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3-judge Bench to take up pleas against Places of Worship Act

6 petitions pending before top court | Matter to be heard on Dec 12

SATYA PRAKASH
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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7

The Supreme Court has constituted a Special Bench to hear a batch of PILs challenging the validity of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which prohibits filing a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947.

The Special Bench, comprising Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice KV Viswanathan, will hear the matter on December 12.

The Act prohibits the conversion of any place of worship, except Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, and freezes the religious character of a place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

There are six petitions, including those filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar



ACT ARBITRARY, CLAIM PETITIONERS

■ There are six pleas against certain provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991

■ Hindu groups have sought to reclaim several mosques,

claiming these were built after razing temples

■ The Muslim side has sought dismissal of all pleas saying there are attempts to disrupt communal harmony

Upadhyay and former Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy, against certain provisions of the law. Some of the petitions have been pending since 2020.

The petitioners alleged the 1991 law created an "arbitrary and irrational retrospective cut-off date" of August 15, 1947, for maintaining the character of the places of worship or pilgrimage against encroachments done by "fundamentalists and barbaric invaders and lawbreakers".

The top court had on January 9, 2023, sought responses of the Centre on pending pleas challenging certain provisions of the 1991 Act, which took away the right of judicial remedy to reclaim a place of worship of any person or a religious group.

The hearing assumes significance in view of the fact that there are several mosques and dargahs which Hindu groups have sought to reclaim on the ground that they were built on pre-exist-

ing temples.

In an intervention application filed in the top court, the managing committee of Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, Varanasi, has sought the dismissal of all petitions against the Act on the ground that these are based on "rhetorical and communal claims" that could disrupt communal harmony and the rule of law.

The committee listed disputes concerning Shahi Idgah Masjid, Mathura; Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque, Qutub Minar, Delhi; Kamal Maula Mosque, Bhojshala Complex in Madhya Pradesh; Bija Mandal Mosque, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh; Teela Wali Masjid, Lucknow; Ajmer Sharif Dargah, Rajasthan; Jama Masjid and dargah of Sufi saint Shaikh Salim Chishti, Fatehpur Sikri, Uttar Pradesh; Baba Budan-giri Dargah, Hosakoti, Karnataka; Badruddin Shah Dargah, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh;

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ISKCON temple set afire, idol damaged near Dhaka

DHAKA/KOLKATA, DECEMBER 7

A group of people set an ISKCON temple on fire in Bangladesh's Dhaka district on Saturday.

The attack at Dhaur village, under the Turag police station in Dhaka district, took place in the early hours of Saturday. A police official said a man-hunt had been launched to track the culprits.

According to Charu Chandra Das Brahmachary, gener-

al secretary of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Bangladesh, the temple was set on fire after lifting the tin roof. "The fire was, however, doused quickly but an idol was damaged and curtains burnt," he added.

In India, Radharamn Das, vice-president, ISKCON, Kolkata, said the "vandals set ablaze idols inside the temple at the property." "The

ISKCON Namhatta Centre burned down in Bangladesh. The deities of Sri Sri Laxmi Narayan and all items inside the temple were burned down completely," Das said in a post on X.

Condemning the attack, BJP's West Bengal unit president and Minister of State Sukanta Majumdar said it was an act of hatred against a place of worship.

"Immediate action must be

taken to bring the culprits to justice and ensure the safety of religious minorities," Majumdar said.

The relations between India and Bangladesh came under strain after the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus came to power after deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country on August 5 following students' led protest. — PTI

Raj miners eat into Nuh Aravallis; Haryana to claim costs, plug gaps

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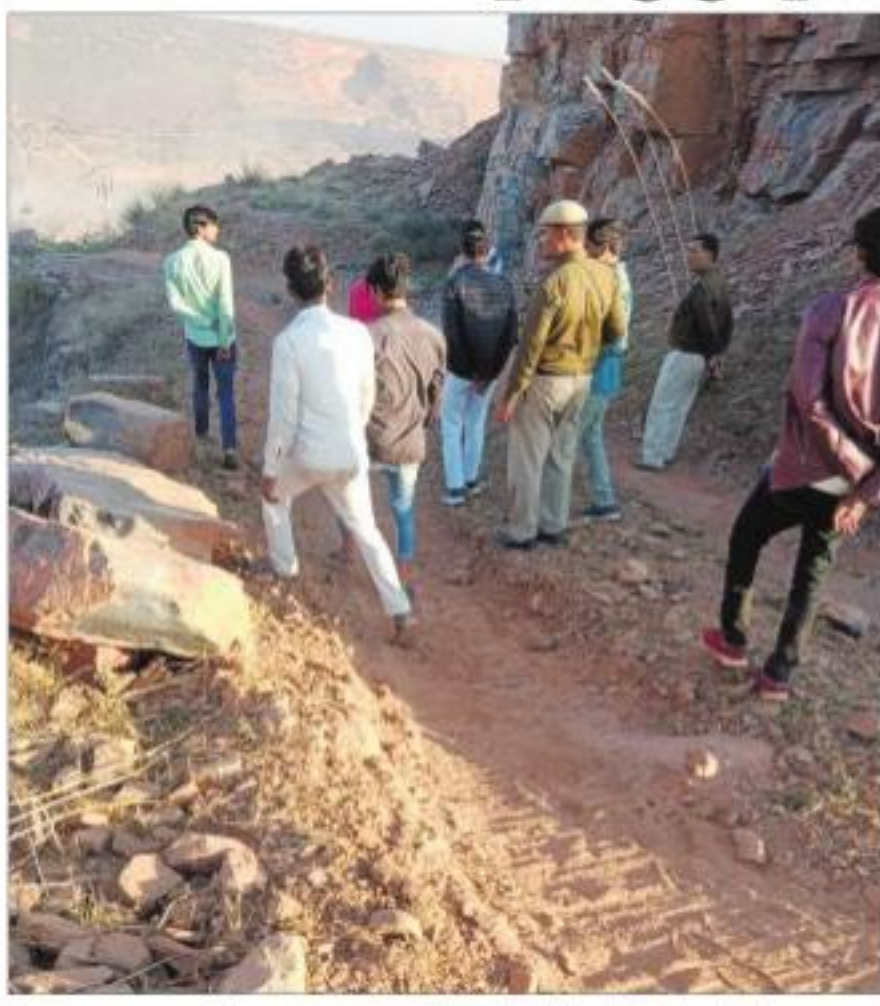
GURUGRAM, DECEMBER 7

The Haryana Government has decided to recover from Rajasthan loss worth crores of rupees caused due to illegal mining in the Aravallis by licensed miners of the neighbouring state.

As per an estimate, mining contractors from Rajasthan have caused Haryana a loss of Rs 2,500 crore in the last two years by illegal mining in the Aravallis along Nuh border in the garb of "confusion over jurisdiction".

To curb the menace, the Haryana Government said it would go for remote sensing technique Lidar (light detection and ranging) and demarcate the boundary along the Aravalli hills using GPS.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Environment Minister Rao Narbir said, "Confusion over few land assets in the border area is common, but when mining operations are carried out over large tracts of land, it is not acceptable. Aravallis are crucial for the ecology of the region. We will not just sort out issues concerning demarcation and jurisdiction but also recover costs from Rajasthan. We will assess the loss and ask the neighbouring state to recover it from its miners and com-



Police personnel inspect a site of illegal mining in Nuh district. FILE

ILLEGAL OPS AMID UNCLEAR DEMARCATION

■ Contractors from Rajasthan expand mining ops to Nuh citing lack of demarcation

■ In 2023 alone, miners fattened several hills in Nahari-

ka, Chittora and Rava villages of Nuh district

■ Haryana will now demarcate the boundary and recover ₹2,500 cr from Rajasthan

pensate us. We will also act against police inaction over illegal mining complaints."

In 2023 alone, over 8 crore metric tonnes of mining minerals from hills spread across Naharika, Chittora and Rava villages in Nuh vanished,

which not just flattened the hills but also caused the state a loss of over Rs 2,100 crore. Villagers claim since no action was taken despite registration of FIRs, mining continues unabated in the hills

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Days after oath, Ajit Pawar gets relief in ₹1,000-cr assets case

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7

Days after taking oath as Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Pawar has got a big relief with the Prevention of Benami Property Transactions Appellate Tribunal dismissing charges of benami property ownership against him and his family.

NO EVIDENCE OF BENAMI OWNERSHIP: TRIBUNAL

Following the tribunal's verdict, the Income Tax Department has cleared his properties worth over Rs 1,000 crore in a benami case, seized during the 2021 investigation. The tribunal's ruling comes soon after Ajit Pawar took oath as Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister along with Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde, during the swearing-in of Devendra Fadnis as Chief Minister.

The tribunal found no substantial evidence to support claims of benami ownership and concluded that all the payments for the 'properties in question' were made via legitimate channels and hence they were being cleared of the benami charges.

"There is no evidence to suggest that Ajit Pawar or his family transferred funds to acquire benami

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Avoid travel to Syria, govt issues advisory

NEW DELHI: As Islamist-led rebels continue to make further advances in Syria, India has advised its citizens to avoid travel to the country and urged those staying there to exercise "utmost precaution". In an advisory, the MEA asked the Indians living in the country to leave by the earliest available commercial flights. — PTI

Against changes to Waqf: Christian MPs

NEW DELHI: Christians should take an in-principle stand on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill as it affects the rights of minorities as enshrined in the Constitution, MPs from the community are learnt to have told the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. **INSIDE**

M&M to contest for 'BE6e' trademark

NEW DELHI: Mahindra & Mahindra has decided to rename its new electric vehicle brand as 'BE6e' but noted that it will continue to contest in court with InterGlobe Aviation for the trademark 'BE6e'. The aviation firm has taken the automaker to court over the usage of '6E' in its new EV brand. — PTI

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Farmers protest echoes at pre-Budget meet, BKU flags 'genuine' MSP demand

Doubling of PM-Kisan amount, abolition of GST on agri inputs, cheaper credit on their wish list

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 The ongoing protest by Punjab farmers for legal backing to the minimum support price (MSP) regime echoed at a crucial pre-Budget meeting the government had with select farmers and farm bodies here on Saturday.

At the meeting chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and attended by the Secretary, Agriculture, and Secretary, Agricultural Research, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU)-Non-Political urged the Centre to engage the agitating farmers from Punjab, arguing their demand for fair MSP was genuine and needed resolution.

"We raised the issue of the need to strengthen the MSP regime, citing the example of a prolonged agitation by Punjab farmers, and urged the government to engage the protesters and consider their demands," Dharmendra Malik, BKU-Non-Political spokesperson, who attended the meeting along with 11 farmers and farm body repre-

sentatives, told *The Tribune* today. Representing Punjab was Bharat Krishak Samaj chairman Ajay Vir Jakhar, a citrus farmer.

At the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, the farmers and unions presented a wish list to the FM ahead of the Budget preparation.

The primary demands included equation of the MSP to minimum reserve price under the Essential Commodities Act of 1955; expansion of the MSP to cover perishable items such as onions, potatoes and milk; inclusion of farmers' land rent in the MSP calculation formula; enhancement of annual income support under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi from Rs 6,000 to Rs 12,000; abolition of the GST on agricultural inputs and zero premium for small farmers under the PM crop insurance scheme.

Some participants said the FM was open to considering the demand for removal of the GST on items meant purely for agriculture. "The FM has sought a list of purely

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Farmers gather at the protest site on the Shambhu border in Patiala district on Saturday. PTI

No offer for talks from Centre, 101 Punjab protesters to resume Delhi march today

MOHIT KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, DECEMBER 7 Punjab farmers on Saturday claimed they had not received any offer for talks from the Centre. The "jatha" of 101 farmers would resume its march towards

Delhi from the Shambhu border on Sunday, they said.

On Friday, protesting farmers suspended their foot march to the national capital for the day after some of them suffered injuries due to tear gas shells fired by Haryana security personnel.

Sarwan Singh Pandher, president, Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, confirmed that the second "marjeevda jatha" would proceed towards the Shambhu border on Sunday noon. He expressed regret over the

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Disappointing: US rubbishes BJP claim of attempt to destabilise India

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7

The US has rejected BJP's allegations that organisations funded by the US State Department and elements in the American "deep state" were behind attempts to destabilise India through targeted attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and business tycoon Gautam Adani.

A US embassy spokesperson in New Delhi was quoted by news agency PTI as saying that the allegations were "dis-

appointing". The US administration had been a champion of media freedom around the world, the spokesperson asserted.

The BJP had on December 5 alleged that the US "deep state" colluded with the media portal OCCRP (Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) and Con-

gress leader Rahul Gandhi to "damage" India's image.

The BJP had cited Gandhi's use of reports by the OCCRP to attack the Adani Group and accuse it of having closeness with the government. The US embassy spokesperson said: "It's disappointing that the ruling party in India would make these kinds of accusations."

"The US government works with independent organisations on programming that supports professional

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SP exits MVA over Babri post by Sena-UBT leader

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7

The Congress-led INDIA bloc suffered a setback in Maharashtra on Saturday as the Samajwadi Party said it was exiting the alliance over a Shiv Sena (UBT) leader's X post supporting those behind the Babri Masjid demolition.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party is the second major constituent of the

Party MLAs defy Oppn boycott call, take oath

INDIA bloc to snub the opposition's coalition.

For the entire duration of the winter session, the TMC has been skipping anti-Adani protests led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi outside Parliament. The Samajwadi Party has also been absent from these agitations.

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4 hurting group clash at Kapurthala jail

JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 7

A clash broke out between two groups of convicts at the Kapurthala Central Jail on Friday night, leaving four inmates injured.

The injured have been identified as Simranjeet Singh of Amritsar, Vishal and Sunil from Lambra in Jalandhar and Mukesh from Rama Mandi in Jalandhar.

The inmates used sharp iron nails and rods (retrieved from grills) to attack each other. Officials said an old rivalry was the reason behind the clash. **INSIDE**

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Lathicharge, tear gas on farmers not justified: Selja

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SIRSA, DECEMBER 7
Sirsa MP Kumari Selja has criticised the government for using tear gas and lathicharge to stop farmers marching peacefully to Delhi for a law guaranteeing MSP (minimum support price). Calling these actions oppressive, she said they were no solution to farmers' problems. Instead, she urged the government to engage in a dialogue with the farmers.

In a statement, Selja said a small group of farmers began their peaceful march from the Shambhu border after the police initially allowed them, but later imposed restrictions. When 101 farmers started walking towards Delhi, the police, following government orders, used force to stop them, including firing tear gas. Selja said this exposed the BJP government's anti-farmer policies, which contradicted its claims of working for farmers' welfare. Selja also criticised Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini for his remark that farmers marching to Delhi were from Punjab and that the Punjab CM should address their concerns. She called this statement irresponsible. —TNS

Haryana deploys more force at Shambhu to halt farmers' march

Barricades, barbed wires, iron fencing repaired & further strengthened

NTTISH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, DECEMBER 7
A day after farmers' attempt of entering Haryana for a march towards Delhi was foiled, an uneasy calm prevailed on the Haryana side of the Shambhu border on Saturday. While farmer unions will make another attempt to crossover on Sunday, a heavy police and paramilitary deployment continue to guard the barricades.

A number of police vehicles carrying security personnel, Rapid Action Force, and Riot Control Vehicles were seen going towards the Shambhu border on Saturday. Cemented barricades, barbed wires, iron fencing, watercannon and other security arrangements are in place to stop the determined farmers. The fencing and structure, which the farmers tried to pull down with the help of chains, were repaired and further strengthened today.

An official said: "Minimum required force was used by the security personnel on Friday and the force is just protecting the barricades. All arrangements are in place and the farmers will not be allowed to crossover without permission. There is more force and arrangements than before."

The Ambala police have also registered a case against the agitating farmers under various charges and for violation of the orders of section 163 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha



Security personnel stand guard at the Shambhu border on Saturday. PTI

NO OFFER OF TALKS FROM GOVT

“The second group of 101 farmers will start the march at 12 noon. They will march peacefully. There has been no communication from the government regarding the talks so far. Tejveer Singh, SPOKESMAN, BKU (SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH)

Sanhita (144 CrPC), after the farmers broke barricades and attempted to crossover on Friday. Meanwhile, Ambala SP Surinder Singh Bhorla visited the Shambhu border to take stock of the situation and issued directions to the on-duty police personnel.

Speaking to *The Tribune*, SP Surinder Singh Bhorla said: "We have repeatedly requested the farmer unions to obtain the permission from Delhi and then proceed. Ample security arrangements are in place to stop farmers from marching towards Delhi. Section 163 of

BNSS is in force and a case for the violation of the orders has been already registered after yesterday's attempt. We appeal the farmer unions to maintain peace. All required steps will be taken to maintain the law and order."

Bhartiya Kisan Union (Shaheed Bhagat Singh) spokesman Tejveer Singh said: "The second group of 101 farmers will start march at 12 noon. They will march peacefully and the rest is up to the government. There has been no message from the government regarding the talks so far and the government has

been showing an adamant behaviour. We heard the sound of some drilling being done behind the barricades and it suggests that the security personnel have been further strengthening their position behind the barricades to stop the farmers."

Meanwhile, Jan Jagriti Sangathan, a platform formed by local traders of Ambala City, has decided to hold meeting on Sunday to decide the future course of action.

Sangathan president Viplove Singla said: "After yesterday's action, it is clear that the government has no plans to open the Shambhu border and the farmers are also standing firm. The businessmen and small traders are suffering losses and we have decided to hold a meeting on Sunday to decide the future course of action."

Weak nominees on 10-15 seats led to poll defeat: State Cong incharge

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 7
Haryana Congress incharge Deepak Babaria today admitted to wrong ticket distribution on 10-15 seats in the Assembly elections and cited factionalism as the reason for it.

Babaria made the comments in Delhi on the sidelines of a meeting of a committee formed over the Haryana elections. Candidates who filed election petitions attended the meeting. It was Babaria's first meeting with Haryana Congress leaders after his illness.

"Had everybody thought objectively to give tickets to good candidates and had risen over groupism, the Congress would have formed the government in the state," said Babaria, citing weak candidates on 10-15 seats as one of the reasons for the defeat.

Alleging EVM tampering and replacements, he claimed that the BJP committed a daylight robbery and no one could discount it. "The BJP stole those seats where the margin would have been more than 50 per cent. They committed manipulations in 15 seats. We made a mistake in giving tickets for 14-15 seats. Otherwise, we would have got 65 seats," he said.

He admitted to receiving a WhatsApp message on the morning of the counting of votes that the Congress would lose 14 seats because of EVM tampering. "Few things are secret. I had shared the message with whom I should have, even with people at the top. I did my duty," he said.

On state party president Udai

Alleges EVM tampering and replacements



Congress' Deepak Babaria addresses the media in New Delhi. IFL

GROUPISM COST PARTY DEAR

“Had everybody thought objectively to give tickets to good candidates and risen over groupism, the Congress would have formed the government in the state. Deepak Babaria, HARYANA CONG INCHARGE

NO INFORMATION GIVEN UNDER RTI

“We have not been provided any information under RTI. Startling facts have come to the fore in election petitions. The EC is in the BJP's pocket but not the courts. We will move HC. Karan Dalal, CONGRESS LEADER

Bhan's charge that he informed them late about the WhatsApp message, here replied, "People claim this should have been done or that should have been done for lack of knowledge." It was also claimed in the WhatsApp message to Babaria that the BJP would get 46 to 49 seats while the Congress would be reduced to 36 to 38 seats. The BJP in the end, got 48 seats and the Congress 37.

"If the Supreme Court takes the cognisance in a right manner and the Election Commission presents facts with honesty, the new government

wouldn't be able to see 2025," said Babaria.

"Had there been the party organisation in place, the results would have been better," he admitted. He objected to senior leaders projecting themselves as CM during the campaign.

After the defeat, Babaria had submitted his resignation, but it has not been accepted yet. "My resignation has been pending with the high command. I am the Congress party's soldier... Till I am incharge, I will work till last..." he added.

150 AC buses to be part of roadways fleet

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 7
The state government approved the purchase of 650 buses, including 150 air-conditioned buses, for the state roadways fleet at Rs 300 crore to strengthen public transport services in Haryana. The approval was granted in a meeting of the high-powered purchase committee (HPPC) meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

Cabinet Ministers Anil Vij, Mahipal Dhandra, Vipul Goel, Shyam Singh Rana, Ranbir Gangwa, and Shruti Choudhry were present at the meeting.

In the meeting of the HPPC, Departmental High-Powered Purchase Committee (DHPPCC), and High-Powered Works Purchase Committee (HPWPC), approvals were given for contracts and procurement of goods worth Rs 1,329 crore. After negotiations with various bidders, the government

has made significant savings of over Rs 38 crore.

In the meeting, approval was also granted for the setting up of four types of ICT labs in 801 government schools under the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PMSHRI) and Samagra Shiksha Schemes, at an estimated cost of Rs 50 crore. Additionally, an amount of Rs 33 crore was approved for the purchase of teaching-learning materials for government primary schools in the state for classes I to V.

In the meeting, the expansion and renovation of existing structures at the water works and boosting stations in Mahendragarh town at a cost of Rs 15.80 crore was also approved. Besides this, a project to provide water supply facility in four Ballah, Phaphran, Goli and Manpura villages and to provide sewerage facility and construction of sewage treatment plant at Ballah village Karnal was also approved.

4 officers senior to him, Mahendragarh Civil Surgeon wants to leave charge

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MAHENDRAGARH, DECEMBER 7
In a significant development, Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Dr Dharmendra Singh has urged the state authorities to relieve him from the charge of Civil Surgeon, Narnaul, while citing seniority reasons.

In his letter written to the state authorities, Dr Dharmendra said four officers posted at Narnaul office of the Health Department are senior to him, hence it is requested to give the charge of Civil Surgeon, Narnaul, any of the senior officers in place of him, said the sources.

"Being an ultrasound trained doctor, I want to do ultrasound work keeping in view the public interest," he added. Dr Dharmendra was appointed as acting Civil Surgeon, Narnaul, four months ago after Civil Surgeon Dr Ramesh Chander was transferred to Rohtak from here.



The district government hospital in Narnaul city. TRIBUNE PHOTO

DESIRES TO RETURN TO ULTRASOUND WORK

■ Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Dr Dharmendra Singh was appointed as acting Civil Surgeon, Narnaul, four months ago after Civil Surgeon Dr Ramesh Chander was transferred to Rohtak from here
■ "I fulfilled this responsibility with dedication for four months... being an ultrasound trained doctor, I want to do ultrasound work keeping in view the public interest," he said

Dr Dharmendra came to limelight when he launched a mobile van with all diagnostic facilities in Narnaul

last month. Actually, the van was to be flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner but Dr Dharmendra did it when

the DC did not reach at the programme venue on stipulated time due to being busy in some other programme.

Some days later, he again grabbed the media attention when he accused an officer of district administration of misbehaving with him and filed a complaint with the DC in this respect. The DC then set up a fact-finding inquiry under the ADC into the matter.

"Four officers are senior to me in the office, hence the charge of Civil Surgeon should be given to any of them. I fulfilled this responsibility dedicatedly for four months. During this time span, I moved a proposal to the state authorities for providing the facilities like CT Scan, MRI and cath lab at government hospitals here," Dr Dharmendra told *The Tribune*.

He maintained that besides, he sent a proposal to launch the dialysis facilities at Kanina and Ateli.



An official collects a sample of the soil from a field in Palwal.

94% of agriculture land covered in soil testing drive in Palwal district

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PALWAL, DECEMBER 7
The soil health testing drive by the Agricultural Department has covered about 93.98 per cent of the agricultural land in the district. The department has issued around one lakh soil health cards to the farmers so far.

As the rampant and indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and over exploitation of the land has resulted in a severe decline in the fertility levels of the cultivable land, farmers were being encouraged to get the soil tested in order to enhance and maintain the nutrients levels and to check the degradation of the quality of the soil, said an Agriculture Department official.

He said while hundreds of samples were lifted each month, the soil health cards were issued after a test in the lab to help farmers know the quality of the land and the measures required to improve and maintain the fertility levels.

It is claimed that while soil samples have been lifted from around 250 lakh acres of a total of 2.66 lakh acres, it comes to about 94 per cent of the available land in the district so far. The department prepared and issued over 50,000 soil health cards in the period between 2021 and 2023, reveal the sources. Cards are issued to the farmers on the

Samples lifted from 2.5L acres; 1L soil health cards issued

basis of the report provided by the laboratory and tests conducted by the department's laboratory, it is added. "Soil testing could be vital; it helps farmers make informed decisions about how to manage their soil as it's health is important for sustainable crop production, and the existence of flora and fauna," says Mahavir Singh Malik, an agricultural expert.

He said while exploitation, destruction and mismanagement of soil could lead to extinction of plants and animals, soil testing could identify nutrient-deficient soil to help crop growers enhance agricultural productivity and ensure a more reliable and diverse food supply by cultivating crops in nutrient-dense soil.

He said the soil health cards provided information about the status of essential nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, micro nutrients and organic matter to diagnose the fertility status and the nutrient management of the soil. About 5,000 acres of land had been lying barren of which hundreds of acres was waterlogged, the authorities needed to chalk out a different strategy, said an official.

5 yrs on, F'bad-Noida-Ghaziabad expressway project yet to take off

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, DECEMBER 7
There is confusion over the handling of work of the proposed 32-km interstate Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad Expressway (FNG), announced in 2019, as the government is yet to decide the agency to execute the project. The PWD, FMDA and NHAI are among the proposed agencies.

While the PWD recently submitted a report on the project alignment, the work of preparing the detailed project report (DPR) is yet to take off, according to sources in the district administration.

While the DPR may take two-three months, the authorities are yet to finalise the agency for the construction of the expressway. Officials of Haryana PWD,

No decision on executing agency for 32-km project; PWD & NHAI among proposed agencies



Officials from Haryana PWD, NHAI and UP Govt held a meeting recently and expressed their desire to transfer the project to the NHAI.

NHAI and the UP Government held a meeting recently, and were in favour of transferring the project to the NHAI as it may involve funds to the tune of around

Rs 900 crore. Manjhawali bridge over the Yamuna — another interstate project to provide direct connectivity between Faridabad and Greater Noi-

da — has been lying incomplete, though its foundation stone was laid in 2014. The lack of coordination, technical issues and release of funds are among the rea-

sons for the delay, it is claimed.

In the case of FNG, there has been no progress due to various reasons, including delay in DPR, fund-sharing

issue and the process of land acquisition, which needs the construction of a passage of around 10 km in Faridabad and Noida, according to sources in the PWD.

The state government had also approached the NHAI to take over the project, but no positive response has come from the Central agency so far. The FNG will reduce the travelling time by one-third between Faridabad and Noida and Ghaziabad, which are important satellite cities of the national capital, said an official.

This will be the fourth expressway that will emanate from or conclude in the district. The KGP and Delhi-Mumbai expressways are already functional and work on the Greenfield Expressway (Faridabad-Jewar airport) is underway.

From 35,000 to 81,500 cases, TB count in state up 132% in 9 years

RAVNEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANCHKULA, DECEMBER 7
The state government has identified over 80,000 patients of Tuberculosis (TB) this year. Of these, the highest number, over 8,000 each, have been reported from Gurugram and Faridabad districts. In 2015, the number of patients were 35,000.

Director General Health Services (DGHS) (Programming) Dr Kuldeep Singh said as many as 81,500 individuals had been diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB) in 2024. The highest number of patients have been reported from Gurugram and Faridabad followed by Hisar, Karnal and Mewat.

He said, "Both Gurugram and Faridabad are highly-populated areas where people live in congested environments. TB spreads rapidly in highly-populous and congested areas. People live in highly congested environments in Mewat as well. We also found that 46 percent of the patients were under-nourished and had low body-mass index."

Dr Kuldeep attributed the high detection to increased number of tests conducted for TB and said, "We have increased the number of tests conducted for TB from 2 lakh tests in 2015 to 8 lakh tests conducted this year. We strategically tested family members and nearby contacts of TB patients and other people with symptoms. On the other hand, Punjab which has more population than Haryana and also stands more affected by drugs has identified only 51,000, while neighbouring Himachal



Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda and CM Nayab Singh Saini at the launching of the 100-day TB elimination campaign in Panchkula on Saturday. RAVI KUMAR

Pradesh has identified only 21,000 patients this year."

Meanwhile, the overall death rate due to TB in Haryana this year is 22 deaths per one lakh infected individuals against 28 deaths per one lakh infected population in 2015.

DGHS Dr Manish Bansal said the state has launched 65 vans under the national TB elimination campaign which will go to high-risk areas across all districts and will hold check-up camps and begin treatment of patients.

He said, "One TB patient can infects 10 new people in a year. But detection of the disease, followed by timely treatment can prevent its further spread. We have prepared a micro plan to reach all affected persons. Now on, we will specially focus on people from poor backgrounds and those living in high-risk areas."

Nadda launches 100-day TB elimination campaign

PANCHKULA, DECEMBER 7
Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the nationwide 100-day intensive TB eradication campaign in Panchkula on Saturday. The campaign will be implemented across 347 districts.

The campaign aims to find and treat missing TB patients through intensified detection drives, especially in high-risk groups, and reduce TB deaths significantly.

Health Minister Kumari Arti Singh Rao and Cabinet Minister Anil Vij were also present at the programme.

Nadda said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a vision of making India TB-free by 2030. He said the

rate of spread of TB in India has decreased. "The World Health Organization has praised the reduction in the TB rate in India. TB deaths have decreased by 21.4 percent in the last 10 years", he pointed-out.

Nadda said the Centre has adopted several new strategies to decentralise and make TB services patient-friendly. He said: "Today TB is detected early, thanks to more than 1.7 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs across the country. The centre government has significantly increased clinical services by increasing the number of laboratories from 120 in 2014 to 8,293." He also flagged-off 10 Nikshay vehicles for Haryana.

Applications invited for state energy conservation awards

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 7
The Department of New and Renewable Energy in collaboration with Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) has announced the invitation of applications for the State-Level Energy Conservation Awards 2023-24. Eligible institutions are encouraged to apply by December 13. Award recipients stand to receive up to Rs 2 lakh in recognition of their efforts.

An official spokesperson said these awards are presented to institutions that demonstrate outstanding achievements in energy conservation.

This includes contribu-

tions from industrial, commercial, governmental, institutional, and residential sectors that employ advanced technology and energy-efficient practices.

The awards also recognise innovative projects in energy conservation, the use of new technologies, and research and development initiatives. Additionally, institutions that excel in research and innovation in areas such as energy efficiency, waste-to-energy conversion, renewable energy, and sustainable resource management are eligible for consideration.

For detailed guidelines and further information on the application process, applicants can visit HAREDA's official web-

site at www.hareda.gov.in or reach out to the Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chief Project Officer of their respective district, said the official spokesperson.

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President

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2. Empanelment of Electrical & Civil Contractors with LIC of India Amritsar Division.
Enrolment Forms shall be issued from 09.12.2024 to 31.12.2024 up to 04.00 PM.
The last date for submission of application is 31.12.2024 up to 5.00 PM.
Separate Forms shall be submitted for each category.
For complete details and application forms please login to www.licindia.in and go to "Tenders" and click on the link "Empanelment of Suppliers/Manufacturers/Printers/Service Providers/Vendors/Civil & Electrical Contractors under Amritsar Division" or contact Office Service Department at the above mentioned address.
Sd/- Senior Divisional Manager

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Professor Parmjit Kaur, Chairperson

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PM's Panipat visit: Saini reviews preparations

MUKESH TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT, DECEMBER 7
Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday reviewed the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme in Panipat and directed the administration regarding the programme.

Modi would stay in Panipat for 1.5 hours and launch the 'Bima Sakhi' scheme of the LIC for empowering women.

On the other hand, the city roads, NH-44 and all the roads near the programme venue are adorned with the Prime Minister, Chief Minister and other BJP leaders' board and hoardings.

Apart from its security beefed up at the programme venue and the complete venue has been under the cover of the special protection group (SPG).



CM Nayab Singh Saini in Panipat on Saturday. SUKHINDER SAROHA

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini along with the Cabinet Ministers Krishan Lal Panwar, Mahipal Dhand, Krishan Bedi, former MP Sanjay Bhatia, MLA Pramod Vij, KM Pandurang, Director, Information and Public Relation Depart-

ment, DC Virender Kumar Dahiya, SP Lokender Singh and BJP's district president Dushyant Bhatt visited the programme venue.

DC Dahiya assured the Chief Minister that the programme would be historical and all preparations have

been completed to succeed the PM's event.

Chief Minister Saini said that the government is always serious for women empowerment and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi always kept women empowerment on priority.

CM Saini said December 9 would be the historical day for the state as well as for Panipat also as Prime Minister Narendra Modi would launch a big scheme for the women empowerment from this historical land.

He further said that PM Modi had launched a national level campaign 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' (BBBP) to save the daughters and to improve the gender ratio from Panipat on January 22, 2015 after which lakhs of daughters' life saved.

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- The candidates must be computer savvy.

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Form No. 14 [See Regulation-33 (2)] by publication

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
 SCO 33-34-35, F.F. Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/211/2024 DEMAND NOTICE 07-08-2024

To **HDFC Bank Vs. Sh. Ram Mehar @ Ramehar**
 (CD 1): Sh. Ram Mehar @ Ramehar S/o Hukum Chand R/o H.No. 582 Village Rindhana Tehsil Gohana Sonapat, Haryana
 (CD 2): Smt. Savitri W/o Sh. Ram Mehar @ Ramehar R/o H.No. 582 Village Rindhana Tehsil Gohana Sonapat, Haryana
 (CD 3): Sh. Rajpal S/o Sh. Devi Chand R/o Village Rindhana Tehsil Gohana Sonapat, Haryana

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) in OA 1537/2023 an amount of Rs. 36,13,938/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lacs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 7% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 09/10/2023 till realization and costs of Rs. 61,005/- (Rupees Sixty One Thousand And Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appearance before the undersigned on 19.12.2024 at 10:30 AM. for further Proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
 (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 07.08.2024
 Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh (DRT-2)

Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/ 16(3)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
 SCO 33-34-35, F.F. Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Exh. No. SUMMONS Case No. OA/505/2024

HDFC Bank Limited Vs Shri Ravi Kumar and Others

1. Shri Ravi Kumar Son of Shri Hawa Singh Resident of Village Nauch, Tehsil and District Kaithal, Haryana 136027
 2. Suman Wife of Shri Ravi Kumar Resident of Village Nauch, Tehsil and District Kaithal, Haryana 136027 (Borrower)
 3. Neelam Devi Wife of Shri Pawan Kumar R/o Village Nauch, Tehsil and District Kaithal, Haryana 136027 (Guarantor)

WHEREAS, OA/505/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 24.09.2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act. [OA] filed against you for recovery of debt of Rs. 28,25,990/- (Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i). to show cause within thirty days of the service or summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii). to disclose Particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii). you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the Application for attachment of properties;

(iv). you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v). you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and Properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 19/12/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 25.09.2024 Sd/-
 Signature of the officer Authorised to issue Summons.

Form No. 14 [See Regulation-33 (2)] by publication

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)
 SCO 33-34-35, F.F. Sector 17-A, Chandigarh (additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/1084/2023 DEMAND NOTICE 20-07-2024

To **HDFC Bank Vs. Sh. Sushil Kumar**
 (CD 1): Sh. Sushil Kumar S/o Sh. Bhag Ram @ Bhaga Ram R/o H.No. 126/19, Gali No. 6B, Hanuman Nagar, Tehsil Narwana Distt. Kaithal, Haryana
 (CD 2): Smt. Chano Devi Wife of Sh. Bhag Ram @ Bhaga Ram R/o H.No. 409G Housing Board Colony, Tehsil Narwana Distt. Kaithal, Haryana
 (CD 3): Sh. Pardeep Singh S/o Sh. Bhag Ram @ Bhaga Ram R/o H.No. 126/19, Gali No. 6B, Hanuman Nagar, Tehsil Narwana Distt. Kaithal, Haryana
 (CD 4): Sh. Bhag Ram @ Bhaga Ram S/o Sh. Bhalle Ram R/o H.No. 126/19, Gali No. 6B, Hanuman Nagar, Tehsil Narwana Distt. Kaithal, Haryana
 (CD 5): Sh. Jitender S/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/o H.No. 10, Block No. 365, Village Singhalw Tehsil Narwana District Kaithal, Haryana

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) in OA 1128/2023 an amount of Rs. 1,20,50,147/- (One Crore Twenty Lacs Fifty Thousand one Hundred and Forty seven Only) along with pendentelitte and future interest @ 8% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 26/07/2023 till realization and costs of Rs. 1,45,505/- (Rupees One Lac Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appearance before the undersigned on 24.12.2024 at 10:30 AM. for further Proceedings.

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 (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 20.07.2024
 Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh (DRT-2)

NOTICE BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF
STATE BANK OF INDIA V/S KISSAN RICELAND PRIVATE LIMITED-UNDER CIRP
IA (IBC) No. 826 (CH) of 2024 IN CP (IB) No. 73/CHD/MRY/2020 (ADMITTED)
NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 11.12.2024

Sr. No.	Name of Respondent(s)	Respondent No(s).	Address as per available record
1.	Mr. Sushil Garg S/o Sh. Satya Pal	R-1	House No. 518/10, Ward No. 30, SBI Road, Near Asoka Colony, Kaithal, Haryana-136027
2.	Ms. Kamla Devi, Legal Heir of Late Sh. Ashok Garg S/o Sh. Satya Pal	R-2	House No. 518/10, Ward No. 30, SBI Road, Near Asoka Colony, Kaithal, Haryana-136027
3.	Mr. Tarsem Chand S/o Sh. Satya Pal	R-3	House No. 518/10, Ward No. 30, SBI Road, Near Asoka Colony, Kaithal, Haryana-136027
4.	Ms. Anju Garg, Legal Heir of Late Sh. Ashok Garg S/o Sh. Satya Pal	R-4	House No. 518/10, Ward No. 30, SBI Road, Near Asoka Colony, Kaithal, Haryana-136027
5.	Mukta Kapoor & Associates (Statutory Auditor)	R-6	Shop No. 50, Main Market, Sector 13, Karnal - 132001 (Haryana)

Please take note that in the above titled case, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh (Adjudicating Authority under IBC 2016) Court Bench-2 by order dated 28.11.2024 in IA (IBC) No. 826 (CH) of 2024 has issued directions to serve notice dated 29.11.2024 upon you all respondents in said IA (IBC) No. 826 (CH) of 2024 i.e. An Application filed under Section 66 of the IBC 2016 read with Section 60(5) IBC.

Notice is hereby given to above mentioned respondents to whom the notice could not be served via speed post for reasons such as Addressee moved without instructions/door locked/change of address/left address/address not found as mentioned in the consignment tracking report of the respective speed post(s). Hence, Resolution Professional is adopting substituted mode of service for the above respondents through publication of this Notice, in accordance with directions/order of Hon'ble NCLT. Further take note that the above captioned matter will now be listed on 11.12.2024 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench. You are hereby advised to attend the hearing/appear in person or through any authorized representative /pleader and in default of your appearance on the aforesaid date, the said application may be heard and determined by the Hon'ble Bench in your absence.

Signed by
 (SANJAY KUMAR AGGARWAL)
 Resolution Professional
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 Place: Chandigarh

Samrara SHO dies in mishap

FATEHGARH SAHIB, DECEMBER 7
 SHO Samrara Davinderpal Singh lost his life in a road accident near Bhadal Thuha village on the Amloh-Nabha road. The incident occurred on Friday around 1.30 am when Singh, driving his car, collided with a stationary truck parked on the roadside. He was killed on the spot due to the impact. Ludhiana Range IG Dhanpreet Kaur visited the accident site. After the post-mortem, Singh's body was handed over to his family. — OC

NOTICE VS GENERAL PUBLIC

Hon'ble Court of Shri Krishan Kumar Joint Sub Registrar and Tehsildar Karnal.

Sh. Rajender Kumar Kalyan S/o late Sh. Multan Singh R/o House No. 101, Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal. Applicant.

General Public vs Respondent

In this court, Sh. Rajender Kumar Kalyan S/o late Urban Estate, Karnal presented an application for registration of a posthumous Will, in which the applicant has said that my wife Smt. Nirmal Kalyan had made an unregistered Will in my name on 06/03/2022. My wife Smt. Nirmal Kalyan passed away on 19/12/2023. This Will should be registered. If anyone has any objection in this regard, then it will be our responsibility. Through this notice, the general public is informed that if anyone has any objection regarding the registration of this will, then he can present his objection by appearing in this court as an attorney by 30.12.2024 at 10:00 am. In case no one appears, this will be registered as per the rules.

My signature with court seal has been issued today on 26.11.2024.

Joint Sub Registrar and Tehsildar Karnal

PUBLIC NOTICE
 [Under Section 102 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("IBC")]
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MRS. ANITA GOEL

DETAILS OF PERSONAL GUARANTOR

1. Name of Personal Guarantor	MRS. ANITA GOEL (Personal Guarantor of Nivaya ASL Private Limited)
2. Address of Personal Guarantor	Resham Avasas, 105 Same Akashneem Marg, DLF City, Phase II, Gurgaon 122001
3. Insolvency process commencement date in respect of personal guarantor under IBC, 2016	04.12.2024
4. Last date of submission of claims	29.12.2024

DETAILS OF RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL

5. Name and registration number of insolvency professional acting as resolution professional	Vikram Bajaj Regn. No.: IBBI/PA-002/IP-N00003/2016-2017/10003 AFA valid till: 31.12.2025
6. Address and Email ID of the resolution professional as registered with board	214, Second Floor, Spaze Edge, Tower-A, Sector-47, Gurgaon - 122018 Email: bajaj.vikram@gmail.com
7. Address and E-mail ID to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	214, Second Floor, Spaze Edge, Tower-A, Sector-47, Gurgaon - 122018 Email: pipantagoel@gmail.com

Submission of false or misleading claims shall attract penalties in accordance with the provision of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 or any other applicable Laws.

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi, Principal Bench CP (IB) No 214/(PB)/2024 Under Section 95(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy filed by VISTRA ITCL (INDIA) LIMITED, has initiated Personal Insolvency Resolution Process for Mrs. Anita Goel u/s 100 of IBC, 2016 vide order dated 04.12.2024. Accordingly, the creditors of Mrs. Anita Goel are hereby invited to submit their claims with proof in prescribed Form B on or before 29.12.2024, to the Resolution Professional at the address mentioned at S.No. 7 above. The creditors may submit / register details of their claims through electronic means, or by hand or by registered post.

Date: 06.12.2024
 Place: New Delhi
 Vikram Bajaj
 Resolution Professional

PUBLIC NOTICE
In the matter of
PRABHU SHANTI REAL ESTATE PVT. LTD.
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ALLOTTEES OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT FORMERLY KNOWN AS "PDM HI-TECH HOMES", SITUATED AT SECTOR 3A, BAHADURGARH, HARYANA, ORIGINALLY LAUNCHED & DEVELOPED BY PRABHU SHANTI REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to the completion of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, all Allottee(s) are hereby informed that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), vide its order dated October 24, 2024 (I.A. No. 48 of 2024 in Company Petition No. (IB) 477 of 2017), has approved the Resolution Plan submitted by PING Developers Private Limited.

As per the approved Resolution Plan, PING Developers Private Limited has taken over the management and control of Prabhu Shanti Real Estate Private Limited and has renamed the project as "PDM Homes." PING Developers is now responsible for managing and completing the project.

LAST & FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM YOUR UNITS/FLATS:
 All Allottee(s) who have not yet claimed their units/flats are hereby given this last and final opportunity to submit their claims within 90 days from the date of this notice. Failure to submit claims within this period will result in the cancellation of the units/flats, and no further opportunity shall be provided.

How to Claim: Please fill out the claim form available at <https://claim.prabhushanti.com>. For further information, you may contact us via email at pdmhomes@prabhushanti.com

Sd/- Prabhu Shanti Real Estate Pvt. Ltd.
 (Wholly owned subsidiary of PING Developers Pvt. Ltd.)

DATE: 07-12-2024 Correspondence Address: PDM Homes, Sector 3A, PLACE: BAHADURGARH Sarai Aurangabad, Bahadurgarh, Haryana 124507

PUBLIC NOTICE
 [Under Section 102 of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("IBC")]
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MR. AYUSH GOEL

DETAILS OF PERSONAL GUARANTOR

1. Name of Personal Guarantor	MR. AYUSH GOEL (Personal Guarantor of Nivaya ASL Private Limited)
2. Address of Personal Guarantor	H No. 91, Arjun Marg, DLF Phase-1 Sikanderpur, Ghosi (68) Gurgaon-122002
3. Insolvency process commencement date in respect of personal guarantor under IBC, 2016	04.12.2024
4. Last date of submission of claims	29.12.2024

DETAILS OF RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL

5. Name and registration number of insolvency professional acting as resolution professional	Vikram Bajaj Regn. No.: IBBI/PA-002/IP-N00003/2016-2017/10003 AFA valid till: 31.12.2025
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7. Address and E-mail ID to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	214, Second Floor, Spaze Edge, Tower-A, Sector-47, Gurgaon - 122018 Email: pgnivayaas@gmail.com

Submission of false or misleading claims shall attract penalties in accordance with the provision of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016 or any other applicable Laws.

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi, Principal Bench CP (IB) No 213/(PB)/2024 Under Section 95(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy filed by VISTRA ITCL (INDIA) LIMITED, has initiated Personal Insolvency Resolution Process for Mr. Ayush Goel u/s 100 of IBC, 2016 vide order dated 04.12.2024. Accordingly, the creditors of Mr. Ayush Goel are hereby invited to submit their claims with proof in prescribed Form B on or before 29.12.2024, to the Resolution Professional at the address mentioned at S.No. 7 above. The creditors may submit / register details of their claims through electronic means or by hand or by registered post.

Date: 06.12.2024
 Place: New Delhi
 Vikram Bajaj
 Resolution Professional

31 out of 88 govt senior secondary schools sans principal in Muktsar

ARCHIT WAITS

MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 7
 As many as 31 government senior secondary schools are operating without regular principals in Muktsar district. The district has total of 88 government senior secondary schools.

The additional charge of principal in these schools has been given to the principals of neighbouring schools. Presently, Education Department officials are awaiting promotion of some teachers as principal.

A schoolteacher said that since the principal is the head of the school, this post should not be left vacant. "In the absence of a regular principal, the staff becomes negligent. Further, if a teacher is given the additional charge of principal, he/she can't perform like a regular principal. It also affects the teaching work of that teacher," said a government schoolteacher.

On this, Jaspal Monga, District Education Officer, Muktsar, said, "Posts of principal are vacant in 31 government senior secondary schools, but



At present, Education Department officials are awaiting promotion of some teachers as principal.

the posts of heads in all primary, middle and high schools are filled. Further, the state government will fill vacancies soon by appointing more teachers and promoting the existing staff."

The government senior secondary schools without

principal are located at Gula-bewala, Kanianwali, Mann Singh Wala, Khokhar, Harike Kalan, Kotli Abli, Sukhna Abli, Chhateana, Kotbhai, Ramgarh Chungha, Chak Shere Wala, Rupana (boys school), Sotha, Gilzewala, Bhundar, Fakkarsar Thehri,

Malout (boys school), Doda, Gidderbaha (boys school), Gidderbaha (girls school), Muktsar (boys school), Badal, Warring Khara, Pannniwala Fatta, Phullu Khara, Gurusar, Channu, Fatuhi Khara, Ghumiara, Kaoni and Singhewala.



Jagjit Singh Dallewal

Dallewal's fast over MSP guarantee enters Day 12

SUSHIL GOYAL

SANGRUR, DECEMBER 7

The indefinite fast by Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) convener Jagjit Singh Dallewal entered its 12th day at the Khanauri border on Saturday. Dallewal is demanding a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) on crops and the fulfilment of other long-pending demands of farmers.

According to sources, Dallewal's health has started worsening. As per his medical report, his blood pressure on Saturday was recorded 152/103, pulse rate 87 per minute, blood sugar 99 mg per cent and body temperature 96.50°F. He has also lost 8.5 kg till today.

Meanwhile, a well-know 'raagi', Baldev Singh Vadala, recited kirtan today on the stage at the border and extended his full support to the morcha.

Vadala also questioned why the government had been backtracking on implementing the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission despite farmers' long-standing demand for MSP on crops based on the report.

SUKHMEET BHASIN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, DECEMBER 7

Members of several farm unions today burnt effigies of the Centre at nine locations in Bathinda district against lobbying of tear gas shells on peaceful farmers marching towards Delhi from the Shambhu border yesterday.

The farmers held dharmas at Rampura, Bhagat, Kothaguru, Jandawala, Sardargarh, Sangat, Talwandi Sabo, Nathana and Maur.

Farm leader Shingara Singh Mann said the farmers had been struggling for justice and rights related to the rising debt and the government's neglect of their concerns.

They also criticised the Haryana Government's



Farmers with an effigy of PM Modi in Bathinda on Saturday.

actions, stating that farmers were being treated as outsiders in their own country and sought immediate action to address the legitimate demands of the farmers, including debt waiver, and

legal guarantee of the MSP.

The protesters said those responsible for unleashing violence against the farmers should be held accountable and the injured farmers should be provided free treatment.

PM adding insult to injury: Farmers

MAHESH SHARMA

MALERKOTLA, DECEMBER 7

Activists of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-political) organised dharmas at several places in Malerkotla district to protest against the inhuman treatment meted out to the farmers at the Shambhu border yesterday by the Haryana Police.

The protesters burnt an effigy of the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The protesters led by Rajinder Singh Bhogiwal of the Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) organised dharmas in Malerkotla, Amargarh and Ahmedgarh subdivisions.

Speakers alleged that the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was adding insult to injury by not fulfilling the promises he had made during the withdrawal of 2021 stir.

The protesters said the ensuing protest does not relate with interests of farmers only,

rather its outcome would affect all sections of society, including daily wagers, small traders and employees.

"We once again wish to apprise you that the ensuing protests are not only concerned with demands of farmers. Rather, we are fighting for the interests of all sections of society. Unfortunately, the BJP has once again committed a cowardly act by using Haryana cops to cane-charge the farmers heading towards Delhi on foot," said Bhogiwal.

Mann opens revamped sugar mill

RAVI DHALIWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATALA (GURDASPUR), DEC 7

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dedicated to the public the newly upgraded state-of-the-art sugar mill in the industrial town of Batala, providing much-needed respite to sugarcane farmers of the region who will not have to travel long distances to get their cane crushed. Gurdaspur Deputy Commissioner Uma Shankar Gupta, Batala SDM Vikramjit Panthey and senior officers of Sugarfed accompanied the CM during his tour of the mill.

Cabinet minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Batala MLA Sherry Kalsi and Gurdaspur halqa in-charge Raman Bahl, too, were present.



Inmates being treated in Kapurthala Civil Hospital on Friday.

son behind the clash.

Simranjeet, who was critically injured in the clash, has been referred to the Amritsar Medical College Amritsar.

While another injured inmate is undergoing treatment at the Kapurthala Civil Hospital, the remaining two inmates were sent back to the jail after administering first

aid. Kapurthala SP (Investigations) Sarabjit Rai said, "The men do not belong to any notable gang. They had an old rivalry with each other due to which the clash broke out. The injuries were inflicted through iron bars. Simranjeet is under treatment at the Amritsar Medical College. He is out of danger."

2 groups clash at Kapurthala jail, four injured; old rivalry, say police

APARNA BANERJI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 7

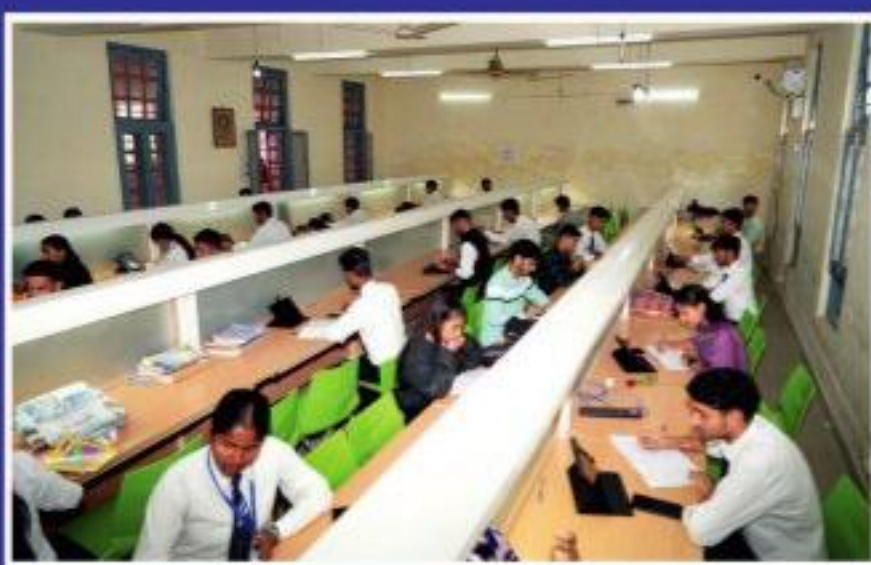
A clash broke out between two groups of convicts at the Kapurthala Central Jail yesterday night, leaving four inmates injured.

The injured have been identified as Simranjeet Singh of Amritsar, Vishal and Sunil from Lambra in Jalandhar and Mukesh from Rama Mandi in Jalandhar.

The clash took place around 8pm last night when four men — two belonging to each faction — attacked each other on the first floor of the barrack 3/3.

The inmates used sharp iron nail/rod (retrieved from grills) to attack each other. Official said an old rivalry was the rea-

व्यवस्था परिवर्तन से आत्मनिर्भर बनता हिमाचल



शिक्षा पद्धति में सकारात्मक बदलाव

- शिक्षा में समनाता लाने के लिए सभी सरकारी स्कूलों में इंग्लिश मीडियम शुरू।
- विश्वस्तरीय शिक्षा सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए हर विधानसभा क्षेत्र में खोले जा रहे हैं राजीव गांधी डे-बोर्डिंग स्कूल।
- विधवा, बेसहारा, तलाकशुदा महिलाओं और विकलांग माता-पिता को 27 वर्ष की आयु से कम बच्चों की शिक्षा और संरक्षण के लिए इंदिरा गांधी मुख्यमंत्री सुख शिक्षा योजना शुरू।
- राजकीय स्कूलों में पहली कक्षा से स्मार्ट क्लास रूम, एलइडी स्क्रीन और प्रोजेक्टर के माध्यम से पढ़ाई की सुविधा।
- अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर का शिक्षा अनुभव प्राप्त करने के लिए अध्यापकों को देश और विदेश के नामी शिक्षा संस्थानों का दौरा करने के लिए भेजा जा रहा है।
- शिक्षा कार्य में गुणवत्ता लाने और विद्यार्थियों को बेहतर सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए कम नामांकन वाले स्कूलों को बंद कर स्कूलों के क्लस्टर बनाए गए हैं।
- डॉ. यशवंत सिंह परमार विद्यार्थी ऋण योजना के अंतर्गत पात्र विद्यार्थियों को एक प्रतिशत ब्याज पर 20 लाख रुपये तक शिक्षा ऋण का प्रावधान।
- सरकारी स्कूलों के बच्चों को पौष्टिक भोजन देने के लिए मुख्यमंत्री पौष्टिक आहार योजना शुरू कर बच्चों को किया जा रहा लाभान्वित।
- 6297 प्राइमरी स्कूलों में प्री-प्राइमरी कक्षाएं शुरू की गई हैं।



Plan to include health education in school syllabus: CM

Says allocated additional ₹2 cr for TB eradication, advanced diagnostic and treatment facilities on cards

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 7 Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that the state government was contemplating to include health education in the school curriculum to create awareness from an early age. He was speaking at a function organised as a part of the Ni-Kshay Abhiyan here.

Sukhu said that the 100-day Ni-Kshay Abhiyan was a significant step towards making Himachal Pradesh TB-free. Its aim was to ensure timely identification of TB cases, effective treatment and increased awareness within communities. "The health sector remains the top priority for the state government and several reforms are being implemented to improve the system. Emergency departments in hospitals are being upgraded and tenders for modern equipment for medical colleges have already been issued," he added.

The Chief Minister assured the gathering that



Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu flags off a mobile van dedicated to the TB eradication initiative in Shimla on Saturday.

within a year, the people of the state would have access to advanced diagnostic and treatment facilities. He said that the campaign would be conducted in all districts with special focus on vul-

nerable and marginalised groups. He appealed to everyone to actively participate in the Ni-Kshay Abhiyan camps in their areas and encourage people to recognise TB symptoms

and seek timely testing.

He expressed confidence that Himachal Pradesh was on the path to becoming TB-free in the near future. "The state government has allocated additional Rs 2

crore for the Chief Minister's TB Eradication Scheme, supplementing the Central Government's budget. Since 13 per cent of the state's population is above 60 years, ensuring

early diagnosis and prevention is crucial for the elderly," he added. He stressed the importance of awareness and healthy lifestyles for the younger generation to prevent diseases.

Sukhu said that the referral system in government health institutions was being replaced with a robust system of care. "To attract and retain specialists, the government is considering to increase monthly allowances for super-specialist doctors from Rs 60,000 to Rs 1.75 lakh and for specialist doctors to Rs 1 lakh," he added.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dhani Ram Shandil urged everyone to remain vigilant about TB and get timely check-up for the early treatment of the disease. He said that Himachal Pradesh had one of the highest TB screening rates in the country. He added that the state government was also providing monthly financial assistance to ensure that nutritional needs of TB patients were met.

Maize flour 'Himbhog' produced via natural farming to be launched

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 7 Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu yesterday said that the state government would soon introduce maize flour produced through natural farming under the brand name 'Himbhog'.

He said that more than 4,000 quintals of maize had been procured from 1,506 farmer families practising natural farming in the state, with the exception of Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts. The highest procurement was done in Solan district (1,140 quintals), followed by Chamba (810 quintals) and Mandi (650 quintals), he added.

The Chief Minister said that Himachal Pradesh was the first state in India to offer the highest minimum support price (MSP) for wheat and maize. "The government is providing Rs 40 per kg for wheat and Rs 30 per kg for maize produced through natural farming. The government is promoting natural farming on 35,000 hectares,

benefiting 1.98 lakh farmers," he added.

Sukhu said that free certification had been provided to over 1.5 lakh farmers and an additional 36,000 farmers were being connected with natural farming. He added the government had strengthened infrastructure at 10 mandis to facilitate the marketing of natural farming produce so that people did not have to face inconvenience while selling these.

He said that the government was also focusing on linking agriculture with employment through phase-III of the Rajiv Gandhi Start-Up Yojana that had been started with a budget of Rs 680 crore. He emphasised the importance of agriculture and horticulture in the state's economy and said that about 90 per cent of the population of the state was residing in villages so initiatives were required to strengthen the rural economy. — TNS



Firefighters try to douse a blaze that broke out at a hotel near Manali on Saturday. PTI

Manali hotel destroyed in fire, no loss of life

MANDI, DECEMBER 7

A massive fire broke out at a hotel at Rangri in Manali this evening, destroying property worth crores of rupees. The blaze quickly engulfed the hotel, which

was constructed primarily of forest wood. Though extensive damage to the hotel was caused in the incident, there was no loss of life.

DSP, Manali, KD Sharma said fire engines were

promptly deployed to control the blaze. Efforts to douse the fire were still going on. "No loss of life has been reported in the incident and teams of firefighters are working hard to con-

tain the fire," he added.

The exact cause of the fire is still not clear and a probe is underway. Revenue officials are expected to assess the financial loss once the fire is brought under control. — TNS

Speculation over new Chief Secy as incumbent eyes RERA top post

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 7 There is speculation that a new Chief Secretary may be appointed as there is possibility that incumbent Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena may be appointed as the Chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

Saxena will be retiring on March 31, 2025, but there is speculation that he may be appointed as the Chairman of RERA and the government will appoint a new Chief Secretary in the near future.

The term of Srikant Baldi, RERA Chairman, will end on December 12 but the process for the appointment of his replacement is yet to begin. Baldi has held the position of Chief Secretary before he was appointed the Chairman of RERA.

It has been reliably learnt that Saxena has expressed desire to remain disassociated with the entire process for the appointment of the RERA Chairman, indicating that he is in the race for the post.

The possibility of Saxena seeking post-retirement benefit and giving up his remaining term as Chief Secretary has led to hectic lobbying for the top administrative post. The senior most IAS officer in the state, Sanjay Gupta, a 1988 batch Himachal cadre officer, who was superseded earlier, is learnt to be in the race for the post of Chief Secretary. Gupta, who is at present posted as Chief Managing Director (CMD) of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd (HPSEBL) is lobbying hard for the top post. He is due to on May 31, 2026.

Kamlesh Kumar Pant, a

1993 batch officer at present posted as Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), is also trying for the top post. He had returned to Himachal after a long stint at the Centre. He will retire on December 31, 2030.

Though Sanjay Murthy, a 1989 batch Himachal cadre IAS officer, will retire on December 31, 2024, he is no longer in the race for the post of Chief Secretary as he has already got an appointment in the Prime Minister's Office.

Next in line for the post of Chief Secretary is Anuradha Thakur of the 1994 batch. She is at present on a Central deputation in the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs. She will retire on April 30, 2030. Onkar Sharma, at present posted as Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), is next in seniority and will retire on February 28, 2027.

Bumper potato crop fetches good prices to farmers in Una

UNA, DECEMBER 7

A bumper harvest of potato crop is fetching good prices in the market. The district administration will create a strong system for the production and marketing of potato so that farmers can get the right price for their crop, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri has said.

Agnihotri has directed the district administration to prepare a strong plan to promote a potato-based economy.

This year, the production of potato in the district is estimated to be around 28,000 metric tonnes and the farmers are getting Rs 2,200 to Rs 2,800 per quintal of the crop.

Agnihotri said that just as the apple-based economy had been successful in the state, there was an immense possibility of a potato-based economy in Una. In this direction, a strong system would be created for the production and marketing of potato so that the farmers could get the right price for their hard work and they could be saved from fraud, he added.

In the last kharif season, potato was sown on 1,800 acres. The Pukhraj potato variety was grown in this area, which gives the maximum yield. Besides, potato is also being sown on about 1,200 hectares during the rabi season in Una, the average yield of which is about 250 quintals per hectare. — PTI

Govt trying to close Mandi varsity: Jai Ram

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 7

Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for announcing four Central Schools for Himachal Pradesh. He criticised the state government for allegedly trying to close down Sardar Patel University, Mandi, as part of political vendetta.

Thakur, in a statement issued here, expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for sanctioning four of total 86 Central schools to Himachal. The Union Cabinet had approved the opening of these schools at its meeting yesterday. "The opening of four new Central schools will go a long way in improving the quality of school education," he added.

Thakur criticised the state government for handing over a building of Sardar Patel University at Sundernagar to a private college. "The building made from Central funds has been handed over to a private college as part of political vendetta. Not only has the building been handed over to the college but also funds meant for Sardar Patel University have also been diverted in violation of norms," he added.

He alleged "Right from the day he assumed office of Chief Minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was keen to close Sardar Patel University because it was named after another leader and not anyone from the Nehru-Gandhi family." — TNS



BJP leaders hold a protest against the government at Chamba on Saturday. PHOTO: MANI VERMA

Bhardwaj, Parmar lead rally against Congress govt's 'misrule' in state

CHAMBA, DECEMBER 7

The BJP staged a protest against the two years of alleged 'misrule' of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu-led Congress government here today. Led by Kangra MP Rajeev Bhardwaj and former Speaker Vipin Parmar, the BJP's rally passed through Chamba town and culminated at the Chamba Chowgan.

A large number of BJP leaders and workers participated in the rally and raised slogans against the Congress government, accusing it of being a complete failure on all fronts.

Bhardwaj and Parmar, while addressing the gathering, launched a scathing attack on the government.

Bhardwaj criticised the Congress government for

allegedly making "false promises and misleading people" to gain power. He described the two-year tenure of the Congress government as disappointing on account of deteriorating law and order, rising inflation, increasing unemployment and a collapsing economy. "What exactly is the Congress celebrating?" he questioned.

Parmar accused the Congress of failing to deliver on its election promises such as providing five lakh government jobs, a monthly pension of Rs 1,500 to women, Rs 100 per litre to farmers for milk, free electricity up to 300 units and buying cow dung for Rs 2 per kilogram. He alleged that the government had burdened the public with

higher water, electricity and sewerage bills.

He claimed that the Congress government had taken away the existing benefits, shut educational and health institutions and several offices that were made operational during the previous BJP government. Parmar said, "People are disillusioned with the Congress government and its misgovernance."

BJP MLAs Janak Raj (Bharmour) and DS Thakur (Dalhousie) also addressed the gathering. The BJP leaders said that in the coming days, they would continue with their statewide protest to expose the Congress government's shortcomings and unfulfilled promises during its two years in power. — OC

Scammers from Latvia, Belarus, Serbia making calls to dupe people of money

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 7

Scammers from Latvia, Belarus, Tanzania, Lithuania, Chile and Serbia are making fraudulent phone calls to dupe the people of the state of money and steal sensitive data stored on their mobile phones.

As per an advisory issued by the cyber cell of the state police, people have been advised to be cautious and not to attend to phone calls having ISD codes such as +375 (Belarus), +371 (Latvia), +381 (Serbia), +563 (Valparaiso, Chile), +370 (Vilnius, Lithuania) and +255 (Tanzania).

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EXERCISE CAUTION: POLICE

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- The cyber cell has also shared several phone numbers which are being used to make fraudulent calls
- These phone numbers include +94777455913, +37127913091, +37178565072, +56322553736, +37052529259, +255901130460 or any number with +371, +375, +381 as prefix



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According to the police, these scammers make one ring and then hang up the call. If a person calls back on the phone numbers, they quickly copy his contact list. The scammers may also steal sen-

sitive information such as bank or credit card details, if it is saved on the phone.

DIG (Cybercrime) Mohit Chawla has advised people to be aware of such phone calls and "do not answer or return calls to these numbers. Also, avoid pressing #90 or #09 on your phone if asked by any caller, as it is a new scam method used to

access your SIM card, make unauthorised calls at your expense, or even frame you in a criminal activity."

The police have also advised people to not open or click on unknown links and messages. They have advised people to be on alert and inform them by dialing toll free number 1930 if anyone of them fall prey to a cyber criminal.

PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Nahan, District. Sirmour (HP) 173001

WALK IN INTERVIEW

PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Judda Ka Johar, Nahan, Distt. Sirmour (HP) invites eligible female candidates for walk in interview/ Personal Talk for the Post of Matrons (Female) Purely on Contract Basis to be conducted on 12.12.2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the office of Principal JNV Nahan for the session 2024-25.

Post: Matron

Educational Qualification: Minimum Class X, however, higher qualifications may be given preference in engagement.

Age: Minimum age at the time of engagement 35 years and maximum age for engagement is 55 years.

Marital Status: Married females, which include widows or divorcees, without encumbrances.

Remuneration: Minimum wages for MTS Unskilled.

Tenure of Contract: 10 Months.

Dependents/ relatives of staff of JNV & females with encumbrances will not be considered. Candidate must bring original documents for verification along with photo, address/ identity proof etc.

The Principal JNV Nahan has the right to cancel/ postpone the whole process of engagement of Matron without giving any reasons.

Sd/- Principal

Annexure "A"

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Telephone No. 01893-256602, E-mail: ee-fat-hp@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bid in electronic tendering system from the eligible Class of contractors registered in HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractor
1	Construction of Veterinary Dispensary building at Narnoh in Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) (SH)- Construction of Building portion including Water Supply and Sanitary Installation Septic Tank, Soak Pit.)	Rs. 13,10,536/-	Rs. 27,000/-	Nine Months	Rs. 500/-	Class "C & D"

Starting Date for downloading Bid: 12.12.2024

Deadline for submission of Bid: 18.12.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. Date of Opening of tender 19.12.2024.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Fatehpur Division HPPWD, Fatehpur.
Tele. 01893-256602, E-mail: ee-fat-hp@nic.in.

DPR/HP/3741

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

Sealed item rate offline tenders on form 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible registered Contractors in Jal Shakti Vibhag of appropriate class for 07 Nos. works. Detail i.e. name of works terms and conditions are available on website. www.hpiph.org. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payments (Non Refundable) up to 17.12.2024 till 3.00 P.M.

Executive Engineer,
JSV Division, Jaisinghpur.

DPR/HP/3748

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
"Notice Inviting e-Tender"

The Executive Engineer JSV Division Thural Invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work (S) through e- tendering process:-
Work No. 1. :- Providing WSS to Menjha Upper and Lower Kaliarkar in Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH:-C/O Protection wall and RCC scouring drain for tank at Upper Menjha. OHSR tank at Upper Menjha.) Estimated cost Rs:- 1076275/-, Earnest Money Rs:- 21526/-, Time limits :-03 months, Cost of Tender form Rs. 400/-.

1. Last date of filling / uploading the tender through e-tendering :- 18.12.2024 upto 10.30 AM. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website. <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer,
JSV Division, Thural.

DPR/HP/3758

CANTONMENT BOARD AMRITSAR

For and on behalf of Amritsar Cantt Board, offline quotations are invited from interested persons/firms to license out collection rights of parking fee from roadside berms at various locations as mentioned in 'details of locations' for the purpose of parking of vehicles only (not other purpose) for a period of two years. The details of location of sites, terms and conditions and all the related documents can be obtained from the Cant Board Office, Harkirat Road, Amritsar Cantt from 09.12.2024 to 30.12.2024 on any working day between working hours. The details are also available on Cantt Board website www.amritsar.cantt.gov.in. Interested person can also contact on phone No 0183- 2224738 or Mobile No. +91-9115444011.

-Sd-
Sawandkar Kiran Namdevrao, IDES,
Chief Executive Officer, Amritsar Cantt.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Sundernagar invites item rates tenders on the behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh for 13 No. various works from the contractor/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag. The tender shall be received in this office on or before 11.12.2024 till 5.00 PM and will be opened on 12.12.2024 at 11.30 AM in presence of intending contractors/firms or their authorized representative. The tender form can be had from this office against prescribed cash payment (Non-refundable) up to 11.12.2024 till 05:00 PM or any working day. The notice inviting tender is on the Department website www.hpiph.org. The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/time deposit account & Post Office in any of Post office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Sundemagar must accompany with each tender. The tender of the contractor/firm who don't deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner shall be summarily rejected. The offer of tender shall kept open for 90 days. The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Sundernagar reserves the right to reject/cancel the tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division Sundernagar,
District Mandi Himachal Pradesh.

DPR/HP/3736

WESTERN RAILWAY
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/67/2024 Date 04.12.2024

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
730	SEALED MAINTENANCE FREE LEAD ACID BATTERY 300 AH	20 set	25/12/24
731	LOOK OUT GLASS.	291 nos	27/12/24
732	VRLA Valve Regulated (Sealed) Lead Acid Battery, 2V 300AH	3960 nos	30/12/24
733	Ball Joint Roll Link	13290 nos	30/12/24
734	Rate Contract for Spares Plasser Make for two years.	1 set	31/12/24
735	END FRAME NON DRIVING END ASSLY.	61 nos	31/12/24
736	AIR PRESSURE HOSE TEL 6X4 PTFE FOR HIGH REACH PANTOGRAPH	3005 mtr	01/01/25
737	PRIMARY VERTICAL DAMPER FOR ALL LHB COACHES	6309 nos	02/01/25
738	PAINT ALUMINIUM.	36320 ltr	08/01/25
739	SUPPLY OF SSDAC	10 set	14/01/25
740	70 Sq.mm x 2 Core PVC Aluminium Cable	26500 mtr	16/01/25

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

The Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub-Division, Khundian invites following tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
1	Restoration of Rain Damage of LWSS Pihri Galdi in Tehsil Khundian, Distt. Kangra, H.P. (SH: Supply & Erection of Submersible pumping machinery and rewinding & repair of 2 HP Submersible motor/pump.)	104700/-	2094/-

Time Completion: Three Months

Last Date of submission of Tender: 18/12/2024 up to 11.30 A.M.

Last Date application of Tender Form this Sub-Division, Khundian: 17/12/2024 up to 04.00 P.M.

Assistant Engineer,
Jal Shakti Sub-Division, Khundian.

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VACANCY NOTIFICATION NO. 2/2024

Online Applications are invited for 12 Posts of Assistant Professor in Pay Level 10 (Pay Matrix Rs. 56,100-1,77,500) in different Departments for NIA, Jaipur. All Details are available in the Website of the Institute: www.nia.nic.in. Applications are to be filled Online only in the Website of the Institute. The Closing Date for Online Filling of Application is 21 January 2025.

(JP SHARMA)
Dated: 06-12-2024
JOINT DIRECTOR (ADMN.)

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE-CUM-CHAIRPERSON.
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY.
DISTRICT COURTS, SECTOR 12, KARNAL

Applications are invited for the following posts as mentioned below for the office of Legal Aid Defence Counsel System in District Courts Karnal.

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Nos.
1	Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01
2	Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel	01
3	Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel	03

Application forms/proformas can be downloaded from official website of District Courts, Karnal i.e. (<https://karnal.dcourts.gov.in/>). Application forms duly filled along with requisite documents shall reach the office of the undersigned latest by 28.12.2024 before 05:00 P.M.

Sd/- District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson,
District Legal Services Authority, Karnal.

Dl-20269

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Narender Mahajan, Prop. of M/s KCM Surgical R/o 392/1, Opp. Jama Masjid, Hall Bazar, Amritsar Punjab** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **CC No. 17206/18, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Narender Mahajan**, can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Narender Mahajan**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Narender Mahajan**, of case **CC No. 17206/18, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **10.01.2025 at 10.00 am**.

By Order,
Ms Shreya Singh
Judicial Magistrate, First Class(NI Act)-05, (Central)
Room No. 02, Ground Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/16116/N/2024(Court Matter)

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
e-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 48/UMB-2024-25 DATED 06.12.2024

Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Balance work for resting facility, approach road, pathway, water supply and ancillary works at different stations in the section of ADEN/CDG under Sr. DEN-I/UMB in connection with the provision of RGM/Track machine sidings over Ambala division.	53,16,851	1,06,300	04 Months	31.12.2024
2	Provision of 01 nos. 225 KL RCC OH tank with plumbing pipes & pump house with Bore & Pump in lieu of old/worn out existing tanks to improve the water supply at various locations in colony of Kalka station.	83,54,579	1,67,100	08 Months	31.12.2024
3	TTR (TSR) of -29 sets (1:12 - 6 sets & 1:8.5 - 23 sets) in c/w Ambala Division - TTR (TSR) - 111 sets (1:12 - 60 sets & 1:8.5 - 51 sets) in the section of ADEN/UMB under Sr.DEN/II/UMB.	49,99,798	1,00,000	06 Months	31.12.2024
4	Provision of safety fencing / anti crash barrier along the track for safe running of trains on vulnerable CRO locations in RP-J/DBN section under Sr.DEN-II/UMB.	2,16,47,312	2,58,200	06 Months	31.12.2024

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions.
2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only.
3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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2) On or before 15 th September, 2024	45% of the Advance Tax payable
3) On or before 15 th December, 2024	75% of the Advance Tax payable
4) On or before 15 th March, 2025	100% of the Advance Tax payable

Short/Non-payment or deferment of payment of Advance Tax will result in levy of interest.

*Persons who opt for the presumptive taxation scheme for FY 2024-25 are required to pay advance tax in one payment by 15th March, 2025. Additionally, Senior citizens (individual aged 60 or more) are not required to pay advance tax if they do not have any income from business or profession.



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Bridegrooms Wanted

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

IAS/PCS/ Professor/ Highly qualified never married boy for fair color, slim, 85 born girl, working as scientist in a leading University in America. WhatsApp: 87258-00787. (CL24080750)

Rangarghia Sikh equal status match for 1995, 5'-4", slim girl, central government Gazetted Officer (Chandigarh), educated family. WhatsApp only 94172-97721. (CL24081963)

Equal match sought for IAS Punjab Cadre, beautiful Jat Sikh, 5'-7"/ 1993 born girl. Contact 94631-09457. (CL24081276)

MAHAJAN

Status match (Business/ Professional), very beautiful, Mahajan Manglik girl MCA, 5'-4", 202.90, 01:15 pm, Chandigarh, employed MNC, 47 Lakhs. No bars. 98559-92729, mng2729@gmail.com (CL24081036)

Match for Punjabi Mahajan (Chukarne) girl 31/ 5'-2", fair, Patiala, B.Tech/ Lecturer/ Working. Call/ WhatsApp 99142-22060. (CL24082552)

Suitable match for Mahajan girl Nov 1990, 5'-5", Chartered Accountant, CA, CS, working Chandigarh. Contact: 88376-79955. (CL24081995)

AGGARWAL

Very fair, Architect, 1994, 5'-6", Goyal girl seeks well educated groom. geeetanshugarg39@gmail.com (CL24080228)

Match for smart, fair, slim, November 1990/ 5'-4", MCA, working in Mohali. WhatsApp: 98725-52711. Tricity preferred. (CL24080543)

Suitable match for beautiful, divorced girl, 1989 in Canada. Contact: 78371-27828. (CL24080544)

Beautiful Aggarwal girl 1998, 5'-4", B.Ed Required well settled Aggarwal boy WhatsApp/Call. 79033-69256. (CL24081092)

Agg, divorcee, beautiful, M.Sc, B.Ed girl, 37, with child girl. WhatsApp 94172-08860. (CL240818142)

Match for Chandigarh based Aggarwal girl convent/ highly educated extremely beautiful girl 91 born, 5'-4", decent marriage only Tricity, industrialist/Businessman/ Professionals are welcome. 94172-51844. (CL24081504)

Garg smart girl 1998/ 5'-3" Chandigarh. Preference: Born 1995 or after. Chandigarh, Panchkula, Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon. 98888-43209. (CL24081563)

Match for Garg 5'-6". M.A, B.Ed, fair girl Jan. 1988, Phagwara. Agents Prohibited. 94174-86635. (CL24081776)

Goyal girl, 5'-1", 24.4.95, 7:10 a.m., Pref: Tricity, metro cities Baniya boy. 98558-74777. (CL24081833)

Suitable match for convent educated M.Com, MBA, fair, smart, Aggarwal girl 07.09.1993, 5'-4", working in Bangalore as SR credit Analyst, caste no bar. Contact 97293-42319. (CL24082402)

Garg Manglik girl 1995, 01:45 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-4", B.Tech, status family at Ludhiana. 80549-24206, 94786-24554. (CL24082571)

Professional preferably CA/ CS, Business match for Chandigarh based beautiful, smart Gupta (Garg) girl, 5'-2", 02.04.1998, (10:57 a.m. Pathankot). B.Com/ LL.B/ Company Secretary. Own CS Practice. High status Chandigarh business family. WA boy's photo, kundli, particulars: 94172-22993. heydevesh@proton.me (CL24072452)

Affluent Agarwal girl 1994 CA very beautiful vegetarian educated business family required handsome educated boy top business/ industrialist very decent marriage. 90417-32493. (CL24080245)

Professionally qualified match for Goel girl 06.09.1998, 06:20 am, Ambala, 5'-5", B.Tech. (IT). Serving MNC, Bangalore. Package 15 Lac. Educated reputed family. WhatsApp 81687-72186. (CL24080365)

Beautiful 31/5'-2", MBA Bansal girl, high status richest business family desired businessman boy nearby Chandigarh - Ambala - Yamunanagar. 80592-63641. (CL24080402)

PQM for Bansal, Agg, 90, CA, B.Com., 5'-1", working MNC work form home. 85588-88026. (CL24080440)

Suitable match for Goyal slim Jalandhar based girl Nov. 1993, 5'-3", B.Sc IT, MCA. Preferred vegetarian, only contact Kapurthala, Amritsar, Tricity, Jalandhar. Ludhiana. 9646075180. (CL24080597)

Match for Goel Manglik girl, 16.03.1994, 12:35 am, Ambala, 5'-5", B.Com., B.Ed., MBA. Father Businessman. Residence Patiala. Preferred Businessman. Contact 99887-87519. (CL24080669)

Aggarwal girl 5'-3", 32, M.Sc, B.Ed regular Govt. Science Mistress. Required Govt. Officer or Businessman. Preferred Sangur or Patiala. Send biodata 94632-80484. (CL24081067)

Well settled match in NCR for B.Tech. Gupta Girl, 24.12.1989, 5'-4", Own Well Established IT & Marketing Company, Gurugram, Complexion Wheatish. One Brother Businessman. Upper caste welcome. priney152@gmail.com, 98141-11000, 80006-78605. (CL24081160)

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KHATRI

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri (Non Manglik) beautiful slim girl, 5'-6", 18.02.1997, 6:10 pm, Chandigarh. M.Sc, working, Tricity preferred. 99142-02822. (CL24080533)

Match for a fair Punjabi Khatri Engineer and MBA girl working, 1997 born. Only child of senior army officer (in service). Defence officers, engineers and doctors preferred. 89960-57487 (CL24080594)

27, 5'-4", B.Tech, Job at Airport Australia PR, Khatri girl wants suitable match. 94065-21983, 78696-98077. (CL24080636)

Hindu Khatri girl 21.01.1995, 3:04 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-2", B.Com, MBA, working, contact only Khatri/ Arora. WhatsApp 98762-26098. (CL24080961)

PQM for Sood girl born 95/ 5'-3", B.Tech., working in MNC in Gurgaon. 98911-95910, 97114-59989. (CL24081342)

Decent match for beautiful only girl child, from Shamma family, Convent educated 5'-4", 13.03.1994, BDS, MBA. Working in Corporate Office at Chandigarh. Father retired Sr. Class-I (I.D.A.S) Officer, Mother Govt. Lecturer. For suitable match caste no bar. 98156-13342. (CL24081738)

Wanted well established boy for Khatri girl slightly disabled in right foot from upper high class family height 5", 1990. M.Sc. IT, divorcee case or divorcee case with one child also accepted. Mob. 93193-29976. (CL24082122)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri 31, 5'-3" girl, Assistant Professor at Thapar, Patiala. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D CSE). Email: bedijaxleen1313@gmail.com (CL24082163)

Khatri B.Tech., MBA, N/M 3.12.86, 2:49 pm Yamunanagar, 5'-4", 85 Lacs, unsuccessful divorcee. 93176-32773. (CL24082389)

Khatri unmarried fair girl 5'-1"/ August 1981, Graduate, suitable match contact 96466-18485, 98552-40671. (CL24082543)

Qualified match for Khatri girl MA, 5'-4", 1986, Professor, reputed family, preferred Amritsar. 94785-89191, 94784-57202. (CL24080804)

Suitable match for Khatri girl 5'-6", B.Com, MBA, 18.02.1999, Time 06:12 am Ambala. 97286-36375. (CL24081210)

Khatri girl, 21.10.1993, 1.25 am, Kapurthala, 5'-1", B.Tech, MNC Gurgaon. 9417133613. (CL24081313)

SM for Hindu Khatri Manglik, 1988, 5'-3", Post Graduate, working IT park Chd., Tricity preferred. 98153-84642. (CL24081452)

Suitable match beautiful Khatri girl 5'-4", Nov. 89, B.Tech., MNC Gurgaon 35 LPA. 94176-09851. (CL24081854)

Match for beautiful Hindu Khatri girl, BA LLB Hons, Jindal Global Law School, 5'-2", 13.02.1990, 09:40 pm Chandigarh. Working Corporate Gurgaon. 27 L annum. Father girl businessman, brother Doctor. Boy working Gurgaon preferred. 93160-55865. (CL24081987)

Educated Khatri match for 33/ 5'-4", B.Sc. Fashion Designing, 16/12.1990, 12:10 AM, Ambala. Kundli must. 81990-45999. (CL24082270)

Ludhiana extremely beautiful Khatri 24/ 5'-7", M.Sc Maths, required businessman, bureau excuse. 98769-96613, 98153-68333, 76968-33300. (CL24082245)

Wanted a UK based tetotalter boy preferably in Medical profession for a BDS MPH 1994 born, 5'-4", Hindu Ghai girl, working in UK. 91584-35444. (CL24082253)

Suitable match for 5'-4", DoB 28.4.1996, time 12:25 am Rajpura B.Tech. CSE from NIT pure Veg. no Onion Garlic, parents Govt. employee. Mob: 92176-04850. (CL24082289)

Suitable match for beautiful Khatri girl 1 Feb. 1997, 4'-7", 10:55 a.m. (Jalandhar). B.Tech., Sr. Software Eng., Il lakh p.a., Mohali, belongs to a reputed business family of Banga, (Navanshahr). 94177-12562. (CL24082297)

USA based girl from well established Punjabi Khatri upper middle class business family from Punjab seek suitable alliance for their MBBS daughter and done Masters in Public Health from USA DoB 25.2.1995, 5'-4", working in US. Looking for handsome well educated, established boy based in USA, Canada, India from good family background. Send biodata and photo najkohl.microtek@gmail.com, 93563-11888. (CL24082301)

Suitable match for Khatri MCA girl, 22.09.1997, 8:30 am, Ludhiana, 5'-2", Contact: 94635-99899. (CL24082312)

Well settled unmarried match for 39/ 5'-6", beautiful Hindu Khatri highly educated working girl. Ex class-I, Officer. Father Sr. IRS Officer (Retid.). 98765-04958. (CL24082316)

Manglik veg. Hindu Khatri beautiful girl 29.8.1990, (2:40 a.m.), 5'-4½", Ph.D. CA (Inter), Assistant Professor, 15 lacs, status match/ family. WhatsApp: 98151-35623. (CL24082371)

Manglik/ Non-Manglik extremely beautiful Khatri girl 24, 5'-4", MCA, Required industrialist/ businessman/ abroad, 98765-31369. (CL24082551)

Hindu Khatri family seeks alliance for b'ful, Non Manglik, Landscape Architect (M. Arch from SPA Delhi), 1992 born, 5'-7" tall girl. Contact: 96509-92589. (CL24082393)

Beautiful match for Punjabi Khatri girl, 4'-11", 29.08.1998, 8:05 pm, Ambala, B.Sc., MBA, fair. Preferred businessman. 90419-64117. (CL24082511)

Himachali Khatri girl 94 born, 5'-4", MBA, working at Chandigarh, handsome package. Tricity preferred. 94180-6785. (CL24082523)

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ARORA

Match for Arora girl, 5'-6", 5'-2"/ 1992 born, Himachali Rajput beautiful girl. Govt. employee preferred. 88947-66866. (CL24075403)

Beautiful Sikh Kashyap Rajput Mehra Graduate girl 32, 5'-5", Chandigarh Mohali local area preferred, 98724-65714. Early marriage. (CL24080501)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput girl, 5'-6" residing in Delhi NCR, M.A Clinical Psychology, working as school counselor. 90046-59417. (CL24080532)

Professionally qualified/ Businessman handsome tall match for pure veg., slim, 5'-8", girl, 16 Nov 1992, 15:30, Nangal Dam, B.Design NIFT, Fashion Design Manager, 35 LPA. WhatsApp: 84370-46059. Agencies excuse please. (CL24080813)

Suitable match for Rajput Chouhan girl 27.01.1989, 12:15 am. Ambala, wheatish, 5'-8", M.Sc, B.Ed Manglik, Mooli, Panchkula based family. Preferred area Ambala, Yamunanagar, Sahampur, Mohali. Contact: 97292-11645. (CL24081045)

Govt Officer/ Doctor/ Engineer match for Himachali, Doctor, Rajput girl, Oct. 1992, PhD Life Science, NET, SET, TET qualified. Contact 98160-34477. (CL24081435)

25, 5'-3", MBA, Financial Analyst, Canada PR, Rajput girl wants suitable match. 94078-76316, 74007-53516. (CL24080635)

Suitable match for Mair Rajput Sikh girl, working as an officer in Australia, born in 98/5'-8", Parents in Govt. job. Boy should be working in Australia. Marriage bureau excuse. 98154-31713. (CL24081603)

Suitable match for vegetarian girl 3.4.1995, 5", 19:36, MBA, working in Pvt. Bank. 98723-06572. (CL24082527)

DEFENCE

Match for Jat Sikh Army Officer professionally qualified girl, 37, 5'-3", innocently divorced preferred Army Officer. 98155-66174. (CL24082217)

SAINI

Suitable match for Saini Sikh girl, 1996 born, 5'-4", M.Tech, Working in MNC, 2 LPA. Preferred MNC working boy or having good job Profile. 98760-51885, 98761-33478. (CL24081691)

Saini Sikh vegetarian girl May 1993/ 5'-8", shortly mutually divorcee, MBA, B.Com, Credit Manager, working in Mohali, (10 Lac Annual), boy preferred Tricity. 98159-03680. (CL24081922)

Educated tall match for Teacher 1991, height 5'-3", preferred Businessman or Abroad. Contact: 62841-76704. (CL24081182)

Saini Sikh girl, July 86, 5'-1", M.A., B.Ed., M.Sc., Govt. service in PSPCL. Seeks educated, employed boy near Patiala. 62842-38475. (CL24081591)

SM4 Saini girl 1990/4'-11", M.Sc. CS, Govt. Job. Prefer Amritsar. Contact: 98550-61974. (CL24082133)

Saini girl B.Tech/ MBA (IIM), 5'-3", Sep. '92, Wgc MNC Bangalore, 40+ LPA. No caste bar. Contact: 89297-10042, WhatsApp: 98736-60961. (CL24082265)

Suitable Canadian match for convent educated beautiful Hindu Saini girl 28 Data Scientist, 5'-4", Canadian Resident, own house in Canada, high status family. Contact: 98517-00014. (CL24082399)

Match for Hindu Saini vegetarian girl October 1998, BCA, 5'-4", working in Mohali IT Company. Contact: 93550-20797. (CL24082468)

Saini Sikh Badwal girl, 5'-4", 42.1992, Engineering (CSE) PGD of Banking working as a Business Analyst (ICICI Bank) required non turban American, Canadian boy. Marriage bureau excuse. 98153-47424. (CL24082500)

Saini New Zealand registered Nurse 29, 5'-4", girl. Want New Zealand, Australia PR boy. 98159-21856. (CL24082508)

MUSLIM

Suitable match for physically challenged (left leg polio affected) Sunni Muslim fair, beautiful, Doctorate girl, 5'-3", Govt. employee (Group A), Punjab preferred. 85568-56207. (CL24082535)

TONK-KASHATRIYA

Suitable match for 5'-2", 1994, LLM, B.Com, girl, Corporate Lawyer in an MNC, Chandigarh. (Caste no bar). 94644-41124. (CL24081676)

Hindu Tonk-Kashatriya girl, 1990, 5'-6", B.Tech. IT, Asstt. Manger Govt. Bank. Preferred Govt. job, Banker. 94662-05717. (CL24082246)

Tonk Kashatri girl 30/ 5'-2", Govt. job. Want Govt. job boy. Contact number 94632-46456/ 79732-07046. (CL24082464)

KAMBOJ

NRI match for Kamboj Sikh, USA born 1993/ 5'-4", slim, tall, well settled girl in California. Caste no bar. maninderkaur70@hotmail.com (CL24080425)

Suitable match for Kamboj beautiful girl, May 1990, 5'-5", MBA in interior design management, belongs to well-established business family in Mohali. Preferred Business family. Contact: 98140-27557. (CL24081910)

Kamboj Sikh girl 1996/ 5'-5", MCA, working in Tricity required qualified Serviceman/ well settled businessman. 88378-90359, WhatsApp 98153-70640. (CL24082415)

Canadian PR match for beautiful Kamboj Sikh girl Jan.1991/ 5'-2", B.Tech. Work permit Canada. 94164-28238 (Ambala). (CL24081000)

MISC

SQM for PQ2 1992 born, 5'-3" Hindu Punjabi Ramdasia, Master degree from reputed University, Abroad. Own apartment in prime society, Distt. Mohali. Father retired, mother housewife. Tricity preferred. 78140-36554. (CL24081575)

Hindu Nai NP unmarried girl 14.02.81, Clerk Punjab Govt. 94170-45937. (CL24082213)

Suitable match for Bhagat (Kabir Panthi) unmarried girl, age 46, 5'-4", Govt. teacher Jalandhar. Caste no bar. Contact: 94631-36598. (CL24082324)

Born 1992, Ph.D. Law Asst. Professor. Father Retired Officer. Preferred Officer Defence/ Para Military/ Central Government. General caste. 889977-77651. (CL24082427)

RAJPUT

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NRI

Beautiful Prajapat Sikh girl Doctor in US 1997/5'-8". Upper caste no bar. 85441-80055; 94174-06126. (CL24080429)

Doctor/ Engineer/ highly qualified never married boy for fair colour, slim, 85 born sikh girl working as Scientist in a leading University in America. WhatsApp: 87258-00787. (CL24080786)

Engineer/ Doctor for beautiful Ramdasia Sikh girl 1991/5'-8", B.Tech- IIT, MS (USA), working as Engineer. Reputed family, father Class 1 Officer. Contact USA only. Caste no bar, 1123contact@gmail.com (CL24079880)

Match for 90 born, fair, 5'-1", MD path, preparing for USmle, caste no bar. 94179-52471. (CL24080348)

USA citizen Haryanvi Jaat girl 30/ 5'-5", convent educated B.Com Hons. Very fair beautiful, handling father's well established business in USA. Required well established down to earth respectable and should be equal status family. Upper cast no bar. WhatsApp bio data with photographs no call please. +12634008086. (CL24080506)

Match for Canadian PR Sarwasat Brahmin girl B.Tech and MBA from Canada, height 5'-4", January 95 born, working as System Administrator in Toronto. Marriage bureau excuse. Call: 85272-02018. (CL24080529)

Canada PR Majhi Gursikh Girl 1991 / 5'-4", MBA, Regular job RBC need Canada PR boy. Caste no bar. 98039-52005. (CL24080728)

Suitable match for smart Canadian citizen Sikh Kamboj girl 28/ 5'-3", only Canadian settled boy can contact. Caste no bar. Call: 76967-77168. (CL24080905)

Canada PR, beautiful Singla girl 5'-4", 03.06.1993, 17.30, Chandigarh, B.Tech, PGDCA, Team Leader Multinational IT Company Vancouver. Hindu upper caste PR boy in Vancouver/ relocate. 79736-76630. (CL24081494)

Australia based professionally qualified match for beautiful, Hindu Khatri, Australian citizen well settled girl April 1997, 5'-2", +61413256189. (CL24081495)

Suitable match for US citizen Jat Sikh girl, 5'-5", 28 years, BDS, MPH (Masters in Public Health), currently doing DDS from Loma Linda, CA. Only US citizen and Dentist preferred. Contact: +1 916 221 8281. (CL24081795)

Match for Hindu Gupta (Garg) beautiful slim, Manglik girl, 31, 5'-7", B.Tech (India). Presently in Canada (work permit). Contact: 73473-22541. (CL24081212)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Sikh girl 25/5'-6", fair, work permit in Canada BC. Required boy PR in Canada. Caste no bar. 94652-22448. (CL24082231)

Match for 29 yrs 5'-5" beautiful Punjabi Khatri Canadian PR girl. WhatsApp 90414-92730. (CL24082249)

USA settled match for beautiful Sikh Khatri girl Dec. 1998 born, 5'-4", Pursuing PhD Civil Engineering from University of Wyoming (USA) with scholarship. Ludhiana based family. Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp/Call : 98720-01491. (CL24082557)

Australia (Melbourne) Citizen/ PR match for beautiful Australia TR Mahajan manglik girl 07.11.1994, 12.45 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-1", Master IT, 94632-03717, 97811-35525. (CL24082566)

Well settled Hindu USA settled match for Chandigarh based Punjabi Sarwasat Brahmin, tall, MBBS girl 32, 5'-7". Call +9198157-20779. (CL24080099)

Seeking qualified match within our caste for our Ad-Dharmi - Ravdasia Punjabi girl (American Citizen - Bachelors in Business), age 31, 5'-3" height. Prefer America only (Marriage bureau please excuse). Send Biodata with WhatsApp at (847)721-1307. (CL24080201)

Canada PR Sarwasat Brahmin girl 1.5.1995, 4.15 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-6", MBA, Preferrred Winnipeg. Contact: 77197-72208, 99154-19125. (CL24080304)

Beautiful Singla girl 5'-6", 28 August 1993, 11:40 pm, Mansa, Job in USA (HIB). Wants boy USA. 94638-42376, 98765-36329. (CL24080424)

Professionally qualified match for April 94, 5'-6" L.L.M. Panjab University, Senior Research Fellow under UGC, Barrister and Solicitor Vancouver, Canadian PR, beautiful Sikh Khatri girl. No bars. +91 99150 06377 (CL24080540)

Suitable match for fair beautiful Khatri Arora girl B.Com. (DU) CPA (USA) Oct. 1993/ 5'-4", Delhi born working in Big Four Company in US/ New York visiting India in December parents based in Jalandhar. Contact: 98106-87070. (CL24082492)

Suitable match preferably NRI for Permanently settled Toronto Canada Hindu Khatri 30 years old/ 5'-2". Beautiful Canada Citizen girl in decent Govt. Non-transferable IT job Toronto, Send biodata, picture. Upper caste no bar. 98784-45045. (CL24080642)

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Only Sikh Khatri/ Jat match for PR Sikh Khatri girl working Canada (Toronto), born Oct. 92, 5'-1", Post Graduation (Business Management). Father no more, mother Gazetted Officer. brother settled USA. 98729-50900, sguril364@yahoo.com (CL24080797)

Professionally qualified match for Mair Rajput, unmarried, 85, 5', MS, Canada PR, Software Engineer. US/Canada preferred. Currently visiting India. 9915949434. E-mail: mtrymny@gmail.com (CL24081002)

Seeking alliance for US citizen Sikh girl, 1980 born in California, never married, 5'-5", Masters in Healthcare, Associate Director. Boy should be preferably from USA/ Canada/ UK/ Australia. WhatsApp No is +1-925-719-9287, Email: kulwantmehrook@gmail.com (CL24081005)

Match Canada citizen divorced Ramdasia Sikh girl, Software Developer, 5'-3", 1991. Boy PR Ontario. Caste, religion no bar. 9501029128. (CL24081010)

Canada PR Hindu Khatri girl 1995, 5'-1", BBA, Manager in Pvt. Transport Company. Seeks PR/ Citizen. 98789-01190. (CL24081153)

Suitable match for 27/ 5'-8", vegetarian, fair and beautiful Hindu Khatri girl, working in Australia, short time divorcee. Seeking educated PR or Citizen only +91-7340729936. (CL24081679)

Match for Khatri girl, working in IT (Chicago), MS, B.Tech., 29, 5'-1" (Ludhiana). USA preferred. Contact: anuradha190472@gmail.com (CL24082058)

Match for Aggarwal girl Sept. 90/ 5'-2", very fair B.Tech. MS (America) Software Engineer HIB vis contact with biodata & photo 94636-35500. (CL24082211)

Canada PR Nai Sikh girl 1997/ 5'-6", Diploma in Science. Seek professionally qualified Canada PR match. +16723777147. (CL24082262)

Ad-dharmi Canadian PR girl 1993, 5'-0", Working bank Calgary. Seeks Canadian boy. Contact: 9501406938. (CL24082303)

Khatri beautiful girl 2003 born/ 5'-3", studies in UK, upper caste welcome. # 76966-26039. (CL24082321)

US, Canadian teetotaler, pure vegetarian well settled must have strong Indian base match wanted for beautiful Brahmin girl, 28 year, 5'-5", Software Engineer in Toronto, Canada. WhatsApp: 95921-09464. (CL24082336)

Required NRI boy for 1992 born, 5'-4", Garg girl, B.Sc. (IT), 79861-31518. (CL24082362)

Parjapat Gursikh innocent divorcee girl 1991, 5'-4", GNM, B.Sc Nursing, study visa Australia preferred Australia settled boy. WhatsApp call only: 98553-48307. (CL24082368)

Suitable match for well settled Canadian citizen Jat Sikh 28/ 5'-4". Preferred Canadian PR/ citizen. WhatsApp: +12365015771. (CL24082370)

Seeks veg, well qualified, US settled boy for Brahmin girl 31 Dec. 1989, 5'-5", Ph.D. Professor NY, visiting India soon. 8699341866. (CL24082408)

QM for Ramdasia Sikh divorcee girl, issueless, June 1989, 5'-3", BBA, on work permit in Toronto. Younger brother married and settled in Toronto. Contact: 98106-63870. (CL24082428)

Seeking well educated Canadian citizen/ PR boy from Sikh family, preferably Ahluwalia for Canadian PR Sikh girl, 5'-3", 2000 born (Applied business Administration in Accounting) Graduate working as accountant, handsome package with prestigious company in Calgary Canada. Send biodata with photographs to manpreet.nadala@yahoo.com, 98140-45371, 98141-33822. (CL24082438)

Suitable USA Medico match for April 94, 5'-4", slim, beautiful girl, Fellow Resident Radiology in USA from Sikh status Medico family. Only Brother (elder) attending Physician settled in USA. Contact: 062395-49311. (CL24082483)

WIDOW

Match for 45 years, 5'-6", widow, contact only up to 55 well settled person. 93061-20285. (CL24078177)

Gill girl widow 1984 born on USA looking for similar or so match. Contact: 001-6028771239. (CL24078917)

MANGLIK

Hindu Manglik fair vegetarian girl 26.12.1994 (11:30 pm) Master Degree in Commerce (M.Com.) GNDU Accountant under CA Firm, home town Amritsar. Contact: 98557-69971, 73074-93573. (CL24082430)

Sikh Ramgarhia girl Manglik 22.01.94, 9.15 am, 5'-0", Software Engineer, 41 Lacs, Bangalore. 97797-01905. (CL24080385)

Match for Chandigarh girl 13.01.1991, 9:38 am, 5'-7", B.Tech, MBA, Working, package 10 Lacs. Upper caste no bar. 98784-45045. (CL24080642)

BRAHMIN

Beautiful Brahmin girl 34, 5'-2", BE MS working in MNC USA, requires PR, professional qualified match working in USA. 97699-36361, 97699-36362. (CL24080330)

Brahmin girl 5'-1" Senior Project Manager Mohali, 2 August 1998. M.No. 97806-28705. (CL24080355)

Looking for Chandigarh settled Brahmin boy, 01.95/ 5'-5", M.Sc maths, B.Ed CTET HPTET. 74660-45666. (CL24080539)

Himachali Brahmin girl, April 83, MBA, Team Leader, TCS. 94648-75240. (CL24080770)

Need suitable match for Brahmin, Manglik girl, 5 ft 24.08.92, 12 pm. Anandpur Sahib, working in MNC, Mohali. 85669-19540. (CL24080763)

Saraswat Brahmin girl, 19.12.91/ 5'-2", Chandigarh, Principal Software Engineer, MNC Bangalore, 45+ LPA. Affluent family. Prefer Bangalore based boy. Mob: 98766-22879, 99159-00553. (CL24080772)

Suitable match for Manglik Gaur Brahmin girl, 11.10.1995, 10:50 am, Chandigarh, 5'-3", BDS, Tricity preferred. 98778-41017. (CL24080831)

SM for IT Professional girl in Mohali, 19.11.90, Ferozepur, 11:50 am. 98145-66176. (CL24080836)

Brahmin family from Shimla seeks a suitable match for 32 year old divorced Daughter, Assistant Professor in NCR, well-educated, upper middle class. Contact for details. 94182-00104. (CL24080837)

Brahmin homely girl, 1981/ 5'-5", issueless divorcee, short marriage, M.Com PGDCA. 70091-36924. (CL24081155)

Brahmin Manglik girl 93.94, 6:50 am. Asr, 5', M.Sc (Chemistry), B.Ed. PSTET, CTET Clear. 70093-42948. (CL24081181)

Saraswat Brahmin unmarried girl 1984 born, 5'-5", Ludhiana, Non Manglik, MCA regular software testing required NRI unmarried divorcee or Indian well settled boy. Contact: 62830-13150. (CL24081954)

Tall handsome boy MD/ MS Punjab, Haryana, Himachal/ Chandigarh Brahmin boy for beautiful fair Punjabi Brahmin MBBS girl 29/ 5'-5", (Parents Govt. Pensioner) 98722-49422. (CL24081959)

Match for Sarwasat Brahmin girl, 10.01.1997, 5'-3", fair, slim. M.Sc. Food & Dietician. B.Ed. Working in Education Deptt. UT, (preferred Tricity) Contact: 96467-07499. (CL24082156)

Suitable match for Brahmin 5'-5", 1988 born, working girl, professionally qualified, pure vegetarian, Manglik, slim and beautiful. Contact only Tricity resident. 97790-68853. (CL24082161)

Seeking qualified M.B.B.S. M.D. well settled teetotaler Brahmin boy match for 1997 born 5'-4" Sarwasat Brahmin girl, M.B.B.S, pursuing MD (SPM) final year from PGL Share the details on WhatsApp @ 82888-04849. (CL24082322)

Suitable match for September 95 born/ 5' girl, executive officer in ECGC, Central govt undertaking, posted Hyderabad. 94649-44500. (CL24082387)

Brahmin 05.06.1991, 11 am, Chandigarh, 5'-7", Government job. Tricity preferred. 73407-52785. (CL24075391)

Employed match for Brahmin girl, height 5'-2", B.Tech (Computer), presently working as Patwari, born 03.09.1994. Preference Patiala or Tricity. Dowry seekers and marriage bureau please excuse. Mob 98555-50838. (CL24080203)

Handsome Brahmin boy 92.5'-7", B.Tech., working L&T Infotech Canada with PR status looking slim beautiful B.Tech., MBA, MCA girl pref Himachali Brahman. Mail siks.sharma58@yahoo.com Mob: 98115-19391. (CL24080613)

Well educated match for Anshik manglik Brahmin girl 29/ 5'-4", B.Sc.(CS), B.Ed. Private school teacher, Ambala. 81684-35689. (CL24081170)

Well settled preferably Himachali match settled in tricity for slim, beautiful Brahmin girl, 13.07.1993, 5'-4", M.Com, working in bank. Only Himachali Sharma family respond. 9569887737. (CL24081190)

Suitable match for Sarwasat Brahmin beautiful girl, 5'-4", 1996, M.Tech. CSE, working as PGT in CBSE Sene Government school, Jalandhar. WhatsApp details: 7986561518. (CL24081443)

Tricity based SM for Brahmin girl 28/02/92, 4:35 pm, Saharampur, 5'-5", working as Senior Dental Surgeon in Pvt. clinic, Chandigarh. 80544-17104. (CL24081449)

Unmarried very beautiful, slim, MBA girl, 5'-5", 1983, preferred Brahmin only near Chandigarh settled boy. 98961-89620. (CL24081595)

Suitable match for Himachali Brahmin girl 1.6.89, 1:25 AM Shimla, B.Tech, working in MNC Noida. Shimla based family. Contact: 98163-63072. (CL24081612)

Professionally qualified match for Sarwasat Brahmin beautiful girl, 30 Dec. 1993, 11:59 am, Jalandhar, 5'-3", B.Tech. MNC Gurgaon, package 24 Lacs. Contact: 94317-92360, 8084655496. (CL24081636)

Wanted Canadian boy for Sarwasat Brahmin Canada PR (Brampton) girl, 1996 born, 5'-3", BBA, PG Diploma in Accounting from York University, Customer Account Analyst in Food Company. WhatsApp: 81462-69336, 98725-30661. (CL24082206)

Match for Himachali Brahmin Convent educated girl, April 16, 1997 born, 10:20 pm at Kangra, 5'-3", M.Sc. Chemistry (Hons) pursuing B.Ed. serving as teacher in a reputed English medium school, Himachali Army Officer or Himachali state or Central government official or serving in reputed Private Company preferred. WhatsApp Mob: 98166-64443. (CL24082243)

Match for Pbi. Sarwasat Brahmin non Manglik, veg, homely girl 29, 5'-2", Dip -C-App, Cosmetology, Father business man, send kundli. 79019-73356. (CL24082269)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 28.8.92, 8:34 pm, Kamal, 5'-6", B.Tech (Computer Science), working Noida, 22 Lakh yearly. 94168-20996. (CL24082273)

Gaur Brahmin girl fair, 4.10.94, 2:50 am, Kamal, 5'-3", B.Tech (CSE), Two years experience in Software Development. 72062-69602. (CL24082276)

Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin (Kapila, Kashish Gotta) Manglik girl, 11.02.2000, 5:07 am, Ambala, 5'-2", B.A, MCA. 86830-28160, 99912-22251. (CL24082287)

Match for Canada PR Manglik Brahmin 90 born, vegetarian girl. Contact No: 62849-68778. (CL24082290)

Saraswat Brahmin beautiful girl 26.08.1998, 5'-1", +2, IIT Courses Radhaswami family. 62840-60944. (CL24082295)

Saraswat Brahmin girl, MCA, July 1992, 5'-5", divorcee after 4 months. 98884-29965. (CL24082381)

Suitable match for Brahmin girl September 1985, 5'-3", M.Sc. B.Ed, Lecturer Haryana preferred. 94167-33081, 90508-50753. (CL24082296)

Professionally qualified well settled Brahmin teetotaler match for beautiful girl, 29, 5'-5", Ph.D. teaching in University belongs to affluent highly revered well connected family, thakurshimla2024@gmail.com, WhatsApp: 98160-76001. (CL24082299)

Looking groom for Non Manglik Hindu Brahmin girl MBBS, Govt. Medical Officer at Civil Hospital, fair, 30 April 1995, 5'-2" height. WhatsApp: 98144-10774. (CL24082306)

Match for Bhardwaj Brahmin girl 20 March 1996/ 2:26 am Chandigarh, 5'-6", B.Tech. CSE, working Goldman sachs handsome package NRI excused. 85728-77707. (CL24082318)

Suitable match for beautiful Punjabi Sarwasat Brahmin girl 25/ 5'-4", UG Diploma Computer system Toronto Canada, work permit working in reputed company. Preferred well qualified handsome vegetarian Canadian PR boy. 6280125494. (CL24082343)

SM4 convent edu., b'fal Brahmin girl May 1994, 166 cm Asstt. Professor permanent Delhi University SRCC Central/ State Govt. Officer, Doctor/ Engineer/ Asstt. Professor Chandigarh/ HP based preferred. Father: Chief Engg. (Retd.), Mother: Lecturer (retd.) WhatsApp: 94185-56444. (CL24082380)

Suitable match for Brahmin non Manglik girl from elite business class family, B.Com., Post Baccalaureate in Marketing, 5'-2"/ 5:17 am, 03.11.1995, caste no bar, Khanna, only business class preferred. 78374-40074. (CL24082391)

Match for educated Sarwasat Brahmin girl 14.10.1997, 1:27 am, Chandigarh, 5', B.Com, MBA, only Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali boy, upper caste welcome. 98885-00226. (CL24082394)

Saraswat Brahmin girl 31 years, CA, required pure veg. Brahmin boy educated in Delhi NCR or settled in Canada. Only upper class welcomed. No. 70657-33395, 81786-42825. (CL24082419)

PQWM for fair, beautiful, Brahmin girl July 1985/ 5'-4", BDS, MBA, working Gurgaon, Senior Manager, Healthcare MNC handsome package, upper caste no bar. 096468-89800, 98558-19461. (CL24082453)

Suitable match for Brahmin divorcee girl, 5'-7", March 1990, fair complexion, B.Tech., MBA Finance and MS (U Chicago). Upper caste no bar. Equally educated Himachali/ Punjabi (HIB Visa). Parents upper middle class highly educated family. 94184-27609. (CL24082528)

Match for Himachali Brahmin girl, 5'-6", 25 April 1996, 8:10 am, B.Tech., working Accenture at Noida. Package 8.50 LPA. 88944-60016. (CL24082531)

Govt/ Army Officer match for Manglik beautiful fair slim Sarwasat Brahmin girl M.Com., B.Ed., CTET Army School Teacher 1998 born. 5'-3"/. 81687-62122. (CL24082538)

SIKH

Match for Ramdasia Sikh girl, 5'-3", 88 born, B.A., LL.B. Manager in IDBI Bank. Tricity Preferred. Chandigarh based Family. Contact:- 94162020124. Email: jeetsimran9000@yahoo.com (CL24081802)

Seeks class-I officer, doctor, well settled businessman or MNC working Sikh match for fair slim, beautiful Sikh Rajput MBBS girl 1989 born, 5'-4", Upper caste welcome. 98150-66773. (CL24081998)

Suitable match for 5'-1"/ 29 years, Sikh girl in Canada on visitor record or file is in process. Looking Sikh boy from Canada. Contact: 78144-40621. (CL24082155)

Ramdasia Sikh beautiful girl (Chandigarh), 35 yrs but looks younger, 5'-4", B.Tech. (CS) LLB LLM, pursuing MA, currently working as officer under ministry of home affairs, preferred compatible match. Contact no. 97797-37380. (CL24082544)

Seeking well educated NRI/ US Citizen/Canadian Citizen boy from Sikh family for USA born Punjabi Sikh girl, 5 ft 2 in, 1999 born, Business Administration graduate, working in Digital Marketing with a prestigious Tech Company in California. Send biodata with photographs to amringsingh@yahoo.com (CL24067581)

Parjapat Sikh girl Dec 1994, 5'-3", Software Engineer Hyderabad, 20+Lacs Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp 95014 20800 (CL24080598)

1987/ 5'-3" slim, fair Ramdasia (weavers) M.D.S. (Dentist), working as Senior Lecturer and clinic also at Chandigarh. Father Class-I Officer, mother UT Govt. teacher (retd.). Prefer govt. employee. Contact: 82880-01903, 98156-52210. (CL24080840)

Nai Sikh girl, 1999, 5'-2", work permit Canada, PR file in process.PR from Canada citizen groom wanted. 98143-86404. (CL24082242)

Ramdasia Sikh Australian PR girl 2000, 5'-7", Bachelor's of Nursing Register Nurse required Indian/ NRI family, caste no bar. 90563-63382. (CL24082473)

B.Tech. Computer, 25/ 5'-5", working American MNC, slim fair Sikh. WhatsApp: 95600-09789. (CL24080844)

Majhi Sikh Canadian PR girl, 1996, 5'-6", B.Tech. (Computer Science), Advance Information Technology, required Indian/ NRI family. 83601-14860. (CL24082474)

Ramdasia Sikh Newzealand citizen girl, 1999, 5'-5", M.Sc., seeking Indian/ NRI family. 98555-11185. (CL24082480)

JAT SIKH

30, 5'-4", Australian PR, M.Tech. (University of Melbourne), Electrical Engineer in a reputed MNC, earning a high salary. Seeking a well-educated, accomplished groom from a respected family. 79861-77752. (CL24077907)

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14 marla decent house triple storey North East Sector 34, Chandigarh. Genuine buyers. Direct Deal. 98149-67149. (CL24080450)

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Chandigarh 10 marla triple livable Sector 15 also 1 kanal house Sector 40. 98151-86915. (CL24081216)

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8 & 10 Marla, independent kothi on B-Road in Chandigarh & Mohali. Call: 95551-37249. (CL24081967)

2, 3 & 4 BHK Society flat in Chandigarh and Mohali. Call: 95551-37249. (CL24081971)

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Mohali: 10 Marla Facing Park Phase 5, 7, 9, 11, Corner Phase 3B2 & B-Road Sector 15 & 10. Orbit Estates: 7341161291, 6280298321. (CL24082112)

Mohali: 8 Marla Corner Phase 1, 4, 5 Sector 68, Facing Park Phase 3B2, 7, 11 Sector 71. Orbit Estates: 99155-34500, 6280298321. (CL24082113)

Sector 78-79 Mohali: 10 Marla Newly Built, Facing Park House with Lift. Orbit Estates: 9877065334, 9915534500. (CL24082114)

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One kanal lift 8, 33, 20 kanal 21, 27, 13 marla Sector 8, 15, Chandigarh. 98881-21133. (CL24082171)

10 marla house excellent location North East, huge parking (Near Lake), Chandigarh. Genuine buyers (Direct deal). 98149-67149. (CL24082173)

Chandigarh Society flat RCS Sector 49-A 3 BHK B-Category first floor, Chief Auditor Sector 50-B 4 BHK A-Category ground floor corner. Sharma: 84276-06677, 98146-10571 DM Associates. (CL24082466)

HIG Independent, Nine Marla newly renovated, Duplex North East facing Sector 38 west, Chandigarh. Unnati Estate 99157-96251, 98889-11180. (CL24082476)

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Chandigarh pre-leased showroom double 19,00,000/- monthly. Mohali 5 kanal IT building 20,00,000/-, Chauhan 88376-80126. (CL24080462)

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Bhola Estates 98153-01547. Hot sale two kanal corner on B-Road Sector 21, 36, ten marla near park Sector 34, 38, seven marla Sector 35, 37 SCO full floors Sector 19, 21, 35, Chandigarh, one kanal beautiful corner side park lift Phase 6 Mohali one, two, four, six kanal Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, New Chandigarh. (CL24082411)

Chandigarh: Freehold showroom Sector 19, 21C (ground floor rent 1,70,000/- first/second floor vacant) 27C and 15C (Rented to Bank) 20C (Tribune Road) and 44. Allied Realty 98551-22133. (CL24080998)

New Chandigarh: DLF, 350 sq.yd., North East, corner. Buffers&Catalyst.com: 99901-13480. (CL24080490)

8 & 10 marla houses available for sale in Chandigarh – Prime Sectors. 99920-29840. (CL24080601)

Chandigarh: 1 kanal duplex house facing park Sector 21, 44, 12½ marla single Sector 16, 43, 46. Confirmed. 98141-07557. (CL24080675)

Patiala Kothi Single 97 gaj, 2 Bedroom attached Bathroom Living, kitchen, car porch, laundry, 87250-89424. (CL24080697)

2 kanal house Sector 33 and 15, both facing park, clear title, vacant for sale. Wadhawan 98685-11158. (CL24080988)

1 Kanal Sector-10, 18, 20, 21, 34 Chandigarh Garg Estates 98140-06183. (CL24081236)

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99882-50290

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6 Marla triple storey backside big park Sector 20 Chandigarh. Contact 99147-76666, 94170-17666. (CL24081361)

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Chandigarh 2 kanal kothi old construction northern Sector. Genuine buyers. Contact: R. K. Properties 94170-04892. (CL24081481)

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Subhash Mangat & Group
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99882-50290

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106 acre land Zirakpur, Mall under construction 5600 sqd, 3 side road Panipat 5- 6 acre Plot Gurgaon, 2 acre Industrial Panchkula 21 acre project for 800 flats Panchkula, Hotel Shimla 17 acre land Panipat Highway, 28 acre toll Denabassi, 100+400 acre Panchkula ext. Running Schools for sale. Verma 94172-50388. (CL24081717)

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14 Marla facing park Sector 34/35/37 Confirm deals Aggarwal Builders. 98760-00062. (CL24082025)

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Commercial site 25x75, facing 200 feet main Airport road Sector-79 Mohali. Confirm deals. Castle Estates 95011-83500. (CL24082182)

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For sale 1 kanal kothi prime location Sector 10 Chandigarh. Contact 98140-16622. (CL24082228)

10 Marla facing east, duplex house, B-Road. 5 Marla triple storey structure, Sector-80 Mohali. Castle Estates 95011-83500. (CL24082189)

For sale 10 marla kothi Sector 15, 21 very premium location huge parking Chandigarh. Contact 98140-16622. (CL24082221)

2 kanal kothi all cheque central sector Chandigarh. Contact: 98140-16622. (CL24082222)

Freehold 30% share SCO Sector 38, 40, Possession First floor, huge parking, Chandigarh. Contact: 98140-16622. (CL24082230)

SCO, 50% share prime retail market, Sector 28, 38, 40 possession ground floor Chandigarh. Contact: 98140-16622. (CL24082232)

Showroom leasehold rented 18 Lakhs/month Sector 34, Chandigarh, showroom vacant Sector 60 Mohali. 78888-58822. (CL24082310)

Showroom vacant first floor busy market 30% share Sector 37-D, Chandigarh. Choice Estates 98156-95555. (CL24082350)

SCO, prime retail market, freehold, Sector 15, 19 huge parking, Chandigarh. Contact 98140-16622. (CL24082235)

For sale 5 marla house, corner, side park, Sector 40-C, Chandigarh. Contact: 98140-16622. (CL24082223)

HIG/MIG Sector 39, 40, 43, 44, 51, 63, 61, 49 Society Flat Ajanta, custom, Progressive, Megh Estates. 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL24082372)

Kothi 10 marla triple storey, B-Road, North East facing. 12 marla facing park duplex Sector- 79, Mohali. Castle Estates 95011-83500. (CL24082187)

Sector 38 West HIG Independent, HIG Upper ground, second, HIG Lower first, second, MIG ground First, second, LIG Megh Estates. 98159-05086, 98762-22255. (CL24082367)

Kothi one kanal Sector 21, 36, 35, 38, 33, fourteen marla Sector 34, 35, 37 Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24082376)

Kothi ten marla new built Sector 38, good livable Sector 34, 33, 35, 38, 40, Eight marla Sector 22, 18, 38, 40, seven marla Sector 37, 35, five marla Sector 22, 37, 38, 40 Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24082379)

Showroom Sector 22, 24, 35, 37, 38, 40, 47 Booth Sector 35, 37, 38, 40 Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24082382)

New Chandigarh Mullapur Plot Ecocity 200, 300 yards Omaxe 200, 300 yards, DLF 350 yards kothi 250 yards 300 yards, Showroom Ecocity, Omaxe Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24082385)

Mohali Plot 300 yards Sector 82-A, IT City, excellent location owner deal Megh Estates. 98159-05086. (CL24082390)

1 kanal single story livable house Sector 35 @ 13.50 Cr Chandigarh Punjab Real Estate, Showroom 77/ 46-C, Chandigarh. 98149-16557. (CL24082403)

7 marla single & triple storey livable house Sector 32, 33, 35, 37, Chandigarh, Punjab Real Estate, Showroom 77/ 46-C, Chandigarh. 98149-16557. (CL24082405)

Chandigarh: Showroom Second floor, New Sector 23. Booth 10'x45' (The City's Road) 35, Sector 10, 16, 38C. 86990-28887. (CL24082413)

5 marla triple storey livable house freehold Sector 22, 44, 46 Chandigarh Punjab Real Estate Showroom 77/46-C, Chandigarh. 98149-16557. (CL24082421)

New Chandigarh: 290 sq.yds. corner house 40% completed Omaxe Phase-3. DM Associates Pvt. Ltd. Showroom 828, Sector 44C, Chandigarh. 99145-92111, 98140-07571. (CL24082463)

Chandigarh:- HIG lower first floor two bedroom two washroom drawing dining fully renovated Sector 44. Contact: DM Associates Pvt. Ltd. Showroom 88, Sector 44C Chandigarh. 99144-89006, 98140-07571. (CL24082465)

Chandigarh 10 Marla old livable/ new houses B-Road, facing park, corner. 78884-60367. (CL24082484)

Rented freehold showroom 20% share, top floor possession Sector 19-D, Chandigarh. Rent 80,000/- per month. 98142-10100. (CL24082496)

Two way showroom 50% share ground floor with basement Sector 35-B Chandigarh Sharma. 98142-10100. (CL24082524)

Chandigarh 1 kanal kothi Sector 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 30, 33, 34 Contact:- Sood GM (Red) GOI. 95992-30239. (CL24082547)

Mohali Plot 7 marla Sun facing Sector 111, Jastraj Estate 98143-55571. (CL24082548)

Commercial: (Pre-Leased/ Vacant) showrooms with basement, good rental, Main market, Phase-3B2, 5 & 7. Empire Estates 98159-50922. (CL24082558)

Hotel site for sale in HP main highway from Kandaghat to Chail with 118 permission. Contact: 83605-48131. (CL24078729)

Chandigarh: 4 bedroom ground floor flat with huge parking and peace full society Dharma. 98780-61933. (CL24080452)

Chandigarh: 1 kanal beautiful design ample parking duplex marbled house confirm deal Dharma. 98780-61933. (CL24080453)

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Kothi 8 marla Sector 94 brand new 8 marla 91 facing park Mohali. 83605-48131. (CL24080667)

2 Kanal House Corner, B-Road Sector 28, Chandigarh. Unnati Estates 98880-11180, 98882-11180. (CL24081254)

Available/ wanted society Cat-A/ B Sector- 48, 49, 50, 51, Cat-A Pushpac Society Sector-49A, Rajesh Estates 98140-12730, 98148-22730. (CL24080670)

Available/ wanted freehold HIG/ MIG flats 38W, 39B, 43, 44, 51, 61, 63, HIG Houf/ fifth Sector 63, MIG first/second Sector 61, MIG first for Sector 44D, MIG ground renovated Sector 45-C, HIG ground Sector 44D, Rajesh Estates 98140-12730, 98148-22730. (CL24080671)

Available/ wanted kothies kanal, ten, eight, seven, five marla, seven marla Sector 37C, ten marla Sector 15B, 42B, Rajesh Estates 98140-12730, 98148-22730. (CL24080672)

Patiala: Ground Floor Shop in Diamond Plaza Market (Adalat Bazar) Suitable for Jewellery/ Diamond/ Ladies Suits/ Achhens. 93560-22881. (CL24080760)

Kutlu Manali Midway: Village Duwara, PO Dobhi, Outright Sale Cottage five bedrooms with attached bath, drawing-dining, kitchen & pantry. Plot 1 bigha, SQ Block 2 rooms with bath, Prime location overlooking snow mountains and river. Contact: 98110-68471, 98100-65430. (CL24080974)

11 Marla House corner B-Road. Prime location, North East direction, Sector- 21 Chandigarh. Unnati Estates 99157-96251, 98889-11180. (CL24081270)

14 Marla double storey Good livable House Sector 35-D, Chandigarh. Unnati Estates 99157-96251, 98889-11180. (CL24081284)

Kurukshestra Sector-8, HUDA, kothi on 538 sq.yds. facing Green belt/ Sector road. Price 6 Cr. in full cheque. Owner: 98182-36100. (CL24082022)

Bhola Estates: 98153-01547, booth, SCO, basement Sector 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 35 ten marla corner Sector 21, 42, Chandigarh. (CL24082149)

Bhola Estates 98153-01547, all types of property sale, purchase, genuine deals Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, New Chandigarh. (CL24082151)

Bhola Estates 98153-01547, five marla and eight marla house Sector 19, 20, 22, 23 Chandigarh. (CL24082152)

Bhola Estates 98153-01547, two kanal corner B-Road near park Sector 8, 21, 36 Chandigarh. (CL24082153)

Bhola Estates 98153-01547, seven marla kothi near park Sector 35 and 37 Chandigarh. (CL24082154)

Satya Estates: 2 kanal, NE, facing park, Sector 33, all Chq payment - 98726-69275. (CL24082157)

Chandigarh: 2 kanal house B-Road Sector 18, Chandigarh. Allied Realty 98140-16644. (CL24082198)

Chandigarh: 10 marla house facing market Sector 21B, huge parking of 40 cars approx. Commercial location, ideal for professional. Rare opportunity. Allied Realty: 98140-16644, 98141-66155. (CL24082200)

1 kanal livable near park Sector 33, 1½ kanal old near B-Road Sector 38B, Chandigarh. Allied Realty: 98140-16644. (CL24082201)

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CHANDIGARH

1 Kanal livable house for sale in Sector 21 Chandigarh for sale. Subhash Mangat & Co. 98155-70278, 98726-65556. (CL24080788)

150 gaj plots in Sector 68, B-Road
Gmada new auction plots bang on 80' wide road prime location. Haman Real Estates: 77679-00003. (CL24081209)

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3BHK, first floor flat in Mona-Paradise in Shivalik City. Kharar. 98763-49583. (CL24081944)

3+1 BHK flat, ATS Sector 121, Mohali. Genuine buyers only. 98788-11223. (CL24082071)

Jubilee Golf Vista flat 1985 sq.foot. 1st floor Sector 91, Mohali. Call: 98782-72761. (CL24082176)

Hero Homes 3 bedroom, 3 washroom ready to move 1660 feet, 7th floor Sector 88 Mohali. 98782-72761. (CL24082178)

Chandigarh- For sale MIG/ LIG/ HIG revised flats. 78884-60367/ 94170-28398. (CL24082485)

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e-TENDER NOTICE

The Assistant Engineer JSV Sub-Division Hamipur invites following tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e- tendering Process:-

Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion
A/R and M/O of LWSS Hamipur Town in Tehsil and Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Distemperimg, painting and minor repair etc of Superintendent room at Hamipur Town)	1,23,698/-	2474/-	Three Months
A/R and M/O of LWSS Chowki Chabot Amroh in Tehsil and Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Replacement of 7.50 HP Submersible pump Set of KSB make)	1,01,750/-	2035/-	One Month
Restoration of rain damages of under LWSS Chowki ChabotAmroh (Pump House Longani) in Tehsil and Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Providing and fixing of copper cable etc.)	1,38,130/-	2763/-	One Month
A/R and M/O of LWSS REC Barbadar in Tehsil and Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Repair of 150HP Pump Set No. II)	1,49,580/-	2992/-	One Month

Cost of Form: Rs. 250/- (For each)

Last date of sale of tender from Sub-divisional office 11.12.2024 up to 3:00 p.m. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website- www.hphip.org or from office of Executive Engineer IPH Division Hamipur up to date specified above.

Sd/- Assistant Engineer, JSV Sub-Division, Hamipur.

DPR/HP/3735

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tender on form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Governor of HP by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in Jal Shakti Vibhag so as to reach in this office on or before 13/12/2024 up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on same day at 03.30 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized re-presentative. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non refundable) up to 5.00 PM on 09/12/2024. The rates in the tender form will be filled in words and figures failing which the tender will be rejected. The tender documents also uploaded on the departmental website and can be down loaded at www.hphip.org. The Earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate / Time Deposit Accounts / Saving account in any of the Post office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the XEN must be accompanied with each tender. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The tendered should registered themselves with GST and bring renewal of enlistment and EPF No. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reasons. The offer of the tender will be kept open for 120 days. Note: Other conditions are as per schedule of quantity

SN	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time allowed
1.	R/R of LWSS Sol Sih Matwana in Ghumarwin (SH-Laying, Jointing & testing of GI parallel pipe line to village Ropri & Takrehra (Gehri)	251025/-	5100/-	250/-	3 months
2.	R/R damages under various location Jal Shakti Section Bharari in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- Laying of GI pipe of various dia under JSV Section Bharan)	208006/-	4200/-	250/-	3 months
3.	R/R damages of LWSS Kamli in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- Providing and fixing and panel fencing around the pump house and GI pipeline 125 mm dia and sluice valve)	494051/-	9900/-	250/-	3 months
4.	Improvement of Distribution system and replacement of old damaged /rusted pipe various water supply schemes under Ghumarwin Constituency in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur (HP) (SH- C/O RCC storage tank of 25000 litres capacity at Village Badon.	271705/-	5500/-	250/-	3 months
5.	Providing sewerage scheme to NAC Ghumarwin in Tehsil Ghumarwin District Bilaspur (SH:- Providing, Fixing Copper cable from duck well to pump house and Mechanical equipment).	306900/-	6200/-	250/-	1 month
6.	Improvement of distribution system and replacement of old damage pipe various water supply schemes under Ghumarwin constituency in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- Laying and jointing and testing of GI Parallel pipe 50mm dia from Sandhyar tank to village Sandhyar (Bard).	237128/-	4750/-	250/-	3 months
7.	Providing Aug. of LWSS to MC Ghumarwin in Ghumarwin (SH- Providing & erection of 15 HP submersible pump set with allied accessories LWSS NAC Ghumarwin.	282450/-	5700/-	250/-	3 months
8.	Restoration of rain damages to LWSS Kot Dehra Hatwar in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur (HP) (SH- Supply & erection of pumping machinery with allied accessories for LWSS Kot Dehra Hatwar *15 HP=15 HP 1st Stage.	384000/-	7700/-	250/-	3 months
9.	Stock Storage under Jal Shakti Division Ghumarwin in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (Sub Head:-Renovation of divisional store Ghumarwin By Construction of Retaining wall and CC flooring in the court yard)	242537/-	4900/-	250/-	3 months
10.	R/R damages of LIS Bari Karangora in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- C/O Retaining /protection wall from RD 0/0 to 7.10 in Front of pump house).	247697/-	5000/-	250/-	3 months
11.	R/R Damages of LWSS Sartti Ropa Fatoh in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- C/O retaining wall Back side of pump house at 3rd Stage).	279351/-	5600/-	250/-	3 months
12.	R/R damages of water supply schemes in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur under Jal Shakti Section Ghumarwin. (SH:- Providing /Supplying electrical accessories under Jal Shakti Section Ghumarwin).	287700/-	5800/-	250/-	1 months
13.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Sol Sih Matwana in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- C/O retaining wall and path to protect storage tank at Mehran).	220273/-	4450/-	250/-	3 months
14.	Improvement of distribution system and replacement of old damage pipe various water supply schemes under Ghumarwin constituency in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (HP) (SH- Prov. & placing filter media of filter bed of LWSS Dakhut Patta Dangar.	275500/-	5150/-	250/-	3 months
15.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Bari Badu Karangora, LWSS Kothi in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt Bilaspur (HP) (SH:- Dismantling / Relaying, laying, jointing & Testing of GI pipe of various dia and repair of gravity main by welded joint at various location)	300965/-	6050/-	250/-	3 months
16.	Restoration of rain damages in Tehsil Ghumarwin Distt. Bilaspur (SH:- Rewinding and Repair of 15HP MONO BLOCK submersible make KSB, LWSS Sol Sih Matwana Sr.No. LS-PA-XD01080 (SH:-Rewinding and Repair of 20HP MONO BLOCK submersible make CROMPTON, LIS BADDU GLASSI (SH:- Renovation of pump house electrical items).	279000/-	5600/-	250/-	15 days
17.	Source level Aug of various LWSS Schemes under Ghumarwin Constituency to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to Leftout households under Jal Jwan Mission- Har Ghar Nai Se Jal Pragna Amerpur. (SH:- C/O VESSC Centre building at Ghumarwin (SH:- P/F Cabinets /cup Boards).	491028/-	5000/-	250/-	3 months

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin

No. - JSV JSVDG-CB-Tender/2024-25-8544- 92

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-mail: ee-roh-hp@nic.in E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites item rate, bids, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the undermentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission Bid
1	Providing Periodical Maintenance on Sheelghat Bail Jharag road km 0.00 to 7.00 (SH:- Providing and laying G-41, G-41 and MIT at RD 0.00 to 7.00)	9652284/-	10.12.2024	193000/-	16.12.2024

The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders and letter No. PWD(B)/A/3/1/2020 dated 12.01.2023 issued by Secretary PW) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in and any corrigendum will be uploaded on the website only.

Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P.

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Annexure-“A”

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, (B&R) Division, HPPWD, Baijnath on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors/firms registered with HP.PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost Rs.	Starting Date for downloading	Earnest Money
1	C/O Dhandole to Jamthala road km 0/00 to 1/00 (SH: Providing and erecting /W metal crash barrier in km 0/480 to 0/555, 0/900 to 0/940 & 0/825 to 0/840) under Black Spot.	6,99,546/-	09.12.2024	14,000/-
2	C/O Langhu Jamrella road km 0/00 to 5/00 (SH: Providing and erecting /W metal crash barrier in km 2/700 to 2/790 and 2/840 to 2/900) for Black Spot.	9,84,066/-	09.12.2024	19,700/-

Time limit: Three Months for each
Deadline for submission of bid.: 20.12.2024 for each
Cost of Tender Form.: 350/- for each

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department Website www.hptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer, Baijnath Division HPPWD Baijnath

DPR/HP/3759

INDIAN RAILWAYS PATIALA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS PATIALA-147003 Tel.: 2396000, 2396001 Fax No.: 91-0175-2306413

E-TENDER NOTICE
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Elect. Services, Patiala Locomotive Works (Formerly Diesel Loco Modernization Works), Patiala (Pb.) for & on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender on website www.ireps.gov.in for the following work. Tenderer may upload their original offer on website upto prescribed closing time & date. The offers will be uploaded up to 15:00 hrs. of closing date and uploaded offers will be opened on same day at 15:30 hrs. for the under noted work. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender Notice No.	PLW/EL/411/R/124
Name of work:	Electrical work required for Construction of new sports hostel near existing sports hostel in colony no. 02 PLW/Patiala.
Approx. cost of work (in ₹)	₹2,19,321/-
Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	₹4,400/-
Completion Period	3 Months
Closing date & Time of Tender	30.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. All terms and conditions may be seen and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through Net Banking or only payment modes available on IREPS portal only.

Note: Tenderer/s shall submit valid Electrical Contractor licence issued by any State govt./UT for any State/UT. Tender without Electrical Contractor licence will be summarily rejected. 3771/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item on form PWD-6 and PWD-8 rates basis are invited by the Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division, Nainikhad at Dundiara on behalf of Governor of Himachal for the below mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh, Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)
1	Restoration of rain damages to Flow Irrigation Scheme Pandoli in G.P. Shepur Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) (SH: C/o PCC R/wall at RD. 257 To 365 L = 8.00 Rmt. Height = 2.75 Rmt.)	187399/-	3748/-
2	Restoration of rain damages to WSS Bakan Draman Chamba in G.P. Mornai Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) (SH: C/o R/wall for protection of existing storage tank at Teiyana L = 7.00 Rmt. = 2.60 Rmt.)	148602/-	2972/-
3	Restoration of rain damages WSS to Vill. Lahad Khadi Samlieta in G.P. Jurlta in Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) (SH: C/o Intake Chamber at Khaddi-I and protection work)	180629/-	3613/-
4	Restoration of rain damages WSS to Vill. Lahad Khadi Samlieta in G.P. Jurlta in Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) (SH: C/o Intake Chamber at Khaddi-III and protection work)	152372/-	3047/-
5	Restoration of rain damages to WSS to Village Hatli Rohri in G.P. Nanikhad in Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) (SH: C/o RCC Intake Chamber at Kihar and protection (the providing crat work))	142168/-	2843/-
6	Restoration of rain damages to WSS to Village SelAled Katooi in G.P. Jurlta in Tehsil Bhatiyat, Distt. Chamba (SH: C/o RCC intake Chamber at Kihar and providing crat work)	142306/-	2846/-
Cost of tender form (in Rs.): 250/- for each			
Time Limit: 2 Month for each			

Dual power centre hurting UT, statehood must to address public woes: Valley legislators

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 7 On October 16, Omar Abdullah was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, becoming the head of the first government of J&K since the abrogation of special status under Article 370 of the Constitution in 2019. Five other ministers were also sworn in.

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The CM during an interaction with residents in Srinagar.

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sions from the L-G. This week, while Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said the distribution of powers was clear and they had powers with them, Chief Minister's Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani said the J-K Cabinet had submitted a proposal to the L-G seeking reinstatement of holi-

day on December 5 to mark the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and founder of the NC Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

NC Baramulla legislator Javed Beig said the NC government had come up with a clear mandate from the people and "the Union Government should

respect the mandate of the people and should end the disempowerment and restore our rights."

"With the difficulties that we face in day-to-day working of the government, it is quite understandable that we are not a full-fledged state but a union territory. Our officers, bureaucrats

right now are in a state of confusion, which they should not be as there is a popular government in place elected by the people of J&K," he said.

He added that earlier when "there used to be full statehood, cooperation between the officers and the institutions (MLA) was strong, there was a sense of accountability, the balance of powers".

"The basic obligation of a popular government is to provide complete relief to people, it is only possible if this elected government," he said.

Langate MLA Sheikh Khurshed told *The Tribune* that officers still had the "bureaucratic attitude" and the dual power centres were making them less accountable.

Markhor rescued by wildlife authorities near Baramulla

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 7 Markhor, also one of the most elusive large mammals in India, is an iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia, including India, Pakistan.

The markhor was categorised as "near threatened" in 2014 and is on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species, and has been included in "Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora since 1992."

According to wildlife officials, a male markhor strayed into Noorkhah village which is located near the Kazinag National Park near the Line of Control in north Kashmir — the natu-



A male markhor strayed into Noorkhah village near the LoC. FILE

ral habitat of the Markhor.

Officials said on Saturday morning, officials received information that locals had spotted a Markhor in the village.

"The injured markhor was rescued and treatment was provided. The goat had strayed into the village because of the ongoing breeding season," said a

wildlife official.

The official said it was exciting for the villagers to have a glimpse of the markhor, as the goats usually remain inside the habitat only.

The UN General Assembly has proclaimed 24 May the International Day of the Markhor, which is the national animal of Pakistan. It is found on either side of the LoC.

NC refutes any tussle between govt, Raj Bhawan

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 7 The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference said on Saturday said there is no tussle between the ruling government and the Raj Bhawan.

There were reports that the Omar Abdullah government is facing differences with the Raj Bhawan over several administrative issues.

NC Chief Spokesperson and MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq refuted the reports that any tussle existed between the two.

"We need to understand as on date Jammu and Kashmir is a Union Territory and at the same time, now there is an elected government as well," he said. "Regarding the reports of tussle, those people are talking about it who are somehow trying to create a problem between the L-G and government," he said."

He added, "Being a chief spokesperson of the National Conference, I want to say there is no friction. In government, If there is anything internally that will be resolved." — OC

Restore water supply to Rohingyas in Jammu, minister orders Jal Shakti

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 7 The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday said that it has issued directions to restore the water supply to the Rohingya immigrants, a day after the administration in Jammu started a crackdown against property owners who have provided accommodation to "undocumented" Rohingyas on their plots and homes and snapped water and electricity connection.

Jammu and Kashmir Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana on Saturday said that while the issue of Rohingya presents a challenge for the government in the country, he has issued instructions to Jal Shakti to restore the water supply, on "humanitarian grounds."

He said in a welfare state, it is "our fundamental duty to provide social security" to all those under the govern-

ment's purview.

"It is our responsibility to give electricity, water to the Rohingyas and we will continue to do so," he said. He added that it was not good to stop ration, electricity and water. "I have issued directions to restore on humanitarian grounds," he said, while expressing surprise over the snapping of water supply by the department.

Water and power connections of many such property owners were on Friday disconnected and the latter have been told to vacate their properties within a month in Jammu region.

The action was taken after the administration issued orders to snap the facility to 409 Rohingya families in the Channi Himmat, Sunjawan and Narwal areas of Jammu.

Recently a tenant verification drive was carried out by the police in Jammu region in the wake of rising terror attacks on security establishments and locals.

MLA leads protest against Bangladesh violence

JAMMU, DECEMBER 7 Senior Jammu and Kashmir BJP leader and MLA Daleep Singh Parihar on Saturday led a protest demonstration in Bhaderwah town of Doda district against alleged atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh.

The call for the protest was given by the Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha and it was supported by the BJP and various Hindu outfits, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Many shops in the town observed a half-day closure due to the protest.

Carrying placards and raising slogans, the protesters burnt an effigy of Bangladesh's interim government chief adviser Muhammad Yunus at the historic Seri Bazaar and demanded the release of arrested ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das in the neighbouring country.

The protest started from the ancient Vasak Dera temple of the old town locality and the participants marched in a procession through the Ganpat Bazar



Protesters demonstrate against the atrocities on religious minorities at Bhadarwah. PTI

to the Seri Bazar amid tight security arrangements.

"Minorities, including Hindus, are faced with oppression in Bangladesh which needs to be stopped immediately. Hindus and other minorities are being killed and their houses burnt. We are on the roads to submit a resolution and seek Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi's intervention to safeguard Hindus in Bangladesh," Parihar said.

The protesters later submitted a memorandum to the additional deputy commissioner before dispersing off peacefully, officials said.

The BJP's Mahila Morcha district president Arpana Kotwal and VHP leader

Satish Kotwal criticised the Bangladesh interim government for its alleged failure to check attacks on the Hindu minority in the country. "Such incidents are intolerable and should be stopped forthwith," Arpana Kotwal said. Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha also held protest rallies in Reasi and Udhampur. — PTI

Days after oath, Ajit Pawar gets relief in ₹1,000-cr assets case

FROM PAGE 1 properties," the tribunal said. Advocate Prashant Patil, who represented NCP leader and his family in the benami case, refuted all charges and dismissed these as baseless and motivated. He is also understood to have shared details of transactions to prove that there was nothing illegal and everything was done via banking channels.

Notably, the IT Department had carried out multiple raids in 2021 across several locations, some of which were linked to Ajit Pawar. The crackdown included searches at the residence and office of those linked to Ajit Pawar, including his relatives and close aides in the city and adjoining towns. Following the raids, a couple of properties including a sugar factory in Satara, a flat in Delhi and a resort in Goa were attached in the case. The IT Department had attached properties valued at over Rs 1,000 crore under the Act. — IANS

Farmers protest echoes at pre-Budget meet...

agricultural equipment and input, and viewed the demand to abolish the GST from agriculture input positively," said a farm leader who attended the consultations.

On the issue of declaring the MSP as reserve price, the participants said it would resolve the issue of granting legal backing to the MSP.

"The Essential Commodities Act, 1955, empowers the Centre to declare a minimum reserve price at which essential commodities can be purchased or sold. Section 3 of the Act deals with the Cen-

tre's powers to control the production, supply and distribution of essential commodities and to undertake measures, if it deems necessary, to maintain or increase supplies of essential commodities or to secure their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices. We are saying that the MSP should be declared as the reserve price. No one should be allowed to buy below the MSP," said Dharmendra Malik of the BKU while submitting memoranda of demands to the FM.

Jakhar sought uniform taxation in the agricultural markets. "Uniform taxation in agri markets across India, like the GST, will pave the way for improved governance, systems efficiency, mitigation of food inflation and price fluctuations, and will ignite entrepreneurial spirits to drive competition to benefit farmers and consumers alike," Jakhar suggested at the meeting.

He also proposed financing for focused agricultural research. "Deploy Rs 1,000 crore per year on three crops

— pulses (gram/chickpea); oilseeds (soya bean, kharif) and mustard (rabi) for eight years. Indian consumption and yield potential being very high, this move will reduce dependence on excessive imports and higher national nutritional security and farmer profitability," Jakhar suggested.

Others present at the meeting included Ashish Patel, director, Vam Agro Forest Private Limited, Gujarat; Sanjay Singh, director, Centre of Technology and Entrepreneurship Development, UP; Badri Narayan

Choudhary, chairman, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh; Pradip Dave, president, The Pesticides Manufacturers and Formulators Association of India; Pramod Kumar Choudhary, all-India president, Bharatiya Agro Economic Research Centre; RG Agarwal, chairman, Agri Business Committee, PHD Chamber of Commerce; Sagar Kaushik, president, Corporate Affairs UPL Ltd; Sachin Kumar Sharma, professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; and Moynuddin, progressive farmer from Lucknow.

Disappointing: US rubbishes BJP claim of attempt to destabilise India

development and capacity building training for journalists. This programming does not influence the editorial decisions or direction of these organisations," the official said.

The OCCRP, headquartered in Amsterdam, is a media platform that largely focuses on stories relating to crime and corruption. The BJP, in its allegations, had referred to a French media report and said it revealed that the OCCRP was funded by the US State Depart-

ment's USAID, along with other "deep state figures" such as George Soros and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The US embassy official said: "The US has long been a champion of media freedom around the world. A free and independent press is an essential component of any democracy, enabling informed and constructive debate and holding those in power accountable."

Last month, US prosecutors had charged Adani, 62,

his nephew Sagar and other defendants for paying over \$250 million in bribes between 2020 and 2024 to Indian government officials to win solar energy contracts on terms that could potentially bring in more than \$2 billion in profit. Following the charges, the Congress had demanded a thorough investigation into the charges and accused the government of shielding him. The Adani Group has dismissed the charges as "baseless".

No dialogue offer from Centre, 101 Punjab protesters to resume Delhi march today

government's alleged unwillingness to resolve the matter. "We waited the entire day for a formal proposal for talks, but no one approached us. The (Narendra) Modi government is in no mood to hold talks," he said.

Pandher claimed the number of injured farmers had risen to 25. "As many as 16 were hospitalised. The condition of two farmers is still critical," he said.

He assured that the farmers would not take law into their hands this time. "We will ensure that barring the designated 'jatha', no other farmer will cross the barricades. If there was any lapse on Friday, it will not be

repeated," he said.

He slammed Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan who on Friday assured that the government would fix the MSP at more than 50 per cent of production cost. "By making this promise, the minister has admitted that the farmers are not getting fair prices. But MSP announcement and legal guarantee are two different things. We demand a legal guarantee so that the future governments cannot backtrack," Pandher said.

Farmer leaders Guramneet Singh Mangat and Tejveer Singh accused the Haryana Police of double standards.

They said while farmers were told to suspend their march due to prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS, the Ambala administration allowed a large gathering at a music concert in the city.

Meanwhile, Haryana ADGP Sanjay Kumar sent a communicate to his counterpart in Punjab, requesting that keeping mediapersons' safety in mind, they should not be allowed within 1 km of the protest site at Shambhu. The communication mentioned that on December 6, the Haryana Police faced a significant challenge in managing the protesters.

Samajwadi Party exits MVA over Babri post by Sena-UBT leader

On Friday, TMC president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee offered to lead the INDIA bloc, in clear signals of growing discomfort with the current Congress leadership and its parliamentary and electoral strategy.

Maharashtra developments today expanded the scope of tensions within the INDIA bloc with both SP lawmakers taking oath at the special session of the state Assembly called today where Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, Deputy CMs Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar also took oath along with 230 MLAs of the ruling Mahayuti coalition.

MLAs of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)

had announced a boycott of the first day of the two-day session to protest alleged EVM frauds over which allies have petitioned the EC.

MVA leaders — Uddhav Thackeray of the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar of the NCP (SP) — had earlier not attended the swearing-in of Fadnis despite being invited. Today in Mumbai, Samajwadi Party MLAs — state president Abu Asim Azmi and leader Rais Shaikh — took oath while other MVA MLAs were absent.

The SP said it was exiting the MVA and defied the call to boycott the session after Milind Narvekar, a Shiv Sena (UBT) leader, posted a photo

of a demolished Babri Masjid along with late Shiv Sena patriarch Balasaheb Thackeray's quote: "I am proud of those who did this."

The photo was posted on Friday, the 32nd anniversary of the Babri Masjid demolition. Narvekar's post also featured photos of Uddhav Thackeray, Aditya Thackeray and himself.

After this post, Azmi reacted saying: "In Maharashtra, the SP is fine to tread alone but not fine with being part of the MVA and be part of the communal ideology of the Shiv Sena (UBT)." The special session of Maharashtra Assembly will conclude on Sunday with the election of the Speaker.

Raj miners eat into Nuh Aravallis; Haryana...

bordering Rajasthan.

"Illegal mining is a big menace in 30 bordering villages. The miners claim that the hills fall in Rajasthan. Last year, a hill collapsed when they mined it from their side. The debris has not been cleared till date. FIRs were registered, but no action was taken even a year after the incident," said a member of Rava village panchayat.

Earlier in February 2023, both the Haryana and Rajasthan governments had started a survey to define the border along the hills, but none accepted each other's demarcation report. A senior Haryana mining department official said in many villages,

as many as 15 acres of land was found in Rajasthan miners' possession. Mining Officer Anil Atwal could not be contacted.

A 2023 study revealed that between 1975 and 2019, nearly 8 per cent of the Aravali hills have disappeared. It projected the loss to rise to around 22 per cent by 2059, if rapid urbanisation and mining continued at the current pace.

CALENDAR

December 8, 2024, Sunday
■ Shaka Samvat 1946
■ Margshirsh Shaka 17
■ Margshirsh Parvishle 23
■ Hijri 1446
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 7, up to 9.45 am
■ Vajra Yoga up to 3.53 am
■ Shabhisha Nakshatra up to 4.03 pm
■ Moon in Aquarius sign

CISF sets up body to add new tech, standardise procedures at airports

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) – tasked with securing airports in India – has incorporated a new body that will look at latest technology and have standardised procedures across all 68 airports of the country.

The CISF said that the new Internal Quality Control Unit (IQCU) has been set up for CISF's Aviation Security Group (ASG) that is deployed at 68 airports across India. It will play a crucial role in establishing world-class security procedures and technology.

This initiative is in compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme-2024, which was issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft Security Rules-2023.



CISF personnel examine luggage at the airport in Ranchi. FILE PHOTO

The IQCU shall be a part of the Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC), which was inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah on July 22 last year.

The ASCC, with its advanced components like incident management centre, Aviation Research and Data Centre, and centralised communication

control centre, will work in tandem with the IQCU to meet the current challenges and enhance the overall security of Indian airports.

This system will also cover airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAAN). The IQCU will be led by a senior CISF officer and a team of certified aviation security instructors, national auditors and experienced personnel.

It will standardise procedures to ensure uniformity in security procedures across all airports through training and evaluation methods. It will also recommend the adoption of new technologies based on field trials and best global practices.

The body will further conduct internal inspections and audits based on guidelines to evaluate security operations and implement corrective measures. It will monitor, review and update security protocols to meet established standards, and ensure compliance, technology effectiveness and operational efficiency.

Murmu lays foundation stones for 3 rail lines, airport in Odisha

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday laid the foundation stones for several infrastructure projects in Odisha, including three rail lines — Bangiriposi-Gorumahisani, Buramara-Chakulia and Badampahar-Kendujhargarh — the Tribal Research and Development Centre, Dandabose Airport, and a new building for the sub-divisional hospital in Rairangpur.

Murmu said, "I have always been proud to be a daughter of this land. Despite my responsibilities and busy schedules, I have never been distanced from my birthplace or its people. The love of the people here continues to draw me towards them and my thoughts and work are always with my motherland."

Highlighted the significance of the projects for the region, the President said, "I am confident that these rail



Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw presents a memento to President Droupadi Murmu in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. PTI

projects and the airport will boost transportation, business and trade in the region. The new hospital building, with a 100-bed facility, will provide improved health services to the local community."

She further announced that more than 100 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools are being set up across Odisha, including 23 in Mayurbhanj district.

"These schools will provide quality education to tribal children, and I am confident that they will contribute significantly to the progress of society and the nation once they are educated," the President said. She also stressed that Odisha was benefiting from the government's Purvodaya vision, which aims to accelerate the development of Eastern India.



UP CM Yogi Adityanath during a visit to review preparations for the 'Maha Kumbh' in Prayagraj. PTI

Ahead of Kumbh, UP Govt bans strikes across depts for 6 months

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 7 The Uttar Pradesh Government has banned strikes and demonstrations in its departments, corporations and local authorities for the next six months under the Uttar Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, according to a statement.

State BJP spokesperson Manish Shukla said a "divine and grand Kumbh" is going to be held in the state in the coming months and other important programmes have also been proposed. The steps have been taken to ensure the availability of basic facilities to the visiting devotees and residents, Shukla said.

Principal opposition in

Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party, termed the move "undemocratic". SP MLC Ashutosh Sinha said, "People and government employees have a right to express their views as per the provisions of the Constitution. But it seems that the government does not want people to do so."

Meanwhile, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Jan Ashray Shal in Prayagraj on Saturday, in preparation for the 'Maha Kumbh', which will commence on January 13, 2025.

Earlier in the day, the Uttar Pradesh CM also chaired a meeting with the officials to review the ongoing preparations for the

Mahakumbh 2025 at Circuit House in Prayagraj.

The Mahakumbh will begin with the Paus Purnima Snan, which is on 13 January 2025. The Kumbh festival will conclude with the final bath on 26 February 2025, the day of Mahashivratri.

Focusing on providing better facilities to devotees during Mahakumbh, the authorities are also constructing a special type of floating jetty at Sangam that will allow devotees to take comfortable baths and have the facility to change clothes. Besides, a 100-bed hospital has been nearly completed at the Parade Ground in Mahakumbh Nagar. — Agencies

ED attaches ₹388-crore assets in Mahadev app betting case

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday said it had attached fresh assets worth about Rs 388 crore in its ongoing money laundering investigation into the Mahadev online betting case in which various high-ranking politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh are alleged to have been involved.

These include movable assets — investment made by Mauritius-based company Tano Investment Opportunities Fund related to Dubai-based "hawala opera-

tor" Hari Shankar Tibrewal through FPI and FDI — and properties in Chhattisgarh, Mumbai and Madhya Pradesh in the name of promoters of multiple betting apps and websites, panel operators and associates of the promoters, the federal agency said in a statement.

A provisional order was issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on December 5 to attach these assets with a total value of Rs 387.99 crore, the ED added.

The ED has issued multi-

ple such orders during the probe, and with the latest order, assets worth Rs 2,295.61 crore have been frozen, attached or seized so far. Besides, 11 people have been arrested in this case and the ED has filed four chargesheets.

According to the ED, the Mahadev app is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites to enrol new users, create user IDs and launder money through a layered web of benami bank accounts. — PTI

PM hails Indian priest's elevation as cardinal

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 An Indian delegation, led by Minister of State George Kurian, on Saturday witnessed a ceremony in the Vatican, where priest George Koovakad was elevated as a Cardinal by Pope Francis.

Before the ceremony, the Indian delegation also called on the Pope. Later, in a grand consistory held at the famous St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, the 51-year-old Indian priest was elevated. The ceremony witnessed the induction of 21 new cardinals.

George Koovakad hails from the Archdiocese of

Changanassery in Kerala and his appointment takes the number of Indian cardinals to six, boosting the Indian presence in the Vatican.

The Indian delegation consisted of Kurian, Rajya Sabha MP Satnam Singh Sandhu, former minister Rajeev Chandrashekhkar, BJP leaders from Kerala Anil Antony and Tom Vadakkan among others.

"It is a matter of immense pride for India that Archbishop George Koovakad will be created as a Cardinal by His Holiness Pope Francis," the PMO said in a post on X — TNS

Citizens real force behind march towards 'Viksit Bharat 2047': PM

AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 7 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged citizens to become the force behind the country's march towards the target of "Viksit Bharat 2047" and announced that next month a "Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue" would be held to give the youth a platform to exchange ideas.

Delivering a virtual address at the Karyakar Suvarna Mahotsav, a grand celebration marking 50 years of selfless service by

volunteers of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan (BAPS) Sanstha, PM Modi said citizens were participating in nation building movements in fields like Swachh Bharat Mission, natural farming mission, environment awareness, educating girl child or tribal welfare.

"I want all BAPS volunteers who have gathered here to pursue one pledge each year, like dedicating one year to chemical-free agriculture, celebrating uni-

ty in diversity, fighting against drug menace and rejuvenating rivers," he said.

The Prime Minister said, "Ek ped maa ke naam" movement is also famous across the world and promoting sustainable lifestyle would further add to the nation's march towards development." PM Modi also praised the volunteers for their selfless services during the Bhuj earthquake, Kerala floods, Uttarakhand landslides and Covid crisis. — Agencies



PM Narendra Modi takes part in an Armed Forces Flag Day event. PTI

Support Muslims on Waqf, Christian MPs urge bishops' body

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 Christians should take an in-principle stand on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill as it affects the rights of minorities as enshrined in the Constitution, MPs from the community are learnt to have told the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI).

The CBCI, the apex body of Catholics in India, had called a meeting of all Christian MPs in Delhi on December 3. It was attended by around 20 MPs, most of them from opposition parties. TMC parliamentary party leader Derek O'Brien, Congress MPs Hibi Eden, Dean Kuriaokose and Anto Antony, and CPM MP John Brittas were among those who attended the meeting, while minister George Kurian joined the deliberations later, said a source who was present at the meeting.

CBCI president Archbishop Andrews chaired the meeting, which was held after decades. The CBCI, meanwhile, said in a statement that

the meeting was an informal Christmas gathering.

"The meeting, which took place on December 3 was called for informal sharing and discussion among Christian MPs from various political parties and the CBCI. The gathering concluded with a Christmas dinner, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and festive cheer," it said.

"The CBCI emphasises that the meeting was not a formal conference or a politically-motivated event, but rather an opportunity for Christian MPs to come together and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas," it added.

An MP questioned why an agenda was circulated if it was not a formal meeting. The meeting's agenda included the role of Christian MPs in supporting the community and its rights, increasing attacks and threats against minorities and the misuse of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act to target Christian institutions. — PTI

3-judge Bench to take up pleas against...

FROM PAGE 1 Atala Masjid, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh; Pirana Dargah, Gujarat; Jama Masjid, Bhopal; Hazrat Shah Ali Dargah, Telangana; and Ladle Mashak Dargah, Karnataka.

The committee said historical wrongs or perceived injustices of the past should not undermine the principles of secularism and non-retrogression upheld by the Act. "That without lending much credence to the rhetorical claims made in the petition, the purported grievance of the petitioner as regards ancient rulers of the past cannot be addressed by this court nor is a valid ground for challenging the constitutional validity of the 1991 Act," the plea stated.

Cautioning against potential "drastic consequences" of overturning the law, the committee cited the recent incident at Sambhal where a survey order triggered widespread protests and resulted in six fatalities. It warned that repealing the Act could lead to a surge in disputes over religious sites across the country, prompting tensions in "every nook and corner" while threaten-

JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR CASES ON PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT



CJI SANJIV KHANNA Justice Khanna got enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and was appointed as an additional Judge of the Delhi High Court in 2005. He was elevated as an SC Judge on January 18, 2019, and was sworn in as the 51st CJI on November 11, 2024. He has been part of many Constitution Bench verdicts, including ones upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and the scrapping of electoral bonds scheme.



JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR Justice Sanjay Kumar started his law practice in August 1988. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on August 8, 2008, and elevated as an SC Judge on February 6, 2023. He was part of a seven-judge Bench that ruled that MPs and MLAs don't enjoy immunity from prosecution for taking bribes for making speeches or voting in a particular manner in the House.



JUSTICE KV VISWANATHAN Justice KV Viswanathan initially enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu on October 28, 1988. He was designated as a 'Senior Advocate' by the Full Court of the SC on April 28, 2009, appointed as an Additional Solicitor General on August 26, 2013, and directly elevated from the Bar as an SC Judge on May 19, 2023. Notably, he was part of the Bench that declared 'Bulldozer Justice' unconstitutional on November 13.

Rahul: Govt hiking tax rates for common man, giving concessions to billionaires

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7 Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said while the Narendra Modi government is hiking the rates of the income tax and other taxes for the common man, it is giving concessions to billionaires, and claimed that it is set to introduce another slab of the GST to burden people.

Gandhi said the Congress will continue to oppose this "injustice" of imposing higher tax rates on things of daily use and giving concessions to big billionaires.

"On one hand, the income tax is increasing constantly in comparison to the corporate tax. On the other hand, the Modi government is preparing to collect more money through Gabbar Singh Tax," he said in a post in Hindi on X.

"It is heard that amidst the ever-increasing collection from the GST, the government is going to introduce a new tax slab — there is a plan to increase the GST on things of daily need. Just think — the

wedding season is going on, people must have been saving every penny of their money and in the meantime, the government is going to increase the GST on clothes priced above Rs 1,500 from 12 per cent to 18 per cent," the Leader of Opposition said in the Lok Sabha.

He also shared a graphic that showed that the government's collection from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has gone up from Rs 5.98 lakh crore to Rs 10.61 lakh crore from 2019 to 2024, while that from the income tax has increased from Rs 4.92 lakh crore in 2019 to Rs 11.87 lakh crore in 2024 and from the corporate tax from Rs 5.56 lakh crore to Rs 10.2 lakh crore in the last five years.

Congress general secretary, communications, Jai Ram Ramesh also hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre over the state of the country's economy and cited the comments of a senior Reserve Bank of India (RBI) official. — PTI

Ukraine receives 2nd batch of F-16 fighter jets from Denmark

KYIV, DECEMBER 7
Denmark has delivered a second batch of F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Saturday as he travelled to Paris to meet with top politicians and dignitaries. In a message on Telegram, Zelenskyy praised Denmark and lamented a lack of dedication from other allies. "The first batch of planes provided by the Danes are already shooting down Russian missiles: rescuing our people and our infrastructure. Now our air shield is reinforced even further," he said. "If all partners were so determined, we would have been able to make Russian terror impossible." The announcement comes as

Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region marks a day of mourning for 10 people killed in a Russian attack on Friday. A further 24 people, including two children, were injured when a missile struck a local service station, said regional Gov Ivan Fedorov. Another three people were killed in a strike on the Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih Friday, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said. Addressing the attacks, Zelenskyy said that Russian President Vladimir Putin did not seek "real peace." Putin "only seeks the ability to treat any country this way, with bombs, missiles, and all other forms of violence," Zelenskyy said. — AP

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG.
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division, Jhandutta on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned works from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag.

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender
1.	Improvement & Augmentation of Lift Irrigation Scheme Tihri, Bakain, Ree Randoh in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur H.P. (SH:- Construction of sump well, desilting tank, 3 Nos collection tank of 30000 ltrs capacity, laying jointing in trenches and testing of rising main, distribution pipelines construction of 21 Nos outlet chambers, Providing and erection of mono submersible pump of Booster stage, centrifugal pumping machinery for 1st stage to vill. Randoh, centrifugal pump machinery for 2nd stage Vill. Ree) Job. No. 1	5412071/-	86700/-
2.	Improvement & augmentation of lift Irrigation Scheme Tihri, Bakain, Ree Randoh in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur H.P. (SH:- Construction of 2 Nos collection tank of 30000 ltrs capacity, laying jointing in trenches and testing of Rising main, distribution pipelines, construction of 12 Nos outlet chambers) Job. No.2	7950468/-	112100/-

Time of completion: One Year for each
Cost of form: 800/- for each

1. Last date of filling/uploading the tender through E-tendering mode is **21.12.2024 upto 11.00 AM**, which shall be opened/downloaded on dated 21.12.2024 at 11.30 AM.

2. The NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Jhandutta.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 1

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Shillai District Sirmour HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bids on percentage rate in electronic tendering system in 2 cover System for the undermentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/ Firms registered with HP PWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Rajiv Gandhi Government Model Day Boarding School at Sataun, in Legislative Assembly Constituency Shillai, District Sirmour, HP.) (SH:- Construction of Building Portion, Providing Water Supply, Sanitary Installation, Construction of Septic Tank with Soak Pit, Rain Water Harvesting Tank & Site Development Construction of Retaining Walls etc.).	5,96,46,300.00	11,92,926.00

Time Limit: 18 Months
Cost of Tender Form (in Rs.): 5000.00
Eligible Class of Contractor: A

1. Date of online Publication : 09.12.2024 at 10:00 Hrs.

2. Document Download & Bid Submission Start Date : 09.12.2024 at 10:00 Hrs.

3. Bid Submission End Date : 17.12.2024 at 05:00 Hrs

4. Date of opening of Technical Bid and Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by opening of Financial Bid : 18.12.2024 at 11:00 Hrs

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

6. TENDER DETAILS:-
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:-
i) Cover shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information"
ii) Cover shall contain "BoQ/Financial Bid". Where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

7. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:- No need to submit original documents by the bidders in the O/O Executive Engineer HPPWD Shillai H.P. They are advised to submit only those documents which are required by the tender opening authority/not legible.

8. BID OPENING DETAILS:- The bids shall be opened on **18.12.2024 at 11:00 Hrs** in the office Executive Engineer B&R Division Shillai HP PWD Shillai. In their interest of bidders they are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 75 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer
B&R Division Shillai
HP PWD Shillai.

DPR/HP/3728

S Korean Prez escapes impeachment as ruling party leaders boycott vote

Yoon apologises for imposing martial law, says will face repercussions

SEOUL, DECEMBER 7
South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol survived an impeachment vote in parliament on Saturday prompted by his short-lived attempt to impose martial law this week, but the leader of his own party said the president would eventually step down. Yoon's People Power Party boycotted the impeachment vote, put forward by the main opposition Democratic Party, and the motion was scrapped after not enough lawmakers participated. After the vote, however, PPP leader Han Dong-hoon said the party had decided that Yoon would resign. "The declaration of martial law was a clear and serious violation of the law," Han told reporters. Han has a history of clashes with Yoon, however, and it was unclear if he was speaking for all PPP members. There was no word yet from Yoon on Han's comments. Yoon shocked the nation late on Tuesday when he gave



Empty seats after People Power Party leaders boycotted the impeachment vote at the National Assembly, Seoul.

the military sweeping emergency powers to root out what he called "anti-state forces" and overcome obstructionist political opponents. He rescinded the order six hours later, after parliament defied military and police cordons to vote unanimously against the decree.

But Yoon's martial law declaration plunged South Korea, Asia's fourth-largest economy and a key US military ally, into its greatest political crisis in decades, threatening to shatter the country's reputation as a democratic success story. Earlier on Saturday Yoon addressed the nation in a tele-

vised speech to apologise for the move, and to say he would face whatever repercussions there would be, though he did not offer to resign. Yoon said he would put his fate in the hands of the PPP, which Han said later was effectively a promise to leave office early.



The site of an Israeli airstrike in the central Gaza Strip. REUTERS

20 dead in Gaza as Qatar pushes for ceasefire deal

CAIRO, DECEMBER 7
Israeli strikes in Gaza killed at least 20 Palestinians on Saturday, local health officials said, as Qatar voiced hope of fresh momentum in efforts to reach a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas. The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the reported strikes in Gaza City and Rafah. At least eight of the fatalities were civilians, according to residents and medics. It was unclear whether the rest of those killed were fighters and Reuters could not independently verify the figures.

Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said Qatar was engaging with the incoming Trump administration on Gaza after sensing fresh momentum for ceasefire talks following the U.S. election. Donald Trump's Middle East envoy has travelled to Qatar and Israel to kick-start the US President elect's diplomatic push for a ceasefire and hostage release deal before his inauguration on Jan. 20, a source briefed on the talks told Reuters on Thursday. — Reuters

Macron brings Trump, Zelenskyy together as restored Notre Dame reopens for public

PARIS, DECEMBER 7
French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed guests, including Donald Trump, on Saturday at Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral for its reopening ceremony, five-and-a-half years after a huge fire brought the Gothic masterpiece close to collapse. The 860-year-old medieval building has been meticulously restored, with a new spire and rib vaulting, its flying buttresses and carved stone gargoyles returned to their past glory and white stone and gold decorations shining brightly once again. Getting US President-elect Trump to attend, and organising a meeting between him and Ukraine's leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Elysee Palace ahead of the Notre Dame ceremony, was a coup for Macron as he faces a political crisis at home, after parliament ousted his prime minister. Trump shook hands with Britain's Prince William and heads of state and government as he made his way to the front of the cathedral. He



French President Emmanuel Macron, US President-elect Donald Trump and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Elysee Palace in Paris. REUTERS

was due to sit next to Macron in the front row. Earlier, guests had stood and applauded as Zelenskyy walked into the cathedral. Tech billionaire Elon Musk, a close adviser in Trump's transition team, also attended, as did Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and former French presidents Francois Hollande and Nicolas Sarkozy. Earlier, tourists, who still can-

not go inside the cathedral, snapped pictures with the restored building in the background as final preparations for the event went on inside. While the ceremony was initially planned to begin on the forecourt, unusually fierce December winds whipping across the central Paris island, flanked by the River Seine, forced all events inside. Yet the occasion lost none of its splen-

dour. Inside the luminous nave, choirs are singing psalms, and the cathedral's mighty organ, silent for nearly five years, is thundering to life in a triumphant interplay of melodies. On the evening of April 15, 2019, Parisians had stood in disbelief and TV viewers worldwide watched in horror as the fire raged through the towering Gothic masterpiece. — Agencies

UN declares Dec 21 as Meditation Day

UNITED NATIONS, DECEMBER 7
India co-sponsored a UN General Assembly draft resolution that was unanimously adopted to proclaim December 21 as World Meditation Day.

India among co-sponsors of draft resolution

India, including Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico and Andorra, was a member of the core group of countries that guided the unanimous adoption of the resolution titled 'World Meditation Day' in the 193-member UNGA on Friday. "A day for comprehensive wellbeing and inner transformation! Glad that India along with other nations of the core group guided the unanimous adoption of the resolution on the declaration of December 21 as World Meditation Day @UN General Assembly today (Friday)," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said in a post on X. He said India's leadership in wellbeing stemmed from "our civilisational dictum of #VasudhaivaKutumbakam - the whole world is one family". — PTI

Syrian rebels enter key city of Homs as protesters topple former Prez's statue

AMMAN/BEIRUT, DECEMBER 7
Syrian rebels entered suburbs of the key city of Homs on Saturday, sources said, pressing a lightning week-long advance as front lines collapse across the country and government forces battle to save President Bashar al-Assad's 24-year rule. A Homs resident, and army and rebel sources said the insurgents had breached government defences from the north and east of the city. The Syrian military did not immediately comment on the reports. Fighting has raged around the north of vital Homs since late Friday with government forces reinforcing and using intense airstrikes to hammer the rebels. Insurgents also seized almost the entire southwest within 24 hours and advanced to within 30 km (20 miles) of Damascus as government forces fell back, rebels said. Underscoring the possibility of an uprising in the capital, protesters in a Damascus suburb tore down a statue of Assad's father and ripped it to pieces. In other suburbs soldiers changed into civilian clothes and deserted their



A rebel fighter in Homs on Saturday. REUTERS

posts, residents said. Assad remains in Damascus, Syria's state news agency said. Since the rebels' sweep into Aleppo a week ago, government defences have crumbled at dizzying speed as insurgents seized a string of major cities and rose up in places where the rebellion had long seemed over. The twin threats to strategically vital Homs and the capital Damascus now pose an existential threat to Assad's decades of rule in Syria and the continued influence there of his main regional backer Iran.

The pace of events has stunned Arab capitals and raised fears of a new wave of regional instability. US President-elect Donald Trump said the US should not be involved in the conflict and should "let it play out". Meanwhile, protesters brought down the statue of former President Hafez al-Assad, the late father of President Bashar al-Assad in a main square in Jermana suburb, 10-km from the centre of Damascus, a witness and activists told Reuters. — Reuters

GLOBE-TROTTING



'TIS THE SEASON: Pope Francis looks at a nativity scene in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. REUTERS

Boys outperform girls in maths: Study
SYDNEY A major international test has revealed a concerning gender gap in maths among Australian school students. In the 2023 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), Australia's boys did much better than girls. Year 4 boys outperformed girls by the equal highest margin out of 58 countries that did the test. The story is not much better for Year 8 students - Australia had the 12th-largest gender gap of the 42 countries. — PTI

People vote in Ghana's general election
ACCRA (GHANA): Ghanaians headed to the polls Saturday in presidential and legislative elections poised to be a litmus test for democracy in a region shaken by extremist violence and coups. Some 18.7 million people are registered to vote in the West African country hit by one of the worst economic crises in a generation. However, the two main candidates offer little hope for change for the nation. Polls opened at 7 am and closed at 5 pm, with early results expected late on Saturday. The first official results will be released by Tuesday. AP

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

Saikia appointed acting secretary of BCCI

Devajit Saikia has been appointed as the BCCI's acting secretary by Board President Roger Binny, replacing Jay Shah who recently took over as the new ICC President. Saikia, who hails from Assam, is a former first-class cricketer. He is currently the BCCI joint secretary. Binny used his constitutional powers to appoint Saikia as acting secretary in a stop-gap arrangement till a permanent secretary is appointed under BCCI rules and regulations.

NEW DELHI

Gyaneshwari finishes fifth in 49kg at World Championships

India's Gyaneshwari Yadav, who claimed gold medal in last year's Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships, finished fifth in the 49kg category at the IWF World Championships in Manama, Bahrain, on Saturday. Yadav managed lifts of 80kg in snatch and 102kg in clean and jerk for a total of 182kg. She struggled to find her rhythm, failing her first two attempts in snatch and missing her final clean-and-jerk attempt after successfully lifting 99kg and 102kg in her first two tries.

BENGALURU

Services wrestlers dominate mat with six gold

Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) wrestlers dominated the mat on the second day of the Senior National Wrestling Championship, clinching six gold medals to surge to the top of the team standings on Saturday. SSCB's commanding performance earned them 220 points, leaving Haryana with two golds (146 points) and Delhi with one gold (132 points) trailing in distant second and third places, respectively. AGENCIES

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SECOND TEST

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA

STAR SPORTS 9:30AM

EPL

FULHAM VS ARSENAL 7:30PM

TOTTENHAM VS CHLSEA 10PM

STAR SPORTS

Batter's century helps Australia take control before India's top-order crumbles

BORDER-GAVASKAR TROPHY

ADELAIDE, DECEMBER 7 Australia rode Travis Head's blistering 140 to post 337 and reduced India to 128/5 to stay on course for a series-levelling victory in the Day-Night second Test on Saturday.

Head smashed a swash-buckling hundred to fetch Australia a first innings lead of 157 at his home ground the Adelaide Oval.

Australia's pace battery further consolidated their position by blowing away the top half of India's batting order with the pink ball.

Rishabh Pant led India's fightback with an entertaining 28 not out with Nitish Kumar Reddy on 15 at the other side and 29 in the arrears.

Earlier, after Australia resumed on 86/1, Jasprit Bumrah (4/61) ensured the tourists did not have to wait long for a breakthrough. Opener Nathan McSweeney, playing only his second Test, added just one run to his overnight score before edging Bumrah behind for 39.

The crafty seamer also dismissed Steve Smith for two, strangling the out-of-form batter down the leg side with wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant taking a diving catch.

Marnus Labuschagne (64) kept his head down and collected runs without court-ing risks en route to only his second half-century in his last 11 Test innings.

Head, coming in at the other end, was more assertive and hit off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin over the mid-off ropes for his second boundary.

Reddy broke their 65-run stand when Labuschagne cut him to gully where Yashasvi Jaiswal took a sharp catch.

Head could not be contained, though, and the left-hander continued to play his shots on his way to a 63-ball fifty.

Mitchell Marsh fell caught behind to Ashwin even though replays showed no bat-ball contact and the batter did not challenge the decision.

Head continued to cut and pull with abandon and

Head hurts India again



Travis Head hit 17 fours and 4 sixes in his 141-ball 140; BELOW: Mohammed Siraj reacts after dismissing Head. AP/PTI, ANI



also had his share of luck. One of his edges flew between wicketkeeper and first slip and, on another occasion, Mohammed Siraj could not hold on to a tough catch in the deep.

Head took a single off Ashwin to bring up his hundred before gesturing to his wife, daughter and newborn son in the stands. Siraj (4/98) finally stopped the batting carnage, bowling

Siraj's send-off

Australia batter Travis Head said he was disappointed with his reaction for the on-field confrontation with India pacer Mohammed Siraj. Siraj gave a fiery send-off to Head. "I actually jokingly said 'well bowled' and then he pointed me to go to the shades. I had my reaction as well but I would not like to give it too much airtime," Head said. "I was surprised at the reaction in terms of the situation of the game and there was no confrontation leading up to it. I'm disappointed in the reaction that I gave back but I'm also going to stand up for myself."

Bumrah fine: Morkel

India had an injury scare when Jasprit Bumrah appeared to grab his adductor muscle while bowling but bowling coach Morne Morkel assured that it was just a cramp. PTI

"I felt like I navigated through his spells really, really well, and was able to get the quicks back at certain stages into that new ball."

India did not start well in their second innings when they came out to bat.

Pat Cummins dismissed KL Rahul (seven) caught behind with a steeping delivery, which the opener could only glove to Alex Carey.

Scott Boland struck with his first ball, dismissing Jaiswal, also caught behind, for 24 just when the batter was looking dangerous. A subdued Virat Kohli, who made 11, also fell to Boland in similar fashion. Shubman Gill made a fluent 28 before he had his stumps rearranged by Mitchell Starc, while Cummins bowled counterpart Rohit Sharma (six) to leave India reeling.

Pant played a couple of outrageous shots — sending the ball to the rope while tumbling himself — much to the amusement of the 51,642 fans. — Reuters

SCOREBOARD					
INDIA 1ST INNINGS		180			
AUSTRALIA 1ST INNINGS					
U Khawaja c Sharma b Bumrah		13			
N McSweeney c Pant b Bumrah		39			
M Labuschagne c Jaiswal b Reddy		64			
S Smith c Pant b Bumrah		2			
T Head b Siraj		140			
M Marsh c Pant b Ashwin		9			
A Carey c Pant b Siraj		15			
P Cummins b Bumrah		12			
M Starc c Rana b Siraj		18			
N Lyon not out		4			
S Boland b Siraj		0			
Extras: (B 13, LB 1, NB 7)		21			
Total: (All out, 87.3 overs)		337			
FOW: 1-24, 2-91, 3-103, 4-168, 5-208, 6-282, 7-310, 8-332, 9-332					
Bowling		O	M	R	W
Jasprit Bumrah		23	5	61	4
Mohammed Siraj		24.3	5	98	4
Harshit Rana		16	2	86	0
Nitish Kumar Reddy		6	2	25	1
Ravichandran Ashwin		18	4	53	1
INDIA 2ND INNINGS					
Y Jaiswal c Carey b Boland		24			
KL Rahul c Carey b Cummins		7			
S Gill b Starc		28			
V Kohli c Carey b Boland		11			
R Pant not out		28			
R Sharma b Cummins		6			
NK Reddy not out		15			
Extras: (B 5, LB 2, NB 2)		9			
Total: (5 wickets, 24 overs)		128			
FOW: 1-12, 2-42, 3-66, 4-86, 5-105					
Bowling		O	M	R	W
Mitchell Starc		9	0	49	1
Pat Cummins		8	0	33	2
Scott Boland		7	0	39	2

“It was a tough wicket to bat on and at certain stages, they bowled really well. Nice to take my luck where I got it and put the guys in a really good position fast-forwarding the score. At the moment, the game's got moving pretty quickly, but feels like we're in a great position. Travis Head

65.60

Head's batting average against India in Tests since 2023. He has accumulated 656 runs in 11 innings against India, with two centuries and two fifties. In contrast, against other opponents in the same period, he scored 701 runs in 23 innings at an average of 30.47, with a century and four fifties

11.83

Rohit Sharma's batting average in Tests for the 2024-25 season is the second lowest for a captain in a Test season with a minimum of 10 innings while batting in the top six. Rohit has been dismissed for a single digit in eight out of 12 innings this season, the joint second-most for a captain



Pat Cummins celebrates the dismissal of Rohit Sharma. AP/PTI

Shami to play last 2 Tests of Australia series

NEW DELHI: Senior India speedster Mohammed Shami is set to compete in the last two Tests of the ongoing series against Australia. While the Brisbane Test (from December 14) could be touch and go for the Bengal veteran, it is a foregone conclusion that he will be seen in Melbourne on Boxing Day (December 26) in the fourth Test. A source close to the cricketer said that the NCA "fitness certificate" will come very soon. "Shami's India kit has already been dispatched to Australia. He will complete Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 assignment and then leave," the source said. PTI



Manchester City's Erling Haaland scores their first goal against Crystal Palace. REUTERS

10-man City held by Palace

LONDON, DECEMBER 7 Manchester City's Rico Lewis bagged a second-half goal and then was shown a red card in the dying minutes as his team salvaged a point in a 2-2 Premier League draw with Crystal Palace at a wet and windy Selhurst Park on Saturday. Erling Haaland also scored for Pep Guardiola's City, who remained fourth in the league table on 27 points after 15 games, while Palace are 16th.

Daniel Munoz got Palace on the scoresheet in the fourth minute when he latched onto a pass from Will Hughes and slotted it into the far corner past Stefan Ortega. City equalised in the 30th when Haaland leapt to head home Matheus Nunes's long cross. Maxence Lacroix put Palace ahead against the run of play in the 56th minute when he leapt, completely unmarked,

to head in Hughes' corner in the 56th minute. But City drew even again in the 68th when Bernardo Silva threaded a beautiful through ball to Lewis, who emphatically fired home. City were reduced to 10 men in the 84th minute after Lewis picked up his second yellow for a tackle on Trevoh Chalobah.

A first-half strike by Colombian forward Jhon Duran was enough to give Aston Villa all the three points as they beat Southampton 1-0 in the Premier League at home on Saturday. Duran opened the scoring in the 24th minute, chasing down a long ball, capitalising on some sloppy defending by Southampton defenders Nathan Wood and Taylor Harwood-Bellis, before charging into the box and powering a finish past goalkeeper Joe Lumley.

While the visitors dominated

possession, they failed to register a single shot on target in the match, and Villa looked comfortable for the most part as they secured back-to-back victories.

Villa moved to fifth place in the standings with 25 points from 15 matches, while Southampton remain bottom with five points.

Bayern edge Heidenheim

Munich: Two second-half goals from substitute Jamal Musiala gave Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich a nervous 4-2 victory over visitors Heidenheim on Saturday as they increased their advantage to six points over second-placed Eintracht Frankfurt. In-form Musiala struck in the 56th minute, five minutes after coming on, to put Bayern 2-1 up before adding another in stoppage time. — Reuters

Focus on batting as India look to avoid series loss

BRISBANE, DECEMBER 7 A desperate India will need their under-fire batters to step up in the second Women's ODI against Australia here on Sunday, as the visitors aim to avoid yet another series loss Down Under.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA WOMEN'S ODI SERIES

India's batting woes continued as the tourists were bundled out for 100 in the series opener, leading to a demoralising five-wicket defeat, their heaviest in terms of balls remaining since ODIs were reduced to 50 overs a side.

India have never won a series Down Under and they will have their task cut out against a quality Australian side, which showed no signs of rust despite playing in the format after a gap of nine months.

On the other hand, it was the Indians who appeared under-prepared as the squad was unable to train together as some of the players were competing in domestic T20 tournaments while others played in the Women's Big Bash League.

Additionally, one of their two practice sessions here was washed out due to rain.

After opting to bat, the Indian batters were unable to capitalise on good batting conditions. They lost wickets at regular intervals, were unable to stitch partnerships, and were done in by Megan Schutt's brilliant spell with the new ball. — PTI

Gukesh plays out easy draw with black

CHESS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 7 Indian challenger D Gukesh yet again proved equal to the task with defending champion Ding Liren of China as the 10th game of the World Chess Championship match between them ended in a draw without much excitement here on Saturday.

It was by far the easiest of the game with black pieces for Gukesh as the position played itself out of a London system game wherein Ding took no risks and was also apparently happy with the drawn result.

The seventh consecutive draw — and eighth of the match — left both players on an identical tally of 5 points each, still shy of 2.5



D Gukesh and Ding Liren signed peace after 36 moves. PTI

points in order to win the championship.

The two players signed peace after 36 moves. Just four more classical games are left to be played in the \$2.5 million prize money championship and if a tied result happens after 14

rounds, there will be games under faster time control to determine the winner.

The 32-year-old Ding had won the opening game while the 18-year-old Gukesh had emerged victorious in the third game.

Liren continued with his

London system in the opening and came with a slight change early that left the pawn structure symmetrical. The tactic might have worked on another day but Gukesh for once decided not to press hard as black out of an equal position.

Gukesh, the youngest ever challenger, had his task cut out and he passed all the tests with flying colours. "With black to get a solid draw like this is always a good result. There are four more exciting games to go," Gukesh said. "It's obviously getting closer and closer but the thing is to play good games."

Ding said, "There's not much room to make mistakes, every loss will result in very bad situation. We need to be careful with every move." — PTI

England extend lead to 533 runs

WELLINGTON, DECEMBER 7 Gus Atkinson took a hat-trick as England coasted towards a dominant victory in the second Test against New Zealand on Saturday, reaching 378/5 at the close of play on Day 2 with an imposing lead of 533.

Most of the England batters thrived, with Jacob Bethell and Ben Duckett, who put on 187 for the second wicket, both falling in the 90s and first-innings centurion Harry Brook bagging a half century before departing for 55. Captain Ben Stokes came in to post a quickfire 35 alongside Joe Root, who



England's Gus Atkinson celebrates after taking a hat-trick. AP/PTI

gathered his 100th career half-century on his way to an unbeaten 73 at stumps.

Atkinson (4/31) and Brydon

Carse (4/46) earlier lit up the morning with some fine seam bowling to dismiss New Zealand for 125. — Reuters

SA keep noses ahead in 2nd Test

GOEBERHA, DECEMBER 7 Seamer Dane Paterson took a career-best 5/71 and Temba Bavuma was unbeaten on 48 as South Africa closed the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at 191/3 in their second innings on Saturday, a lead of 221 runs.

Paterson helped bowl Sri Lanka out for 328 in their first innings as they lost seven wickets for 67 runs against the South African new ball attack that was led superbly by the 35-year-old seamer. Captain Bavuma will resume on the fourth day with Tristan Stubbs (36 not out). — Reuters

No proposal for BRICS currency: EAM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7
A week after US President-elect Donald Trump threatened the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) of consequences if they moved away from the dollar as trade currency, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today said the BRICS countries have no interest in weakening the US dollar at all.

He was speaking at an event in Qatar's capital Doha on Saturday. The minister said: "I am not exactly sure what was the trigger for it (Trump's reaction) but we've always said that India has never been for de-dollarisation. Right now, there is no proposal to have a BRICS currency."

He explained how countries in BRICS don't have an identical position on the issue. His remarks came a week after Donald Trump demanded that BRICS member countries must commit not to create a new currency or support another currency that would replace the dollar or face

India has no intention to weaken US dollar, says Jaishankar at Doha Forum



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at a panel discussion on 'Conflict Resolution in a New Era' in Doha. PTI

100 per cent tariffs.

In a post on the social platform 'Truth Social' on November 30, Trump wrote, "We demand a commitment from these countries that they will neither create a new BRICS currency nor support any alternative currency to replace the mighty US dollar, or they will face 100 per cent tariffs."

On Friday, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das also clarified that India had not taken any concrete steps towards de-dollarisation and the primary focus had been on de-risking domestic trade from potential geo-political disruptions.

Jaishankar also called for "more innovative and partic-

ipative diplomacy" and said the needle was moving towards the reality of negotiations rather than the continuation of the war between Russia and Ukraine.

He is in Doha to participate in the Doha Forum at the invitation of Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman. He was

addressing a panel along with the Qatari Prime Minister and Norway's Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide.

He said India was walking the talk, by going to Moscow, talking to President Vladimir Putin, going to Kyiv, engaging President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and transparently carrying messages to each other.

India, Russia defence ministers to meet in Moscow on Dec 10

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who will be on an official visit to Russia from December 8-10 will meet his counterpart Andrey Belousov. They will co-chair the 21st meeting of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC).

The Ministry of Defence said, "The two leaders will review the entire range of multi-faceted relations between the two countries in the field of defence, including military-to-military and industrial cooperation".

In the run-up to the meeting, officials from the two sides had met in Moscow on Friday. The Russian Defence Ministry said Colonel General Aleksandr Fomin, Deputy Minister of Defence, held a meeting with the Indian Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar.

The Russian Defence Ministry said, "In the course of the conversation, the parties discussed in detail the topical



Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar with Russian Defence Ministry officials in Moscow. TRIBUNE PHOTO

issues of bilateral cooperation in the military and military-technical spheres, and reiterated their focus on further strengthening of specialised cooperation in the spirit of a particularly privileged strategic partnership".

Sources said India was expected to take up the issue of delivery timelines of the S-400 air defence missiles, two of the units are still to be delivered. In October 2018, India signed a \$5.4 billion deal, that set the full delivery schedule till 2024. However, with Rus-

sia's conflict with Ukraine delayed, the final two units are expected next year.

Singh will also commission the Indian Navy's latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate 'INS Tushil' at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad on Dec 9. Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tipathi will accompany Rajnath Singh for the commissioning ceremony. Singh will pay tributes at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow to honour the Soviet soldiers killed during the Second World War.

SC asks states, UTs to list number of homeless persons, facilities for winter

SATYA PRAKASH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7
The Supreme Court has asked states and union territories (UTs) to file affidavits giving details of the number of homeless persons and how they plan to accommodate them during winter. "Taking into consideration the larger issue involved in this matter, we request R Venkatramani, Attorney General of India to assist this court," a Bench led by Justice BR Gavai said.

"Considering the importance of the matter and the urgency involved, the secretaries of the concerned departments in the state/UTs may ensure that appropriate affidavits with all relevant information(s), as directed, are duly filed before the next date of hearing," the Bench said, posting the matter for further hearing on December 19.

While hearing a PIL filed by ER Kumar and another peti-



NEXT HEARING ON DECEMBER 19

Considering the importance of the matter and the urgency involved, the secretaries of the concerned departments in the state/UTs may ensure that appropriate affidavits with all relevant information(s), as directed, are duly filed before the next date of hearing, SC Bench

tioner, the top court asked the states and UTs to furnish details of the facilities available for accommodating persons without shelter, the number of persons who can be accommodated in such facilities, the estimated number of persons requiring such facilities and how they planned to deal with a situation where more shelters were needed.

In its December 4 order, the Bench directed the Delhi Urban Shelter Improve-

ment Board (DUSIB) to file a similar affidavit. It also asked the DUSIB to specify if persons living in temporary shelters at Yamuna Pushta and Sarai Kale Khan had been accommodated.

On behalf of the petitioner, advocate Prashant Bhushan told the Bench that there was inadequacy of shelters and the condition of many of the shelters was not good. He said the total capacity of shelters across Delhi was only 17,000 even as the required number

was more than two lakh. As the Bench told the Attorney General that since the relevant scheme lapsed in 2018, it had not been renewed and the aspect of funding from the Centre also needed to be looked at, Venkataramani said that a new scheme was being proposed.

The Bench suggested that assistance from corporate houses could be sought under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme.

Three held in Manipur arms smuggling case

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested three persons from Mizoram in a trans-border arms ammunition trafficking case.

The arrest of the accused, Lalrinchhunga, Vanlaldailova and Lalmanpuia, came after extensive searches at six locations in Mizoram. The trio were found linked with the previously arrested accused and suspects. They were actively involved in the trafficking of explosives, weapons and ammunitions. The target locations, in Mammit, Serchip and Aizawl districts, included a gun house. A large number of weapons, ammunitions, explosives, weapons manufacturing equipment and tools, digital devices and other incriminating articles were seized during the searches. I

It was a part of the NIA's ongoing investigations in the case which the agency had registered at New Delhi in December, 2023. NIA had started investigating the matter on the basis of inputs that some Mizoram-based entities were engaged in an illegal business and running a syndicate involved in the trafficking of arms and ammunition.



The national flag was hoisted on a 108-foot-high mast at Laungewala, along Pakistan border in Rajasthan. PTI

Flag hoisted at Laungewala to commemorate 1971 battle

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 7
The Indian Army commemorated the battle of Laungewala fought during the India-Pakistan war of 1971 by unfurling the national flag atop a 108-feet high mast at the Laungewala Yuddh Sthal in Rajasthan today. It marks the anniversary of the

battle that saw a company (120 men) of the 23rd battalion of the Punjab Regiment hold back about 40 tanks and a Pakistani Brigade of some 2500 troops. The Indian Air Force had then sent in its planes which then bombed the Pakistan Army.

The installation of the flag was made possible through the joint efforts of the Indian

Army and the Flag Foundation of India.

The event was graced by war veterans, including Naik Jagdev Singh and Hav Mukhtiyar Singh from 23 Punjab, who participated in this epic battle 53 years ago. They were also joined by eight other 1971 war veterans from Jaisalmer district. Amongst those present at the function were members from the Indian Air Force, Border Security Force, civil administration and the local community. A war memorial at the actual battle site of Laungewala has become a famous tourist destination, attracting lakhs of visitors.



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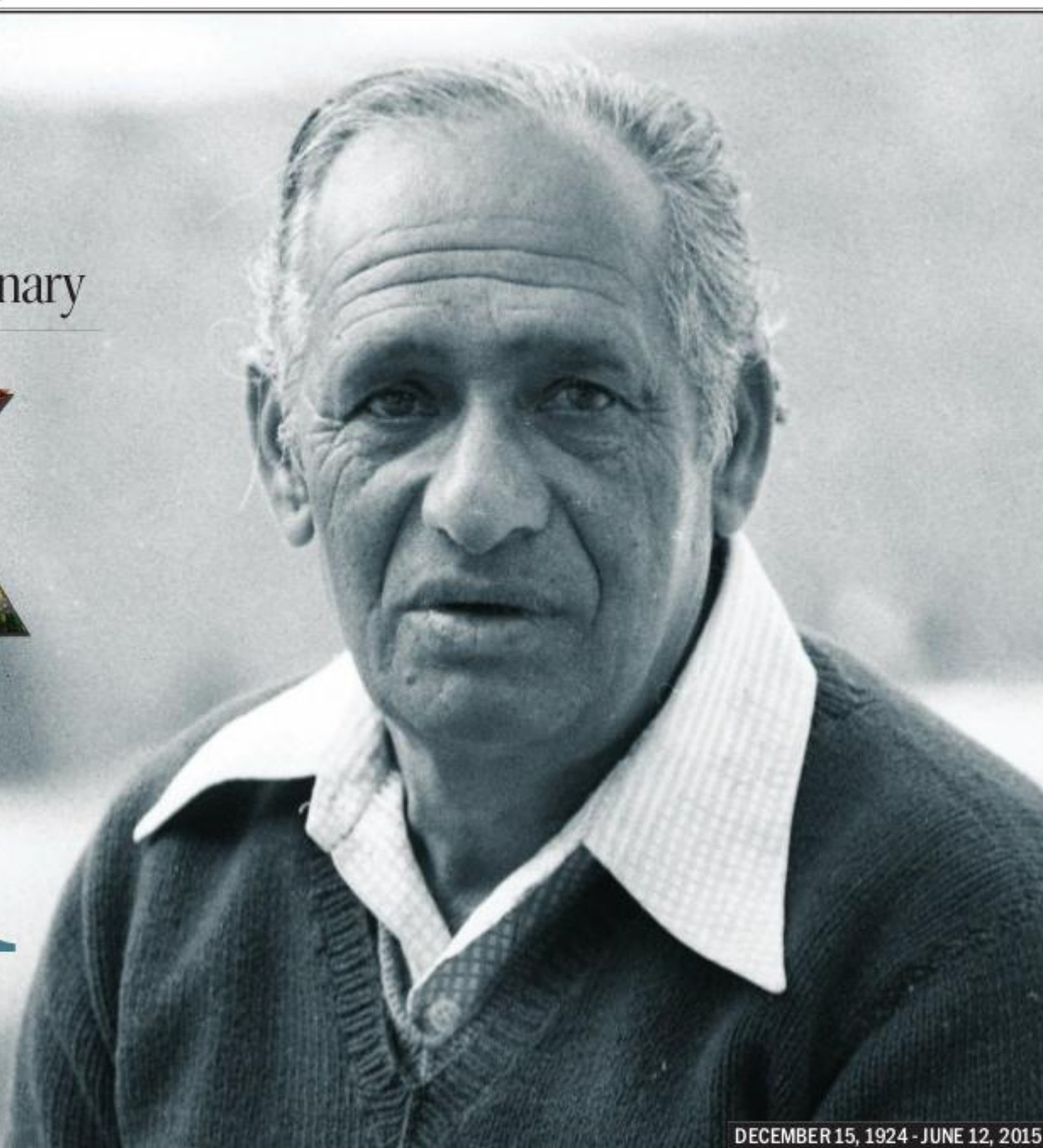
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Remembering Nek Chand on his birth centenary

ROCK STAR



Nek Chand demonstrated how art can transform urban spaces and engage communities. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: YOG JOY

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NEELAM MANSINGH CHOWDHRY

WHEN I moved to Chandigarh from Bhopal in 1984, I was invariably asked two questions — had I visited Nek Chand's Rock Garden and had I met Dr BN Goswamy? Both represented the leitmotif of excellence for the city, and were part of its heartbeat. Dr Goswamy had been my teacher and played a special role in moulding me. On the other hand, I wasn't curious to explore Nek Chand's Rock Garden, as in my mind's eye, it conjured up images of immovable rocks and boulders. When I eventually visited the place, to say I was gobsmacked by its awe-inspiring scale and the boundless imagination of its creator would be an understatement. Its undulating pathways, its whimsical figurines and waterfalls had me wonderstruck.

Soon after, the Rock Garden became an extension of my home and an everyday *chakkar* to it and *chai* with Nek Chand became mandatory.

The first time I met Nek Chand was at his office within the precincts of the gardens. In the courtyard leading to his office, mounds of misshaped rocks and stones, and broken pieces of debris seemed to suggest the detritus of a forgotten civilisation, reminiscent of an archaeological site.

Inside, the walls of his office were lined with non-functioning clocks, musty memorabilia and sepia-coloured photographs and certificates haphazardly hung like a surreal installation. These artefacts were covered with a gossamer of cobwebs, adding to the feeling of being in a dusty cave.

Working with the government as a road inspector, in his mid-thirties, Nek Chand would pedal his way after work to

the city's governmental dump. This garbage-littered abundance became the sub-soil of his existence. Sifting through piles of broken plates, shards of glass, defunct bulbs, cracked sanitaryware — the fragments of waste which had been rejected and thrown from offices and homes nurtured his imagination.

Transforming waste materials into works of art, by recycling, added to the possibilities of building an oppositional space in the well-planned city of Chandigarh, a direct contrast to the formalised rigidity of Le Corbusier's architecture.

But let us for a moment imagine a young man, slightly built with well-oiled hair, cycling under the cover of darkness towards a mountain of industrial waste, home waste and discarded items, the flotsam and jetsam of the city. There, illuminated by a single bulb or a burning tyre, he hammered and fashioned magical figurines from stuff that had been thrown out. This lean man, burrowing through the city's discard, gathering the waste as raw material and escaping surveillance is mystifying. How the authorities missed the interlinked courtyards, the water bodies, the flora and fauna and the sculptural array of figurines for two decades is puzzling. The trucks that came to dump garbage must have noticed this unusual activity, how come they did not report the matter?

Was Nek Chand an innocent? Did he not in any way recognise the seriousness of his action, as even garbage and dumping grounds belong to the government? Or was the creative impulse so strong and powerful that caution was thrown aside? Who knows! If one had to study the history of Chandigarh, the starting point for me would be the Rock Garden. In a certain way, it subverted the idea of a well-planned city, and became a place where you could dream, sing, paint and reflect. In my heart, I was convinced that despite his modest demeanour, there hid in Nek Chand a closeted anarchist, who

threw a cultural bomb on the city — by creating an alternative universe.

His nocturnal activities remained unknown until 1973. A chance visit by the anti-malaria team brought the matter into the public eye. At the time of its discovery, his garden had expanded to 12 acres. Recognising its cultural and artistic value, local authorities decided to support and fund its continuation.

No template can parallel Nek Chand's magical kingdom. Here was a magician and a poet who transformed objects from waste with a tongue-in-cheek playfulness

But before that, he had to face a fusillade of allegations, from cheating to fraud, with the more serious charges of tampering with governmental property. This was truly the drama of the absurd.

The progressive MS Randhawa, an art historian, botanist and the then Commissioner of Chandigarh, saw a garbage dump transformed into a magical garden, and recognised its immense potential that would add to the city's cultural and artistic scene. His support led to the legitimising of the garden and its creator.

The Rock Garden epitomises a fresh approach to modernism. Nek Chand's work disturbed the monolithic singularity, through which modernity is viewed, by providing an alternative viewpoint. A huge achievement for a man who functioned outside the networks of art school, formal art training or gallery patronage.

Nek Chand opened a dialogue within me. Questions of how we look at trash flooded my consciousness. What happens to material that no one wants anymore? Do used

objects carry their own history? How did Nek Chand get an epiphany in the midst of dereliction? His story reads like a 'rags to riches saga' and could be read as a racy thriller. Nek Chand is also acclaimed for his role in environmental art and in the recycling movement. He demonstrated how art can transform urban spaces and engage communities. His vision and creativity also underscored the values of sustainability and resource reuse.

Most of my work I did in Chandigarh was showcased in the open-air stage located in Phase I of the Rock Garden. The porous coal rocks used to build this amphitheatre created a natural acoustics system. The entry to the stage was through a narrow, winding staircase, making the entry and exit extremely dramatic. The elevated platform at the far right became a perfect space for the musicians to sit, with branches of the bamboo tree providing a natural canopy. A shallow pond at the end of the stage added to the overall ambience.

I claimed the theatre as mine and it is to Nek Chand's credit that not once did he burst my illusionary bubble of ownership. 'Tussi malik ho, jad jee chahe aayo (You are the owner, come whenever you wish)' was his answer. He not only made me and my cast and crew feel welcomed, but also provided endless cups of tea and platefuls of *pakoras* in the middle of the night.

Like a rag-tag army, we would arrive weeks before the show and exult in our good fortune to have this magnificent space all to ourselves after the garden was emptied of its daily visitors. Rehearsal schedules can be fairly chaotic and Nek Chand was always there, no matter how late or cold it may have been. Invisible and non-assertive, he sat on the edge of a parapet, observing, non-intrusive but alert. Yes, he was indeed 'the master of the manor'.

Despite its magnificent atmosphere, the amphitheatre comes with a whole set of problems. Perhaps this is the reason why it lies unused most of the time. Everything has to be hired. Lighting grids, generator, fumigation, cushions for the seating along with battling the sudden

appearance of creepy crawlies.

The zig-zag pebbled narrow pathway can be dangerous as the rush of people before a show creates its own problems, especially when the vagaries of weather lead to unexpected showers or a storm. Despite these impediments, the alchemy of water, rock and foliage creates magic that cannot be found in any theatre of the world.

The journey through the Rock Garden is filled with surprises, giving one a sense of being on a pilgrimage. The low arches, the varied textures, the eclectic mix of figures, animals, objects, plants, grassy tracts, majestic waterfalls, wishing wells, guards and policemen — with meanings sometimes difficult to decode, but each person can create her own narrative. Experience the diverse texture and smell the aroma from the trees that have been planted with an intuitive understanding of ecology and horticulture.

It is difficult to create any analysis of Nek Chand's work, as no template can parallel his magical kingdom. He created his own context and references. He was a magician and a poet who transformed beautiful and delicate objects from waste with a tongue-in-cheek playfulness. I could see qualities of a Henri Matisse in some of his dancing figures, and his elongated women reminded me of women in Amedeo Modigliani's paintings. Nek Chand's use of material was post-modernistic, yet the fact that he was never acknowledged in the pantheon of Modern Art in India is a question that needs to be asked repeatedly and in all seriousness.

When I think of Nek Chand, I think of Auguste Rodin's 'The Thinker'. The sculpture makes us reflect on the meanings we assign to our lives and the choices we make. I can see Nek Chand sitting on a huge boulder in grand isolation, surrounded by infinite emptiness, mixing water and cement to make astonishing figures and animals from the relics of civilisations.

— The writer is a Chandigarh-based theatre director



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'Mirzapur Season 3' writer Avinash Tomar (R) at a session at the Dehradun Crime Literature Festival.



Fact, fiction & crime writing addiction

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

AS the three-day Crime Literature Festival in Dehradun drew to a close on December 1, an elderly man who had been listening attentively to the discussions asked Zeishan Quadri, writer of the cult classic 'Gangs of Wasseypur', a burning question: "Since I heard about this festival, I've been curious. What kind of pleasure or catharsis do you get from writing and editing gory, heart-wrenching crime stories?"

Zeishan, quick-witted as always, replied without missing a beat, "We write what we see happening around us. As for pleasure, I can't say, but there's certainly good money in the crime genre." Zeishan, who famously portrayed the character of 'Definite' in 'Gangs of Wasseypur 2', probably best summed up the growing popularity (and monetary returns) of crime writing.

A unique concept and a brainchild of former Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar, the second edition of the festival brought together writers of true and fictional crime stories from all over the country, along with celebrated cops who have busted criminals.

The festival saw intense conversations with Prakash Jha of 'Gangaajal' and 'Apaharan' fame; Avinash Singh Tomar, who wrote the third season of the 'Mirzapur' web series; Anubhav Sinha of 'Thappad' fame; and sessions on cybercrime and Punjab gangsters, especially Lawrence Bishnoi.

The highlight of the festival was the lifetime award given to 84-year-old Surender Mohan Pathak, India's best-selling crime fiction writer. Often referred to as the Indian version of Sherlock Holmes, Pathak has penned more than 300 novels.

Pathak, who hails from Khemkaran in Punjab and is settled in New Delhi, said the increase in books on crime is reflective of the high crime rate. "I started my journey with translations of detective novels by Western writers like Agatha Christie. Later, I started writing my own detective series. I still write on paper. With age, my speed has slowed down, but I can't resist writing. I do it daily," he added.

Prakash Jha, the acclaimed filmmaker, set the tone for the festival in his inauguration speech by asking who came first — the

police or the criminal? He emphasised that "crime is part of our culture, only the form changes". Jha, who like many others faced resistance in getting his films cleared, said, "In our country, society is stronger than the State. A small group of people easily shakes the State with protests."

Jha said crime books and films are difficult projects. "You have to be perfect. I worked on the script of 'Gangaajal' for eight years and rewrote it 13 times. I even paid people to read and critique it."

Avinash Tomar, who earned fame for 'Mirzapur Season 3', said he just wrote what he saw happening around him. "Crime stories are not just about the crime itself, but about the human condition and societal reactions," he pointed out, adding that "writing crime stories is about exploring the darker side of human nature; every crime has a story, and every story has a lesson".

Ashok Kumar, the festival chairman, highlighted the broader mission of the event — "it is not merely a celebration of storytelling, it's a movement to educate, inspire and create a more aware society."

Siddhant Arora, whose extended family has run bookstores in Pakistan, Ferozepur, Dehradun and several other cities, said the festival aims to bring people back to books.

Another session, 'Remembering Vijay Raman: The gentleman cop who eliminated dacoit Paan Singh Tomar', paid tribute to the late officer's remarkable legacy. His wife, Bina Raman from Pune, spoke about the selfless work of the police officer.

Acclaimed filmmaker Anubhav Sinha, known for films like 'Article 15', 'Thappad' and 'Mulk', explored how cinema serves as a lens for societal transformation in a conversation with festival director Alok Lal.

In a session titled 'Invisible scars: Exploring crimes against men', Deepika Bhargava and Karan Oberoi highlighted the often overlooked and ignored issues faced by men, sparking meaningful discussions.

IPS officer Varun Singla was honoured for leading a cyber crackdown in Haryana, while Inspector Dharendra Shekhawat of Rajasthan Police was felicitated for solving the rape of a two-year-old girl despite opposition from the family and the village.

A crime writing lit fest does look a bit odd, but given the huge interest, it fits the bill.

GURUPDESH SINGH

IN what we call the golden era of Hindi film music, Shailendra stood tall among the galaxy of established songwriters like Sahir Ludhianvi, Majrooh Sultanpuri, Kaifi Azmi and Shakeel Badayuni. All of them, besides being film lyricists, were also Urdu poets of repute. Shailendra, on the other hand, was more of a Hindi composer and practised his art in folksy Hindustani, which shows in his ever-green songs like 'Mera joota hai Japani', 'Piya tose naina lage re' and 'Sajanwa bairi ho gaye hamaar'. Appreciating his poetic talent, Gulzar confirmed that Shailendra was a quintessential lyricist unlike Sahir, who was basically a poet of nazms.

Having lived a dark life of extreme poverty in his early years and of riches and high popularity in later years, Shailendra had seen a lot of emotional highs and lows. He became, therefore, a poet of multiple moods; above all, of intense longing. Love, which is the staple of all films, consumed much of his poetic energy and gave us some of the most memorable songs. If 'Pyar hua iqar hua' shows the feeling of trepidation in love and 'Ye mera divanapan hai' the intensity of love, then 'Dindhal jaye hai raat na jaye' portrays the pangs of separation and 'Toote huye khwabon ne' the failure of love.

His longing for perfect love and a good life is best summed up in songs like 'Ye raat theegi bheegi', 'Kisi ki muskurahat pe honisat' and 'Dil ki girah khol do'.

Besides romantic songs, Shailendra also wrote of filial love, religious devotion, patriotism and traditional faith. Remember his lullaby in film 'Brahmachari', the rakhhi song in 'Chhoti Behen', prayer in 'Seema', farewell song to a patriot in 'Bandini', and that lyrical contemplation 'Vahan kyun hai tera' in 'Guide'. But the romantic in him often turned factual when he wrote about the plight of the common man, his hopes and longings. 'Dil ka haal suno diiwala' is one such example which has an oblique reference to his old hungry days and the premature loss of his sister.

Incidentally, the *dafti* that Raj Kapoor plays in this song is a replication of what Shailendra used to do in his younger days. 'Chhota sa ghar hoga' is a picture of his childhood longing for better days. But the one I like most is the song from 'Ujala': 'Suraj zara aa paas aa'. That a genial and ironical portrayal of hunger! The story goes that Shailendra used to smoke *bidis* to dispel the spasms of hunger so that his children could have at least one meal a day.

These songs are not only a reflection of his personal but also of political life. Right through the days he moved from Rawalpindi to Mathura and then to Bombay, he was a brooding thinker that ultimately made him a poet of social consciousness. He joined Gandhi's Quit India Movement and was jailed briefly. Later, in Bombay, he also became a small-time labour union leader and participated in the cultural activities of IPTA (Indian Progressive Theatre Association).

The slogan 'Har zor zulm ki takkar mein hartal hamara naara hai', which is popular even today, is his creation. During all this time, he continued publishing his politically-motivated poems in Hindi magazines and attending poetical symposiums. It was at one of these *mushairas* where he read his poem 'Jalta hai Punjab' that he had a chance encounter with Raj Kapoor.

Raj Kapoor and Shailendra's friend-

Intense emotions couched in simple language defined Shailendra's songs. A tribute on his death anniversary, which falls on December 14

QUINTESSENTIAL LYRICIST



(Above) Shailendra with Talat Mahmood, Lata Mangeshkar and Salil Chowdhury; and (left) the lyricist with Dilip Kumar and Indra Gandhi.

PHOTOS COURTESY: DINESH SHANKAR SHAILENDRA



ship is legendary (strangely, the day Shailendra died was RK's birthday). But it was not a professional partnership alone; it was an ideological joint venture. Both had kindred hearts that throbbed for the downtrodden and the underprivileged. Back in the '50s and '60s, empathising with the poor, asking for their honour and equality and fighting against the system that exploits them was politically labelled as progressive. We had, therefore, a whole generation of artists and poets who belonged to this stream of thought and worked in this direction. The stories of Raj Kapoor's poor, innocent, at times terrified, heroes with a somewhat clownish demeanour were a metaphor for an average exploited common man. Shailendra happened to be the ideal translator of these human conditions into popular lyrics. His progressive mindset was pre-fertilised to produce a hybrid crop of protest, humanitarian love and social change.

Before joining the soft and romantic caravan of Hindi films, Shailendra was a hard-hitting revolutionary poet. That is why he initially refused to write for Raj Kapoor's films. Due to his early death, most of his work remained unpublished. In 2013 came a brief anthology of his poems titled *Andar Ki Aag*, that showcases his spirit of angst and longing

for a revolutionary change. In these poems, he makes a scathing attack on capitalists, the corrupt and hypocrite leaders who exploit the poor, and draws poignant pictures of poor labourers, farmers and soldiers. He is particularly hard on the post-Independence India that shows no signs of change or respect for its patriots. In one poem, he urges Bhagat Singh not to return to India as patriots were still being executed. In others, he cries against Partition and the violence that preceded and followed it.

The title poem of this anthology wallows in the same mood of disappointment as Faiz's 'Ye daag daagujala'. Yet, there are poems in this collection that show courage and hope like 'Kal hamara hai'. It translates as: 'Though the heart is sinking because of the prevailing darkness, but sure there is light beyond this night. Every sea ends up at a shore, we will have our day tomorrow.' These sentiments and images were later re-enacted in the song 'Rahi tu ruk mat jaana' from 'Door Gagan ki Chhaon Mein'.

Shailendra's songs have an enchanting beauty of intense emotions couched in simple language; that is why they touch a million hearts even today. Even Javed Akhtar confirms, "Shailendra is one of the many suns from which I borrowed light".

— The writer is a retired professor of English at GNDU, Amritsar

CAPTION CONTEST 1488

VISHAL KUMAR



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Swadeshi satvik Christmas treat



FOOD TALK
PUSHPESH PANT

WHEN Christmas comes, can cakes be far behind? As a matter of fact, the preparation for the rich Xmas plum puddings, chocolate-topped Christmas cakes, decorated with snow made from icing, complete with the log of wood and miniature Christmas tree, and maybe, a likeness of Santa clad in his red garb, are part of the Yuletide spirit. These days, there aren't many who prepare the puddings and cakes at home, but in our childhood, much of the excitement was sharing the chores of soaking dried fruits in rum and mixing these with breadcrumbs and flour and candied peels weeks before the Bada Din.

Every morsel and crumb is as tasty as the traditional recipe

Times have changed. Believe it or not, there are as many lovers of 'eggless plum pudding' that eschews the intoxicating rum as there are of the traditional stuff!

There has been a long tradition of baking in India. Bernier, the French physician who came to India during Shah Jahan's reign, commented adversely on the squalour of the environs where bakeries in Delhi operated, but none can deny the skill of local bakers who created cake-like breads in Delhi and Lucknow. Indian bak-

ers learnt the art of decorating cakes for festive occasions from not only the British, but also the French, Dutch and the Portuguese.

We have great pleasure in sharing the 'swadeshi satvik' version of the classic.

EGGLESS CHRISTMAS CAKE

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INGREDIENTS	
■ All-purpose flour	1/2 cup
■ Fresh breadcrumbs	1/2 cup
■ Assorted dried fruits	1 cup
■ Orange juice	3/4 cup
■ Curd	1 tbsp
■ Oil	1/2 tbsp
■ Butter (to grease the bowl)	1 tbsp
■ Baking powder	1/4 tsp
■ Baking soda	1/8 tsp
■ Vanilla essence	1/2 tsp
■ Sugar	1/2 cup
■ Sweet spice mix powder	1/2 tsp

METHOD	
■ Soak the dried fruits in orange juice for a day or two. Prepare the caramel syrup. First heat a saucepan and melt sugar on it on medium flame. Do not stir. When it turns golden, stop cooking. Add water and let the mixture boil for about 5 seconds. Take off the flame and set aside. Mix the flour, breadcrumbs in a bowl, along with baking powder and baking soda. Whisk well. Add sweet spice mix and whisk again. Add the soaked dried fruits at this stage.	
■ Put in the curd, oil and vanilla essence. Add this mixture to the flour and blend using a spatula. Take an oven safe/heatproof bowl. Grease the bowl with a generous measure of butter. Transfer the caramel syrup to the baking bowl. Pour the pudding mixture into the bowl.	



Cover the bowl with a butter paper greased with butter. Cover with aluminium foil. Secure it with a string.

- For steaming, you may use an *idli* steamer, if at hand, or the good-old pressure cooker. First, place a plate inside the cooker, then pour about 6 cups of water. Now place the bowl with the pudding in it. Close with a lid, and steam cook without pressure for about 2 hours.
- In between, check the water level and add water accordingly. Check after 1 hour, 30 minutes, then proceed.
- To check if the pudding is done, insert a knife or a fork in the centre of the pudding. If it comes out clean, then the pudding is done. Otherwise, steam for a few minutes more.
- Remove from the flame, and place on a rack to rest for at least 15 minutes. Loosen the pudding by sliding a sharp knife along the sides. Place a plate on top, and carefully invert. Slice and serve when completely cool.

Every morsel and crumb is as tasty as the traditional recipe! We owe this recipe to Poonam Kirola, a home chef with a penchant for baking eggless stuff.

Merry Christmas!



Somewhere in Tamil Nadu.



A view of Qutub Minar from Mehrauli.



A football game, Delhi.

The camera was his constant companion, but it was a passionate indulgence that graphic artist Surinder Singh Chandhok seldom cared to share with the rest. His son, Gurvinder Singh, an award-winning filmmaker, rediscovers a wealth of negatives that stand out for their observational quality

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

THE camera was literally a box with two lenses, one above the other, protruding out a little from its body. It had a brown leather case which, when removed, gave access to the back compartment where the film was loaded. A metal cover on top, when opened, revealed a cloudy glass on which, as if by magic, the camera displayed what it saw. Rotating the dial on the right side of the box brought the image into focus. The image which formed on the glass did not feel like anything that bare eyes saw. It had a grainy texture and a dreamy quality, condensing the view into the tiny square glass.

That was my earliest memory of opening and looking through, what I learnt much later, was a 'twin lens reflex' camera. Playing with the unloaded camera, I learnt how to project a tiny square moving image onto a wall through the camera. The back cover had to be opened and the camera held close to a wall with its back towards the wall. Those were perhaps the first 'unrecorded videos' I made. The trees outside the room would gently sway in that tiny coloured image on the wall. A still camera had been turned into a video camera in those pre-digital times.

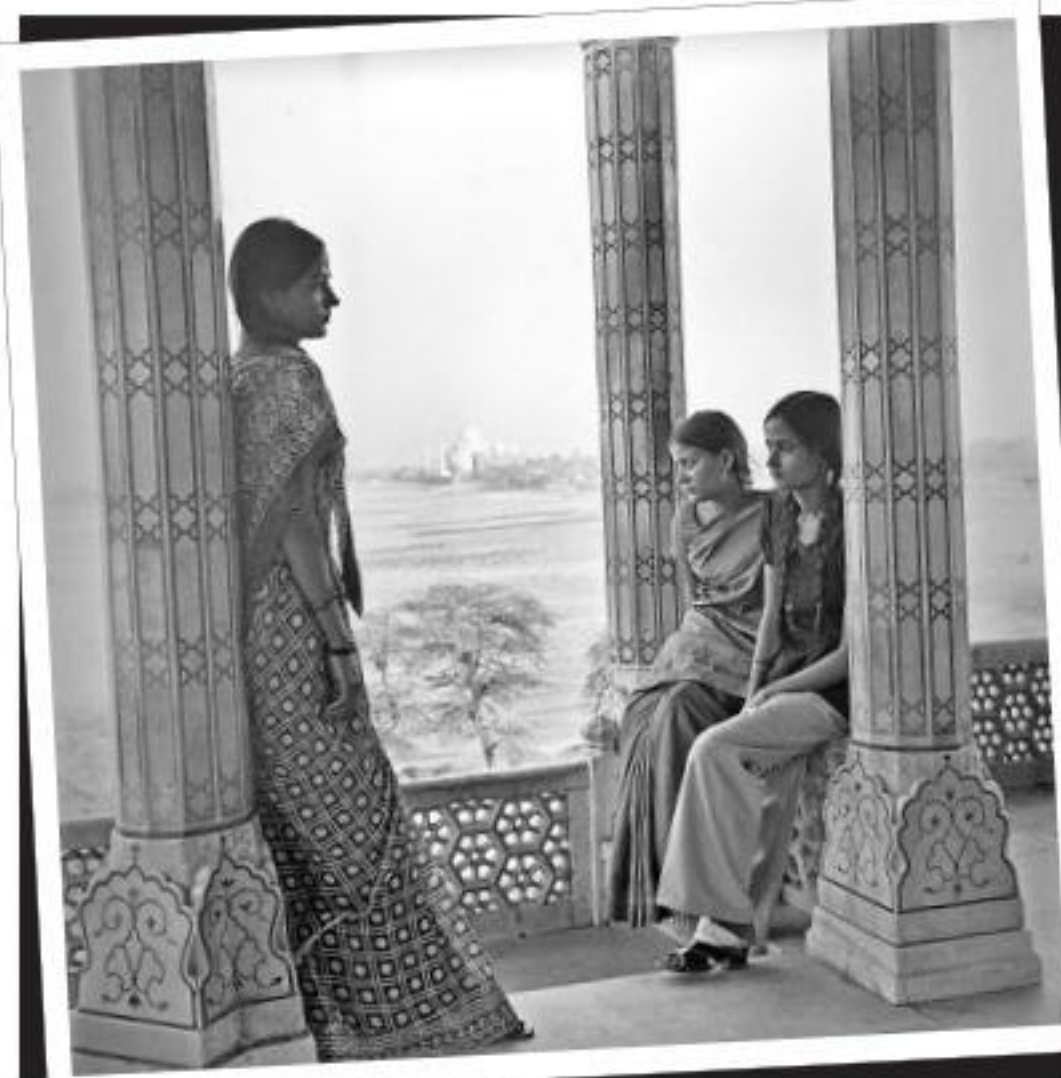
My father told us that he had purchased the camera from the scholarship money he got in the first year as a student at the Delhi College of Art (then Delhi Polytechnic) in 1962. For a princely sum of 600 rupees. And when he passed away in 2021, he left behind hundreds of negatives that he had exposed with the camera. A majority of them being photographs of family, but also many that he took while travelling to different parts of India as a student, from Agra to Bombay to Kerala. He did not get most of those negatives printed, I am sure due to the expensive nature of printing photos. While I grew up looking at the family portraits, the others remained mostly unseen.

Digitally scanning through the negatives now, most of them still in good condition, I am able to better comprehend him not just as a photographer, but also as a person. The act of photographing was perhaps more important for him than the display of results. In that sense, he was not projecting himself as an artist, but as someone for whom the act of looking at and capturing the life he was traversing through held special significance as an experience, the memory of which could be relived through these captures.

One can debate the artistic worth of these photographs, but they capture a feel of the places as he saw them, mostly in the 1960s and '70s. He is acutely aware of the quality of light and forms of objects and structures in his subjects. And combined with perspective, they convey an observational quality and a relationship with the outside world that is more than ordinary.

In the times of Instagram, where an image is made available to a global viewer the instant it is clicked, for these images to lie hidden in a deep slumber for all these decades, with no yearning of being seen, is a testimony to the sea change the world has seen in the short span of a person's lifetime. Changes which are continuously accelerated for us to keep pace with or to try and fathom.

— Gurvinder Singh directed 'Anhey Ghorhey Da Daan'



Three Sisters: Gurvinder Singh's mother (sitting in saree) at the Agra Fort with her two sisters, overlooking the Taj Mahal. PHOTOGRAPHS BY SURINDER SINGH CHANDHOK (1945-2021)



Lal Bahadur Shastri's funeral procession passing through Connaught Place, Delhi, on January 13, 1966.



Surinder Singh Chandhok, when he was a student, holding his camera.

New Delhi's Gallery Espace celebrates 35 years of being with an exhibition of works by artists who've been integral to its journey

Collective achievement

MONICA ARORA

TO celebrate 35 epochal years of its existence, Gallery Espace has launched a seminal exhibition titled 'Memory Fields', showcasing the works of 38 eminent Indian artists who've been instrumental in driving the gallery's vision and evolution.

Curator Gayatri Sinha has put together artworks by stalwarts such as MF Husain, Manjit Bawa, Nilima Sheikh, Manjunath Kamath and GR Iranna, along with creations by contemporary artists.

Interestingly, when Gallery Espace was founded by Renu Modi in 1989, its debut was marked by an exhibition of autobiographical watercolours by Husain. He is also credited with designing the gallery's galloping horse logo, reminiscent of his seminal horse series.

On giving space to upcoming contemporary artists along with the stalwarts, Sinha shares: "The idea was to go small with larger reputations and big with the younger lot of artists, some of whom are very successful. Take, for instance, the Husain furniture drawings. These are from his personal notebook and are intimate and smaller in nature,

yet reveal the hand of the master. Along with larger works by younger artists like Sudarshan Shetty and Manjunath Kamath, or Sheetal Gattani and Mekhala Bahl amongst the women artists, these form an interesting mix. The purpose is to challenge the viewers to interpret the evolution of artworks from domestic studios to heavy commercial productions. As one goes around the display, one keeps moving from these smaller to larger pieces in a pattern of sorts."

The star of this eclectic display is Kamath's earthy sculpture, a recreation of historical and ancient Indian nuances of *bhakti rasa*. The two vertical slices of the monumental sculpture depict a seated human's back with an intricate plait on one side, with the other half facing it featuring a hand at the back.

Bawa's works include a collection of monochromes. One can view the magnificent unfinished 'Devi' as well as the larger-than-life image of the monk. Known for his depiction of bulls and Lord Krishna, the monk's black and white image seems to be an amalgamation of all his themes intrinsically linked to mythology. It compels onlookers to delve deeper within and meditate on the Sufi and spiritual aspects of this great artist's oeuvre.

India's master of abstract Jagdish Swaminathan occupies pride of place. Amongst his

monochromes on display, the 'Portrait of Bhavani' from the 1950s features his wife, an example of his ability to depict feminine beauty in all its glory. His portrait of author Nirmal Verma is a gentle reminder of his command over lines and strokes.

It is enamouring to see the display veer between some hitherto unseen works of maestros to the younger lot of artists — from Amit Ambalal's 'Take Off' series comprising monkey portraits in vibrant colours to Chitra Ganesh's relief work on Okwara paper, depicting a feline figure.

Printmaker Anupam Sud dwells upon people and their physicality. The propensity could perhaps be attributed to her father's fondness for body-building. The artist's works are also influenced by her close association with artist Somnath Hore as well as her interest in theatre, classical music, detective novels and so on. It is no surprise that her artworks revolve around humans who appear to be both majestic and yet full of mystery. For instance, her 1986 creation, 'Dialogue IV', features two individuals engrossed in deep conversation. It creates a sense of wonder in the minds of the audience as to what could these two be debating upon.

As gallerist Renu Modi articulates, "This exhibition explores how memory shapes



'Fugue State Dreams, Headmistress'. By Chitra Ganesh.



'Mountain of Pride III' by Dilip Chobisa. PHOTOS COURTESY: GALLERY ESPACE

our understanding of self and society, featuring work by some of India's most distinguished contemporary artists."

The exhibition is on view at Bikaner House, New Delhi, until December 12 and continues at Gallery Espace from December 18 to January 15.



'Enshrined Memories' (2024). By Karl Antao.

Guru Dutt, the man and the myth

NONIKA SINGH

MOST of us, even those who have not lived in actor-filmmaker Guru Dutt's time, swear by the artistry of his cinema. His cult following in the 21st century echoes the timeless appeal of his movies — packing a wealth of emotions with one glance, the sleight of the camera angle, play of light and those lilting, meaningful songs. The man and the myth have been explored in more than one book. In 2021, Yaseer Usman wrote 'Guru Dutt: An Unfinished Story'. In 2008, Sathya Saran recounted 'Ten Years with Guru Dutt — Abrar Alvi's Journey', and made readers privy to his romance with cinema through the eyes of his writer and director Alvi.

As we approach Guru Dutt's birth centenary in 2025, one would have expected an in-depth tome and a diary on one of the finest auteurs of Hindi cinema to be a superficial exercise. But the endeavour conceived by Nasreen Munni Kabir, noted producer, director and author who has even made a documentary on him, is surprisingly insightful and delightful. For starters, we learn that he was named Vasanth Kumar Shivashankar Padukone, which was changed not because of any starry compulsions but on the advice of a healer when he fell sick. An astrologer had even made a prophecy and told his mother Vasanthi



THE LEGACY OF GURU DUTT: 2025 DIARY
by Nasreen Munni Kabir.
Westland.
Pages 144.
₹599

Padukone that she would give birth to a very famous son. Did fame extract its price on the man whose portrayal of melancholia is remembered till date as an epitome of sensitivity and beauty? No one has the answer to why he took his own life. He was 39 at the time. However, much has been said about his unique cinematic grammar. The backflap might read that 'the idea is not to examine Guru Dutt's cinematic legacy', but the diary provides more than a sneak peek into his art and its pursuit.

Culled mostly out of interviews given to Nasreen, a multitude of voices — from Dutt's associates such as Dev Anand, actor and producer of his first film 'Baazi', to his family members, including cousin Shyam Benegal — reflect on the man and the film-

maker. Shyama, his actress in 'Aar Paar', tells us that he was an actor's director, enacting every scene and mannerisms for the actor. Johnny Walker, a must in most of his films, had a different point of view. Walker would often improvise, change dialogues and his director always applauded. Dutt, however, was not an easy man to please. Once, during the making of a film, he changed directors twice, only to shelve the project. Interestingly, the same story, 'Raazi', later became the superhit 'Woh Kaun Thi', helmed by his assistant director Raj Khosla.

Undeniably, Nasreen has chosen well and what we get are not simply laudatory notes. Friends and family are not just fawning over him, but also pointing out his foibles, his mercurial temperament, his stubborn nature, the whimsical streak. Rather, as Nasreen focuses on anecdotes, she does a remarkable job of bringing out his many facets. He was an introvert, most certainly a perfectionist and, above all, a pioneer.

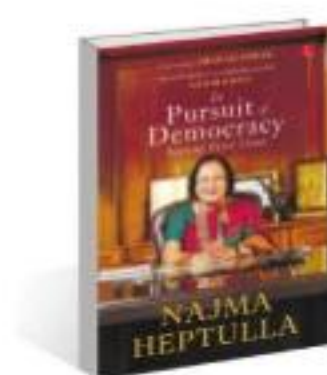
VK Murthy, his cinematographer, recalls how he was the first to use the establishing shot, long focal length lens, the 75 mm and 100 mm. No wonder filmmakers would tell him to 'shoot in Guru Dutt's style'. Certain facts, for instance how Dilip Kumar was initially signed for 'Pyasa', are already known. Only, Nasreen reimagines the very moment when Dutt decided to be the protagonist. Otherwise, the handsome man was not very fond of acting.

The diary, unfurling like vignettes from his life, throws enough light on his enigmatic persona. As it incorporates an article, 'Classics and Cash', written by Dutt himself, one is struck by how well read he was. His opinions on various aspects of filmmaking ring true even today. Take the one on how our yardstick for applauding a genius is dictated by international laurels. Why movies should be made on lesser budgets is a lesson contemporary makers could pay heed to. At more than one point, it's emphasised how he did not care much for money and never sacrificed his art at the altar of mammon. Even when his 'Kaagaz Ke Phool' flopped, he was more concerned about why it did not strike a chord with the audiences. How was the man who died by suicide to know that one day it would inspire not only cinephiles, but even artists like Atul Dodiya. With the inclusion of Dodiya's painting 'Paper Flowers', the diary becomes richer in content and visual appeal, both counts on which his films anyway stood out.

A brief account of Guru Dutt's films, stills and some rare family pictures all go on to make it not just another diary, but almost a collectors' item. Your reasons to browse through it can be very many, as also to know how brevity can become the soul of an off-beat exercise. Oscar Wilde said, 'Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us.' This diary jots down memories of the significant others in Guru Dutt's life.



BACKFLAP



IN PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY
by Najma Heptulla.
Rupa. Pages 238. ₹695

Born into a Muslim family helmed by strong women, Najma Heptulla made it to the top echelons of power. After 17 years as Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, she became synonymous with the Upper House of Parliament. Having worked with Prime Ministers from Indira Gandhi to Narendra Modi, she offers readers a ringside view of Indian democracy at play. This memoir weaves personal stories into her political life, making it a living document of history.



MISS SAMUEL: A JEWISH-INDIAN SAGA
by Sheela Rohekar. Translated by Madhu Singh.
Speaking Tiger. Pages 275. ₹499

A saga of belonging and not belonging, this novel tells the story of Miss Seema Samuel, a 70-year-old Bene Israel living in an old age home, of the community's trials and tribulations, love and loss, and their longing for 'Aliyah'. The Bene Israel arrived at the Konkan Coast, shipwrecked, around 2,000 years ago, and for generations, made the sub-continent their home. The novel, spanning six generations, is the story of a family, a community and a country.



A DARK TALE FROM COTTONWOOD GROVE
by Mahfud Ikhwan. Translated by Annie Tucker.
Speaking Tiger. Pages 200. ₹499

Combining Javanese oral tradition and urban legend, this book tells the story of Mat, who is cursed with a deft lip and a disreputable father, making him an outcast in his village in Indonesia. Inayatun is the village beauty. When this unlikely couple meets, they find true love and happiness. But the past won't let them be. With his distinct voice, Indonesian writer Mahfud Ikhwan has established himself as one of the most exciting new literary voices to emerge from Asia.

Defying patriarchy, feudalism

SINDHU V NAIR

TK ANANDI'S 'Revolution Within: Nampudiri Women as Agents of Social Reforms in Kerala' traces the awakening of Nampudiri (Kerala Brahmins also spelt as Nambodiri and Nambuthiri, among others) women from their cloistered existence in an extremely casteist society unto the 20th century to a relatively democratised position in a modern society now. Their story is set against the backdrop of a renaissance movement that swept across all castes and communities and subverted the basic fabric of a highly conservative society.

A character in *Adukkalayil Ninnu Arangath-eeku* ('From Kitchen to the Stage'), a play by the renowned writer and social reformer VT Bhattathiripad, says, "If indeed there is a rebirth, one may be born as dog, a cat or any other creature, but never as an *aphan*." In pre-colonial Kerala, a Nampudiri household, or *illam*, followed a primogeniture system, with all the rights resting with the eldest son. Only he could marry from the community and bring his wife into the house. Without ownership rights to the *illam* property, the *aphans* or the younger male members were condemned to survive on the kindness of the elder

and the ritualistic offerings they received from outside. As they were barred from marrying within their community, they sought conjugal relations with women from Ambalavasi or Nair households. Their precarious existence was matched (or even worse) only by that of Nampudiri women or *antherjanams*, meaning those who stay inside, aptly implying their insulated life within *illam*'s living quarters.

Bound by moral Vedic codes, they were confined to a life of prayers, rituals and fasting. If even a faint doubt was cast over her morality, she would be brutally excommunicated.

The advent of the 20th century saw great

blows being struck at the roots of feudalism and casteism that led to the emergence of a new middle class influenced by Western liberal ideas. The Nampudiri community was the last to hitch on to this wagon. The *aphans* finally raised the flag of revolt and were joined by *antherjanams*, who dared to defy the patriarchy by throwing aside their covering cloths and umbrellas.

VT and a host of other reformers from the community took the cue for their actions from reforms in other caste groups in Kerala. Literature, theatre, marches, strikes, widow remarriage, inter-caste dining, etc, changed the situation. Anandi says this internal transformation the Nambodiri community went through was significant for the constitution of the modern progressive Kerala society.

Carefully curated chapters discuss the position of *illam* as a territorial, kinship and cultural unit in medieval Kerala, the social location of Nampudiri women as against that of women from other castes, changes in land and domestic relations brought about by colonial interventions, the reform movement and the revolution within the Nampudiri community. The concluding chapter presents a case study of a panchayat in Palakkad — Srikishnapuram — where 17 Nampudiri families lived, as a testament to the cultural changes brought about by the Nampudiri social reform movement.

The book, according to the author, attempts a sociological analysis to study women's location in close relation with other social, psychological and cultural factors and to bring out their responses to the reform processes.

Extensive research using interviews and sources like newspapers, government documents, family records, diaries, etc, is employed to look at how women used their private domain to organise themselves and fight modes of patriarchy. In the end, the question remains, how far have women achieved what they set out to do? Or, have modern hypocritical modes of control replaced patriarchy to gift them with an illusion of freedom? 'Revolution Within' is an engaging read for anyone and everyone.

— *The writer is a Delhi-based translator*

Losing an intense plot

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

NOT a very prolific writer, Bhaichand Patel's books on high living and filmstars have been racy reads. 'Across the River' is his second attempt at fiction after over a decade. Patel showed gumption in picking a theme of a politically incorrect romance between a Muslim girl living a precarious existence in Old Delhi and a Gujarati Hindu factory magnate on the other side of the river in East Delhi.

Patel packs in quite a few characters in his slim novel for it to race forward smoothly with a lot of improbable twists. Rejected several times without a *hijab*, the female protagonist Seema Chowdhry was mistaken for a Hindu when she went for a job interview without one. The take-off point is when Seema's true identity as a Muslim is revealed well after a romance had developed with the businessman's son.

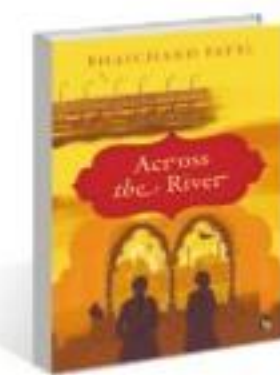
The plot had the potential for intensity, but Patel takes the easy way out of nearly every confrontational situation. The bitterly opposed industrial magnate conveniently dies when the relationship between Mohan and Seema is on a razor's edge. The Gujarati girl whom the parents wanted Mohan to marry, promptly confesses that she is in love with someone else. Before Seema's identity as a Muslim is revealed, she impresses Mohan's parents by thrashing him in a tennis match. It is only then, three-fourths into the novel, that we learn that Seema is an accomplished sports person too.

Her Islamist uncle, who flew into a rage on learning of Seema's affair,

incongruously melts and becomes conciliatory after travelling all the way from Old Delhi to Noida to corner Mohan's father. For far too many times, Patel has squared the circle in his overeagerness to take the plot forward.

Where he shines is in his portrayal of the Gujarati family's rise to power and pelf through the decades, as well as the sleaziness that accompanies business and politics, especially during the Licence-Permit Raj. But that is not unusual. It is a tale familiar to Delhiites and best exemplifies that of Lala Shri Ram from the same lanes of Old Delhi.

Patel, despite his stays in Delhi, has obviously restricted himself to its tony parts, where he is known for throwing high-voltage parties. Otherwise, he would have known that there are no queues for buses in Delhi, especially when it rains. Or that Old Delhi is much more than a window seen through a cobweb of wires. The neat ending where all the youngsters populating the novel find their soulmates is too improbable for the current times.



ACROSS THE RIVER
by Bhaichand Patel.
Speaking Tiger.
Pages 223.
₹499

100 years on, re-reading 'A Passage to India'

ADITYA VIKRAM

IT has been a hundred years. EM Forster's 'A Passage to India' has been read, dissected, interpreted, loved, mutilated, lugged around, thrifted, borrowed from and licked by the most popular and the most fringe discourses in literary studies. These range from 'political, psychological, symbolist, metaphysical, postcolonialist, queer', and other critical impulses, as Lelyveld recounts in '100 Years of A Passage to India'.

Set in the fictional Indian city of Chandrapore against the backdrop of the British Raj in the 1920s, the novel revolves around four characters and their relations: Dr Aziz, a young Indian Muslim physician, his British friend Cyril Fielding, and British visitors Adela Quested and her elderly friend, Mrs Moore. It is about the despair that grows over the landscape, and eventually between their friendships and relations.

A book of criticism, '100 Years of A Passage to India' goes beyond a simple, immediate critical reading of the novel. There is something that has gathered over

and played on the novel over time, owing to multiple (mis)readings, and passages, that can only be articulated when all these essays are placed together. As tentative as Forster is about 'India a nation!', on the last page of his novel, this volume articulates a history of tensions and contentions that characterise what we call India, illuminated in the journeys taken by the novel over the last hundred years.

This volume seems to suggest that India is about an affection, a poetics, an encounter, that remains incomplete. Whether it is the friendship between Aziz and Fielding, which is overshadowed and broken by colonial difference (says Anjum); Adela's misunderstood desire, and her short-lived return to India (says Anamika); Forster's homosexual longing for Syed Ross Masood, the other author (says Lelyveld) — beautiful things stop dead in their tracks. The political interrupts

the poetic, as Harish Trivedi says in the last chapter. The novel captures such affection and its troubles, and the essays throw these into churning.

Trivedi, the editor of this volume and a former professor of English at Delhi University, admits to having read the novel for the first time in the 1960s, as a student of literature. Rupert Snell begins his essay on translating Forster with something similar: "When I first read 'Passage' in 1969, the Indian republic and I were in our late teens." Anjum Hasan read the novel at her father Noorul Hasan's "urging, as a teenager, and more than three decades later, all that remains in my porous memory is an image and one sentence".

It is not a coincidence that most writers bring their observations from reading the novel again, as if attempting to complete an idea that remains unfinished or open.



100 YEARS OF A PASSAGE TO INDIA
Edited by Harish Trivedi.
Orient BlackSwan.
Pages 268. ₹1,350

Like the tentative opening of the dark caves in the novel, the first answers seem wrong. Trivedi taught 'Passage' for many years, starting from 1969 and most hopefully running up to the present.

A different kind of repetition is articulated by Anjum Hasan, who was "appalled at how much it [the novel] holds" when she read it again after a few decades. She is talking about how the troubles in the novel were produced for her family, as Muslims in today's India. Some other authors in the volume also speak of reading again, whether it is in translation (Rupert Snell, Evelyn Hanquart-Turner, Fordonski), adaptation (Madhu Singh), comparison (Ipshita Chanda, Rukmini Bhaya Nair, Howard J Booth), or shifting gaze (Ruth Vanita, Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar).

Anamika has written the character Adela again, or rather, after the novel — a most creative critique of 'Passage' and the desires in it. Putting these many repetitions together suggests that the novel captured a formative trouble in the nation, its flicker even before it came into being, which renders it repeatedly relevant as a text.

This might be the question of the nation

itself. This volume reveals that Forster has rendered this question into literary form, consciously or otherwise.

Each essay broaches this differently. Rupert Snell, for instance, deals with this in translation from English, into the language of contested national prominence, Hindi. The Ganges, hidden by city-trash, 'happens not to be holy here', in the fictional town of Chandrapore. In someone's translation, 'to come down' becomes *avarit*. In this movement to a holier word, the mythical, celestial descent of the river is also rendered as impure as the flood (to come down) of trash. There is something about such negativity that remains fitting for modern India.

When Trivedi wrote to King's College, the copyright holders for 'A Passage to India', in hopes of translating the book into Hindi, they wrote him a very colonial letter, denying him permission. A jarring hostility remains — rupturing poetic possibility, even today.

'A Passage to India', in English, is beautiful but incomplete.

— *The writer, a translator and poet, teaches at Ashoka University*

REFLECTIONS

Pant, Lungi, dhoti, salwar



TOUCHSTONES
IRA PANDE

THE other day, a reader sent me a funny post about the huge amount paid to Rishabh Pant (₹27 crore) while the South African cricketer, Lungi Ngidi, was paid a mere ₹1 crore as franchise fees. The bottomline said, 'Knew that a Pant is costlier than a Lungi. But didn't know that it is 27 times costlier!'

My maiden name was Pant too, and then another funny episode came to my mind. I must have been about 11 years old and studying in Nainital. In those days, the production quality of our Hindi textbooks was pathetic and the broken line sketch accompanying a poem by the poet Sumitranandan Pant in my textbook made it difficult to make out the contours of the poet's face. Also, I had inherited my textbook from an older cousin (as was the custom in those frugal days), who had added lavish flourishes to the picture: so, earrings hung from poor Pantji's ears, a *bindi* adorned his forehead and a *nath* dangled from his nose. The poet also proudly sported long, curled locks so I had a gender-baffling portrait of this famous Romantic (*chhayavadi*) poet in front of me.

Our Hindi teacher, who knew my mother was a writer, asked me one day: 'Ira, are you related to Sumitranandan Pant?' I looked at that funny picture, and since his name was Sumitranandan, assumed foolishly that it must be that of a woman. 'Yes,' I replied airily, 'she is my aunt.' For years after that, that teacher would ask me, 'So, how is your aunt, Ira?' and I would blush. Funny as it seems today, it is a reminder of how privileged we were to know the literary fraternity of Allahabad, where our family went after Nainital. Allahabad in the 1960s was where some of the most iconic Hindi

writers and poets lived. Periodically, they would gather at someone's house for a *sahityik goshti* (literary soiree) and discuss their work to each other. Many young and aspiring writers joined such sittings to read out their work and have it critiqued and assessed by such eminent names.

Their modest lives and mutual respect are a distinct memory and something to remember in these times when every young writer wants to write a bestseller, and make a pile of money by selling it to a big publisher. There are actually agencies now that offer their services (at a huge cost, naturally) for editing (and often re-writing the original work), marketing and ensuring high visibility. I suppose these are a sign of our fiercely competitive

tions, I hope this trend will hold. The enormous popularity of Tamil and Telugu cinema is an example of how subtitling or dubbing into Hindi makes it possible for viewers to open their eyes to a new world and genre.

The most visible proof of this is our English language media that had, until quite recently, occupied prime time space. Regional language newspapers and local broadsheets were considered beneath their notice and something that was bought by the *sahib log* for their staff. The shoe is on the other foot now: our mainstream English media gets left behind, for, the regional language media far outstrips these old ladies of Bori Bunder where advertising is concerned. Look at our Parliament, the glib English speakers who wear expensive handloom and flash designer bags and glasses, grab all the media attention. Most of them are inheritors or dynasts and *patnis*, *crorepatis* who look disdainfully when one of the Hindi-medium type (or non-English speaker) gets up to speak. Such class snobbery is more crippling than caste snobbery in an earlier time, but equally disgusting. The rising number of such entitled parliamentarians makes it difficult to imagine that we will see a truly representative House one day. We have birthed a kind of feudal democratic system where the rich and powerful have an unfair advantage when it comes to getting elected. We all complain of the astronomical sums needed to fund an election, yet no one wants to clean up the system.

However, I am an eternal optimist and hope that just as our sports arena is now increasingly looking at merit and talent-spotting, our political parties too will throw out all those who swan into our Parliament only because they were born into a powerful family. The recent state elections have revealed that money and muscle power pale in front of other social factors, such as rural voters and women. These are early precursors of a change that is bound to happen and must.

Pant and Lungi may be subjects of a clever wordplay, but watch out for the *dhoti* and *salwar*.
—The writer is a social commentator

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times for I see such hustling everywhere. In films, music and the performing arts, the shy, self-effacing person stands no chance. The hype created by this ecosystem has seriously damaged creativity in most spheres and many 'outstanding' first performers and writers sink without a trace soon enough.

In contrast, the place occupied by an older generation is beyond all this. Whether writers, lyricists, poets or artists, their reputation has been built over time and reading or listening to their work is a perennial pleasure. Related to this is another concern and that is our dismissal of anything that is not written in English. The wealth of talent that exists in our regional languages is something I have written about earlier and now with good transla-

Why feedback has lost its meaning



CONSUMER RIGHTS
PUSHPA GIRIMAJI

YOU walk into a shoe store, buy a pair of flip-flops and even as you step out, you hear a 'ping' on your mobile. You know what it is: a WhatsApp message from the brand, requesting your feedback on your shopping experience!

When you get out of a cab, you are asked to rate your experience. You get off an airplane, and the airline wants your feedback on the service. You go to a restaurant and the owner requests you to fill out a questionnaire. You get your car serviced and you are urged to give your opinion on the service performance. You call the customer care number of a business and you are immediately asked to rate your satisfaction with the resolution of your complaint.

From hairdressers and telecom operators to couriers, gymnasiums, hospitals and online and offline stores, businesses are chasing you for feedback, cluttering your message boxes and WhatsApp with survey forms that are supposed to help them improve the quality of their goods and services! However, the formats of these surveys make you wonder whether they are serving consumer interest in any way!

Here is a sample: "On a scale of 0-5, how likely are you to recommend the store to your friends or colleagues?" asks a typical 'customer satisfaction' survey. If you say it is unlikely that you would recommend it to anyone, the questionnaire should ask you to cite reasons and request suggestions for improvement. However, the online feedback form gives you only four predetermined answers to choose from. If your answer is not one of them, that's too bad! You try to suggest improvements, but after two lines, the online questionnaire abruptly closes, never mind that you have not even completed your sentence.

If businesses are genuinely interested in consumer response to their queries, there ought to be respect for those giving them negative feedback and a desire to seek and acknowledge suggestions for improvement. After all, consumers are investing their time in responding to these surveys in the hope of seeing better services and products.

In fact, most consumers say that the way these feedback forms are designed, there is no opportunity for them to give meaningful suggestions and even where they do get such a chance, they do not see any improvement based on their constructive criticism. So much so that the 'feedback request' seems more like a meaningless, routine exercise, a charade to give consumers a false impression that the businesses care for their views and opinions.

Here is an example of a consumer who ordered some clothes from an

online marketplace while on a holiday in another city. The clothes were delivered the next day as promised, but were not what she had ordered. However, the website showed that the item chosen by her had been delivered. Since the customer interface on the website did not provide for resolution of such a complaint, she was forced to call the helpline number, not once, but three times, without success.

What was even more frustrating was that after every call, she got a text message on her cellphone asking her to evaluate the customer care service. She gave it the lowest ranking every time, but there was no way for her to explain, through the survey, that the customer care personnel could not

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even understand the problem, let alone come up with a solution. Any wonder then that consumers feel that filling up these forms is a futile exercise, a waste of time and the feedback messages are an annoyance.

I am not discounting the importance of customer feedback to businesses, but commenting on the poor format used by them and the lack of transparency and accountability in the entire process. How is it that businesses never acknowledge the suggestions made by consumers, nor inform them of the action taken based on the responses? In fact, one wonders what happens to all those feedback forms that customers so painstakingly fill in the hope of seeing an improvement in service. Surely, consumers too are entitled to feedback! And how about feedback forms with simple, open-ended questions such as "What did you dislike about our service" or "What problem did you face with our customer service" or "How can we improve our customer interface?"

If businesses are serious about consumer opinions, they must provide them with an opportunity to have their say, voice their grievances. Feedback should be designed to elicit meaningful information from consumers on the deficiencies in the system and utilised to bring about positive changes. And consumers must get feedback from businesses on the action taken on their suggestions and complaints. That would not only enhance consumer interactions with businesses, but also improve the quality of consumer feedback and thereby the quality of goods and services.

Resounding power of silence

TEACHERS often assume that they are preparing their students for the real world. Their experience, their exposure and the power over their pupils give the impression that they are the shapers of the future. The truth, however, is that the *gurus* are now hopelessly out of touch with reality. The realisation dawned on me as I was discussing these lines from a standard poem taught in undergraduate courses: "Thus let me live, unseen, unknown; / Thus unlamented let me die". To the ears, and eyes, of the generation that thrives in the never-ending limelight of social media, these words, it appeared to me, sounded strange. You must be seen and heard. When life is a one long party, you must make some noise — and keep making it. There could be no ode to solitude in the constant clanging of satumalian cymbals. The call to quiet and mediativeness is odd when our postmodern lives are pursuits of perpetual merriment. In the month of December, when our partygoers are planning the weeklong Christmas-to-New Year bash, what can a teacher propose?

Christmas, of course, is an occasion for merriment, but behind the usual celebratory mood there also lies a need to be silent — to ponder over the paradoxes of the world. The world which offers myriad thrills also sustains woefully oppressive structures. When the divine baby was born in Bethlehem 2,000



UNIVERSE
ASHISH ALEXANDER

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years ago, a jealous king ordered genocide to kill his rival in his infancy. The ugly paradox continues till this day. Elation is constantly threatened by impending tyranny. One must step back if there has to be any meaningful celebration in this festive season. One must clarify one's own role in restoring some sanity in the world disintegrating all around.

Silence remains one of the greatest assets that we as a species possess. It is in silence that

one gains insight. Humans endowed with the power of speech must also weigh in their capacity to be quiet. It is in quiet that man turns from a consumer to creator; from a party animal to a producer of delightful things. It is in stillness that we, who have gone astray, hear the voice calling us home.

The great Punjabi mystic Sadhu Sundar Singh once wrote: "God works in silence. Similarly, man also, who is created in the image and after the likeness of God, thinks, feels, remembers and wills in silence and works in many ways. Similarly, for instance, different kinds of inventions and discoveries are made in silence. In short, all great things originated and still originate in silence. Man reveals his thoughts and plans to others by means of words when he needs the help of those around him, or when he desires to help other people. As God does not need the help or assistance of any man in creating a thing, in silence He makes everything and supports the whole creation quite independently. However, when He desires to bring back those who have gone astray, He speaks to them through His prophets and apostles, and in this last age in the fullness of time, He became manifest in flesh, spoke to mankind and completed the work of salvation for them."

Christmas is the celebration of getting back to the quiet of home.

—The writer teaches in Prayagraj

Rewriting the rules of survival in Gir territory

PADAM BHOJVAID

"The world is not to be put in order. The world is order incarnate. It is for us to harmonise with this order."
— Henry Miller

THE picture was mesmerising — two farmers, their hands resting on weathered knees, seated calmly amid golden fields. Just a few paces behind them, two sub-adult male Asiatic lions stood tall, their watchful eyes surveying the landscape. It was a photograph that seemed almost surreal. Social media was abuzz with opinions — was it real or just another digital fabrication? My curiosity got the better of me, and I found myself drawn into an investigation, piecing together accounts from Gujarat's forest officials, wildlife experts and local communities. What emerged was a tale of change, adaptation and an evolving coexistence between humans and the wild.

The Asiatic lions, with their shorter manes and regal strides, have a history as expansive as their former range — from Greece to India. By the early 20th century, their empire had dwindled to the dry deciduous forests of Gir in Gujarat. Less than 200 lions remained,

clinging to survival in the sanctuary that would become their last refuge.

Gir National Park, a sprawling mosaic of forests, scrublands and grasslands, has been a lifeline for these lions. Here, prides thrive in familial bonds, hunting deer, antelope and wild boar in the soft light of dawn and dusk. Among them, the Maldharis — traditional herders — have long lived as neighbours, their livestock an occasional temptation for the hungry predators. Efforts to mediate this uneasy coexistence, from compensation schemes to grazing alternatives, have shaped the park's conservation narrative for decades. These conservation measures and relentless efforts of the Forest Department have resulted in a significant increase of lions. As per the latest census, the number of lions in Gir is above 650.

But the Gir forest itself is changing. Teak plantations, planted over the years, have grown dense, transforming open expanses into shadowy corridors. The forest floor is now a thick carpet of dry teak leaves, crackling underfoot with every step. For lions, stealth — so crucial for hunting — has become a challenge. The leaves, while innocuous to the untrained eye, act as an acoustic alarm for the prey, scattering



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potential meals before a lion can pounce. The leaves also pose another threat: they are a tinderbox, waiting for a spark to ignite biodiversity loss, destroying ground nests, invertebrates, and the fragile ecosystem underfoot. Furthermore, the lions have outgrown the carrying capacity of protected area, and, therefore, the prides often move out of the notified boundaries of the national reserve.

As per wildlife experts, the notified area of the park (1,410 sq km) is just enough to sup-

port 350-400 lions, and hence, some lions have sought solace beyond the protected area of Gir's boundaries into the agro-pastoral landscape of Saurashtra, covering nine districts. Surprisingly, their new home, the agricultural fields, which are open stretches, mimic the savannahs of their evolutionary past, and hence offer space to roam and better opportunities to hunt. Blue bulls, wild boars, and deer — drawn to farmers' crops — have unwittingly brought lions into the fold. For the big cats, it's a buffet; for the farmers, it's a blessing in disguise.

"We don't mind the lions," one farmer told me. "They keep the crop raiders away." This unspoken alliance between the predator and the farmer has cultivated a remarkable tolerance, even towards the occasional hunt of domestic cattle by these lions. Unlike in dense forests, the fields allow lions to hunt with ease, and the well-fed pride reduces damage to crops.

It is important to note that this phenomenon isn't unique only to Gujarat. It was observed in eastern India where tea plantations were grown over a century ago. The leopards of the area found it easy to hunt and hide in the newly-developed tea garden habitat, rather than dense woodlands. It

seems these apex predators are more adaptable than we once believed.

But not all is idyllic. With lions venturing closer to human settlements, the risk of conflict looms. Therefore, the growing overlap of human and lion habitats underscores the need for proactive measures. Community education, better livestock management and innovative coexistence strategies will be essential. Engaging locals as stakeholders, not just spectators, in conservation efforts could turn potential conflicts into collaborative solutions.

The story of Gir's lions is far from over. From the dense teak forests to the sunlit agricultural fields, these big cats are rewriting the rules of survival. Their resilience is a testament to nature's ability to adapt, even in the face of human encroachment and environmental change.

For me, the photograph that started this journey has become more than just an image — it's a symbol of coexistence, fragile yet full of hope. Whether in Gir's forests or Gujarat's fields, the Asiatic lion continues to inspire, reminding us of the delicate balance required to share our world with the wild.

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The lack of any visible change on the ground in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar and Sultanpur Lodhi is confounding, given the expenditure on projects

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THE 'Smart City' tag generates a sense of hope and critical assessment in equal measure. In Punjab, the four cities selected under the Centre's Smart City Mission (SCM) are drawing attention for all the wrong reasons. On paper, the progress report in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar and Sultanpur Lodhi sounds encouraging. On the ground, the reality stares you in the face. Potholed roads, rampant encroachments, heaps of garbage, overflowing open drains, non-functional streetlights and freely roaming stray animals continue to mark their dominant presence. As residents point to the lack of any visible change in the civic infrastructure despite the huge expenditure, a natural corollary is the political blame game.

Alleging large-scale "unmindful" misutilisation of funds, the ruling AAP MLAs have sought a probe by either the CBI or the Vigilance Bureau into the "multi-million scam" and "strict punishment against the officials and the politicians involved". The SCM funds were either "misutilised in a single constituency or misappropriated during the previous Congress regime", they claim.

The Mission was conceptualised a decade back to develop sustainable and citizen-friendly 'smart cities' — aiming to reduce air pollution, congestion and ensure security. In 2015, 100 cities across the country were selected, including Ludhiana, Amritsar and Jalandhar. The Central and state governments were to share the expenditure. In 2019, Sultanpur Lodhi was added to the list.

As per the latest rankings of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ludhiana ranks the first among the 'smart cities' in Punjab and 49th in India in terms of the project work that's been undertaken.

The Ludhiana Smart City Limited (LSCL) claims that 61 projects worth ₹688.81 crore have been completed, another 13 worth ₹207.1 crore are being executed, and nine projects amounting to ₹28.1 crore are in the tendering stage.

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora, who recently reviewed the progress of the projects in a meeting with LSCL Chief Executive Officer Aaditya Dachawal, said funds amounting to ₹959.25 crore — ₹490-crore Central share and ₹469.25-crore state share — had been received, of which ₹934.56 crore had been utilised.

"We are committed to turn Ludhiana, having a large migrant population, into a Smart City," Arora said. According to Dachawal, "The Smart City concept is meant for area-based development, for which the West Assembly segment was chosen. In the West segment also, only a partial area was picked up for undertaking development and demonstration to other parts of the city. Besides spending 25 per cent of the total funds under the SCM on Buddha Nullah rejuvenation, streetlights, an integrated command control centre, e-challaning system, CCTV cameras and sports infrastructure have been created for the city. Those raising objections are oblivious of the fact that the SCM was never meant for the entire city."

In Amritsar, of the total 35 projects proposed by the Amritsar Smart City Limited (ASCL), 29 projects worth ₹142.84 crore have been completed in the past eight years, but the city residents do not find any change. They continue to face problems of traffic congestion, poor road infrastructure, sewer choking, water contamination, air pollution and street crime.



Encroachments dot a road meant to be a cycle track in Amritsar. SUNIL KUMAR

SMART CITY MESS



Construction waste lying near Hambram road in Ludhiana (left) and the overflowing Wariana dump in Jalandhar put a question mark on the end results of the Smart City Mission projects.

The government had allocated ₹912 crore with a goal to improve liveability, providing a clean environment and improved core infrastructure.

There are six major pending projects on which the ASCL plans to spend ₹745 crore. A major chunk is being utilised for a 24x7 canal-based water supply project. An amount of ₹384 crore is earmarked for the construction and operation of a water treatment plant and distribution system. The integrated command and control centre, entailing an expenditure of ₹105 crore, it is being claimed, would provide an effective surveillance and intelligent traffic management system. The project has jumped several deadlines.

The project of redevelopment of the 7.4-km stretch of the outer circular road of the Walled City is still incomplete. Residents point out that "it looks like an ordinary road even after spending ₹120 crore".

After laying the foundation stone, the skywalk project, costing ₹60 crore, outside Gurdwara Shaheedan Sahib has been scrapped due to non-viability and now radial roads leading to Golden Temple would be beautified.

Gulpreet Singh Aulakh, CEO, ASCL, said, "The main funding is being used in the water supply project, which is underway. The change would be visible to the residents soon. We have got extension

from the government to plan more projects under the SCM. The multi-level parking at Kairon market would provide a major relief from traffic congestion."

Congress MP Gurjit Singh Aujla, too, has demanded a high-level probe. "I have written to the Centre and filed proceedings in the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee to hold a Vigilance Bureau inquiry into the projects implemented under the SCM. The planning was faulty and works were awarded to contractors who are hand in glove with officials. Embezzlement and misuse of funds should be investigated."

According to BJP leader Shwait Malik, "Projects have been delayed as the state government does not give matching grants on time. The implementing agency is the state government and several projects need a high-level inquiry."

In Jalandhar, despite the expenditure of ₹860 crore under the SCM, the residents are still grappling with the non-delivery of basic civic amenities. While major projects like surface water, bio-mining and smart roads have not been completed, work on projects like the sports hub worth ₹77.77 crore has not yet started.

One of the biggest projects under the SCM was that of surface water, estimated to cost ₹400 crore. Commencing in 2020, the

project is set to miss the deadline of March 2025. The project aims to change the drinking water supply source from groundwater to surface water so as to conserve groundwater resources and provide 24x7 canal-based clean and treated water supply. According to officials, it may take another year for the project to get completed.

Bio-mining was another much-touted project worth ₹34 crore that has suffered several obstacles. The contract was terminated and another company has been entrusted with the task. In 2017, the project was planned to manage and process the waste at the Wariana dump yard; heaps of garbage at the site have only grown.

Jalandhar West MLA Mohinder Bhagat blames the Congress for "ruining the project that could have changed Jalandhar's fate". According to Jalandhar Congress MP Charanjit Singh Channi, the "Smart City concept is a gone case. The BJP has dumped this project".

It was two months ahead of Guru Nanak's 550th Parkash Purb in November 2019 that Sultanpur Lodhi was included under the SCM. The holy town, spread over 10 square km and having a population of 20,000, got the first instalment of ₹27.11 crore of the total proposed grant of ₹135.5 crore. Most of this grant has gone on the

four-laning of roads to Didwandi and Mundi villages from Sultanpur Lodhi.

Five years on, the civic amenities in the city have gone from bad to worse. All main roads were dug up as storm water sewer pipes were laid more than a year back. The roads have not been re-laid since and had to be filled and covered with inter-locking tiles to enable the Nagar Kirtan to pass to the eight historical gurdwaras in the town.

MLA Rana Partap Singh says that neither the state nor the Centre is doing anything for the holy town. "What else do we expect when the Municipal Council has not even appointed a consultant for monitoring the Smart City projects?" Former MLA Navtej Cheema says the biggest project that was planned under the SCM was 'Pind Babe Nanak Da'. "It was to come up on 90 acres, and the proposal now is for 40 acres," he says. Reacting to the criticism, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal says he is regularly reviewing the projects and has asked officials "to expedite work".

The Centre claims that as of November, 90 per cent of the projects under the Smart City Mission have been completed and the remaining are in advanced stages of completion. The SCM has been extended till March. In Punjab, scepticism runs high on the final outcomes, and not without reason.

Why Buddha Nullah clean-up continues to be a lost cause

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NOW in his late 60s, acclaimed Ludhiana-based ayurveda practitioner Dr Ravindra Vatsyayan recalls how during his school days, he and other students would regularly bathe in the Buddha Darya, as it was called then. "I've seen the crystal clear water turning into dark black sludge," he says, and "just nobody seems bothered".

Synonymous with life-threatening pollution not just in Ludhiana but most of the Malwa region of Punjab, Buddha Nullah has come to exemplify the gross failure, ineptness and corrupt practices of governmental systems. Every new dispensation in the state lists cleaning the Buddha Nullah as the top priority, with negligible outcomes.

A new wave of civil society angst has put the spotlight back on the pressing issue.

What used to be a freshwater rivulet in the 1980s has turned into a drain open to multiple sources of pollution, including industrial effluents that are toxic and carcinogenic. The Buddha Nullah is also made to "digest" most of the waste from almost half of Ludhiana, which has a population estimated at 40 lakh.

A seasonal water stream, Buddha Nullah, after passing through Ludhiana, flows into the Sutlej river near Hambram, carrying with it pollutants of all hues. Since a large area in



Buddha Nullah has become synonymous with pollution and neglect. HIMANSHU MAHAJAN

south-western Punjab solely depends on canal water for irrigation, water from the Nullah enters various canals after the Hanke waterworks near Ferozepur, affecting areas like Malout, Lambi and Zira.

Several studies have attributed the exponential rise in cancer cases in Malwa to toxic and carcinogenic agents seeping into the groundwater. A Punjab Agricultural University study in 2008 revealed the presence of toxins and heavy metals in the food chain due to the use of Nullah water to cultivate vegetables and other crops.

Jaskirat Singh, a social activist associated

with 'Kale Pani Da Morcha' (the campaign for cleaning the Buddha Nullah), says, "They call us blackmailers. You can paste my picture anywhere you want, but please do not let the masses suffer the pain. In Gaunspura village near Ludhiana, nine members of a family died due to one disease or the other and the lone survivor moved overseas. In Dharaingwala village in Fazilka, every household has a cancer patient. If the government had good intentions to save the masses, there was no need for people like us to come forward."

Another activist, Kuldeep Singh Khaira, terms it the number one environmental

problem that North India is facing, "putting a minimum of 80 lakh people at risk". Villagers in Gaunspura, Hambram, Walipur and Maniawal near Ludhiana, experts say, live under the constant threat of deadly diseases.

Till date, nearly ₹2,000 crore has been spent to clean the black spot of Ludhiana, but its water remains polluted and acidic. In 2006, a Ludhiana-based human rights organisation filed a case with the Punjab State Human Rights Commission. At that time, environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal led his followers in cleaning the 164-km-long highly polluted Kali Bein rivulet without any government aid.

Jaskirat Singh says there is no will to address the issue. "The officials of the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) are the main culprits, as they are neck-deep in corruption. They not only mislead the courts or the National Green Tribunal (NGT), but also misinterpret the orders. In fact, they are the ones who show the way to the dyeing industry to save their skin," he alleges.

Dyeing and electroplating units and dairy complexes are considered the main culprits. Though the dyeing units claim to have installed Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) by spending crores, these do not fulfill environmental conditions.

On December 3, activists of 'Kale Pani Da Morcha' announced to plug these

CETPs so the dyeing industries are not able to discharge liquid into the Nullah. The industry owners asked the huge workforce to confront the activists and the issue was sorted out on a temporary basis.

Dyeing industry owners claim the entire blame is shifted on them, when the electroplating industry, dairy complexes, and dumping of domestic and medical waste are equal contributors. Bobby Jindal of the Punjab Dyers Association says the PPCB had to provide them a document, which has not been done. "Because of that, the dyeing industry got a stay from the NGT. The next date for the hearing of the case is in March."

Nullah cleaning involves technical and non-technical aspects. "The authorities argue on technical issues in courts, while no one pays attention to the key issue of illegal connections," says Kapil Arora, an activist.

The chairman of the Vidhan Sabha monitoring committee, Daljit Singh Bhola Grewal, says "we are watching everything very minutely. The corrupt practices of the previous government and government departments under them have been stopped and things will be brought back on track very soon". He claims the Chief Minister himself is monitoring the working of PPCB. "In 2025, you will see some positive outcome on Buddha Nullah," he says. Let's see!