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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
The opposition INDIA bloc on Saturday swept the Assembly byelections held across seven states, winning 10 of the 13 seats and taking the first round of the poll cycle held after the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance returned to power for the third straight time in the 2024 General Election.

The byelections were held for four seats in West Bengal, three in Himachal Pradesh, two in Uttarakhand, and one each in Bihar, MP, Tamil Nadu and Punjab. These were necessitated due to defections in 10 seats and the demise of sitting lawmakers in three.

The BJP managed to win only two of the 11 seats it contested. The opposition contrastingly registered gains, with the Congress winning four of the six seats it contested and making strong comebacks in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand where it was routed by the BJP in the recent General Election.

In Punjab, AAP stormed back winning Jalandhar West after recently losing the

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Jalandhar West goes with AAP

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JALANDHAR, JULY 13
The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday retained the Jalandhar West Assembly seat with its candidate Mohinder Bhagat defeating BJP's Sheetal Angural by 37,325 votes in the bypoll.

The bypoll was being seen as a litmus test for CM Bhagwant Mann following AAP's drubbing in the Lok Sabha elections in which it could win just three of the state's 13 seats.

While Bhagat bagged 55,246 votes, Angural, whose resignation as an AAP legislator had necessitated the bypoll, got just 17,921 votes. A relatively low-profile candidate of the Congress, Surinder Kaur, who was in the third position, polled 16,757 votes.

SAD candidate Surjit Kaur, who was disowned by her party, was in the fourth spot with 1,242 votes and BSP nominee Binder Kumar Lakha was in the fifth position with 734 votes. A total of 15 candidates

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AAP's Mohinder Bhagat with father Bhagat Chunnal Lal. MALIKAT SINGH

ANGURAL'S POLITICAL GAMBIT FALLS FLAT

- AAP's Mohinder Bhagat, who unsuccessfully contested this seat twice on BJP ticket, tastes victory with 37K margin
- BJP's Sheetal Angural, whose resignation as AAP MLA necessitated bypoll, fails to make cut
- Congress' Surinder Kaur, who got backing of top party leaders, polls just over 16K votes

WILL BE IN JALANDHAR EVERY MONDAY

As promised, I will be in Jalandhar every Monday, and govt will function from there that day. People of Doaba and Majha will not have to visit UT for grievances. Bhagwant Mann, CM

TRINAMOOL, CONG GET 4 EACH, BJP 2

- West Bengal (4):** TMC wins all, wrests Raigarj; Ranaghat Dakshin, Bagda from BJP and retains Maniktala
- Himachal (3):** Cong wins Dehra and Nalagarh, BJP Hamirpur
- Uttarakhand (2):** Cong wins both; wrests Manglaur from BSP, retains Badrinath where its sitting MLA defected to BJP
- Punjab (1):** AAP retains Jalandhar West; sitting MLA Sheetal Angural defected to BJP and fought on saffron party ticket
- Bihar (1):** Ind wins Rupauli after JD(U)'s Bima Bhatti joined RJD
- MP (1):** BJP wrests Amarwara from Cong after fielding sitting MLA; seat in ex-CM Kamal Nath's bastion Chhindwara
- TN (1):** DMK retains Vikravandi after death of sitting MLA

BJP'S WEB BROKEN

The web of fear and confusion woven by the BJP has been broken. Every class... wants to completely destroy the dictatorship & establish the rule of justice.

Rahul Gandhi, CONGRESS MP

J&K L-G gets control of police, can now sanction prosecution

Amid poll buzz, MHA amends rules, issues notification

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Even as preparations are underway for holding Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Home Ministry has enhanced the ambit of the UT's Lieutenant Governor through a notification by amending the Transaction of Business Rules, giving him greater say in issues related to police, public order and all-India service officers.

After the amendment, any proposal related to the appointment of Advocate-General or law officers, and regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the L-G first.

The political parties in J&K voiced strong opposition to the Centre's move to vest more powers to the L-G for taking decisions on matters related to police and all-India service officers. While the National Conference and the PDP said the decision would "disempower" the people of J&K, other parties, including the Congress, termed the "Delhi-type statehood as the murder of democracy".

Former Chief Minister



Manoj Sinha, J&K L-G

WON'T TAKE DELHI-TYPE STATEHOOD, SAY PARTIES

J&K parties opposed the Centre's move to vest more powers in the L-G, calling it a bid to "disempower" the people. Terming it "the murder of democracy", they said they won't accept the "Delhi-type statehood".

CM who will have to beg the L-G for getting his or her peon appointed," Omar posted on X.

President Droupadi Murmu had given her approval to the amendments, exercising the powers conferred by Section 55 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, a notification issued by the Home Ministry on July 12 said. "These rules may be called the Transaction of Business of the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (Second Amendment) Rules, 2024," the notification said.

The amendments came into force on July 12. In the Transaction of Business Rules, 2019, some rules have been inserted. According to the newly inserted sub-rule (2A), "No proposal which requires previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to 'police', 'public order', 'all-India service' and 'Anti-Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary."

2-1 boost for Himachal CM, wife takes Dehra by 9K votes

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SHIMLA, JULY 13
Resigning and switching to the BJP proved costly for two Independent MLAs who lost their seats on Saturday in the bypolls. While the Congress won the Dehra and Nalagarh seats, the BJP emerged victorious in Hamirpur.

The victory of CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur from Dehra by 9,399 votes has come as a big boost to the Congress, which won the seat for the first time since 2012.

The stakes were high for



Congress candidate Kamlesh Thakur after her victory in Dehra on Saturday. PHOTO: KAMAL JEET

Sukhu as he wanted to send a strong signal not only to the BJP, but also to his detractors within his own party. Despite the ruling party losing the Hamirpur seat, Sukhu's allegations of the BJP trying to destabilise a democratically elected government seem to

have made an impact. Congress' Hardeep Singh Bawa defeated BJP's KL Thakur in Nalagarh by 8,990 votes, while BJP's Ashish Sharma managed to win the Hamirpur seat by polling 1,571 votes more than Congress' Pushpinder Verma.

The bypolls were held following the resignation by Independent legislators Hoshiyar Singh (Dehra), KL Thakur (Nalagarh) and Ashish Sharma (Hamirpur) on March 22. All three joined the BJP the very next day.

The rebel factor cost the BJP dear as former minister

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Conggen secy gets spyware alert, blames govt

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Congress MP and party general secretary in-charge of organisation KC Venugopal on Saturday slammed the Modi government after he was reportedly alerted

Mufti's daughter made similar charge recently about a "malicious spyware" on his iPhone.

"Thank you PM Modi ji, for sending your favourite malicious spyware on my phone

also," Venugopal said in a post on X. "Apple has been kind enough to intimate me about this special present of yours," he said. Earlier this week, Iltija Mufti, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir CM Mehbooba Mufti,

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CIC can frame rules, form benches, says SC

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Noting that autonomy of the Central Information Commission (CIC) — the apex body administering the Right to Information Act — is of paramount importance for its effective functioning, the Supreme Court has ruled that it has powers to constitute benches and

'AUTONOMY MUST'
Autonomy and independence of administrative bodies are fundamental to their ability to perform their designated functions effectively, said the top court

frame regulations.

"The Chief Information Commissioner's powers to frame regulations pertaining to the constitution of benches

of the commission are upheld as such powers are within the ambit of Section 12(4) of the RTI Act," a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma said, emphasising that autonomy and independence of administrative bodies were fundamental to their ability to perform their designated functions effectively.

The institutions like the CIC were established to carry out specialised tasks that require a level of impartiality and expertise that could only be achieved if they were free from undue interference, it said.

"While the RTI Act does not explicitly grant the CIC the authority to frame regulations, the overarching powers granted under Section

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Wanted in 3 states, gangster arrested

GURUGRAM: The Special Task Force (STF) of the Haryana Police arrested notorious gangster Rakesh, alias Kala Khairampuria, who was wanted by the police of three states — Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. The STF brought the gangster from Thailand to India and he was arrested at the Delhi airport. Kala was involved in 15 cases, including murder. **INSIDE**

33 Indian farm workers freed from 'slavery' in Italy, 2 charged

ROME, JULY 13
The Italian authorities on Saturday said they had freed 33 Indian farm labourers from slave-like working conditions in the northern Verona province and seized almost half a million euros (\$5,45,300) from their two alleged abusers.

Labour exploitation is in the spotlight in Italy following an accident in June in which Punjabi fruit picker Satnam Singh died after his arm was severed by machinery. Satnam was abandoned by his employer after a strawberry

PUNJABI LABOURER'S DEATH SPARKED PROTESTS



wrapping machine severed his arm in Lazio, near Rome. He died in a hospital in

In June, Punjabi worker Satnam Singh's arm was chopped off by a machine on a farm & his employers dumped him. He died in a hospital in Rome

Satnam was one of thousands of Indians working illegally on farms in Italy

His death triggered protests in Italy with thousands of Indian farm labourers seeking an end to 'slavery'

Rome two days later after being airlifted.

In the latest case, the police

said the alleged 'gang-masters', also from India, brought fellow nationals to Italy on seasonal work permits, asking them to pay 17,000 euros each and promising them a better future.

The migrants were given farm jobs, working seven days a week and 10-12 hours a day for just four euros per hour, which was entirely doctored from them until they settled all their debts, the police said, describing the migrants' treatment as "slavery".

Some were asked to continue working for free to pay an additional 13,000 euros for a permanent work permit "which, in reality, would have never been given to them," the police statement said.

The alleged abusers were charged with crimes connected to slavery and labour exploitation, while the victims would be offered work opportunities and legal residency papers, the police said.

Like other European nations, Italy has growing labour shortages often filled via immigration and has a migrant work visa system that has faced cases of fraud. — Reuters

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Deepender to lead 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign

CHANDIGARH, JULY 13 Congress MP Deepender Hooda will start the state-wide 'Haryana Mange Hisaab' campaign by the party against the BJP on July 15 at the old grain market in Karnal.

Deepender will visit 14 Assembly constituencies of nine different districts in the first week. In the beginning, the focus will be on the GT Road belt. He said he would take this campaign to all the 90 Assembly constituencies of the state and through it, take the misuse of BJP and the failures of 10

years to every household. He would also demand answers to 15 questions.

"During this drive, not only will we expose the government, but also the resolution letter of what works will be done for public welfare after the Congress government comes to power will be delivered to the people," he said.

Deepender said this campaign would begin on July 15 afternoon from Karnal. He would hold the campaign in Ambala City before noon on July 16 and in Yamunanagar in the afternoon. — TNS

Senior officers didn't take action in old-age pension scam, says CBI

13,477 ineligible beneficiaries received ₹17.60 crore from 1994 to 2012

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

The CBI report into Haryana's old-age pension scam, covering the period from 1994 to 2012, has revealed the failure of officers heading the Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs and BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department, District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs), and scrutinising committees for enrolling beneficiaries. Before 2018, senior officers kept issuing letters and reminders, but didn't take action against officials responsible for enrolling ineligible beneficiaries and making recoveries.

A total of 13,477 ineligible beneficiaries received Rs 17.60 crore, as revealed in re-verification conducted in 2012. While 17,094 beneficiaries were found absent, 50,312 had expired. By November 15, 2023, Rs 5.86 crore had been recovered from 4,087 ineligible beneficiaries while 1,254 beneficiaries had died and 554 couldn't be traced, resulting in the non-recovery of Rs 1.71 crore and Rs 77.77 lakh, respectively, in their cases. As of now, Rs 6.89 crore from 4,919 beneficiaries is still pending.

The CBI report was handed over to the SEWA Department for further action in May. The Punjab and Haryana High Court had ordered the CBI to investigate the matter. It was found that directions were issued through various reminders to DCs and DSWOs during 2012-17 by the head office for recovery, but only Rs 53.65 lakh could be recovered. After a notification by the Haryana Government in 2018, it was decided that recovery would occur in monthly installments equivalent to 50 per cent of the monthly pension, resulting in recovery of Rs 2.5



'CAN'T OVERLOOK CRIMINAL LIABILITY'

- Then Principal Secretary, SEWA, Vijayendra Kumar stated before the HC on May 24, 2023 that action was taken against seven District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs)
- The CBI has pointed out that there were 35 other DSWOs responsible for pensions to ineligible beneficiaries... no action was taken until 2023 against the erring officials," said the CBI
- It stressed 474 scrutiny committees across 21 districts selected ineligible beneficiaries... a total of 1,422 members were responsible... criminal liability cannot be overlooked

crore from 1,963 beneficiaries. As stated by then Principal Secretary of SEWA Vijayendra Kumar before the HC on May 24, 2023, action was taken against seven DSWOs. However, the CBI has pointed out that there were 35 other DSWOs responsible for pensions to ineligible beneficiaries. Out of these 35 DSWOs, four have expired, and the rest retired more than four years ago.

"Thus, no action was taken by the SJE Department until 2023 against the officials responsible for sanctioning pensions to ineligible beneficiaries," said the CBI. There were 474 scrutiny committees across 21 districts, each comprising three mem-

bers that selected ineligible beneficiaries. "... there are a total of 1,422 members who were responsible for sanctioning pensions to the aforementioned 13,477 ineligible persons," said the CBI.

The CBI pointed out that no FIR was registered in the matter of sanctioning pensions to ineligible beneficiaries found during re-verification for the period from 1994-2012 and recommended the registration of cases against members of scrutiny committees and ineligible beneficiaries, as criminal liability cannot be overlooked. The CBI concluded that while the department issued directions for recovery from time to time, no action was

taken against the erring officers. Then Principal Secretary of SEWA in 2023 revealed that the file was not processed after 2018 until 2023. Six officials from the head office, including the Joint Director, Deputy Director, Superintendents, and three assistants were found guilty, but action was only taken against two assistants as the others had retired, and no action could be taken after four years since their retirement.

"The inquiry revealed that before 2018, the matter was brought to the attention of senior officers, including the then Principal Secretary and the DG of the SJE Department, several times. Despite a period of around seven years, the higher authorities failed to take strict action against the erring officers for not complying with the directives of the head office, and these senior officers continued issuing letters and reminders. This prolonged inaction underscores systematic deficiencies," said the CBI. The CBI is now investigating the issue of bogus claims of pension.

While the department issued directions for recovery from time to time, no action was

Hooda: Kaushal Rojgar Nigam has become hub of corruption

HISAR, JULY 13

Taking a swipe at the BJP government, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said that the Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam (HKRN) set up by the state government has become a 'bhushachar ka adda' (corruption hub) in Haryana. Addressing a workers meeting in 'anaj mandi' in Hisar today, the senior Congress leader said that jobs are on sale in HKRN.

"Under the HKRN, jobs are sold like goods in a retail shop. Youths are given jobs on contract for one year in this scheme. But the youths are made to pay two months' salary as bribe out of 12 months," he alleged.

The former CM alleged that it was a mockery of the future of the youth in Haryana. "There is neither merit nor reservation policy under the HKRN. The jobs are on contract as no employee who gets a job under the HKRN is a regular employee of the Haryana Government," he said adding that two lakh regular jobs are lying vacant in Haryana. "Ironically, the same system has been introduced in the Army by way of the Agniveer scheme. This is a cruel joke with the youth of the state and the country," Hooda alleged. — TNS

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Professional Qualification

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- Certificate of Best Poster Award (enclose if any).
- Certificate Best Video Presentation (enclose if any).
- Any other relevant certificates which may be desired by the selection committee.

Signature of Candidate _____

'Panna pramukh' to be vital to BJP's micro-poll mgmt strategy

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

Rattled by its below par performance in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections in which it could retain only five out of 10 seats, the BJP is again turning to the "panna pramukhs" to micro-manage its election campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections.

The organisational matters, including "disconnect" with the grassroot-level workers, were discussed at a series of meetings held at Chandigarh over the past few days. At the meeting, which was attended by, among others, election incharge Dharmendra Pradhan, election co-incharge Biplab Deb, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli, it was reportedly decided to strengthen the "panna pramukh" mechanism of the party.

The "panna pramukh" is a unique concept devised by the BJP under which a party leader is made in charge of "panna" (page) of the electoral roll. These incharges are used by the BJP to motivate the vot-



ROADMAP SOON

"The BJP is a worker-centric party and efforts are always on to mobilise the workers in the run-up to elections. The party will come up with a detailed roadmap to gear up the cadre, including the 'panna pramukhs' for the Assembly poll soon.

Vishal Seth, CO-ORDINATOR, BJP POLL MANAGEMENT CELL

ers to vote in favour of the party. It was felt that during the recent parliamentary elections, the party failed to mobilize the "panna pramukhs" leading to the BJP losing five seats to Congress as compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

A senior leader said a suggestion was mooted at one of the meetings to organise awareness-cum-training programmes for over 3.5 lakh "panna pramukhs" across the state. Each of the 90 assembly segments has over 4,000 "panna pramukhs".

Vishal Seth, convener of the state election management cell, said the BJP was a worker-centric party and efforts were on to mobilise the workers in the run-up to elections.

During the 2014 and 2019 Assembly and parliamentary elections, the BJP had successfully micro-managed the polls with the help of "panna pramukhs", the concept which was used successfully for the first time in the 2017 Gujarat Assembly elections. The "panna pramukhs" have been instrumental in establishing a "direct connect" with the voters at the pooling booth level.

However, in the 2024 parliamentary polls, the "panna pramukhs" failed to live up to the expectations of the party resulting in party losing the Ambala, Sirsa, Rohtak, Hisar and Sonapat Lok Sabha seats.

HC: Can file fresh cases under repealed laws

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

Ten days after the new laws came into force, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has clarified that fresh cases and applications can still be filed under the repealed laws.

The order issued by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, just two days after his elevation, facilitates the coexistence of the old and new legal systems during the transition period, ensuring continued access to justice without procedural hindrances.

"In light of the enactment of new laws, 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023', 'Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023' and 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023', which have come into force with effect from July 1, fresh cases/applications can be filed in this high court either under the provisions of newly enacted laws or repealed laws i.e. Indian Penal Code, 1860,

Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and Indian Evidence Act, 1872," says the order.

Dispelling apprehensions, the court has explicitly directed that no objections will be raised by the court Registry regarding the filing of cases under either set of laws.

The new laws have been purportedly designed to align more closely with contemporary societal values, but challenges in terms of interpretation and implementation are anticipated. The flexibility in filing cases under both the new and repealed laws is expected to avoid confusion and ensure continuity and stability in the judicial process. The intent is to ensure that ongoing and new cases are not adversely affected by the transition.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, defining offences and prescribing punishments, aims to address modern crimes and streamline criminal justice processes.

Hold meets in 6K SC localities: BJP to cadres

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ROHTAK, JULY 13

In a bid to woo the Scheduled Caste (SC) voters ahead of the upcoming elections to the state Assembly, the Haryana BJP leadership has exhorted its workers to pull up their socks and fan out in the state.

The office-bearers of the BJP's Anusoochit Jaati (SC) Morcha were told to form

tois (small groups) of workers and send them to hold meetings with the SC members at a state executive meeting of the morcha held in Rohtak on Saturday.

Asper sources, the ruling party has identified as many as 6,062 SC bastis (localities) across the state and asked the members of its SC Morcha to reach out to every single household in all these localities.

"Voters from the Scheduled Castes voted for the Congress due to its misinformation campaign indicating that the BJP would change the country's Constitution and end the provision of reservation. We will convince and win over the SC voters by telling them about the steps taken by the BJP government for them," maintained BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Krishan Lal Panwar. District-level

meetings will be held within a week. The district presidents and incharges of the morcha were asked to cover all 312 mandals in the state and go up to the booth level.

"We were told to convince the SC voters in our areas that the BJP government has worked for their welfare," said a district president of the BJP's SC morcha who attended today's meeting.



SHEKHAWAT SKYDIVES IN NARNAUL

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat performs skydiving on World Skydiving Day in Narnaul on Saturday. Talking to the media on the occasion, the minister said this sport activity would boost the tourism industry in India. P=1

Conjoined twins with common heart born in Ambala

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AMBALA, JULY 13

A woman in Ambala Cantonment has given birth to rare conjoined twin daughters who share the same heart, but have separate heads, arms and legs.

The conjoined twins were born to labourer, resident of the Ghasitpur area who hails from Samastipur in Bihar. The woman already has two children (a boy and a girl).

The girls were born at the Civil Hospital in Ambala Can-



The conjoined twin girls

tonment on Thursday night. They were referred to PGI, Chandigarh, but were sent

back to Ambala after a check-up. The family is now worried about the future of the girls.

The father of the twins Chunchun Sada, who works as a labourer, said "I don't know how my twin daughters will survive. I have been told by the doctors that my daughters can't be separated because they have the same heart. There is no procedure to separate them. The mother and the children both are doing fine. I don't know how we will take care of them, but

we will do our best to raise them. Medical Officer Dr Suresh Kumar at Civil Hospital, said: "This was the first-ever case that I have seen in my practice. The twins have the same heart and that is the major issue. The children looked a little weak, but they were doing fine."

Meanwhile, Principal Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt, Dr Lokveer Singh said: "It is a rare case. Since they have one heart, it is not possible to separate them."



CM Nayab Saini presides over a meeting of the state Cabinet.

Hike Agniveer quota to 10%, suggests Cabinet

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13 The Haryana Cabinet, which deliberated on the reservation of government jobs for those completing the four-year stint as Agniveers at yesterday's meeting, proposed an enhancement over the proposed quota.

The sources said that the government, in its proposal, had suggested five per cent reservation in jobs across Group A, B, C and D.

However, the ministers — at yesterday's meeting — suggested that this be enhanced to 10 per cent in keeping with the reservation policy of the Centre for Agniveers on the completion of their tenure.

According to the information available, this will be reframed by the department concerned and a fresh proposal will be drafted with the suggestions of the ministers.

The sources also maintained that one of the ministers, during the meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, said that there should have been prior information of the reservation quota proposal instead of it being tabled at the last minute.

Following this objection, on the instance of the Chief Minister, it was simply opened to deliberations in which the

ministers gave their suggestions.

"The underlying idea is that no Agniveer should be unemployed after his four-year stint under the scheme. We are committed to absorbing everyone by bringing this job reservation," a minister said.

Downplaying the minister's objection to the tabling of the proposal, another minister said, "It was not said as a complaint. However, the minister had said it as a suggestion to allow better preparation on the proposal since it affects a significant number of families."

The proposal for granting horizontal reservation to the Agniveers across government jobs within the existing quotas but under a new head had been readied for yesterday's Cabinet meeting. However, it ended up as a discussion with the Cabinet unanimous that the Agniveers be accommodated by increasing their job quota.

"The new proposal will incorporate the various suggestions and is likely come as an agenda item at the next meeting provided it has been modified," a minister said.

In June 2022, the then Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had said that the Agniveers would be granted government jobs after their term ends.

Wanted in three states, gangster Khairampurua nabbed by STF

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, JULY 13 The Special Task Force (STF) of the Haryana Police arrested notorious gangster Rakesh alias Kala Khairampurua, who was wanted by the police of three states—Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. The STF team brought the gangster from Thailand to India and he was arrested at the Delhi airport last night.

At a press conference in Gurugram, STF chief, DIG Simardeep Singh, said that the gangster was running the 'Bhau' gang from Thailand and was the mastermind behind the recent firing outside the Mahindra car dealer showroom in Hisar. Kala was involved in 15 cases of murder and attempted murder, besides other cases. After the press briefing, the STF took him to Hisar.

According to the STF, Kala had been evading law-enforcement agencies since he jumped parole in 2020. Throughout this period, he continued to orchestrate criminal activities, initially from within India and later from countries like UAE, Armenia and Thailand. Kala's criminal record dates back to 2014 and



Gangster Kala Khairampurua in the custody of Special Task Force in Gurugram.

KHAIRAMPURUA'S CRIMINAL RECORD

- Kala Khairampurua had been evading law enforcement agencies since he jumped parole in 2020
- He committed another murder in Fatehabad district in 2021
- He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in 2018 for a murder that he committed in 2015
- Kala was involved in 15 cases of murder and attempted murder, declared a PO in 2023
- After fraudulently acquiring a passport, Kala fled the country in early 2023

he was charged with offences including dacoity, robbery, murder and illegal possession of firearms. Finally, he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in 2018 for a murder that he committed in 2015 in Hanumangarh district. After serving the sentence until 2020, he was released on parole and he never reported back. During this period, he evaded arrest and further expanded his criminal operations in Haryana and neigh-

bouring states. He committed another murder in Darauli village in Fatehabad district in 2021. Kala could not be arrested and was declared a proclaimed offender (PO) in 2023. DIG Simardeep Singh said that after fraudulently acquiring a passport, Rakesh fled the country in early 2023 and operated his criminal gang from abroad. The incidents include the murder of a sarpanch in Sonepat in December 2023,

the firing incident on a famous sweetshop in Gohana in January, a murder at a Murthal eatery and the shootout at a Burger King outlet in Delhi's Rajouri Garden last month. On June 24, three masked assailants opened fire outside a car dealership in Hisar. "The probe linked him directly to the planning and execution in this case, underscoring his continued operational influence despite residing abroad," said DIG Singh.

SONEPAT ENCOUNTER

Sharpshooters were aides of gangster Himanshu

MUKESH TANDON
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SONEPAT, JULY 13 The three notorious gangsters, who were killed in a joint operation of the Haryana STF and the Delhi Police at Kharkhoda, were wanted in Delhi and Haryana in several criminal cases.

The three gangsters — Vikas, alias Vicky, of Ridhana village of Sonepat, Ashish, alias Lahu, of Kharia village and Sunny of Kharar village in Hisar — were the sharpshooters of gangster Himanshu Bhatt, who is running his gang from abroad.

As many as 20 criminal cases were registered against Ashish and the Haryana Police had announced Rs 1.5 lakh reward on him. Sunny faced six criminal cases and had Rs 1 lakh reward on him. Vikas had three criminal cases registered against him and Rs 1 lakh reward on his arrest.

The police seized five automatic pistols of 32 bore, 24 live cartridges and a KIA car from the encounter spot.

The police said a team of Delhi Police, led by DCP, Crime, Amit Goyal and ACP, Crime, Umesh Badathwal were chasing the three sharpshooters, who entered Sonepat. A team of Haryana STF, led by Inspec-

INVOLVED IN MURDERS, FIRINGS

■ The three gangsters were allegedly involved in the killing of liquor trader Sunder Malik in Murthal on March 10

■ They were also involved in two murder cases in Sonepat and Hisar. Two of them were accused of murder at an eatery in Rajouri Garden in Delhi on June 20

■ They were also allegedly involved in the firing incident at a shop in Gohana on January 21 and for demanding a ransom of ₹2 crore

■ They also allegedly fired outside a showroom in Hisar and demanded a ransom of ₹5 crore from its owner and INLD leader Ram Bhagat Gupta on June 24

tor Yogender, was already present on Chhinauli road. The joint team tried to nab them, but the trio started firing on the police team and ran in the fields.

In retaliation, the team also opened fire on them and they sustained injuries. The team rushed them to the hospital where the doctors declared them dead. The bodies were handed over to their relatives after a postmortem at BPS Medical College in Khanpur Kalan, said a police official.

No place for criminals in state, says CM Saini

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KARNAL, JULY 13 Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini reiterated his government's strict stance against criminals and wrongdoings in the state, saying there is no place for criminals in Haryana.

He stated this while inter-

acting with mediapersons on the sidelines of the 75th Van Mahotsav in the city on Saturday. He said that anyone involved in criminal activities would not be spared.

On being asked about the recent STF's step of encountering shooters of Bhanu gang, Saini emphasised that there's no place for criminals

in Haryana. They would be dealt with strictly.

On the Congress' 'padayatra' — Haryana Mange Hisab — from Karnal on July 15, Saini targeted former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his son Deepender Hooda and said that instead of doing this, they should at least provide an

account of their own tenure. "I will present a booklet to Bhupinder Hooda detailing what was achieved during his 10-year tenure which reflects discrimination with different areas," he said. Saini said the Congress yatra would only feature the father and son duo, with no one else being visible.

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Licences of two fertiliser companies cancelled

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13 The Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department has cancelled the licences of two fertiliser companies for supplying substandard Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) to the cooperative societies. The firms of which licences have been cancelled are M/s Madhya Bharat Agro Products Limited and M/s Krishna Phoschem Private Ltd. Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said as many as 40 samples were collected from the DAP stocks supplied to MARKFED by the companies. Of these samples, 24 were found to be of substandard quality as per Fertiliser Control Order 1985. The results of two samples are still awaited. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has also been informed about

Of total 40 DAP samples collected, 24 fail quality test

this for necessary action, he added. Khudian said the Agriculture Department has launched a quality control drive across the state and set a target of testing 4,700 fertiliser samples during FY 2024-25. Jaswant Singh, Director, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, said as many as 1,004 samples of fertilisers have been collected under the quality control campaign and sent to different labs for testing so far. The Agriculture Minister asked the Director Agriculture to review the supply of agricultural inputs to ensure the quality products to the farmers.

Akal Takht confers 'yodha' title on hijacker who died in Pak

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AMRITSAR, JULY 13 Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Ragbir Singh has announced to confer title of "Jilawatan Sikh Yodha" (Sikh warrior-in-exile) on Dal Khalsa founder Gajinder Singh during a religious ceremony held at Akal Takht here on Saturday. He died of a heart attack at a hospital in Pakistan recently.

Gajinder Singh was one of the five men accused of hijacking an Indian Airlines plane to Lahore in 1981. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) with the support of Dal Khalsa organised an Akhand Path at Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Gurbaksh Singh in which the Akal Takht Jathedar, SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhumi, Takht Damdama Sahib Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh and Dal Khalsa office-bearers participated. Gajinder Singh's brother, Darshan Singh, and other family members were felicitated with *siropa*. Dal Khalsa leader Kanwarpal Singh said Gajinder Singh spent 53 years of his life in struggle and suffered many tortures. He belongs to the entire Khalsa panth, he added.

In battle of prestige, Mann reigns supreme

After poor show in Lok Sabha poll, victory in Jalandhar West a boost for AAP cadre

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

CHANDIGARH, JULY 13 The emphatic win of the Aam Aadmi Party in the Jalandhar West bypoll is as much a personal victory for Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann as for the ruling party.

The victory at the hustings comes close on the heels of a rather dismal (electoral) performance of AAP in the Lok Sabha elections, where the party won just three of the 13 seats in the state. The CM had almost single-handedly led the General Election campaign, and the poor show had seen the knives coming out against Mann.

Not to be bogged down, Mann and his close group of aides and immediate family decided to approach the people of Jalandhar directly to seek their mandate. "The Opposition targeted me for campaigning in the bylanes of Jalandhar. But I have come from similar bylanes of Sangrur. People of Jalandhar could relate to me as being one of them and they have given

CELEBRATIONS AT AAP OFFICE

Celebrations broke out in the party office of AAP in UT after the resounding victory in the Jalandhar West. Ministers Harpal Cheema, Laljit Singh Bhullar and Harbhajan ETO, besides many other party leaders, exchanged sweets and congratulated party workers for the victory.

CABINET RESHUFFLE SOON?

Elections over, the talk of Cabinet reshuffle has once again started doing the rounds. As many as three Cabinet berths are lying vacant, including the one left by Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer, after he was elected as the Sangrur MP.

THUMBS UP TO MY GOVERNMENT

"The Opposition targeted me for campaigning in the bylanes of Jalandhar. But I have come from similar bylanes of Sangrur. People of Jalandhar could relate to me as being one of them and they have given thumbs up to my government's development agenda and corruption-free governance."



Bhagwant Mann, CHIEF MINISTER

Much to the chagrin of the party poll strategists for the bypoll, CM Mann had decided to lead the poll campaign from the front. Historically, in Punjab, bypolls have not been led by chief ministers as these are considered a referendum on the performance of the government. A loss at the hustings is considered the electoral and moral loss of the CM. Thus, strategically, barring a few rallies, chief ministers in the past have preferred to let other leaders of their parties lead the campaigning.

But Mann, who is also the president of the state unit of AAP, said he would go against the grain. Not only did he lead the campaign, but also made Jalandhar his "second home" — by taking a house on lease and promising to run the government for two days a week from the city. He also made his wife, Dr Gurpreet Kaur, campaign extensively across the Jalandhar West constituency. Finally, his gamble has paid off.

thumbs up to my government's development agenda and corruption-free governance," Mann told *The Tribune*. Today's win, with a margin of over 37,000 votes, also comes ahead of four crucial byelections to Dera Baba Nanak, Chhabawal, Bamala and Gidderbaha Assembly segments, and the rural and

urban civic elections. With the win, the party has not only settled a score with AAP MLA Sheetal Angural, who had jumped ship to the BJP, necessitating the bypoll, but also given a much-needed boost to the cadre before the upcoming elections, which are expected to be held before the end of this year.

By winning Jalandhar West, once again, the total number of ruling party MLAs in the Vidhan Sabha remains 92. With some MLAs in the party showing signs of rebellion, especially after the LS poll results, the win today is expected to calm them down as Mann has delivered the much-needed victory.

BJP's pick, infighting among Cong leaders worked to AAP's advantage

Oppn parties allege misuse of official machinery, pressure tactics

RAJMEET SINGH

CHANDIGARH, JULY 13 The BJP's choice of a "controversial" candidate and differences among Congress leaders worked to the advantage of the AAP which won the Jalandhar West Assembly bypoll by a margin of 37,325 votes.

More than the BJP, it has come as a rude shock for the Congress as it has been pushed to the third place. After the exit of Sushil Rinku to the AAP, and later the BJP, there was no established leadership in the urban constituency. This also worked to the disadvantage of the Congress, which has a stronger vote bank in rural areas.

Reacting to the AAP's win, the opposition parties have alleged misuse of official machinery, pressure tactics, and the use of other unfair means. Sources in the BJP said party leaders in Jalandhar were not happy with the choice of Sheetal Angural, who had



courted controversy. His resignation as an MLA and shifting loyalty not only did him in, but also proved to be counterproductive for the party.

"People rejected turncoat Sheetal Angural, but accepted Mohinder Bhagat, who shifted from the BJP to the AAP. It is more to do with the manner in which the campaign was handled," claimed a senior AAP leader.

BJP state chief Sunil Jakhar said the fact that the entire AAP government machinery had to sit in Jalandhar for one bypoll reflects on governance in the past over two years. Asked about the choice of candidate, he said that was a non-issue.

Political analysts point out that the BJP won 42,837 votes in the Assembly segment in the last parliamentary elec-

tions, but now, the votes have been reduced to 17,921.

It was a bigger embarrassment for the Congress, which got 16,757 as against 44,394 votes in the parliamentary poll. The power play among the top state Congress leaders was visible during the campaign. "The onus on winning the Jalandhar seat was on MP Charanjit Channi, and it would have consolidated his position in the party. The poll outcome is a warning to leaders to get their act together for the upcoming four Assembly byelections," said a senior party leader from Jalandhar.

The Congress, which had been riding high after giving ticket to a grassroots party worker, and attacking party hoppers, failed to make any impact. In his defence, PPCC chief Amarinder Raja Warring claimed that in the past 48 hours, there was a total misuse of official machinery. "We are preparing for the coming byelections," he stated.



BSF officials with seized pistols and ammunition in Fazilka.

BSF shoots down Pak drone in Fazilka sector

FAZILKA, JULY 13

The Border Security Force (BSF) shot down a Pakistani drone on the intervening night of July 12-13 and recovered three pistols and ammunition dropped by the drone in area of Mohar Sona BOP of the Fazilka sector on Saturday.

BSF jawans noticed a drone near the International Border and fired at it. The BSF jawans and Punjab

State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Fazilka, officials launched a search operation in the morning and recovered a packet containing one beretta pistol and two star mark pistols and seven magazines.

MS Randhawa, Officiating Commandant, 66 Battalion said the BSF is committed to check the smuggling of drugs and arms from the neighbouring country. — OC

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Chintpurni Medical College students and their parents stage a protest at Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Faridkot.

Chintpurni medical college students protest poor infra

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FARIDKOT, JULY 13 Over 100 students of Chintpurni Medical College (CMC), Pathankot, on Saturday staged a protest in front of the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), urging authorities to shift them to some other recognised medical colleges in the state.

The protesting students accompanied by their parents alleged that the CMC was ill-equipped to teach the students who secured admission in 2022 and 2021. Apart from the shortage of clinical material, there is a scarcity of teachers to teach important subjects, they claimed. The protesting students alleged that the college authorities have failed to resolve their issues despite these deficiencies being highlighted by them.

Deepak Bhatti, Registrar, BFUHS, said the university cannot shift the students to other colleges at this stage as a case in this regard is still pending in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Since its inception in 2011, Chintpurni Medical College has been courted controversies. In May, 2023, the BFUHS had temporarily withdrawn the affiliation of the college for the session 2023-2024 after it noticed deficiencies during a surprise inspection on February 17, 2023. The college was not allowed to admit students to the MBBS course last year as it had failed to comply with various provisions governing the affiliation. Earlier in December 2017, 249 MBBS students of 2014 and 2016 batch were shifted to eight medical colleges in the state as per the directions of Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Bhagat registers first electoral victory of his political career

APARNA BANERJI

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JALANDHAR, JULY 13 Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's calculated gamble in shifting base to Jalandhar ahead of the Jalandhar West bypoll has paid rich dividends for the AAP. The party's candidate, Mohinder Bhagat, registered a comfortable victory in the bypoll with a total reversal in AAP's vote share as compared to the just concluded general elections in Jalandhar. Compared to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, when the AAP received just 15,629 votes, the AAP has received 39,617 votes more this time.

AAP's Mohinder Bhagat has won the seat by a lead margin of 37,325 votes (postal ballots yet to be counted). Bhagat received 55,246 votes, while BJP candidate Sheetal Angural stands in the second position with 17,921 votes and Congress reduced to number three with 16,757 votes.

This is veteran leader and former BJP leader Mohinder Bhagat's first electoral win in his decades-long political career. It is also Mohinder Bhagat's first win from Jalandhar West, a constituency (formerly called Jalandhar South), which his father won three times. The projection of Bhagat's image as a 'Bhagat' (saintly man) and an honest person yielded much fruit for the AAP.

CM's Jalandhar gamble yields rich dividends



AAP's new Jalandhar West MLA Mohinder Bhagat along with supporters holds a roadshow on Saturday. SARAJIT SINGH

Buoyed by the Bhagat community's massive support and a contest centred around the individual character of candidates, Mohinder Bhagat registered a decisive victory, maintaining a constant lead and not trailing even once since round one.

The political dynamics in the seat totally reversed within a few days of the Jalandhar LS polls held in May this year. AAP had been at number three in LS polls, now winning it. The Congress, which had won the constituency in the LS polls, has now been reduced to number three. The BJP came in at a close second in the LS polls too, but its vote share in the bypoll has considerably reduced from 42,837 (Jalandhar LS poll) to 17,921 in the bypoll.

The entire state cadre of the AAP, from ministers to MPs and state functionaries, had descended on Jalandhar for the bypoll and the CM's events ran to packed gatherings. His family also plunged into the campaign, with his sister and wife holding campaign meetings and calling on workers' homes.

The victory was much needed for AAP after the recent drubbing in the LS polls. Meanwhile, individually too, Bhagat's faith in the AAP and a year-long wait (he had joined the AAP ahead of the 2023 Jalandhar bypoll) to contest a poll, have yielded results. His father, Chhuni Lal Bhagat, also backed his son, making a rare appearance in the heated campaign.

CM's wife upsets Hoshiyar in Dehra

BJP nominee led by 800 votes till 4th round, blames defeat on misuse of govt machinery by Cong

LALIT MOHAN
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DHARAMSALA, JULY 13
Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur, who was the Congress candidate from Dehra, won the Assembly byelection today. She secured 32,737 votes and defeated BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh by an impressive margin of 9,399 votes.

Hoshiyar Singh, who had been two-time Independent MLA, had secured 22,997 votes in the 2022 Assembly elections. However, his votes increased marginally to 23,338 votes this time. An inference is being drawn from the bypoll result that BJP workers in the Dehra constituency did not support Hoshiyar Singh. This became evident when some BJP supporters raised slogans "Anurag Thakur Zindabad and CM Sukhu Zindabad" while celebrating Kamlesh's victory.

Hoshiyar Singh was leading by a slender margin of about 800 votes till the fourth round of counting. However, after the fifth round, his lead reduced to just 37 votes while Kamlesh kept consolidating her lead and ultimately won the byelection.

Sources said that Hoshiyar Singh managed to get a lead from the Haripur Guler area of Dehra, which

FINAL RESULT	PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTES POLLED
	CONGRESS	KAMLESH THAKUR	32,737
	BJP	HOSHIYAR SINGH	23,338



Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu celebrates his wife Kamlesh Thakur's victory in the Dehra bypoll with party workers in Shimla on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: LALIT KUMAR

was his core voter base as the Independent candidate. However, in this byelection, his lead from Haripur Guler reduced to just about 800 votes as compared to the 2022 Assembly elections when he had secured a lead of over 4,000 votes from the area.

Kamlesh gained considerably in areas around Dehra town and Dhaliara. In each round of counting in these

areas, she gained considerably and won the byelection by a margin of 9,399 votes. The sources said that villages around Dhaliara were the strong base of the BJP but the party supporters in the area did not vote for Hoshiyar Singh.

Kamlesh's victory has raised the hopes of the residents of Dehra, which is one of the most backward areas of Kangra district. The

Chief Minister had campaigned extensively for his wife in the constituency for about a month. He had promised many development projects for the constituency, including the establishment of the offices of Superintendent of Police (SP) and Superintending Engineer, PWD.

Sukhu had also promised the voters that he would change rules to help the

DHALIARA VILLAGERS DIDN'T SUPPORT BJP

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Pong Dam oustees, who were rendered homeless after their land was acquired for the construction of the dam in 1960's.

Meanwhile, Hoshiyar Singh blamed his defeat on the misuse of the government machinery by the Congress. He alleged that the government threatened government employees, private traders and shopkeepers to win the byelection.

Cong's Bawa wins Nalagarh seat, rebel Saini plays spoilsport for BJP

AMBIKA SHARMA
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SOLAN, JULY 13

Congress candidate Hardeep Bawa defeated BJP's KL Thakur by 8,990 votes in the Nalagarh byelection here today. BJP rebel and Independent candidate Harpreet Saini bagged 13,025 votes and played spoilsport for the BJP. Kishori Lal Sharma of the Swabhimani Party got 492 votes while another Independent candidate Vijay Singh got 353 votes. As many as 446 people preferred the NOTA option.

The BJP had secured a lead of 15,164 votes from Nalagarh in the recent Lok Sabha elections but lost the byelection. Bawa's vote share rose tremendously in the past one and a half year from mere 20,163 votes in the 2022 Assembly elections to 34,608 votes this time. He led in all rounds, negating the 'outsider' tag labelled by the BJP against him.

KL Thakur secured 25,618 votes compared to 33,427 votes (44.51 per cent) he had polled in the 2022 Assembly elections. The election result also reversed the tradition that a candidate from the opposition party wins the seat.

Bawa attained an early lead of 646 votes in the first round, which increased to 1,571 and 2,197 votes after the second and third rounds,



Hardeep Bawa celebrates his victory with his supporters. PHOTO: ADITYACHADHA

BYELECTION RESULT

Party	Candidate	Votes polled
Cong	Hardeep Bawa	34,608
BJP	KL Thakur	25,618
Ind	Harpreet Saini	13,025

BJP MLA HN Saini, bagged 13,025 votes and played spoilsport for the BJP. He got support from a disgruntled section of the BJP, which was opposed to KL Thakur's candidature.

BJP leaders were hoping that Saini would eat into the vote share of Congress' Bawa as both hail from Pargana Plassi.

The Congress secured more than 30,000 votes for the first time in Nalagarh, as its candidate Hardeep Bawa polled 34,608 votes, 46.3 per cent of the total votes, in the byelection.

BJP nominee KL Thakur, who lost the byelection by 8,990 votes, had secured 35,341 votes in the 2012 elections and 33,427 votes in the 2022 elections as an Independent candidate.

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BJP's politics of using money power rejected: CM

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SHIMLA, JULY 13

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that the byelection results were a rejection of the BJP's politics of using money power

and horse-trading. "I want to thank the people of the state for rejecting the BJP's politics of using money and horse-trading and for ending the political uncertainty the state has been in since February 28," he said.

The Chief Minister said a strong message had been sent through the bypoll results to all political parties to refrain from trying to bring down the elected government by using money or muscle power. People had also taught a

lesson to the Independent MLAs, who had resigned from the Assembly and joined the BJP, he said. "The public has rejected party hoppers, too. They have given them a befitting reply," he added.



Ashish Sharma's supporters carry him on their shoulders during a roadshow in Hamirpur.

BJP's Ashish retains Hamirpur, beats Cong's Verma in close fight

DINESH KANWAR

HAMIRPUR, JULY 13

BJP candidate Ashish Sharma won the Hamirpur Assembly byelection by a margin of 1,571 votes here today. He defeated Congress candidate Pushpinder Verma in a close contest. He secured 27,041 votes while Verma polled 25,470 votes.

In the 2022 Assembly elections, Ashish had defeated Verma by a huge margin of 12,899 votes. He had secured 25,916 votes while Verma had polled 13,017 votes. Verma improved his performance by 12,453 votes this time while Ashish also got 1,125 votes more than the 2022 elections.

Manish Soni, Assistant Returning Officer, said that Independent candidate Nand Lal got only 74 votes while 198 voters chose the NOTA option. Later, BJP workers and leaders celebrated Ashish's victory by bursting firecrackers outside the counting centre and later organised a rally in the market.

Meanwhile, Congress candidate Pushpinder Verma said that he was thankful to

BYELECTION RESULT

Party	Candidate	Votes polled
BJP	Ashish Sharma	27,041
Cong	Pushpinder Verma	25,470

the people of the Hamirpur constituency for their huge support in the byelection. He also thanked Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and HPCC president Pratinbha Singh for fielding him as Congress candidate from the constituency.

Verma, who polled 25,470 votes, said that he was indebted to Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh, former minister Kaul Singh Thakur for supporting him in the byelection.

Meanwhile, Ashish Sharma said that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu tried all means to win the Hamirpur byelection but the people of the constituency did not trust his words and defeated his foul attempts.

Ashish, while interacting with mediapersons here,

said that he would remain indebted to the voters of the constituency for electing him as their MLA despite huge pressure from the government. He added that the Chief Minister tried to mislead people with his lies but was not successful.

Ashish thanked BJP national president JP Nadda, former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, BJP state president Rajeev Bindal and former Union Minister and local MP Anurag Thakur for their support in the byelection. He said that the BJP activists worked round the clock for his victory and he would not disappoint anyone of them. He added that victory was not possible without the contribution of women party workers, who went door to door to seek votes for him.

Earlier, Ashish paid obeisance at the Gasota Mahadev Temple. His wife Swati Sharma said that the BJP had contested the byelection on the issue of development while the Congress always ran away from the core issues of the constituency.

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'Will disempower people': Parties on Centre's move to give L-G more teeth

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 13

Political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday criticised the Union government for handing over more powers to the UT's Lieutenant Governor ahead of the upcoming Assembly election...



CM WILL HAVE TO BEG

This is why a firm commitment laying out the timeline for restoration of full, undiluted statehood for J&K is a prerequisite for these elections.

Omar Abdullah, VICE PRESIDENT, NC



BJP'S PLOY FOR POWER

The order seeks to disempower the powers of the next J&K government only because BJP doesn't want to cede control or lose its iron grip over Kashmiris.

Iltija Mufti, POP MEDIA ADVISER



MURDER OF DEMOCRACY

The murder of democracy in Jammu and Kashmir is evident before the restoration of proper democracy and statehood.

Vikar Rasool Wani, JKPC PRESIDENT

While the National Conference and the PDP said the decision would "disempower" the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the Congress termed it as the "murder of democracy" and the Apni Party urged all parties to shun differences and unitedly protest against the move.

to get his/her peon appointed. As per the amendments done by the Union Home Ministry, the proposals relating to the transfer of administrative secretaries and cadre posts of All India Service (AIS) officers will be submitted to the L-G by the administrative secretary, General Administration Department, through the Chief Secretary.

By this move, the Centre has further clarified that the L-G will continue to wield power and control the bureaucracy and will have effective authority on the administration. Noor Baba, a Srinagar-based political commentator said. He said this position can only change when Jammu and Kashmir is granted full-fledged statehood on

the lines of other states of Union of India. Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti's media advisor Iltija Mufti said the move would reduce an elected government in Jammu and Kashmir to a municipality. Iltija said the MHA order "widening the already unbridled powers of an unelected L-G makes a few things abundantly clear," including that "assembly elections will be conducted this year itself."

because BJP doesn't want to cede control or lose its iron grip over Kashmiris," she wrote on X. "Government of India is well aware if and when state elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir a non-BJP government will be elected."

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani termed the decision as a "murder of democracy". "The murder of democracy in Jammu and Kashmir is evident before the restoration of proper democracy and statehood. MHA gave more powers, including the police, law and order, and the transfer of officers, etc., to the L-G," Wani said on X.

He also said the elected chief minister and his council will be required to adhere to the directives of the L-G, while also remaining accountable to the people.

Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari appealed to Jammu and Kashmir's political parties to shun differences and unitedly raise voices against the Centre's move. "This new decision aims at making the state hollow in which no powers will be left for an elected government... The people of Jammu and Kashmir do not support this," Bukhari said at a press conference here.

Bukhari, a former minister, said if the Centre wants to create a "powerless assembly" in Jammu and Kashmir, it will not be acceptable.

Mufti, other leaders under 'house arrest'

MARTYRS' DAY OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JULY 13

Several political leaders, including a former chief minister, on Saturday claimed to have been put under house arrest to prevent them from visiting the 'martyrs' graveyard in Srinagar.

"The gates of my house have been locked up yet again to prevent me from visiting Mazar-e-Shuhada—an enduring symbol of Kashmir's resistance & resilience against authoritarianism, oppression & injustice," Peoples Democratic Party president and former chief minister, Mehbooba Mufti wrote on X on Saturday.

Stating that "the sacrifices of our martyrs is a testament that the spirit of Kashmiris cannot be crushed," Mufti said, "Today even observing it in remembrance of the protesters martyred on this day has been criminalised."

Before the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir administration used to observe July 13 as 'Martyrs' Day'. Apart from top officials visiting the 'martyrs' graveyard in old city, it used to be a state holiday.

But after the abrogation, the L-G-led administration scrapped the holiday and also prevented political leaders to pay visit to the graveyard. Martyrs' Day is commemorated in memory of 22 people, who were killed while fighting against the Dogra rulers on July 13, 1931.

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah termed the day as "another round of locked gates and police excesses to stop people from paying homage to those who sacrificed their lives to establish a just, fair and democratic regime in J&K."

He said everywhere else in the country these people would have been celebrated but in J&K the administration wants to ignore these sacrifices. Noting that this is the "last year they will be able to do this," Abdullah said, "Next year we will mark 13th July with the solemnity and respect this day deserves."

Several other leaders from National Conference also said that they have been put under house arrest. Srinagar MP and NC leader Ruhullah Mehdi said by not allowing anyone to visit the graveyard to pay tributes, "is not only disrespect to the idea of freedom and democracy; it also is a huge and ugly shift from the values over which this nation was founded."

Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone also said he has been put under house arrest. "For no reason informed of being under house arrest. I really fail to understand what the administration gets in stopping people from going to the martyrs' graveyard," he wrote on X.



Jitendra Singh, MoS

Blaming Pak for terror not enough, says minister

KATHUA/JAMMU, JULY 13

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said holding only Pakistan responsible for the recent spike in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir is not sufficient as he called for self-introspection to end illegal activities, which benefit terrorism in the Union Territory.

He said the government is implementing a new strategy, which includes deployment of Army in the higher reaches to ensure that peace is restored within one week in Kathua, where five army personnel were killed and an equal number injured in an ambush by the terrorists on July 8.

"The recent terror incidents (in Jammu region) carried out by infiltrators from Pakistan is condemnable. But repeatedly saying that Pakistan has done this is not sufficient. We have to ask ourselves and inner-souls what we have done to end social evils which are benefitting terrorism," the minister of state in the prime minister's office said. He was in Kathua, part of his Udhampur parliamentary constituency, for a 'Public Darbar' - his first after getting elected for the third term. — PTI

Kashmiri Pandits hold protest

JAMMU, JULY 13

A group of Kashmiri migrant pandits held a brief protest outside the Raj Bhavan here on Saturday against alleged persecution of the community on this day in 1931 in the Valley.

All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference (ASKPC), one of the organizations of the migrant pandits, said they observe the day as "black day". July 13 used to be a public holiday in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and a

grand official function was held every year on this day to pay homage to 22 Kashmiri people, who were killed by the army of a Dogra ruler in 1931.

However, the administration dropped the day from the list of gazetted holidays in 2020 after the abrogation of Article 370 and splitting of the state into two Union territories — Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh — by the Centre in 2019.

Holding placards and shouting slogans, a few dozen activists of the KPC

assembled outside the Raj Bhavan and staged a sit-in against the alleged atrocities on the community.

"The seeds of separatism and terrorism were sowed on this day in 1931 when our community was targeted by communal forces. The previous governments nurtured this seed by observing martyrs day each year," said a spokesperson of the KPC.

He said the community is waiting for justice and their proper return and rehabilitation. — PTI

Two drug peddlers held under PSA in Kishtwar

JAMMU, JULY 13

Two alleged drug peddlers were detained under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kishtwar district, police said on Saturday.

The accused were identified as Tousif Qayoom alias "Chadda" and Muzaffer Husain alias "Dagga" and lodged in the district jail Kathua, a police spokesman said.

He said both are 'notorious drug peddlers' and involved in numerous drug peddling

cases, making it necessary for the civil administration to order their detention under PSA to safeguard the youth.

Kishtwar SSP Abdul Qayoom said police have chalked out a comprehensive approach to fighting the menace of drugs in the district.

"This includes not only legal actions against peddlers but also community outreach and awareness programs to educate the public about the dangers of drugs," he said. — PTI

Keeping a vigilant eye



Security personnel stand guard during a search operation after locals report suspicious movement of three individuals in the Akhnoor area of Jammu on Saturday. ANI

10/13: INDIA bloc sweeps...

Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat to the Congress. West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress maintained regional dominance by winning all four bypolls it fought. On three seats in Bengal — Raiganj, Ranaghat Dakshin and Bagda — sitting BJP legislators who had crossed over to the TMC won.

In Tamil Nadu, the ruling DMK retained Vikravandi where its sitting MLA had passed away. In Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party won Jalandhar West after its MLA Sheetal Angural defected to the BJP and contested on the saffron party's symbol.

The BJP suffered big at the hands of defectors. Of the six tumcoats it fielded, four lost—two in Himachal Pradesh (Dehra and Nalagarh), one in Uttarakhand (Badrinath) and one in Punjab (Jalandhar West). In contrast, all sitting BJP MLAs who switched sides to the Trinamool Congress won.

Saturday's message for the BJP was clear and had resonance from the Lok Sabha election results—the defector gamble is not paying. In the 2024 LS poll, over 60 per cent of the nearly 106 defectors for the BJP fled had lost. In the Saturday byelections too, 66 per cent of the defectors who fought on the BJP ticket were defeated.

After losing Faizabad parliamentary segment that houses Ayodhya, the seat of Ram Temple, the BJP today

lost Badrinath Assembly bypoll to the Congress.

The saffron party's candidate in Badrinath was Rajendra Bhandari, the sitting Congress legislator who had jumped ship to the saffron side. Bhandari lost to debutant Lakshpat Singh Butola of the Congress. Badrinath, which is one of the four Char Dhams, is now the only Assembly seat the Congress holds among all others in the Garhwal Lok Sabha segment.

The Congress was quick to frame the bypoll results as a sign of "changing political climate in India". The party also hit back at the BJP just a day after the government declared Emergency anniversary June 25 as Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas.

"The results of the byelections in seven states have made it clear that the web of fear and confusion woven by the BJP has been broken. Every class, including farmers, youth, labourers, businessmen and employed people, wants to completely destroy dictatorship and establish the rule of justice. The public is now completely standing with INDIA bloc for the betterment of their lives and protection of the Constitution. Hail India, hail Constitution," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said.

Congress general secretary Jai Ram Ramesh said in Himachal, all the machinations of the BJP had failed

miserably. "The Congress has won two of the Assembly seats held by Independents who had been lured away as part of 'Operation Lotus'. This is reflective of the significant recovery of the Congress and public disgust with the BJP.. Both Assembly elections in Uttarakhand have also been won by the Congress. Manglaur was wrested from the BSP and in the face of the BJP's dirty tactics. In Badrinath, the sitting MLA was a Congressman who switched to the BJP during Lok Sabha poll. He has been rightly punished by the people. The results reflect the changing political climate in the country," Ramesh said.

The BJP, for its part, said it would review the results. It is reliably learnt that the RSS has long been concerned over the recent trends of serial inductions of leaders into the BJP, ideological commitments notwithstanding. On the eve of the 18th Lok Sabha elections, the BJP had inducted several people from other parties, saying it welcomed anyone who believed in the PM's vision of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas". The byelection results may trigger a rethink of this strategy.

Only yesterday, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari reminded his colleagues of veteran LK Advani's famous description of the BJP: "We are a party with a difference."

Jalandhar West goes with ruling AAP

were in the fray. The Shiromani Akali Dal, BSP and SAD (A) nominees and nine Independent candidates lost their security deposits.

The ruling AAP, which had secured a little over 15,000 votes from the Jalandhar West segment in the recently held Lok Sabha elections, bagging an additional 40,000 votes and decimating candi-

dates of all other parties.

AAP's victory was made possible by Mann leading the campaign and even renting a house in Jalandhar and moving there along with his family, his promise of giving a ministerial berth to Bhagat, his wife going door to door and the entire Cabinet camping in the segment.

While Bhagat, who had

2-1 boost for Himachal CM, wife takes Dehra by over 9,000 votes

Ramesh Dhawala who had contested the 2022 Assembly election on the BJP ticket openly aired his grouse against Hoshiyar Singh's candidature. In Nalagarh too, the presence of a rebel, Harpreet Singh Saini, ensured the party's defeat.

The result shows the public has rejected two of the three Independent legislators for forcing a bypoll by going against the public mandate. Thakur, a former BJP MLA, had won as a party rebel from Nalagarh by 13,264 votes and Hoshiyar Singh had won the Dehra seat by 3,877 votes for the second consecutive time as an Independent candidate.

The Congress' strength has now gone up to 40, while the BJP's tally is 28 in the 68-



Congress workers celebrate in Shimla. LAUT KUMAR

member House. The number of women in the Assembly, which was one in 2022, has gone up to three with the victory of Anuradha Rana from Lahaul and Spiti earlier and now Kamlesh Thakur. It is also for the first time in the electoral history of the state, a husband and wife would be members of the Assembly at the same time.

Cong's Venugopal gets spyware alert, blames...

also made a similar allegation. Venugopal wrote, "The Modi government is acting in a criminal and unconstitutional manner, going after political opponents and invading their privacy... We will oppose this blatantly unconstitutional act and breach of our privacy tooth and nail."

Apple had sent a similar alert to Venugopal last year also. A screenshot of the alert the Congress leader shared on the social media platform read, "This is not a repeat notice—this is to inform you that we detected another attack against your device."

"This attack is likely targeting you specifically because of who you are or what you do. Although it's never possible to achieve absolute certainty when detecting such attacks,

party-hoppers and patting itself for giving the ticket to a grassroots worker, performed poorly. The voters of the same segment only recently gave over 44,000 votes to Charanjit Singh Channi in the Lok Sabha poll. The campaign by PCC chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, his wife Amrita Warring and LoP Paratap Bajwa failed to impress the electorate.

Ashwini Vaishnav, who held the Electronics and Information Technology portfolio back then too, had said they would investigate the claims and asked Apple to provide information about the "state-sponsored attackers". It is not yet clear what happened to the investigation promised by Vaishnav.

CIC can frame rules, form benches: SC

12(4) of the RTI Act inherently include the ability to manage the commission's affairs effectively. These regulations are essential tools for ensuring efficient administration and operation of the commission, addressing various procedural and managerial aspects necessary for fulfilling its mandate," the top court said, setting aside a Delhi High Court verdict.

Maintaining that the RTI Act aimed to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, ensuring citizens' right to information, it said, "To achieve these objectives effectively, it is essential that the CIC operates efficiently and without undue procedural constraints."

In its 2010 verdict, the high court had quashed the CIC (Management) Regulations, 2007, framed by the Chief Information Commissioner and held that the CIC had no powers to constitute benches. Setting aside the HC order, the SC said ensuring the independence of these bodies was essential for maintaining the integrity of the system and interference in their functioning could be detrimental.

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After Tamil Nadu, other Oppn-ruled states mull changes in criminal laws

ANIMESH SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 13
With the Tamil Nadu Government setting up a single judge committee to review and suggest changes to the three new criminal laws that were rolled out on July 1 across the country, several other opposition INDIA bloc-ruled states have been preparing to follow suit.

Legal experts are of the view that since the three laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), which replaced the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Evidence Act, respectively — fall in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, these can be amended by states.

Prof MP Singh, former dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, told *The Tribune*

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can be effected by states as procedural safeguards," Prof Singh said.

On July 8, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin had set up a one-man committee under retired Madras High Court Judge M Satyanarayanan, which has been mandated to study the three new criminal laws and suggest changes at the state level. One of the main objections of the Tamil Nadu Government has been the

nomenclature of the laws, which are in Hindi.

The committee has been directed to study whether changes can be made in the nomenclature of titles. The panel will submit its report within a month to the state government. Similarly, other states like West Bengal, Kerala and Karnataka are also learnt to be considering possibilities of making amendments in the laws.

Last month, the Congress along with the Trinamool Congress and the DMK had demanded that the laws be kept in abeyance and not be rolled out on July 1, as these were "bulldozed through Parliament without proper debate as 146 MPs were suspended from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha then". The Congress had further said that the laws were "bulldozed through" the Standing Committee on Home Affairs as well without detailed inter-

actions with stakeholders across the country.

On July 1, Karnataka minister HK Patil said in Bengaluru that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had written to the Centre last year, suggesting changes in the laws, but several of these were not considered. Siddaramaiah had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah in October last year with 23 suggestions for changes in the BNS and the BSA Bills. The recommendations were based on an expert committee formed in the state to look into the new laws, Patil had said. "If the Centre does not heed the state's request to defer the implementation of these laws that have been promulgated ignoring public opinion and the suggestion of legal luminaries, Karnataka will make use of the constitutional provisions to enact amendments," Patil had said.

SC restores citizenship of Muslim man from Assam after 12 years

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13

Noting that the state can't randomly suspect people's citizenship, the Supreme Court has restored after 12 years the citizenship of a Muslim man from Assam who was declared a Bangladeshi national.

Allowing Md Rahim Ali, alias Abdur Rahim's appeal, a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah declared him to be an Indian citizen, setting aside the Gauhati High Court's November 23, 2015, verdict that had upheld a 2012 order of Foreigners Tribunal, Nalbari, declaring him to be a foreigner.

The high court had affirmed the tribunal's finding that he failed to discharge his burden under Section 9 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, to prove that he was not a foreigner.

However, the top court reversed the concurrent finding of the tribunal and the high court, saying grave miscarriage of justice had occurred in the case.

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illegally to the state of Assam from Bangladesh after March 25, 1971, but nothing has come on record to indicate even an iota of evidence against him, except for the bald allegation that he had illegally migrated to India post March 25, 1971. It is also not known as to who, if any person, had alleged that the appellant had migrated to India from Dori Jahangirpur village, Torail police station, Mymensingh in Bangladesh," the Bench said in its July 11 verdict.

Noting that it was for the police to provide details as to how they received the information that Ali had come to Assam from Bangladesh, the

top court said the record did not show such material was given either to the appellant or the tribunal by the authorities.

Writing the judgment for the Bench, Justice Amanullah said, "In view of detailed analysis, the discrepancy(ies) in the material produced by the appellant can be termed minor. The same were not sufficient to lead the Tribunal to doubt and disbelieve the appellant and the version put forth by him."

The top court directed that a copy of the judgment be circulated to the tribunals constituted under the 1964 order by the Registrar General of the Gauhati High Court.



Flooded Tutla Bhawani waterfall after heavy rainfall in Rohtas of Bihar on Saturday. PTI

Over 750 UP villages hit, rivers in spate

LUCKNOW, JULY 13
More than 750 villages in Uttar Pradesh were affected by flood as rivers continued to be in spate while eight persons died in rain-related incidents in a 24-hour period till Saturday evening, officials in the state's Relief Department said.

The state recorded an average of 7.4 mm rainfall in the period, they said.

Seven persons drowned,

while one person died after being hit by lightning in the 24-hour period till Saturday evening, the officials said.

The department said rain had led to a rise in the water levels of several rivers, resulting in flooding of 776 villages in 17 districts.

The flooding has led to displacement of over 3.90 lakh people. The state government has set up 996 flood shelters to assist those

affected by floods. Further, 1,15,09 domestic cattle have also been affected by the rise in water levels.

"Teams of the NDRF and the SDRF are coordinating with the local administration to mitigate flood-related issues in the affected areas. We have set up flood relief camps for the affected people," said State Relief Commissioner Naveen Kumar. — PTI

Puri temple's 'Ratna Bhandar' to reopen today after 46 yrs

BHUBANESWAR, JULY 13

The Odisha government is set to unlock the 'Ratna Bhandar', the revered treasury of Lord Jagannath temple in Puri, on Sunday after 46 years for an inventory of the ornaments and other valuables, officials said.

The treasury was last opened in 1978. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which looks after the maintenance of the 12th century shrine, will use the opportunity to carry out repairs, they added.

"We are fully prepared for the reopening of the Ratna Bhandar on Sunday. We will strictly adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOP) issued by the government in accordance with the Shree Jagannath Temple Act," Puri District Collector Siddharth Shankar Swain said.

"The 16-member high-level committee constituted by the state government recommended reopening the

Ratna Bhandar on July 14. Following traditional attire, we will first offer prayers to Lord Lokanath inside the temple," said Soumendhra Muduli, a member of the special committee chaired by retired Justice Biswanath Rath of Orissa High Court.

Addressing rumours of a guardian snake inside the treasury, Haladhar Dasmohapatra, chief servitor of Lord Balabhadra, clarified that there is no such impediment and urged people to approach with pure intentions. — PTI

Priyanka slams BJP over 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas'

NEW DELHI, JULY 13

In a scathing attack on the BJP, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday said it comes as no surprise that those who opposed the Constitution and called for its abolition would indulge in "negative politics" of marking 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas'. — PTI

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Ramgarhia Sikh girl, 1994 born, 5'-4", BDS, MDS Dr. Prefer well qualified good family boy marriage bureau excuse. 81949-30792. (CL24034659)

Match for Dhiman girl, Ambala 1995 born, 5'-2", MBA, working in MNC. 99963-24031. (CL24034524)

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MAHAJAN

Himachali Gupta girl 35 yr., 5'-4", M.Tech., regular Lecturer in Himachal Govt. College Class-I only Himachali Govt Officer required. Uppercaste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. 83510-26072. (CL24032585)

AGGARWAL

PQM for Advertising Professional, Post Graduate Garg 15.06.1993, 5' ft. beautiful, smart, cultured, family oriented girl. 98145-00435. (CL24034584)

High status Garg girl 7.9.98, 1:45 pm (Sinhind) qualification BA LLB height 5'-2", Sanjeev Goyal 82641-74509. (CL24032834)

Match for fair, slim, 5'-2", Mittal girl, 12 February 1994, 19.30, Sardulgarh (Mansa), B.Sc., (Non Medical), Preparing for Competitive Exams. Father retired Officer. Working match in Tricity preferred. 98772-81437. (CL24032923)

Bombay settled Manglik Aggarwal girl 1995, MBA, 5'-2", package 15 Lakh. Required Bombay settled boy. 86993-72414. (CL24033394)

Match for beautiful Singh MDS Doctor, 1995, Convent educated, 5'-5", Chandigarh girl. 99156-06038. (CL24033897)

Suitable match for Aggarwal Manglik girl 5'-1", MCA, 15.12.88. 2:20 am Kasauli (HP) working in Chandigarh, 18 Lakh. WhatsApp. 70094-48957. (CL24033972)

Suitable match for Canada work permit Garg girl M.Sc. 5'-2", 1996, Bureau excuse. 78144-02223. (CL24034112)

PQM B.Tech. (CSE), MBA, Goyal 5'-3", 27, MNC, Bangalore Reputed family, 94168-35364, 81465-63404. (CL24034220)

Compatible high status match for tall smart 1990 PCS executive SDM Aggarwal girl posted in Punjab. 94634-87508. (CL24034353)

Professionally qualified match for beautiful Singla girl, 17.6.1989, 10:00 a.m. Ferozpur, 5'-2", B.Tech., Bangalore, 44 L, Bangalore Location must Contact: 99904-14148. (CL24034376)

SM4 Jain girl M.Sc Maths, MBA, DoB 01.10.1992, 10:08 am, Delhi, 5'-2", wrk in MNC Gurgaon, 16 LPA. Pref. well settled educated boy. Call: 96508-67228. (CL24034395)

Suitable match from reputed family for fair, beautiful, slim Aggarwal girl 5'-3", 29, B.A., with (Math), M.A., B.Ed., PTET cleared. 98141-79024. (CL24034497)

Garg girl 4 Apr. 1991, 6:46 pm, Bathinda, 5'-4", B.Tech., homely upper middle class family. 98157-55129. (CL24034620)

SM for MDS Paedo girl 5'-2", 19 March 95, 8:57 pm, Ambala, Working MNC also running own clinic. Cont: 82952-99933. (CL24032827)

Compatible match for very fair slim, 5'-4", 1986 looks much younger, innocent divorcee, Govt. Bank Manager. Honest and trustworthy. Nearby Tricity only. Contact: 81460-79072. (CL24034723)

PQM for 93 born, CA girl, fromaryana, working in Noida. WhatsApp 90347-93627. (CL24032406)

Match for fair Garg girl 5', 14 Feb. 1996, 9:16 AM, Panchkula, working Gurgaon, B.Tech, package 25 lacs. Decent marriage, teetotaler family. Contact: 8219826099. (CL24032859)

Match for slim, fair, beautiful Bindal girl, 18 Sep. 1993, 11:43 pm, Patiala, non-manglik, 5'-6", M.Com, MBA, CA inter. Kundli must. Mob: 85668-50742, 76962-68508. (CL24032930)

Match for beautiful fair Bansal girl 5'-3", Dec. 1982, MA, B.Ed., MBA, good status. 70091-56512. (CL24032954)

Bansal girl, 10.09.94, 10:10 pm, MA, B.Ed., Ambala. Cont 98123-40865. (CL24033034)

Required Govt/ MNC job boy from Tricity for 1997 born, 5', Garg girl from Ambala pursuing Ph.D. Physics. Contact: 95186-04125. (CL24033035)

Medico/ SDO/ CA/ Officer match for MBBS, MD Microbiology slim, fair, Singla girl, 88 born, 5'-2", Senior Resident, Sister MD Doctor married and settled abroad. Preference well settled educated boy. 98771-37846, 98728-00007. (CL24033133)

Match for Himachali Chaudhary/ Bahli girl, 23.02.1992, 5'-4", B.Tech working as Senior Software Engineer with MNC in Chandigarh. Radhasoami Family. WhatsApp 94185-11511. (CL24034034)

Aggarwal girl 30, 5'-4", extremely beautiful, fair, slim B.Tech, MBA, Premier Institute MNC NCR 26 Lakh. Parents ret'd. Class I Officer. 98120-84438. (CL24033240)

Short time divorcee Bansal girl, Dec. 1990 born, 5'-6", MCA, Regular Govt. job. 96539-47705. (CL24033374)

Match for Ph. Govt. Class-I officer, Singla girl, 1995, 5'-1", Preferred PR. Govt. Gazetted Officer. 94176-17024. (CL24033650)

Garg girl 15.8.95, 7:23 am, 5'-4", Govt. Bank Scale I Officer. 94161-46849. (CL24033705)

SM4 educated Physiotherapist May '97, Kunkshetra Garg girl, 5'-0", 94662-00500, 98021-49861. (CL24034357)

Match for Garg girl 26/ 5'-5", B.Sc. Hotel Management, Toronto settled, Bathinda family. No caste bar. 94172-22110. (CL24034374)

Match for Singla slim girl 24, 5'-2", Govt. Bank Punjab, 60,000/- p.m. Employed preferred. 94174-48083. (CL24034397)

Well educated, cultured girl 1996/ 5'-3", Canadian PR seeks alliance of handsome, educated boy. 98723-76400. (CL24034581)

Beautiful slim fair, 5'-3", BDS Goyal girl, birth 15.10.93, Malout. 88472-65809. (CL24034583)

NRI

Professionally qualified match for Aggarwal beautiful Australian citizen girl, 5'-2", 1999 India born, Masters in Health Information Management...

Suitable Match for Hindu Khatri Ahluwalia girl, 13.11.1993, 5.30 am, Chandigarh, in the world, working in Scotia Bank Toronto...

Engineer/ Doctor for beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl 1991, 5'-8", B.Tech- IIT, MIS USA, working as Engineer. Contact USA only. Caste no bar...

Match required for unmarried, good looking Canadian PR and applied citizenship status: 30, 5'-2", Arora/ Khatri Sikh girl (Software Eng.) in Toronto...

PR Canada, very beautiful Sikh girl 1992/ 5'-4", portfolio Administrator in Canadian Bank. Required well settled boy...

Wanted USA Resident Doctor (Medical). Fair & beautiful, Feb 94, 5'-2", MBBS, Punjabi Khatri (Uppal) Girl, Green Card, Ph 99106-93255...

Professionally suitable USA settled match for Sikh girl Doctor, MBBS, MD, Fellowship, working in New York USA 1982 born, 5'-3", never married...

USA settled Rajput Sikh family seeks suitable alliance for their daughter 24 5'-9", very beautiful, fair, MS Data Science...

Beautiful Ramdasia girl, 36, 5'-4", Dentist. PR in Canada (divorced). Looking boy in Canada, 78140-13242 (CL24034209)

Match for a Jat Sikh never married Canadian citizen girl, 5'-6", 31, Bachelors, pursuing CPA, slim, employed...

Ramgaria Sikh girl 1991, 5'-4", M.Sc. Bio-Chemistry, American Citizen. Preferred American Citizen, Doctor / IIT Engineer...

Brampton Canada Sikh Rajput girl, B.Tech, Data Analysis, Cloudb Computing, Height 5'-3", 7, March, 1998...

Suitable match for SC girl 92 born, 5'-4", B.Architecture, on work permit in Canada from well educated family in Doaba...

Wanted groom for legally divorced Dec. 1983 born, 5'-3", Jain girl having 13 years son. Settled with work Visa in Canada...

Highly qualified match for July 1992 born, 5'-3", Tonk-kashatriya Doctor girl on HIB visa in USA Virginia. Marriage bureau please excuse...

Suitable match for Rajput girl 5'-6" (1990) Chandigarh based. Scientist in USA. USA preferred. Contact 62841-81955...

Seeking professionally qualified match for beautiful 29/ 5'-4", slim girl, MS from UCLA, USA. In US since 2017...

Sikh Tonk-kashatriya Australian citizen girl 89/ 5'-6", CPA working in Public Sector prefer Sydney based boy...

Suitable match for Ravidasia girl, DOB: 23.07.1989, height 5'-5", MD (Anaesthesia) from PGI Chandigarh...

Canada PR B.Tech. Garg girl, 31.03.95, 10.10 am. (Moga), 5'-3", Mobile: 98553-23324 (CL24034533)

Jat Sikh family seeks a suitable match for their daughter born and raised in US, 29 years old. MD Doctor Residency in US...

Suitable handsome Sikh boy settled in Canada or US for very beautiful Khatri Sikh girl. Slim fair complexioned 24.19.1995, height 5'-7", B.Tech...

Ravidasia Ad-dharmi girl, October 1989, 5'-4", M.Sc., B.Ed., doing job in American School (Dubai). Head of Department (Science), issueless divorcee...

Match for Khatri Sikh girl MS Ophthalmology, 1992/ 5'-6", private Hospital job, required M.D, MS, IAS Officer. Contact: 94175-16422 (CL24034433)

Medico match for MD Anaesthesia working as Associate Professor 1991, 5'-7", Ravidasia girl. Service class family. 94103-91789 (CL24034457)

MCH/MD/MS match for Arora Hindu girl, pursuing Fellowship in Head and Neck Oncology, 5'-3", 1995. 93503-07095 (CL24034486)

Beautiful Doctor girl 1996/ 5'-6", MD, Obygn Doctor family. Caste no bar. 91092-21156 (CL24034494)

Match Hindu Khatri girl 1991, 5'-6", MBBS, DNB, Anaesthesia Fellowship Critical Care. 76963-87440, 9464147153 (CL24034517)

DM/MD/MCH match for SC Hindu girl 1994, 5'-3", SR PGI, caste no bar. 96461-35152, 98772-01520 (CL24034522)

Saini girl - 1994, M.Sc. Nursing Officer PGI - (Officer in Chandigarh or Mohal Punjab). Upper caste no bar. No abroad. 94185-77345, 78762-74962 (CL24034530)

Medico Civil Services match for Mehra Sikh Doctor BDS girl, 5'-6", 1998, Jagraon. 98151-80393 (CL24034565)

Match for Jatt Sikh vegetarian US citizen girl, Graduation in Business Administration from USA, 5'-1", born in India month of December 1982...

Wanted tall handsome suitable groom Vancouver Surrey preference match for Brahmim Kausal 2nd July 1998, 22:45 pm...

Suitable match for Khatri beautiful girl, born June 1994, Height 5'-3", Master in Chem. Engg. Settled in Europe...

Match for Hindu SC Ramdasia MBBS girl 1993 born, 5'-4". Preferred Mohali/ Chandigarh based MBBS/ MD/ MS boy...

SM4 MD beautiful Sikh Ramgharia girl, 1990, 5'-7", M.D. Radiology 2nd year. Upper caste welcome. Bureau excuse...

Suitable match for handsome MD MS boy 5'-3"/ 1997 for MBBS Sarawat Brahmim girl. 94166-53908 (CL24034780)

Sikh girl 1990, 5'-3", colour, fair MBBS PCMS MD Medicine, caste no bar. 97795-64712 (CL24034781)

SM4 Kamboj Sikh divorcee girl 33/ 5'-1", working Regular Assistant Professor Khalsa College Amritsar...

Match for Ravidasia short time divorced 34 years, 5'-3" issueless girl. M.Tech., UGC NET, Ph.D., working as Asst. Professor in Govt. Aided college...

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Vegetarian Bangalore/ WFH, transferable to Bangalore for Sarwat Brahmim C, 22-25 Lakhs, 1994, 5'-3", fair. Upper caste welcome...

MD/MS/MD/MCH/IAS match for 29, 5'-6", MD beautiful Gaur Brahmim girl, working as Senior Resident in Govt. Hospital Chandigarh...

Match for beautiful B.Sc. B.Ed., MBA girl, 14.06.1998, 5'-3", Zirakpur Mohali employed in MNC. Package 10 LPA. 97800-41315 (CL24032992)

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KAMBOJ Medico match for a beautiful smart 26/5'-6", Kamboj girl doing MD pathology. 88475-43657 (CL24032400)

Suitable match for Kamboj Manglik girl, May 1990, 5'-2", MBA in Design Management, belongs to well established business family in Mohali...

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SM for Ramdasia girl Feb 1996, 5'-2", BA, ETT, CTET & PSTET clear. Tricity or nearby area preferred. Radha Soami family. 99145-71358 (CL24033788)

Wanted Govt employee for Valmiki girl working as Govt Officer in Punjab Chandigarh, birth- Nov 1990, height 5'-2". Contact: 98724-00283 (CL24034364)

SM4, SC girl, Dec. 1992 born/ 5'-3", Post Graduate. Mother home maker, father Class-1 Officer Haryana Govt. residential Haryana. Two siblings sister and a brother. Contact: 98969-14052 (CL24034413)

Match required Chandigarh born Adhmani Aug. 93' born, Ht 5'-2". B.Tech. ECE Govt. Clerk in Chandigarh Admn. Basically Fmly from Hoshiarpur. 94175-89126 (CL24034417)

Match for Sikh Ravidasia Girl, 1989, 5'-4", M.Sc. (IT), own business. Preferred Tricity based family. Caste no bar. 97798-62992 (CL24032777)

Suitable match for Ad-Dharmi SC girl, Feb. 95, 5'-4", Govt. Job posting Punjab, Father read. Addl. SE, Mother Govt. Teacher. Preference Jalandhar/Doaba area. Contact: 62803-61815 (CL24032826)

SM4 Chamar girl August 1988, 5'-2", MBA, Scale-II, Manager in Govt. Bank, required Govt. employee. Mob: 82954-71779 (CL24032948)

Ramdasia Sikh Julaha girl, 5'-2", May 1985, MA, B.Ed. CTET, PTET cleared, Teacher in Pvt. school. Contact only Gursikh family. 98556-07546, 94641-22026 (CL24033293)

Ramdasia Sikh Weaver Dec. 1989, 5'-5", B.Sc. Nursing 10% years CMC required Govt/NRI Sikh boy, 98145-76728 (CL24033932)

Seeking well settled match for Ravidasia girl, Jan 1993, 5'-1", M.Com, working in bank. Tricity preferred. 98553-37475 (CL24034271)

Suitable match for SC Ad-dharmi girl, 5'-1", 1988, Govt. B.Ed Teacher, area Pathankot, vegetarian family. Looking for Govt. employed boy of equal status. 73474-57817 (CL24034418)

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Booking/ Resale Plots/ Flats/ Showrooms etc. (Good appreciation) New Chandigarh. 98787-09884. Showroom 31 DLF. (CL24000015)

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Mohali- 10½ marla, brand new ultramodern house, B-Road, Phase-10. (Only genuine buyers). Contact-Empire Estates: 98159-50922. (CL24032541)

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Chandigarh showroom freehold first/second floor. Vacant possession front parking. Authorization with Three Properties 98140-35506. (CL24032663)

Chandigarh one kanal house facing North-East Central Sector. Only confirmation with Three Properties 98140-35506. (CL24032664)

Chandigarh fourteen marla house facing North Sector 16, 34, 43. All confirmed. Three Properties 98140-35506. (CL24032665)

Chandigarh showroom (2 Bay) rented to Bank & Company. Sector 8, freehold Madhyamarg, Sector 7. Three Properties: 98140-35506. (CL24032666)

Chandigarh ten marla houses Sectors 15, 18, 20, 21, 27, 33, 35. Three Properties: 98140-35506. (CL24032667)

Chandigarh seven/ eight marla house Sector 19, 20, 22, 32, 35, 37. Three Properties: 98140-35506. (CL24032668)

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Wanted urgently 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 kanal, 14, 10, 8, 5 marlas, showroom, booth, industrial shed, Hotel. Chandigarh/ Panchkula/ Mohali/ Mullannpur (spot payment) Bansal Associates: 98149-67149. (CL24032896)

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Chandigarh one kanal Sector 8, 11, 16, 18, 19, 21, 33, 34, 35, 36. Gulati Estates: 98140-06264. (CL24033540)

Chandigarh more than 14 marla corner facing park old triple storey Sector 43. 98140-06264, 98151-86915. (CL24033543)

Chandigarh 8 marla new facing park Sector 20, 38 also 10 marla corner Sector 15. 98151-86915. (CL24033560)

Newly kanal duplex prime location ample parking confirm deal Sector 33, Chandigarh. Shankar Associate 99966-61837. (CL24033752)

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4 kanal house best location posh area (below market price), Northern Sector, Chandigarh. Genuine buyers only. 98149-67149. (CL24034432)

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2.5 kanal corner house Sector 36, 2 kanal North East Sector 15. Direct owner meeting. 98767-82699. (CL24034649)

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Newly built builder floor, 4 BHK plus servant room, one kanal on main road.

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HIG ground/ first floor corner facing park renovated excellent location, Sector 44, Chandigarh. Gill Real Estate 98141-07557. (CL24032870)

12 marla beautifully Designed duplex for sale in Omace New Chandigarh Uttam Estates. 98888-82100. (CL24033131)

Chandigarh: freehold HIG (Duplex) first floor, Sector 40-A @130 and EWS first floor Sector 52. Contact: DM Associates 90412-25713. (CL24033231)

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Mohali: 10.5 marla corner maintained house Phase 11 and 5 marla park facing double storey well-built Sector 78. Contact: DM Associates 99144-89006, 98140-07571. (CL24033683)

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Chandigarh ten twelve marla Sectors 15, 16 East facing Sectors 21, 27 park facing Sectors 34, 42. Sikka Associates 98140-10101. (CL24033404)

Chandigarh eight marla Sectors 22, 23 North facing Sectors 38, 40 single storey Sectors 43, 44. Sikka Associates 98140-10101. (CL24033409)

Panchkula: 10 Marla kothi facing park Sector 7. National Property Dealer, Showroom 830-C, Manimajra, 2734372, 2734761, 94170-07921. (CL24033656)

New Chandigarh: 289 sq. yds. corner & B-Road residential plot Manohar Singh & Co. Contact: DM Associates 99145-92111, 98140-07571. (CL24033682)

Chandigarh: 4 BHK corner flat third floor with lift, renovated, Goodwill Enclave Sector 49. Contact: DM Associates 97810-17571, 98140-07571. (CL24033686)

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Ludhiana commercial plot 5000 sq yds, Pakhowal road City Centre, also lease for e-commerce. 75086-24557. (CL24034608)

Booth vacant low lease huge parking Sector 38-C, Chandigarh. Choice Estates, showroom 380/ 37-D. 98146-01276. (CL24034618)

Showroom vacant best for Retail market Sector 47-D, Chandigarh. Choice Estates, Showroom 380/ 37-D. 94641-21857. (CL24034622)

HIG 4 BHK ground floor Sector 39B renovated good location, furnished Megh Estates. 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL24034650)

Sector 38 West MIG, first floor, HIG independent, HIG/ MIG Sector 38 West, 43, 44, 45, 51, 63, 61 Megh Estates. 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL24034658)

Society flats Ajanta, Progressive, Puspak, Ashirwad, goodwill, Swati transport Megh Estates. 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL24034664)

Kothi fourteen marla Sector 34, 37 one kanal Sector 19, 21, 35, 38, 40 kothi 12 marla Sector 16, 15, 28 ten marla 15, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, Eight marla Sector 22, 27, 38, 40, 19, 20, Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24034670)

Seven marla newly built sector 33, Sector 37 also old 35, 37, five marla 32, 44, 38, 40, 22. Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24034679)

Showroom Sector 7, 19, 21, 35, 36, 38, 40 Booth 35, 37, 50, 40 Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24034686)

300 yard plot Phase 1 Omace excellent location Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24034689)

Chandigarh: 1 kanal kothis: Sector 8, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 21, 30, 33, 34 and 2 kanal Sector 15, 27, 28. Contact: Sood GM (Retd) GOI. 95992-30239. (CL24034697)

Chandigarh Booth (42 square yard) size 9x41 opposite Hotel Jw Marriott Sector 22C demand 1.85 Cr negotiable. Mahajan:- 98760-00014. (CL24034704)

Mohali: Purab Apartment 2+1 Sector 88. Contact: DM Associates 95920-47571, 98140-07571. (CL24033684)

Chandigarh 2 kanal plot North East normal cheque payment Sector 36, reasonable price. Contact: Mahajan 98760-00014. (CL24034712)

Chandigarh 2 kanal duplex corner facing park Sector 8, 18, 21. Contact: Mahajan:- 98760-00014. (CL24034716)

Chandigarh 600 sq. yards North East double storey Sector 21 reasonable price, 600 sq. yards South East Sector 10. Contact: Mahajan 98760-00014. (CL24034721)

Chandigarh: 580 sq.yd with big berm kothi Sector 10 beautiful location, 1 kanal triple storey Sector 18 demand 15 cr Contact:- Sood GM (retd) GOI 95992-30239. (CL24034729)

8 marla triple storied house, Canadian pattern, '39 West', next to Chandigarh (Sector 122, Mohali). Prestigious location. For details WhatsApp 94173-23666. (CL24034737)

Mohali Sector 80: 10 marla corner side huge green best beautiful triple new house. Unnati Estates: 98122-22006, 98880-11180. (CL24034750)

Mohali Sector 69: One kanal good liveable duplex house near to park. Unnati Estates 98122-22006, 82646-11180. (CL24034752)

Mohali Sector 78:- Brand new beautiful house, 8 marla, 2.5 storey, 60 feet road, facing big park. Unnati Estates: 98122-22006, 82646-11180, 34, 42. Sikka Associates 98140-10101. (CL24034755)

Mohali Sector 104:- Brand new, kothi floor, facing park reasonable price. Unnati Estates 98122-22006, 82646-11180. (CL24034758)

For sale 4 kanal kothi, Sector 9 prime location, rare deal Chandigarh. Contact: 98140-16622. (CL24034812)

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For sale 10 marla kothi, Sector 18, A-road, prime location Contact: Khanna Properties 99880-46622. (CL24034823)

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10 marla old/new houses B-Road/ facing park/ normal location Sector 15. 78884-60367, 98151-93761. (CL24034834)

Three shops 14x55 each, Main Road, Nabha Gate, Patiala. Contact 99888-00035. (CL24032475)

Owners direct to best deals in sale & purchase properties & investment in tricity Mohali City Center Aerocity, IT City, Aeropolis Mohali, Agricultural Land & Punjab, Golden Crown Estate (rera approved), 9814233703, 9814333703. (CL24032794)

Chandigarh: 8 & 10 marla houses in Chandigarh 21, 22, 32, 38, 40, 42, 46 corner/facing park/ B-Road, old/new. Dharma Builders 98780-61933. (CL24032888)

Chandigarh freehold MIG second/fourth Sector 63, MIG renovated first Sector 61, MIG ground renovated Sector 45C, MIG facing park corner ground/ second Sector-51A. Rajesh Estates: 98140-12730, 98148-22730. (CL24032890)

Kothi 10 marla Sector-42B, 35, 8 marla single Sector-38A, SCO Sector-30C, booth Sector-35C, 44D, Rajesh Estates: 98140-12730, 98148-22730. (CL24032892)

Triple storey shop fully furnished, top location, 12'x15' Goidnpura, Manimajra Soc. 13, Chandigarh near Housing Board. 94173-81333. (CL24033043)

12 Bigha Apple Orchard with Farmhouse just 2.5 hours from Chandigarh. Contact: 85915-07970, 98160-22804. (CL24033255)

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Bank rented building at Chandigarh, Zirakpur, Patiala. Aerocity Plot 275 Gaj, Corner, H-block. 98770-77747. (CL24033599)

Satya Estates: 10 bedrooms resort in Kasauli, fully operational. Contact: 78142-17381. (CL24034381)

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3.5 acre land having 70000 sq.ft. covered area of running B.Ed. College and CBSE School (affiliated up to 2025) at Moga for sale. Interested parties may contact immediately. 98761-77972. (CL24034452)

Chandigarh: Kanal & 1.25 kanal old Mud houses corner/ facing park/ ample parking. Dharmia Builders: 98786-61933. (CL24034519)

Established Restaurant business for sale in Ludhiana, Near Aman Chicken, Bansi Dhaba, Ludhiana. Double storey, 274 sq.yds., two side corner. #8248-99956. (CL24034539)

Showroom site Swastik Vihar Patiala Zirakpur road size 15x60 & 25x44 corner demand 60 Lac & 130 Cr. Contact: 98727-18095. (CL24034542)

139 gaj freehold showroom 2 side open Sector 28 Chandigarh, 240 gaj quiet office 50% share Sector 35. 98767-82699. (CL24034651)

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AWHO flat 4 BHK third floor Gated Society, posh location Sector 44A, Chandigarh. 98140-42287, 97804-18830. (CL24034674)

3 kanal, 7 marla land Vill. Malran, Distt. Mohali on link road. 3 kanal 7 marla Vill. Mashlikalan, Distt. Mohali on link road. 83605-48131, 95929-83702. (CL24034675)

Showroom 17'x80', 2nd floor, 3rd floor with lift. Facing Chandigarh-Kharar highway, Cityheart complex. Next Yes Bank, Pizza hut, Katani. 90167-90167. (CL24034710)

Top location on VIP road, Zirakpur. Showroom ground, lower ground for sale, 5 year registered lease. 75000/- per month rent. 5% appreciation every year. 9

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200 sq. yard plot for sale at Borela Mandi Mansa Model Town Colony, Budladha Road. 98728-74948. (CL24034751)

400 sq. yard residential plot Sec. 79, Mohali. Contact: 98140-96231. (CL24034782)

400 square yard plot park facing Sector Gateway City Mohali 2.35 Cr. 98151-00781. (CL24034819)

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Commercial space available for rent/lease 1473 sq. ft. on UGF of Preet Town Green Field, Ludhiana. Suitable for Corporate Office/ Retail Store, near Hero Bakery Chowk. Contact: 93169-07751. (CL24034459)

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2500 sq.ft. brand new construction in Zirakpur 4 BHK flat. 94632-55555. (CL24032561)

3 BHK flat, fully furnished, facing Lake View, Omaze City New Chandigarh. 96469-99607. (CL24032708)

Prisma City, Sector 124, Mohali: 3 BHK with attached 2 washroom, stilt+3 with lift. 96469-99607. (CL24032707)

Mansadevi Complex flat two bedroom, two washroom, store, third floor, two balconies. Dinesh Sharma: 98153-22443. (CL24032888)

4 BHK luxury fully loaded flat Ambika New Chandigarh, Uttam Estates. 98888-82100. (CL24033132)

3 bedroom 2250 sq. ft. with opposite roof right Sector 20 Panchkula. Balaji Estate. 79733-81879. (CL24033835)

Three BHK flat The Woods Barog Distt. Solan (HP), P.R. Estates. 89686-96069. (CL24034399)

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3 BHK semi-furnished flat for sale in Green Valley Tower, Dhakoli, very near to Old Ambala Road with all amenities 98140-39143. (CL24034468)

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HIG flat Sector 43, ground floor, B-Road, first floor, A- Category in Progressive Society Sector 50 and A-Category first floor in Pushpak Sector 49, Chandigarh. 89858-61313. (CL24034811)

Falcon View, Sector 66, Mohali, 4+1 BHK flat, 7th floor, furnished. GD. Real Estate: 98555-66766. (CL24034382)

4 BHK 2200 sq. ft. first floor flat RBI Swastik Society, Sector 76, Mohali. Call: 98159-51515. (CL24034403)

Flat for sale 3 BHK 3 bathrooms fully furnished gated Society near Zirakpur just only 29 Lac. Contact: 98727-18095. (CL24034540)

MIG, 2 bedroom, 2nd floor, Sector 38-West, free hold. Well maintained. 98880-00890. (CL24034546)

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For sale at Sadhupul Duplex 3 bedrooms, drawing dining, living room 1, Flat 02 bedroom each 02 and adjoining 02 acre land. Contact: 94180-56242, 98142-68860. (CL24034753)

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Industrial units (land & building) for sale in Badii 5800 sq. yds. plot, 60000 square feet well built covered area (45000 RCC & 15000 shed). Contact: uniforsale2@gmail.com / 92737-00006. (CL24033297)

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Contact for sale, purchase, renting of industrial area properties of Chandigarh. Atul Properties: 85588-55555, 98140-08330. (CL24033135)

Chandigarh one two kanal industrial shed Phase I for sale. Vacant Possession. Shree Properties: 98140-35506. (CL24032669)

444 Electrical market vacant, allottee half, full sale, all size sale/ rent Chandigarh. Gill: 98140-16210. (CL24034458)

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CHANDIGARH

4 kanal five bedrooms drawing dining servant room Sector 28, Chandigarh. Bhagwati Associate 76964-09555. (CL24033095)

3 room set semi-furnished, first floor, Sector 38 B. Adjoining park. Family preferred. 79863-42464. (CL24034814)

Sector 8, independent kanal five bedrooms, duplex bungalow/ servant quarters for companies/ businessman. Vasudeva's 98786-04813. (CL24034410)

Sector 8, two kanal, ground floor, separate driveway, four bedrooms, drawing, parking, servant room. 98786-04813. (CL24034414)

Chandigarh Sector 19, first floor & second floor three bedrooms each modular kitchens, closets & open sitting space most suitable for corporate Guesthouse. Please call Bakshi: 93161-33009, 98039-00039, theseviceconsortium@gmail.com (CL24034419)

Ultra furnished two bedrooms, kitchen, two bathrooms, 1st floor, 10 marla, 44-C, females only. 99153-99154. (CL24034535)

19 marla 3 bedrooms, 3 washrooms, DD, Second floor, B-Road, Sector 20. 82888-84586. (CL24034702)

Ten marla fully furnished 4 bedrooms duplex. Also ten fourteen marla one two four kanal koties, or floors all Sectors Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali. 91154-59102. (CL24034772)

PANCHKULA

Bedroom, drawing dining, kitchen, 10 marla house 223/ 12-A, Panchkula. Company. Govt. married couple. 94170-36708. (CL24034475)

MOHALI

2 room sets, 2 bathrooms, store semi furnished, 1st floor kanal house, Phase-6. 96460-14791. (CL24034358)

2 BHK fully furnished second floor in Block-C, Aerocity. Goel Infra 98720-16775. (CL24034808)

2 BHK independent house second floor, Phase 7, Mohali, tastefully builtup, family only. 99149-00437. (CL24033025)

2/1 BHK semi furnished/furnished ground floor, first floor luxurious cornerhouse for rent. Family preferred. H.No. 3551 Sector 89, Mohali. M: 98148-00193. (CL24033515)

Phase 3-A, luxurious furnished, kanal five bedrooms duplex bungalow/ servant quarters for companies/ businessman. 98889-04160. (CL24034407)

ZIRAKPUR

3 bedroom flat in Royal city for rent/ sale on Chandigarh Ambala highway, Zirakpur. 99882-25134. (CL24034470)

SPACE WANTED

Chandigarh Tricity upto 30,000 sq. ft. commercial place with fire NOC for Gaming Zone. Please call Bakshi: 93161-33009, 98039-00039, theseviceconsortium@gmail.com (CL24034423)

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Commercial space 10*20', Suitable for ATM, Corporate House Garden Colony, Jalandhar. Contact: 9814333977. (CL24034050)

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ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

3 BHK with parking available in New Chandigarh. Rent: 30,000 pm. Contact: 98160-22600. (CL24033634)

Showroom fully vacant Sector 11, 30 8(Madhy Marg) floors also available in Chandigarh. Allied Realty: 98551-22133. (CL24034827)

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Booth No. 17, Sector 29-D, Chandigarh for Rent/Lease, good location. Call Owner: 98729-11394. (CL24033892)

Newly constructed, five story RCC building for rent Adjoining Dalai Lama Mandir, Macleodjag (Dharmshala). Most suitable for Restaurant, Bank, Shopping Mall, Hotel etc. Contact: +91-98160-22784, +91-88853-20001. (CL24033051)

Carpet Area 9300 sqft, basement, ground, first & second floor. Independent free hold. Mobile Market. 22-B, Chandigarh. Only Company. Immediate Position Broker sincerely excuse. Contact: 98155-75336. (CL24034739)

Carpet Area 6400 sqft, first & second floor. Company lease, Bank Square, Chandigarh. Contact: 98155-75336. (CL24034742)

Constructed Space available on Rent for Hospital, Gym, Coaching Centre and Hotel, on 80 feet Road near Sports Stadium Bathinda, Ground Floor 22x120 ft. First Floor 22x120 ft. Contact: 97791-71511, 98142-74408. (CL24033644)

Space available 23'x130', First Floor, Near Alaska Chowk, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar. Contact: 9878592146. (CL24034132)

Office Space, Area-660 Sq. ft. E-817, 8th Floor, CP-67 Mall Imperial Tower, Sector 67 Mohali. Contact: 97808-08220. (CL24034286)

TUITION

Learning for Architectural and interior designing of building contact Architect Am Consultants SCO No: 11, Sector 30-D, Chandigarh. Ph: 94170-0893. (CL24034738)

COACHING

Gain confidence join online spoken English classes. Contact 94180-12792. (CL24033138)

COMPUTER

Wanted a qualified tutor to teach web design with WordPress in Chandigarh. Time no constraint. Contact 98880-22676. (CL24034556)

CONSULTANCY

We provide all restaurants staff, house maid, house servant and other staff. Mobile No: 78147-30768. (CL24034630)

ASTROLOGY

Are you facing so many problems related your bright future. We have all kinds of Lucky Birth Stones available. Consult for your all Problems. Online Appointment: 98767-26492 Raman Malhotra (Celebriy Astrologer & Gem Stones expert) follow me at: YouTube/ Instagram (CL24032715)

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For sale 21 years old Dental Clinic with two dental chairs at reputed hospital in Mohali. 98155-02453. (CL24033295)

Dr. Shamsheer Singh Eye Hospital, Khanna. Punjab now hiring MBBS MS Ophthalmology/ DOMS Ophthalmology, Medical Officers (MBBS), for inquiries email: dsesh@icloud.com Call 70878-01999. (CL24034656)

Wanted BDS girl for Sharma Dental Hospital Doraha, Distt. Ludhiana. 98151-11914. (CL24034660)

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For sale Running organic food brand in tricity along with manufacturing unit of wood/cold pressed oils and Vedic chakki flour at Industrial Area Panchkula. Owner going abroad, Genuine Buyers only 98721-22333. (CL24033915)

Start your biodegradable & paper Carry bag Business at your City/ Town, low investment. WhatsApp for details. 70872-82802. (CL24033938)

Start your own business earn 50,000/- to 2 lac per month. Contact: 90567-29031, 90567-29032, 905672-9033. email: info@waweifinancial.io, waweifinancial.in (CL24033956)

For sale dealer operated private Petrol Pump situated on Jagadhri-Ambala Highway Mullana Haryana. 96468-99999. (CL24034214)

Job/ business opportunities for retired persons, housewives and others. Excellent incentives and salary. Free National and International tours. 89681-28523. (CL24034354)

Brand salon for sale, 2000 sq.ft. posh area, Kharar with 6 Lacs monthly Sale & 8 Lacs in wedding season. 55 Lacs profit annually & demand 75 Lacs. Owner going abroad. 99157-77951. (CL24034604)

Create rental income of 45000 per month from IT business by investing as low as 1.22 lakh rupees, and 2 lakh per month by investing 50 lakh only, conditions apply 90415-54918. (CL24034727)

Set up branded franchise businesses on your property or buy/sell running businesses around Tricity like cafes, night clubs, bars, restaurants, dhabas, grocery stores, kids play areas, hotels, schools, gas stations, cinemas, pre-leased showrooms etc. Franchise king. 98146-98146, 93161-93161. (CL24034736)

A Trust registered at Delhi is looking for investors/business partner for a CBSE School project at district headquarters Bilaspur Himachal Pradesh. Interested parties may contact the Managing Trustee on Mob. 9805002856 (CL24034545)

Rice Mills for lease with modern Machinery Drier to Sotexin Panchkula Haryana. 98141-24359. (CL24034610)

INVESTMENT

CBSE affiliated High School Mohali required Finance from private investors or on sharing basis of 2 to 5 Cr. Contact: 82646-19718. (CL24033689)

Invest in verified and shortlisted commercial/residential, industrial projects around Tricity based on market research log your money considerably in 2-3 years with full safety and security. 98146-98146, 93161-93161. (CL24034730)

FINANCIAL

Find solution of NPA problems, to stop Sarfaesi Action/ Possession/ sale of properties. Aggarwal. 79730-50542. (CL24033369)

AVIATION/MARINE

Participate in big global event Mr & Miss Global Aviation. For detail WhatsApp 62395-06299. (CL24033178)

MACHINERY FOR SALE

MANUFACTURING PLANT FOR SALE The complete unit of Precipitated Silica is for sale in Alwar Rajasthan. It has Digesters, Reactor, Spray Dryer, ACM Mill, Storage tanks, Packing Machines, High Pressure Boiler, CG, VFDS, Air Compressors, Motors and Gear Boxes. All the equipment are of reputed makes & in running condition. Buyers can approach for Entire Plant/individual equipment. Interested parties may call 8588044881/8588044882 (CL24034693)

FOR SALE

Fully furnished restaurant/cafe/terrace for sale in Urban Estate, Phase-I, Jambalpur, Ludhiana. (On rent ready property) Mob: 99882-27551. (CL24034725)

One well established Punjab School Education Board Senior Secondary School For Sale in Ludhiana City. Contact: 94646-00824. (CL24034743)

Laptop HP Pavilion Intel Core-i7 7500U, 1.82TB Hard-disk, Intel HD Graphics 620, 55000/-, 83605-66473. (CL24033107)

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Beautiful, profitable, running Restaurant in busiest markets of Mohali for sale, low rentals, serious buyers contact 90412-60069. (CL24034500)

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Gurdeep Singh Saini s/o Hardev Singh r/o 2465 Ajit Nagar Ludhiana, have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh. (CL24034251)

I, Rakesh Sharma S/o Khial Chand Sharma R/o H/so No. 899, Sector-80, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) declare that I have changed my name from Rakesh Sharma to Rakesh Kumar Sharma for all intents and purposes. All concerned please note. (CL24034396)

I, Aruna Rani wife of Arun Kumar Sharma, Village Thapour, Post Office Bhadroya, Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra Himachal Pradesh declare that I have changed my name from Aruna to Aruna Rani. Concerned note. (CL24034838)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that O/o the Regional Transport Officer, Jalandhar has received an application regarding surrendering of Registration Number PCJ-0007. This application has been submitted by Sanjeev Kumar Gupta and Company, 353-Industrial Area, R.K. Road, Ludhiana in compliance with the Govt. Notification No. STC-P(P-2)/29582-682, Dated-30/12/2020. Any person having any objection may file his/her objection on or before 18/07/2024. In case no objection is filed by any person, this office will proceed to surrender the Registration Number PCJ-0007 and allot a new registration number to the above said applicant and no further claim will be entertained by this office. Regional Transport Officer, Jalandhar. DI-7343

H.P. STATE FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Undertaking) Forest Working Division Shimla Nigam Vihar - 171002 GSTIN 02AAACH4036L2ZV, E-mail: dm-shimla@hpfrest.co.in Telephone No. 0177-2623806

SHORT TERM AUCTION NOTICE

The open auction for sale of Govt./Pvt. coniferous timber of HP State Forest Development Corporation Limited, stacked at Retail Sale Depot Kanlog Shimla shall be held during the months of July, August & September 2024 at 11:30 A.M as per detail given below:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Name of Retail Sale Depot, Date. Rows for July, August, September.

The venue of auction will be at Retail Sale Depot Kanlog Shimla-171002 For further detail please contact Divisional Manager, Forest Working Division Shimla. Phone No. 0177-2623806 Divisional Manager, FWD Shimla

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE SOCIETY GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, DERA BASSI

Applications invited for empanelment of faculty to teach M.Com, BBA (Business process-Reengineering and Management) and BA (Hons) (Aesthetics and Beauty Therapy) on purely temporary/contractual basis on consolidated salary for Session 2024-25, before 21.07.2024 at the email. gcderabassi@gmail.com along with latest CV and also apply on Punjabi University Patiala website i.e. Collegejobs.punjabuniversity.ac.in.

- Eligibility conditions and qualifications as per Punjab Govt./UGC/Punjab University Patiala norms. These posts can be increased, decreased or abolished as per requirement without prior notice.

Sd/- Prof. Savita Gupta Member Secretary HEIS Govt. College Dera Bassi. Dr. Sujata Kaushal Chairperson HEIS Govt. College Dera Bassi. DI-7082

Government of Jammu & Kashmir JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR CORRIGENDUM-II For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/21of 07/2024 DT.- 03.07.2024 issued vide this office No:- PHE/MRD/TS/1237-48 DT:- 03.07.2024 and published vide No: 2024_PHE_251972_1&2 is hereby extended due to poor response. The new closing and opening dates are given below:

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Description, Date, Time. Rows for Closing Date and Bid Opening Date.

No: PHE/MRD/1552-63 Sd/- Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Rural Division, Srinagar. Dated: 11.07.2024 DIMPK-2943/24

वॉक इन इंटरव्यू

सत्र 2024-25 के लिए अनुबंध के आधार पर टैलीग्रीफ़ कंप्यूटर सहित के पर के लिए वॉक इन इंटरव्यू 17.07.2024 को नवाकर नवाकर विद्यालय, पारोला, जिला कांगड़ा, हिमाचल प्रदेश, विद्यालय परिसर में सुबह 09:00 बजे से दोपहर 1:00 बजे तक आयोजित किया जाएगा। इच्छुक और योग्य उम्मीदवार निम्नलिखित समय पर वॉक इन इंटरव्यू के लिए 02 पत्राचार/सहज फोटो के साथ उपस्थित हो सकते हैं। सम्बन्ध के लिए चोपला और अनुबंध के तहत दस्तावेज और सभी प्रमाणपत्रों की एक सेट स्व-सत्यापित फोटोकॉपी लेकर आएं।

Table with 4 columns: क्रम. सं., पद नाम, शैक्षणिक योग्यता, विवरण. Rows for 01 and 02.

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, JALANDHAR

Website www.apsjalandhar.com Email Id: apsjalandharant@gmail.com REQUIREMENT OF NON TEACHING ACADEMIC/ADM STAFF ON ADHOC BASIS 2024-25(MAXIMUM 11 MONTHS)

Table with 2 columns: Post, Essential Qualification. Rows for Librarian, Asst Librarian, Receptionist, Computer Lab Tech, Library Attendant.

1. Age as on 01 April 2024 - Fresh candidates having no experience should be below the age of 40 years and experienced candidates (Min 05 years of teaching experience in the last 10 years) should be below the age of 57 years (including ex-servicemen). 2. Education Qualification as per CBSE Affiliation Bye Laws wherever applicable. 3. Candidate must fill the application form available on school website www.apsjalandhar.com and submit the same at APS Jalandhar Cantt (Reception Counter) from 0900h to 1100h along with self-attested copies of testimonials/certificates and processing fee of Rs 100/- from any Nationalized Bank Demand Draft in favour of Army Public School, Jalandhar Cantt. Last date for submission of application form is 21 July 2024 till 1200h. Application form sent by e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete application form will not be considered for interview. One form would be used for one post only. 4. The school reserves the right to fill any or none of the post given above. No TA/DA will be admissible. Interviews for only shortlisted candidates will be conducted. Candidates would be intimated about the dates of written exam and interview through telephone/SMS (E-mail ID & Mob No are compulsory and should be active). If message sent is not received due to any reason the school will not be held responsible. 5. Salary as per A/R/ES Rules. Sd/-Principal

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, RAKOLI, DISTT. MOHALI (PUNJAB)

E-mail: jnvmohali@gmail.com WALK-IN INTERVIEW/PERSONAL TALK

Interested and eligible candidates are invited to attend a walk-in interview on 19.07.2024 at 09.00 A.M. for the post of TGT Computer Science at JNV Rakoli, Kurali, purely on contract basis with fixed remuneration 34125/- per month for the academic year 2024-25. Essential Qualification:- 1. BCA from a recognized University. OR Graduation in Computer Science from a recognized University (provided that the Computer Science Subject must be studied in all years as main subject). OR BE/B.Tech. (Computer Science/Information Technology) from recognized University. 2. B. Ed. Degree. 3. Passed the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) Paper-II conducted by CBSE in accordance with the guidelines framed by the NCTE, for the purpose.

Desirable Competence to teach through English & Hindi/other regional language. Age: Age should not be exceeded 50 years as on 01 July 2024. Candidates should bring two passport-size photographs and one set of photocopy of all documents along with original certificate at the time of interview. No TA

Israeli strike targeting Hamas military commander kills 90 in Gaza 'safe' zone

JERUSALEM, JULY 13 Israel said it targeted Hamas' shadowy military commander, Mohammed Deif, in a massive strike in the southern Gaza Strip that killed at least 90 people, according to local health officials.

Witnesses said the strike landed inside Muwas, the Israeli designated safe zone that stretches from northern Rafah to Khan Younis. The coastal strip is where hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians have fled to in search of safety, sheltering mostly in makeshift tents.

It was not immediately known whether Mohammed Deif was among the dead. However, Israeli officials confirmed that he and a second Hamas commander, Rafa Salama, were the targets. Hamas immediately rejected the claim.

Deif is believed by many to be the chief architect of the October 7 attack that killed some 1,200 people in southern Israel and triggered the Israel-Hamas war. He has topped Israel's most-wanted list for years and is believed to have escaped multiple Israeli assassination attempts in the past.

His potential killing threat-



REUTERS

ens to derail ceasefire talks and would be seen as a major Israeli victory in the nine-month campaign. "These false claims are merely a cover-up for the scale of the horrific massacre," Hamas said in a statement in response to Israel.

The Gaza Health Ministry said at least 289 others were injured in the attack and that many of the injured and dead were taken to nearby Nasser Hospital. At the hospital, Associated Press journalists counted over 40 bodies and witnesses there described an attack

that included several strikes. The Israeli military asserted that "additional terrorists hid among civilians" and described the strike locations as an area surrounded by trees, several buildings and sheds.

Footage of the aftermath showed charred tents, burnt-out cars and household belongings scattered across the blackened earth as emergency workers and Palestinians displaced by the nine-month war searched for survivors. Victims were carried on the hoods and in the

hatchbacks of cars, and on donkey carts and carpets. "Children were all martyred here. We collected their pieces with our hands," a Palestinian man said. He estimated there were seven or eight missiles and that first responders were targeted as well.

According to an Israeli official, the strike was carried out within a fenced area of Khan Younis that was run by Hamas, but did not elaborate on the precise location.

The latest deadly strike comes as US, Egyptian and

FALSE CLAIM: HAMAS

■ Israel's claim that it was targeting Hamas leaders in an airstrike in Gaza on Saturday was "false", Hamas said. "It's not the first time Israel claims to target Palestinian leaders, only to be proven false later," it added.

■ "These false claims are only to cover up the extent of the horrific massacre," it said.

■ Hamas said "defenceless civilians" were killed in the attack on an area previously designated by Israel as "safe"

<< Palestinians react to their losses after an Israeli strike at Al-Mawasi in Khan Younis.

KP Oli set to return as Nepal PM, new govt to be sworn in tomorrow

KATHMANDU, JULY 13 KP Sharma Oli, who is set to become Nepal's new Prime Minister, was busy on Saturday consulting his alliance partner Nepali Congress in preparing the list of ministers to be inducted into the new coalition government that is likely to be sworn in on Monday.

President Ram Chandra Paudel is expected to appoint Oli, 72, as the new Prime Minister of the Nepali Congress (NC)-UML coalition by Sunday afternoon. "However, the President is likely to administer the oath to the new PM and other members of the cabinet on Monday morning. A small cabinet is likely to be announced on Monday before the oath-taking ceremony starts," said sources close to the NC and UML.

Amid political turmoil in the Himalayan nation, Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) chairman Oli, 72, is set to become PM once again after incumbent Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Friday failed to win a trust vote in Parliament.

Late on Friday night, Oli had staked his claim to become



KP Sharma Oli and others at Nepal parliament in Kathmandu. FILE

EX-PM TEAMS UP WITH DEUBA'S NC

■ Oli had staked his claim to become the next PM with the backing of Nepali Congress (NC) chief Sher Bahadur Deuba

■ He submitted signatures of 165 House of Representatives members — 77 from his party and 88 from the NC

the next Prime Minister with the backing of Nepali Congress (NC) president Sher Bahadur Deuba and submitted the signature of 165 House of Representatives (HoR) members — 77 from his party and 88 from the NC — to form the government under Article 76-2 of the Constitution.

President Ram Chandra Paudel on Friday had called on political parties to stake claim to form the new government with a Sunday evening deadline to prove the majority. Of a total of 21 ministries, the Nepali Congress will get nine ministries and the UML eight plus the post of Prime Minister, a source close to Oli said.

"Key positions such as Home, Foreign, Finance and Energy will be divided between NC and UML. Nepali Congress is likely to get the portfolio of Home while the Finance will go to the UML," the source said. — PTI

Russian shelling kills four in Ukraine

KYIV, JULY 13 Russian shelling of Ukraine killed four people on Saturday, officials said, as the two countries exchanged drone attacks, one of which set ablaze a Russian oil depot.

Two people died in Ukraine's partly occupied Kherson region and two were

wounded in the attack close to the regional capital, said Gov Oleksandr Prokudin. Two other people died Saturday afternoon and 16 were wounded in Ukraine's Kharkiv region.

An oil depot in the Tsimlyansky district, deep inside Russia's southwestern Rostov region, was set ablaze

in the early hours of Saturday following a Ukrainian drone attack — the latest long-range strike by Kyiv's forces on a border region. Ukraine has in recent months stepped up aerial assaults on Russian soil, targeting refineries to slow down the Kremlin's war machine. — AP

Biden signs into law Bill enhancing US support for Tibet

WASHINGTON, JULY 13 US President Joe Biden has signed into law a bill that enhances American support for Tibet and promotes dialogue between China and the Dalai Lama toward a peaceful resolution of the dispute over the status and governance of the remote Himalayan region.

China had opposed the Resolve Tibet Act and described it as a "destabilising" Act. The Act was passed by the House of Representatives last February and it cleared the Senate in May.

"Today, I have signed into law S. 138, the 'Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act'. I share the Congress' bipartisan commitment to advancing the human rights of Tibetans and supporting efforts to preserve their distinct linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage," Biden said on Friday in a late-night statement.

'GROSS INTERFERENCE': CHINA OPPOSES MOVE

■ China expressed strong opposition to the US law that presses Beijing to resolve a dispute over Tibet's demands for autonomy

■ The law "grossly interferes in China's domestic affairs and sends a severely wrong signal to the 'Tibet independence' forces," it said

"My administration will continue to call on the People's Republic of China to resume direct dialogue, without preconditions, with the Dalai Lama, or his representatives, to seek a settlement that resolves differences and leads to a negotiated agreement on Tibet," Biden said.

The 14th Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959 and came to India where he set up the government-in-exile at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh. From 2002 to 2010, the Dalai Lama's representatives and the Chinese government held nine rounds of dialogue that did not produce any concrete outcome.

China views the 89-year-old

Tibetan spiritual leader, who is based in India, as a "separatist" who is working to split Tibet from the rest of the country. The Act does not change longstanding bipartisan US policy to recognise the Tibet Autonomous Region and other Tibetan areas of China as part of the People's Republic of China (PRC) — a policy decision that Biden said falls within his authority to recognise foreign states and the territorial bounds of such states. The Act enhances US support for Tibet — empowering State Department officials to actively and directly counter disinformation about Tibet from the Chinese government. — PTI



Joe Biden at a campaign stop in Detroit, Michigan. REUTERS

More Democrats urge Biden to withdraw from prez race

WASHINGTON DC, JULY 13 More Democrats from the United States Congress have called on President Joe Biden to quit the 2024 Presidential race, as per a report by Politico.

Most of those who urged Biden to pull out are rank-and-file lawmakers even as the

Democratic Party continues to publicly back Biden. The lawmakers calling for Biden's exit include top national security Democrats like Jim Hines and Adam Smith, the ranking members on the Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, respectively. — ANI

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH AUCTION NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited for the auction of given below vehicles on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" lying at Transport Yard, PGI, Chandigarh. Tender will open on 07.08.2024 at 03:00 P.M. Last date for submission of tender is 07.08.2024 till 02:00 P.M. Vehicles can be inspected on any working day from 10:00 A.M. to 01:00 P.M. and Saturdays 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. from 15.07.2024. Detailed tender forms including terms and conditions may be obtained from Central Store on the cash payment of Rs. 200/- at fee counter in Nehru Hospital from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. or by sending a bank draft in favour of the Director, PGI, Chandigarh payable at Chandigarh from 15.07.2024 to 06.08.2024. Highest bidder will have to lift the items as it is without breaking/splitting. To lift the vehicles, the highest bidder will make the arrangement at his own cost and risk. Other terms and conditions are mentioned in the tender form.

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Regd. No., Make, Model, EMD/FDR. It lists details for six different vehicles including Maruti SX4 and a Swarg Mazda Santosha Van.

Director PGI reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without any prior notice or reason. Please note & follow the following instructions: 1. Only one participant with one tender will be allowed to attend in the auction hall. 01-7346 DIRECTOR

HIMACHAL PRADESH HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING AND PROCESSING CORPORATION LTD. (A Government Undertaking)

Fruit Processing Plant, Parwanoo-173220, Distt. Solan (HP) Phone No- 01792-232351 E-mail ID: hpmcftp1980@gmail.com

e-tender Notice for Loading, Transportation & Scientific disposal of Fresh Apple pomace/Rotten fruit

Online offers are invited for loading, transportation & scientific disposal of Fresh Apple pomace/Rotten fruit from the premises of HPMC FPP Parwanoo during the current ongoing apple processing season in large quantity (Approx 4000 MT) from the interested parties may be a firm or company. The last date of online receipt of e-tender is 22nd July, 2024 upto 11:00AM. The online bid will be opened on the same day at 1:00PM. The bid document details are available online on the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to have digital signature (DSC) from one of the certifying authority. HPMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons.

Dy. General Manager HPMC FPP Parwanoo

NORTHERN RAILWAY Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Store Depot Mech. Workshop, Amritsar for and on behalf of the President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Table with 4 columns: Tender No., Description, Qty., Due Date. It lists three tender items for ejector and release for 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch, and 5/8 inch nose assemblies.

Note: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desire to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class II digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. Tender Notice No.: 11/2024-25 Dated: 13.07.2024 2146/2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

School collapse kills 22 pupils

ABUJA, JULY 13 A two-story school collapsed during morning classes Friday in north-central Nigeria, killing 22 students and sending rescuers on a frantic search for more than 100 people trapped in the rubble.

The Saints Academy college in Plateau state's Busa Buji community collapsed shortly after students arrived for classes. — AP

Pakistan, IMF agree on new \$7 bn aid package

ISLAMABAD, JULY 13 Pakistan and the IMF have agreed on a \$7 billion aid package spread over more than three years to help the cash-strapped country deal with its chronic economic issues.

"Building on the economic stability achieved under the 2023 Stand-by Arrangement (SBA), IMF staff and the Pakistani authorities have reached a staff-level agreement on a 37-month Extended Fund Facility Arrangement (EFF) of about USD 7 billion," the global lender said in an overnight statement, confirming the much-awaited deal subject to the approval by the IMF's Executive Board. The Washington-based

Pak court acquits Imran in illegal marriage case

ISLAMABAD, JULY 13 A Pakistani court on Saturday acquitted jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi in the un-Islamic marriage case, the only case keeping the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder behind bars since August last year.

However, barely an hour after his acquittal in the case, an anti-terrorism court in Lahore approved the request to arrest the PTI leader in three cases linked to the unprecedented May 9 riots following his arrest in an alleged corruption case. The PTI called his latest arrest a "gimmick to keep the illegal imprisonment prolonged". On February 3 — days before the general elections



remarry before completing four months after divorce or the death of her husband. The couple had challenged the sentence in a district and session court of Islamabad, where Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADSJ) Afzal Majoka heard the case. The judge announced the judgment after reserving the verdict earlier in the day, acquitting Khan, 71 and Bushra, 49. "If they are not wanted in any other case, then PTI founder Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi should be released immediately," the judge said. — PTI

YET ANOTHER GIMMICK, SAYS PTI

■ Imran Khan's party PTI dubbed his arrest in three more cases a "gimmick"

■ "Yet another gimmick to keep the illegal imprisonment prolonged," it said

■ ATC Lahore has decided to bow to the power hub instead of serving justice, it added

<< Imran Khan has been in jail since August 2023. FILE

Guns 'n groceries: Vending machines selling ammo debut in 3 US states

NEWYORK, JULY 13 Vending machines selling ammunition are now appearing in grocery stores across Alabama, Texas, and Oklahoma, stirring mixed reactions from officials in these states, CNN reported.

American Rounds, the company behind these machines, uses AI technology for customer identification. According to their website, the

machines use both ID scanning and facial recognition software to confirm a customer's identity. This ensures that the buyer's age is verified and that the person using the machine matches the scanned identification. These vending machines offer ammunition for a variety of firearm calibers, including rifles, shotguns, and handguns, as stated by American Rounds. Grant Magers,

CEO of American Rounds, mentioned that local grocery stores had approached him in the spring of 2023 about using hightech technology to sell ammunition. The company's first machine was installed in Alabama last November.

"It's not much different than setting up any other business," Magers explained. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

(ATF) has allowed the machines, telling CNN in a statement: "A federal license is not required to sell ammunition. However, commercial sales of ammunition must comply with state laws as well as any applicable federal laws." The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office told CNN that "review of state statutes indicates these vending machines appear to be lawful." — ANI



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BRIEFLY

PARIS
Antim, Aman will be seeded wrestlers at Paris Olympics
World Championships bronze medalist Antim Panghal (women's 53kg) and immensely talented Aman Sehrawat (men's freestyle 57kg) have been seeded fourth and sixth in their respective weight categories which should help them avoid tough rivals in the initial bouts of the wrestling competition at the Paris Olympics. The wrestling events will commence on August 5 and conclude on August 11, the last day of the Games. This is the first time wrestling events will have seedings at the Olympics.

NEW DELHI
Anahat, Tiana enter Round 3 of World Junior squash
Anahat Singh has stormed into the girls' third round of the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston. The 16-year-old eased past South African Dene Van Zyl 11-3 11-2 11-6 in the second round following a first-round bye. Compatriot Tiana Parasrampur advanced to the third round with a 14-12 11-5 11-5 win over Emma Merson of New Zealand

LA PLAGNE (FRANCE)
GM Raja Rithvik bags silver, Injyan takes bronze medal
Indian Grandmaster Raja Rithvik bagged the silver medal while compatriot Panneerselvam Injyan took home the bronze in the La Plagne Open here. Rithvik clinched silver through tie-breaker after he was tied for second place with other players such as Injyan, GM Praneeth Vuppala, and IM Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad.

CHENNAI
Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa to headline team in 45th Chess Olympiad
D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa are notable Indian names who will take part in the Chess Olympiad set to be held in Budapest in September. The men's team also comprises Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi and Hanikrishna Pentala. The women's team features Harika Dronavalli, R Vaishali, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal and Tania Sachdev. AGENCIES

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GILL, JAISWAL: ROCK, STAR

Skipper plays anchor, opening partner smashes bowlers as India take series



Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill put on 156 runs for the first wicket. AP/PTI

HARARE, JULY 13
Yashasvi Jaiswal's flair was complemented by skipper Shubman Gill's poise as a young Indian team catered to a 10-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in their fourth T20I, taking an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

This is the second time that India won by 10 wickets, the first coming in 2016 at the same venue in 2016.

Jaiswal and Gill's approach was in complete contrast as the Mumbai southpaw went hammer and tongs during his unbeaten 93-run knock, while his captain (58 not out) played the second fiddle in a chase of 153 which was completed in 15.2 overs. The target was made to look easier than it should have been on a track that had good bounce and carry.

Jaiswal, who had to sit out during the T20 World Cup campaign hardly looked rusty, playing shots all around the wicket. The thumping back-drive off rival skipper Sikandar Raza was delightful and equally stylish was the pick-up pull off Richard Ngarava for a six.

The lack of pace in the Zimbabwean attack on a good wicket became home team's undoing as Jaiswal reached his half-century with nine boundaries when Gill was yet to reach 15.

There was no way Zimbabwe could have stopped the run-feast as towards the end,

10
Jaiswal and Gill smashed 10 fours in their first four overs. It is the total number of hits Zimbabwe managed in their entire innings

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the bigger interest was whether the two flagbearers of Indian batting into the next decade could reach their individual milestones of half-century and century. It was Gill who got his fifty, and that didn't leave Jaiswal with enough runs to complete his hundred.

Earlier, India's part-time bowlers Shivam Dube and Abhishek Sharma performed commendably in the middle overs to restrict Zimbabwe to a manageable 152/7 after being put in to bat by Gill.

Raza smashed 46 off 28 balls but India's fifth bowler Abhishek (1/20 in 3 overs) and sixth option Dube (1/11 in 2 overs) produced a decent effort to keep the proceedings under control.

Brief scores: Zimbabwe: 152/7 in 20 overs (Raza 46, Madhevere 25, Marumani 32; Khaleel 2/32); India: 156/0 in 15.2 overs (Jaiswal 93*, Gill 58*). — PTI

Great bunch of players: Gill hails team
HARARE Shubman Gill was happy to tick off the "chase" box from his skipper's check list in an emphatic manner as he was glowing in his praise for young team comprising "great bunch of players". Yashasvi Jaiswal (93 off 53 balls) and skipper Gill (58 off 39 balls) hunted down a target of 153 with 28 balls to spare and the skipper expects this team to move forward in the right direction.

"Chasing was one thing we talked about. We could not do it in the first game, so good to get it done. The job is not done, though," Gill stated during the post-match presentation.

"This is a great team, great bunch of players. Hopefully, we will be able to take the team forward."

With the series already in the pocket, when asked about changes in the playing XI for the final fixture tomorrow, Gill did not reveal anything significant. "Haven't had the discussion with the coach. If there are any changes, we will let you know at the toss tomorrow," he added. PTI

Delhi Capitals and Ponting part ways

NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Delhi Capitals today parted ways with head coach Ricky Ponting after seven unsuccessful years in their quest for an elusive IPL silverware, the franchise announced on social media.

While it is still early days, there is every possibility that Sourav Ganguly, the current team director of DC, could double up as the head coach next season.



Ricky Ponting came on board in 2019 at the franchise. IPT

"As you move on as our head coach, we are finding it incredibly difficult to put it down in words. The four things that you told us about in every huddle — care, commitment, attitude and effort, they sum up our seven years together," DC posted on their official X handle.

While the franchise waxed eloquent in that emotional post about their long associa-

tion with the Australian, it is learnt that Ponting was told in no uncertain terms that his performance hasn't pleased the management. "The top brass of DC has intimated Ricky that they aren't happy that the team didn't win a championship in seven years and they are trying to look at rejigging the support staff," a source said. — PTI

Czech it out: Krejckikova dismantles Paolini for her second Grand Slam

LONDON, JULY 13
Barbora Krejckikova kept insisting that nobody — not her friends, not her family, not even herself — would believe she won Wimbledon for her second Grand Slam title.

Her first Major championship, as an unseeded player at the French Open three years ago, certainly was a surprise. This one, which came via a 6-2 2-6 6-4 victory over Jasmine Paolini in the final at the All England Club today, was maybe just as unpredictable, sure, but perhaps now it's time to recognise that these sorts of results from Krejckikova are not only possible but

make perfect sense. "It's just unreal what just happened. Definitely the best day of my career — and also the best day of my life," said Krejckikova, a 28-year-old from the Czech Republic, who thanked her late mentor, 1998 Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna, for pushing her into professional tennis.

Even while holding her gold champion's plate, Krejckikova described herself as "the lucky one" for getting past the seventh-seeded Paolini, who also was the runner-up at the French Open last month.



Barbora Krejckikova defeated Jasmine Paolini 6-2 2-6 6-4. REUTERS



Krejckikova was only the 31st of 32 seeds at the All England Club after illness and a back injury this season limited her to a 7-9 record entering this tournament. Then came a three-setter in the first round last week, adding to the doubts.

But by the end of the fortnight, there Paolini was during the trophy ceremony, telling Krejckikova: "You play such beautiful tennis."

Krejckikova is the eighth woman to leave Wimbledon as the champion in the past eight editions of the event. Last year's champion also is from the Czech Republic: unseeded Marketa Vondrousova, who lost in the first round last week.

Paolini is the first woman since Serena Williams in 2016 to get to the finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same season — and the first since Venus Williams in 2002 to lose both. — AP

STATS	
KREJCKIKOVA	PAOLINI
6	ACES 3
4	DOUBLE FAULTS 1
72	1ST SERVE (%) 73
73	WIN 1ST SERVE (%) 61
57	WIN 2ND SERVE (%) 61
3/7	BREAK POINTS WON 2/6
28	WINNERS 19
37	UNFORCED ERRORS 23

4
Krejckikova is the fourth Czech player to win the women's title at Wimbledon in the Open Era after her one-time mentor Jana Novotna, Petra Kvitova and last year's champion Marketa Vondrousova

New & improved Spain seek European coronation

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 13
Six wins in a row — a competition record. Thirteen goals netted — one needed to break away from a personal best tie. Ninety six chances created — more than any other team in the 2024 Euro.

Look to end on a high note, England out to ambush their title bid

Spain are in rampaging form ahead of the final against England, looking set for a fourth European coronation.

It seems they have undergone a sort of ecdysis — emerging from the possession-hogging tiki-taka style to embracing a layer of distinct versatility in their play.

Even though the current batch of players, including wonderkid Lamine Yamal, Nico Williams, Rodri, Fabian Ruiz and Dani Olmo, may not be on the same level individually as Andres Iniesta, Xavi Hernandez, Sergio Busquets, David Villa, Isco and so on — the golden generation of 2008-2012 — but they are definitely not letting them down.

If they win tomorrow, it could be the dawn of a new era of Spain dominance, the new and improved La Roja.

Unlike the Spain of the



Spain's electric winger Lamine Yamal during training. REUTERS

past, which became hell-bent on passing its opponents to death with little or no reward, the current one is awash with a motley of a vertical, pacy and goal-driven game which has resulted in a montage of exhilarating football.

When Luis de la Fuente's side won 3-0 over Croatia in their opener the stats pointed to a peculiar shift in their approach. They were happy to cede possession (46% to Croatia's 54%), and that halted Spain's 136-match run of having more ball than their opponents — a feat which stretched back to the 2008 Euro final.

In between that feat, the Spaniards bowed out of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups,

both in the last-16, wherein they completed over 1,000 passes without any end product.

Lulling their rivals and then taking them by surprise is something the Spanish have thrived on for long, but the method seemed to have simply run its course. And de la Fuente, sensing urgency, has made all the right moves in modifying the structure of Spain and sharpening their edges.

The Rodri factor
Spain's show largely runs on their attacking mindset. While Nico and Yamal pack a 1-2 punch on flanks with their menacing runs at defences, the midfield, the

40
Spain's only final defeat in the competition came 40 years back, against France in 1984. They could become the first team to win the competition on four separate occasions

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This will be England's first major tournament final on foreign soil, with the 1966 World Cup and Euro 2020 finals both played at Wembley Stadium

territory where often games are won and lost, has been their stronghold.

It is mainly due to Rodri. His calming presence in the middle has everyone else ensconced in their positions, no matter where they are on the field. He is the reason their defence doesn't get worked up because he's always there in nick of time. His cleaning-up also means Ruiz and Olmo can move high up the final third to generate an effective press or join the attack at will — no one has won possession in the final third more than Ruiz (12 times) in this edition which shows how good Spain are at pressing. And of course, Rodri has a cannon

of a right foot and a knack for scoring all-important goals. No wonder the holding midfielder is regarded as the best in his position.

An upset?
But still, England can hurt them if they play their cards right. A lot depends on evading that press because once they find a way out of it many avenues can open up for them. In Jude Bellingham, Bukayo Saka, Phil Foden and Harry Kane and new sensation Kobbie Mainoo, the Three Lions have the quality to exploit those pockets of space and will have to pounce on the opportunity.

The biggest threats from England have come in the later stages in the game. They may have huffed and puffed their way into the final but there's been no shortage of resilience and character. Put on the back foot in all their knockout games, Gareth Southgate's men have come out on top and that too in spectacular fashion.

The fact that Spain eased on the gas after taking leads against Germany and France — both won 2-1 in tight finishes and saw several chances spurned by their rivals — England cannot treat the same path if they are to end their 58-year wait for a title.

Football fever takes over UK as Eng fans get ready to raise the roof

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
LONDON, JULY 13
The moment of truth has arrived and the anxiousness and excitement is sweeping the length and breadth of England as its team braces for a tough challenge against a red-hot Spain.

The fans, be it the native or the migrated ones, are ready to spend money like water to be able to make it to Berlin for the summit clash, but the possibility of being present at the Olympiastadion is bleak due to sold out flights and hotel bookings. Up to 50,000 fans are expected to reach Germany.

"Flights are already sold out and prices of spare tickets are up by five times as compared to the last week. While around 20 Ryanair flights are sold out, Easyjet's 12 flights to Berlin from Luton, Bristol, Birmingham and Gatwick for Saturday and Sunday are booked to capacity," says a London-based real estate dealer.

"I was willing to spend some £5,000 in cash but seems an impossible task to see the match in the stadium. From £167 airfare up for sale some 10 days back, they are now charging over £916 and even those tickets are not available now. Even the



England's fans will cheer their team to finally bring it home. REUTERS

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A real estate dealer

hotel rooms in Berlin are charging some three times for a night's stay," he stated.

The feel-good factor, though, is that the occasion

could inject millions of pounds into the UK economy. Pub owners are expecting over £40 million of pay-day tomorrow, in part to the permission to open till lam.

"I moved to London in 2004 and was not that big a fan of football, until I saw David Beckham play. This Sunday I have taken an off along with eight of my friends as we plan to cheer England to the title," says Sahil Kumar, a banker who is settled in Ayelsbury.

Meanwhile, Britain's new Prime Minister Keir Starmer has refused to commit to a last-minute bank holiday on Monday, if England win the Euro 2024, but said the UK should mark the occasion.

Beware of false narratives on jobs: Modi

Remarks come as Cong attributes BJP's byelection loss to unemployment, price rise

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday cautioned people against what he termed as "false narratives around jobs" and said every time a major infrastructure project is launched and implemented, jobs are created.

"People should remain cautious of the false narratives being spun against India's development. The fact is employment is created when bridges are built, railway tracks are laid, roads are constructed and local trains are manufactured... The recently released report on employment by the Reserve Bank of India that speaks of approximately eight crore jobs having been created in the last three to four years has silenced the critics," he said on a day when the Congress attributed the BJP's loss in 13 Assembly bypolls on Saturday to distress signs, including unemployment and price rise.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being felicitated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CMs Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnis in Mumbai on Saturday. ANI

The PM was speaking at an event in Mumbai after launching and laying the foundation stone for Rs 29,400 crore projects in the poll-bound Maharashtra's Mumbai today. Noting that both small and big investors have enthusiastically welcomed the third term of the NDA government, the PM said a stable

government will work with triple the speed in its third term. He added that the rate of employment in the country is directly proportional to infrastructure development.

Addressing the gathering, the PM mentioned the Vadnavan port project which was recently approved by the Centre and said the Rs 76,000

crore project will create more than 10 lakh jobs.

Media should aid expansion of nation's global image: PM
Modi said the media had a role in expanding India's global image, which in turn impacts its economy. Speaking at the inauguration of Indian Newspaper Society Towers in Mum-

PM BLESSES AMBANI'S SON AFTER WEDDING

PM Modi on Saturday blessed the newlywed couple Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant after their star-studded wedding attended by global celebrities, business tycoons and politicians. Modi arrived at the Ambani family owned Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai for the reception. Anant, the youngest son of Mukesh Ambani — Asia's richest man — and Radhika, a pharmaceutical heiress, touched Modi's feet to seek his blessings. Former UK PMs Tony Blair and Boris Johnson were also on the guest list. PTI

bai, he urged newspaper houses to launch digital editions in all UN languages to take the Indian growth story worldwide. "The global presence of Indian media is currently limited," the PM said, noting that the media had a role in helping make India a developed nation by 2047 by amplifying government campaigns.

Day after Nepal landslide, body of one of missing Indians recovered

KATHMANDU, JULY 13

A body of a 40-year-old Indian national working in Nepal was among three corpses recovered by rescuers on Saturday from the wreckage of two buses that were swept by a mudslide into a rain-swollen river with more than 50 passengers a day earlier.

The first body from the buses was recovered in the morning from 50 km away from the accident site. The deceased was identified as Rishi Pal Shahi from India, police said. The body was found half covered by sand in the Narayani River of Chitwan district, police said, adding that he was carrying an Indian ID.

The rescuers in the afternoon recovered two more bodies from the Gaundakot area in East Nawalparasi district, police said, adding that both the deceased were Nepali nationals who were missing in the accident.

The two buses carrying 54 passengers, including seven



Nepal army personnel carry out a search operation on Saturday. PTI

Indians, went missing in Trishuli River in the landslides at the Simaltal area along the Narayanghat-Mugling road in Chitwan district on Friday. Three people swam to safety later.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) and Chitwan District Police Office spokesperson Bhesh Raj

Rijal, the deceased Indian national was a passenger of the bus which was heading to Gaur from Kathmandu, MyRepublica news portal reported. Shahi was originally from the Rajmnuwa area of Bihar's Motihari city and used to live and work in Nepal, the report said, quoting his brother. — PTI

Indian consulate opens 2 new visa centres in US

WASHINGTON, JULY 13
India has launched two new visa and passport centres in Seattle city of Washington state of the US, catering to the needs of the Indian community living in nine Pacific North-western states of this country.

The two centres in Seattle and Bellevue — both in the Washington State — inaugurated on Friday, come months soon after the opening of the newest Indian Consulate in Seattle.

The other five existing Indian consulates are in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Houston and San Francisco.

"The opening of the Indian Consulate in Seattle is a reflection of the Indian Govern-

ment's strong commitment to deepen our relations with Pacific Northwestern states of the US," Prakash Gupta, Consul General of India in Seattle, said at the opening ceremony.

The centre is being run and managed by VFS Global on behalf of the Indian Government. VFS Global is the exclusive service provider for visa, OCI, passport, renunciation of Indian citizenship, and Global Entry Programme (GEP) verification services for the Indian government in the US.

"Through the new visa centres, we hope to ensure for all applicants a more convenient experience to prepare their travel to India," Gupta said. — PTI

Need to teach law in regional languages: CJI

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Emphasising the need to make law and legal education accessible to millions of Indian citizens, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday said universities should come together to prepare teaching modules in regional languages.

Addressing the 3rd Convocation at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University (RMLNLU), Lucknow, the CJI said a survey of 81 universities and colleges recently conducted by the Research Department of the Supreme Court found that the common people faced difficulties in understanding various schemes relating to their rights due to their inability to understand English.

Justice Chandrachud, however, sought to reiterate that English should not be done away with as a medium of instruction for legal education and that regional languages should also be adopted. He suggested that legal



CJI DY Chandrachud, flanked by UP CM Yogi Adityanath, presents a certificate to a student at a convocation ceremony in Lucknow. ANI

theories and procedures can be explained to students and the common man through informative videos prepared in regional languages.

"In many countries across the world, both legal education and legal proceedings are conducted in the regional language, ensuring that all citizens can not only access the legal system but also aspire to be lawyers and judges." "It is only when we teach core principles of law to our students efficiently while acquainting them with the

local context and local legal terms, that we can create socially responsible lawyers in the future, who can truly understand the issues and concerns of the local community," the CJI said.

"I often discuss with my colleagues and all educationists of the country as to how the study of law can be taught in simple language. As such, there are certain rules and basic principles in different provisions of the Constitution. We teach those principles well in English, but we

often find ourselves uncomfortable explaining those principles in regional languages," Justice Chandrachud said.

"If we are not able to explain the principles of law to the general public in simple language, then it shows the lack of legal profession and legal education. This affects the common citizens, especially the weaker section of society," said the CJI who has taken initiatives for making available the top court's judgments in Hindi and other regional languages.

"When I came to Allahabad, after spending my life in Mumbai as a judge at the Bombay High Court, it was culturally different for me. The proceedings in Bombay High Court are in English, and I found that before the Allahabad High Court, local lawyers would often start presenting their case in Hindi. It made me realise the potential of lawyers to present their case efficiently even in their local language," Justice Chandrachud said.

Police register FIR over 'lewd' remark on Kirti Chakra awardee's widow

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NEW DELHI, JULY 13
Delhi Police's Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operation (IFSO) cell has registered an FIR over an alleged lewd remark made about the widow of Kirti Chakra Captain Anshuman Singh on the social media platform X, officials said on Saturday.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) took suo motu cognisance and filed a complaint with the Delhi Police on Monday regarding the incident.

An official said the FIR has been registered at the IFSO unit under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act and the Information Technology (IT) Act. "The social media platform has also been contacted to provide details about the handle that

COMPLAINT BY NCW

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allegedly passed the lewd comment," he said.

In a letter issued on Monday, the NCW referenced specific legal provisions that the comment violates, including Section 79 (intended to insult the modesty of a woman), of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) of the IT Act, 2000.

The commission also demanded "a fair and timely investigation into the matter" and requested a detailed action taken report (ATR) within three days.

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With a writer residency, Vivan Sundaram's dream of Kasauli Art Centre is being revived

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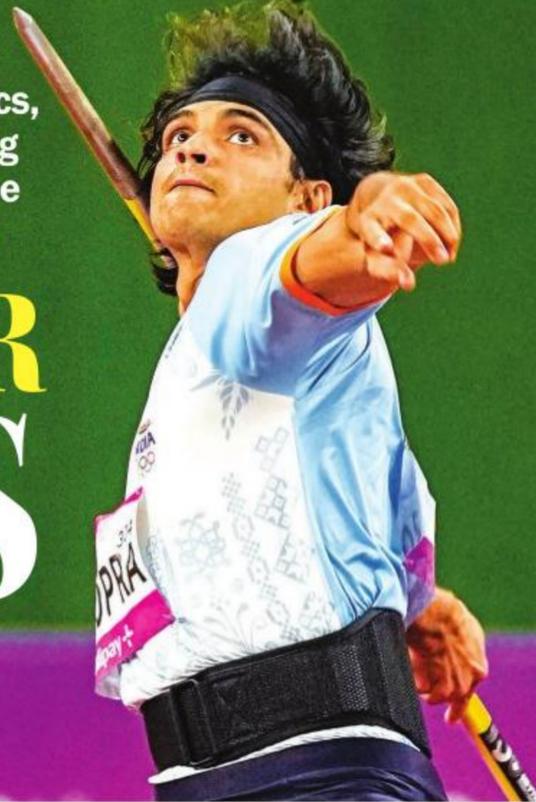
Making adventure tourism safer requires strong policies and regulations

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CHANDIGARH | 14 JULY 2024

With just days left for the Olympics, most Indian athletes are training abroad. The expectations may be muted, but the spirits are high

GAME FOR PARIS



INDIA IN OLYMPICS

India is fielding a total of 118 athletes in the Paris Olympics. This includes 111 athletes and seven alternate athletes.

So far, India has won 35 medals at the Olympics but only rifle ace Abhinav Bindra (2008) and Neeraj Chopra (2021) have won individual gold medals.

Sushil Kumar (2008 & 2012) and PV Sindhu (2016 & 2021) are the only two Indians to have won two individual medals.

Hockey teams have won a total of 12 medals, including 8 gold, the last of which came in 1980. India's bronze finish at the Tokyo Games ended a wait of 41 years for the hockey fans.

The Tokyo Olympics was the most successful for India, with the contingent winning 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze). It surpassed the 2012 London Olympics tally where Indian athletes won six medals.

There are high hopes that the golden man of Indian athletics, Tokyo gold medalist Neeraj Chopra (left), will win another medal for the country.

VINAYAK PADMADEO

Less than two weeks' time, on July 26, the greatest sporting show on earth will begin with a grand opening ceremony in Paris. The Indian contingent is scattered all over the world in the last ditch run-ins to get ready for their big day. Russia, Germany, Romania, Poland, Turkey, Switzerland and Japan are the countries where Indian athletes have touched base to sharpen their tools and techniques. There are some like Antim Panghal, too. The 53kg wrestler, heir to Vinesh Phogat's legacy, has chosen to stay in Hisar, Haryana, rather than taking a punt on foreign lands. The reason—her chosen sport, that has brought a medal in every Olympics since Beijing in 2008 where Sushil Kumar won an unlikely bronze through repechage, has in the last year-and-a-half been in a state of limbo.

The wrestlers' protest against the then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, that started from Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, in January 2023 broke the very foundations of the sport. As a result, there has hardly been any national camp since. Even with the new WFI executive taking over, things are not any different. There is confusion all around. The Sanjay Singh-led body is recognised by the United World Wrestling, but not by the Union sports ministry. Now it is every man or, in Antim's case, every woman for herself.

"I wanted to go out and train but there was confusion about the pre-Olympic trials. I thought it was better to stay in Hisar and prepare rather than land in a situation wherein I am called back for the trials," Antim says.

The WFI, after much dillydallying, decided not to hold any trials for the Olympic quota winners. By then, it was too late for Antim to change her training base. Her focus now is to return with a medal. "I have already worn the Team India kit. I had goosebumps and even though this is my first Olympics and perhaps I am the youngest in the wrestling team, I want to make everyone proud. Sakshi Malik is the only woman wrestler who has won a medal. We as a team want to return with one as well," she adds.

A little over 2,900 km away in Dagestan, Russia, Aman Sehrawat nurtures the same dream. "I am mindful of the fact that our sport has got us medals regularly, and I will do everything to make sure we continue with our winning ways," says Sehrawat, who will be the only Indian male wrestler in the fray this time.



Chirag Shetty (left) and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy are considered favourites for a podium finish.

"It has been a very difficult period for all, especially the youngsters, who lost out on competitions during the protest. Some lost their chances to represent in juniors, some lost out on jobs but we have to move on now and it is up to us to bring a few smiles back," he adds.

SHOOTING, A BIG DRAW

The sport has been an enigma since the 2012 London Games, where Vijay Kumar and Gagan Narang won silver and bronze in the 25m rapid fire and 10m air rifle competitions. After failing badly in both the 2016 Rio and 2020 (held in 2021) Tokyo Games, the spotlight has somewhat dimmed on the shooting contingent. In Tokyo, the team was full of stars who shot exceptional scores leading up to the Games. Divyansh Panwar, Elavenil Valarivan, Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary were on the top of rankings, but failed to get a podium finish. This time though, no one is talking about the numbers.

With India fielding a 22-member squad, its highest participation ever, the coaches are keeping their targets close to their chest. The focus now is the simulation trainings. The final format has been changed for the Paris competition. In its earlier version, the qualification rounds and medal rounds would be conducted within a space of a few hours. This time, the finals will be held a day after the qualifications.

"It has changed yes, but I do not think it would matter to me as we, in rapid fire, are used to shooting for two days in our qualification rounds," reckons Anish Bhanwala, one of the prospects in the 25m rapid fire competition. In this discipline, shooters have to shoot two rounds of 30 shots each over a short burst of eight, six and four seconds. The top eight in total score go to the finals. "For some shooters in the other disciplines, it will be tricky as their qualifications and final rounds were held within hours. But everyone is working hard to overcome this and I am hopeful that we will win some medals this time," adds Anish, who is currently in Suhl, Germany, where he competed against many of his competitors in the Rapid Fire Cup.

"I know a lot of people are mindful of the rule change and are working hard. As for me, training has not changed a bit and my final simulation training is held once a week," explains Anish.

ALL HOPES ON NEERAJ

The reigning Olympic and World Champion javelin thrower is once again the top draw. The Army man from Khandra (Panipat) has racked up impressive numbers since triumphing in Tokyo with a best throw of 87.58m. Since then, the golden man of Indian athletics has had an impressive 15 podium finishes. Currently regaining his fitness as an adductor muscle strain has slowed him down, Neeraj Chopra is training in Antalya, Turkey, before he mounts a challenge to regain his Olympic title.

Steeple chasers Avinash Sable and Parul Chaudhary are in St Moritz, Switzerland, while members of the 400m relay team are on their way to Poland for the last leg of the Olympic Games preparation. They will join Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin), Jyothi Yarraji (100m hurdles), Jeswin Aldrin (long jump) and Praveen Chithravel (triple jump) there.

HOCKEY CHALLENGE

After winning the Asian Games gold in Hangzhou, the men's hockey team's form under Craig Fulton is patchy. The team lacks intensity in attacks, and that showed in the disastrous tour of Australia where they lost all five games. In the European Pro League that followed, the results were mixed and that muted enthusiasm. Add to the fact that India is part of the group that includes Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Ireland, and the reigning bronze medallists' progression in the knockouts looks anything but assured.

NO BIG BUILD-UP

What is missing in the run-up to the Paris Games is the big build-up from the authorities. The normally confident Union sports ministry and its affiliate, Sports Authority of India, have not set any target. This is a vast difference from the Asian Games held in Hangzhou last year, where both had gone into a publicity frenzy with the catchphrase, *Ab ki baar, 100 paar*. They are circumspect. An internal document of the Target Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) suggests that there are only three athletes — Neeraj, badminton duo of Chirag Shetty/Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Antim—who are surely in the medal hunt. Chances of a podium finish for the likes of pugilist Nikhat Zareen and reigning medallists like Lovlina Borgohain and Mirabai Chanu are pegged low. So, *Ab ki baar, kitne paar?*



WHAT'S NEW

Breakdance will make its debut as a sport in the 2024 Games. Besides it, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has added eight more new events, including three in sailing — kitesurfing, mixed 470 (sailing) and offshore sailing — and two in canoeing: women's and men's extreme slalom.

2024 will also be the first gender-equal Olympic Games. The organisers expect the same number of male and female participants, at 5,250 each.

The Paris Games will also be a global carbon-neutral event. It aims to reduce event-related CO₂ emissions by half. The previous Games emitted an average of 3.5 million tonnes of CO₂.

Injury concerns a dampener

INJURY concerns have dimmed the hopes somewhat as the Indian contingent heads to Paris with an aim to better the Tokyo Olympics medal haul. India bagged seven medals, including the all-important individual gold in javelin won by Neeraj Chopra. However, as the countdown begins, many including Neeraj and Mirabai Chanu, the reigning silver medallist in weightlifting, have run into injury troubles.

NEERAJ CHOPRA: He pulled out of Golden Spike Ostrava in Czech Republic in May due to an adductor muscle strain. This was after he was cajoled into taking part in the Federation Cup National Championship 2024. However, he returned to action at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland in June to assuage all fears. Currently in Turkey, Neeraj, as per JSW's Head of Sports Excellence Manisha Malhotra, is preparing well and is fit. "There is no pain in his groin area. He had a throwing session last week and another is planned for this Monday. He could not have attempted it if he was half fit. Be assured, he is fine and looking after his body," she reassures.

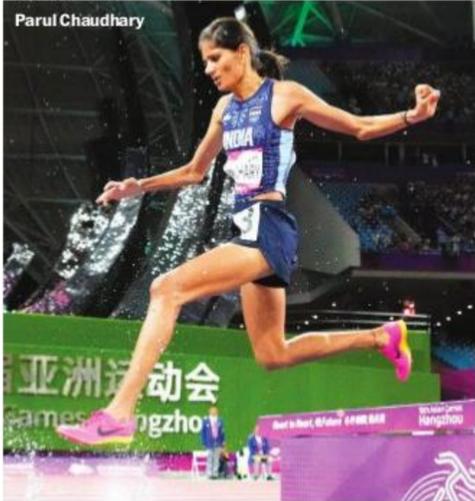


MIRABAI CHANU: The weightlifter is currently training in Paris. The reigning silver medallist in 49kg category has suffered many injuries, the latest being hip tendonitis, diagnosed during the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games. Previously, she suffered a rotator cuff, shoulder and wrist injury and was also out of action for nine months in 2018 because of a lower back injury. With multiple such issues, Mirabai has had to spend considerable time with strength and conditioning expert Aaron Horschig to get going again. Concerns apart, Mira remains in contention for a medal in Paris, says her coach Vijay Sharma. "I think it is remarkable that Mira, despite all her injury issues, is still a medal contender. She is looking sharp and I am very hopeful that she will put up a good show in Paris," adds Sharma.

SATWIKSAIRAJ RANKIREDDY: The flamboyant half of the Indian doubles pair alongside Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj, too, has run into injury trouble. A shoulder injury forced the pair to pull out of the Badminton Asian Championships in Ningbo, China, in April. Though the pair returned to win the Thailand Open title in May and competed in Singapore in June, Satwik's recurring injury has halted the preparations for the Games. "It is looking tough, but let's see how he responds," said a BAI insider.

ANSHU MALIK: The wrestler, who will take part in the 57kg category in Paris, incurred a neck injury while training at the Shahid Bhagat Singh Academy in Mirchpur, Hisar. She was hospitalised for two days and was advised three weeks' rest. Curiously, she was then cleared to train again by July 3. Anshu has already left for Japan to train. "Hers is a very suspect case. After three weeks' rest, suddenly she was cleared to train again. We suspect that the injury persists," a federation official said.

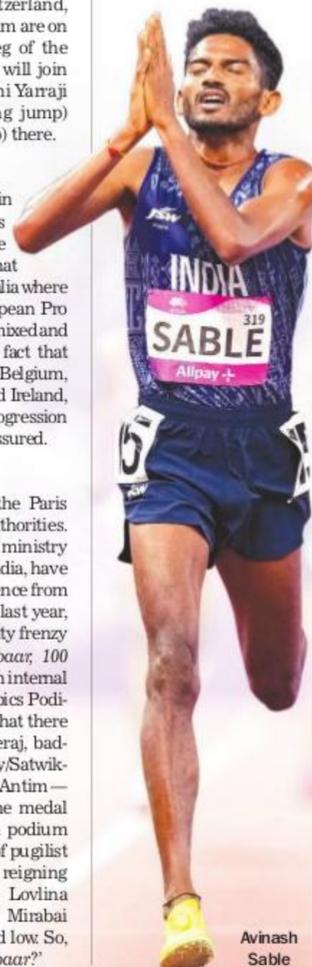
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Parul Chaudhary



Antim Panghal



Avinash Sable

HOW MONSOON DEFINES US

BINDU MENON

IN Intizar Husain's story 'Clouds', a boy is perturbed by the disappearance of clouds and goes searching for them. He asks everyone if they have seen a passing cloud, but no one seems to know or care. One old man ruminates that the rain will come only if God wills it and rues that "the sky has turned miserly, and the earth is no longer benevolent". But the boy barely gets the import of the man's words. He only wants to see the clouds. When he finally returns home after a long search, he finds that it has already rained and his beloved *jamun* tree is glistening in the courtyard. Hopefully, he looks up but finds a clear sky, emptied of the rain. Wistfully, he realises that the clouds have eluded him again.

know the monsoon, for "what the four seasons of the year mean to the European, the one season of the monsoon means to the Indian". In his 1956 novel *Train to Pakistan*, Singh vividly describes the onset of monsoon as an "ebony wall coming up from the east" and paints a theatrical vision of its coming — "There is a flash of lightning which outshines the daylight. The wind fills the black sails of the clouds and they billow out across the sun. A profound shadow falls on the earth. There is another clap of thunder. Big drops of rain fall and dry up in the dust. A fragrant smell rises from the earth... It has come! Sheets of water, wave after wave."

The word 'monsoon' entered the English language in the 16th century, probably picked up from Arab sailors and derived from the Arabic word 'mausim' or the Urdu 'mausam'. In his book *Unruly Waters*, which surveys the expansive history of Asia through its riverine culture and rains, historian Sunil Amrith points to two statements that bring out the significance of the monsoon in India. One by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the late 1960s when she said, "For us in India, scarcity is only a missed monsoon away." The other is by environmental activist Sunita Narain in a lecture in Harvard, where she famously declared that "India's finance minister is the monsoon".

In popular imagination, the rain is embedded with all kinds of emotion, myths and cultural memories. In Kalidasa's 'Meghaduta', the emotion is of *viraha* (longing) and hope when a banished *yaksha* pines for his beloved and enlists the help of a cloud to send her a message. In mythology, there is the story of Rishyasringa, a young ascetic who must be seduced so that he can bring rain to a parched kingdom. In musical lore, Tansen's rendering of the heat-inducing and lamp-igniting *Raag Deepak* takes such a toll on his health that he is saved only by the rendition of the rain-invoking *Raag Megh Malhar*.

Alluding to the rain, Jayanta Mahapatra once observed that there are two things which connect human beings: what is above and what is below. "The sky is above you and the earth beneath you and anything that connects earth and sky is rain. It is a bond you cannot miss," the poet said, calling the rain the very act of living. In similar vein, fellow poet Walt Whitman describes it as the "poem of earth" that palpably rises from the land and bottomless seas upward to heaven and cleanses and rejuvenates the earth, while Khalil Gibran eloquently visualises it as "the sigh of the sea, the laughter of the field, the tears of heaven".

Rain brings hope and joy, it can also be dark and bleak. Such is life too. And therefore, as American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow says, "Into each life, some rain must fall."



RAVI KUMAR

No season in India is preceded by so much longing, nor triggers as much loathing when it overstays

As the southwest monsoon advances, the clouds are not so elusive. The monsoon seems to hold the nation in its thrall, putting it on track and sometimes off it. No season in India is preceded by so much longing, nor triggers as much loathing when it overstays its welcome or unleashes its fury. No other season grips the senses and the soul as the monsoon: from the invigorating scent of damp earth to the rhythmic symphony that rises from a pitter-patter to a pounding frenzy, from its awe-inspiring visual exuberance to the visceral aliveness that a walk in the rain can offer. No season perhaps captures nature in all its manifestations: its beauty, bounty and benevolence. Or its fury, ferocity and fickleness.

We seem to share an organic bond with the rain. It evokes comforting memories of playing with paper boats and puddles and a yearning for some piping hot tea and *pakoras*. Khushwant Singh once wrote that to know India and its people, one must

Srinagar's resilient landmark

Amar Singh College, restored after 2014 floods, holds pride of place

SAIMA IQBAL

STANDING tall at the end of a long avenue of poplars, the century-old Amar Singh College is one of the cornerstones in Kashmir's educational landscape. Nestled within the residential neighbourhood of Wazir Bagh, the sprawling 40-acre campus is a verdant oasis about 4 km southwest of Lal Chowk, Srinagar's city centre.

Influenced by Annie Besant, who encouraged him to support modern education, Dogra ruler Maharaja Pratap Singh donated land for the institution on July 7, 1906. It initially focused on languages and arithmetic. Recognising the need for technical training to support local industries, the Amar Singh Technical Institute was established in 1913, under the stewardship of FH Andrews. It aimed to modernise technical education and equip students with skills in carpentry, blacksmithing and pottery.

By 1942, the institute evolved into Amar Singh College, expanding its curriculum. The college's impressive architecture reflects its intended prominence and high academic standards. It symbolised a societal shift to blend traditional knowledge with western education principles.

The college has remained a symbol of resilience and stability, offering a sanctuary for learning in a region often disrupted by conflict. Initially a men's college, it now boasts of a mixed-gender student body.

The college's historical significance is intertwined with the broader development of Srinagar during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As Srinagar expanded south and southwest, new residential neighbourhoods and public buildings emerged, reflecting colonial influences in design. This period saw the construction of notable structures such as the Shergarhi Palace Complex, SP College and the British Residency. Maharaja Pratap Singh made efforts to beautify the city by introducing roads, motorised transportation and planted avenues of trees to provide vistas and formality to the urban landscape.

Laid out around the early 20th century, Wazir Bagh developed as a Victorian-style neighbourhood in an evident shift from the crowded inner city quarters. Grand porticos and elaborate frontages, gardens and open lawns became hallmarks of these newly-built houses and buildings. Amar Singh College held a central position.

The arrival of the British saw the introduction of colonial architecture. In Kashmir, the shift from traditional building systems involving *taq* and *dhajjide wari* was first witnessed during the latter part of the 19th century, with the introduction of colonial-style load-bearing masonry. Such buildings were broadly characterised by symmetrical and rectilinear layouts constructed in good quality fired bricks, and set in lime mortar. The walls rested on high plinths (which some-



Amar Singh College, which is spread over 40 acres, was awarded by UNESCO Asia Pacific as one of the best practice conservation projects of 2020. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER



Gauged and moulded bricks have been used for the building's elevation & ornamentation.

times took the form of basements). The strength of the buildings was mainly derived from good masonry bonds and stone or brick walls. Borrowing from this trend, the U-shaped layout of the Amar Singh College building is also symmetrically divided into two sections along the centre, creating a courtyard-like space.

Each of the classrooms is substantial in size, with high ceilings to receive optimum natural light. Gauged and moulded bricks have been strategically used to emphasise the building's elevation and ornamentation. Moulded brickwork has been essentially applied at three levels — at the sill level, the lintel level and the floor level of both the storeys of the building. Soft bricks have been employed to cut and fashion these to the desired design.

In September 2014, unprecedented floods caused severe damage to the region, including the college. Floodwaters rose to about 15 feet, inundating the premises for more than two weeks. It caused extensive damage to the infrastructure and resulted in an irreparable loss of books and other scholarly materials. Intervention was urgently needed.

The conservation of Amar Singh College, awarded by UNESCO Asia Pacific as one of

the best practice conservation projects of 2020, necessitated restoration of decorative bricks, apart from other issues.

The project was envisaged keeping its long-term sustainability in mind, and reversibility. Another principal objective was meeting the 'like-for-like' philosophy of conservation wherever replacements and repairs were required.

Based on the initial analysis and documentation of building material, a repair methodology was adopted. Craftsmen were trained on-site to measure all the bricks that needed restoration, which were mostly suffering from spalling and defacement. No new bricks were procured. Bricks salvaged from the site were cut to size and rubbed to attain the exact design and size of the moulded bricks that needed to be replaced.

Since these bricks were from the mid-1900s, they were similar in character to the original ones. The building also boasts of wall murals in two of its hallways. Apparently influenced by Ladakhi art, these were also restored by INTACH's Kashmir chapter.

The floods of 2014 rapidly transformed the Wazir Bagh neighbourhood. Entire portions were damaged, along with traditional decorative crafts embellishing these properties.

Several buildings that collapsed have been replaced by multiple-floor commercial buildings. In such a rapidly transforming environment, where government policy on listed buildings is still not a priority, the Amar Singh College building stands as a proud landmark of the upscale 20th century past of Srinagar's cityscape. Its restoration showcases that traditional buildings are far more robust and resilient than perhaps contemporary structures can ever be. Also, that if restoration is carried out sensitively and prudently, there is never a need to bring a heritage building down.

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CAPTION CONTEST 1467

PAVAN KUMAR



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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- No way — Meenakshi Sharma via epaper, Amritsar
- Middle man — Shalu, Chandigarh
- The Jam Master — Alisha Gupta via epaper, Nabha
- Above the chaos — Saba via epaper, Chandigarh
- One-man show — Usha Aggarwal, Panchkula

They are as proud of their cuisine as they are critical of those who wish to play around with it

The French perfection

RAHUL VERMA

DESPITE being a die-hard supporter of Spain, I felt a little sorry for France when it lost in the football Euro Cup last week.

France has a good team. To top it, the country has just gone through a gruelling election. And then, today is their national day too. On this day 235 years back, the Bastille fell, and July 14 became a symbol of revolutionary struggle. Keeping all that in mind, I thought it was time to say *bonjour* to French food. This cuisine is a great favourite of mine, and it never fails to sadden me that France's subtle yet flavoursome food hasn't really taken off in India, not the way, say, Chinese, Thai or Italian has.

There are some big and small French restaurants across the country, of course. Delhi has a few, and I had some great meals in restaurants which no longer exist. I remember in particular a *vol-au-vent* with baked cheese and snails, and the *Brie de Meaux aux truffes* — brie (soft cheese) stuffed with chopped truffles, served with toasted walnut bread — that I ate at a quaint little place in New Delhi.

To my mind, the cuisine is among the top three in the world. The ingredients are often mouth-watering — who can say no to truffles? And, of course, it's the sauce that gives every dish a special touch. Take the immensely popular *coq-au-vin*. This dish gets its flavours largely from a wine sauce. What appeals to me in particular is that the sauces don't overwhelm the flavours of the main ingredient.

I enjoy all the wonderfully elegant dishes that the French prepare with such care. Think of *une gelée d'escargot à l'ail* — *escargots* (snails) served with dill-flavoured hard-boiled quail eggs and jelly — or *poitrine de canard fumée sur lit de pomme de terre*

FRENCH ONION SOUP

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INGREDIENTS	
Butter	30 g
Onions (large, thinly sliced)	4
Black pepper (ground)	1 tsp
Meat or vegetable stock	1 litre
Worcestershire sauce	3 tbsp
Garlic (minced)	1 tsp
Crusty bread, toasted	4 slices
Cheese slices	4
Salt	To taste

METHOD

Heat a heavy-bottomed pot. Add the butter, onion, black pepper and garlic. Sauté till the onions are tender. Add the broth, Worcestershire sauce and salt

to taste. Cover and let it simmer for 10-15 minutes. Ladle out the soup in four small bowls. Add a piece of toast and cheese slice

to each bowl, and put on the top shelf of your oven (for direct heat) for about five minutes. Take out of the oven, and serve.

sarladaise, miel et truffes, smoked duck breast with sautéed potatoes, honey and truffle. But, equally, I love the home-style food of France. I once had a simple garlic soup that a French chef had prepared for me, and thought it was out of this world. When there was just a bit of soup left in my bowl, he asked me to pour some wine into it. I, following his instructions, stirred the wine in, and swirled the bowl. And then, I mopped the remaining soup-cum-wine with a piece of crusty bread, and came close to *nirvana*.

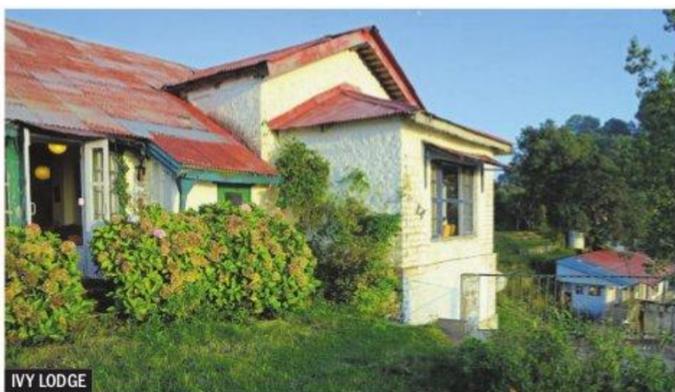
To prepare this garlic soup, take 120 g sliced garlic, 60 g flour, 60 g butter, 1 litre strong vegetable stock, 8 slices of bread, 40 ml cream and salt and pepper to taste. Sauté the garlic in hot butter till it is light golden. Add the flour and cook for three minutes. Now add the stock and cook for 20 minutes, stirring now and then. Season. Add the cream. Place the bread at the bottom of a soup bowl. Pour the hot soup on it and serve.

Provençal food — the cuisine of south-eastern France — is to die for: I recall a meal that Michelin-

starred chef Marc Bayon had prepared at a Delhi restaurant several years ago. Provençal food, influenced by Mediterranean cuisine, relies heavily on the flavours of extra-virgin olive oil, garlic and tomatoes. His menu included a delightful garlic-rubbed lamb dish with vegetables and lavender *jus* (thin gravy or sauce), and an olive-studded red snapper with tomato *tarte tatin* and sauce *vierge* (fresh French sauce). Combinations of these three ingredients would be found in sauces, soups, salads, and all kinds of dishes in the region, the chef said.

The French, as I discovered after a few encounters with a couple of master chefs, are as proud of their cuisine as they are critical of those who wish to play around with it. A top visiting chef once told me that he made sure that there were no salt and pepper cellars on the table when he served a meal. He used to turn very French and say 'Non, non!' when anyone asked for salt or condiments.

I have my own two-word answer to French cuisine. 'Oui, oui,' I say.



IVY LODGE

A writer residency in Kasauli by feminist theatre practitioner Mangai is reviving the late Vivan Sundaram's idea for this space

DREAM COMEBACK

R UMAMAHESHWARI

SIMULTANEOUS conversations and multiple dialogues run across generations, it seems, at the Ivy Lodge in Kasauli. Be it in the paintings of Amrita Sher-Gil or the art of her nephew, Vivan Sundaram, signifying political expressions with objects, sound and space. Vivan passed away in 2023. Art critic Geeta Kapur, his wife, had written this of him in her book *When Was Modernism: Essays on Contemporary Cultural Practice in India*: "Fortunately, Vivan is one of those artists who is not hostile to the operations of the intellect, believing with me that critical writing supports the body of art, allows it mortality and retrieves it from a premature condition of hypostasis."

From this kind of perspective, the Kasauli Art Centre (KAC), which was housed at Ivy Lodge, created a circle of art which brought forth ideas. A brainchild of Vivan, from 1976 to 1991, KAC hosted artist workshops, seminars, theatre shows, film screenings and other arts-related events with Indian and international artists in residencies and workshops that were among the first of their kind in the country. Today, the ideas seem to be returning — across different artistic

expressions. Mangai (aka V Padma), a feminist academic-theatre practitioner from Chennai, is the pilot for the first Writer-in-Residence being organised by the Sher-Gil Sundaram Arts Foundation (SSAF), established in 2016 to carry forward the legacy of the Sher-Gil-Sundaram family.

Theatre director Anuradha Kapur, sister of Geeta Kapur and one of the trustees of SSAF, says Mangai was an apt choice to pilot the writer residency, considering her long association with feminist theatre arts. Mangai's theatre group, Marappachi, is known for its radical feminist-humanist subjects. Some of her critically acclaimed plays include *Stree Parvam*, *Auvvai*, *Penn* and *Manimegalai*. She has authored books such as *Our Lives, Our Words*, *Acting Up: Gender and Theatre in India* and translated the Buddhist text *Theri Gatha* into Tamil.

Mangai shares that back in 1989, feminist scholar Kumkum Sangari had organised a workshop here and two productions had been planned by Anuradha Kapur. One was an adaptation of Tagore's *Home and the World* (*Ghare Baire*), in which Usha Ganguly acted. The other was *Nayika Bhed* by Geetanjali Shree. Mangai says: "Geetanjali is recalled today as the Booker Prize winner, but her writing took a new shape after attending



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The Fall of the Slab' was an art project conceptualised by Vivan Sundaram in September 2016 to commemorate 40 years of the Kasauli Art Centre; (below) Mangai at Kasauli.



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Kumkum Sangari's workshop. Initially, she was to adapt Tagore, but she ended up with the text of *Nayika Bhed*, which was devised on Kumkum's concept note regarding representations of women such as Mira, Akka Mahadevi, and the participants' own lives, in myth and reality." Mangai says that as of now, her own work is just "a germination of a concept (note) of sorts; continuing from that workshop, which had brought together several people for five weeks".

The late Navina Sundaram's film, *A Story Behind Every Curtain*, documented Kumkum's workshop. Mangai says it opened her eyes. "Earlier, we usually referred to 1979 as the beginning of a cultural/theatre movement along with the women's movement, when productions such as *Om Swaha* (against dowry), put together by Anuradha, Maya Rao and others, along with Stree Shakti Sanghatana; *Aurat*, *Mulgi Zali Ho*, in Bombay; besides similar cultural movements in Calcutta, and the South emerged."

Expressions organised by Flavia Agnes and Madhushree Dutta. Personally, that was the turning point for me. But I now realise that Expressions could not have happened had it not been for KAC's 1989 workshop, which was a culmination of art and activism. Kumkum helmed the workshop and participants included people like Madhushree, Anamika Haksar, Maya Rao, Sheba Chhachhi and Nilima Sheikh, some of whom continue to be collaborators. Anuradha, Geetanjali and Nilima, too, work together."

Sharing her perspective on the space and her idea, Mangai says, "I feel extremely happy because it is like following a trail of a huge legacy. Just the space, the atmosphere and the scenic view of this place is very inspiring... There was no saying no to Anuradha, who has been my mentor since the early 1990s and I have great regard for her work. I am sure this place will buzz with activity as it used to." She also wants to explore the afterlives of that Kasauli workshop and document whether those participants branched off separately, or

stayed together, and what it means for today's practitioners, especially with similar kinds of feminist leanings. "Hopefully, we will have a workshop in Kasauli with these conversations. I am also using the time to translate into Tamil Leftword's new edition of Rahul Sankrityayan's *Volga to Ganga*," she says.

Anuradha Kapur recalls how in September 2016, Vivan conceptualised an art work called *'Fall of the Slab'*, involving breaking of the roof of the lower outhouse which has now been replaced by a red roof and iron planks. "That was once a concrete roof. But in 2017, the cantonment said that houses in vicinity should only have tin roofs. So, Vivan decided to make it an art work and he broke it in front of an audience and it crashed. We thought about it as a starting point of a new project, which Vivan named as Sher-Gil Sundaram Kasauli Art Project. In that sense, we moved from the Kasauli Art Centre workshops to the Kasauli Art Project." She says this revival offers another "future-looking possibility in repeating the older workshops of Kasauli, trying different modes of collectivity and as a space for reflection and writing. That is the kind of pilot project that Mangai will work on".

The SSAF also plans to have a series of seminars. "From March to October, we get six to seven working months in Kasauli. We wish to explore various possibilities, such as writer residencies and seminars. We are also exploring the idea of a three-week summer school, looking at ways to supplement both practice-oriented work and critical thinking, and theatre and visual arts workshops, which may or may not be mentor-led. The summer school will be for three weeks, with young participants meeting a year later to see what work they have done. Our hope is to have a pedagogical space, a summer school, as well as a space for working and viewing films, visual art, rehearsing projects of theatre, just as Vivan had envisioned..."

On display at Santiniketan, legendary photojournalist Kulwant Roy's work continues to inspire

Life, in black & white

SARIKA SHARMA

IN the 1970s, celebrated photographer Kulwant Roy was diagnosed with blood cancer, a disease then shrouded in mystery. Aware that the end would come soon, he began handing over his archive to Aditya Arya, a family friend and photographer. By 1980-81, he had given Arya almost his entire collection. Roy died in 1984, leaving behind a wealth of photographic history. Arya well remembers their last conversation. "One day, if you have time, go through them and you will find something interesting," he had told Arya.

When that day arrived some 25 years later, Arya discovered a rich archive of history — of an India fighting to attain Independence, of its many heroes in their candid moods, the many firsts the country was to soon touch, the many 'temples' modern India was to raise...

Born in Ludhiana, Kulwant Roy trained at Gopal Chitter Kuteer in Lahore, a photo studio run by Arya's maternal granduncles, which supplied photographs to *The Tribune* as well. At Lahore, and later when he opened a photo agency in Delhi, Roy saw history being scripted from those rare close quarters. And like a fine archivist, he kept his negatives safe. But time, fluctuating temperatures and humid conditions during those long years of storage had left cracking-like defects on the negatives. Arya had an uphill task at hand.

"There is always a right time, right place for everything. If I had opened those trunks earlier, I wouldn't have had the resources; also, the word 'digitisation' had not come into being. There were no methodologies to salvage the photographs because we were still in the world of analog. It's only in the late 2000s that people started talking about digitisation of images. By then, I had the



Kulwant Roy, Royal Indian Air Force

resources to undertake that as well," says Arya, known for his commercial and travel photography. "The negatives were like jigsaw puzzles. We assembled these on flatbed scanners and created images."

The world these images threw up was exceptional: Muslim League meetings, INA trials (among them a picture of INA soldiers singing *Kadam kadam badhaye ja* before Gandhiji), the signing of the Indian Constitution, the building of Bhakra Nangal dam (depicting the scale of human effort behind the scientific marvel), besides others. Roy had travelled with Mahatma Gandhi, photographed Jawaharlal Nehru as a Seva Dal volunteer in Delhi, joined the Royal Indian Air Force, trained as an aerial lensman near Quetta...

Digitisation began in 2008, a process that turned fragile negatives into digital images. Over the years, thousands of photographs have been preserved; yet, as many remain. Around 80 are on display at Arya's Gurugram museum, Museo Camera, one of the largest museums of photog-

raphy in Asia. Nearly 75 of these are on display at an exhibition, *History in the Making: Visual Archive of Kulwant Roy*, being showcased at Arthshila in Santiniketan (West Bengal) till September 1.

A highlight of this exhibition is the postcards Roy sent to friends during his world tour from 1968 to 1972. "While on this tour, he was constantly clicking pictures and sending them to his photo agency. When he returned, the negatives were missing. Were they stolen? Were they hidden? No one knows what happened," recalls Arya. Roy was heartbroken. He announced rewards in newspapers for anyone who'd return the negatives, rummaged through garbage bins in a futile attempt to find them. These postcards thus serve as verbal imagery of what he saw and how he saw. Written from places as diverse as Amsterdam to Geneva and Nagasaki, these are poignant glimpses into his experiences and the images that were lost forever.

Roy's career trajectory could be divided into two phases, before and after Independence. "After 1947, his focus changed. His lens was now trained on building of a new India; instead of following Gandhiji, he was following pilgrims and travelling to various places. India was already an exotic place and his photo agency was supplying images to several international publications. Museo Camera has a wall dedicated to his images published in newspapers and magazines all over Europe," Arya recalls.

Insisting on the urgency of archiving, he wishes that he had begun digitising Roy's archive sooner. "Most of the analog material is reaching a point of no return. We have to preserve whatever we can for posterity." His advice to those whose black and white family photos are decaying is clear: "Take them out of the albums, get them scanned and get digital copies made." Lest it is too late.



Badrinath pilgrimage. COPYRIGHT KULWANT ROY COLLECTION, ADITYA ARYA ARCHIVE & INDIA PHOTO ARCHIVE FOUNDATION



Reticulated negative of Gandhi and Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan at a prayer meeting.



Bhakra Nangal dam, 1950s.

The enduring Roy of hope

IRA PANDE

THE title of the book is both evocative and mysterious: is this a personal memoir of one of our most admired public activists, or a political statement of sorts? Before I go any further, let me put in a disclaimer. Aruna and Bunker Roy have been our friends ever since we got to know them in the late Seventies in Chandigarh, and they had just started their work based in Rajasthan's Tilonia. In those days, while Bunker was training barefoot engineers to provide village-level technology that would ease the life of villagers, Aruna began coaxing the women to work with textiles and make bags, cushion covers and stuffed toys that were strung as mobiles for babies. I used to joke then that our home in Chandigarh was like their showroom: our curtains, *divan* covers, the *kathris* that our babies slept on — all these were generous gifts given to us by Aruna.

How far away those innocent times seem now. Bunker was a dashing dude then: fresh from St Stephen's College and a national squash champion. Members of his distinguished family were peppered all across the world and it seemed to us wide-eyed admirers that there wasn't anyone he did not know on a first-name basis. Aruna, the quieter of the two, had her own remarkable history. She had quit the IAS (at a time few had the courage to do so) to start work in a remote desert area with women who still wore veils, and were deeply suspicious of one who roamed around without one. I can only imagine what it must have been for the two of them to live without the comforts of electricity and running water, in a rough 'home'



THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL: AN ACTIVIST'S MEMOIR

by Aruna Roy.
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«Aruna Roy's true achievement is to focus attention on the rights of people whom we had forgotten to factor in. PHOTO: GAURI GILL

with the bare minimum to ease their life.

This book draws a veil over those personal hardships and the challenges of that life: both Bunker and Aruna had long ago subsumed their individual lives into that of a larger community, so readers who seek such information may feel disappointed. What the book does emphasise is that in order to effect change, one must become that change. It was Gandhiji who first gave us this mantra and as an old folk saying puts it: 'Jaake pair na pari biwaayi, woh kya jaane peer pantayi.' Roughly translated, it means, 'How can one understand another's pain if she has not suffered cracked and bleeding heels?' Gradually, as this book reveals, Aruna managed to break through

the layers of suspicion and sullen disbelief.

The encounters of these villagers with the *sarkar* had bred in them a healthy contempt for anyone who promised them anything. The reader will meet many characters in this book, like Naurti, Mangi and Billan, who became active participants in protests against rape, *sati*, female infanticide. Once their tongues were loosened, there was no stopping them. Their confidence in themselves and their collective strength asked the arrogant and feudal system questions that it was unable to answer.

"Working class women's politics was taught to me," says Aruna, "by these 'professors' who knew and articulated the thought in an idiom much more compelling

and communicative than mine could have been. They stated their own limitations and made me see and accept some of mine."

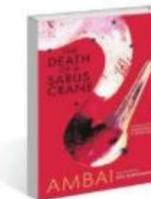
It will become evident soon enough that this was a two-way education. Aruna brought them a world of the outside and they gave her insights that had the strength and honesty of lived experiences. How right Gandhiji was when he said all those years ago that before you take a decision, think of the poorest man you know and ask yourself how this decision will affect his life. Aruna brought enormous change in the lives of these sequestered and hidden women. Yet, equally, she has been radically reformed by her own work amongst them. Her work in the Right to Information, MNREGA, Right to Education et al, got her the prestigious Magsaysay Award, but her true achievement was to focus attention on the rights of people whom we had forgotten to factor in when making high-minded policies.

This glaring mistake that all governments have been guilty of committing has been highlighted in the recent elections, where the common man has trumped the uncommon and privileged person. Never again, I hope, will this salutary lesson be forgotten when drawing plans for the nation's progress. For, until the fruits of economic progress reach the last Indian, economic progress will be like building a fortress on a bed of sand. Again, Aruna's mentoring of a dedicated band of like-minded workers is something that must be followed by other activists. Long after she and Bunker retire, they can rest assured their followers will continue the good work they have laid the foundation for.

I finally understood why the book is titled 'the personal is political'; there is no other way to live a meaningful life.



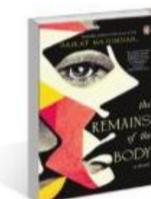
BACKFLAP



THE DEATH OF A SARUS CRANE

by Ambai. Translated by Gita Subramaniam.
Speaking Tiger.
Pages 190. ₹499

Tamil author Ambai's famed detective character Sudha Gupta travels to Mumbai to solve mysteries that meld suspense and intrigue with social commentary. 'A Room Measuring 250 Square Feet' tackles taboos and secrets. 'The Death of a Sarus Crane' explores privilege and tragedy, while 'Sepal' delves into forbidden love, and 'Bun, Maska and Irani Chai' redefines belonging and friendship.



THE REMAINS OF THE BODY

by Saikat Majumdar.
Penguin Random House.
Pages 172. ₹499

Writer Saikat Majumdar says he feels deeply drawn to the shapelessness of human sexuality, particularly when it changes form between family, society, and conjugal partnerships. 'The Remains of the Body' is an exploration of desire, marriage and friendship between three Indian immigrants in North America. The author challenges conventional notions of marriage and friendship and asks questions about the primitive ways in which human beings reach out to each other.



SINEMA: THE BOLLYWOOD BUNGLE OF ANDY DUGGAL

by Vikram Singh.
Speaking Tiger.
Pages 351. ₹499

Third-generation producer Andy Duggal was part of the Bollywood *creme de la creme*, but is now a walking disaster. Drinks, drugs and dalliance are his constant companions; his wife is filing for divorce; his latest film is a colossal train wreck. And now Andy finds himself entangled in a devious web spun by a mafia don. Filmmaker and scriptwriter Vikram Singh paints an eye-popping picture of the film industry.



THE BOOK OF WEALTH: A YOUNG INVESTOR'S GUIDE TO WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

by Mark Mobius.
Penguin Random House.
Pages 208. ₹250

In 'The Book of Wealth', Mark Mobius, one of the most successful and influential money managers in the world, offers a roadmap to understand the diverse avenues of wealth creation. Replete with examples and anecdotes, the guidebook offers practical tips to invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, besides alternate assets like real estate, precious metals, stones, collectibles, cryptocurrency, etc. It also delves into what constitutes true wealth, extending beyond financial accumulation and understanding of prosperity.

Long goodbye to Darwin and other truths

LALLAN BAGHEL

MEERA NANDA'S 'A Field Guide to Post-Truth India' is a fascinating book that touches upon a critically important theme — the existing crisis of truth, science and knowledge and its newer manifestations in the form of post-truth culture. The book deliberates on the emerging crisis for a post-secular India, where the newer canons of 'Indian Knowledge System' are being presented as a process of decolonisation and new ways of attaining freedom from the hegemonic discourses of the 'Western Knowledge System'.

Nanda, a prominent academic and historian of science, offers a layered and nuanced critique of the changing contours of Indian thought. She states that 'the central thesis of the book is that a post-secular India will be a post-truth India'. She lays bare the contemporary processes of post-truth making where myths are presented as a substitute for history, pseudoscience as science and mysticism as a legitimate tool of attaining scientific method and objective knowledge. Nanda's analysis filters down into a succinct argument, which shows how the



A FIELD GUIDE TO POST-TRUTH INDIA

by Meera Nanda.
Three Essays Collective.
Pages 194.
₹600

repackaging of these ideas is being presented as a form of decolonisation of the Indian mind to restore the 'Indian Knowledge System'. She has critically examined the various facets of the emerging post-truth culture in India; for instance, the assault on secularism, science and scientific worldview and the making of a 'Hindu' public sphere.

According to Nanda, once upon a time, the cultivation of scientific temper and a critical sense of inquiry was a fundamental duty of every citizen of the Indian republic. This

critical rationality, especially through the educational curriculum, is now being rapidly replaced by a 'Hindu temper', supported by an outdated metaphysics presented to public in the 'Indian Knowledge System'.

The author catalogues the landscape of post-truth India in two important categories. In the first and the last chapters of the book — 'Big Lies and Deep Lies in Post-Truth India' and 'Yogic Perception and Hindu Sciences. From Early Beginnings to Our Troubled Times' — it is examined how discourses on the epistemological crisis are constructed by 'the intellectuals themselves, marching under the banner of social constructivism, post-colonialism and other fashionable theories of knowledge-as-a-power-game, who have led the assault on the very idea of objective truth'.

Here, the author unpacks the discourses on 'big lies' and 'deep lies' from a comparative framework of the United States under Trump and India under Modi, which she considers as a paradigm shift in post-secular India. The chapters explain how an epistemological crisis creates the pathways of post-truth culture, where knowledge is not considered as justified true belief; rather, it becomes subjective

and a subject of cultural production.

The second theme of the book is addressed in chapters 2, 3 and 4. 'Defending Tradition and Defying Science: Ayurveda in the Times of Covid-19', 'The Dark Age of the Unicorn: Searching for Indigenous Aryans', and 'India's Long Goodbye to Darwin' address questions of pseudoscience and mysticism. Here, the author has looked at the critical efficacy of Ayurvedic medicine and its different variants at the time of the pandemic.

She also critiques the model of the IIT-Kharagpur Calendar, whose theme is 'Recovery of Indian Knowledge System'. Another interesting argument is made regarding the compromise faced by an objective understanding of history through the removal of Darwinian understanding from the educational curriculum of NCERT textbooks.

Over the decades, Meera Nanda has contributed to the creation of a counter critical public to understand the importance of science, objective truth and constitutional democracy. This is a highly recommended book for anyone who wishes to understand the making of post-truth culture in the post-secular public sphere of India.

Sustainability in design and as part of life

JITESH MALIK

COMPILED and edited by Lakshmi Swaminathan, 'A Call To Return, A Journey with Didi Contractor' presents an intimate journey of a soul, a beautiful mind, in search of deep connections between the higher realms and the material manifestation. This inspiring journey is a collaged work of pieces narrated by Didi herself about her own life experiences, her pictures, sketches and Lakshmi's reflections as an intern, who is awe-inspired by the master's life and the processes that shaped her architectural works. Lakshmi has woven it all together very well, from a multitude of manuscripts and transcriptions of Didi's lectures from the latter years. The book starts with an apt forward by Satish Kumar, reminding us of the necessity of a radical shift in consciousness, which Didi exemplified through her life and works, showing us the various hacks and strategies to tackle the ensuing environmental crisis.

The book is so much more than a story of an individual artist/architect. It is almost a treatise on *karma yoga*, a guide to approaching everyday life problems and forming connections with people and places, all that with a deeply compassionate and contemplative process of engagement with the ecology and the local culture in all its complexities. Her experiences in New Mexico, Andretta, Bombay and numerous other places, all come together in her chosen home, lower Dharamsala and Sidhbari area. While this book doesn't cover any of her



PHOTO: CHITRA VISHWANATH

Didi Contractor insisted on the use of locally available materials in construction.



A CALL TO RETURN, A JOURNEY WITH DIDI CONTRACTOR

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Banyan Tree.
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projects in detail, it is structured in a thematic way. The first section lays down her formative years, then it opens up one's mind to the philosophical basis of her works, and goes on to describe her approach to the key ideas of sustainability and the design principles that guided her practice. In a nutshell, her process of design and approach to life is very direct and is inspired by her lived experience, all of which is beautifully captured in the letters that she wrote. These are presented towards the end of the book.

The book is full of stories and anecdotes from her childhood in the US; her growing up in a very creative environment with artist parents and her encounters with theatre; numerous artistic personalities like Hans Hofmann, Frank Lloyd Wright; the

story of her name to the stories of her health and of her death. At each juncture, one is enthralled and feels uplifted by how she solves problems and celebrates life.

For me, personally, as an educator and an architect practising sustainability, and a student of integral yoga, the book has many lessons. I am touched by Didi's generosity, her ability to live life to the fullest, by being in the moment and offering her work, and her learnings of life to so many people. There are many inspiring insights that she shares, but I particularly enjoyed the part where she narrates how she sees and uses light in her architecture. She goes on to describe nuanced details to increase the light with minimal openings, and offers solutions like using papier mâché in plaster to make it stronger. Didi insisted on the use of locally available materials and adapted them with her own imaginative and quirky mind.

Architecture, for Didi, was both an inner journey and a relational process. She connected deeply with her clients, getting to know them well and then offered intuitive solutions.

I was riveted by the connection she establishes between craft and food. The kitchen is the lively core of her design and in the book, there are ample places where she shares recipes and the joy of growing and cooking together. Sustainability doesn't become a didactic process but a means, a call to living life in celebration with ecology and people as part of the whole.

The book has something for everyone and anyone who is choosing to live life consciously and fully!

REFLECTIONS

What Kohli can teach India A tale of two trees

GOOD SPORT
ROHIT MAHAJAN

THE night India won the T20 World Cup, the night Virat Kohli retired from T20Is, Mohammed Shami remembered his old teammate. He put up photographs of himself with Kohli on social media, starting with one that was both bleak and hopeful; fire and gravel and headlines and words that burned his heart, from 2021, when he received horrid online abuse after the defeat to Pakistan in the T20 World Cup.

Words wound — anonymous words such as thrown by 'fans' wound terribly, for players like Shami have no way to confront their tormentors. The tumult of the bigots is amplified by social media, which helps them deliver their message to the victim. The asymmetry of power is overwhelming — it's one against a mad horde, willing to lynch with words.

And Kohli stands between the mob and their victim.

After India lost to Pakistan, by 10 wickets, in Dubai in October 2021, Shami was called a traitor; he was told to go to Pakistan, but no other player was told to migrate. It was only Shami, for his religion made him an outsider — by the bigots who wish to reimagine India the way Pakistan was conceived, by feelings of separatism and religious chauvinism.

Kohli tore apart the bigots during a press conference — after the BCCI media handler advised journalists that 'only cricketing' questions would be taken and then tried to muzzle a question related to religion. 'To me, attacking someone over their religion is the



When Mohammed Shami was targeted after India lost to Pakistan, it was Virat Kohli who tore apart the bigots during a press conference. PH

most, I would say, pathetic thing that a human being can do," Kohli said. "I personally have never ever even thought of discriminating (against) anyone over their religion. That is a very sacred and personal thing to every human being and that should be left there."

Words that our politicians, seeking to impose religious and cultural uniformity in a beautifully diverse country, would do well to heed and repeat.

DRAVID AND T20s

Rahul Dravid walks away into the sunset in a blaze of glory, lionised by all for coaching India's T20 team to the World Cup title.

The irony in this is inescapable — his greatest triumph as coach is in the format he thought very little of!

Dravid is arguably India's greatest Test batsman, a classicist who personified cricket's hoariest traditions — a straight bat, a flinty mind, a body that could remain at the

crease for six sessions straight, on pitches that changed character every hour.

He's a man who played only one T20I and thought the format was so paltry that he didn't want the honour of captaining India in the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007 — he didn't even play in that tournament! What's more, the then captain, Dravid persuaded Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar to not be part of the team, the reins of which were handed over to MS Dhoni.

India won the T20 World Cup last month by beating South Africa by seven runs — a margin so paltry, it could well have been a defeat if the opponent had a bit of luck. T20 is a format of luck and chance and six different teams have won the title in the nine T20 World Cup tournaments — consistency is impossible, and Afghanistan can beat Australia and the US amateurs can beat Pakistan. But the format has money and glamour, tumult and noise, and that is very attractive.

Dravid is, however, a self-effacing, modest man and, surely, he knows that he's been assigned greater honour than he himself would accord to a coach of a T20 team; he would much rather have won the World Test Championships final against Australia in 2023.

He's also being idolised as a faultless man and leader, for it seems to have been forgotten that he presided over a divided team made insecure by coach Greg Chappell, with whom he was aligned more than his teammates.

"It's time Dravid exerted himself and told Chappell that in future, he will call the shots," Ravi Shastri said in 2006. "Dravid should stand up and say that he is the boss and that he controls matters once he crosses the boundary line."

"Because of Greg Chappell, the dressing room was divided," Ganguly said in 2011. "Rahul Dravid is such type of a person who wants that everything goes smoothly. He knew that things were going wrong, but he had no courage to revolt and tell him (Chappell) that he was doing wrong."

Nice guy or a snowflake? Well, possibly the greatest Indian Test batsman, for sure.



RAAJA BHASIN

IN front of our flat in Delhi, there is a large silk cotton tree. While this is flanked by other makes and species, and is partially obscured by a brash Ashoka that started as an upstart shrub, it is the 'semul' or cotton tree that dominates the windows and balcony. As the day passes and the seasons change, the tree, expectedly, changes. When the power goes off, as it occasionally does, the drama in the tree provides greater delight than numerous TV shows.

The morning begins with a race up and down the tree's trunk by a drey of squirrels — or are those chipmunks? I don't know the difference. But they are frisky, 'kinda cute' and have long, bushy tails. They seem to have nothing better to do than lose calories in their fidgety scurry for food and whatever else that they fill their days with. Having got its waking and sleeping cycles all wrong, the occasional rat also races along a parapet by the tree and dives headlong into the bowl of grain that has been left out for the birds by our neighbours. Then is the turn of the parakeets, who announce their arrival, or departure, with loud screeches.

The highest branches are taken by a pair of kites, whose sharp eyes search for prey and then, with a sudden swoop, off they go to grab their next meal. Quite like squatters, bulbuls and barbets arrive to claim space on vacant branches and refuse to budge. When the flowers emerge a bright red in early spring, is when the fruit bats arrive and the evening hours are taken over by these unusual pollinators.

The other tree is in the hills and is one that I have known all my life. This is *euonymus*, sometimes called a mock lemon. This fine person was meant to spend life as a small shrub, but somewhere along the line changed its mind and grew into a delightful, small tree. By its side were three other companions that time has taken to the place where good souls and good trees finally go. One has put down fresh cuttings in the hope that one day they, too, will emerge over the small plants around.

Unlike the cotton tree that discourages climbing with its straight trunk and conical spikes along the bark, the *euonymus* welcomes its scramblers. This tree, with its dense foliage and intricate sculpture, was where we would vanish as children. In its lushness lay castles and forts. Branches could transform themselves into ships or aeroplanes and the occasional spaceship could come visiting and zoom us off to a distant planet.

At other times, this tree could emerge as a real-life hiding place. Take the moment when a good neighbour, somewhat older than me, decided that all the little ones and the somewhat older girls of the area were entitled to the protection of his well-developed biceps. Now, someone who had moved more recently into the area, and was

Langurs foraging in the *euonymus* tree after heavy snowfall. PHOTO BY THE WRITER

No one climbs the *euonymus* tree now. Another generation of tree climbers has also grown and gone

far older, did not know this. Nor was he particularly kind or polite to the girls who were now under protection of the aforesaid biceps. A moment of crisis occurred when the new neighbour pushed one of the girls aside while she was skipping on the path that he had to cross. Her legs got tangled in the skipping rope and she hurt herself. The biceps did not approve of this. This required suitable action. Quite like a scene from the inimitable 'Malgudi Days', the biceps were ably assisted by us minions. We waited till the 'person who pushed' was to return home. A confused mass of caws, whistles and barks announced the impending arrival of 'he who had dared push a girl'. The person passed under the *euonymus* tree where the biceps lay in wait. An arm swinging a frying pan shot out of the foliage, and a certain somebody lay flat on the path. In moments, the biceps and assorted underlings had vanished. None spoke of the incident again.

No one climbs the *euonymus* tree now. Another generation of tree climbers has also grown and gone. It has now been passed on to monkeys who, taking their lesson from a frying pan-wielding human, now use this tree to ambush and waylay anyone who is carrying something edible. In winter, the rhesus monkeys give way to the large dark langurs, who eat the leaves and gnaw at the bark. When they are dissatisfied with other nooks and crannies, house sparrows occasionally make their nests in the deep innards of this tree. A few days back, with the first lashes of monsoon rain, a disused nest fell out of the tree. This may not have had the artistry of a weaverbird or the determination that makes a woodpecker's cavity in a tree, but, from a little distance, was neat enough. A closer inspection revealed the materials that it was made of. Here was a sign of our times, the much-threatened sparrows had made their nests from the very materials that endanger them and other birds — the whorls of long pine needles and strands of hair were interspersed with strings of plastic and polyester stuffing.

Repatriate's reunion with samosa

ANU SETH

THROUGH decades of travel and setting up home in different countries, the search for comfort food often ended with savouring a *samosa* in its numerous forms. Those stepping beyond Indian shores share an emotional bond with this mildly spicy, crisp savoury snack, always immensely pleasurable and satisfying.

I am reminded of one of my many sojourns into the bylanes of Anawartha Road in downtown Yangon (the erstwhile Rangoon, the commercial capital of Myanmar). I had stepped into a small, non-descript restaurant that claimed to be serving authentic Myanmar cuisine. Tempted by the list of vegetarian dishes, the *samosa* soup in particular piqued my interest. Like most Indians, the crisp flaky, potato-filled golden triangles were a mouth-watering delicacy that conjured up sweet memories of student days when 'samosa and cha' were a ritual with friends. That day, the picture that stared back at me had some pointed edges peeping out of a bowl of soup. Obviously, the *samosa* had travelled a long way.

Most of us believe that *samosa* is an Indian snack that has evolved over centuries. Not quite, since its origin can be traced to Central Asia and the Middle Eastern countries. The

first mention of a snack bearing a striking similarity to our modern-day *samosa* was found in Arab cookbooks dating back to the 11th century. These mentioned the pastry as 'sanbusak' (derived from 'sanbosag', a Persian term). The recipe seems to have reached South Asia through the Middle Eastern skilled cooks who sought employment in the kitchens of the Sultan of Delhi.

Mention of the *samosa* in Amir Khusrau's writings (poet and scholar of the 13th century) revealed its popularity among the nobility and royal families. By this time, the *samosa* had been refined to perfection with stuffings of mincemeat, ghee and onions.

Samosa is prepared with a wafer-thin outer pastry that is rolled out and formed into a cone, filled with stuffings ranging from meat

and game, to potatoes, cottage cheese and vegetables, before being sealed and deep-fried on a low flame to yield a crisp, golden brown outer crust with a soft filling inside.

The basic recipe remains the same but over time, delectable variations have emerged — *lukhmi* in Hyderabad, *samosa chaat* is popular as street food in North India, *sambosak* in Arab countries, *somsa* in Turkic-speaking nations of Central Asia, *bajiyaa* in the Maldives, *sambusa* in Ethiopia and Somalia, and Indonesia's own version of *samosa* is served with *sambal*.

Samosa wound its way into Myanmar as it did into all South Asian countries. Served as a fried snack in tea shops and as street food, it has also been adapted into a more wholesome dish served in local restaurants, as *samosa* soup, called *samosa thook*. Interestingly, this is a jump from an oil wok, into a bowl of lentil soup.

Samosa soup is a combination of lentil soup, *samosa*, and salad comprising onions, cabbage, carrots, chillies and coriander leaves. Tamarind or lemon juice can be added to make it a bit sour and tangy. A complete *samosa* soup combines more than 20 ingredients, and the end result is simply delicious.

On my return to India after 16 years, I have perfected the *samosa* soup, and love to serve it as a Bumese-Indian entrée!

The basic recipe remains the same but over time, delectable variations have emerged across continents

Tragedy that every forest fire unfolds for the voiceless

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ANOTHER monsoon is upon us. It's a time when, ideally, melodies of *Malhaar* should have been sweetening the misty air of Shimla. However, the first showers rather appear as the strike of Lord Shiva's trident — especially in a city that is still recovering from its frightening monsoonal experience last year. The first rains have fallen and with them have also fallen a few *deodars*; muck has eroded downstream and engulfed stranded vehicles in its path. One awaits with bated breath the next two months!

Before overcast clouds from the south-west arrived to create romance or paths in Shimla hills, it was the smoke from forest fires that had filled the cityscape, and also the news columns. I have spent many nights keeping vigil at the Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Tutikandi as fires raged far away, and asking the forest guard in charge if he had received enough local help to put out the blaze. The worry, of course, is the safety of the rescued wildlife (mostly leopards and bears) that are housed at this centre for treatment, rehabilitation and even as their permanent home. However, on May 28, luck and efforts did seem to have run out as a fire threateningly approached the caged inhabitants.

In a strenuous situation amid choking smoke, the forest staff, led from the front by the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Shimla, did their all to save the wild inhabitants. Miraculously for the wildlife, the blaze took



The rescued cheer pheasant chicks. PHOTO COURTESY: RESHMA KUSHNIP



A forest pond is a blessing for animals. PHOTO COURTESY: KANWAR SINGH

an upward turn, only to create another danger as it then headed in the direction of the Bal Ashram. The news spread and the entire district administration was on the spot taking control of the situation.

Unity is strength, and the joint efforts of the administration and citizens resulted in controlling the fire, averting what could have been a twin tragedy.

Countless such tragedies may indeed have been averted during the past summer, when surging sales of fans were reported in a city where buildings never had the need or provision for one, and daily life now seems to be transitioning into a welcome monsoon.

For those sensitised to walk the earth a bit more gently — a result of their passion and education in wildlife

— the past summer was indeed a forgettable one. They were privy to the disaster that unfolded during the forest fire season.

I remember having a discussion with my superior as to the veracity of a social media image where a pheasant mother lay charred to death beside its clutch of eggs, obviously choosing death rather than abandoning her maternal instincts. Whether that image was real or not, the forest staff at Mashobra Range did rescue the orphaned cheer pheasant chicks from another forest fire. They are now being nursed at Kufri Zoo. The endeavour has been beautifully filmed by the Conservator of Forests, Shimla, to raise awareness about the silent

tragedy that every forest fire unfolds for the voiceless.

Majority of forest fires are caused by humans. Isn't lighting someone's home on fire supposed to be a crime of the gravest kind? Many human hearts still resonate with the pain and suffering borne by the faunal forms of life, but it arguably takes a Bodhisattva-like sensitivity to acknowledge the suffering of the flora. Irrespective of our abilities to be sensitive, that plants are as alive was proved by the legendary polymath, JC Bose. More recently, in the 'Hidden Life of Trees', Peter Wohlleben has postulated strikingly on how floral life-forms feel, communicate, love and form social bonds. The recent forest fires in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have thus been a gigantic disaster in the Wohlleben or Bosonian sense.

In the difficult season gone by, one of the most heartening sights was the monthly report on wildlife monitoring from the Renukaji Wildlife Sanctuary. What a blessing a lone, small water pond in the forest can be to wildlife in the sweltering heat was captured by a camera put at a vantage point. Between June 13 and June 17, the water hole, barely a foot deep, was amusingly used for a cool swim by a porcupine, a masked palm civet, a yellow-throated marten, a barking deer, a mother bear and her cub, and, yes, our omnipresent companions in Shimla — a macaque.

Life in the wild is not a rose, so let's not add thorns to it. Those who have survived the fires, now have a monsoon to deal with. Shimla prays to the benignity of the rain gods!

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Risk is an inherent part of adventure, but so can be preparedness to tackle any eventuality. It's time to turn introspection into action

MAKING ADVENTURE TOURISM SAFER

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As the brief weather window between late spring and pre-monsoon opened up, I was buoyant, packed and ready to depart on a two-week expedition to Kalindi Khal, a high-altitude pass in Uttarakhand connecting the holy shrines of Gangotri and Badrinath, when the news came that nine trekkers had died after being caught in a blizzard while on a trek to Sahasra Tal. It's a high-altitude lake in Uttarkashi district not very far from where we were planning to hike.

A few weeks later, another grave tragedy was averted in the neighbouring state of Himachal Pradesh. More than a hundred trekkers were left stranded in the middle of a trek to Hamta Pass, connecting the valleys of Kullu and Spiti, abandoned by their trekking guides who found themselves overburdened with the logistics.

These are not one-off events. This year itself, a woman lost her life while paragliding in Kullu as her harness broke off mid-air, and two tourists died while rafting near Rishikesh, swept off by a strong river current.

Every year, we see an increasing number of fatalities across the adventure tourism sector in the country. While some of these involve seasoned adventurers succumbing to unforeseen events or elements, a majority of these cases are avoidable situations, symptomatic of the disarray the industry finds itself in. It calls upon policymakers, the industry and civil society to introspect on the immediate and long-term measures to ensure the sustainability

of one of the fastest growing segments in the Indian tourism market.

CHANGING PRIORITIES

The early 1990s saw the rise of adventure tourism in India, as young adventurers, driven by a passion for the outdoors, turned into entrepreneurs. Foreigners and upmarket Indians with a taste for nature were their primary clientele. These yesteryears were perhaps the golden days of the industry, with meticulous planning that relied on experts rather than the Internet, and customers who were driven by their passion for the outdoors rather than peer pressure.

From there, things snowballed into a state of degeneration pretty fast. A rapid surge in infrastructure improved connectivity by leaps and bounds, from highways to airports, while the IT revolution brought in a new consumer segment of young people riding a wave of surge in disposable incomes eager for some adrenaline rush. Then came social media, with its curated feeds glamorising adventure while conveniently omitting the risks and preparation involved, inciting people to attempt activities beyond their skill level.

Statistically, we may say the adventure tourism sector is at an all-time high. The global market size was valued at \$282.1 billion in 2021 and projected to expand at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.2 per cent from 2022 to 2030. It is creating local employment, especially for youth, and putting hitherto unknown destinations on the map.

Yet, this may be a ticking time bomb. Unsustainable adventure activities pose a grave risk to both the environment as well



(Above) Approaching the summit of Stok Kangri, a trekking peak in Ladakh; and (left) local communities & authorities had to stop the trek to Stok Kangri as overcrowding led to pollution and scarcity of water downstream.

as human safety. Look at the case of Antarctica, where tourist numbers have exploded from around 7,000 in 1996 to almost 1,00,000, with the carbon footprint of each tourist arrival equalling a snow loss of 75 tonnes. Or Mount Everest, where overcrowding at altitudes above 8,000 metres, once unimaginable, is leading to an increasing number of tourist deaths.

When it comes to India, these incidents are increasingly prompting an impulsive and overtly cautious reaction from the authorities, focusing on immediate response but lacking in foresight. Take the example of the Uttarakhand High Court ban on camping in alpine meadows in the state in 2018, or a blanket ban on all treks in Kinnaur district in Himachal Pradesh in the wake of inclement weather in 2021. In fairness, this is often prompted by a lack of support infrastructure and human resource. Yet, it does not bode well either for the industry or the adventure community if such instances start becoming the norm rather than an exception.

There are four key areas we can focus on to strengthen the foundations of the adventure tourism industry—strong policies and operational standards, human resource, support infrastructure and consumer behaviour.

At present, we have the National Adventure Tourism Strategy released by the Ministry of Tourism in 2022 and the Indian Adventure Tourism Guidelines formulated by the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India in 2018 as guiding policy documents. Some states have their own adventure tourism policies or guidelines. While all of these try to establish a scope of the industry and a vision for its growth, they need to be supplemented with robust operational standards and guidelines, coupled with institutions that can enforce them upon the industry.

For instance, look at the Austrian Alpine Association (OeAV), a renowned organisation dedicated to mountaineering and alpine safety in Austria. It offers a comprehensive training programme for mountain guides, ensuring high competency across the profession. The OeAV also maintains and operates a vast network of mountain huts that provide vital refuge and support for hikers and climbers in the Alps. Or the European Commission Adventure Tourism Safety Guidelines, an initiative to harmonise safety standards across the Euro-

pean Union for different adventure activities, emphasising on risk assessment, guide qualifications, emergency response plans, and participant information.

We only have a handful of such training institutes in India, that too with limited teaching and infrastructural capabilities. In a large country like ours which has a diversity of biogeographic regions, each with their own portfolio of adventure activities, we need to consider at least one such institution in each state. Furthermore, these institutes need to be able to engage with their peers globally, through exposure visits and knowledge exchange. We should aspire for Indian adventure guides to be competent enough to ply their trade globally, like their Nepalese or European counterparts.

Similar standards need to be enforced for classification and maintenance of equipment, which can follow those set by internationally renowned organisations like the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) or the International Rafting Federation (IRF).

NEED TO REDEFINE ROLES

It is important to note that enforcing such standards requires the government to play the role of a market regulator. In the current scenario where price-based competition is leading to compromises in equipment quality and deployment of quality human resource, establishing minimum price ceilings, at least in the short term, can provide a regulatory oversight to ensure that the industry complies with and performs to global standards. Look at the case of Bhutan, where establishing minimum per day tariffs for foreign tourists enabled tour operators to provide high quality services while ensuring that the tourist numbers remain sustainable.

The government also needs to play the role of a market enabler to create a robust safety and support infrastructure. Even today, we only have a handful of private operators providing heli-rescue or other emergency evacuation services, or insurance companies providing comprehensive outdoor insurance. This leads to most rescue operations falling upon the armed forces or the state disaster management authorities, who have limited infrastructure and resources to spare. Using fiscal incentives like tax credits, subsidies or

guaranteed contracts can lower the initial investment risk for private companies, encouraging them to enter these markets.

We can also develop a market for ancillary services. Take the case of weather forecasts. Adventure tourism relies heavily on the ability to predict the weather and preparing for associated risks. Activities like mountaineering demand highly accurate weather forecasts down to the hour, for which most operators are willing to pay a premium. This could be a potential entry point for tech entrepreneurs working in the domain of geospatial applications. Adventure tourism will greatly benefit by adopting the 'Make in India' approach, which is accelerating growth in the manufacturing sector.

Consumer responsibility is another crucial aspect. While governments and operators have a role to play in establishing strong safety measures, the onus also falls on consumers to be informed and prepared. Social media's curated portrayal of adventure tourism often glosses over the inherent risks. As we can see from all those fatalities on Mount Everest, no amount of money or Sherpas are sufficient to safeguard one's life in the absence of adequate physical preparation, and adherence to safety standards.

While on a trip a few years back to climb Stok Kangri, one of the most popular trekking peaks in Ladakh standing a little over 6,100 metres, I was appalled to find out that because of human waste, one could not drink water from the streams flowing along the camps, forcing one to buy plastic mineral water bottles. This went against the entire purpose of going outdoors, being able to enjoy nature in all its purity. That one could also buy a bottle of beer for a relatively measly sum of ₹300 at the base camp in the middle of nowhere was another matter. Cut to today, all trekking activity is completely banned in the region, plagued by water scarcity and unmanageable waste. A classic example of why not to spoil the well from which you drink.

We do not need any more Sahasra Tals or Stok Kangris. This requires strong policies and regulations by the government, ambition and professionalism from the industry, and responsible behaviour by the consumer. Risk is an inherent part of adventure, but so can be risk preparedness.

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Activities like mountaineering carry high amounts of risk. While it is up to the tour operators to ensure that safeguards are in place, climbers also need to ensure that they are physically and mentally prepared for such activities. Location: Summit camp of Kang Yatze 1 peak in Ladakh. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER