

#FOOD REVIEW

CELEBRATING CLUB CULTURE

Experience The North Club at Hyatt Regency Jaipur Mansarovar, where tradition and culinary innovation converge. Delight in a curated menu that transports you through India's heritage, featuring dishes like Railway Mutton Curry and Dak Bungalow Chicken Curry.



Tusharika Singh

In an era dominated by pubs and bars, there exists a specialty restaurant that seeks to rekindle the spirit of traditional club culture. The North Club, nestled within the Hyatt Regency Jaipur Mansarovar, is not merely a restaurant; it is a portal to a bygone era. Here, the essence of India's heritage club culture is meticulously preserved, offering guests an immersive experience that transcends time and embarks on a nostalgic culinary journey. As you step into The North Club, you're immediately transported to an era where opulence, tradition, and camaraderie reigned supreme. The ambience resonates with connoisseurs of fine dining and epicurean delights, echoing the grandeur of India's historical club culture.

A Culinary Journey Through Time

Embark on your culinary journey at The North Club with a selection of delectable starters. Indulge in the Calcutta Club Cutlet, a tantalizing blend of beetroot and vegetable mash coated in a crispy panko crumb. Alternatively, savor the Tandoori Masala Lamb Chops, a symphony of flavors that tantalize the palate.

For those craving classic comforts, The North Club presents an array of iconic dishes. Sink your teeth into the timeless Clubhouse Sandwiches, burgers served with the beloved old-fashioned fries and potato wedges.

Moving on to the main course, The North Club offers a menu that reads like a chapter from India's culinary history. Highly recommended are the Railway Mutton Curry, a classic Anglo dish featuring lamb and potatoes in a rich stew, and the Dak Bungalow Chicken Curry, a hearty chicken, potato, and egg stew. Vegetarians can relish the Dal Maharani served with Kasturi Naan or the Saag Paneer paired with blue cheese naan. And for biryani aficionados, the Empire Biryani is a must-try slow-cooked for a staggering 36 hours with Rewaji goat and presented under a golden pas-



You meet them in civil service. You encounter them at work. They can be, and often are, nasty. They confront you when you think that you are a big shot yourself! In hindsight, they make for interesting raconteur. Let me number them and then describe my innings with them.

Bully No. 1

The one that scored

He was the newly-appointed Governor of a newly-made Indian state, where I was on loan from the CBI. I was the Anti-Corruption chief and quite the authority, or so I thought! I had a lovely cottage, with a spacious lawn where every morning, when the sun was out, the Kanchenjunga too was out, shimmering and shining. This cottage stood tall in the Governor's Estate. Protocol demanded that I call on him. I did. He was formal as was expected. I was already two years on. So glibly and coherently, I explained my job and I thought my one-to-one meetings with His Excellency had ended.

But no. He wanted to meet me more often. He wanted details of my work. My boss was the Home Secretary. He clearly did not wish me to visit the Raj Bhawan and rightly so. That was his beat. He was a Bhutia and a 'noble' of the erstwhile kingdom. He and I agreed that His Excellency and I should not meet to discuss my work. When I politely did tell him that, he did not like it. He bullied me to give in but failed to break my resolve. To cut a long story short, after a few months, he got me to vacate the cottage. Then the Government of India cut short my tenure. He had resolved to send me out and back to the CBI.

There lay the rub.

Here I was on a higher rank, with higher pay and three children in school, whose sessions differed from sessions in Delhi. I wanted two tenures. He cut short even my first one. The Chief Minister, however, was very appreciative of what I had done and was keen that I should continue. The Governor was not one to remain idle. The PM of India was related to him. Her late husband was some sort of a cousin of his. I learnt from the Home Secretary, India, that the PM's ears were poisoned well and truly against me.

This, I learnt when the Chief Minister sent me on an official trip to Delhi to plead my own case. The Chief Minister also sent the State Establishment Secretary to Delhi. The Finance Minister of the state was already in Delhi, got time from the PM and took him to see her. She was all ears, all smiles and asked her sidekick, the one who went by the acronym RKD, to take notes. The Establishment Secretary told me that he saw RKD take out his near-empty cigarette packet on which he took notes! As they left, the Establishment Secretary saw him from the corner of his eyes, taking out the remaining cigarette and throwing the packet into the dustbin, note and all.

A Sip of Elegance

At The North Club, the culinary journey isn't confined to the bar as well. Crafted by their masterful mixologists, the cocktails at The North Club are a work of art. Each drink boasts its own unique personality and is given a distinctive numeric name like Sixteen, Eighty-Seven, or Four Square. These intriguing names pique curiosity and beckon guests to explore the tantalizing world of cocktails with a twist. To uncover the secrets behind these numbers and savour the artistry in each sip, there's no better way than to embark on a visit to The North Club and experience it firsthand.

Who Scored And Who Didn't PART-1

The bully in my books was Sanjay Singh's uncle-in-law who became India's Prime Minister (1989-1990). His joint secretary, one Bhure Lal, asked the Director CBI, Rajendra Sekhar, to remove the ace public prosecutor, whom the CBI had specially selected and appointed to prosecute those charge-sheeted for the murder of Syed Modi. S. K. Dutta, once my very senior colleague in the Kolkata CBI, and then CBI no. 2, gave me this account. It appears that the Director CBI Rajender Shekhar asked him to accompany him to Prime Ministers Office (PMO) and told Bhure Lal Joint Secretary PMO In his (Dutta's) presence that he and his no. 2 would surrender their uniforms rather than remove the Special Public Prosecutor, Desai. The bully that he was, the Prime Minister, removed all prosecutors appointed in all departments of the Government of India in one stroke. Every department lost its prosecutor. We too lost Desai.

Bully No. 2

By hook or by...

The first Bully lost his job after 1984, when his support, the PM, was tragically gunned down on October 31, 1984. However, the PM had never gone after me.

The second bully became Prime Minister in 1989. It was 1988 when, as DIG CBI Punjab Cell, we charge-sheeted Sanjay Singh along with others for the murder of Syed Modi. We thought it was an airtight case. This Sanjay Singh was a politician. For years he was in the Congress. Thus, during investigations, when the Congress was in power, P. Chidambaram, India's Internal Security Minister, told the CBI Additional Director, who was temporarily heading the CBI (since the Director CBI, M. G. Katre was abroad) that Sen should not investigate Sanjay. When he asked me to lay off, I gave reasons why it was necessary to investigate Sanjay Singh. When the Director CBI returned, he asked me and heard from me the why it was necessary to investigate Sanjay Singh. The Minister was then told that as Sen was in

#POLITICAL BULLIES



Kalpanath Rai And Soniya Gandhi.

charge of the investigation and on the spot, he would investigate on his terms if he continued to be in charge of the investigation. Further, sitting in Delhi, they told the minister, he could not tell Sen whom to investigate and whom not to. However, Sen could be removed along with his team if the Minister so wanted. The Minister stopped short there and did not press for this solution but was annoyed.

I made a permanent foe of him, though. Years later, between 2013 and 2017, when



Sanjay Singh and paramour Ameeta.

he was for some time, the Home Minister of India, and I was the OSD to the LG Delhi, he repeatedly told him that as a retired officer and nearing 70, I should be replaced. My Lt Governor chose to ignore his suggestion.

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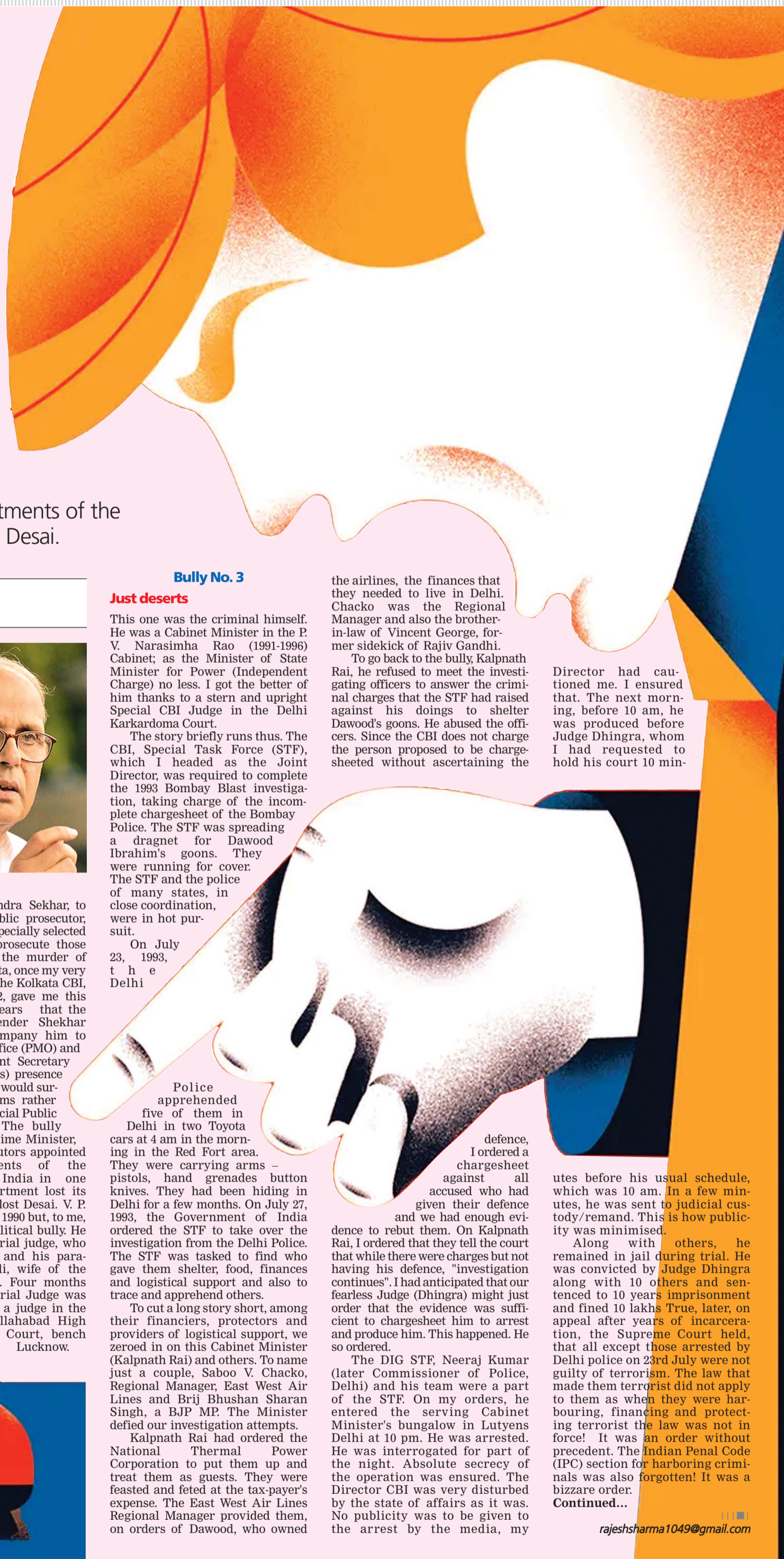
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World Bollywood Day



When the Indian film industry began in the early 1900s, it started out in the same way as Hollywood - with silent films. But when talking films began in the form of Bombay Talkies, the industry began to grow. It was different than films from the West in that the driving force behind the films were simply the stars rather than the actual plot or story. Unlike Hollywood, which is the name of an actual city and location where many films are made, Bollywood indicates more of the idea of the industry.



Bully No. 3

Just deserts

This one was the criminal himself. He was a Cabinet Minister in the P. V. Narsimha Rao (1989-1996) Cabinet; as the Minister of State Minister for Power (Independent Charge) no less. I got the better of him thanks to a stern and upright Special CBI Judge in the Delhi Karkardoma Court.

The story briefly runs thus. The CBI, Special Task Force (STF), which I headed as the Joint Director, was required to complete the 1993 Bombay Blast investigation, taking charge of the incomplete charge-sheet of the Bombay Police. The STF was spreading a dragnet for Dawood Ibrahim's goons. They were running for cover. The STF and the police of many states, in close coordination, were in hot pursuit.

On July 23, 1993, the Delhi

airlines, the finances that they needed to live in Delhi. Chacko was the Regional Manager and also the brother-in-law of Vincent George, former sidekick of Rajiv Gandhi. To go back to the bully, Kalpanath Rai, he refused to meet the investigating officers to answer the criminal charges that the STF had raised against his doings to shelter Dawood's goons. He abused the officers. Since the CBI does not charge the person proposed to be charge-sheeted without ascertaining the

Director had cautioned me. I ensured that. The next morning, before 10 am, he was produced before Judge Dhingra, whom I had requested to hold his court 10 min-

utes before his usual schedule, which was 10 am. In a few minutes, he was sent to judicial custody/remand. This is how publicity was minimised.

Along with others, he remained in jail during trial. He was convicted by Judge Dhingra along with 10 others and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and fined 10 lakhs. True, later on appeal after years of incarceration, the Supreme Court held, that all except those arrested by Delhi police on 23rd July were not guilty of terrorism. The law that made them terrorist did not apply to them as when they were harbouring, financing and protecting terrorist the law was not in force! It was an order without precedent. The Indian Penal Code (IPC) section for harboring criminals was also forgotten! It was a bizzare order.

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defence. I ordered a charge-sheet against all accused who had given their defence and we had enough evidence to charge them. On Kalpanath Rai, I ordered that they tell the court that while there were charges but not having his defence, "investigation continues". I had anticipated that our fearless Judge (Dhingra) might just order that the evidence was sufficient to charge-sheet him to arrest and produce him. This happened. He so ordered.

The DIG STF, Neeraj Kumar (later Commissioner of Police, Delhi) and his team were a part of the STF. On my orders, he entered the serving Cabinet Minister's bungalow in Lutyens Delhi at 10 pm. He was arrested. He was interrogated for part of the night. Absolute secrecy of the operation was ensured. The Director CBI was very disturbed by the state of affairs as it was. No publicity was to be given to the arrest by the media, my

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#HOUSEKEEPING

How To Get Yellow Stains Out Of Fabric

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Fashion trends come and go, but yellow stains on fabric are never a good look for anyone. From armpit stains on your favourite white T-shirt to—yuck!—patches of discoloration on your pillows, it's easy to get frustrated by fabric woes.

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But don't sweat it. There are ways to combat yellow stains on fabric that don't involve buying a whole new wardrobe or gallons of bleach. How to Gently Remove Yellow Stains

The best methods of removing yellow stains start with a number of ingredients you might already have at home.

Baking soda

For pillows, our "secret weapon" is a paste made from baking soda and water. Apply it to the stain, let it sit for a bit, then gently wash it away. Changing and laundering pillowcases on a regular basis will keep them from staining, he says, adding that pillow protectors can also do the trick.

Hydrogen peroxide

For other fabrics, a mix of hydrogen peroxide and water can work wonders on those yellow stains. Be sure to keep your hydrogen peroxide stored in its original dark bottle to maintain its efficacy; otherwise, hydrogen peroxide that loses its extra oxygen molecule is just plain water.



White vinegar

Apply the vinegar directly to the clothing and let it soak for about 15 minutes before washing. You can also use a baking soda paste but again, she likes to mix hers with vinegar for increased stain-removing

Lemon juice

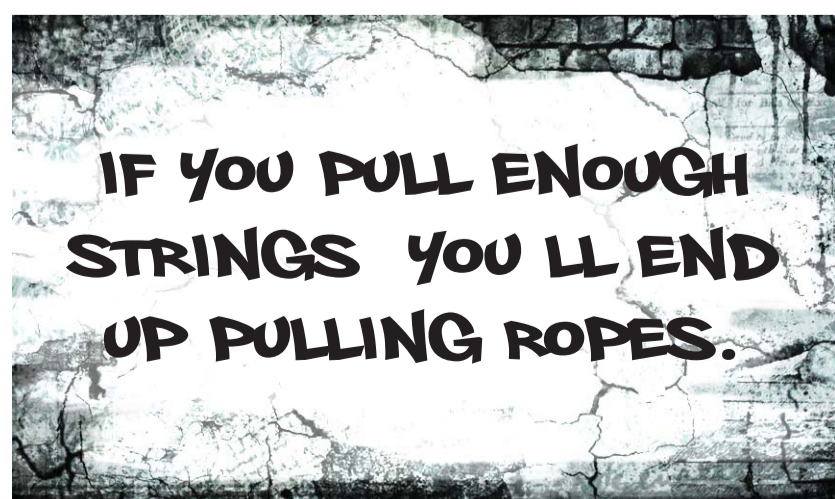
Lemon juice can be a natural bleach. Squeeze some directly onto the stain and rub it gently. For even better results, let the garment or item sit in the sun for a few hours before you wash it. The sunlight helps enhance the bleaching effect.

What About Bleach for Yellow Stains?

Bleach might seem like the obvious solution for restoring white fabrics, but it has its drawbacks. While bleach can work its magic, it's essential to use it cautiously, as it can be harsh on fabrics and may lead to discoloration. If you do decide you need strength of bleach to take on yellow stains, take the following precautions:

- Ensure you are in a well-ventilated area
 - Wear gloves—but wash your hands thoroughly afterward as well
 - Put on an apron to protect your clothes from accidental splatters
 - Store the remaining bleach in a cool, dry place—not in direct sunlight or heat—and away from children and pets
- Whichever method you try—and you may want to try several—note that some careful trial and error might be necessary. Depending on the whitening agent, the amount of time needed to soak the clothing will vary, so it's important to follow the instructions based on the agent being used.

THE WALL



BABY BLUES



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