



Cops joined kin's hunt for lovers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: All that Pooja Rani (24) and Shambhu (26) wish for is to return home safely. Hailing from Fatehgarh Sahib district in Punjab, the couple were forced to elope to escape the 'honour' police hounding them for intending to marry outside their caste.

The two roamed the towns of Haryana and Rajasthan until they spent their money. Believing dying is a better option than being constantly chased by cops and kin, they were on verge of committing suicide

Rajesh Mehra



ORDEAL NOT OVER

when Love Commandos rescued them and gave them a place in one of their shelters.

They are now among 78 couples living in the seven shelters maintained by the Delhi NGO. Pooja and Shambhu say it's the casteist society as well as police who are to blame for their plight. After Pooja's parents filed a missing complaint with cops in Fatehgarh Sahib, Shambhu's parents were summoned to the police station where they were thrashed severely. Shambhu,

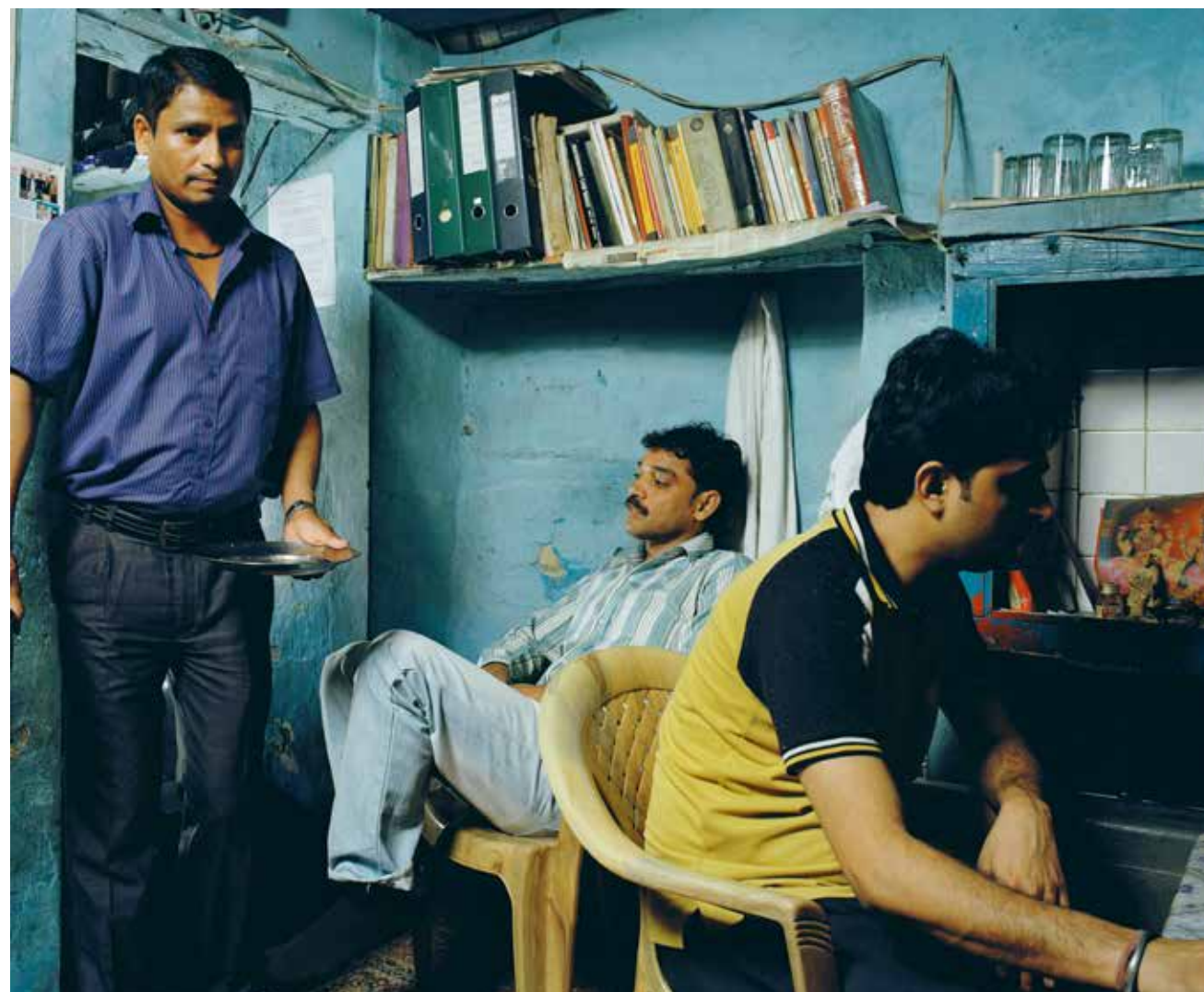
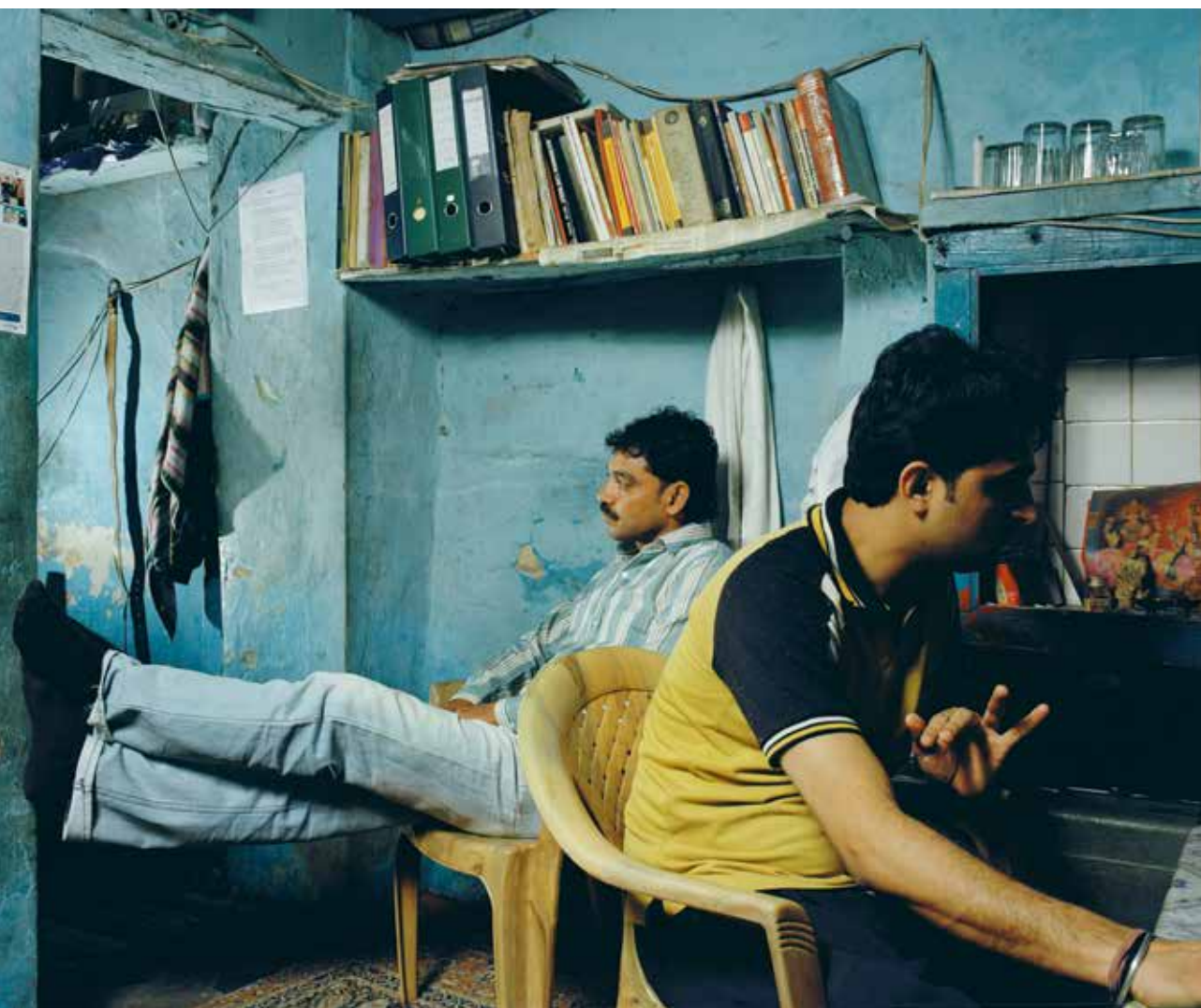
who is a welder, claimed Pooja's parents opposed the match as his family is not affluent. "My mother, who is 58, was beaten up. Police in Punjab mistreat ordinary people. I don't understand what crime we committed. Which law says we cannot marry outside our caste?" Shambhu said.

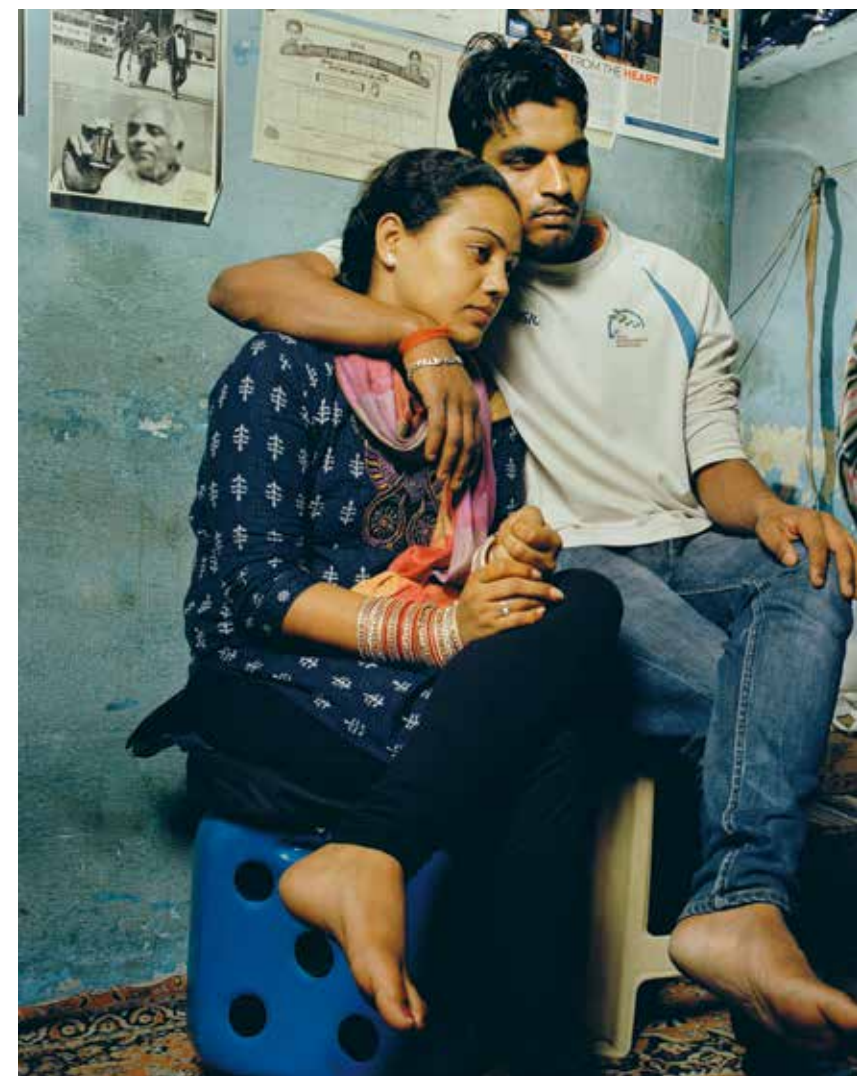
Shambhu met Pooja on a pilgrimage in Jammu. Being members of the same religious trust, they had several opportunities to meet and it was love at first sight. "I liked her instantly. But it took me very long to speak to her," Shambhu, who was an ace hockey player in school, said. They are happy they are finally together but are afraid of rejoining. "We are scared they will hound us again," Pooja said.

The couple left home on February 10 after the village sarpanch's associates forbade Shambhu from visiting Pooja's house. Pooja's brother asked Shambhu to prove his love for her by dying. "I was so depressed I felt like committing suicide. That's when we decided to elope," Shambhu said.

After weeks on the run, they were informed about Love Commandos. It organized a wedding at Arya Samaj Vivah Mandir Trust and gave them a marriage certificate. It also intimidated the SHO and the Punjab CM marriage.











understand i am 27 yrs old even my father beat me. we both traveled 9 years me together hope u can understand our situation if we separate. We would have 2 children if we get married, even we decided our children names. Day by day my parents are showing their cruel towards me. They are not allowing me to go out. My father is trying to contact my soul (my girl friend) to threaten her. They are saying if both get married they will kill us and they will also die. He is not allowing me to go office alone, they are following me where ever i go. Even he is asking my brother to follow me with out my knowing. The only problem is that my girl friend is another caste. Even he is saying that none of our relatives treat my father with respect because he married my mother on his interest (same caste). His intention is If i marry my girl friend no one will give respect to him. But all my relatives are comming to us now just bcoz of money. They are ready to kill us but not ready to accept us. Please help us.

Subhas Prasad
September 15th, 2011

7:58 pm

I want to marry a brahmin girl, but our family are against it. There are chances of some legal & non legal action from both the family. Can you help us in getting married? We cant even get our friend envolved in this matter coz they are afraid. Urgent help required. Please help.

Aayushi
February 13th, 2011

5:04 pm

Hi!! Sir,
This is aayushi anand from muzaffarpur, bihar. I want your serious help sir actually i am in class 12 right nw. i will be turning 18 next year. i fell in love with a guy named ayush when i was in class 10, and till now we are together. but my parents came to know about our love and forced me from not talking to him, still i used to manage somehow by stealing my mom's cell and talking. my parents stopped me from meeting him, my faher even had beaten me many a times. so ayush and me used to hide and meet for 5- 10 minutes. we both really love each other a lot and we also want to be like other couples who roam around freely spending time with each other. we cant live without one another and we even cant run away fom home and marry right now cause i am just 17 and he is 20 years old. but sir its getting harder and harder for me to survive in such a situation. i am dying each and every moment of my life. I CANT TALK TO HIM ON SPECIAL DAYS.WE CANT MEET,INSPIE OF LIVING IN THE SAME TOWN WE HAVE NOT SEEN EACH OTHERS FACE FROM THE PAST 1 MONTH. Sir, tomorrow is VALENTINE'S DAY and he despirately wants to meet me and even i want to meet him but we know we cant cause wherever i go my parents they put a guard behind me who tells everthng to them and then again they beat me. I even once pleaded my father to agree with us i said that my studies wont get effected by this but he said that just because the guy is from the other cast so we cant be together. once i told that i am leaving my house with the guy, then my father told that if i did so he would complain an FIR in the police and ayush would be jailed. i even once tried to commit a suicide but got saved. Sir, please help me i cant stand it any longer, if this continues i wud rather kill myself. i know we cant marry right now but just help me somehow so that i can get a freedom to meet him whenever i want and talk to him freely. or else please ask your police to shoot me!... pls help me pls!...

Mario
January 20th, 2011

12:14 pm

hi everyone my love story is totally different just like sontham16 Tamil movie. Im an Angelo my heroin has a pakka hindu mudaliar mother with Telugu father and their marriage is a love marriage which is complete flop so they dont want to see their daughter suffer so my girl tried to ask once but their family started the same old style of blackmailing my girl that they will commit suicide. We dont want to run away as well so my girl made a plan of sending my details with a Hindu name along with the horoscopes coming to her home now they are very pleased with my profile, the problem is i dont have mother and my father and her father already had a clash regarding our love matter so i cant take him along with me, the only saving grace is their parents have not seen me at all.

Now she had mention in my profile that i have a elder brother and a widow mother now we need a kind hearted mid age lady to come forward to just come with us just for two days only as my mother for two occasions one is to visit her family and next is straight on marriage as i had told that my mother is going to settle abroad with my brother family so any king hearted angel come forward help us. the rest we will take care. We just need your presence nothing else we will show our gratitude with what ever we can. We where committed to each other for the past 8yrs so no looking back and dont want to



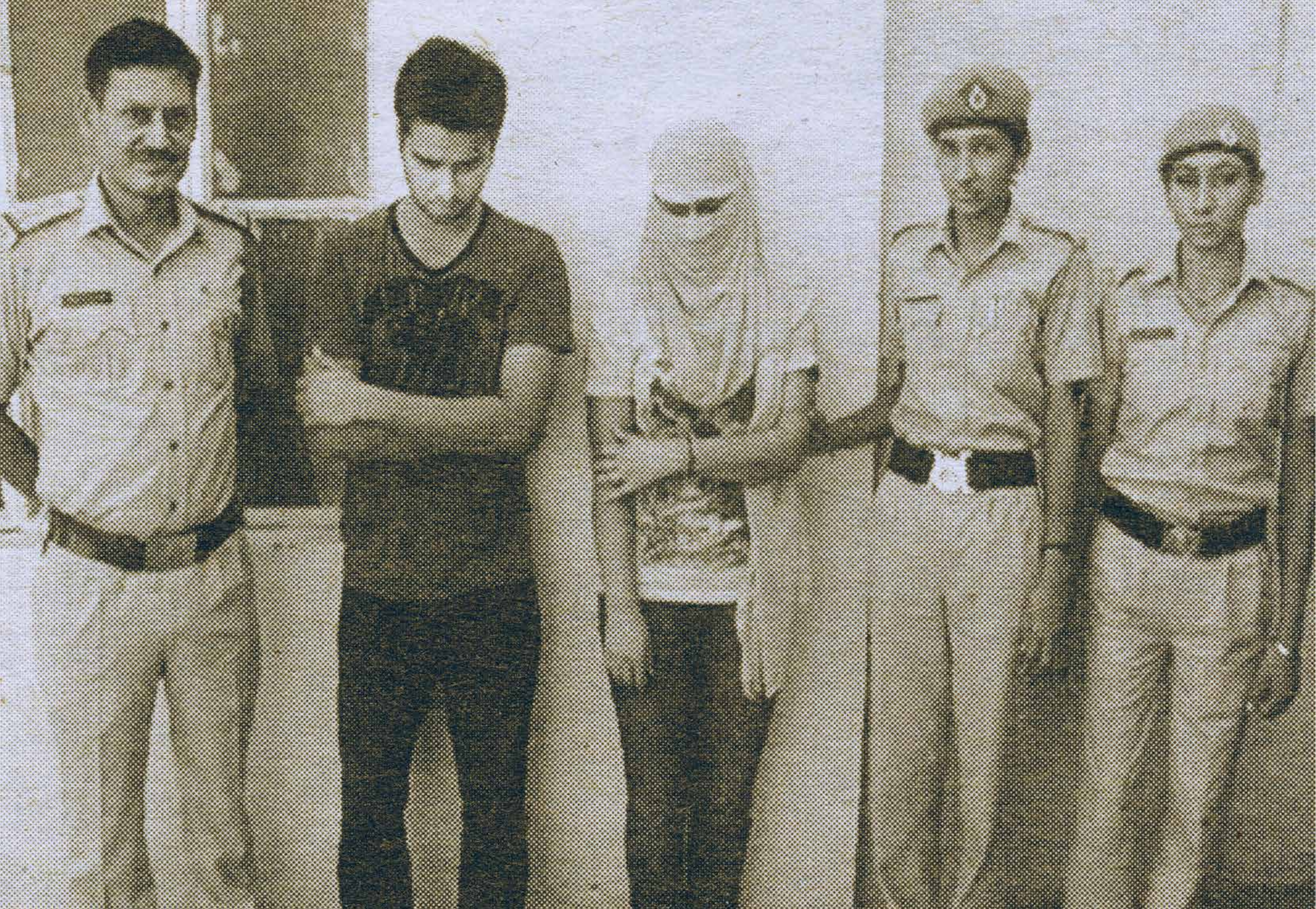














its been three years we are in a relationship and now her parents are not approving this relationship. She is being tortured and harassed severely and we want your help to convince them for this relationship. I was impressed by the work you have put for people like us. Please help us!

saumil
May 9th, 2013 4:12 pm

RESPECTED SIR,
i am very confused in my life cause i love someone so greatly and she also loves me a lot and her brother is such kind of mavali and all and trying to frighten me to kill me etc. 2 times i had talked with her brother calmly but he is now the problem of our life.. we don't want to give this all detail to her father but we need to do something to her brother.. she doesn't care if he die or live.. she just wants me. so plz help me. i'm waiting for ur reply.
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Barbara Stehman
April 28th, 2013 2:47 am

I am so pleased to learn there is a organization to help those that want to connect but are not able for reasons such as cast, religion or economic status.
Please be safe on your journey to help others.
This world is a very small place and one day we will not have a choice but to marry someone outside our family wish. It's natures way to keep out genetic make up sound and healthy to do so. Perhaps as we all become more financially sound, then we will feel safe to venture beyond our comfort of past rigidity and move forward to make this world more connected as one big family.
I live in the west where it seems we have done this for some time, but we too once were restricted by the same taboos.
Life is about learning... so I wish you all the best. ~ Barbara

abhinash
April 11th, 2013 3:09 am

hello sir
my name is Abhinash Poddar. I belong to a Hindu marwari Society and i fell in love with a Muslim Girl. I met her in Kolkata while studying. She came from Bihar Purnia I am self earning.
I love my Girlfriend more than anything in this world. We both tried to convince our parents but they refused to accept. however while trying to convince our parents the girl went back to Bihar to convince her parents. her parents have taken hold of her and put her under house arrest. she is being beaten down and tortured. I somehow gave her a mobile phone. She is contacting me barely by going in her Toilet. she is scared to death. her parents and neighbour torture her everyday. I need your help desperately before anything happens to my girlfriend. I am ready to pay anything to get her out of there and marry her. Please help me and contact me as soon as possible. My contact number is #####.
Please i really need your help.

NIMESH KUMAR
February 22nd, 2013 11:14 am

hello me and my lover in a relationship with last 10 years. now i completed my master degree and i m looking for a job. my lover is now engaged by force. i thought that my parents are not ready to accept us that's y i never promise her for marriage, from last one month i try to convince my parents and now they r ready but they put one condition that once my elder brother get married than they agree to accept my love marriage but now condition is that she is engaged. i try to make her parents understand but they are not ready. my lover is in my support, we decided not run away from house and we married by getting permission. her parents are not ready with us. they arranged her marriage month of may. i m confuse what to do. we are not able to live without each other. please suggest some way.

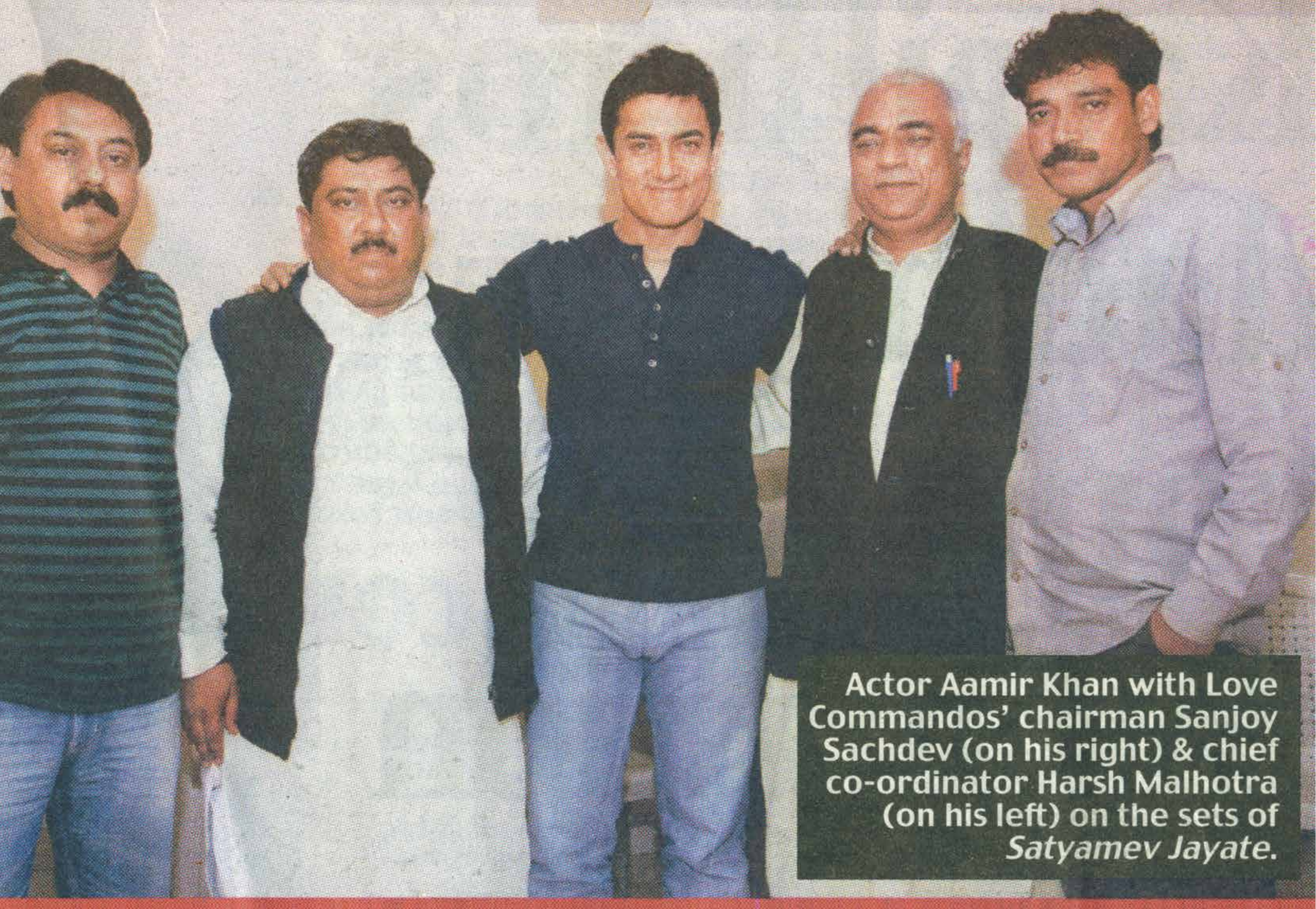
Shravan
February 21st, 2013 1:18 pm

I am Shravan from Bellary, Karnataka, currently living in Paradeen (Odisha) at site









Actor Aamir Khan with Love Commandos' chairman Sanjoy Sachdev (on his right) & chief co-ordinator Harsh Malhotra (on his left) on the sets of *Satyamev Jayate*.

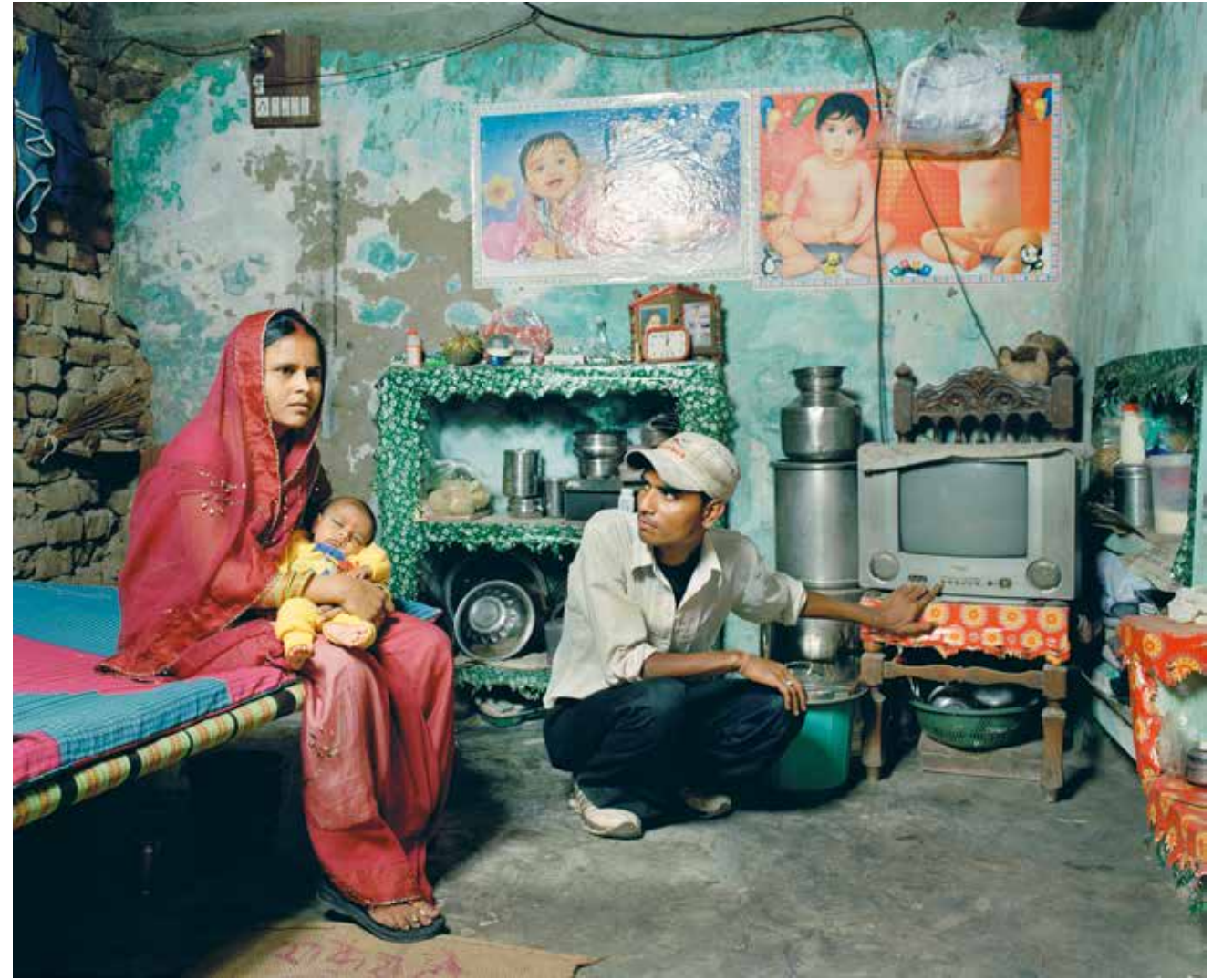


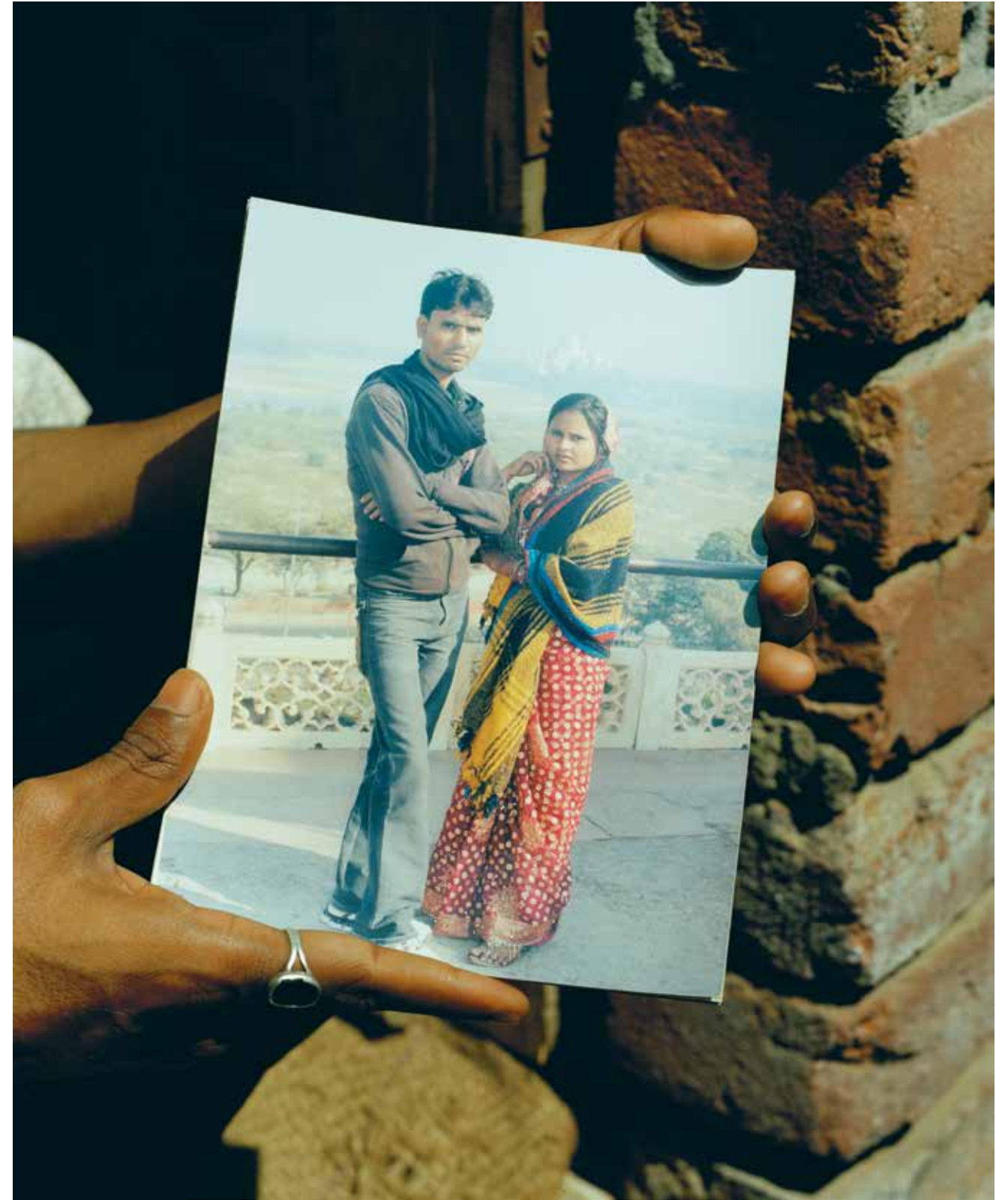














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INDIA DIGEST

Bro beheads sister

In a bizarre incident, a 20-year-old girl was killed by her brother, who went to a police station with the severed head after a suspected case of honour killing on Sunday in UP's Bahraich district. Objecting to her desire to marry a 50-year-old person, her brother Nanke chopped off her head on Saturday.

Curfew in Kudankulam:

Clamping down on the anti-nuclear protesters, the Tirunelveli district administration on Sunday imposed curfew in the villages falling within a seven-km radius around Kudankulam nuclear power plant.

Tibetan attempts suicide:

A Tibetan youth attempted self-immolation in Dharamshala's McLeodganj town on Sunday.

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Amarjeet Singh | TNN

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Burhanpur: The famous Kishore Kumar song "Tota Maina Ki Kahani" from the '70s film, 'Fakira', has always epitomized eternal love. What is little known is that the story originated in Burhanpur, a nondescript district in Madhya Pradesh. Now, 40 years after 'Fakira', Suraj Nagar, a sub-divisional magistrate, is making a movie which has a scene dedicated to this love story.

Quamaruddin Falak, a historian, claims that this love story is not a myth but a forgotten history. When Abdul Rahim Khan-i-Khana, one of Akbar's navratnas, ruled this city in the 16th century, the region suffered a severe drought. Rahim then got a reservoir constructed on the top of a hill from where water was later brought to the city. It still exists.

But few know the role Tota and Maina played in getting water to the city. They belonged

to a seer called Hazrat Shah Mustaqbil and fell in love while being kept in different cages.

It was said that whoever went to the seer seeking water never returned empty-handed. During the drought, Rahim went to him and the seer said he would set his birds free and they would guide him to water. "The birds went to a hill and sat on a stone which suddenly caved in to reveal a hollow, full of water," adds Falak. But the

birds could not be found. Later, they were found dead, wrapped in each other's wings.

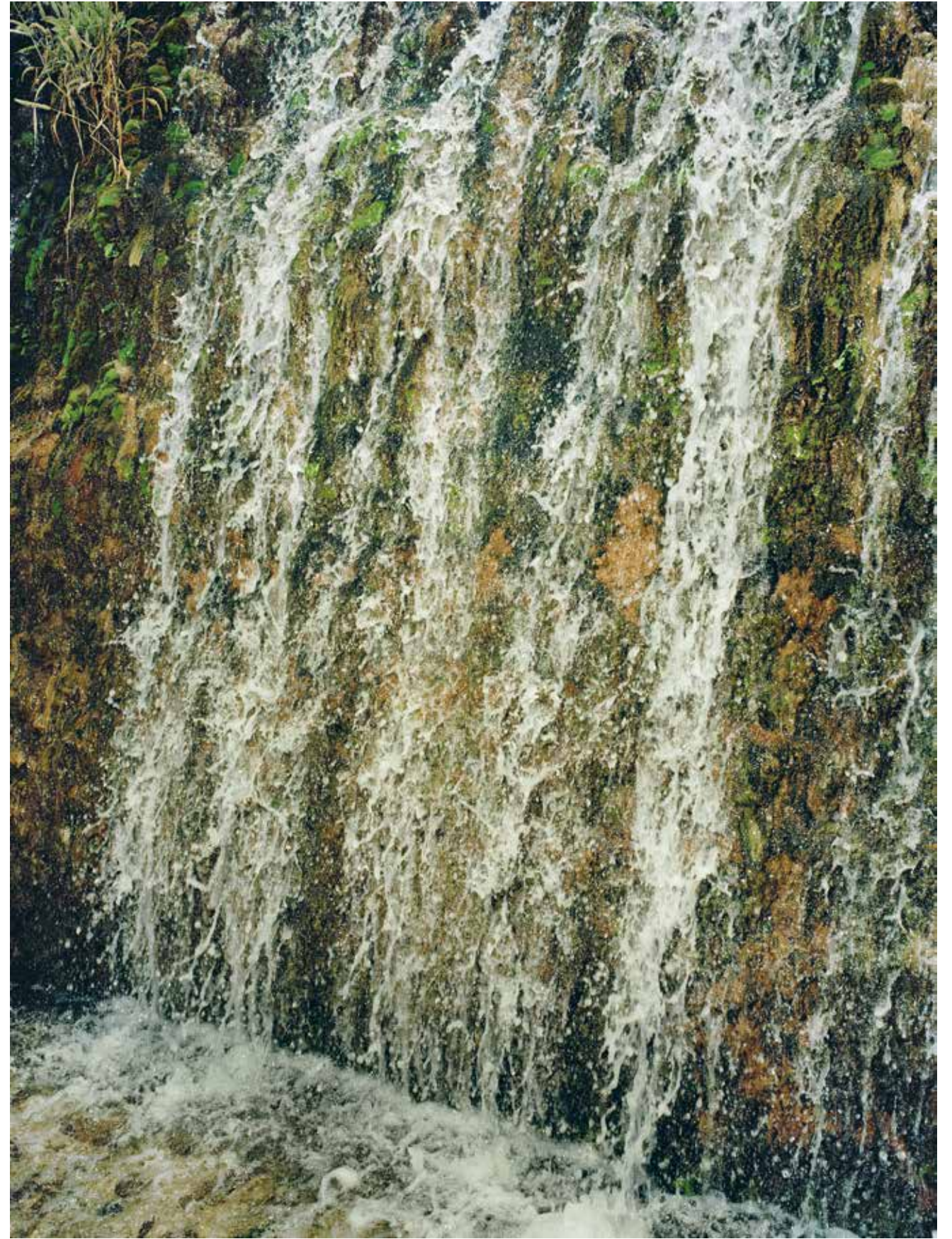
When they were brought to the seer, he said that they preferred dying together than living in separate cages. Impressed, Rahim got their graves built next to each other. Falak claims that this is a fact recorded by books, including one written by Sir Thomas Roe, a British ambassador who visited Burhanpur.



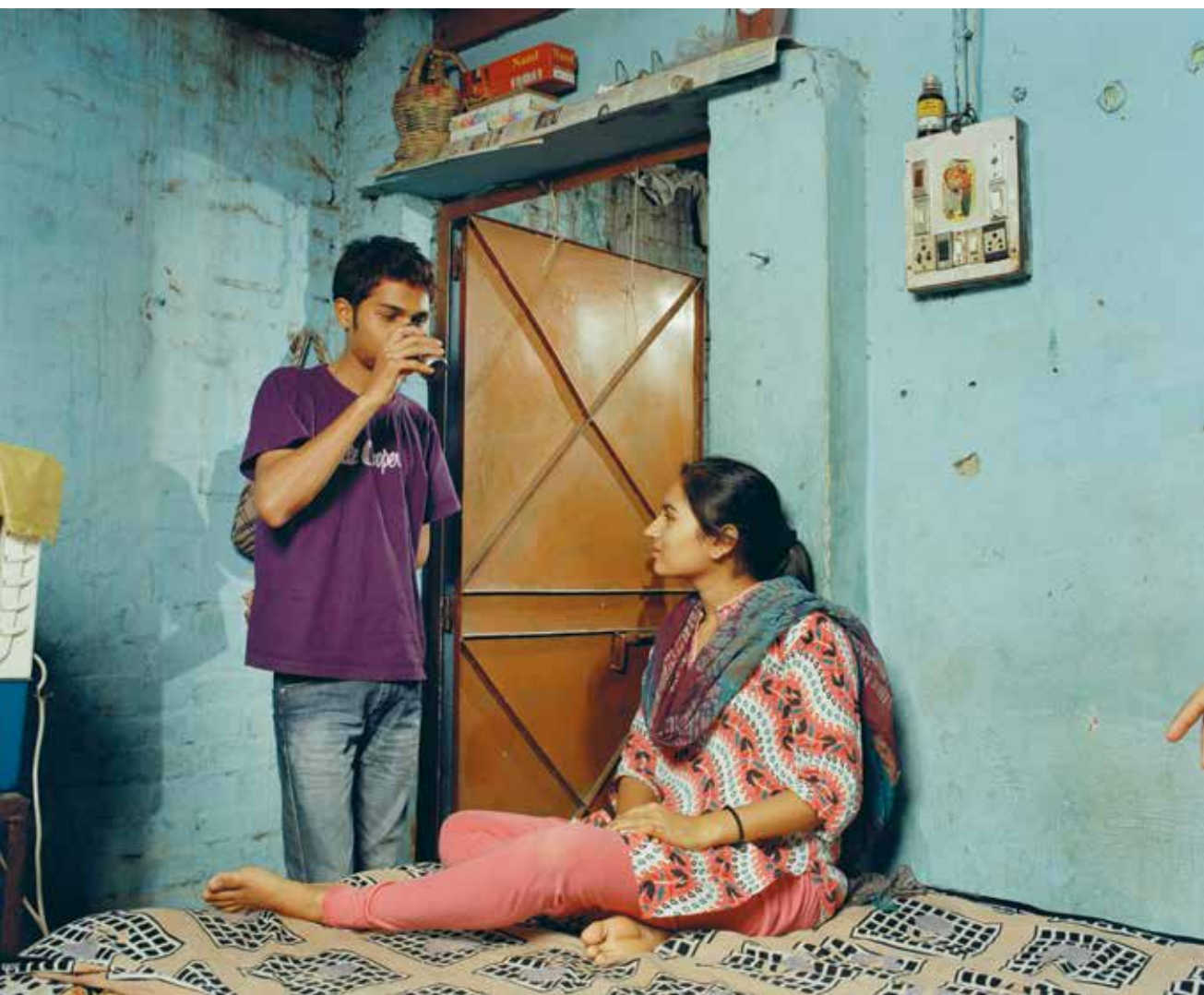
BIRDS OF LOVE: The grave of Tota Maina in Burhanpur

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We are in love from last 8 years & now want to marry but the problem is same (CASTLE).I dont live with my parents bcoz of my job n doing good. but from when i told my parents bout my wish they stoped even talk me n its been 2 monts from den they didnt talk 2 me but earlier dis they usd to talk wid me daily. they are old enough n worked hard for us n our good life i dnt want to leave dem as well dnt want to ignore dem for my love. but they are not ready to talk bout dis matter. we can make anyone understand when the discussion happen on dat matter but how i make dem understand ifthey are not ready to talk about it. her mummy n elder brother are agree n her faher will never agree. n if we do court or love marriage he will definetli haress us by police n all means. in case if i will b jailed den idnt want my parents to be draged or being punished for my mistakes. plz help us for a safe n trouble free marriage.....??????????

Thanking You
Akhilesh Yadav
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SAUMYA
June 16th, 2012 1:41 pm

I know that I am writing from the same account as my friend did. But we are different people. She called your helpline number and she was asked to send her address at your email. But aftr tat nothing happened. NO action. she didn't tell you to make her marry, she wanted your help just to take admission in that college where they would be togeth-er. She wanted you to rescue her from her suffocation that her parents have given her. But what did u guys do?..
She ate ***** and stuffs nd finally landed up in hospital with critical case. Please help her even now. I beg you.

SAUMYA
June 15th, 2012 4:02 pm

Its all bull shit!..If this site was actually capable to help love couples,then my friend wouldn't have died yesterday. She kept asking for help.You all can see her comments, her name is AAYUSHI ANAND. But no one helped her. At last she finally killed herself today. She died last night at 10:30 PM. May her soul rest in peace.
But as far as you all are considered, God will punish you for this crime. If you can't help others don't put up fake things and promises.

LoveCommandos.org
June 15th, 2012 9:47 pm

Dear Aayushi alias Saumya
You are posting your messages using different names. We understand that you may be stressed. You can call our Helpline number which is prominently displayed on our website.
Last night (14-Jun-2012), you posted messages at 11:10 PM and then at 11:21 PM and now you are posting using a different name.
You have posted these messages:
13-Feb-2011: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-1/#comment-33>
11-Jun-2012: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-9/#comment-613>
13-Jun-2012: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-9/#comment-625>
14-Jun-2012: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-9/#comment-635>
14-Jun-2012: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-9/#comment-637>
14-Jun-2012: <http://lovecommandos.org/comment-page-9/#comment-646>
Please call our Helpline Number: 09313784375
We provide assistance in protecting couples, helping them fight harassment and giving them shelter so they can marry freely.
- Love Commandos -

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June 15th, 2012 10:07 pm

Sir/Madam
I am a keralite christian guy, aged 24. Parents settled in Mumbai. The girl I love is a keralite Hindu girl, aged 24. Even she and her parents are settled in Mumbai. I am done with my engineering from Mumbai and completed Masters from United States, looking for a job which I will be getting for sure in a month. She is currently doing her MBA from India and even she is an engineer already. By giving these details I just want to make u all sure that we both are educated with respective post graduations as well. So financially there wont be any problem in the future. We both fell in love when we were





MP doc invents 'suicide-proof' ceiling fan

Manjari Mishra | TNN

Jabalpur: When German engineer Philip H Diehl invented the ceiling fan in 1892, he would have hardly imagined that his invention could end up being used as a tool to commit suicide. But there could soon be a remedy.

R S Sharma, a cardiology professor at the government medical college, Jabalpur, has invented a suicide-proof ceiling fan, which gets pulled down under additional weight leading to a soft landing of the person without stretching his neck or straining the noose. Sharma has applied for a patent and hopes it will be used in all homes and hostels. **P 12**













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"SERVICE WITH A SMILE"

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED CHILDREN



Ashma



Govind Singh

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Ashma D/o Jamil Khan R/o F-1743, DSIDC Narela, Delhi & boy namely Govind Singh S/o Maharaj Singh R/o Village Chaitayan P.S. Tri Nagar, Distt. Mahoba U.P. (Ashma) Age : 16 years, Height : 5'2", Face : Long, Complexion : Fair, Built : Thin, Identification : Burn mark on right eye Wearing : Pink colour top black colour jeans plastic chappal in feet and (Govind Singh) Age : 18-19 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Fair, Built : Medium, Identification : Old scar mark on face below right eye have been missing since 22.04.2013 from the area of PS Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case FIR No. 259/13 u/s 363 IPC dated 22.04.2013 has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this have kidnapped children may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in
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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SANCHAR BHAWAN, 20, ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001







sir I love a girl frm last 5 years..in 20 yrs old n she is plus 18..v both love each othr a lot..her prnts gt to knw abt it n her dad went to his frnd whu is ACP.. coincidntly my chachu knws dat ACP very well n both d fmly met deir n v didnt acppt anythng n v said v wnt to study more..
n nw der is no cntct wid her..m wtng to bcme 21.. bt 1 year left for it.. n der is no surity abt anythng frm her fmly syd.. dey cn du anythng wid her..dey cn go fo her marriage also..i knw she wont du bt she vil suicide.. plz temme wat shud i do???
plz cntct me as soon as psble.. i love hr n i cnt live widout her!!
i knw SACHA PYAR BINA QURBANIYON K NHI MILTA..
m ready to sacrfce bt i need ehr at last!!

PritPal
July 12th, 2012 9:15 am

God bless our rich social values & traditions as Arrange Marriage is most peaceful respectful, sucessful process to get merry. Marriage should be most celebrated moment for every, this social junk of west turning into hell.
Dr. Robert Epstein at Harward university did study on Love & Arrange Marriage concluded within 18 months 54% of Love Marriage fall apart. India has less than 2% divorce rate. Studies showing after 2 yrs Arrange Marriage affections above Love Marriage when they were on their peak. After 5 yrs their affection double.
Your organization may not understand orthodox parents, families, our rich social system, this Western study may help to understand why our social system has strong stand against social junk of West. Your organization encourage kids to make wrong decision ruin average decent families & their wonderful kids must know better than average person as myself or these young kids's develpoing minds.
Market base media, Entertainment or special enrust people won't let our kids to understand what mean Love never mind social sense.
2% Arrange 40% Love Marriage fail, kids fight each other over girl-friends die even in West other social & health problems to we realy under care or need at any cost; Honor has deep meaning than ego. Social values are to protect our kids & peacein our social system.
Love Marriage base social system will be worse for every caste. Under prililage girls will be vulnerable under Live-in-relationships. Do we need 12-13 yrs old single mothers under stress abusing drugs alcohol as in West. Economic base system looted, degraded killed whole world has resources to deal with social problems. How many people die in Mexico & around the world to feed drugs to West or their so called Developed World's broken social system full of stress.
India is oldest civilization every social tradition design to create strong social & environment sense. Muslim & Christian religion, Economic base system & Communism created broken social system design to expand rather than acceptance & tolerance as Hindu, Sikh or Jewism are. Family & social sense take us close to humanity, God means peaceful world.

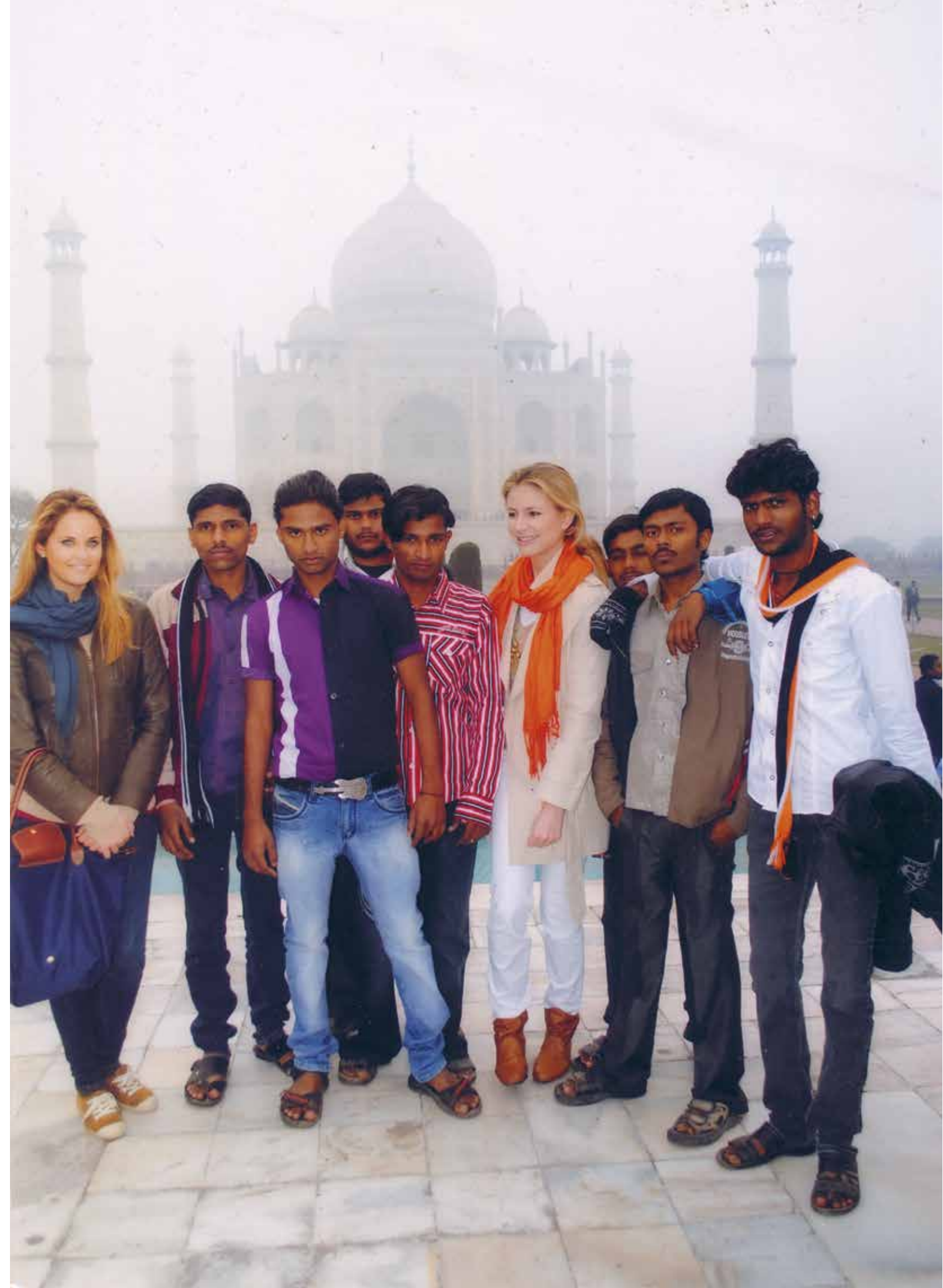
Aman
July 11th, 2012 7:48 am

respected sir.... i am 20 years old... me and my gf are in deep love with each other.... i have told everything to my parents.... but they have rejected it at once... our caste is same... but the reason behind the rejection is that our family standard is much higher than that of girls family.... they say that girl have made you fall in love just bcs i am rich.... i live very simple... and she knows nothing about our richness..... she needs nothing... but only me... i need her.... they are pressing me to leave her but you know, love once done cannot be left.... i want to marry her and live lifelong with her... i have tried my best to convince my parents... but all in vain... they say that if you marry that girl.... hun tumhe bedakhhal kar denge... and my mother says that she will inhale poison... and i am the lonely child of my parents.... i do not want to leave them alone in this world bcs i love them.....
few days back i have told everything to my gf about our family... she too have said to her parents about me.... they have also rejected.... just bcs there girl had loved a boy... and love marriage is a sin for them....
i am very upset about the attitude of people towards love..both families have rejected
i am in worst situation.. finding no way out....
sir, pls guide me what to do....????

Vinay
July 7th, 2012 5:27 pm
Sir need your help

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to be informed to public at
large on behalf of my clients Sh.
Ravi Batra S/o Late Sh. Jai Dev
Batra & Smt. Anita Batra W/o Sh.
Ravi Batra R/o House no.-2175,
Sector-12, Sonepat, Haryana, has
disowned their son Sh. Tarun
Batra & his wife Smt. Jyoti Batra
and also debarred them from their
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shall not be responsible for any act
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PARVEEN TYAGI (Advocate)
Ch. No. 308, W.Wing, Te Hazari Courts, Delhi

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VIJAY KUMAR GOYAL (Advocate)
Ch. No. 230, W.Wing, Te Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all men by these presents
that my client Smt. Omwati W/o
Late Sh. Uttam Singh R/o N-151,
Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-
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debar her daughter Preeti from her
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Sd/-DAYA NAND, ADVOCATE,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Rachna Kwatra wife of
Sh. Sanjay Kwatra R/o A-
4, F.F. Sai Co-Operative
G.H.S. Ltd, Sector-13,
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i.e. A-4, F.F. Sai Co-
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one Plot No-520, Pkt-B-3,
Sector-29, Rohini, Delhi
and any other immovable
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parents are having no
relations regarding any of
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with him, he himself will be
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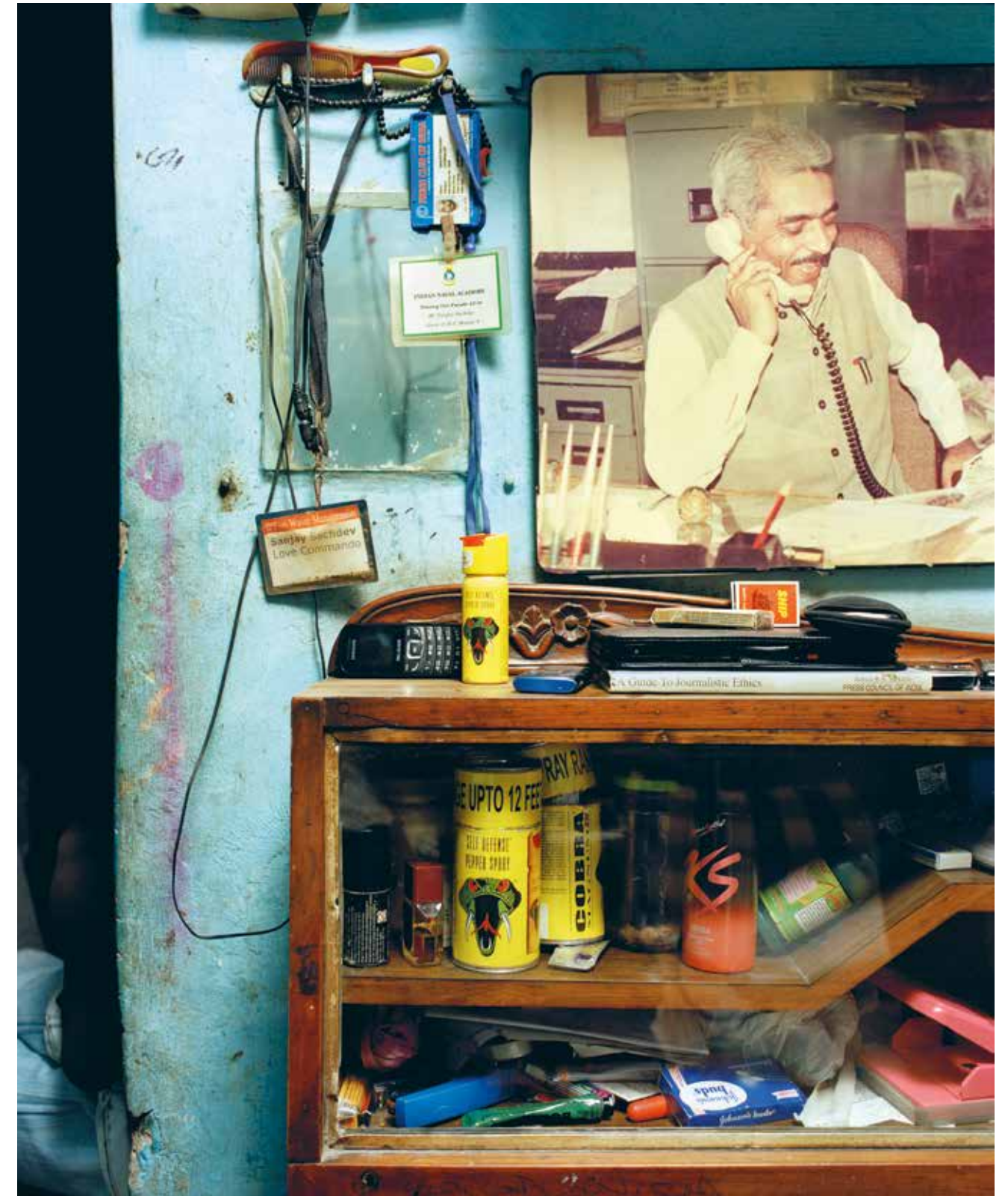
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HE IS A GREAT GUY – WISH TO MARRY HIM?



Hi, my name is Din (Actually it was Dinshah. Yes, I'm a

Parsi, but after I went to Canada and the U.S.A. I found that they could not pronounce our Indian names and eventually I cut my name short to Din and Oh Boy!

Did my poor Dad ever go through the roof, screaming and ranting that now I sounded like the neighborhood plumber? I was married for many years until my wife was killed in a car accident about three years ago. Never having been the bachelor type, and with so much to offer to the right girl, I desperately want to find myself a wife.

Before you waste your time reading through this entire advertisement, let me tell you the type of girl I want. Quite obviously you must speak English and have done your basic schooling. I don't care how much money you have or don't have. You should have a sense of adventure and the desire to live an exciting life. Be no older than 40 and slim. And please don't be a vegetarian. If you are divorced it doesn't matter, but definitely no children. I am much older than 40, but am very young at heart, very young physically, and very active, and any girl older than 40 would have a tough time keeping up with my active lifestyle.

When Dinshah runs I never watch him as I know he will win.



I don't care how much money you have or don't have. You should have a sense of adventure and the desire to live an exciting life.

Now let me tell you a bit about myself. I am from Mumbai and from my childhood days I was always very athletic. The year I left India I became the Eastern 110-meter hurdler in the country. I ran for India against Russia in Uzbekistan in the trials for the Olympic Games. Throughout my school, college and University days I was an amateur Gymnastics champion. I often ran in front of ten thousand people screaming for me, but the head of the event would always say, "When Dinshah runs I never watch him as I

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know he will win. I WATCH HIS MOTHER!" My mother was my champion. She would jump up and yell and scream and wave her arms, and people sitting near her would grab her around her waist to ease the fall over on the row in front. God bless her sweet soul, she was always my partner in crime!

FLYING

I first moved from India to Canada, and here I made a childhood dream come true. I learnt how to fly. At that time I was just a raw lad with three dollars in my hand and a suitcase in the other, but through my training I made myself a very happy promise that one day, some day I would fly my own plane across the Atlantic Ocean to Europe and back. Yes, I've always had BIG dreams, but then I always work hard to make my dreams come true. Time passed, and in the years that followed I left Canada (too cold for me) and moved to Los Angeles. Met my wife and got married and started my own business. The business flourished and we did very well, and for fifteen years I kept that dream alive, never for a moment giving up on it. Finally, we sold my trusty single-engine plane and I bought a two-engine plane (two engines), and in August of that year, with about thirty friends at our hangar, we flew off on what turned out to be the most beautiful adventure of my life!

We stopped in Greenland, Reykjavik, Iceland, Stavanger, Norway, then three more cities in Norway, Stockholm, Sweden, Copenhagen, Denmark, Amsterdam, Holland, Paris, France, London, England, then back to Reykjavik, Greenland and home. We took five weeks in all, met the most wonderful people, and the memories of that trip are still so real I can feel them even today.

There are lots of stories I have to tell you about this trip, and I'll do this one day when we are sitting quietly over a cup of coffee, or curled up side-by-side in a cozy bed. But for anyone out there who thinks it is easy to fly your own plane across the Atlantic, let me tell you it isn't! It is over 2,000 kms over the most dangerous ocean in the world. The U.S. Federal Government lists your chance of survival if you ditch into the ocean as two minutes! This is the main reason why one flies a twin-engine plane. The morning we left Reykjavik it was a grey and wet sky, and I had a huge knot in my stomach as I pushed the throttle forward for takeoff. Within minutes we entered clouds and flew blind for 80% of the flight. After about six hours my wife was doing okay and I was doing some calculations, thinking that we should be coming up on the coast of Europe very soon. Then, like pure magic, the clouds simply disappeared, we emerged into bright blue skies, and there in front of us was the green coast of Norway! We both screamed out loud and I had tears rolling down my face. After fifteen long years I'd made my dream come true! If this doesn't give you goose bumps you better go see a doctor!

TODAY'S PLANE

The plane I flew across the Atlantic was a Cessna 310 (I know, this means nothing to you). It is a sweet, single plane, she flew that trip like a champion and I kept her for 17 years. By the year 2004 I was a much richer man than I was when we did our trip, and I finally decided to buy the type of plane that



only dreams are made of. The plane pictured here is my current plane, and if you don't think she is beautiful then once again you better go see a doctor.

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Tanya is my motorcycle, and she's a beauty. I have always been a speed maniac!

summer. Let your imagination run wild for a moment. Think of how much of the world is waiting for you and me with a plane like this. The whole of the U.S.A., Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, South America and yes, even another transatlantic trip to Europe! Come on, drop your inhibitions and come home with me, you'll never regret it.

MY HOBBY

By now you're probably thinking, "If I marry this guy, he's certainly won't be dull flat what does he do when we're not checking out the countryside on his motorcycle, or flying in the plane on a three-week vacation in Alaska?" Well, ever since I was a little kid my hobby was always AEROMODELLING, and as I grew so did the hobby, so you can see from the picture of one of my planes. Unlike everyone else I know in this hobby who buys their planes from the store, I of course, love to be different! I design my own planes and then build them myself. This one has a 9-foot wingspan and weighs 45 kilos.

They are powered by powerful gas engines and con-



tinued by very sophisticated radio control units. They fly at an average of 130 kph, and my biggest and latest model is 10 feet in wingspan and weighs over 60 kilos. I give you these dimensions so you can realize that these are no toys. My wife used to love spending time side by side with me in my workshop as I built my models, and would often come up with an idea better than mine! If I can't get you interested enough to do the same thing then we're going to have a problem.

TANYA

Tanya is my motorcycle, and she's a beauty. I have loved motorcycles ever since I was little. It took me two years of crying and begging and screaming and pleading to get my poor parents to buy me one. Now here I have to make a confession to you. I've always been a speed maniac! I absolutely hate riding on the highways in America because of their strict speed limits. What I love is riding in Mexico. Sure, they too have speed limits but they have so few roads that I can speed to my heart's content, and I usually cruise at between 160-200 kph! And I have never got a speeding ticket yet. Almost all the cities in Mexico are beautiful, and though I've travelled much of the world I think some of the fairest temples, churches and monuments are in Mexico. Over the past ten years I've done three big trips all alone, and been in every single state city in Mexico, including Guatemala and Belize. I'd make you one promise right now. I would never expect you to sit with me at



these ridiculous speeds. Riding on the bike is beautiful, and I will only go as fast as you are comfortable. I've done over 80,000 kms of high-speed riding and now would much prefer to settle down with my wife behind me. I promise you you'll love it. Tanya is a beauty.

MY HOUSE - MY PALACE

As I mentioned earlier my business in Los Angeles did extremely well, and after only 11 years I had made enough money to retire rich for the rest of my life! So that's exactly what I did, and overnight I sold my lovely house (at a huge profit), and sold the business (at another huge profit). One day as my wife and I were waiting for the sales to go through, I told my wife, "The next house we live in I want to build myself without any help whatsoever!" I told you, all my dreams are really BIG! She turned to me and said, "Don't be stupid, you can't build a house by yourself." With all the strict rules and regulations and restraints about building in the U.S.A. and with life being much simpler in Mexico, we bought a beautiful two-acre piece of land just outside HERMOSILLO, in MEXICO. Oh boy, I can just hear all of you saying, "OH, HE LIVES IN MEXICO!" With all the had publicity Mexico is receiving in the press these days, I don't blame you for shaking your heads and say-

ing, "No way Jose." But before you rush to any negative judgment, if things were really that bad do you think I would be living such a lovely life in Mexico?"

As you can see from the photo the house is stupendous. I designed it. I drew the blue-prints, and I took 5 years building every single aspect of it. While I was building, the local newspaper did a full-size spread on the front page. After the house was complete it has become a sort of landmark in the city, and the local TV Channel did a one-hour program on the house and called it one of the most beautiful houses in Hermosillo. A few months ago the Mayor of Hermosillo had dinner at the house, and a couple of months before my wife died the American Consulate and his very pregnant wife came over and spent three hours with us. By the way Hermosillo is only 45 minutes south of the U.S. border in my plane.

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG!

I think of the fabulous life I'm offering you living abroad: having a plane and all the freedom that goes with it; living in a beautiful palace of a house; two fabulous cars, one of which will be yours; never having to worry about money; and a loving husband to whom you will always be his precious little princess! I absolutely swear to you I would never be unfaithful, and I could never ever be rough with you. My principal job will always be to make sure you are the happiest girl in the world. Compare this with your current life and what you can look forward to if you do nothing. I'll tell you something from experience nothing comes to you in life if you just sit and wait for it to happen. You have to take that step forward, you have to sometimes take a chance, and you have to grab the opportunity when it waves you in the face! I'm not so brazen to think that I am the only one here doing you the favor, you will be doing me a huge favor too. For everything I have means nothing to me if I don't have you to share it with.

I am staying at a prominent hotel at Churubusco, and friendly interviews will be conducted at THE REGUS CENTER, right opposite the Pritikin shop at Fountain. Please call 9664122295 for appointments. So look in your mirror and tell yourself you've finally found the guy you'd like to spend the rest of your life with, and then call me and come on down, I'm willing to wait you. Don't worry if you're nervous because I'm probably twice as nervous as you are! I won't be in Mumbai for too long, so don't hesitate. See you soon.



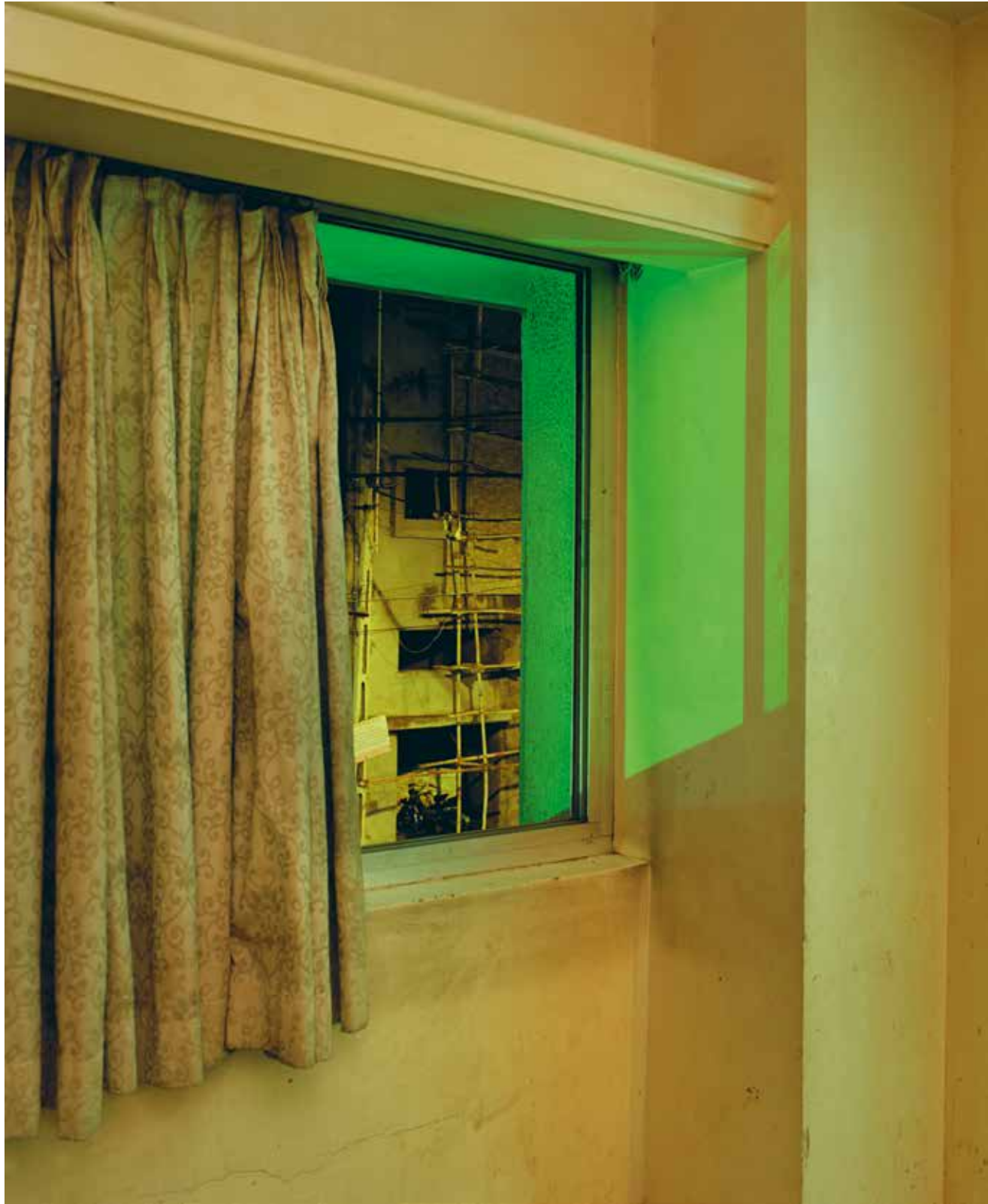


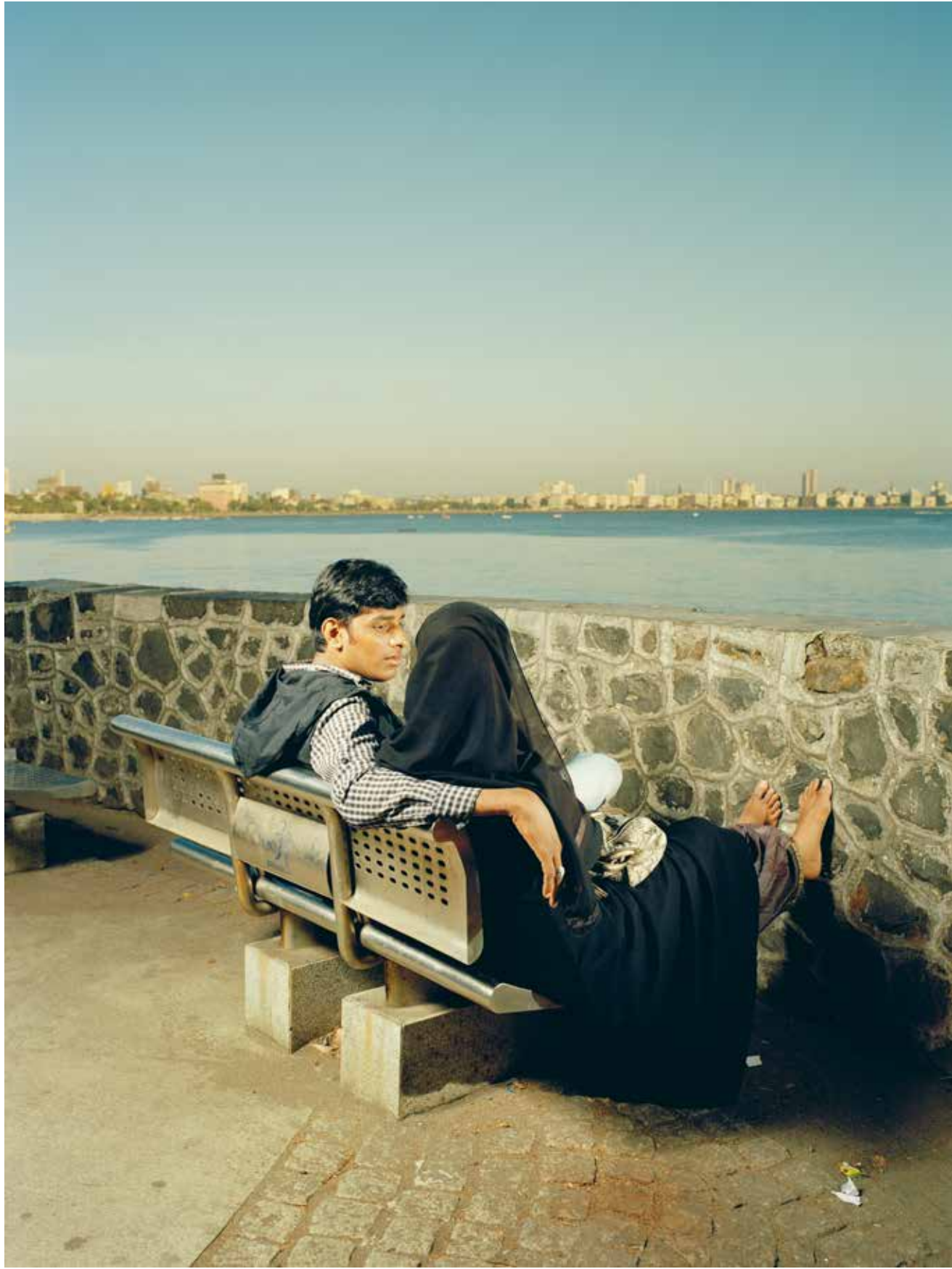












For honour, man kills pregnant daughter

Nashik: In a shocking incident, a man allegedly strangled to death his 18-year-old pregnant daughter here on Friday as he was miffed with her for marrying a person outside their caste, police said.

Eknath Kisan Kumbharkar (38), a resident of Hanumanwadi locality, strangled her daughter, who was around eight months' pregnant, with a rope in an autorickshaw near Gangapur road locality. Eknath hired an autorickshaw in the morning and reached his daughter Pama Kamble's house. He asked her to come along immediately saying her grandmother was in a serious condition.

As the victim accompanied Eknath, he strangled her with a rope when the autorickshaw was near Chopada lawns area. The autorickshaw driver tried to prevent the man from attacking his daughter, but in vain. While the victim died on the spot, Eknath ran away from there. The victim had last year married Deepak Kamble, a resident of Kamgar Nagar locality at Satpur, apparently against the wishes of her father since her husband happened to be from another caste.

The autorickshaw driver rushed Pama to Nashik civil hospital, where doctor declared her dead. AGENCIES

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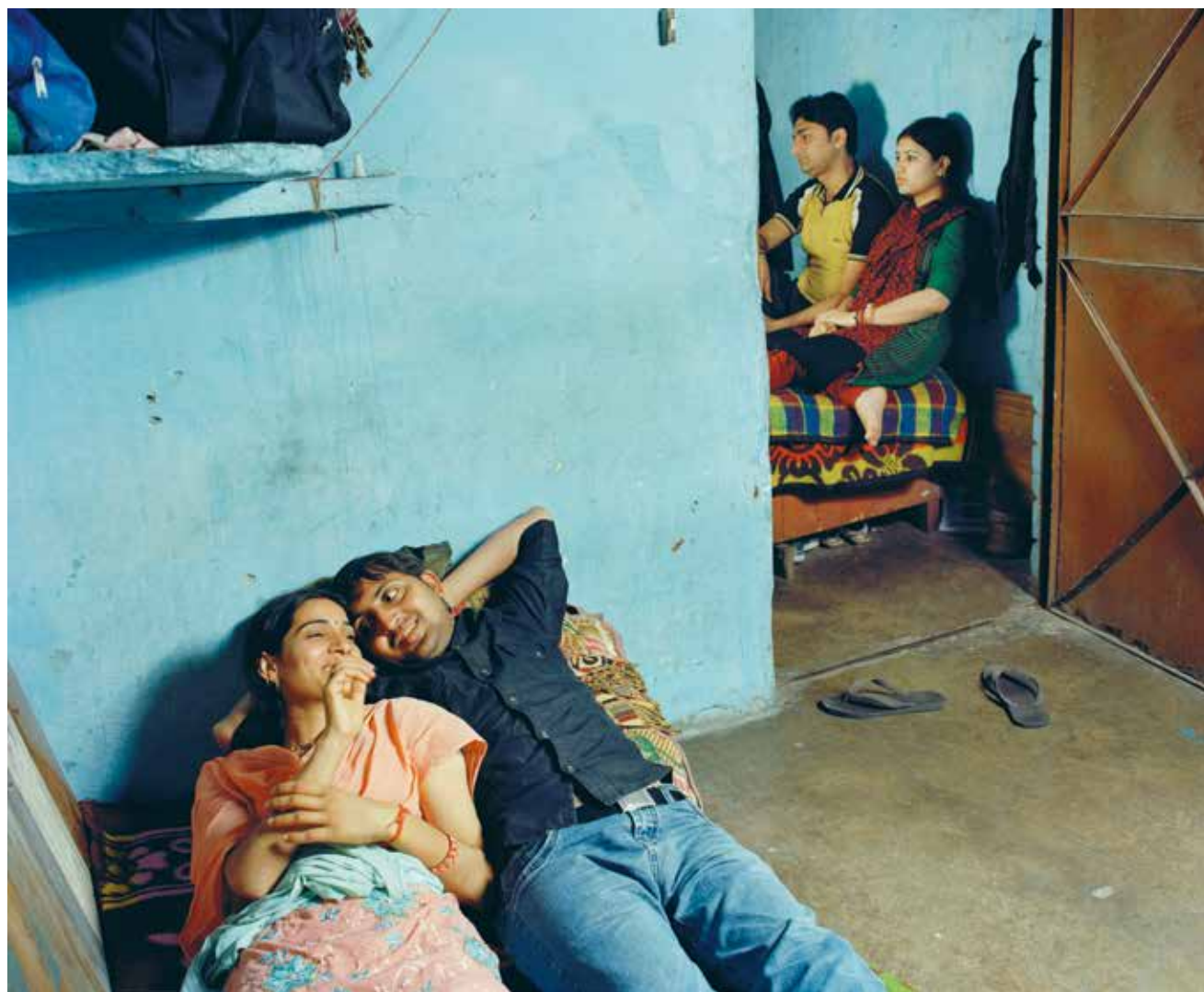
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want to marry but family is not allowing us and therefore we decided to run and now we r waiting for right movement and because of our love they have shifted to village and she is going through lots of pain that's why i dont want to leave her and we are happy with each other we will require ur support after some time when we get ready to run.....

Mahendra
September 8th, 2012 11:01 pm

I have a problem... My girlfriend and my family are in deep soughts of trouble... Girl-friend's family members have fixed her marriage and aren't trustworthy or they could be harmful for me and my family as they are of different caste (or upper caste as they say it)... My family is ready for our marriage... But the problem lies in protection of me and my family... They have a lot of power behind them in the form of politics... Please kindly HELP me to get a solution as soon as possible as her marriage date is inching closer... Please please somebody help me...

Robinson
September 5th, 2012 8:07 pm

I love a Sikh girl. She loves me very much. She is 16. We have accepted each other as husband and wife. I am Christian. Her relatives recently tried to kill me with guns and sharp edged weapons. God saved me there. They were about 17 men with about 6 guns and other sharp edged weapons. Some of them were hired killers. That was a horror seen in the night by the riverside wilderness, far from the reach of common people. They chased me and fired many bullets. Then they tried to search me after that night's failed attempt. I did not even lodged any complaint for my beloved safety. For they had threatened her to kill with living wires current. For i fear that matter could get worse after lodging any complaint. Please guide me in this regard legally and help me. I am helpless as she is 16.

tanu
September 4th, 2012 8:25 pm

SIR,

I got disturbed listening to Paris Bhasin case. I love my childhood friend Abhinav. He belongs to a different caste than us. My family knows him well and have always admired him for his being decent and civilised. We want to get married, but of course with familes' consent. In my family caste is the major issue, next comes the fear that the guy will leave me after marriage and they think that being a friend he must not have accepted my marriage proposal had he been of good character.!!! This sounds to me funny but with so much anti social things prevailing in society, even i am afraid of our future. My family tries to build up heavy mental pressure on me referring all the time about poor health of my mother etc. Though my mother understands everythng about me and him; She is supportive too but can't speak out before my father as he stays on his straight denial. Kindly suggest what we should do.

nidhi
August 30th, 2012 9:22 pm

hi i m nidhi born in dewas in Madhya Pradesh i love a guy he is also born in the same place . But the guy is from other caste i m hindu but the guy is christian my family is not supporting for our marriage and we also asked from arya samaj in indore but they refuse from our hindu – christian marriage. if our marriage will not be arranged soon then we both will do suicide. if you guys help the love couples then plz help us both plz or email us plz help us plzzz i beg you plzzzzzzzz
plzzzzzzzzzz help me.
my boyfriend (sagar) no. is #####
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vishal
August 30th, 2012 10:08 am

hi i am from assam i ove a girl from himachal pradesh but she was born and brought








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SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY




General public is hereby informed that this boy namely Bijender S/o Ram Prashad R/o A-225, Ph.II, Metro Vihar, Holambi Kalan, Delhi Age : 20 years, Height : 4'7", Face : Round, Complexion : Wheatish, Built : Normal, Wearing : White colour shirt black colour pant and black colour chappal in feet has been missing since 30.09.2012 from the area of PS Shahbad, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 6PP dated 01.10.2012 has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad, Delhi.

Bijender

Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in
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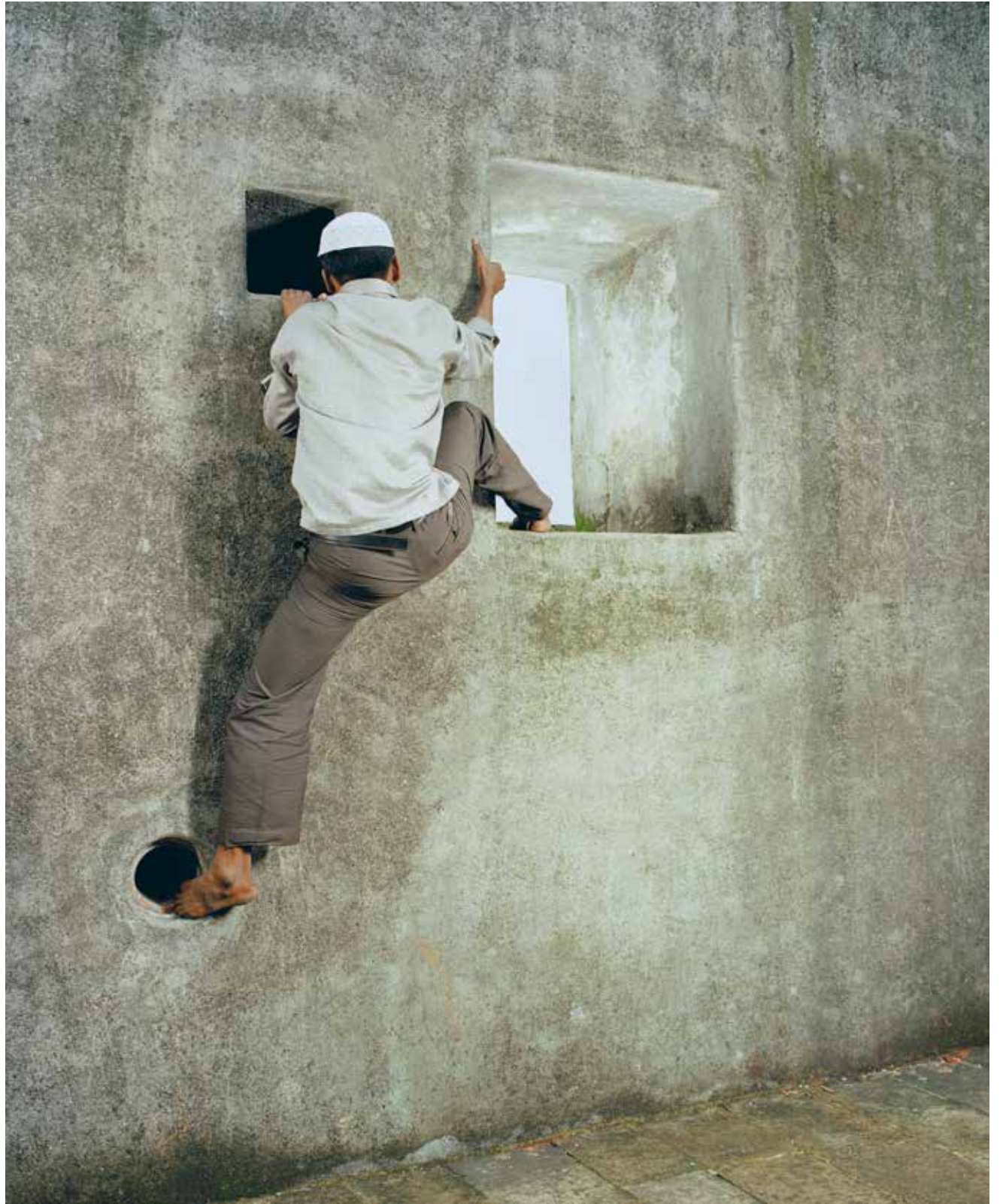


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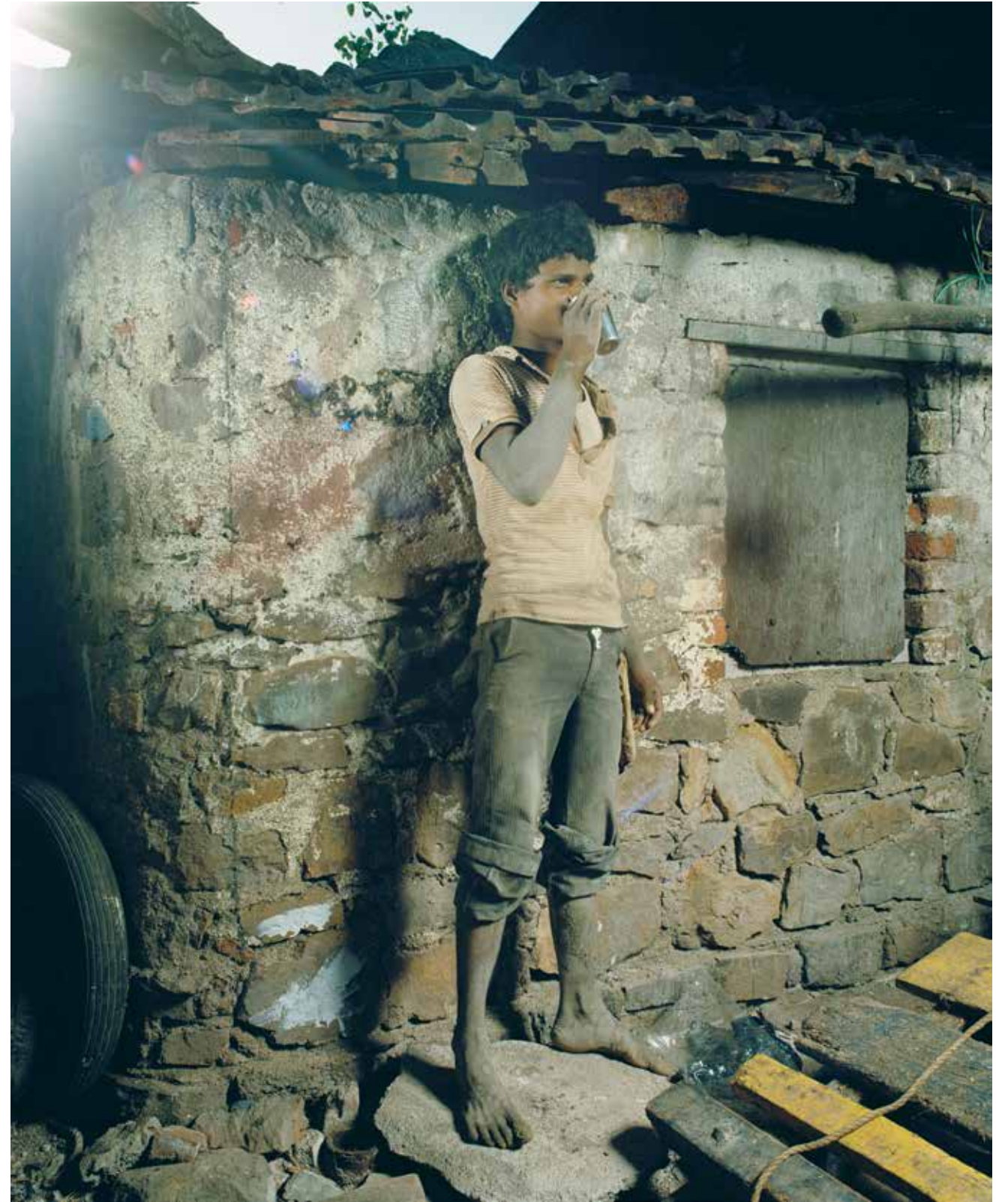
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I and my GF are in relationship from more than 5 years my n her parents also knows about our relationship but her parents are opposing and telling not get marry with me... as they also did love marriage... me n my parents had gone to meet her father but they didn't replied anything to us... we had gone twice – 1st time on Nov and 2nd time on Feb but they are answering anything... now from last week there parents are forcing her to forget the boy you love (means me). Actually I'm doing MCA last year n currently doing industrial training... so I thought after I start earning I'll marry but now they are forcing her angrily that we will not accept it n all... now what should we do...? if I apply for court marriage but during the process if something happens then will you guide us...

Preet
January 22nd, 2013 11:34 pm

dear sir...
i want to discuss my prblm wid u nd request u to giv suitable ans.
my age is 20, my parents found a match for me i resist vry mch, but dey donot agree wid me. dey said dat i hav 2 marry dat guy who is of age 30. i dont want 2 marry him nd told my paents dat i lov sm1 else, dey dnt agree wid me becoz my lover was of intercaste. nd now dey hav fixed my marriage in dec.
my parents are vry nice in nature, but dey are not allowing me for love marriage. plz tell me wat to do...
nd plz explian completely dat how can u help me, as i dnt want to hurt my parents too.

Usha Sharma
January 1st, 2013 11:19 pm

Dear Sir,
I am twenty seven year old working lady, belonging to Bhiwani (Haryana), Married to an Uttaranchal based government employee. It is an inter-cast Love Marriage. Now I am getting lots of threatening calls from my parents' side for Honor Killing which are very common in Haryana, especially from My Elder Brother Name-Mr. Ashok Kumar. They have ruined my social reputation as well. Now they are trying to create a scene at my in-laws place. Legally they cannot take any step against me and my husband so for now they are making the situation worse by abusing my father-in-law and also spreading wrong information at their place. In short, they are trying to trap me and my hubby through social tricks.
They are giving me daily calls from his Number-##### and torturing me mentally and psychologically. Please help us as we want to avoid Courts and Police Stations because everyone knows now a day's people just make the money from both the parties out of such cases. Kindly suggest some genuine way to stop them and their actions. These are some number used for threatening me:
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Regards
Usha Sharma

mahamood
October 15th, 2012 10:54 pm

Sir, I am a muslim boy (28 M), loving a hindu girl (24 F). We were in relation from past 4 years. I sent her to talk to her parents to get the approval. this is my biggest mistake. now she is not able to come back. her parents, her brothers & sister beat her very badly, taken her gold, mobile, ATM cards everything. I am not even able to talk to her now. We both really wanted to commit suicide. looking for your help... Please...
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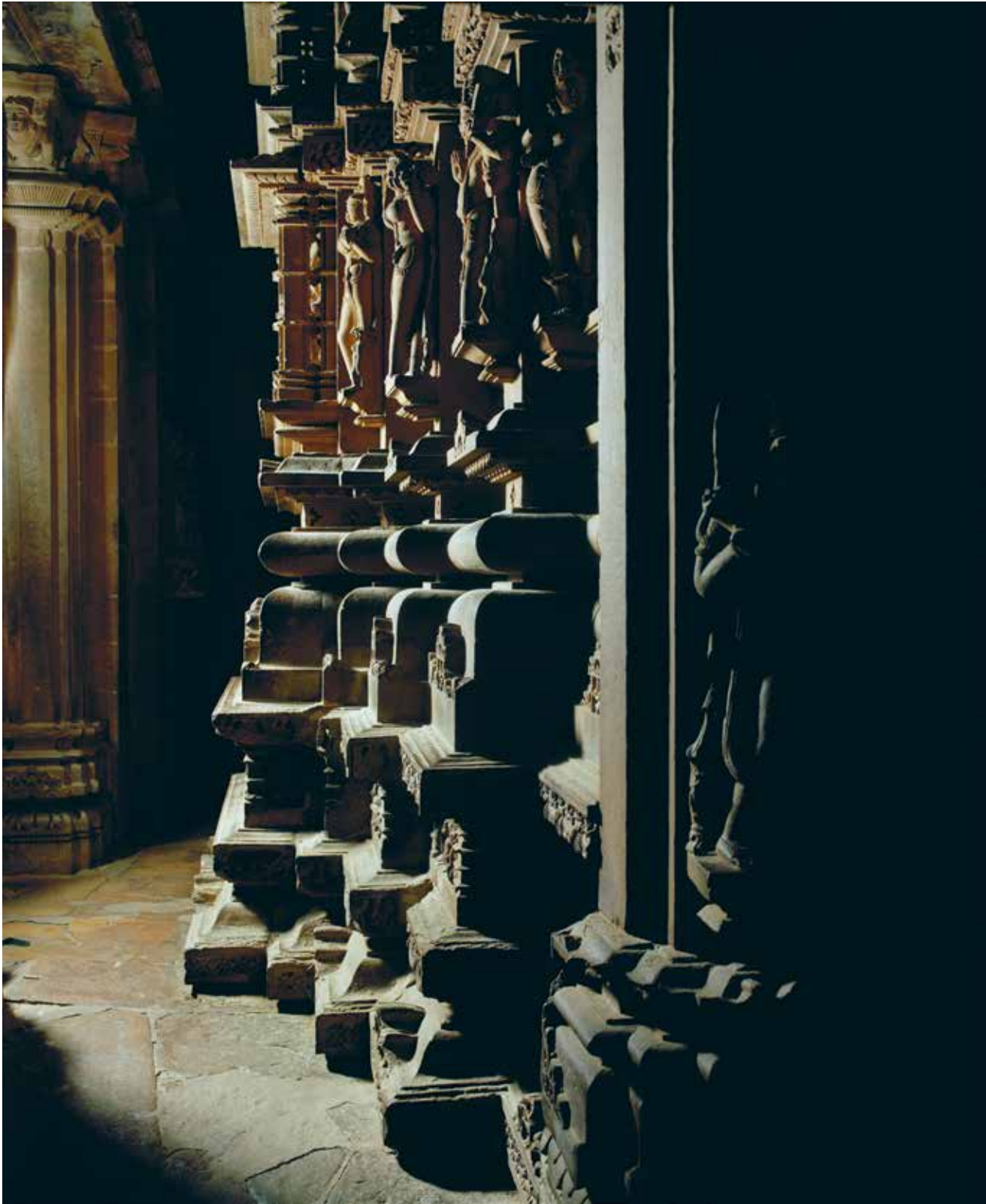
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was found dead at Santali railway station in
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haru general railway police in charge Ran-
bir Singh said, "The couple apparently
committed suicide by jumping in front of a
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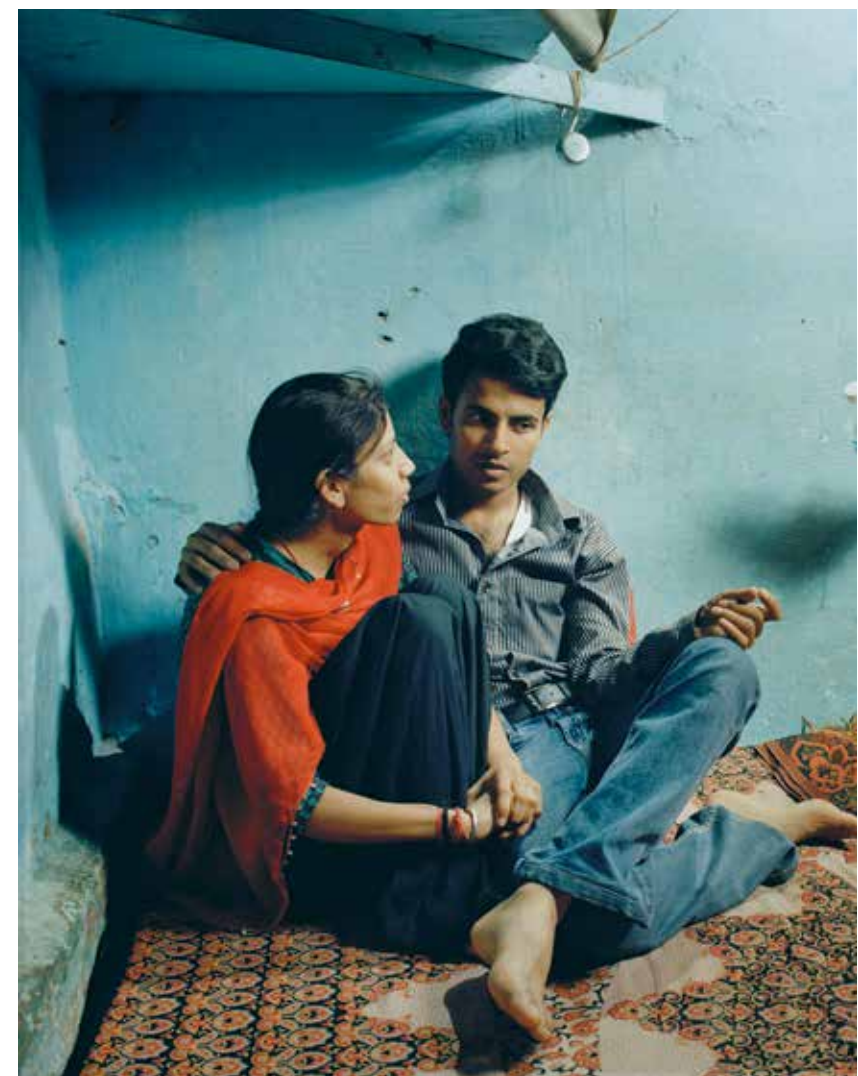
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Introduction	<p>A beautifully constructed book with different elements</p>	<p>This book consists of several elements (text or images), each treated differently on the level of the layout. One kind of images always consists of a sequence of photographs made inside the headquarters of the Love Commandos. They can be recognized through the smallness of the photographed spaces, the presence of the blue walls and a more simple use of lighting. These sequences create horizontal lines that weave through the book. The irony of this graphic approach resides in the fact that these photographs are the most documentary ones, whereas being organized in sequences contradicts the myth of the decisive moment or the “moment of truth” the photographer is supposed to capture. Thus the use of sequences seems to stress the consistent, but seemingly vain attempt of the photographer to capture the reality in front of him, but it also stresses the limited space these people have to hide and live in.</p> <p>Another series of “images” consist of vertically arranged, bleeding texts, extracted from the weblog of the Love Commandos. Together with the documentary sequences, they seem to weave a basic grid for the book.</p> <p>There is also a set of “images” consisting of found material. These can be found documents, but also found photographs or “found footage” such as inscriptions in bamboo trees or posters on walls.</p> <p>Another category seems to be added for abstract reasons. They are not easily explained. They deviate the most from the photographs Pinckers used to make until today. They open his work to the future, e.g. by documenting sculptural integrations made on location in collaboration with the artist Gauthier Oushoorn.</p> <p>Yet another series of images mainly consists of staged photographs or photographs that seem to be staged and documentary at the same time. They are characterized by very intricate lighting, using different light sources and flashes. In this book they have a kind of visually narrative function. They recount (visual) stories, related to the general subject of the book. They are also the result of instant improvisation with found situations and randomly encountered people. They demand a quick way of reacting from the photographer and try to touch upon the subject matter through invention. Some of these photographs also have a purely documentary character, e.g. when they show us parts of ceremonies or settings or photographer’s studios related to arranged marriages.</p> <p>A quite distinct set of images consists of five photographs of still lives against a black background. They attain a symbolic function and are linked to the main theme through a narrative approach. For instance, we see a bottle with a perfume of <i>True Love</i> made by a professional perfume maker or a marble statue of a rose seller made by a sculptor of religious statues, both commissioned by the photographer.</p> <p>A last series of images consist of idealized digital landscapes retrieved from a photo studio, where they are used as backdrops for portraits.</p>
Fact and fiction	<p>In an interview with Colin Pantall, Pinckers states that he “had heard of the Love Commandos and approached them to make a story. They are based in New Delhi and they are a small team of four guys. They have one main headquarters, a website and a telephone hotline. They provide assistance to couples who are in love but cannot be together due to family opposition – mainly due to caste or religious issues. In India, most people still have arranged marriages, but young people do fall in love and run away to be together. The main function of the Love Commandos is to allow people to do this in safety and in accordance with the laws of India and to prevent honour killings happening to the young couples. So they take in young couples and provide protection, sometimes they send in people to rescue couples at risk. They have eight different shelters in New Delhi and one in Mumbai, amongst many more across the country. They also claim to have 50,000 volunteers, many of whom have been helped by the Love Commandos, who can give advice and help to people in their area. It’s a traditional documentary subject in other words, featuring people who face a very real danger of violence or murder. There are an estimated 1,000 honour killings in India every year, but it’s also a problem that extends across much of Asia, Africa, Europe and the UK.</p> <p>Pinckers could have gone with a straightforward editorial strategy of photographing the Love Commandos and the people they have helped,” writes Pantall. “But instead of emphasising the documentary side of the story, he began pulling in a fictional direction, using a visual language that borrows from Hindi Cinema (aka Bollywood) and its depiction of relationships and love. (...)” The irony is that though the staging, lighting and symbolism add a fictionalised layer to the story, it also points to the way that love is learned and lived in India. For all its economic progress over the years, it remains a deeply conservative and contradictory country where sex and love is rarely discussed openly. Instead, the convoluted plotlines and high drama of 100 years of Hindi cinema serve as a proxy form of education in how to fall in love and how to be in love.”</p>	<p>In an unpublished interview with Pinckers, the founder of the Love Commandos, Sanjoy Sachdev, explains the persistence of arranged marriages in India on the marriage industry. On the other hand, young people who aspire to a love marriage seem to be inspired by the Bollywood film industry, where love marriages are a frequently used subject. Not knowing the real situation, of course, it seems improbable to me that marriages between people from different castes or religions remain a taboo in India because of the marriage industry. Firstly, similar taboos must exist in countries where such an industry is absent. Secondly, I don’t see why this industry wouldn’t be able to adapt to new social conventions, wherein love marriages might be commercially exploited as well. I believe most social conventions are based on fear. They owe their survival to the decision of millions of people to comply to rules which they experience as comforting. A society remains divided into casts and religious clans because people are afraid of change, certainly if it’s a radical one. The paradox in this story is that love is the only true medicine to fear. Love and faith. And it’s exactly where love becomes almost tangible, i.e. during the elopement of two lovers, that the cruelty of the society arrives at its height.</p> <p>What could love be? Probably the acceptance of what we cannot change. Hence it indicates the only way to deal with death. On the other hand, there are the things we can change. These things demand for action, courage and,</p>

indeed, another kind of love, appearing to us as the dream that things could be different after all. In his interview with Sanjoy Sachdev, Pinckers asks him how he can recognize true love and distinguish it, for instance, from mere infatuation. The answer is clear. If lovers are so fond of each other that they want to leave behind everything and face the greatest dangers, the founder says, then we are facing a commitment that can only be love. In this way, love as acceptance and love as commitment meet each other in a struggle for freedom.

A changing method

When he made the photo series *Lotus*, Pinckers positioned himself towards the standpoint of a documentary photographer, confronting photographs people made of themselves with aesthetic, idealized and at the same time improvised, “unreal” photographs. When he made *The Fourth Wall*, he restricted himself to directing fictive scenes, without bothering about the dogmas of documentary photography. This series was more about the influence of fiction on reality and a confusion between film sets and settings found in the city: a questioning of what is real and what isn’t. In opposition to *Lotus*, the series *The Fourth Wall* was not determined by one visual subject, but by a thematic concept. Now, in *Will They Sing Like Raindrops or Leave Me Thirsty*, those two methods are combined: a documentary subject (the Love Commandos) is shaped through the encounter of texts, documentary images, found footage and fictitious or even abstract elements.

Pinckers’s poetic approach

The beauty of Pinckers’s approach is that he takes no stance. He doesn’t make a statement, he tries to show us the state of things. Every aspect of the situation seems to be captured or touched upon. The most rough and painful material (the newspaper clippings and the weblog of the Love Commandos) is combined with the most poetic approach, stained by flirtations with different kinds of kitsch. Hence we meet in this book an older person who spent his fortune having constructed a concrete copy of the Taj Mahal as a last resting place for his deceased wife and himself. We feel Pinckers’s bewilderment in front of the spiritual beauty of this devotion, but we also feel his sensitivity to kitsch as a way of communicating unsaid things. In an essay about the superiority of poetry over prose Joseph Brodsky writes that “the resistance to cliché is what distinguishes art from life”. In concordance with the rest of his essay I would like to compare Pinckers’s photographs with poems (and his books with poetry books): precise; concise; interlinked with rhythms, lines and colors; critical towards cliché’s, but nonetheless recognizing their existence; resisting photographic conventions as much as possible, trying to create a language of his own without becoming a prisoner of a personally created style or a one dimensional approach. For instance it might be mentioned that this new book doesn’t contain classical landscapes or portraits, nor close ups. The only portrait shows us the founder of the Love Commandos, with bare feet and an unstable looking shelf with files above his head.

“The more one reads poetry, the less tolerant one becomes of any sort of verbosity, be it in a political or philosophical discourse,” writes Brodsky, “in history, social studies, or the art of fiction. (...) A child of epitaph and epigram, conceived, it (poetry) appears, as a shortcut to any possible subject matter, poetry is a great disciplinarian to prose. It teaches the latter not only the value of each word but also the mercurial mental patterns of the species, alternatives to linear composition, the knack of omitting the self-evident, emphasis on detail, the technique of anticlimax.”

The poetry of Pinckers’s work comes from the fact that it reflects the complexity and incongruity of reality and touches upon “the mercurial mental patterns” of humankind through photographs in which “linear composition” is replaced by a multifaceted approach, condensed into lively, but decisive images. No decisive moments, but decisive images, that’s what we find here. Images with a straightforward appearance, but complex nature, mixed with relevant pieces of text and documents that end up in a minutely composed book of poetry.

Tapestry

In his masterpiece *Tristes Tropiques*, Claude Lévi-Strauss, flying over India, compares the landscape of this vast country to “some very old tapestry”. Leafing through Pinckers’s book I cannot help but compare it to such a tapestry, and wonder how the bottom side of it might look. So many hidden relations between the things we read and see! We think of the suggestive methods of Douglas Sirk and Fassbinder’s remark that Sirk never made movies about the main characters, but about, for instance, their servants. We admire Pinckers’s intelligence and poetic mastery, but we ask ourselves what might thrive him, which complicated, interwoven stories and experiences have made him into the curious, socially committed and entrepreneur-like photographer who studies a subject so deeply and brings it to us in such a beautiful, poetic form. Happily, we leave it at that. We don’t want to know. We are just curious to see what will follow.

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