (CL24021284)**

**Beautiful fair Garg girl, 5'-3", 08.07.1994, (08.20 am, Ambala), M.Sc. (IT), cleared IBPS PO main exam and interview. Father businessman. 94161-56801. (CL24023264)**

**SM4 short time divorcee Garg girl, 1991/ 4'-11", M.Tech., M.Ed., high status family. 94177-40675. (CL24021318)**

**Suitable match for slim, beautiful, Mittal girl 25.04.1997, 03:05 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-5", B.Tech. PEC, MBA IIM, working in MNC Gurgaon, package 37 Lacs. 98555-98917, 98149-08917. (CL24021390)**

**Er. Bansal girl 1993, Barnala, 5'-4", Govt. Bank Manager. 93162-23489. (CL24021548)**

**Garg fair girl 5'-5", 19.12.1993, 990 pm, Bathinda, fair, cute, M.Sc, high status family. 94177-40675. (CL24023422)**

**Beautiful 30 years old, Baniya, Ph.D Finance, fair skinned, 5'-4", Lecturer in Chandigarh, SM for beautiful, fair, 1986, 5ft girl (Never married), MBA, father highly reputed Chandigarh based businessman. Preferred same status family. Marriage bureau excuse. 98554-43310, 98555-53361. (CL24022307)**

**Looking for high income businessman for industrialist daughter from Saharanpur, 90 born, Ht. 5'-1", WhatsApp: 72062-04030. (CL24022956)**

**November 1990/ 5'-5", M.Sc., Ph.D Ludhiana based, Australia/ NZ/ Canada based highly educated business families (1988 to 1992 born only). 73555-73177. (CL24023209)**

**PQM for beautiful qualified well-travelled from Sikh family 32.5'-1", working for Australian IT Company from home. Religion no bar. 98141-21096. (CL24017144)**

**Hindu Arora girl, 5'-3", May 1992, B.Tech, MNC Bangalore, Business family. Preferred professionally qualified boy tricity. Contact: 98551-00816. (CL24022067)**

**Suitable match for beautiful, fair Khatri Girl 1992, 5'-4", CA Inter, MBA (Finance), Finance head in MNC, Chandigarh. 99157-76134. (CL24021770)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri Nov. 1991 born, 5'-5", slim fair complexion B.Tech., MBA girl Chandigarh employed handsome package, well settled family. WhatsApp 93065-43778. (CL24021981)**

**Vegetarian tricity/nearby Govt. officer for smart, slim Officer girl 22.10.1994, 5'-3", Parents Govt. Pensioners 95188-57193. (CL24022951)**

**High status families 24.07.1995, M.B.A., 5'-5", 18.12.1995, B.Tech, 5'-3", 90745-16008 Kurukshetra. (CL24023122)**

**Status girls 24.06.1996, 06:20 pm, 14.10.2000, 09:30 am, 5'-7", 72068-84934. (CL24023128)**

**Anshik Manglik Punjabi Hindu Khatri girl Govt. Teacher 31/5'-2", M.Sc, B.Ed, parents both retired, preferred Jalandhar Govt. officer. 94172-97643, 94783-40355. (CL24023172)**

**PQM for beautiful Hindu Arora Software Developer girl Toronto PR December 94 born, Jalandhar, 5.2, M.Tech., 98145-23236, preference Toronto based Software Developer. (CL24023196)**

**Qualified match for fair, 05.01.1989, 12:42 pm, Ambala, 5'-3", M.Tech, Gurgaon MNC, 25 LPA, cast no bar. 70154-15709. (CL24023280)**

**Match for Hindu Khatri girl 24.01.1992, 5'-8", 5:38 pm, Chd., M.B.A, working in IT company, salary 15 Lac PA. Tricity preferred. 94177-27009. (CL24023421)**

**Khatri girl 17 June 1994, 1 pm, 5'-5", govt Ayurvedic Medical Officer NHM Nawanshahr nearby preferred. 98775-00943. (CL24023404)**

**KHATRI**

**PQM for beautiful, fair Khatri girl, 20.02.1991, 3:28 pm (Khamana), 5'-2", B.Tech. PU Chd., MNC Engineer, 21 LPA, well educated, decent vegetarian family. 99880-10618. (CL24019105)**

**Medico / Non Medico match for MS Surgeon, presently working in a corporate hospital, earlier studied DPM in Psychiatry 5'-4", Oct. 1987 from same Punjabi business family. Call: 99977-47888. (CL24022087)**

**Match for Chandigarh based Hindu Khatri born 1993, height 5'-1", slim, beautiful, smart, BDS serving belongs to business family. Required Non-Manglik Doctor/ Business family. 94180-22099. (CL24022916)**

**Canada PR most beautiful Khatri girl Anshik, born 1997, MB.A, B.Tech., Required highly rich handsome Canada settled boy. 92177-75414. (CL24022270)**

**Teetotaler professionally qualified only Tricity match for 1988, 5'-3", Advocate practicing High Court Chandigarh. 98775-17161. (CL24022568)**

**Hindu unmarried Girl December 1986, 5'-6", Pld Government College Professor Haryana Equivalent Preferred. 97808-48505. (CL24022993)**

**SM4 Khatri girl, 1997/ 5'-4", B.Tech, MBA, working in MNC, simple educated family Father govt. ret'd. 78899-45723. (CL24023013)**

**Suitable match for beautiful slim Hindu Punjabi Khatri girl, 5'-3", 30.11.1997, NET, Pursing Ph.D (Finance) with scholarship, Ludhiana based status family. 73800-46275. (CL24023201)**

**Beautiful, slim, tall Khatri girl 1996/ 5'-7", BA LLB, LLM, UGC NET, working in Chandigarh, from an established business family in Ludhiana seeks a well-established match in business family/ serviceman. 98144-94540. (CL24023205)**

**Professionally qualified match for slim, smart Mahajan girl, October 1990/ 5'-3½", Mohali. Chartered Accountant, CPA (US) working in Foreign Bank Gurgaon, package 24 Lac. Upper caste welcome. 98885-13667. (CL24023414)**

**Looking for soulmate preferably non-smoker for an opinionated feminist girl, 5'-2", almost 29 years, well educated, working in Patiala. Best time to call after 6 pm on 76969-95445 or share the bio-data anytime on WhatsApp. (CL24021369)**

**Khatri Manglik beautiful girl 12.01.1994, 11:30 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-3", BBA, MBA, B.Ed, IELTS 7.5 band, IELTS trainer job seeks well Ludhiana match well settled. 98780-32745. (CL24021452)**

**Match for manglik divorced, Oct. 1987 born 5'-2", Hindu Khatri girl, M.Sc. (IT), IT professional, working in Chandigarh. 98143-68695. (CL24022369)**

**Match for a beautiful non-Manglik pure vegetarian girl, 5'-4"/29.03.1992, 11:19 am. Chandigarh. Working as Teacher in convent School. 99154-44724. (CL24022595)**

**Manglik, veg. Hindu Khatri beautiful girl 29.8.1990 (2.40 am), Khanna, 5'-4½", Ph.D. (Finance), CA (I). Assistant Professor at University, Status family. WhatsApp 98151-35623. (CL24022947)**

**Seeking match for Manglik girl, 18 Jan. 1994, 4:05 pm, 5'-5", from Dasuya. M.Tech, Assistant Professor. 98780-03219. (CL24022990)**

**Medico match for Hindu Punjabi Khatri girl 28 year/5'-7", doing SR Ship PGI Chandigarh Obs & Gynae. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp/Phone: 98726-60939. (CL24023046)**

**Khatri beautiful girl 1982, 5'-5", Ambala, never married, MA, B.Ed, looks younger. Contact: 70151-93124. (CL24023063)**

**Match for beautiful Khatri convent educated M.Tech girl 17.7.1991/ 5'-3", 12:50 am/Pathankot. Working at Chandigarh. Preferred teetotaler. (CL24023140)**

**Want suitable match for Hindu Punjabi Khatri girl (Doctor MD (Radiologist) Delhi having annual income 18 lakhs, DoB 29.3.94, Time 3 pm, non-Manglik. Preferred Hindu Punjabi Khatri. Contact No. 94164-99254. (CL24023151)**

**Engineer MBA, CA, CPA Lawyer cultured tall handsome teetotaler clean-shaven well settled match in Canada for Tricity based family only for 1992 fair beautiful convent educated 5'-5", LLM, NCA Canada certified (only child) from a well settled family. Upper caste also welcome. Contact: 99156-14328. (CL24023169)**

**M4 Punjabi Khatri 28 yr., pretty smart girl, 5'-4", PostGraduate Kurukshetra high status business family looking for high status groom. 98966-30402. (CL24023173)**

**Suitable match for Khatri girl, 5'-1", 13 March 1995, 11:04 pm Mandi Gobindgarh. Working as an IT Officer in public sector Bank. Preference- IT sector (private)/ regulatory body in public sector/ Australia/ Canada (PR preferred). Contact: 94170-43667 (please contact only after matching kundali). (CL24023208)**

**Beautiful Hindu Khatri girl upper class family, December 1983, 5'-3", MA, L.L.B., residence Delhi/Punjab. Contact age 1983 or above. 98761-14888. (CL24023393)**

**Canadian Citizen Hindu Khatri girl 25/ 5'-1", Toronto Banking job. Seeks professional Khatri boy in Canada. 73551-48717. (CL24023410)**

**ARORA**

**Match for Arora good looking girl 06.04.1984, 5'-2", M.Sc, B.Ed girl. Vegetarian family in Kamal preferred. 70274-91008. (CL24021248)**

**Status match for beautiful Manglik girl 5'-4", 95 born, Govt. Bank Officer non transferable job at tricity. WhatsApp message. 70870-57579. (CL24022742)**

**Qualified match for 1989 girl/ 5'-3", MBA Finance, NET qualified. 7 years experience. 73556-54000. (CL24023345)**

**Hindu Arora girl, 02.09.1995, 5'-3", MA Eco, MLIS, required: Teetotaler, veg. boy. 98886-82899. (CL24021785)**

**Suitable match for beautiful Arora girl, fair, 23.4.1984, time 5:30 pm, height 5', BCA, Sr. SEO Analyst in IT Company, Panchkula, package 45 lac PA. Father businessman. Preferred Mohali, Zirakpur, Panchkula, Chandigarh. WhatsApp: 98151-13868. (CL24023040)**

**Arora girl 16.09.1988, 5'-5", M.Pharma (divorcee), Canada, work permit. Australia/Canada PR prefer. Send bio-data and pic. 94635-14536, 99159-24095. (CL24023075)**

**Suitable match for Nov. 88 born, Arora girl, 5'-3", Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Private University Gurgaon. Required vegetarian boy. Bureau excuse. 99881-11343. (CL24023076)**

**Wanted educated unmarried match for Arora girl, MBA, Software QA Lead, 34, 5'-0", short marriage divorced. Working in Gurgaon, package 30 Lac. Contact: 94667-30740. (CL24023117)**

**Match for B'full girl 9 August 1990, 3:10 pm Kurukshetra born, 5', permanent Govt job Teacher in Haryana looking well settled match. 72065-63000. (CL24023171)**

**SM for Hindu Arora girl, June 96 born, Ast, 5', B.Tech., MNC Bangalore. 98881-55225. (CL24023228)**

**SAINI**

**Suitable match for issuese innocent legal divorcee Saini Sikh girl, 21.07.1988/ 5'-2½", B.A. (Pvt.) working in a beauty parlour. Contact: 92165-40345. (CL24022241)**

**Suitable match for beautiful Sikh Saini girl, legally separated, issueless, 1990, 5'-3", M.Tech., Govt. Bank officer. Govt. job preferred. 98558-17700. (CL24022879)**

**SM4 Chandigarh based Canadian PR Saini Sikh girl 91, 5'-7", M.Tech., working as Technical Team lead in Canada. Contact 95011-02418. (CL24022968)**

**Well-educated Sikh/Hindu Saini match for my Canadian citizen Sikh Saini daughter. She is 28 beautiful, slim, 5'-4", M.Sc. (Pharmacology), B.Sc. (biochemistry), B.Ed, earning 60000 per annum. Family settled in Canada for more than 25 years with background of Mohali. We prefer Canadian resident. WhatsApp biodata at +14374496533. (CL24023219)**

**Suitable match for Saini girl Nov. 1986, M.Sc, B.Ed. Govt Teacher in Punjab. Tricity preferred, upper caste no bar. 78883-95343. (CL24023039)**

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**SCHEDULED CASTES**

**Suitable match for SC Chamari girl** BDS, M.A., Jan 1987 born, 5'-5", Working in State Bank of India. Near by Yamuna Nagar Distt. Preferred. Mob.94164-46510. (CL24022395)

**Suitable alliance invited from highly placed and educated family, IAS/ IPS/ State executive administrative services/ MD/ MS for chamari girl, 26, Graduate from LSR and Postgraduate from PU, 5'-3", parent professor in a Government University. Contact: 94162-91029. (CL24023123)**

**Match for BAMS Doctor, 35, 5'-1",** Mahasha fair girl, father Gazetted officer, sister MBBS Doctor married, pure vegetarian, own flat at Chandigarh. Send biodata on WhatsApp only 98728-90940. (CL24021288)

**Ad dharmi Hindu Dental Doctor, 27 yrs/ 5'-4",** girl need educated PR/ WP vegetarian boy in Canada. 99159-52375. (CL24021817)

**Suitable match for Hindu Ravidasia girl** 20.11.1991, 5'-2", Chandigarh, Ph.D Microbiology, doing job USA. Radha Swami family. 94170-37848. (CL24021901)

**SC girl, divorcee, issuesless, 5'-4 1/2",** 1973, under graduate, settled in Chandigarh. 86990-99501. (CL24022427)

**Suitable match for Ramdasia, 5'-3",** fair, government job, Chandigarh based. Well settled boy from Tricity preferred. Contact: 79863-34246, 85284-24841. (CL24022430)

**Match for 78 born, unmarried** Radasoami Ravidasia girl, MA, B.Ed., ETT. 81960-17200. (CL24022859)

**Suitable qualified Ramdasia Sikh match** for convent educated Chandigarh based Bachelor of Architecture Architect, girl, 1989, 5'-4". WhatsApp No. 82849-06132. (CL24022919)

**Suitable match for pure veg. ad dharmi girl** Aug. 90/ 5'-4", M.Sc., Computer Science, B.Ed., working as Computer Teacher in Convent School, Punjab State preferred. 95010-38168/ 97792-28668. (CL24022932)

**SM for Bhagat (Juhala) girl,** MCA, 26.01.1987, 5'-3", Working in IT Company Mohali. 90562-92679. (CL24022961)

**Match for fair beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl,** 1991/5'-6", MBBS Doctor, Studying in University in Canada. Preferred NRI. Contact 98886-96122. (CL24023135)

**Match for Punjabi Ramdasia Sikh girl,** M.Sc., Chemistry, B.Ed., 1989, 5'-4", well settled in Canada. Need business or service man. 99888-02534. (CL24023181)

**Mahasha girl 5.11.1992, Amritsar,** 5'-4", Graduation, Diploma Computer Science 3 years, living Canada with Multiple Visa for ten years Required only Canadian boy. Caste no bar. 94635-23317. (CL24023310)

**Match for Ramdasia girl, 1989, 5'-6",** wellsett Govt. Bank Manager. Family settled at Mohali. 78376-10734. (CL24021775)

**Suitable qualified, only Himachali settled** (Govt job/businessman) match for SC beautiful girl, 32 yrs, 5'-5", B.Tech. Parents Govt job. Caste no bar. Call/WhatsApp: 7069211759. (CL24017255)

**Match for Mohali based Ad-dharmi girl,** divorcee, 1988, 5'-1", MBA, working in corporate sector. Preference tricity or NRI. Contact: 94174-21421, 79736-37328. (CL24021477)

**Ramdasia girl 1990, 5'-7", working in** SBI Jalandhar as Deputy Manager. Father ret'd from PSPCL, brother working in PNB, sister in Canada. Contact: 8847001285. (CL24021714)

**Match for Ravidasia girl, 5'-2",** 33 years, B.Sc. Non-medical, MBA, Branch Manager in SBI. Required vegetarian Gazetted Officer. Upper caste no bar. Mohali/ Chandigarh/ Patiala preferred 78147-18351. (CL24021746)

**SMF beautiful Ramdasia Punjab** govt regular employee, Group-A, 5'-3", 11.11.1989 girl. Tricity preferred. 94173-18362. (CL24021884)

**Ramdasia Sikh girl, 31 / 5'-4",** MCA, B.Ed. Wanted working or NRI Groom. 97819-43639 (Patiala). (CL24021959)

**SC Ravidasia girl, Dec. 1991, 5'-2",** BCA, MCA, Private teacher, Vaishnu family. Father ret'd. Govt. 9417958298. (CL24022113)

**Chandigarh based Ad-dharmi girl,** 1990, 5'-5", fair, B.Com., self employed Accountant. Seeks employed groom. 88377-03016. (CL24022358)

**Suitable match for SC Ad-dharmi girl,** BDS, 18.10.1993, 5'-3", Family Jalandhar settled, doc MNC Gurgaon, Good package. Father retired Senior bank Manager. Seeks NRI/Govt employee. Doaba preferred. Mobile: 9876003968. (CL24022446)

**SM4 Jalandhar based Ad-dharmi girl,** 7.11.95, 5'-4", BDS working in MNC at Mohali (work from home), 50000/- per month. Father in Govt service. Officer/Engineer/ NRI preferred. 788404737. (CL24022608)

**Well settled match for Ad-dharmi M.Com.** beautiful girl, born March 1991/5', Private job. Prefer in Tricity & H.P. Contact 99151-72352. (CL24022630)

**Seeking well settled match** for Ravidasia girl, Jan 1993, 5'-1", M.Com, working in bank. Tricity preferred. 95018-56019. (CL24022873)

**Professionally qualified match** for unmarried SC girl 1977/5'-4", Law Officer Punjab Govt. 98157-56667. (CL24022949)

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**Wanted above 73 years widower** no liability high status needful life partner for 60 years widow Himachali lady. Contact: 93176-45148. (CL24023306)

**MANGLIK**

**Suitable match for qualified Manglik Chimba daughter,** 24 years/ 5'-2", B.Tech IT, presently working in IT Company. Preference Tricity. Phone 94663-24922. (CL24021678)

**Manglik Vaish girl, 31/ 5'-3",** Ambala, M.Sc. Biotech, NET Clear. 99969-39248. (CL24022867)

**Vegetarian SM for working girl IT** company Chandigarh 5'-4", 10 Feb 92, 3:15 PM, Ludhiana. Other professional/ business welcome. 94633-26576. (CL24023189)

**Convent educated CA girl, 34/ 5'-5",** Kayastha family desires CA/ CS/ Engineer/ Doctor/ Businessman with well educated and reputed family. Ludhiana/ Chandigarh/ Delhi preferred. Upper caste no bar. 98140-23203. (CL24023277)

**Saraswat Brahmin girl Manglik** 6.6.1993, 5'-6", 10.32 p.m., M.Tech. CSE, working as Professor, preferred Brahmin and well educated boy. Contact after matching kundli. 98882-54902. (CL24023176)

**NRI**

**Engineer/ Doctor for Ramdasia** Sikh girl 1991/ 5'-8", B.Tech-IT, MSc (USA), Working as Engineer. Contact USA only. Caste no bar. 1123contacta@gmail.com. (CL24021079)

**Canada Resident, Khatri Sikh** divorced girl, 1994/ 5'-7", HR Professional. Looking for PR/ Citizen Jan Sikh/ Khatri boy living in Canada/ US/ Australia, New Zealand. +91-62393-92251. (CL24021295)

**Seeking a professional match in** Australia for a Cybersecurity Associate Nov. 1995 born, 5'-3", fair, soft spoken, cultured and intelligent Gupta girl. Family is affluent and settled in Panchkula. Caste no bar. WhatsApp 98759-27205. (CL24021585)

**Wanted USA Resident Doctor** (Medical), fair & beautiful, Feb. 94, 5'-7", MBBS, Punjabi Khatri (Uppal) girl, Green Card, Ph. 99106-93255. (CL24021718)

**Saraswat Brahmin Canada (PR)** Manglik girl 5'-4", Jan. 1998, 9:45 am Jalandhar. Batish Gotar. Call only Canada PR/ Citizen boy. Preferred Doaba. Agent no call. 98765-01953. (CL24021766)

**Mohali area born Kamboj Sikh** girl, B.Com, MBA, Canada PR, 87, 5'-4", Upper Caste. 99150-38069. (CL24021875)

**Manglik/ Non Manglik match** for Sarawat Brahmin Jalandhar based girl. B.Tech. Computer Science, MBA from Canada, working in Toronto as Business analyst on work permit. Ht. 5'-4", 03.01.1995, Khatri also welcome. Marriage bureau excuse Mob. 94640-15736. (CL24022079)

**New Zealand citizen, extremely** beautiful, Khatri girl, 1994, 5'-4", Master Degree. Upper caste welcome. 98142-15004, 98153-68333. (CL24020900)

**Canada PR (Misswanga) MBBS (India)** & Diploma in Adult Administration in Health Services from Canada, Khatri girl, 5'-4", July 1987, Legally Divorced (Short time marriage), business Class family of Panchkula (Haryana). Boy preferred settled in Canada. Contact at 73472-22128. WhatsApp: 98140-08625. (CL24022319)

**Match for Sikh Ahluwalia Doctor** girl MBBS 1996, 5'-3", Canada PR USMLE step 2 cleared score 249 wanted Doctor Turbaned boy doing or pursuing Residency. 98885-50429. (CL24022361)

**UK-settled, 5'-8", 1992 girl** with Dual M.Sc. Degrees in Project Management and Chemistry. Currently an instructor. Seeking a well-educated, settled partner in only UK. Serious inquiries only. Contact: +447767976798 +91-99889-00153. (CL24022562)

**Match for sharp featured PR Canada** (Brampton, Ontario) Aggarwal girl, 29 5'-6", M.Tech. (Computer Science), Father Senior Advocate & brother Leading Advocate. Preferred Aggarwal boy from Ontario Region. Call/ WhatsApp: 82889-23715. (CL24022821)

**Professionally qualified match** for fair, slim, beautiful, Sikh Rangharia Virdi girl, 87 Born, Physiotherapist, 5'-6.5", Brother American Citizen. Marriage bureau please excuse. NRI preferred. Caste no bar. 95010-30193. (CL24022925)

**Beautiful girl, 26/5'-4", working** in Australia (PR) seeks suitable match. 78038-90846. (CL24023377)

**Seeking alliance for Arora Gursikh** Canadian PR girl 31/5'-3"/strictly veg residing with her brother (CPA) in Surrey from a businessman, non trimmers, non Amrikhairs, veg and non drinkers family with income above 50-L. Groom preferences well qualified Gursikh/ Veg/ ND aged 30-32/ Ht above 5'-7" well settled in Canada/USA. Contact: 99800-62346. (CL24023397)

**Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh** girl, 5'-3", Dec. 1996, Graduation from PAU Ludhiana, completing Ph.D in Dec. 2024 from USA, Younger Brother settled in Canada. Parents Govt employees. 98556-92175. (CL24015143)

**Qualified match for Sikh never** married, 1982 born, 5'-4", fair, Australian educated and citizen girl, working in very senior position, Family professional and well settled in Australia. Email: aquaticpl23@gmail.com. (CL24018382)

**Suitable match for Punjabi Hindu** Arora, 30 year old very smart, slim & beautiful girl, 5'-4", Chartered Accountant, Canadian PR holder, working at Toronto. Short marriage, mutual divorce applied. WhatsApp: 62393-01716. (CL24021218)

**Jat Sikh Canadian PR girl, self** preferred Brampton Nov. 1992/5'-4", preference Canada US 99157-00909. (CL24021690)

**Suitable match for Sikh Parajapati** beautiful working girl, born Dec. 1992, 5'-4", BBA, MBA, REIWA (Real Estate), presently living in Perth (Australia). Seeks Indian boy preferably PR in Australia. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 8528517077. (CL24021863)

**Ad-dharmi Australian citizen** unmarried girl, 43, 5'-3". Seeks educated, vegetarian boy. Caste no bar. 9915541110. (CL24021871)

**Toronto PR Khatri divorcee girl, 87,** 5'-5", works in Bank, seeks well settled boy in Canada. 94631-37974. (CL24021943)

**Educated match for Canada PR,** Financial Analyst girl, \$60K pa, November 1989, 5 ft, NAI Sikh (non professional), educated family. WhatsApp 98778-18274. (CL24021997)

**Suitable match for Lubana Sikh girl,** 5'-5", born 94. Station Manager Amazon. Preferred Canada. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp only, between 7 am-12 noon and between 8:00 pm-11:30 pm (Indian time). +919463320639 (CL24022193)

**Nai Sikh girl May 1994, 5'-1",** Manglik Canada PR Toronto, ECE Engg. PG, Canada (HR/PM) Office manager, need well educated boy, preference from Ontario and Malwa area. 97183-83734, +14373334070. (CL24022197)

**Seeks tall, vegetarian, well qualified,** permanently settled in Australia boy from respectable Brahmin family for Saraswat Brahmin Manglik girl, working in decent job in Australia, 5'-7", 1999 born, B.Tech (IT). Parents Govt servants. Doaba area preferred. WhatsApp only: 9417739628. (CL24022457)

**Match Canada citizen Ramdasia** Sikh girl divorced Software Developer 5'-3", 1991. Boy Canada PR preference Ontario. Caste no bar. 9877747106, 9501029128. (CL24022466)

**SMF Sikh Nai girl, 1993, 5'-3", MBA,** Canada on work permit. Contact: 6283043266. (CL24022585)

**Hindu BDS 5'-6" PR Canada** beautiful, slim girl 08.11.93, +91-98728-30435. (CL24022952)

**Canadian Jat Sikh girl 1989, 5'-4",** good income, seeks well settled family, prefer Calgary. 96466-18381. (CL24023064)

**USA Citizen Nai Sikh girl** 29/ 5'-4", looking for well educated boy. Send biodata & pics on WhatsApp 94788-95679, 84272-61834. (CL24023083)

**Match for Sep. 1996, 5'-3", Masters** in Computer Science, US citizen family girl. Preference turbaned Sikh, cleanshaven well qualified boy. Email: jetendersapra@gmail.com. WhatsApp: +17184138890. (CL24023079)

**Looking for Canadian citizen** or permanent resident boy for Nov. 1997 born, Canadian citizen Hindu Brahmin 5'-6", tall, MBA girl, +14039180491. (CL24023267)

**Match for twins sisters Sep. 1993/ 5'-4",** Dentist/Internal Medicine 5'-6", MD (New York). Upper class Punjabi family daughters. Preference professional/qualified well settled boy. Email: jetendersapra@gmail.com. WhatsApp: +17184138890. (CL24023081)

**Professionally qualified match** for Brahmin girl Paralegal and completed Law exams (NCA), born 9 Dec. 1991, 2:05 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-2 1/2", well settled in Canada, seeks well educated and decent PR Canadian boy, send photo, biodata at +9198557-5171 (GT/A preferred). (CL24023130)

**Rangarchia girl 1981/ 5'-5", M.Tech.,** Group C, holder, working in USA. Cont. 78889-36783. (CL24023167)

**Match for PR Canada Arora** Sikh girl, 1994/ 4'-10", Teacher instructor therapist preferred in Canada. 98150-67700. (CL24023213)

**Canada PR, beautiful Garg** girl, Height 5'-6", DOB October 1991, born in Canada, doing SSc. Mobile 98881-07808. (CL24023272)

**Inviting match for Rajak Rajput girl** 1996 born, 5'-4", doing SSc. Nursing in Australia, PR preferred. Caste no bar. 98888-82169, 99882-90169. (CL24023388)

**Beautiful Rajput girl PR** in Canada, 1995 seeks well settled Rajput or Jat boy. 95015-50612. (CL24022950)

**Khatri Wallia girl 25/ 5'-2", PR** Canada last 6 year require without turban age upto 27 year Hindu/ Sikh only PR in Ontario vegetarian Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Patiala can contact. WhatsApp call only. 85668-00595. (CL24023398)

**BRAHMIN**

**Looking match for IT company** lead, 02 Sept. 1992/ 7 am, Nawanshahr, caste no bar. Mob: 83602-71226. (CL24022403)

**professionally qualified match** for beautiful, Brahmin girl Nov. 91, 5'-3.5", B.Tech, MBA, working consultant US, MNC Gurgaon, 31+ lakhs package. Parents class rural. 94167-02362. (CL24022918)

**Alliance invited for Ludhiana based** Govt. Medical Officer Brahmin girl, 5'-4", fair, good looking, 1992 born. Contact: 99171-74312, 88377-65724. (CL24023180)

**Manglik Gaur Brahmin, 06.11.98,** 04.37 am, Chandigarh, 5'-2", B.Sc. MBA, own digital marketing work, pure vegetarian. 98159-92311. (CL24021810)

**Match for resilient exquisite** Canadian citizen Himachali Brahmin girl, 1997, born, working as HR Manager, Canada. Prefer well educated, contented, attractive sophisticated boy. Send biodata with photographs WhatsApp 98664-43307. (CL24020831)

**Brahmin veg. Girl, 07.12.1996,** 5'-3", 11:50 am, Ludhiana, BA, LL.B. digital marketer. Mob: 99154-41598. (CL24021238)

**Suitable match for Punjabi Brahmin** Chandigarh based girl 5'-3"/ February 94/ M.Sc. Botany. 94632-10431. (CL24021493)

**Looking for Chandigarh settled** Brahmin boy, 01/95/ 5'-5", M.Sc. Maths B.Ed. CTET HP TET teaching Army School. 74660-45666. (CL24021606)

**Suitable match for beautiful,** very fair charming Brahmin girl Oct. 1993 born, Chartered Accountant, working as Associate Manager in EY Global Gurugram. Family based in Punjab. 98159-92311. Email: seemamadhani1.1969@gmail.com. (CL24021865)

**Educated match for 29 years** Anshik Manglik girl 5'-10", MBA, working MNC Bangalore. 97799-20000. (CL24021866)

**Non-Manglik suitable match** for beautiful girl Sarawat Brahman 08.08.1993, 5'-4", 7:10 pm, birth place: Una (HP). B.Sc Non-Medical, Diploma in Human Rights from PU, teacher in Chandigarh. New job joining on 1st July with reputed college of engineering near Mohali. Required: teetotaler boy and vegetarian family, preferred in / around Tricity. 99888-86747 (Mohali). (CL24022380)

**Suitable match for Kashyap** Brahmin Manglik girl 06.06.1994, 01:25 pm Chandigarh 5'-0", B.Sc. B.Ed, MCA, working as Admin in Govt. Institute (Contract basis) Chandigarh. Marriage bureau excuse. 89685-19284. (CL24022564)

**Himachali Brahmin girl December** 1987 born, M.Sc. Chemistry B.Ed. HP TET, CTET CSIR NET GATE. doing PH.D Chemistry PU. only Himachali. Contact: 98824-49988. (CL24022967)

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin** Unmarried girl, Sep. 1979 (Looks younger), Master's degree, Permanent Job with grade scale. Currently, the girl is in Australia on a visitor visa. The girl's brother is an Australian citizen. Preferred NRI from Australia or well-settled in India. Early marriage. WhatsApp call/ text +61 468 306579. (CL24023051)

**PQM for Chandigarh based** beautiful, fair Sarawat Brahmin girl, 1993/ 5'-4", B.Com, MBA, Manager Marketing in MNC. Contact: 82838-83879. rksrishi@gmail.com. (CL24023216)

**Seeking suitable professionally** qualified match for Amritsar based 5'-2 1/2", Dec. 1997 born, LLB Pretty Brahmin girl from status family. NRI/ Government job/ well established business family preferred. Contact: 98781-40764. (CL24023298)

**Suitable match for Manglik,** non Manglik Brahmin girl 6.9.1988, 5'-4", M.Sc., Ph.D, Asstt. Professor Regular in Reputed College, Amritsar. Preference nearby Amritsar. 96468-40200, 98727-87025. (CL24023303)

**Suitable match for Rudraji** Brahmin girl 29/5'-4", M.Sc., B.Ed. private School Teacher. 78887-44747. (CL24023344)

**Sharma divorcee girl 5'-1",** 06.02.1995 (Time 2:30 pm), birth Place Bhawanigarh, Post Graduate + B.Ed. Requirement Foreigner well settled family. Contact: 98888-67068. (CL24023399)

**Mohyal Brahmin girl 5'-4",** 07.08.1992, 5:53 pm, Solan, M.Pharm, working in reputed Pharma Co. in Tricity, Chandigarh. Service class in around Chandigarh preferred. WhatsApp: 98172-99576. (CL24021325)

**Handsome, prosperous, well settled** Chandigarh match for fair, slim, beautiful unmarried girl 1985 born, 5'-4", B.Tech. Electrical, Father Engineer Retd. 98884-12631. (CL24021412)

**Inviting suitable match** for Hindu Brahmin girl, 27.06.93, 5'-7", fair, M.Sc. in Psychology, with family background Medical and Defence services. Working Gurgaon. 98110-40951. (CL24021421)

**Saraswat Brahmin Kaushal family** Manglik girl, 5'-4", 1993, 06/09/94 born, B.Tech. (ECE), working in MNC, package 10 LPA. Vaishno & religious family. Kundli must Marriage bureau excuse. 98728-35968. (CL24021442)

**MISC**

**Beautiful Himachali Chaudhary girl** 92, 5'-3", B.Tech., working in IT Company Chd. Upper caste welcome. Agent/ marriage bureau excuse, parents are in govt. job. 78886-10352. (CL24022970)

**Haryana based Kayastha Bengali girl** 2 Oct. 1987, 5'-4", wheatish, slim MBA, working in Health Care as Sr. Manager 11 LPA. Caste no bar. 97793-07426. (CL24021417)

**SM for Chaudhary girl 24.12.89, 6:24** am, Dharmasala, 5'-4", M.Tech., vegetarian family. Contact No. 94176-03747. (CL24021514)

**Suitable match for Mahawar vaishya** girl 28/ 5'-4", BAMS, MS (Ayurveda) Assistant Professor Govt College in Tricity, Mandalas, Kotwaliya Gotra DOB 13.4.1996 (Alwar). Preferably Tricity based professional/ officer boy. Contact: 80059-02637. (CL24021635)

**Chahag Chaudhary (BC) girl,** 10.10.1989, 04:00 am, Pathankot, 5'-7", M.Sc. Physics (Hons), B.Ed. PSTET, CTET. Teaching in reputed school in Chandigarh. Employed, upper caste from Tricity preferred. 98154-93061. (CL24022044)

**Match for May 1983 born, 5'-4", girl** MDS from abroad university, Ramdasia Sikh (issless divorcee) highly educated family, Father retired senior PCS Officer, Punjab, two brothers married and settled abroad. Preference well settled boy of educated family. 98771-37846, 98728-00007. (CL24022758)

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**Suitable match for beautiful Bhagat** girl, 25th July 1986, 5'-4", M.Tech, Assistant Professor Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, pursuing Ph.D. from Thaper University, Patiala. Parents retired from bank. Brother settled in Canada. Contact: 9815010165. (CL24023142)

**Match for Himachali Manglik Koli** girl, MBA, 5'-2 1/2", 1985, working in Health Department Himachal. 98054-20180. (CL24022304)

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## CHANDIGARH

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# INDIA bloc offered PM's post to Nitish, claims JD(U)

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**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi on June 9, the key ally of the National Democratic Alliance — Janata Dal (United) — has claimed that the opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) leaders offered the post of the Prime Minister to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Speaking to the media, JD(U) general secretary KC Tyagi on Saturday said, "Proposals to the extent of the offer of Prime Ministership to JD(U) president Nitish Kumar have also come from the INDIA bloc leaders. These are the same people who had problems making Nitish Kumar the convener of their block. Some INDIA leaders even wanted to speak to Nitish Kumar in this regard, but the party decided that it is not going to look back."

Tyagi said the JD(U) will stay in alliance with the BJP-led NDA, as clarified by Nitish Kumar on Friday while endorsing the candidature of Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister and NDA leader in the Parliament.

He said Nitish was the archi-



Ex-President Ram Nath Kovind with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar in Delhi.

tect of the INDIA bloc and was humiliated by the camp.

He said all regional parties wanted Nitish Kumar to be convener of INDIA bloc but under a conspiracy, TMC's Mamata Banerjee and AAP's Arvind Kejriwal proposed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's name for the PM's post when it had been decided that there will be no PM face. "Even on Nitish's convensorship, a senior Congress leader raised question marks. This was not acceptable to our rank and file. So we decided to sever ties with the INDIA bloc and returned to the NDA. Our decision has

proved to be right. After the Lok Sabha poll results, senior leaders of INDIA bloc, including of the Congress, started contacting Nitish and JD(U) and offered to make him the PM. We in the JD(U) are happy to have rejected the offer and endorsed Modi as the PM. The bankruptcy of INDIA bloc leaders is evident from the fact that they suddenly offered PM-ship to the person who they rejected for the convener's post. Should any INDIA bloc leader deny what I am saying, we have the evidence of the phone conversations," Tyagi said.

## Uddhav backs bloc's policy of wait & watch

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**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
Even as speculations are rife over Uddhav Thackeray's absence from the INDIA bloc's meeting on June 5 and his subsequent silence, sources said the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader backs the INDIA bloc's strategy of wait and watch before taking any decision.

After Uddhav skipped the INDIA bloc meeting, some quarters even suggested that it was due to his not being averse to the idea of returning to the NDA fold. However, the sources said he would not risk such a misadventure, considering the handsome mandate received by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra in the Lok Sabha poll, which was mainly owing to the sympathy factor towards him following the split in the party engineered by the BJP.

Moreover, around half a dozen MLAs of the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena are in touch with Uddhav, the sources added.

In the recently concluded Lok Sabha poll, the MVA bagged 30 of the 48 seats in the state with the Congress emerging as the single largest party with 13 seats, followed by Shiv Sena (UBT) nine and NCP (SP) eight.

### KHATAKHAT CASH TRANSFER

## Disqualify 99 Cong MPs, lawyer writes to Prez Murmu

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
A Delhi-based lawyer on Saturday wrote to President Droupadi Murmu seeking disqualification of 99 newly elected Congress MPs for committing an offence under Section 123(1) of the Representation of People Act (RPA). He alleged that the party's *khatakhata* cash transfer promise amounted to gross corrupt practices as it was aimed at bribing voters.

In his 10-page representation, advocate Vibhor Anand urged the President to direct the EC to initiate an inquiry under Section 146, RPA, against Congress leaders and party members involved in inducing voters by bribery through the 'Congress Guarantee Card' and disqualify all 99 MPs who were recently elected. —TNS

# NDA vote share dipped in Bihar, RJD gained ground

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**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
The NDA has performed better in Bihar winning 31 of the 40 seats in the state, but its vote share has dipped significantly, while the RJD, which won only four seats, has improved its vote share to 22.14 per cent this time from 15.17 per cent in 2019.

The BJP got a vote share of 20.5 per cent, a steep fall from 24 per cent in 2019. The JD(U), which won 12 seats, also witnessed a dip in its vote share from 22.27 per cent in the last elections to 18.52 per cent this time.

Bihar, where the Assembly poll will be held in 2025, will be a test for the NDAs in the

### BJP vote share fell from 24% in 2019 to 20%

Lok Sabha poll, its candidates could win by a margin of over two lakh votes only in Araria and Muzaffarpur.

BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudy, who contested against RJD supreme Lalu Yadav's daughter Rohini Acharya, won by a narrow margin of 13,600 votes. This was the smallest victory margin in the LS poll in Bihar. The highest victory margin was recorded in Muzaffarpur where BJP's Raj Bhusan Chaudhary won by nearly 2.35 lakh votes, against Congress' Ajay Nishad.

The Congress, which had won one seat in 2019, has won three this time, and its vote share has increased from 7.9 per cent in 2019 to 9.2 per cent now.

"The RJD, the Left and the Congress gave a good fight in these elections. The JD(U) is still a popular party. Despite aggressive campaigning by Tejashwi Yadav, the RJD could win only four seats. The Assembly poll will not be like last time. Nitish Kumar's popularity cuts across caste lines in Bihar. Even among Muslims, he is perceived as a secular leader. The NDA — the BJP, the JD(U) and the LJP — will get a majority in next year's Assembly poll," a JD(U) leader said.

# Congress firmly on path of revival: CWC

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
In its first meeting held after a good show by the party in the Lok Sabha elections, the extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) thanked public for putting the party "firmly on the path of revival".

The Congress tally rose to 99 seats in 2024 from 54 in 2019 and 52 in 2014. The INDIA bloc, the opposition alliance cobbled up before the elections to challenge Narendra Modi-led BJP, won 234 seats, coming within the striking distance of the 272 seats required for securing a simple majority in the Lok Sabha.

"The atmosphere in the



Senior Congress leaders KC Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh address a press conference after the CWC meeting in New Delhi on Saturday.

CWC was entirely different from the atmosphere four months ago. Our workers are charged, our leaders are charged... now the revival of the Congress has started.

This is the sentiment of the CWC," Congress general secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal told reporters after the meeting.

Venugopal said besides

fighting the BJP, the Congress had to fight the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI during the elections.

The extended CWC meeting was attended by the chiefs of Congress' state units and leaders of the party in state legislatures also besides regular CWC members.

A resolution passed in the meeting said, "People across the country have infused new life into the Congress for which it is truly grateful." It said the results were "a personal and moral defeat for the PM (Modi) who sought the mandate in his name and ran a campaign anchored in lies, hate, prejudice, divisiveness and extreme bigotry".

## Petition in SC demands SEBI report on stock market crash

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
An advocate has moved the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and SEBI to submit detailed reports on the share market crash on the day of declaration of the Lok Sabha poll results on June 4, leading to investors' loss running into thousands of crores of rupees. Advocate Vishal Tiwari — one of the petitioners in the Adani Hindenburg case — filed an interlocutory applica-

## Will continue efforts towards normalcy, India tells China

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 8**  
The MEA has thanked Beijing for congratulating PM Narendra Modi on the BJP-led NDA's win in the recent elections and said India would continue to pursue efforts towards normalisation of ties between the two nations "based on mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity".

"Thank you MFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), China, for congratulating PM Narendra

Modi on his election victory. Will continue to pursue efforts towards normalisation of India-China ties based on mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning had congratulated PM Modi on Wednesday, stating that "a healthy and stable China-India relationship is in the interests of both countries". —TNS

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Sunder Nagar (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid
1	A/R & M/O on Chandigarh Mandi, Manali road km 156/750 mto 165/300 (SH)- Repair of pot hole BUGS & Providing and laying 30 mm thick bituminous concrete in km 161/00 to 161/500, RD. 164/00 to 164/500 & RD. 164/800 to 165/300)	48,75,621/-	07.06.2024

**Earnest Money : 98,000/-**  
**Deadline for submission of Bid : 16.06.2024**  
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).  
**On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh**  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sunder Nagar Division, HPPWD Sunder Nagar-175018  
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**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD Jubbal Distt. Shimla HP on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on Percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD.

Job No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Time Allowed	Class
1	C/o Balance work of Govt. Sr. Sec. School at Rathal in Tehsil Jubbal Distt. Shimla (H.P.) (SH)- C/o balance work at Building, C/o Toilet block and Porch with connecting bridge etc.)	3523127	70500	2000/-	9 months	Class C&D
2	C/o Ayurvedic Healthy Centre at Kuddu in Tehsil Jubbal Distt. Shimla H.P. (C/o Building portion, W.S and S.I Septic, B/wall and sock pit)	4980300	99600	1500/-	2 months	Class C&D

Tender document and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

**Key Dates:**

1. Date of Online Publication	15.06.2024 11:00 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	15.06.2024 11:30 HRS up to 21.06.2024 17:30 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	15.06.2024 11:30 HRS up to 21.06.2024 17:30 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	Online Mode
5. Date of Technical Bid opening	22.06.2024 11:00 HRS
6. Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. II, HPPWD, Mandi, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on percentage rate in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender
1.	Slope Protection work near Vishwakarma Temple in Mandi Town under Mandi Division No. II, HPPWD, Mandi (Job No. I)	Rs. 99,99,977/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Rs. 5000/-

**Eligible Class of Contractor: "C"**  
**Time Limit: One Month**

Starting Date for Downloading Bid: 07.06.2024  
Deadline for Submission of Bid: 14.06.2024, 11.00 A.M.  
Date of Opening of Bid: 14.06.2024 at 11.30 A.M.

1. The rates beyond the limit of over + 5%, will be rejected and the rates quoted below 10%, the Additional Performance security will have to borne for unbalanced bid.  
2. Only scanned copy of original documents as uploaded on the tender website are required for technical & financial elevation. The original documents shall be required only from the successful bidder before issue of letter of award.  
3. The participants should have the work done of similar nature.  
4. Qualification Criteria:-  
5. Contractor must have experience of design and execution of Slope stabilization in hill region with design vetted by any IIT and work must include Drilling and Grouting of Self Drilling Anchor Bars (32 mm dia), Anchored Gabion Fascia Wall, DT mesh all in the same project.  
6. Site visit certificate.  
7. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Mandi Division No. II,  
HPPWD, Mandi.

No. PW-MDII-CB/Tender Misc./on-line/2223-2230-37 Dated: 6.6.2024 DPR/HP/35

## GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG SHORT TERMS NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tenders for the following works are hereby invited on form PW 6 by the Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division Nahan on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the approved contractors registered in the Jal Shakti Vibhag in the appropriate class. The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to **3:00 PM on dated 11/06/2024** on payment non-refundable in cash or by money order as per cost shown below. The tender forms shall be issued in the office of the Assistant Engineer up to **4:00 PM on dated 11/06/2024**. The earnest money as shown below shall be accompanied with tender in the shape of FDR / Deposit at Call from any nationalized bank duly pledged in the name of Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division, Nahan. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner at the time of tender Submission, their offer shall be summarily rejected and the tender offers received will be processed on the basis of eligibility criteria prescribed for the work that has been tendered for. The draft Notice Inviting Tender can also be downloaded from the departmental website [www.hp.iph.org](http://www.hp.iph.org). The conditional offer shall be out rightly rejected. The offer shall be kept open for **120 Days**. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The tenders shall be received up to **3:00 PM on 12/06/2024** & opened on **same day at 3:30 PM** in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the tender will be open on next working day at the same time.

Sr. No.	Description	E/ Cost	E/ Money	Time	Cost of Form
1.	Providing CAD of LIS Salani Katola in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- P/F of auto control panel with push Bottom 75 HP) Job -I.	Rs 180750/-	Rs 3650/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
2.	Providing CAD of LIS Salani Katola in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- P/F Reflux valve Job -II.	Rs 122500/-	Rs 2450/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
3.	Providing CAD of LIS Salani Katola in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- P/F Reflux valve and Sluice valve in Rising Main and common header) Job -III.	Rs 178500/-	Rs 3600/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
4.	Restoration of Rain damages to Defunct LIS Andheri in GP Pailon in Tehsil Nahan Distt Simour (HP) (SH:- Extracting & lowering of submersible Pumping machinery with mechanical means in side the sump well and P/F of auto control panel with push bottom 30 HP) Job-I	Rs 139500/-	Rs 2800/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
5.	Restoration of Rain damages to Defunct LIS Andheri in GP Pailon in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Extracting & lowering of submersible Pumping machinery with mechanical means in side the bore well and P/F submersible copper cable) Job-II.	Rs 192875/-	Rs 3860/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
6.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Nahan Town in tehsil Nahan Distt Simour (HP) (SH:- C/O Back filling of Retaining wall and PCC in Dhoun area to Protect gravity Rising main 350 mm dia).	Rs 155442/-	Rs 3150/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
7.	R/M of LWSS Moginand in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Providing and fixing PVC cable 35 mm2 and 6mm2 of LWSS Nagal Suketi and connector ML6 at LWSS Mainthalpal).	Rs 149072/-	Rs 3000/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
8.	Restoration of Rain damages to LIS Shambhuwala in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Providing and fixing main switch and repair of starter in Mallonwala Bhood).	Rs 178417/-	Rs 3568/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
9.	C/O LIS Bankala and Gawadon in GP Bankala in tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Providing and fixing of auto control panel and repair of starter in LIS Bankala).	Rs 177000/-	Rs 3540/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
10.	C/O LIS Bankala and Gawadon in GP Bankala in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Repair of starter in LIS Bankala).	Rs 163377/-	Rs 3268/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
11.	Providing LWSS to PC Hab. Under GP Kolarwala Bhood, Burma Papri, Pailon, Nahan & Bankala in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- C/O Main storage tank 20000 Lite capacity at Village Badaban) Job -IV.	Rs 144467/-	Rs 2900/-	Three Months	Rs 250/-
12.	Providing Sewerage with Priming treatment unit for Kala Amb Moginand in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (SH:- Making of common Header near Main Storage Tank at Moginand) Job-I.	Rs 127553/-	Rs 2551/-	Six Months	Rs 250/-
13.	Providing Sewerage with Priming treatment unit for Kala Amb Moginand in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- Making of common Header near Main Storage Tank at Moginand) Job-II.	Rs 178999/-	Rs 3580/-	Six Months	Rs 250/-
14.	Providing LWSS Nahan Town (From Giri River Dadhu) in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- Providing and fixing C.I. Sluice valve & gate valve of various Dia at various location in Nahan Town).	Rs 199750/-	Rs 4000/-	15 Days	Rs 250/-
15.	A/R M/O 16 Nos. Quarter in Jal Shakti Vibhag Colony in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- White Washing, Distemping, Painting & repair work of Type-III, 4 Nos set of 1st Floor boundary wall and Providing & fixing M.S. gate and Grill) Job-I.	Rs 194076/-	Rs 3900/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
16.	A/R M/O 16 Nos Quarter in Jal Shakti Vibhag Colony in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- White Washing, Distemping, Painting & repair work of Type -III, 4 Nos. set of 1st Floor boundary wall and Providing & fixing M.S. gate and Grill) Job-II.	Rs 199996/-	Rs 4000/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
17.	R/M of LIS Dhakwala Khairwala in Tehsil Nahan Distt. Simour (HP) (Sh:- Laying and Jointing of Rising Main of 125 mm dia (M).	Rs 129746/-	Rs 2600/-	One Month	Rs 250/-
18.	Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance under JJM Programme under Simour Distt. (HP) (SH:- Supplying of various Printing Material District water testing Lab. in Nahan District Simour (HP) JOB No-I.	Rs 183853/-	Rs 3700/-	Six Months	Rs 250/-

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**  
1. The Tender of those Contractors/Firms will not be considered whose previous performance is not found satisfactory.  
2. The contractors will produce the copy of Registration in HPU/S/Earnest Money/PAN/EPF No./GST No. of opening of tender, otherwise tender form will be rejected.  
3. EMD is required to be deposited by the contractor in shape of Bank FDR duly pledged in favour of "Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti Sub Division Nahan" at the time of applying for tender form.  
4. All participating contractor have to submit the detail of pending works with their bid, in case of submitting false information there tender will be rejected.

**Assistant Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Sub Division, Nahan.**

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GLOBE TROT



Members of the Household Cavalry take part in the Colonels review rehearsal for Trooping the Colour, in honour of the birthday of Britain's King Charles in London on Saturday. REUTERS

**Britain's Kate apologises for missing parade**

LONDON Kate, Britain's Princess of Wales who is undergoing preventative chemotherapy for cancer, has written to an army regiment to apologise for missing a military parade on Saturday, adding that she hoped to be back very soon. "Being your Colonel remains a great honour, and I am very sorry that I'm unable (to) take the salute at this year's Colonel's Review," Kate wrote in a letter to the head of the Irish Guards regiment. REUTERS

**Thai ex-PM ready to face royal insult charges**

BANGKOK Former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said on Saturday he was ready to face charges of insulting the monarchy that mark a setback to a political heavyweight whose allies are currently in government. The complaint, lodged by the royalist military that ousted the government of his sister Yingluck Shinawatra, stems from an interview the influential tycoon gave to foreign media in 2015. Other charges include violating a computer crime law. REUTERS

## Astronaut Anders, who took iconic 'Earthrise' photo, dies in plane crash

SEATTLE, JUNE 8 Retired Maj Gen William Anders, the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic "Earthrise" photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space in 1968, was killed when the plane he was piloting alone plummeted into the waters off the San Juan Islands in Washington state. He was 90. His son, retired Air Force Lt Col Greg Anders, confirmed the death. "The family is devastated," Greg Anders said. "He was a great pilot and we will miss him terribly." William Anders has said the photo was his most significant contribution to the space programme, given the ecological philosophical impact it had, along with making sure the Apollo 8 command module and service module worked.

The photograph, the first colour image of Earth from space, is one of the most important photos in modern history for the way it changed how humans viewed the planet. The photo is credited with sparking the global environmental movement for showing how delicate and isolated Earth appeared from space.

Arizona Sen Mark Kelly, who is also a retired NASA astronaut, wrote on the social platform X, "Bill Anders forever changed our perspective of our planet and ourselves with his famous Earthrise photo on Apollo 8. He inspired me and generations of astronauts and explorers. My thoughts are with his family and friends."



Former Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders; and (below) the iconic 'Earthrise' photo. FILE

A report came in around 11:40 am that an older-model plane crashed into the water and sank near the north end of Jones Island, San Juan County Sheriff Eric Peter said. Only the pilot was on board the Beech A45 airplane at the time, according to the Federal Aviation Association.

William Anders said in an 1997 NASA oral history interview that he didn't think the Apollo 8 mission was risk-free but there were important national, patriotic and exploration reasons for going ahead. He estimated there was about one in three chance that the crew wouldn't make it back and the same chance the mission would be a success and the same chance that the mission wouldn't start to begin with. — AP

## Tel Aviv troops storm al-Nuseirat to free hostages held by Hamas since Oct last year

# Israel rescues four abducted citizens; 210 Palestinians killed in fresh assault

JERUSALEM/CAIRO, JUNE 8 Israeli forces rescued four hostages held by Hamas since October in a raid in Gaza on Saturday while over 200 Palestinians were killed in airstrikes in the same area, according to Hamas officials, in one of the bloodiest Israeli assaults of the war.

It was not immediately clear if the hostage rescue and the Israeli air assault were part of the same operation but both took place in al-Nuseirat, a densely built-up and often embattled area in the eight-month-old war between Israel and Gaza's ruling Hamas.

An Israeli military spokesperson said the hostage rescue operation took place under fire in the heart of a residential neighbourhood, where he said Hamas had been hiding captives among Gaza civilians under guard by armed militants.

Israeli forces returned fire, including with airstrikes, the spokesperson, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, added. One Israeli special forces soldier was killed during the operation, a police statement said.

Israel named the rescued hostages as Noa Argamani, 25, Almog Meir Jan, 21, Andrey Kozlov, 27, and Shlomi Ziv, 40. They were taken to



Almog Meir Jan, a rescued hostage, with his family members. REUTERS

**BIDEN WELCOMES RESCUE OF HOSTAGES IN GAZA**

Paris: US President Joe Biden on Saturday welcomed the return of four Israeli hostages rescued alive in Gaza. The US president vowed, "We won't stop working until all the hostages come home and a ceasefire is reached." REUTERS

**COMMITTED TO FREEING ALL HOSTAGES: NETANYAHU**

Jerusalem: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel "does not give into terrorism". "We will not give up until we complete the mission and bring home all the hostages — both those alive and dead," he said. REUTERS

hospital for medical checks and were in good health, the military said.

They were all kidnapped from the Nova music festival during Palestinian militant group Hamas' deadly raid on Israeli towns and villages near Gaza on Oct. 7, an attack which precipitated the devas-

tating war in the besieged Hamas-run enclave.

Hamas's raid killed some 1,200 people, according to Israeli authorities, and Israel's subsequent bombardment and invasion of Gaza has killed at least 36,801 Palestinians, according to an updated tally by

the enclave's health ministry on Saturday.

Palestinian militants took around 250 hostages back to Gaza on Oct. 7. There are 116 now left in Gaza, according to Israeli tallies, including at least 40 whom Israeli authorities have declared dead.

Israeli News 12 broadcast



Noa Argamani



Andrey Kozlov



Shlomi Ziv

footage of Argamani reunited with her father, smiling and embracing him. Video of Argamani's kidnapping, showing her shouting "Don't kill me!" as she was driven into Gaza on a motorbike, had circulated soon after she was taken on Oct. 7.

A smiling Argamani was shown speaking on Saturday by phone to Israeli President Isaac Herzog from hospital, where she was surrounded by family and friends, in footage released by the president's office. "Thank you for everything, thank you for this moment," she said.

"I am so excited to hear your voice, it brings tears to my eyes ... welcome home," Herzog said. A different picture unfolded back in Gaza, where Palestinian health ministry officials and local medics said that an Israeli military assault in Nuseirat had killed scores of people including women and children.

The Hamas-run government media office in Gaza said later the death toll had risen to at least 210 Palestinians with many more wounded, after medics and health officials gave earlier tolls of up to 100 dead.

There was no immediate confirmation of the highest figure from Gaza's health ministry. — Reuters

## Man who attacked Danish PM sentenced to 12 days in custody

COPENHAGEN, JUNE 8 A 39-year old man who assaulted Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in Copenhagen on Friday causing her to suffer a neck injury was sentenced today to 12 days in custody, Danish police said.

The assault took place in a square in the city centre on Friday when a man walked up to the prime minister and hit her.

Frederiksen's office said the incident had left the politician "shocked" and suffering a minor whiplash injury.

All the prime minister's official events on Saturday have been cancelled, her office added on Saturday.

The assault comes two days before Danes head to the polls in the European Union election. A month ago, three German politicians suffered assaults ahead of European Parliament and district council elections and more attacks followed earlier this week.

Frederiksen, was able to walk away and had no outward signs of harm after the assault, Soren Kjergaard, a local coffee-shop worker, told Reuters after seeing her being escorted away by security.

Copenhagen police said it did not think that the man,



Mette Frederiksen. AP FILE

who has denied wrongdoing, was politically motivated in his act. "In light of the fact that the accused has no connection to Denmark, there is a risk of escape," the judge at the Copenhagen City court said as one reason for the custodial sentence, according to broadcaster DR.

"My good friend and Danish colleague Mette Frederiksen was attacked in the street last night in Copenhagen. This is completely unacceptable and is an attack on our open, democratic societies," Norway Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Stoere told news agency NTB.

Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president wrote on X on Friday: "I was so shocked at the news of you being assaulted

tonight. I condemn this despicable act which goes against everything we believe and fight for in Europe. I wish you strength and courage - I know you have plenty of both."

Political violence appears to be rising across the Europe, where societies are deeply polarized in the face of widespread migration from the Middle East and Africa and are badly shaken by the war in Ukraine, the largest conflict on the continent since World War II. The recent violence has come in the run up to elections taking place this weekend to the European Parliament, the legislative branch of the 27-member bloc.

The most serious attack so far has been that against Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico, who struggled for his life after multiple shots were fired on him on May 15 as he greeted supporters.

In France, the lead Socialist candidate in the EU elections, Raphael Glucksmann, was pelted with eggs and paint-filled projectiles at a May Day event last month. Last month, Berlin's deputy mayor was attacked at an event in a local library by a man her from behind. — Agencies



French President Emmanuel Macron, his wife Brigitte Macron and US President Joe Biden and his wife Jill Biden attend a ceremony in Paris on Saturday. REUTERS

## Macron hosts Biden as two leaders try to move past trade tensions

PARIS, JUNE 8 President Joe Biden is being feted by French President Emmanuel Macron with a state visit Saturday as the two allies aim to show off their partnership on global security issues and move past trade tensions.

Biden and Macron attended ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday and met separately the following day with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris. The leaders both used those engagements to under-

score the urgent need to support Kyiv's fight against Russia's invasion.

But Macron and Biden have often chafed at the pace of support for Ukraine, especially as the United States, by far the largest contributor to Kyiv's defence, was forced to pause aid shipments for months while congressional Republicans held up an assistance package.

The state visit began with a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, including a wreath-laying at France's tomb of the unknown soldier, and a mili-

tary parade along the Champs-Élysées leading to the Elysee Palace, where the two held official meetings and were delivering public statements. Later, there is a state dinner at the palace for Biden and his wife, Jill.

"Proud to be here," Biden said at the Arc de Triomphe. "A great honour."

Macron is expected to raise US trade practices that he has often criticised, including the Inflation Reduction Act, which favours American-made climate technology such as electric vehicles. — AP

## WWII veteran marries his bride near Normandy's D-Day beaches

CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS, JUNE 8 Together, the collective age of the bride and groom was nearly 200. But World War II veteran Harold Terens and his sweetheart Jeanne Swerlin proved that love is eternal as they tied the knot on Saturday in land of the D-Day beaches in Normandy, France.

Though perhaps not the wedding of the century, their respective ages — he's 100, she's a youngster of just 96 — made their nuptials an almost double-century celebration.

The location was the elegant stone-worked town hall of Carentan, a key initial D-Day objective that saw ferocious fighting after the June 6, 1944, Allied landings that helped rid Europe of Adolf Hitler's tyranny.

Like other towns and villages across the Normandy

Collective age of the bride and groom is nearly 200



Harold Terens and Jeanne Swerlin at a town hall in Carentan-Les-Maraais in Normandy, France. AP

coast where nearly 160,000 Allied troops came ashore under fire on five code-

named beaches, it's an effervescent hub of remembrance and celebration on

the 80th anniversary for the deeds and sacrifices of young men and women that

day, festooned with flags and bunting and with veterans felled like rockstars.

As the swing of Glenn Miller and other period tunes rang out on the streets, well-wishers were already lined up a good hour before the wedding, behind barriers outside the town hall.

After both declaring "oui" to vows read by a deputy mayor, the couple waved to the adoring crowds outside, flutes of champagne in hand.

Terens called it the best day of his life. The wedding was symbolic, not binding in law. Mayor Jean-Pierre Lhonneur's office said he wasn't empowered to wed foreigners who weren't residents of Carentan, and that the couple, who are both American, hadn't requested

legally binding vows. However, they could always complete those formalities back in Florida if they wished.

Lhonneur likes to say that Normandy is practically a 51st state of the USA, given its reverence and gratitude for veterans and the sacrifices of the tens of thousands of Allied soldiers who never made it home from the Battle of Normandy.

Dressed in a 1940s dress that belonged to her mother, Louise, and a red beret, 73-year-old Jane Ollier was among the early-bird spectators who waited for a glimpse of the happy couple.

"It's so touching to get married at that age," she said. "If it can bring them happiness in the last years of their lives, that's fantastic." — AP

## Pak court adjourns contempt plea for not naming chowk in Lahore after Bhagat Singh

LAHORE, JUNE 8 A Pakistani court has adjourned the hearing of a petition seeking contempt proceedings against the government for not complying with the court's order regarding renaming a chowk in Lahore after Independence war hero Bhagat Singh for three months.

Bhagat Singh was hanged at Lahore's Shadman Chowk by colonial British rulers on March 23, 1931. Bhagat Singh Memorial Foundation Pakistan chairman Imtiaz Rasheed Qureshi had filed the contempt petition.

Lahore High Court Justice Shams Mahmood Mirza on

**SIKH PILGRIMS IN PAK**

Lahore: Over 800 Sikhs from India arrived here on Saturday to take part in Jor Mela, a three-day festival commemorating the death anniversary of the fifth Sikh guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji. The Jor Mela will be held from June 15 at Gurdwara Dera Sahib Lahore. PTI

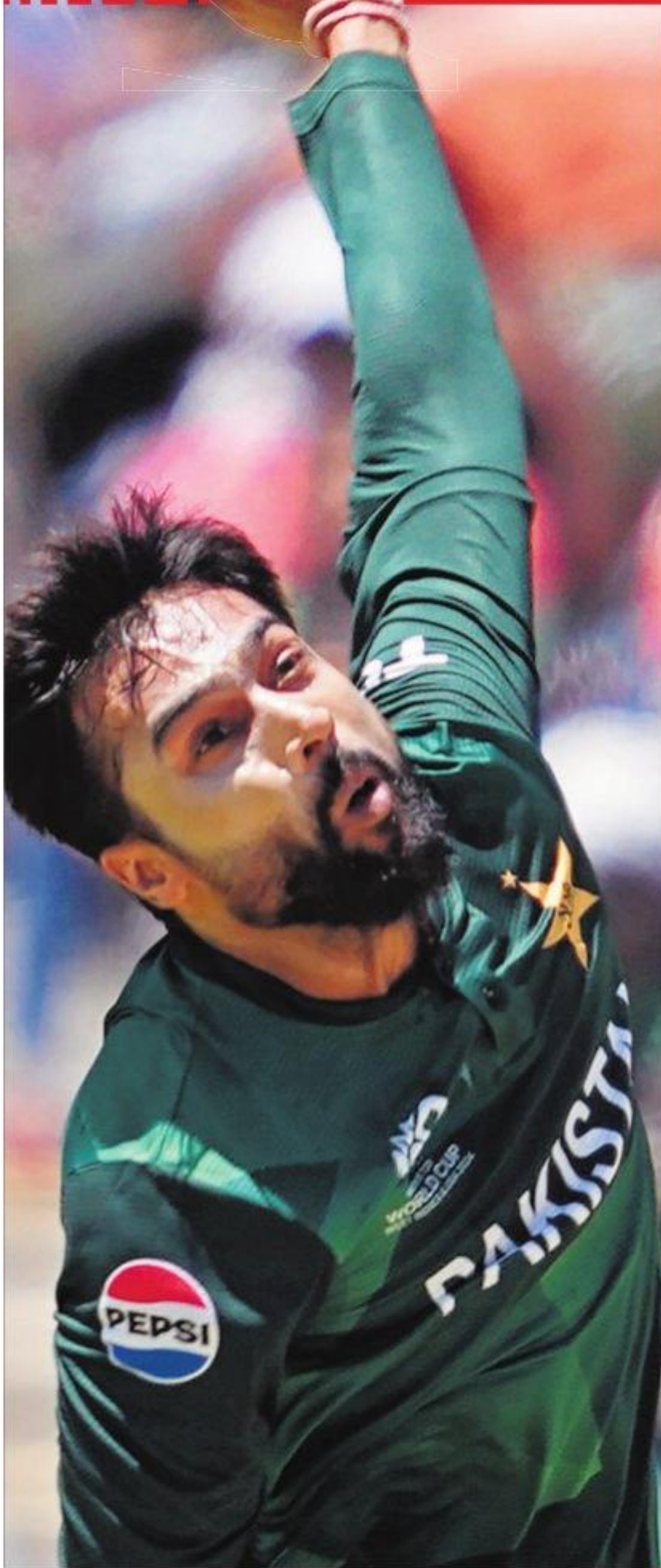
Friday adjourned the further hearing of the case till September 13, on the request of one of the respondents.

The petitioner's counsel Khalid Zaman Khan Kakar told the high court that the "matter should decide forthwith". — PTI



T20 WORLD CUP: Spotlight on Nassau County track as world gets ready for India-Pakistan blockbuster

# CONDITIONS APPLY



NEW YORK, JUNE 8

**A** confident India would look to capitalise on an unpredictable Pakistan's vulnerable state and lack of familiarity with the tricky conditions here when the traditional rivals lock horns in their eagerly-awaited T20 World Cup clash tomorrow.

The marquee game, which is expected to draw the biggest crowd of the tournament so far, will be held at the newly constructed 34,000-seater Nassau County International Cricket Stadium at the Eisenhower Park on the outskirts of the city. Heading into this high-profile contest, the 22-yard pitch remains a major talking point, having already faced significant criticism for its unpredictability, which the ICC has officially acknowledged.

In the six innings of the three matches hosted at the stadium so far, teams have surpassed the 100-run mark only twice. Some former players have wondered whether the low-scoring conditions would be of any help in selling cricket to the American market through the showpiece.

The four drop-in pitches at the venue, laid in April under the supervision of Adelaide Oval groundsman Damian Hough, are yet to settle down properly. The uneven bounce of the surface has also raised safety concerns for the batters, especially after Rohit Sharma was hit on his shoulder, forcing him to stop batting during the tournament-opener against Ireland on June 5.

"I don't know what to expect from the pitch to be honest. We will prepare as if the conditions are going to be like this (for Pakistan game). This is going to be a kind of game where all XI of us will need to contribute," Rohit had said after the game against Ireland.

Pakistan, however, are yet to acclimatise to the conditions at the Nassau Stadium. They arrived in New York on Thursday night following their shocking defeat to debutants USA and took the next day off. As a result, Babar Azam and his squad have had limited time to adjust to these challenging conditions, which could be a disadvantage heading into this crucial encounter. And a defeat against India could significantly complicate their qualification prospects.

Babar blamed the loss primarily on bowlers but what he cannot afford to overlook is the underwhelming performance of the team's batters, including himself. The captain consumed 43 deliveries for his 44, which is nowhere close to being a decent strike-rate in the shortest format. He would be hoping to do better. — PTI

**KOHLI VS AMIR**

Amir has bowled 19 deliveries to Kohli in T20Is with 12 being dot balls. Kohli has scored 16 runs, including three boundaries, at a strike-rate of 84.21

3/18

In the current bowling line-up, Mohammad Amir has the best figures for Pakistan against India in T20Is

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In their head-to-head battles in T20 WCs, India have dominated Pakistan, winning six out of the seven matches played between them

### LAST 5 MATCHES

- INDIA WON BY 4 WICKETS (OCT, 2022)
- PAKISTAN WON BY 5 WICKETS (SEP, 2022)
- INDIA WON BY 5 WICKETS (AUG, 2022)
- PAKISTAN WON BY 10 WICKETS (OCT, 2021)
- INDIA WON BY 6 WICKETS (MAR, 2016)

488

Runs in 10 matches at an average of 81.33 — Kohli has scored the most runs by an individual in the their T20I rivalry



## BRIEFLY

**BUDAPEST**  
**Wrestler Anshu settles for silver in ranking series**  
Anshu Malik could not match the skills of her 21-year-old Chinese rival Kexin Hong in the final, bowing out tamely to settle for the silver medal in the 57kg category of the Budapest Ranking Series. The Indian lost 1-12 on technical superiority.

**LONDON**  
**Pro League: Women suffer seventh consecutive loss**  
The Indian women's hockey team could not break its sequence of half-a-dozen consecutive losses in the FIH Pro League, losing to Germany 2-4, its seventh consecutive defeat in the tournament here today.

**LONDON**  
**England lose to Iceland in last friendly before Euro 2024**  
England were booed by some of their own fans after losing 0-1 to Iceland on Friday in their last friendly before the European Championship, while hosts Germany recovered from a goal down to beat Greece 2-1. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV	
T20 WORLD CUP	WEST INDIES VS UGANDA 8PM
INDIA VS PAKISTAN 8PM	OMAN VS SCOTLAND 10:30PM
STAR SPORTS	FIH PRO LEAGUE
WOMEN: INDIA VS GBRITAIN 4:45PM	MEN: INDIA VS G BRITAIN 7PM
STAR SPORTS	FRENCH OPEN
SONY SPORTS 6PM	

## Queen of clay back on throne

PARIS, JUNE 8

Iga Swiatek strengthened her reputation as the queen of clay by capturing a third straight French Open crown with a crushing 6-2 6-1 victory over 12th seed Jasmine Paolini to claim her fifth Grand Slam title.

Swiatek's 21st straight victory at her happiest hunting ground put her in fourth place in the list of longest winning streaks at Roland Garros in the Open era behind only Chris Evert (29), Monica Seles (25) and Justine Henin (24).

### Swiatek dismantles Paolini to win third straight title

The 23-year-old, who arrived in Paris in the form of her life having lifted trophies in Madrid and Rome, extended her run of victories on clay this year to a career-best 19 matches and celebrated with her fourth French Open title in five years.

"It's amazing to be here, I love this place. Honestly, I wait every year to come back here. I was almost out of the tournament in the second round so thank you guys for staying behind me and cheering. It's been a really emotional tournament," Swiatek said after lifting the Suzanne Lenglen Cup.

Swiatek came out all guns blazing early in the contest but after narrowly missing the chance to break from 0-40 down in the second game, the top-seeded Pole made heavy weather of the next to surren-



Iga Swiatek grabbed 10 games in a row en route her victory. REUTERS

der her serve, before bouncing right back. The diminutive Paolini, only the third Italian woman after Francesca Schiavone and Sara Errani to reach the Roland Garros final since the sport turned professional in 1968, went toe to toe with Swiatek from there but cracked in the sixth game. With the momentum shifting, claycourt specialist



Swiatek began to dominate the exchanges from the baseline, superbly working the angles and sealing the opening set in 37 minutes after winning 20 out of 24 points since going down a break. A shell-shocked Paolini smiled and soaked up the support and applause from the crowd on the main show-court when she won the odd

1 Swiatek's hat-trick makes her the first woman since Serena Williams won the US Open from 2012-14 to win three straight trophies at any Major

3 Improving to 5-0 in Major finals, Swiatek is also the third player to win her first five, or more, Major finals in the Open Era following Margaret Court and Monica Seles

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point early in the next set, but her challenge faded in the afternoon sun as Swiatek broke twice to build a 4-0 lead. Swiatek, who dropped only one set throughout the tournament in a second-round epic with Naomi Osaka where she saved a match point, won 10 straight games before Paolini got on the board but there was to be no late comeback and the knockout blow was near. — Reuters

## Afghanistan shoot down Kiwis

GEORGETOWN, JUNE 8

A determined Afghanistan rode on splendid spells from their skipper Rashid Khan and left-arm pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi to stun New Zealand by 84 runs and make a strong case for a Super Eight berth in the T20 World Cup here.

Chasing a tricky 160 at the Providence Stadium here, New Zealand were shot out for a lowly 75 in an innings that lasted a mere 15.2 overs with only Glenn Phillips (18) and Matt Henry (12) managing double-digit scores.

The decision to bowl after winning the toss backfired on the Kiwis as the Afghans relied on openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 56-ball 84 and Ibrahim Zadran's 44 off 41 to post a reasonably good total of 159/6 in the low-scoring tournament. Gurbaz was expectedly



Rashid Khan picked four wickets in their 84-run win. AP/PTI

adjudged the Player of the Match for his knock.

Farooqi, who snared five wickets for nine runs against Uganda, returned figures of 4/17 off his 3.2 overs, including the match-sealing dismissal. Rashid was also lethal as he collected the prized

scalp of Kane Williamson (9 off 13) with his first ball. He finished overall figures of 4/17 off his four overs. — PTI  
**Brief scores: Afghanistan:** 159/6 in 20 overs (Gurbaz 80, Zadran 44; Boulton 2/22, Henry 2/37); **NZ:** 75 in 15.2 overs (Rashid 4/17, Farooqi 4/17).

## His highness: Carlsen wins at home

STAVANGER, JUNE 8

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa ended his campaign on a positive note by defeating American Hikaru Nakamura in the final round as world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess here.

Carlsen walked away with prize money of around \$65,000 for ending with 17.5 points in the unique tournament that ensured that each round had a winner either through the classical time control or Armageddon if the game ended in a draw.

### NORWAY CHESS

Nakamura finished second on 15.5 points despite losing to Praggnanandhaa, who ended third on 14.5 points. Praggnanandhaa can be happy with the fact that he defeated the top-three players in the world in one of the strongest ever tournaments. He had beaten Carlsen and Caruana under the classical time control earlier in the competition and his win against Nakamura ensured that he became the first player ever to beat the top three.

The fourth place went to Alireza Firouzja (13.5 points), who accounted for reigning world champion Ding Liren of China. In the women's section, Wenjun Ju had no trouble securing the top spot at the expense of compatriot Tingjie Lei. The Chinese won with 19 points, coming from three wins under the classical time control. Anna Muzychuk finished second on 16 points, 1.5 points ahead of Lei who was two points clear of R Vaishali. Koneru Humpy on 10 points ended fifth. — PTI



# Brace for fresh heatwave from today: IMD



A worker sprays water on the road on a hot Saturday afternoon in New Delhi. ANI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

Following a bout of rain and thunderstorms in the region and near normal temperatures, heatwave conditions are likely to return in some parts of north-west India from June 9.

The maximum temperature in both Punjab and Haryana is expected to rise by about three to four degrees Celsius over the next five days, according to a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on June 8.

Over the past 24 hours, the maximum temperature recorded in Punjab ranged from 38 degrees Celsius in Nurmahal near Jalandhar to 42.5 degrees Celsius in Gurdaspur, while the minimum temperature was in the range of 23.8 degrees

Celsius in Rupnagar to 28.9 degrees Celsius in Mohali.

In Haryana, the highest maximum temperature recorded during this period was 44.2 degrees Celsius in Nuh and the lowest minimum temperature was 25.9 degrees Celsius in Panchkula.

According to the IMD, a western disturbance is seen in the middle tropospheric westerlies over central Pakistan, while prevailing south-westerly winds from the Arabian Sea over the plains of north-west India are likely to continue during the next two days. Due to this, isolated to scattered and moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning is likely over the neighbouring regions of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on June 9.

## Orange alert in 5 Kerala dists

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 8

With Kerala continuing to receive incessant rains due to the Southwest monsoon, the India Meteorological Department on Saturday issued an 'orange alert' for five districts in the state predicting very heavy rains there.

The southern district of Pathanamthitta and northern districts of Kozhikode Wayanad, Kannur and Kasargod were placed under the orange alert for the day, according to the latest IMD update.

The weather agency also issued a 'yellow alert' for eight districts of the state, warning of heavy rains in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malappuram. — PTI



# Illegal portions of resort owned by Pune crash accused's family razed

SATARA, JUNE 8

The administration in Maharashtra's Satara district on Saturday demolished illegal structures in a resort in Mahabaleshwar owned by the family of the 17-year-old boy allegedly involved in the Pune Porsche crash, an official said. District officials bulldozed unauthorised constructions in MPG Club owned by the family in the Malkam Peth area of Mahabaleshwar, the official said.

Two IT professionals hailing from Madhya Pradesh were killed when a Porsche allegedly driven by the juvenile in an inebriated condition hit their two-wheeler in Pune's Kalyani Nagar area on May 19. The accident hit national headlines due to efforts made

to get the juvenile off the hook, resulting in the arrest of several persons, including his father and grandfather.

The administration's bulldozer action has come days after Chief Minister Eknath Shinde ordered Satara collector Jitendra Dudi to take action against the resort if it was found to be illegal. The administration had sealed the establishment last week, the official said. The juvenile's grandfather is in judicial custody for allegedly kidnapping the family's driver to force him to take the blame for the Porsche crash, while his father and mother are in jail for their alleged involvement in swapping the blood samples collected to test alcohol consumption as part of the probe. — PTI



Unauthorised construction being razed in Mahabaleshwar. PTI

# At oath-taking, jets on combat patrol, missiles for tackling threats

AJAY BANERJEE

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

During the oath-taking ceremony of the Narendra Modi government on Sunday, the national capital will get same level of security as was accorded during the G-20 event in September last year.

The air defence will be multi-layered to bring down any aerial threats. A specified radius around Delhi will be under radar surveillance and specialised planes with on-board electronic surveillance means would be air borne. Fighter jets of the Indian Air Force will be on combat patrol. And several air bases in north and western India will have jets on readiness mode, sources said.

All communication will be coordinated by a dedicated air defence centre being set

up for the event. It will take a live feed from radars, planes and UAVs through IAF Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), which is an automated system for air defence.

Apart from this, three layers missiles are ready at stations to bring down any threat through the air. These will be for short-range threats — up to ten kms away; medium range threats — up to 30 kms to 50 kms away and finally the longer range of threats. These missile systems are connected to the IACCS.

On ground, armed commandos of the central armed police forces and Delhi Police will guard the routes. Snipers will be on roof tops of adjacent buildings while drones will provide real time surveillance to commanders at stations on ground.

# Hasina, Seychelles VP arrive; Pak not invited

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Seven leaders of neighbouring nations barring Pakistan, but including the currently estranged Maldives, will attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister-elect Narendra Modi on Sunday evening.

The leaders of Bangladesh and the Seychelles arrived on Saturday while the ones from Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka will land on Sunday. In a way, the invitations are a redux of Modi's first swearing-in in 2014 when he had invited all SAARC's leaders, including then Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif. Sources said no invite was sent to Islamabad and, even if it had been despatched, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif could not have made it in view of his pre-scheduled and much-awaited ongoing visit to China.

The first to arrive at noon was Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, who had anyway pencilled her plan to visit India for bilateral talks after the elections got



Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina upon her arrival in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

over. Hasina is reciprocating the Indian Government's complete backing to her during the Bangladesh general election, which helped neutralise pressure from the US to accommodate the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)-Jamiat-e-Islami alliance.

Hasina will make another visit to India to discuss substantial issues, Bangladesh Foreign

Secretary Masud Bin Momen told the media on Thursday night. "The current one is more of a ceremonial visit, marking a special occasion. We'll work on a schedule later," he said.

Vice-President of the Republic of Seychelles Ahmed Afif also arrived on Saturday. India has helped the Seychelles, located strategically in the western Indian Ocean,

upgrade its administrative and communication infrastructure and is eyeing a naval foothold at one of its islands. Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay, Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickramasinghe and Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' will also land in Delhi on Sunday.

# 394 cadets pass out of IMA, 66 from region, 10 belong to foreign nations

VIJAY MOHAN

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

A total of 66 cadets from the region were commissioned as Lieutenants from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, on June 8. These include 34 from Haryana, 21 from Punjab, 10 from Himachal Pradesh and one from Chandigarh.

A total of 394 gentlemen cadets of the 154th Regular Course and 137th Technical Graduates Course, including 39 cadets from 10 friendly foreign countries, passed out of the IMA. The passing out parade was reviewed by Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, who said the dynamics of combat are changing rapidly and that technological

transformation has been continuously impacting the character of modern wars. "In fact, all these domains are being refined with every passing day with the use of disruptive technologies, thereby increasing the complexities of wars. Today's wars are the wars of ideas, intellect and innovation. Be prepared, to be at the forefront to meet these challenges," he said.

"The use of space, cyber and cognitive domains in warfare are contemporary realities. Information warfare, drones, autonomous systems, exploitation of electromagnetic spectrum and man-machine teaming comprise the new normal," he said.

The coveted award of the Sword of Honour for being adjudged as the best overall cadet and the gold medal for



Newly inducted officers celebrate after the passing out parade at Indian Military Academy in Dehradun on Saturday. PTI

standing first in the order of merit was received by Academy under Officer Praveen Singh, who hails from Agra.

In addition, 10 officers from Haryana and five from Punjab were also commissioned from the Officers Training

Academy, Gaya, as part of the 48th Technical Entry Scheme and 52nd Special Commission Officers courses, the

passing out parade of which was also held today.

True to tradition, this term's passing out parade too witnessed several instances of newly commissioned officers carrying forward their family legacy of bearing arms in the service of the nation.

Amongst them was Lt Tribhuvan Singh Shaktawat from Rajasthan, whose father Late Maj Natwar Singh Shaktawat had made the supreme sacrifice in 2003 while battling terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and was decorated with the Sena Medal for gallantry. He was then serving with 4 Rashtriya Rifles.

Lt Ayush Singh Rathore, who has been commissioned into the Sikh Light Infantry became the fourth generation officer since his great grandfather to serve in the Army, while Lt Vinayak Orpe, who has opted for the Parachute Regiment has become the third.

# Violence not acceptable, says Canada minister on Indira's posters

OTTAWA, JUNE 8

Promotion of violence is never acceptable in Canada, a minister has said after posters depicting the assassination of India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were reportedly put up by Khalistan supporters in Vancouver.

An Indian-origin Canadian lawmaker, Chandra Arya, also expressed concern over the issue, saying by doing so, the Khalistan supporters are trying to instil fear of violence in Hindu Canadians.

"This week, there were reports of imagery depicting the assassination of ex-Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Vancouver," Dominic A LeBlanc, the Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs said on X. "The promotion of violence is never acceptable in Canada," he said.

Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984.

Meanwhile, Arya, who represents the electoral district of Nepean in the House of Commons of Canada, said: "Khalistan supporters in Vancouver with posters of Hindu ex-Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's body with bullet holes with her bodyguards-turned assassins holding their guns, are again attempting to instil fear of violence in Hindu-Canadians. This is a continuation of threats with a similar float in Brampton a couple of years back and a few months back (Gurpatwant Singh) Pannun of Sikhs for Justice asking Hindus to go back to India. — PTI

# Kangana slams those praising CISF constable

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut on Saturday asked people praising the CISF woman constable, who allegedly slapped her at Chandigarh airport, if they also justify "rape or murder".

"If you are aligned with the criminals' strong emotional impulse to commit a crime violating all laws of the land.

Remember if you are ok with breaking in to someone's intimate zone, without their permission touching their bodies and assaulting them then deep down you are ok with rape or murder also because that's also just penetration or stab only what big deal, you must look deeper in to your psychological criminal tendencies (sic)," Kangana posted on X. — TNS

# Ramoji Film City founder Rao revolutionised Indian media

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

The Andhra Pradesh Government on Saturday announced two-day state mourning over the demise of media baron, entrepreneur and film producer Cherukuri Ramoji Rao, who passed away in the early hours of June 8 at the age of 87.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also condoled Rao's death. "The passing away of Shri Ramoji Rao Garu is extremely saddening. He was a visionary who revolutionised Indian media. His rich contributions have left an indelible mark on journalism and the world of films. Through his noteworthy efforts, he set new standards for innovation and excellence in the media and entertainment world. Ramoji Rao Garu

was extremely passionate about India's development. I am fortunate to have got several opportunities to interact with him and benefit from his wisdom. Condolences to his family, friends and countless admirers during this difficult time. Om Shanti," Modi said in a post on X.

BJP leader and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman paid condolences to the departed media mogul in Hyderabad, where his mortal remains were kept. She also visited Hyderabad to pay respect to the departed entrepreneur on behalf of the Centre.

"Paid respects to Shri Ramoji Rao Garu at the corporate office of the Ramoji Film City. Placed a wreath from Hon. PM @narendramodi and conveyed mes-



Cherukuri Ramoji Rao 1936-2024

sage of condolence to members of Ramoji Rao garu's family (sic)," Sitharaman said in a post on X.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, chief ministers of several states, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and film personalities, mourned

the death of Ramoji Rao. A seasoned entrepreneur, Rao had business ventures in multiple sectors such as media, hospitality, micro finance, food and retail store chains. He oversaw the world's largest film production facility, Ramoji Film City, where numerous Telugu classics, including 'Baahubali' and 'RRR', were filmed.

Several superstars such as Chiranjeevi, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun and Mahesh Babu paid tributes to the veteran producer. His ventures, including the Eenadu newspaper, ETV network of channels, the world's largest film studio Ramoji Film City, Dolphin group of hotels, Margadarsi Chit Fund, Ushakiran Movies production company, Priya Foods, and

others are known within the country as well as abroad.

Rao hailed from a middle-class family that traced its roots to Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh. In 1969, he started his innings by launching a newspaper for peasants called 'Annadata'.

However, he became one of the most popular media barons in Andhra Pradesh, when another of his newspapers, the 'Eenadu' became a stupendous success over the time. His other company ETV Network was the first satellite entertainment channel in Telugu after Doodharam's monopoly ended.

As a mark of respect, film shootings have also been cancelled in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on June 9. — TNS





Get a taste of the traditional cooling drinks that have provided solace for centuries

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The Sunday Tribune

# SPECTRUM

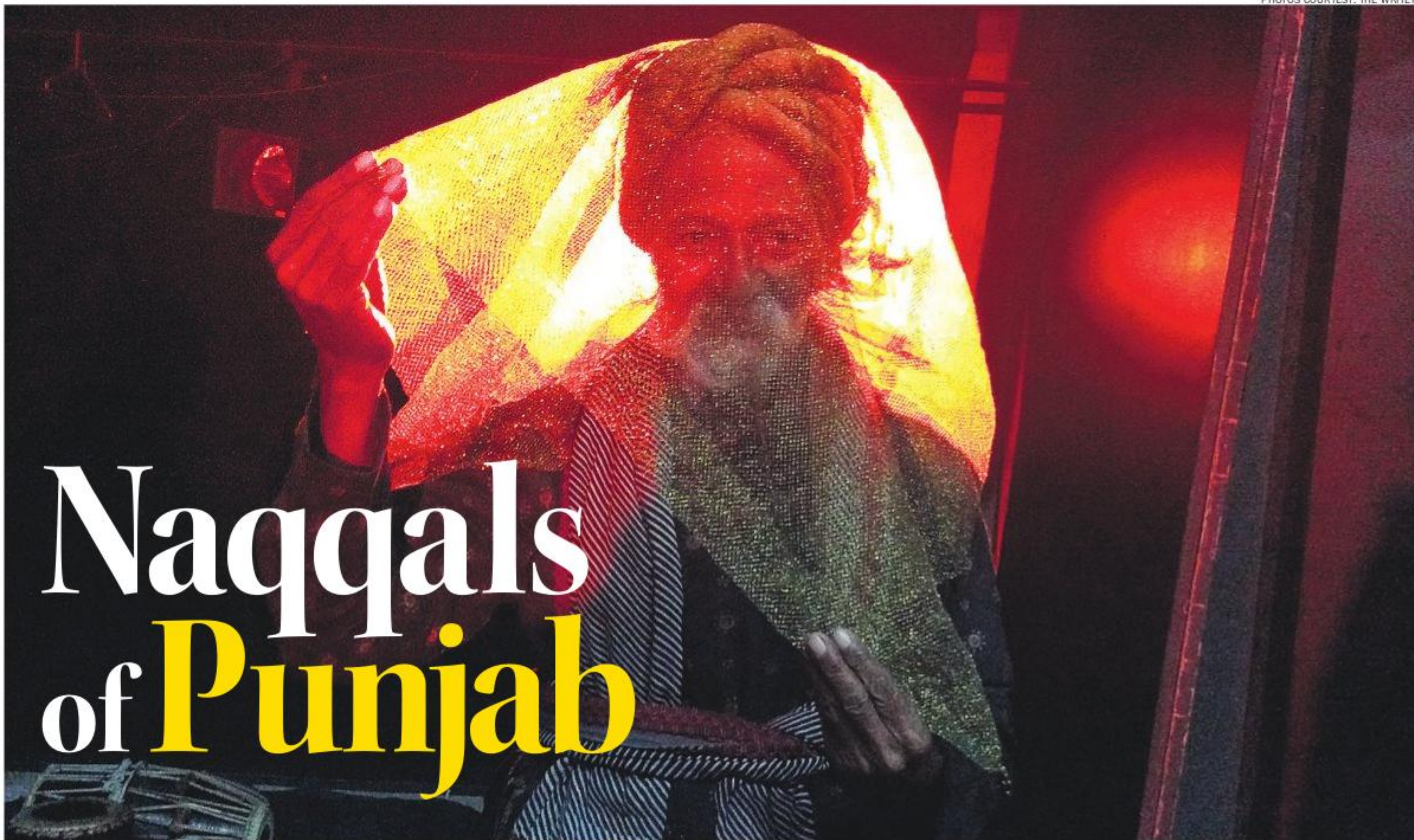


Between a temple and an art gallery, the wonder that is Narbadeshwar

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## Naqqals of Punjab

Mundri Lal, the legendary *tumbi* player, was an entertainer on and off the stage. Even at his home, he had pitched a tent on the roof, to practise at any given time.

Popular for enacting ballads & lampooning the powers that be with the conventional licence of clowns, their art form is on the wane

NEELAM MANSINGH CHOWDHRY

**P**OST-INDEPENDENCE, there was a fervent search for form and content that would define and also echo the spirit of nationalism. Many artists looked back at tradition for inspiration. Some sought stencils through which new identities could be forged. The training in most art schools in the late Sixties was persuasively reflective of western sources, forms and traditions. However, in the early Eighties, folk forms and traditions started being explored and valorised. The assumption was that there existed in these forms a theatrical vocabulary that would enable urban theatre to establish links with their forgotten past, and devise a method of training the urban artist.

When I moved to Chandigarh in 1984, I was fascinated with the concept of putting together a company that could, in a cross-cultural matrix, integrate a theatrical folk form by not only delving into history or ideology or politics, but the way in which modernity and tradition move.

Trained at the National School of Drama, I was also influenced by the teachings of Stanislavski, but my four years of working with BV Karanth at Bharat Bhavan in Bhopal had given me an insight into the rich local traditions that existed in each state of India. When I started working with the Naqqal performers, I was not really interested in the form as

something 'material', far removed from my urban world, to be cited and imitated. Neither was I looking to create a patch and paste sort of experimentation. What interested me was how performers coming from different sides of the road could work together.

Naqqal is derived from the Persian word 'naqal', which means to imitate. They are also referred to as *bhaands*.

The Naqqals as performers have a long lineage, but are paradoxically without a continuous or firm tradition. They enact ballads, sing, dance and lampoon the powers that be with the conventional licence of clowns.

In recent times, their considerable popularity has been challenged by cinema and television and they have had to survive by doing 'disco' dancing at weddings and community events, including *jagratas*. But, in my work, they appear along with urban performers, not as decorative 'acts' or even as a sign of cultural aesthetics, but to enable diverse and complex perspectives to emerge.

The Naqqals have been nomads and like all nomads, a trifle aloof and suspicious. Their background is mysterious as all claim separate genealogies even though they belong to the same family. Prem Chand, the self-styled *ustad*, said his family came from Rajasthan to Patiala on the invitation of the Maharaja. Tall and fair, with henna-tinted hair and gold loops in his ears, he looked more like a buccaneer than a musician. A compulsive talker, with a propensity towards exaggeration, he claimed that he was 100 years old and still virile. His passport put his age as 72.

Mundri Lal, the legendary *tumbi* player, claimed no



Bahadur Chand, a female impersonator; (above) urban actors and Naqqals share the stage for the writer's play.

such grand ancestry. Wrapped in a huge overcoat, even in mid-summer, with thick military shoes bought from the flea market, his favourite activity was sleeping and a stubborn resistance to bathing. At his home in Maloya (Chandigarh), his sons and wife lived in their 5-marla house, while Mundri Lal had pitched a tent on the roof — eating, sleeping and practising in rain and sunshine.

On performance tours within the country and abroad, he never carried any baggage. The required clothes were worn one on top of the other, making him look like a stuffed turkey.

The Naqqals are musicians who can play a variety of musical instruments and are trained singers. It would be no exaggeration to say that they are the repositories of *qissas* and the lost songs of Punjab. Karanth, an iconic music director, composed music with them based on lyrics written by Surjit Patar. He showed them how traditional instruments could be played in a non-traditional manner. Instead of playing the drums conventionally, they could also create sound and rhythm from the wooden walls of the drum. He made them recognise that anything that makes sound can be a musical instrument. In 'Kitchen Katha', a play about food, he created an orchestration of sound patterns using kitchen utensils.

I have seen at a village performance near Solan, Bahadur Chand, a female impersonator from the Naqqal tradition, sit on the lap of the patron and twirl

his moustache in an attempt to extract money from him. Shows that are performed at night by a group of female impersonators, musicians and singers have a carnivalesque quality as these affirm and mock, celebrate and critique the prevailing definitions of what titillates and stimulates a predominantly male audience. The actors flaunt their bodies in shiny costumes, drawing their references from cultural stereotypes — the seductress, the goddess, the idealised wife and daughter. Often, their names suggest an inflated sexuality: Miss Sweetie, Miss Rosy, Miss Hurricane, Miss Bulbul-e-Hind, Miss Chashme-Baddoor.

The spectators always present a version of masculinity that has the sanction of the dominant culture and as such, raucous and coarse behaviour is the norm at such performances. In the middle of a show, the female impersonator can lash out as a male to discipline an unruly spectator and without much effort slip back into the female role.

My meeting with the Naqqals was serendipitous and a combination of chance and choice. The first time I saw them perform was in 1986 while driving from Amritsar to Chandigarh. A car breakdown had me stuck en route. While the driver went looking for a mechanic, I waited. Suddenly, in the wilderness of a summer evening, I heard sounds of singing and laughter coming from the fields and followed the sound. The impact of what I saw was startling. A group of singers, musicians and dancers were per-

forming, ad-libbing and telling stories. A mixture of pop art and natural fun was their chosen vocabulary. The stage on which they performed was made of temporary planks of wood laid on a trestle, lit by oil lamps that created giant shadows on a soiled white sheet strung haphazardly as a backdrop.

An actor entered the improvised stage and blew an antelope horn. Another sound that seemed suspiciously like a car-hooter was let out simultaneously to the beat of insistent drumming.

An ancient man with a mop of white hair appeared blowing fire from his mouth. It seemed as if some ritual was going on, and I was a trifle intrigued as no women were visible in the large rush of children and men. A group of singers entered and made social comments, interspersed with the *dohas* of Kabir and Baba Farid, before indulging in some risqué exchanges with a co-actor, with each punchnine being underscored by a swish of a leather band.

After that, a group of female impersonators entered the stage and were gyrating wildly to the Hindi song, 'Jhumka gira re, Ravan ke darbar mein' (I have lost my earring in the court of the demon, Ravan). Their performance was nocturnal, sexist and far removed from the precincts of the village.

The stories they enacted were pan-Indian myths conjoining local myths, transformed and renewed for local meaning. The gods they invoked rode bicycles, aspired for a *sarkari naukri*, and cursed like soldiers on a rampage. In the middle of a tragedy, a horse (an actor with a shawl flung on his back) appeared on the stage and broke into a song. In an episode of the famous love legend Sohni-Mahiwal, the *matka* or the earthen pot upon which Sohni is crossing the river Chenab, suddenly animates itself and starts to narrate the story.

This is a theatrical device that does not fit into any known grammar of realism, but is nonetheless completely acceptable to the audience. The actor represents the common man, and also functions as a social critic and commentator.

Naqqals were also hired occasionally by the Song and Drama Division, a governmental public relations wing that used performers to sell products, pass on social messages, and damage the reputation of a rival political opponent when necessary.

It is sometimes uncanny to see issues of dowry, birth control and female infanticide being rendered with such a declamatory flamboyance that makes these issues get a dash of the mythological. The Naqqal tradition provided a fount of stage conventions, concepts and technique. The beating of a metal kettle with a spoon to suggest war, the smearing of flour on the face to suggest fear — simple techniques, but powerful in their impact and loaded with suggestiveness.

While watching them perform, I understood the true meaning of the words 'spontaneity' and 'openness'. To see a large number of people sitting out on a starlit night, responding to the mood of the performance was an enriching experience. To observe how the audience pumped energy and excitement into the performers was in some way to recognise that something real and precious was being exchanged. I then understood that tradition does not mean something back there, lost, but something constantly alive — living and expanding. I was completely hooked!

Mundri Lal died four years ago, but his performances and persona resonate loud and clear. The challenges are many, but the Naqqal show must go on.



Harpal, a legendary *algoza* and *tumbi* player.



PUSHPESH PANT

IT'S not surprising that in India, where summer is like a furnace, poets smitten by love have found solace in *sherbet*. Many *shayars* have penned verses using *sherbet* metaphorically to describe the beauty of the beloved.

The word '*sherbet*' is derived from the Arabic '*shariba*', that translates as drinking. In Turkish and Persian, it becomes '*sherbet*'. In India, it retains the Persian name. The first documented reference is traced to a medicinal work, '*Zakhira-e-Khawarizm Shahi*', compiled by Syed Hadi Husain Khan, sometime during the 11th and 12th centuries. This is considered a medicinal encyclopaedia that mentions many therapeutic *sherbets*.

*Sherbet* was very popular in Persia, where the sun was scorching in the southern parts during summer. The people of Hindustan were used to drinking sugarcane juice to cope with the heat till they encountered tastier juices of fruits and flowers blended together. Empress Noorjahan is credited with introducing the rose *sherbet* in the subcontinent.

At the dawn of the 20th century, famous *Unani* physician and freedom fighter Ajmal Khan had created a *sherbet* not to beat the heat, but to combat coughs and cold in winter. Another *Unani hakim*, Abdul Majid of Hamdard Dawakhana, made a *sherbet* after blending juices of myriad flowers and vegetables that had time-tested refreshing, cooling and invigorating qualities. It was appropriately named *Rooh Afzah*, a drink which promised to revive wilting spirits. But before the traditional *sherbets* could step out to conquer the world, the American carbonated sodas and cold drinks colonised the world.

'*Dilli Ke Chatkhaare*', a memoir written by Shahid Ahmed Dehalvi at the turn of the 20th century, mentions a *sherbet-farosh* of Delhi who braved the blazing sun to bring assorted *sherbets* to thirsty patrons. But with the invasion of bottled drinks and fizzy sodas, their days became numbered.

Some *sherbets* of yore that have become almost extinct are *mahua* (*madhuca longifolia*) *ka sherbet*, *palash* (flame of the forest) *ka sherbet* and *gul gudhal* (*hibiscus flower*) *ka sherbet*. All were prepared with juices of flowers. *Phalse ka sherbet*, with its delicate purple hue and slightly tangy taste, used to be quite popular in Delhi. *Phalse* are berries that have a very short season and squeezing the juice out of these is a testing process. *Bael ka sherbet* has a pleasant yellow colour and fragrance. It was believed to have many therapeutic properties and was much easier to make once the hard nut — the stone apple — was cracked. A much lighter shade of green was displayed by *amla-adrak ka sherbet*, garnished with refreshing mint leaves.

Different regions of India take proprietorial pride in their own *sherbet*. *Sattu ka sherbet* sweetened with jaggery is beloved of the people residing in eastern UP and

# Sherbetnama

In the sweltering heat, a taste of the traditional cooling drinks that have been providing solace for centuries



## IMLI KA SHERBET

### INGREDIENTS

Imli pulp/paste (easily available without additives)	50 gm
Jaggery or unrefined sugar	50 gm
Black rock salt	1 large pinch
Black peppercorns (coarsely pounded)	10-12
Alubukhara (pitted dried plums)	5-6
Seedless dates (optional, sliced)	4

**Method:** Bring to boil 6 cups of water in a pan and add the tamarind pulp and other ingredients into it. Cook on medium flame till all ingredients are well blended. Check seasoning. Remove from flame and allow to cool. Sieve through a fine cloth or soup strainer. Chill and serve with preferred garnish. This used to be the traditional first sip imbibed after the day-long fasting in the holy month of Ramzan, not only in India but in Turkey as well. It is called *temrindi sherbet*. Tamarind was identified as the date of India by the Arabs and Turks. *Alubukhara* adds a fruity tang to it.



Rose sherbet



Ambi panna

Bihar. Its texture is more like a smoothie than a squash and it is more of a light meal than a beverage. In Jharkhand, we were introduced by our tribal host to *neem ka manda*, a mildly sweetened (with jaggery) antidote to sunstroke, prepared with dried and powdered *neem* leaves mixed with *kanji*-like starchy water obtained after boiling rice.

Along the coastal belt, *kokum sherbet* is preferred. In Uttarakhand, juice is extracted from the large flowers of *buranash* (*rhododendron*) to prepare a *sherbet* that is blood red in colour and tickles the palate with a refreshing tang. In Kerala, the most popular traditional *sherbet* was prepared with Indian sarsaparilla's (*anantmula*) root.

None of the *desi* coolants needed the crutches of artificial colours, fragrances or added flavours. *Badam sherbet* and *thandai* were white, *bael* and sandal swerved

towards yellow, *khus* was emerald, and *amla-adrak-pudina* concoction and *ambi panna* were a lighter shade of green. *Phalsa*, *palash* and *gudhal* were in shades of red, while *jamun ka sherbet* was violet-tinted.

Our good friend Qamar Agha from Allahabad insists that the art of preparing and serving *sherbet* is almost dead. The old way was to pour *sherbet* into a copper or brass *pyala*. The water used was naturally cooled in a clay *surahi*. In any case, ice was an unaffordable luxury for the masses till the 1930s. Slabs of ice were brought for Mughal rulers and aristocratic courtiers from the Himalayas via special runners or on boats. The British started 'farming ice' in Delhi in ice factories much later.

According to Ayurveda, the summer season depletes energy by dehydrating the body and exposing it to high-fever-like

body temperature. The sensation of heat takes many forms: *daah* (burning), *taap* (heating) and *santaap* (residue of unpleasant heat that lingers like remorse).

Fresh coconut water is an excellent readymade natural *sherbet*. Bottled sweet coconut water is now available all across the land, as are tender green coconuts. City-dwellers sometimes substitute coconut water for water in *shikanji* and some other *sherbets*. Alas, most thirsty people resort to the shortcut of bottled *sherbet* concentrates, overloaded with preservatives, acidity regulators, artificial flavours, colours, etc.

We have pleasure in sharing with our readers some hassle-free recipes of traditional *sherbets* that retain their natural goodness and are guaranteed to keep you cool, hydrated and refreshed as the mercury rises and relentless heatwave persists.



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The method can be applied to prepare *sherbet* from other flower petals like *mahua* or *sarsaparilla* root. The beverage is much less sweet than cloying cordials.

## PALASH KA SHERBET



### INGREDIENTS

Petals of palash flower	A handful (fresh or dry)
Fennel seeds	1 tsp
Mishri (crystal sugar)	1 tsp
Black peppercorns (coarsely pounded)	10-12
Green cardamom seeds (crushed)	1/2 tsp
Rock salt	To taste
Dried mint leaves	1 tsp
Lemon juice	1 tsp

**Method:** Soak all ingredients in 5 cups of water. Cover and keep aside for at least six hours. Sieve the aromatic water into another pan. Refrigerate and serve undiluted with ice cubes and fresh mint leaves as garnish.

## CAPTION CONTEST 1462



HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

Entries are invited to suggest a caption for the 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 or scans of the caption photo won't be accepted. Online subscribers may attach an epaper clipping at captionpics@tribunemail.com or a scanned copy of the e-paper clipping. Please mention the pin code and phone number in your address.

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A gaggle ready to paddle — Dharuv Patwari via epaper, Gurdaspur

Bank balance — Surinder Miglani, Kaithal

Play pool — Gopal Krishan Juneja, Chandigarh

A bond in the pond — Jaswinder Singh, Chandigarh

Birds of a feather frolic together — Rajiv Sharma via epaper, Amritsar

Atiqah Bano's heritage palace in Sopore is now helmed by Jaspreet Kaur



The building and interiors have been redesigned as per international standards for museums.

# 2 women & Meeras Mahal

NASEER AHMAD

SOPORE in north Kashmir is known as the 'apple town'. Having faced turmoil in the 1990s, today, it is a peaceful place where democracy flourishes, going by the high voter turnout in the recent elections.

At the far end of Sopore, a remarkable cultural place has emerged that draws intellectuals, educators, students, architects and history enthusiasts alike — Kashmir valley's first private ethnographic museum, Meeras Mahal.

The museum houses an extensive collection of artefacts, all gathered by Atiqah Bano, whose grave lies next to the museum. The collection numbers a staggering 7,000 items. Bano, who passed away in 2017, devoted her life to preserving these artefacts. She aimed to save everyday items from Kashmiri life that were on the brink of disappearing.

Before the 1990s, these items were used in some areas of rural northern Kashmir. However, rapid urbanisation changed lifestyles significantly, leading to the vanishing of these artefacts. Meeras Mahal, meaning 'Heritage Palace', preserves this culture.

The museum, established before the militancy period by Bano on her property, serves as a testament to rural life. It shows



Atiqah Bano

Jaspreet Kaur

how people lived and worked; how Kashmiris, both Pandits and Muslims, celebrated festivals and coped with different weather seasons over the centuries.

The collections are categorised into terracotta, woodwork, wicker and grassware, metal (including jewellery), stone, textiles and manuscripts. The terracotta collection features everyday kitchen items like pickle jars, clay stoves and water pitchers, each bearing the mark of Kashmiri's artisanal heritage.

The museum displays a rich collection of wicker baskets and traditional Kashmiri firepots, skilfully crafted from terracotta.

Meeras Mahal houses an exquisite collection of white metal handmade jewellery, including necklaces, head pendants, earrings, chokers, bracelets, arm jewellery, *mas kaent* (elegant hairpins), *kasabtsisin* (*kasab* pins), and embellished buttons.

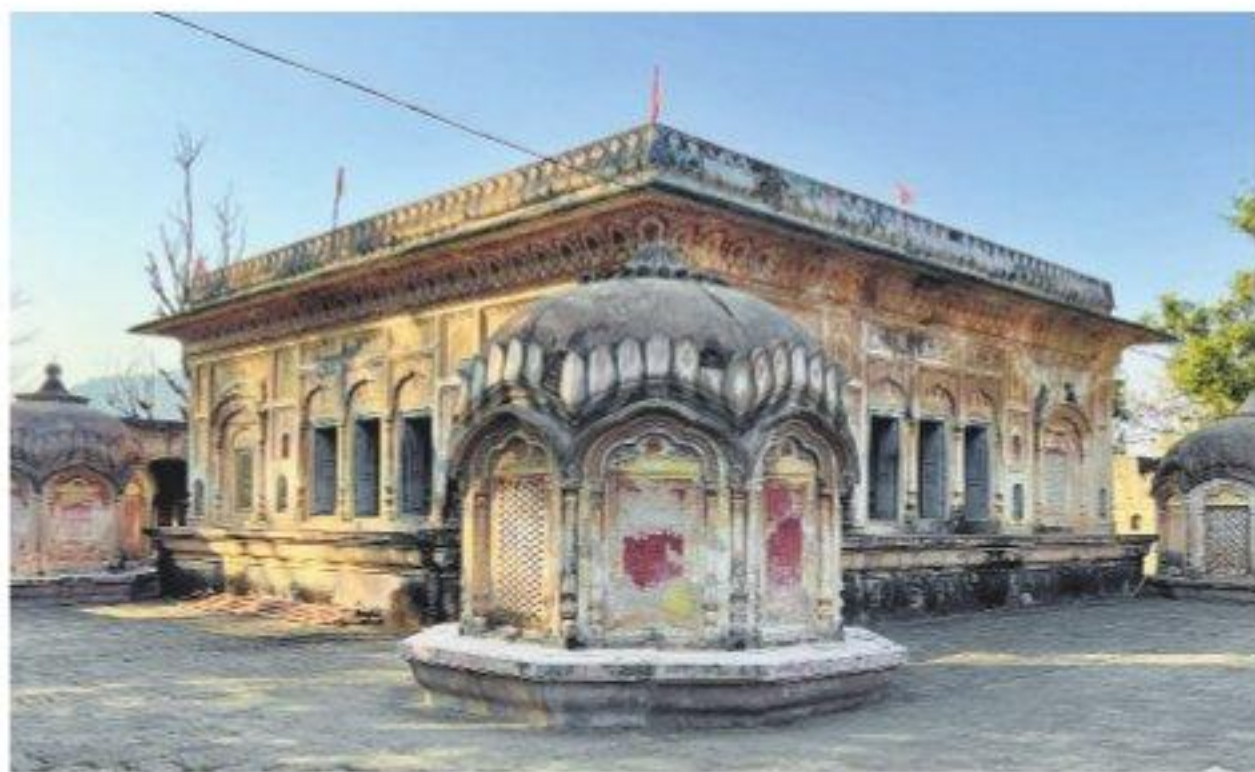
Born in Sopore, Atiqah Bano conceived the idea of Meeras Mahal while working in the

Department of Education. During her various stints across Kashmir, she collected artefacts, often purchasing them herself. Even after retiring, she continued her efforts. The museum's collection includes handwritten *Korans* in Persian and Arabic, Sanskrit manuscripts, as well as 300-year-old handwritten books. Visitors can also find historical coins and a detailed history of the Kashmiri *pheran*. Pottery and tools related to the making of the exquisite Pashmina fabric are also on display.

In 2017, Jaspreet Kaur, an architect and designer by training, joined the efforts to preserve Atiqah Bano's legacy. She came to Kashmir for a visit and fell in love with the place. Kaur met Saleem Beg, head of the INTACH chapter in Jammu and Kashmir, who introduced her to Bano's work. Inspired by Bano's dedication, Kaur's Delhi-based SPAN Foundation backed INTACH's refurbishment and renovation programme for the museum.

The building and its interiors were redesigned to create galleries accommodating around 30 per cent of the museum's collection, following international standards for museums. On November 25 last year, at the museum's soft inauguration, Jaspreet Kaur had only one request, that the community should embrace and adopt it.





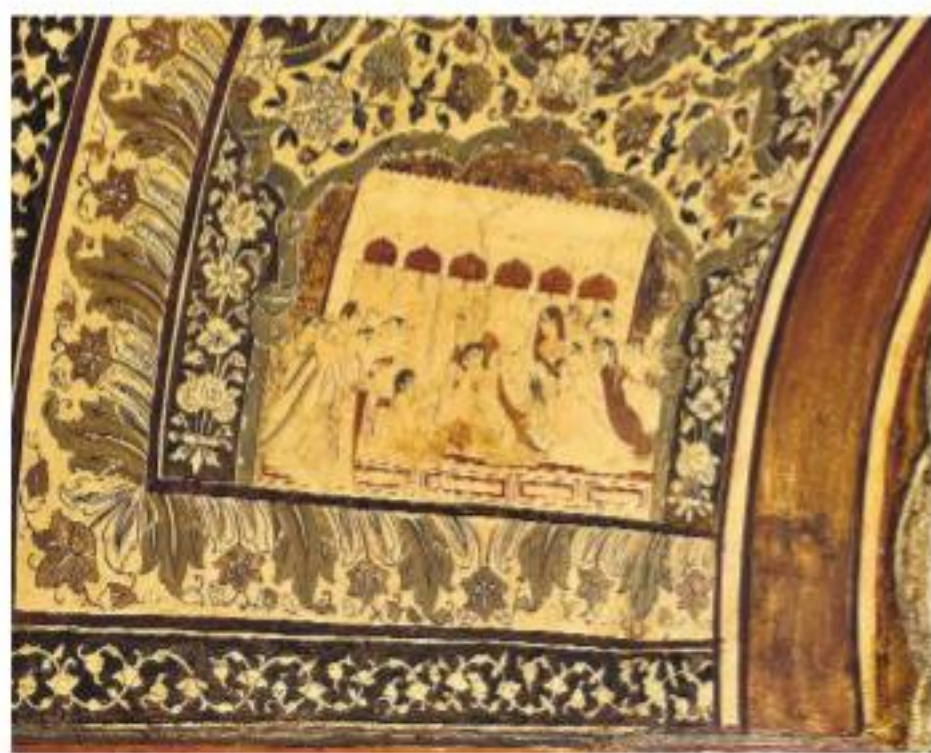
# BETWEEN A TEMPLE & AN ART GALLERY

The wonder that is Narbadeshwar in Tira Sujanpur

SIDDHARTH PANDEY

WHENEVER the epithet 'Dev Bhoomi' is used with reference to the religious landscape of Himachal Pradesh, it is usually a select list of temples that readily comes to mind. The official website of the Himachal Pradesh government, for instance, enlists 26 Hindu pilgrimage sites, from Chamba's well-known Lakshmi Narayan Temple to Shimla's celebrated Jakhu Mandir. But the state holds a number of other treasures as well, that deserve equal if not greater appreciation. One such edifice is the extraordinary 200-year-old temple of Narbadeshwar, that lies in a sleepy corner of Hamirpur district's Tira Sujanpur town, overlooking the Beas river from a low perch.

It is perplexing as to why this structure, awash with some of the greatest wall paintings of India (and possibly of the world), eludes popular awareness, even within the state itself. Visitors travelling through that belt in the shadow of the colossal Dhauladhar are likely to pay obeisance to the deities at Brajeshwari, Baijnath, Baba Balaknath and Jwala-

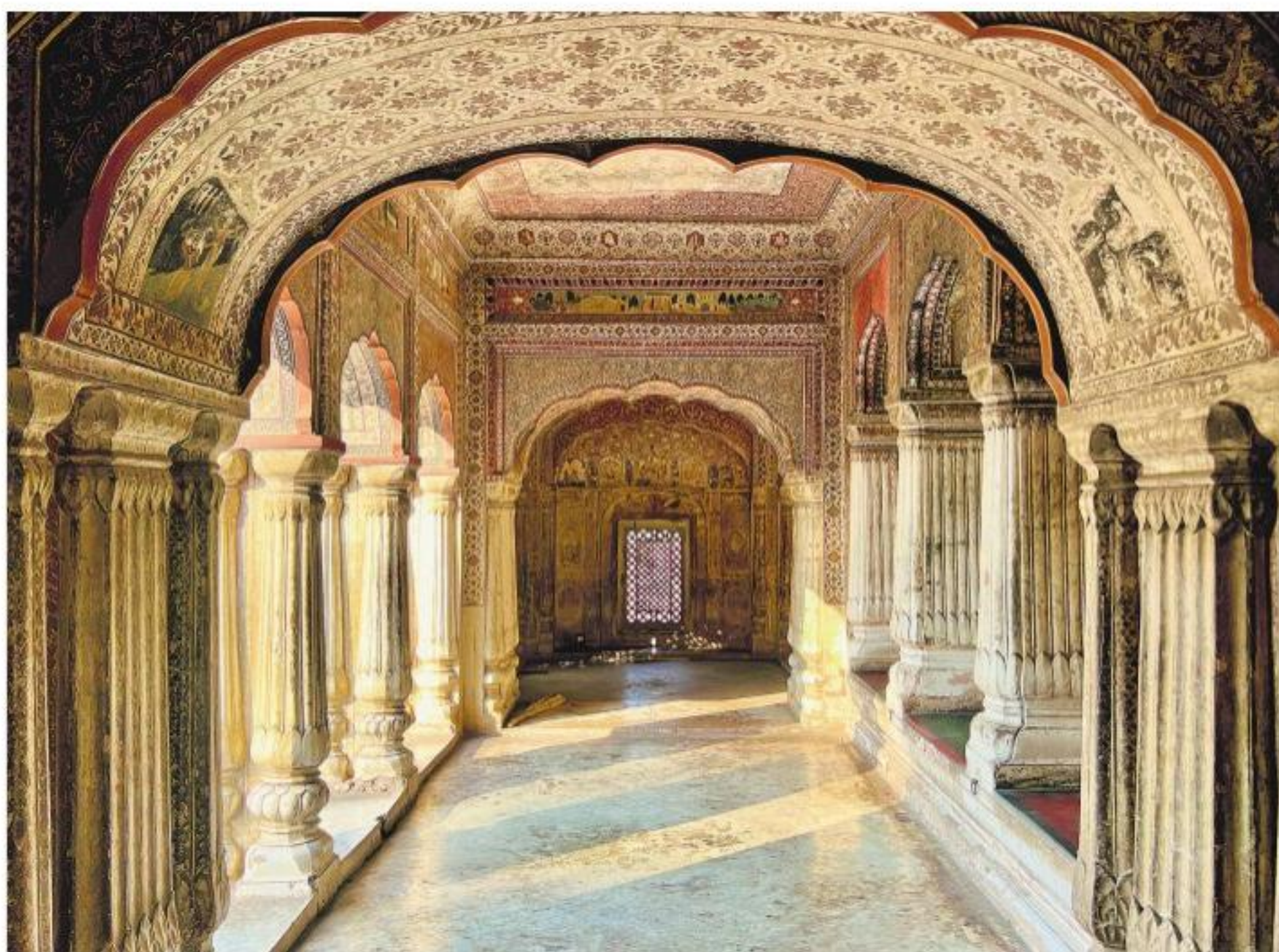


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mukhi, all spread within a few hundred kilometres of each other. They might even drive up to Sujanpur's highest point crowned by its famous fort, that holds the shrine of Gauri Shankar. But the knowledge of Narbadeshwar as something more than a regular site of local worship remains conspicuous by its absence.

First and foremost, the temple complex strikes as both an architectural masterpiece and a venerable art gallery, that hosts among the rarest and finest specimens of Kangra art on its walls and ceilings.

Built in 1802 by Rani Prasani Devi, the wife of Raja Sansar Chand of Kangra, Narbadeshwar resists classification as a



Several themes adorn the temple's arched corridors lining the garbhagriha. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER

prototypical North Indian temple from the outset. As visitors climb up the rural walkway from the main road to enter its premises, they are struck by a flat-roofed building at the centre of a large, stonewalled courtyard, that resembles more of a fort than a Hindu shrine. Devoid of a *shikhara* — that most prominent part of temple typology — Narbadeshwar bears the influence of both Rajasthani and Mughal building styles.

Ostensibly dedicated to Lord Shiva and Parvati, whose wedding ceremony it depicts in enormous detail on the sanctum sanctorum's front wall, the temple actually hosts a plethora of other subjects across its arched corridors lining

the *garbhagriha*. Even a cursory glance stuns the viewer with the sheer abundance of religious, royal and natural motifs, that cover almost every inch of the walls, both inside and outside. Elegantly done floral chains, avian couples and intricate wreathes weave across the building, furnishing frames upon frames for all kinds of entities. In between, long panels depicting colourful mythological and quasi-historical sequences from the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* and other records routinely punctuate the artistry. Perhaps the most idiosyncratic aspect of this imagery is that while all of it qualifies as Kangra art, there are palpable sty-

listic differences among the illustrations themselves. This attests to the variety of artists deployed for the decoration, who brought their own imprints whilst being united under a singular painterly genre.

Other distinctive features mesmerise as well. Sections depicting aristocracy and local kings (including Sansar Chand himself) share space with those of gods and goddesses, many of them draped in long, flowing Pahari costumes. Narbadeshwar is one of the few places where Krishna is not only detailed through his childhood legends, but also via his role as a king. And while inter-religious imagery doesn't usually enter temple art of the region, one is truly moved by the inclusion of Sikh Gurus as well, confirming the influence of Sikhism in the area.

Even after spending hours together staring at its multifarious elements, this glorious temple retains the rare ability to reveal something new with every glance, much like an invaluable picture gallery. It is as if the structure actively 'asks' of its visitor to 'attend' properly to its details. And the artists who were at the helm of this project surely knew this. For, as the philosopher Simone Weil observes, "Attention, taken to its highest degree, is the same thing as prayer." Attending to art as graceful and as evocative as Narbadeshwar's also amounts to another kind of worship, one that seamlessly blends the spiritual with the skilful.

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While superstitions have long orchestrated the doom of *rudra veena*, the instrument is also unwieldy, limiting the number of its exponents

## Strings attached

SHAILAJA KHANNA

ONE of India's oldest extant string instruments, the *rudra veena* (*been*, as it is colloquially called) has been in a state of decline for the last 100 years. Today, very few practitioners remain.

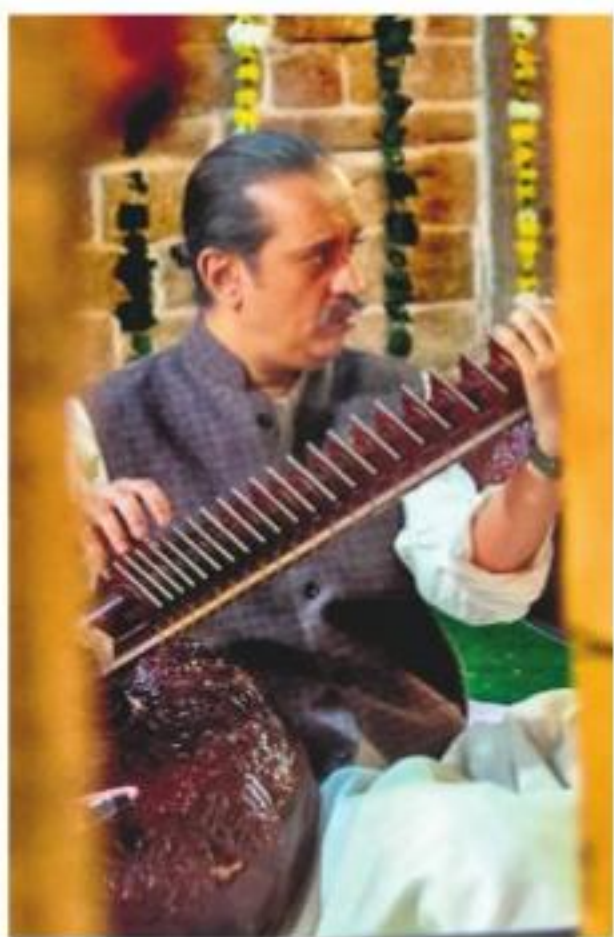
When the last great *beenkaar* from a *beenkaar* family, the late Ustad Asad Ali Khan (1937-2011), went for an audition to All India Radio in the late 1950s, he introduced his instrument as *Saraswati veena*, the more well-known version of the instrument played in South India. When questioned as to why he did that, he simply said no one knew the *rudra veena* and there was no slot for it in the AIR's documentation. Despite being a seventh generation *rudra veena* practitioner, this is what he had to resort to for being enrolled with AIR.

But why was it so rarely played? One obvious reason was that it was a difficult instrument, unwieldy and acoustically not as audible as more modern string instruments. Also, it was not taught to every musician.

Believed to have been created by Lord Shiva himself, the *rudra veena* was considered an instrument for prayer. "He who can play the *veena* and has *shruti* (knowledge) can reach God," said Rishi Yagnavalka. Over the centuries, even after it had ceased to be just an accompanying instrument and was being played solo, it retained its aura of exclusivity. Only certain traditional families played it; within these, too, only a few chosen disciples, who were considered capable of maintaining the ritual service associated



A disciple of Ustad Asad Ali Khan, Jyoti Hedge teaches *rudra veena* to several students; (R) Ustad Bahauddin. PHOTO COURTESY: BHARATTIWAR



with it, were allowed to learn it. Purity of the body and mind and strict adherence to daily practice were a must for *beenkaars*. If there was any laxity, the *rudra veena* could curse you, it was universally believed. Those who dedicated their lives to it could become childless if they were not worthy of playing it. Such superstitions made it an even more demanding instrument to learn.

Interestingly, Mir Nasir Ahmed, grandson of Mian Himmat Khan, the last great *beenkar* of the Mughal court, was childless while in service at the Delhi *darbar*. He escaped the city in 1858 and began living under the patronage of Kunwar Birkama Singh in Jalandhar. He was now just playing it for prayer, not in the court. He was blessed with two children in his fifties. This belief of being inauspicious for unworthy practitioners was a huge deterrent and every generation saw very few *beenkaars*. Those who played were accorded a universal seniority, regardless of lineage. In the



Mian Himmat Khan, a blind *beenkar* in the court of Mughal emperor Shah Alam. PHOTO COURTESY: KATHERINE BUTLER SCHOFIELD

last 100 years, Ustad Bande Ali Khan, who lived in Indore, has been one of the most respected *beenkaars*. Hailing from his line-

age, Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar (1929-1990) was a great *beenkar*, too. The story of how this link came about is interesting. Bande Ali Khan challenged the musicians of the day to sing while he played his *veena*. He said that whoever won would get to marry his daughter. Ustad Zakiruddin Dagar took up the challenge and married Umrao. His son, Ustad Ziauddin Dagar, spent nine years in Indore with his *Nana*, learning the *rudra veena* from him.

Ziauddin's son, Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, turned out to be a great *veena* player too. He also made physical modifications to the instrument, making it more audible. He changed its hold and it was now held on the lap like the *Saraswati veena*, not upright.

Today, his son Ustad Bahauddin Dagar is the finest exponent of the *rudra veena*, and teaches six students. Interestingly, Bahauddin's father encouraged him to play the *veena*; the family tradition was Dhruwad

singing. A generation earlier, Zia Mohiuddin had to take permission from his father to play the *been* as the superstition attached to playing the instrument was so palpable.

Bahauddin shares that the rules were still rigid — to not touch the instrument without bathing, only lay out the instrument in a pure clean place, never play if you are ill, and never use the knowledge to show down anyone musically. These rules remain in force. "If you do *beimaani* (dishonesty) with the instrument, there will be repercussions," he cautions.

In recent times, Swami Parvatikar (1916-1990) has been a well-known exponent. Ustad Wazir Khan of Rampur, the last of the great *Senia ustad*s, did not teach the *been* to most of his students. His grandson Dabir Khan (1905-1972), who lived and died in Kolkata, was a *beenkar*, but not really a professional musician; as was Pandit Birendra Kishore Roy Chowdhury (1901-1972). Ustad Wazir Khan taught only *sarod* and *surshingar* to his disciples Ustad Allaudin Khan and Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan. Interestingly, the *surshingar* was created to teach *been* techniques to non-been playing disciples!

Ustad Asad Ali Khan belonged to a *beenkar* family; sadly, he was the last of his line. His best-known *veena* disciple is Jyoti Hedge, who lives on a farm in Karnataka and is teaching *rudra veena* to 41 students. Ustad Shamsuddin Faridi Desai (1936-2011) was a fine *beenkar*, too; his father had trained under Ustad Waheed Khan of Indore.

The superstition of inauspiciousness attached to the *rudra veena* extends to its makers too. Rikhi Ram, the most well-known instrument maker in North India (the family moved from Lahore to Delhi), did not make *veenas*. The late Bishan Das Sharma apparently sustained an eye injury while he was merely repairing a *veena*. The instrument makers who are 'authorised' to make it are few. It takes about two years to make a really good *veena*. And the low number of practitioners isn't helping the cause of the *rudra veena*.



BOOKS

Survival, struggle, triumph of human settlers

PARBINA RASHID

THE human imagination is obsessed with the idea of leaving” — Chitvan Gill introduces us to the concept of migration in her book ‘Dreaming a Paradise’. To explain how the idea of migrating has consumed the human race since the beginning of life, she builds her argument around Adam and Eve’s eviction from paradise, to the cursed wanderer Cain, to Moses, Jesus, Mohammad, Adi Shankara.

One may agree or disagree with Gill, like I didn’t with her bringing in Laika the dog’s space voyage in support of her contention, but once she holds our hands and gives us a guided tour of the *gallis* of Buland Masjid, the Sputnik 2 tragedy is forgotten.

From those *gallis* emerges a beautiful story that embodies the quintessence of survival, struggle and triumph of the human settlers. As the author puts it, “Buland Masjid is the story of migrations

into hell and they (the early settlers) end in a struggle to create a paradise.”

Gill, who has worked extensively on social and developmental issues in the urban sector as a writer, independent filmmaker and documentary photographer, brings the story of Buland Masjid alive both with her words and photographs. Her observations of this human settlement are hard-hitting and her style of documenting these is almost lyrical, which at times borders on surrealism.

As she brings us face to face with the characters that inhabit Buland Masjid, we see them in silhouettes, but their souls are laid bare — for us to understand them, know them as persons rather than ‘the invisible other’.

Here we meet Mohammad Zafar, who came from Moradabad and converted the swampland near the Yamuna into a paradise for thousands of destitutes, who were forced to leave their homes in search of a better future in Delhi. There are others who enrich Gill’s narrative, like Rizwan Bijnori, a *dhaba* owner; Dr Ishtiaq, who



**DREAMING A PARADISE: MIGRATIONS AND THE STORY OF BULAND MASJID**  
by Chitvan Gill.  
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runs a Unani clinic; Sohan Lal, one of the few Hindus of the colony; Nafisa, who runs a beauty parlour; Shabana, who runs a *tikka* stall, or Hare Baba from Kolkata. Most important of them is Haji Aneesuddin, the one ‘who knows how to get things done’.

Getting things done in Buland Masjid is not easy. Spread across 8.5 acres, it is just one of the 1,797 unauthorised colonies of Delhi. Gill lets the researcher in her shine as she pits these unauthorised colonies against the ‘great idea of urban India and the smart cities so meticulously being planned for this great urban age’. With the zeal of an activist, she attacks the Delhi Development Authority for the housing shortage by approximately 20 lakh units.

“In 1961, the DDA was handed over 19,190 hectares for residential development, but till 2011, had not been able to build houses on even half that land,” she comments. This chapter on ‘The Urban Age’ is informative but sees a departure from her usual soft and poetic style of writing.

She immediately returns to her original tone as she captures the social milieu of the colony. Gill observes how everything is divided and sub-divided within the colony — linguistics, customs, regionalism... Bareilly, Bijnori, Bengali, Bihari. Surprisingly, the handful of Hindus who live in

the colony confess, “It never struck us that we are living in a place dominated by Muslims.” Religion-based politics is a rich man’s muse as far as the inhabitants of Buland Masjid are concerned.

The scene is fast changing though. The politics of the nation has seeped in and turned them into a nervous lot. Nobody is willing to talk to Gill any longer. “We can’t talk. Don’t come here. They will take us away,” they tell her. Twisted, discriminatory laws, the revocation of Article 370, communal riots — “the residents of this colony are being forced to submit to a new language, the language of fear,” she writes.

Gill’s language on human migration and their subsequent rehabilitation is fearless. Only if she had refrained from using too many excerpts and quotes of writers (from Charles Darwin to VS Naipaul to Charles Dickens — 75 of them in total). The real-life drama of her subject is so engaging and her way of capturing it is so skilful that she could have done better without such frills.

Fifty shades of provincial grey

RAJESH SHARMA

THESE “postcards from the peripheries” are meant to “free people from stereotypes” by helping them imagine “an emotional and intellectual map” that will showcase the provincials’ great contribution to modern culture. Tagore, Shakespeare, the Bhakti poets, the Brontë sisters, George Eliot, Premchand, TS Eliot, Heidegger, Raymond Williams, Rahul Sankrityayan were, after all, provincials actually, Sumana Roy says.

Written in English (surely not a dialect), relying mostly on translations and bolstered with a quotation in every other paragraph, the book carries 527 notes and 10 pages of index to help readers navigate their way through this sprawling work of ‘non-fiction’: a word that has come to flaunt a classifier’s despair as a triumph of insight. So you have memoir, social commentary, biography, literary journalism, criticism, cultural history, literary cartography, scholarly treatise, a college textbook, and then some. But nothing done quite wholeheartedly. And the genres don’t melt. They have been mixed, forcibly.

Which raises the question: who is the book for? For a professional, an amateur, a dilettante, a college student? For a foreign reader? A metropolitan? The pages on Bhakti poets and the New Critics read like textbook stuff. Those on Shakespeare’s sources awakened memories of my background reading on the Bard during my Bachelor’s in a provincial college. The redundant phrases introducing well-known writers and familiar places seem aimed at readers who have no “cultural capital”, nor access to the Internet. Roy over-explains as often as she under-interprets.

But the writing is simply brilliant in many places, as when Roy describes her parents’ courtship, or reads Bhuwaneshwar’s stories, or holds a conversation (something I wish shedid more often) with some book or writer. The form is probing, tentative, always emerging, often surprising. The structure is kind of dialectical but veiled, ping-pong between the provincial and the metropoli-

tan. Roy can be at once garrulous and elliptical, poetic and polemical. She can laugh at herself. And she doesn’t scream, even at those she could have. She just politely admonishes those who ruin the taste of literature with their ill-cooked, scrambled theory.

When genre-mixing is not a formal requirement, it can be a chancy bait to draw assorted readers. But the book lacks coherence also because it is vaguely conceptualised and hurriedly executed. Incoherence is not ambiguity; the property some literary works famously possess.

Apparently, the paradoxical centre of the writer’s periphery is Siliguri, from which she measures the distance or proximity to other places. The real centre is metaphysical: it is the toxic romance of places and roots. It seduces the writer to read Heathcliff as “an expression of becoming one’s place” and to naively admire Heidegger’s enchantment with “rootedness in the soil”, with “organic life”, with “authentic dwelling”. Does Roy really not know of Heidegger’s deep involvement with the Nazis and their ideology of “blood and soil”?

Her loaded binarism overlooks the historic contribution of great cities. Of Athens, Rome, Florence, Kashi, Prayag, Patna, Paris, New York, London, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Lahore, for instance. She doesn’t even pause to reflect on a New Yorker’s confessed provincialism that she herself mentions, which mirrors its probable opposite — a town dweller’s metropolitanism. She forgets that the Khandwa-born Kishore Kumar’s singing likely owed something to Hank Williams, Chuck Berry and James Brown. The truth is Roy’s famous provincials are those who overcame the stifling embrace of the place and transcended its narrow conversation. Some cultivated cosmopolitanism, some walked into universality without any metropolitan stop-over. They didn’t let roots become chains. They defied the stereotypes.

But Roy is unable to, in spite of her aspiration. Perhaps there’s a tearing hurry to publish. Even the fact-checking is poor: the iPhone came two decades after she thinks it did, the Naxalbari movement was not an urban-rural war but an imported ideology of class war, and provincials do not make a class.

Provincialism is a state of mind, an attitude, a space and style of thinking. Not the actual fact of having grown up in the provinces. Roy wades into the question, yet wouldn’t go all the way in.

Finding Jassa Ahluwalia

SUPRIYA KAUR DHALIWAL

JASSA AHLUWALIA has done everything he possibly can to belong somewhere. Jassa’s journey traverses multiple identities and geographies, from being named Javinder Singh Ahluwalia at birth to an exploration of who an ‘Imperial Wonder Boy’ could be. Poet Solmaz Sharif writes in her poem ‘Look’, “It matters what you call a thing: *Exquisite a lover called me./Exquisite.*” Those who have already been othered would never let anything fuel this otherness. In the name Jassa, the author found not just solace, but an entire world that could be his, that was his.

In modern, post-Independence India, its minority-populated states have come to be known for their skyrocketing migration trends. For instance, Punjabis have created their own Punjab wherever they have gone. India’s constant othering of Punjab has not stopped Punjabis from achieving whatever they have wished to achieve. But it has come at a significant cost. These migrants have faced losses galore. These losses, in turn, have become their daily reality, but they have not let these losses define them.

Jassa was born to a white English mother and a brown Punjabi father, and grew up between Coventry and Leicester as a white boy who spoke Punjabi fluently. This baffled people more than once. As a result, it baffled Jassa too. Jassa, a British actor, writer, filmmaker and trade unionist, had to put in a life’s work to know where he could belong. ‘Both Not Half’ is a blueprint of all the journeys he has set out on until now — the journeys of looking within, and the physical journeys that he has had to undertake. ‘Both Not Half’ welcomes hybridity and looks at cultural divisions with exemplary kindness.

There is a complexity that Jassa has afforded for Kipling’s ‘Kim’, an Irish orphan in Lahore who is on the lookout for his place on this world’s map. The author admits that he had to turn to Kipling because there was nowhere else to look. This complexity, however, turned out to be a source of great strength for Jassa.

More than halfway through the book, the author reminds us that ‘Both Not Half’ is a refusal to accept binary thinking at its face value, and is a book that sets out to challenge racial hierarchies.



**BOTH NOT HALF**  
by Jassa Ahluwalia.  
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Jassa writes, “There is no us and them, only humanity.” Something that he would expand on in the final chapter of the book that records the author’s journey as a non-practising Sikh, who continues to be inspired by the teachings of Baba Nanak and Stoicism.

Those who have seen their cultures being othered often try to connect with their intimate histories through their mother tongues. While Jassa sets out to learn Gurmukhi in five days from a YouTube channel called BaruSahibHP, I, too, learnt Gurmukhi in my late teens from a book that was a gift from my father: ‘Punjabi Primer’ by Dr Gurbakhsh Singh was published by Akal Printing Press, Baru Sahib. My experience of this otherness was very different from Jassa’s, since I was not mixed race but was born to Punjabi parents, in a different state, and that made all the difference for me even when I moved abroad.

This book is a millennial’s love letter to the world. It is a plea to blur the boundaries that separate us. I smiled when I read ‘*mattha tek*’ in the book, which seems to be the NRI proper noun for the act of bowing down in front of Guru Granth Sahib. There are various tender moments in the book — from the sincerity of a ‘*Quorn dhal*’ skit to calling his grandmother BG, the abbreviation for *Biji*, who writes her grocery lists in a Gurmukhi that is a transliteration from English.

‘Both Not Half’ ends with a heartfelt message for the author’s sister Ramanique, who is queer and brown, who has also felt othered but because of reasons that are different from Jassa’s. He tells her that he’s ready to be her brother, that he is ready to be him.



BACKFLAP



**A FLY ON THE RBI WALL**  
by Alpana Killawala.  
Rupa. Pages 232. ₹595

Harshad Mehta scam, liberalisation of the Indian economy — Alpana Killawala’s tenure with the communications department of the Reserve Bank of India coincided with a very vibrant phase of the central bank. ‘A Fly on the RBI Wall’ is a no-holds-barred account of her journey, a peek into the minds of the governors, all eminent scholars, under whom she worked over the course of a career spanning more than two decades.



**FESTIVAL STORIES THROUGH THE YEAR**  
by Rachna Chhabria.  
HarperCollins.  
Pages 246. ₹250

Latest in the ‘Roots of India’ series, this book invites young readers to rejoice in India’s rich culture through the simple stories of two twins, Natasha and Nikhil, as they experience an entire year of festivals and celebrations — starting with Lohri in January and ending with Christmas in December. India is a country of myriad festivals. Not a month goes by in which we don’t have something to celebrate. This work celebrates that happy spirit.

Why militaries support and thwart the transition to democracy

NAVTEJ SINGH

THIS pioneering work by Sharan Grewal, based on his revised PhD dissertation, focuses on the political transformation from autocracy to democracy through detailed case studies of Egypt and Tunisia. It is based on primary and secondary sources, personal interviews with civilian and military leaders, along with surveys of military personnel. He also probes the generalisability of the theory through a cross-national analysis of all countries between 1946 and 2010. The author brings the military front and centre to the study of democratic transition and consolidation, and examines critically why some militaries support and others thwart the transition to democracy.

The mass protests in the Arab world came to be known as the ‘Arab Spring’. The protesters rallied for food, freedom and social justice and demanded an end to the decades of dictatorships. While each country’s path to breakdown was unique and multi-

faceted, a critical element in every story was the role of the military. This, Grewal stresses, was not unique to the region. Militaries often decisively shape whether a transition is initiated in the first place, making or breaking revolutions, triggering defections or standing up in defence of the dictator.

Grewal is of the view that despite their centrality, militaries have been relatively neglected in the study of democratisation. Scholars have focused less on understanding militaries and their motivations and more on the underlying factors: poverty, recession, lack of education or polarisation. He argues that it has been less clear why some militaries seize these opportunities and others — “soldiers of democracy” — ignore them. Likewise, the elites may want to use the military to repress the lower classes or to help them stage incremental takeovers, yet it is less clear why the military sometimes obeys and other times does not.

The author highlights an understudied structural factor — military legacies — that shapes the chances that democracy takes root. Although some scholars have begun to



**SOLDIERS OF DEMOCRACY? MILITARY LEGACIES AND THE ARAB SPRING**  
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explore how coup-proofing shapes the military response to mass uprisings, the author extends these studies to show how they also shape democratic transition and consolidation. He aims to refine the understanding of what shapes the military’s attitudes towards democracy.

Grewal stresses that in contrast to the

popular perception that the era of military coups has passed, the reality is that the military is likely to play an even larger role in future democratic transitions.

The author comes to the conclusion that in Tunisia, a military neglected and counter-balanced under autocracy saw its position improve under democracy. In Egypt, a military empowered under autocracy saw its privileges curtailed.

In fact, Tunisian and Egyptian militaries exhibit major differences in their corporate interests, composition and professionalism. Each of these variables should shape how these militaries view the revolution and democratic transition. In Tunisia, all three factors pointed towards supporting the democratic transition, while in Egypt, they pointed towards overthrowing it, thereby validating the author’s theory that a dictator’s coup-proofing strategy can create legacies that shape the process of democratisation.

Grewal argues that the desire for democracy is universal and contagious, yet democracy is by no means guaranteed to take root. New democracies must respect the mili-

tary’s interests. He concludes that the military’s behaviour under democracy is shaped by how it had been treated under autocracy. Autocrats who had empowered their militaries produce soldiers who will repress protests and stage coups to preserve their privileges. On the other, autocrats who had marginalised their militaries produce soldiers who support democratising, but who are also more susceptible to incumbent takeovers and civil wars. The dictator’s choice to either empower or marginalise the military thus creates legacies that shape both the likelihood of democratisation and the forms by which it breaks down.

The structural factors and role of the international community also have a significant place. For the author, keeping the military far from politics is typically the better option for democracy. Thus, the control of power is a shared phenomenon and cannot be the sole individual wish.

Grewal’s book reflects his meticulous analysis and highlights new aspects of power and its control, along with recommendations for the future.



# REFLECTIONS

## Real hero of the verdict



TOUCHSTONES  
IRA PANDE

**K**ABIR, the popular folk poet, will always remain the original wise man of Benaras. He wrote thousands of couplets (*dohas*) that are memorised by generations of schoolchildren, though quickly forgotten. However, they have an uncanny ability to burrow themselves in one's brain and rise unbidden to open a window of wisdom at odd moments. The *doha* that has haunted me after the June 4 poll verdict is: '*Durbal ko na satayiye, jaaki moti haai*'. Roughly translated, it means, don't torture the weak for he has a potent curse. If there are lessons to be learnt from this *doha*, then all political parties had better heed them. This election was a stunning revelation of the pain and misery the hapless poor of this country have suffered in the last few years. The triumphant slogans of the ruling parties about the booming economy, India's rising worth worldwide and how many millions have been lifted out of poverty — all these meant nothing to those who were doomed to subsist on dole, charity and State neglect.

Why blame the ruling government alone? Are we, the well-fed, the smug middle class living in comfortable condos with uninterrupted power and water supply, any less guilty? We write long articles on how this country's poor are suffering, but have even a small number among us ever lifted a finger to alleviate their misery? I know of neighbours who deduct wages for the days their helper is unable to come for work. Remember the Shylock speech from '*The Merchant of Venice*' where he asks whether Jews are any different from the rest of Venetians — '*If you cut us, do we not bleed?*' he asks the Rialto's smug burghers. Do

these workers not have days when they are unwell or have an urgent task to attend to at home? But no, 'these people are shirkers' is the response most employers have. The othering of 'these people' will come one day to bite is all I can predict.

Let us now turn to Punjab, the state that concerns me most deeply. When we left it in 1990, it was just emerging from a frightening decade of separatism, terrorism and social turmoil. It took years of work and political

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compromises to bring it to a level of normalcy that it enjoyed for a brief while. However, in the last few years, some unhappy developments threaten to take it back to those grim days when religious fundamentalism, agricultural backsliding and a comatose industry have risen simultaneously to derail the state. Add to this its fragile political atmosphere and you have a state that may erupt into flames before we realise it. The old generation of politicians — Badal Senior, Amarinder Singh, who wielded political power by turns — as well as those bureaucrats and citizens who understood Punjab so well and never left it despite the challenges they often faced — sadly, all have vanished. Rampant corruption, the open meddling by Pakistan and the drug dealers from as far away as Afghanistan

and Canada have filled that vacuum.

Everyone talks of their rights but lead me to the person who points out our duties. Rights and duties go hand in hand and unless the citizens themselves step in and help those who need help, we will always be dissatisfied with the State. Perhaps it is the eternal legacy of colonialism that we do not regard our land as our own. We wait for the *sarkar* (an amorphous concept) to resolve problems because they have the power. In truth, as the recent election results show, we the people have the power but we don't know it. Once in five years, we let the incumbent government know it has failed us, but we elect instead the same set of rogues.

I may not be around five years later to see or comment on the next General Election, but what I have learnt from this one disturbs me deeply. Those of you who pride themselves on their Punjabiyaat or Bharatiyata, stand up and take control of your fate.

Finally, a salute to the *aam aadmi*, the common Indian, who is really the hero of this verdict. Overlooked, despised and dismissed as foolish and illiterate, he has more wisdom in his little finger than all those psephologists who only crunched numbers, and those reporters who thought they had the elections on their plate as they ate and chatted with citizens who spoke fluent English or Hindi. They picked their way, hanky to nose, through the overflowing gutters and filth of a tiny village that had not seen a politician or reporter ever before, and who held the mike in a death grip to curse the *netas* who never bothered to come their way. Broken, rutted village roads, unemployed youth sitting idly making reels, women working in a brick-kiln in the gruelling heat of the afternoon were brushed aside even as paeans of praise were read out on the shining highways, or the infrastructure of our cities by the sleek *netas* who basked in his huge bungalow, smug in the belief that 'Modi ki guarantee' will bail him out once again.

As we now enter an era when the Opposition benches will be as strong as the ruling coalition, let us hope they use Parliament as it was meant to be. A place to uphold the rights of the common Indian.



PHOTO BY THE WRITER

## The silent sentinels of mountain landscape

PARTH JOSHI

**I**T was a cloudy morning as we negotiated the moraines and scree leading up to Phanghi Galu, a 4,500-metre pass in the Great Himalayan National Park in Himachal Pradesh connecting the remote Jiva Nal and Parvati valleys. As we walked amidst the magnificent scenery in pin-drop silence, a rockfall on a distant slope broke there and there, and we spotted a group of Ibex at the top of a slope, scampering away out of sight.

As we stood a bit perplexed, being quite far away to be the instigators of this panic among the ungulates, one of the porters surmised casually, "I saw a long tail, must have been a snow leopard." Such are the sightings of this enigmatic species — hardly a fleeting glimpse, earning it the moniker 'the ghost of the mountains'. Most of the times, one has to contend with subtle signs of its presence, a pugmark here or there, the carcass of a devoured prey, or some scat.

The snow leopard is one of the seven big cat species found globally, and perhaps one of the most fascinating. Inhabiting high-altitude mountain landscapes in 12 countries across Central and South Asia, they are highly specialised predators that can survive in extremely cold temperatures and rugged terrain. Their total population is estimated to be between 4,000-7,000, of which around 700 are found in India across Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

By preying on herbivores like sheep and goats, they prevent them from overgrazing, which leaves enough food for smaller animals, and also maintains ecosystem factors like water retention capacity and nutrition of the soil, thereby ensuring a healthy ecosystem for all. The food chain they manage helps maintain a complex network of wetlands and meadows that provide a buffer zone between glaciers and rivers, absorbing excess water during wet seasons, which prevents floods and also provides water during dry seasons, while allowing plant life to flourish.

In India, snow leopard habitats are estimated to provide ecosystem services worth US \$4 billion annually, which include fresh water, minerals, and medicinal and aromatic plants. The Himalayas are often referred to as the 'Third Pole', holding the third highest amount of freshwater after the polar region. It is no understatement to say that the snow leopards are the guardians of these water sources.

Today, the snow leopard is classified as 'vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), just one step away from becoming 'endangered'. There are multiple reasons for this. Due to climate change, their natural habitat is shrinking as global temperatures increase. Uncon-

trolled grazing in wild areas by domestic livestock leaves less food for wild herbivores, leading to a decline in their population and consequently, less prey for snow leopards. This brings them to human settlements in search of livestock as prey, resulting in retaliatory killings by villagers. Wild sheep and goat are also susceptible to poaching, another reason for a decline in snow leopard populations.

Protecting snow leopards requires protecting their habitat, where humans have peacefully co-existed with them for centuries, many of them nomadic and pastoral settlements. These communities are the last bastions of unique traditional knowledge and cultural systems, finding ingenious ways to survive the harsh conditions. Such communities, and their way of living in harmony with nature, need as much protection as the snow leopards themselves.

One of the major challenges is tracking the movement of snow leopards

**The food chain snow leopards manage helps maintain a complex network of wetlands & meadows**

and the knowledge of local communities becomes extremely useful. In Uttarakhand, the government has involved youth from villages to assist in conducting snow leopard population census. In Sikkim, community volunteers frequently patrol forests to discourage poaching.

Providing alternative livelihoods to communities can reduce their dependency on snow leopard habitats for natural resources. In Ladakh, cottage industries like community-based tourism, handlooms and food processing are providing a stable source of income for villagers. This reduces the need for them to increase the size of their livestock and allows for regeneration of pastures for wild herbivores.

Infra-red alarm sensors are reducing instances of snow leopards wandering into human settlements, while frugal innovation like wire meshes to cover corrals or sheep pens is reducing damage to livestock if they enter villages.

It is bright and sunny in Tarchit, a village in Rong valley in Ladakh, which is being developed as a winter tourism destination for people to come and spot snow leopards when they descend to lower altitudes during the colder months. For villagers in Tarchit and thousands of people living in the high-altitude Himalayas, the snow leopard is a beacon of hope for a sustainable future.

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## As Beas Dam completes 50 years

NARINDER SHARMA

**A**S per the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960, the waters of the three eastern rivers — Sutlej, Beas and Ravi — were allotted for use to India. Multipurpose river valley projects were planned for harnessing their waters. The massive Bhakra Dam (Sutlej) was taken up first, followed by Beas Dam and Ranjit Sagar Dam (Ravi).

The Bhakra-Nangal complex was accomplished by 1963. The workers and engineers gained experience and confidence in dam building and this trained force went on to undertake the Beas, Ranjit Sagar and many other dam projects in the region.

Beas Dam at Pong (Kangra district) is an earthen dam. Work on this flood control and storage dam was taken up in 1961 and completed in 1974. Its waters are the lifeline of parched lands in Rajasthan and it is also home to migratory birds and various fish species. The Pong power plant has a capacity of 396 MW and 1,600 million units annually. Beas Dam is celebrating its golden jubilee on June 30.

The highest dam in Asia of its time was completed by the sweat and toil of a dedicated band of 15,000 workers and 1,000 engineers and technicians. Over 130 workers and other associates died during the construction. We salute them!

I started my career here as a Sub-Division-

al Officer in 1969 and after almost 33 years, joined the project as Chief Engineer. Those days are still fresh in memory.

A concrete spillway had been provided on the left side of the dam. During the excavation, a swarm of fearful reptiles was encountered. They would come out in large numbers and attack the dozer and its operator. The work had to be stopped as crushing of reptiles was considered inhuman. We sought the advice of the area's famous 'Ghati Wale Babaji'. He advised to build a 'Shivji' temple. A makeshift temple was built. After a few days, work was resumed after a slight adjustment in alignment of the structure. A full-fledged temple was constructed later at a hillock as an observatory for spillway operations. The temple remains a vibrant site.

The wars of 1965 and 1971 with Pakistan affected the construction schedule of the dam as allocation of funds was slashed. In 1971, construction was in full swing but Army officers insisted on taking away some equipment to strengthen their war strategy. They loaded dozers and allied machines on their trailers and left for the borders, saying, 'First war, later wall'.

The financial crunch and import restrictions came as a blessing in disguise. Many equipment and machine innovations were achieved by technicians and engineers.

During 1974-75, the dam work was nearing completion and the retrenchment of surplus labourers was on cards. Work on the Thein (Ranjit Sagar) Dam couldn't start due to lack

of funds. This generated a fear of unemployment. There were protests and some labourers even devised ways to slow down work. It was then that many skilled workers and trained operators were sent by the government to Gulf countries and neighbouring regions. Similarly, some engineers were deputed as experts to foreign locations.

Also unforgettable is a down-to-earth senior officer, humble and disciplined to the core. He would always stand in a queue in any public place. He would never jump the queue, even if requested. One day, he went to a Junior Engineer's house disguised as a helper and told his family that he was sent by 'Sir'. He obeyed all orders of 'Bibi' throughout the day, be it sweeping, watering the plants or bringing their children from school. He had brought his own tiffin and declined all hospitality of the family.

At 4 pm, he told 'Bibi' that his duty was over. While leaving, he took all the pilfered items — hose pipe, buckets, table and chairs — and got these deposited in the government store as 'lost and found'. Word spread fast and pilferage stopped almost at once.

Then there was a Chief Engineer who was surprised to find that he was not the only 'Chief'. The Chief Fire Officer, the Chief Purchase Officer — they were addressed as 'Chief' too.

The *swadeshi* Beas Dam — planned, designed and constructed by Indian workers and engineers — has completed 50 years of life. It's a modern temple of a resurgent India in service of mankind.

## Patronise only those buildings that are fire safe



CONSUMER RIGHTS  
PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

**T**HE Gujarat High Court's recent outburst over the state government's failure to follow its earlier orders on fire audits and fire prevention reflects the collective anger and frustration felt by citizens over the continuing neglect of fire safety in public buildings around the country. The series of devastating fires that took a heavy toll last month has, in fact, brought into question the state administrations' ability to enforce fire safety laws and protect consumers.

Be it the amusement facility at Rajkot,

where 28 persons were charred to death because the administration allowed it to make money at the cost of consumers' safety, or the private neonatal care hospital in Delhi, that fleeced even the poorest of the poor, no one paid attention to their safety. What is apparent is the complete disregard for fire safety laws by those who are supposed to comply and those who are supposed to enforce them. The victims are, of course, the consumers of these services.

In a desperate bid to rectify such enforcement failures, consumers often seek judicial intervention or sometimes, the court itself takes up the matter suo motu, as the Gujarat High Court did following the gaming centre tragedy. What really irked the court was that in response to a PIL filed in 2020 following a series of hospital fires in the state, it had given detailed directions on ensuring fire prevention and protection of life and property.

Yet, the Rajkot civic authorities had ignored the court's directions and allowed the amusement centre to function and flourish without a fire safety certificate. Going by

preliminary reports, the fire was inevitable, and so also the deaths, because the temporary tin walls were covered with highly inflammable plastic foam sheets as shadow walls. More combustible material, including petrol and diesel, was stored on the premises, but there were no fire alarms, fire extinguishing systems and escape routes!

As usual, the government woke up after the fire and the resultant checks of gaming centres in Ahmedabad, Vadodam, Rajkot and Surat showed the extent of lawlessness — as many as 19 recreational facilities were shut down after inspections for not having the required permissions and fire NOCs! But this is the usual practice everywhere in the country — following a major fire, the authorities suddenly spring into action and, nudged by courts, they start hauling up offenders. But once the tragedy moves away from the media glare and the courts' scrutiny, everything is forgotten and violations continue, till the next tragedy!

Following the devastating Kumbakonam (Tamil Nadu) school fire, the Supreme Court

had in 2009 directed all states and UTs to ensure that all schools strictly complied with the National Building Code of India, particularly Part IV — Fire & Life Safety, and the Code of Practice of Fire Safety in Educational Institutions, formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards. But, even today, PILs are being filed in state high courts to ensure compliance with the apex court's order.

Now, in the aftermath of the deadly fire at the Baby Care Newborn Hospital in East Delhi, that robbed six couples of their babies, the Delhi High Court has taken up two petitions seeking directions to the government to conduct regular, comprehensive fire safety audits of small and medium-sized nursing homes and ensure that they have adequate facilities for fire prevention, life safety and fire protection measures. There were as many as 340 nursing homes with expired registration, a petition said.

One can imagine the quality of registration from the fact that the neonatal hospital had no clearance from the Fire Department, no smoke detectors or sprinklers, no fire

exit, nor any provision for safe storage of highly combustible oxygen cylinders!

Since corruption in the enforcement process and administrative apathy and sloth are the major hurdles to fire safety, consumers/citizens must demand transparency and accountability in the enforcement process through Citizens' Monitoring Committees that would regularly evaluate and assess the implementation of the law. In addition, it should become mandatory for every district administration to publish on their websites the complete list of public buildings in their area and whether they have fire NOCs or not. Establishments that do not have fire clearance or do not renew their certificate should be shut down.

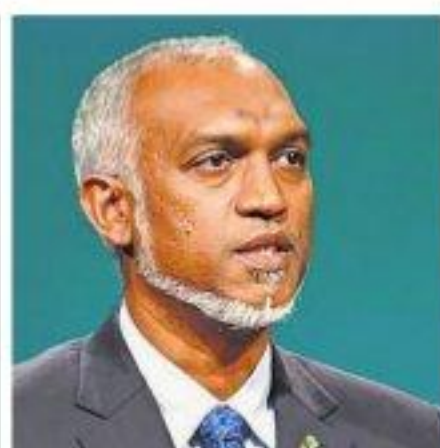
It should also become mandatory for every public/commercial building to display prominently at the entrance, the fire safety certificate and the fire exits. This way, consumers can patronise only those buildings that are fire safe. Residents' associations would also do well to check on schools, hospitals, restaurants, malls, etc. in their area for fire safety.



The shift from 2014 to 2024 is stark. Not inviting Pakistan for the oath-taking ceremony of Narendra Modi as PM for the third term amid India's neighbourhood outreach is a sign of the freeze in ties



Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, PM of Nepal



Mohamed Muizzu, President of Maldives



Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius



Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh



Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of Sri Lanka



Ahmed Afif, Vice President of the Republic of Seychelles



Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan

AJAY BANERJEE

TEN years ago, when Narendra Modi took oath as Prime Minister on the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhawan on May 26, 2014, succeeding Manmohan Singh, in attendance was Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, along with six other South Asian leaders. The invitation to Sharif became a talking point in diplomatic circles, raising hopes of a new start in the otherwise fractured bilateral relations. When Modi gets sworn in as the Prime Minister for his third term on Sunday evening, top political leaders of neighbouring countries would again be present, but a notable omission would be that of a leader from Pakistan.

Not inviting Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the younger brother of Nawaz Sharif, stems from the diplomatic freeze in bilateral relations. An invite had seemed unlikely, if not impossible, but it was ruled out amid the prevailing icy relations.

The shift from 2014 to 2024 is stark. Ten years on, bilateral ties are not in a 'working mode' as they were in 2014. Conversely, relations are not as bad as they were in May 2019, when sequential events in February that year meant an invite to Pakistan was ruled out when Prime Minister Modi took oath for his second term.

Experts feel that while realism demands drawing of red lines, India needs to invest its diplomatic capital in the right way

The abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in August 2019 changed the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. Since then, ties with Pakistan have been acrimonious, with no bilateral political contact.

Sharat Sabharwal, the former Indian Ambassador to Pakistan (2009-2013), says there is nothing strange in Pakistan not getting invited for the swearing-in. "As of now, it's not an easy situation. There are hardened positions on both sides."

Sabharwal, who was appointed Ambassador just months after the November 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai that left 166 dead, says, "In 2014, the India-Pak relationship was relatively stable as a result of the dialogue conducted in 2011-12 following the Mumbai attacks."

TCA Raghavan, Ambassador to Pakistan from 2013 to 2015, agrees that 2014 and 2024 are "vastly different scenarios; an invite to Pakistan for the swearing-in ceremony would be unrealistic and even bizarre at this stage as there is a total freeze in bilateral relations."

In July 2018, Prime Minister Modi had called up cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan to congratulate him on his party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), winning the most seats in the general elections.

Then came the events of February 2019 — a terror attack in Pulwama killed 44 troopers of the CRPF; some 10 days later, Indian Air Force jets bombed a terror camp at Balakot in Pakistan's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. The next day, an air duel ensued with Pakistan in which Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman's plane was hit and he parachuted down in Pakistan.

Despite the muscle-flexing by both sides, just three months later, in May 2019, Imran Khan rang up Prime Minister Modi to congratulate him on winning a second term in office.

Dr Ashok Behuria, coordinator of the South Asia Centre at the Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, says, "The inertia of post-Pulwama-Balakot and downscaling of diplomatic contacts continues till date."

Raghavan compares 2014 with 2024 and says, "As of now, we have a ban on trade between the two sides. High Commissioners of either side are not in place. J&K cross-border confidence-building measures are not there and political contact is missing."

Sabharwal avers, "We have a problem on both sides. The Pakistan side has an unreasonable stand, asking India to reverse the abrogation of Article 370 and restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and till then, talks cannot happen."

India's stance that talks and terror cannot go together has kind of "gelled, but has constrained the government", adds

# Leaving Pak out of the picture



Newly sworn-in Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in New Delhi in May 2014. New Delhi has chosen to give the cold shoulder to Islamabad by not sending an invite when PM Modi takes oath for his third term in office. PTI

## NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST, MALDIVES INCLUDED

India has a 'neighbourhood first' policy and the oath-taking ceremony will be witnessed by top leaders from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius and Seychelles. Even Maldives, that has had a few public tiffs with India, has been invited. Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu will head to India for the oath-taking ceremony on what will be his first visit since taking over in November last year.

Seen as pro-China, Muizzu had travelled to Türkiye first and to China for his first state visit in January. Within hours of taking over in November last year, Muizzu had demanded the removal of Indian military personnel from his country, straining bilateral ties. He posted on X, "I look forward to working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries."

Sabharwal, who also served as India's Deputy High Commissioner in Islamabad from 1995-1999.

### TIME FOR POLICY SHIFT

A period of 35 months from September 2016 to August 2019 saw events changing the course of India-Pakistan ties. In September 2016, the Indian Army retaliated following a militant attack on its camp at Uri by carrying out surgical strikes at multiple locations across the Line of Control. Within the

forces, it's a known fact that surgical strikes across the LoC were carried out in the past, too, but never acknowledged publicly. Then came the February 2019 events, followed by the abrogation of Article 370.

A serving Indian Army officer says the Pakistan army is capable of giving any spin to its narrative of victory in military actions, but "doing away with Article 370 and its impact on J&K would take a while to be absorbed by the army, the Pakistani politicians and its people, who have been given

the impression that Kashmir can be taken".

A notable development, though, has been Nawaz Sharif's admission of violating the Lahore pact in context of the Kargil conflict.

Former Ambassador to Pakistan Satinder Lambah, in his book *In Pursuit of Peace: India-Pakistan Relations Under Six Prime Ministers*, published after his death, narrates the back channel talks during Manmohan Singh's tenure as Prime Minister. He lists three key points on J&K — there cannot be any redrawing

of borders, no joint sovereignty and the LoC has to be respected like a normal border between the two countries.

The Modi government made its own attempts at mending ties. The Prime Minister made an unannounced visit to Lahore on December 25, 2015, to meet Nawaz Sharif. In April 2016, just months after the attack on the Pathankot airbase, an extraordinary Track-2 event was hosted in Delhi where six former Pakistani High Commissioners to India and nine former Indian High Commissioners to Pakistan sat down for the first time to take stock of bilateral relations.

The 15 former envoys had dinner at Hyderabad House, the foreign ministry's venue for state banquets, and met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. In 2017, an Indian industrialist, known to the Sharifs, was despatched with a message to Islamabad.

Ambassador Raghavan says "it is time for a shift in policy; it has to be done gradually and opportunities will arise". Pakistan, he adds, would be keen, too, but the initiative has to come from India.

Dr Behuria concurs: "The new government should not avoid any diplomatic interaction aimed at normalising relations with Pakistan. However, realism demands that while we draw our red lines, we need to invest our diplomatic capital in the right way."

With ties in such a freeze, Ambassador Sabharwal says the way forward would be taking steps like restoring the High Commissioners. "Pakistan has stopped trade with India, it should resume it. Pakistan has shown no flexibility. Their Ministry of Foreign Affairs says create a conducive environment, but statements are rhetorical and anti-India," he adds.

Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch on Saturday said, "Since the new government hasn't officially been sworn in, it is premature to talk about congratulating the Indian Prime Minister." Baloch added that Islamabad desired cordial and cooperative ties with all its neighbours, including India, and wants to resolve disputes through talks.

### ATTARI-WAGAH TRADE

A mention of Pakistan during the Lok Sabha electioneering is usually in a negative connotation. However, during the last two phases of electioneering — when the poll battle shifted to Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh — BJP leaders changed tack and mentioned the need to have trade via the Wagah-Attari land route.

The Baddi-Nalagarh belt in Himachal Pradesh has several '100 per cent export-oriented units', but cannot export to Pakistan using the land border that is just 250 km west of Baddi. The issue of trade ties with Pakistan become a central point in electoral campaigning in Punjab. Several candidates, including former Indian Ambassador to US and contestant from the Amritsar seat Taranjit Singh Sandhu, promised resumption of India-Pakistan trade via the Attari-Wagah land route.

The Shiromani Akali Dal's manifesto also mentioned the issue. SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal questioned why trade with Pakistan could be allowed through Gujarat ports, but not through Punjab's road network.

Post NDA's victory, Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar said: "We would like trade links to be opened with Pakistan. Punjab has a geographical advantage. It will also improve people-to-people ties." Jakhar, who hails from Abohar, located just 20 km from the India-Pakistan border, however, warned that "trade cannot be at the cost of national security and national pride. These things have to be factored in".

After the Pulwama terror attack, India imposed 200 per cent duty on imports from Pakistan, making business unviable. Pakistan put an end to trade with India after the abrogation of Article 370. Trade activities are carried out through the UAE, raising costs. Unofficial estimates peg the trade at \$3 billion. Indian firms export tyres, processed food, pharmaceuticals and chemicals. Imported items include garments, spices and some machinery items used in small-scale manufacturing, with a decisive balance of trade favouring India.

Pakistan has remained indecisive on resumption of trade with India. In March, its Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, announced that the government was "seriously considering" resuming trade ties with India. Days later, Foreign Office spokesperson Baloch contradicted him, saying no such plan was under discussion.