

#CURTAIN RAISER

The Rajasthani edition of the book 'Shri Guru Bhagavat', originally written by Retd. IPS officer (DGP), Dr CB Satpathy's will be launched in the Pink City on July 17. The original creator of the book as well as the Governor of Rajasthan, Kalraj Mishra, will be present on the occasion. A star attraction of the event will be the performance of Indian classical music by Padma Bhushan Pt Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

An Evening of Spirituality, Literature & Music



Dr CB Satpathy.



Tusharika Singh

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The Pink City will witness an evening dedicated to spirituality, literature and music as the Rajasthani edition of the book 'Shri Guru Bhagavat' will be launched on July 17 at BM Birla Auditorium. The devotional book 'Shri Guru Bhagavat' by Dr Chandra Bhanu Satpathy is originally composed in the poetic Navakshari verse style in Odia language. Based on 'Guru Tattva', this book has been written in eight volumes in Odia and has been translated into 14 languages so far. In the Rajasthani language, it has been translated by Seema Kathotia. The original creator and spiritual thinker of 'Shri Guru Bhagavat', Dr Chandra Bhanu Satpathy will also be present on this occasion. The Governor of Rajasthan, Kalraj Mishra, will be the Chief Guest at the event.

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About the Author

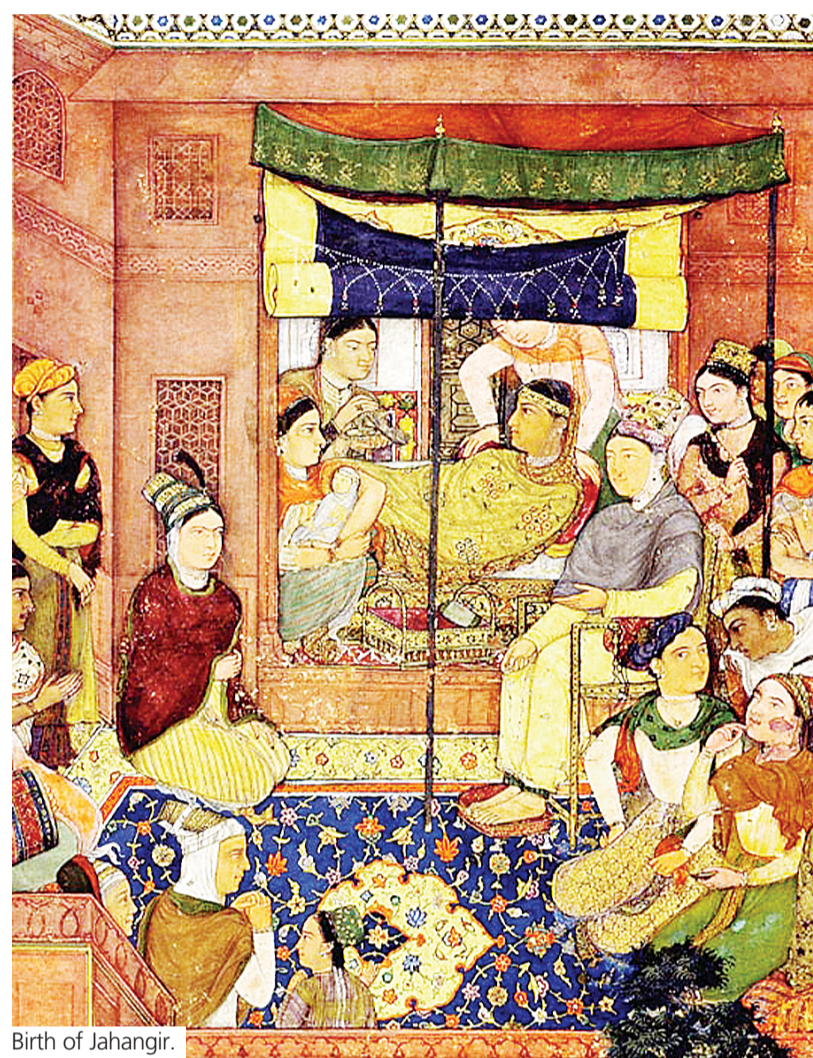
In 1948, in the city of Cuttack, Odisha, Dr CB Satpathy was born in a family of noted academicians and administrators. Post his graduate and post-graduate degree in Political Science, he went on to teach the subject for two years at Delhi University's Hastinapur College (now Motilal Nehru college). Subsequently, he qualified for the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1972 and served under the Indian State of Uttar Pradesh. After having put in about 36 years of service he retired at the level of Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh in the year 2008. He was honoured with many awards and accolades, including the Police Medal for Gallantry, Meritorious Services and for Distinguished Services bestowed by the President of India.

Day & Date: Sunday, July 17
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: BM Birla Auditorium
Entry: Free and open to all



Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

Child Salim Connected More With His Mother



Birth of Jahangir.



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#AKBARNAMA



Hira Kunwari.

Prince Salim was born to Princess Hira Kunwari on 31st August 1569. Princess Hira Kunwari was the daughter of Raja Bhramal of Amer (Jaipur) and sister of Bhagwan Das and aunt of Raja Man Singh. She married Akbar in 1582 at the age of 12 years and gave birth to Salim at age 19 years in 1569. Though nothing much is written about Prince Salim and his mother's relationship in Akbarnama, a few travellers have mentioned details of his bonding with his mother. Prince Salim respected his mother a lot and would at times carry her palanquin on his shoulders, even in his late 40s or early 50s as mentioned by travellers. He called his mother Hazrat or his Majesty Hazrat means holy and respected, and is usually used for prophets and saints in Arabic. He also greeted his mother with great honour doing sajda (kneeling and kissing ground where mother stands) which people do while praying to God in Islam and prostration (lying stretched flat on ground in front of mother) which people do in front of Idols (Hindu Gods) or saints. That shows the respect he had for his mother. When Portuguese captured his mothers trading ship he attacked Goa and captured it.

Jehangir says following about his own birth

When my mother was near the time of delivery, I am told, she was sent to the shaykh's house so that my birth might take place there. After my birth I was named Sultan Salim, although one never heard my father, either

Toward the end of Thursday the twentieth of the month (August 31), the solar weighing ceremony was held in Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters, and as usual, I had myself weighed against precious metals and other things. This year I was forty-four solar years old. On Thursday the twenty-second of Shahrivar, corresponding to the seventeenth of Rajab 1021 [September 3] (1613 AD), the solar weighing ceremony was held in Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters. Having myself weighed like this is a Hindu custom. His Majesty Arsh-Ashyani, who was kindness and generosity itself, approved of this custom and had himself weighed twice a year, once by the solar year and once by the lunar year, against all sorts of metals, gold, silver, etc., and mostly against valuable goods. The total which amounted to a lac of rupees was distributed to the poor and needy. I too maintain this custom, having myself weighed in the same manner and giving the goods to the poor.

of paying homage and greeting my mother in the vicinity of a village named Dhar. After executing the rites of korimush, prostration (sajda), and after observing the formalities the young over their elders under the terms of the Genghis code and Timurid law, I performed my evening worship of the Omniscent King. When that was finished, I obtained permission to withdraw and entered the fortress in Lahore. Jehangir used to carry his mothers Palanquin on his shoulders sometimes. Both travellers during Akbar's regime and Jehangir's regime mention this fact. During Akbar's regime one traveller mentions that Prince Salim Shah carried his mothers palanquin from palace to place of worship (temple) on his shoulders.

Edward Terry who came to India between 1616-1619 mentions in his traveller memoirs:

He will in poetic helps to carry sometimes his mother in a palanka on his shoulders. He speaks respectively of our Saviour, but is offended at His crosses and poverty; thinking them incompatible to such majestic, though told that His humility was to subdue the worlds pride.

Jehangir's birthday, along with the imperial weighing ceremony that marked it, was therefore celebrated twice, once according to the lunar calendar on the seventeenth of Rabi' Makhani. The emperor's mother or elder son's mother was given honorific names like Mariam-uz-Zamani and Marium Makhani etc. Jehangir had great respect for his mother and he often did Korimush (bending back to half and saluting mother). He mentions all this in Jehangirnama.

I had stationed my son Khurram to guard the palaces and treasures when I set out in pursuit of Khusrav. After my mind was relieved on that score it was ordered that Khurram should bring Her Majesty Maryam-uz-Zamani and the harem to me. When they reached the vicinity of Lahore, on Friday the twelfth of the month [August 7] I got in a boat and attained the happiness



Tulabhar (Weighing) of Jehangir.

residence and he mentions the same: On the Thursday the twentieth of Lrldibhisht, corresponding to the twenty-sixth of Rabi' I 1022 [May 6], (1614 AD) the lunar weighing ceremony was held in Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters. I ordered some of the gold from the weighing distributed among the women and the needy who had gathered in my mother's quarters.

When Salim was 51 years he was again weighed in Marium-uz-Zamani's palace. On the twenty-fourth [September 6] the solar weighing ceremony was held in Her Majesty Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters, and my fifty-first year by solar reckoning commenced under good auspices. It is hoped that the remainder of my life will be spent in acts that please God.

Marriages of him and his sons were also held in Marium-uz-Zamani's palace which Jehangir mentions. On Sunday the twenty-sixth of the aforementioned month [October 19], the marriage of Parvez to Prince Murad's daughter was held. The betrothal was performed in Majesty Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters and the banquet was held in Parvez's house. Everyone who was present at the celebration was ennobled with all sorts of favours and honours. Nine thousand rupees

Shahrivar (beginning of September). Akbar himself started this tradition of weighing (Tulabhar) Salim in gold and silver. This weighing usually took place in his mother Mariam-uz-Zamani's palace. Jehangir mentions his weighing (Tulabhar) a few times in Jehangirnama: On Wednesday the eighteenth, the weighing ceremony for my fortieth lunar year was held in Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters. I ordered the gold from the weighing distributed to the women and the deserving. On Thursday the first of Jumada II, the solar weighing ceremony was held in Her Majesty Maryam-uz-Zamani's quarters. Some of the gold was divided among women and the rest was ordered distributed to the poor of the realm.

When Jehangir was 44 years old he mentions being weighed twice in lunar and once as per solar year. He mentions the same below:

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When Salim was 45 years old he was again weighed at his mother's

A Real-life Spirited Away Bathhouse



Jufen in Taiwan, is popularly known as the mountain village that inspired Miyazaki's Spirited Away. However, down south in Taiwan has a real-life replica of the famed bathhouse. Located in the Breezy Valley Arts Village is the Breezy Village Guesthouse. It closely resembles the iconic bathhouse, especially with Yubaba greeting you at the front - don't offend her or she'll turn you into a pig! If you're a big Miyazaki fan add both locations to your next Taiwan adventure!

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mentioned by Beale (see Proceedings A.S.B. for August, 1873). Beale says there is a place, of worship of the Hindus about 1 1/2 koss from Biana in the district of Bharthpur called Barmadh Mata. In the 7th year of Jehangir, 1022 1613, Jehangir's mother Maryam-uz-Zamani made a garden and abaoi (step-well) here at a cost of Rs. 20,000. The garden has disappeared, but the building which is over the baolli still exists. Beale gives the inscription. William Finch (Hakluyt Society) speaks of a place called Menahpur, near Biana, where there was a garden made by the Queen - Mother. It was a great sarfy.

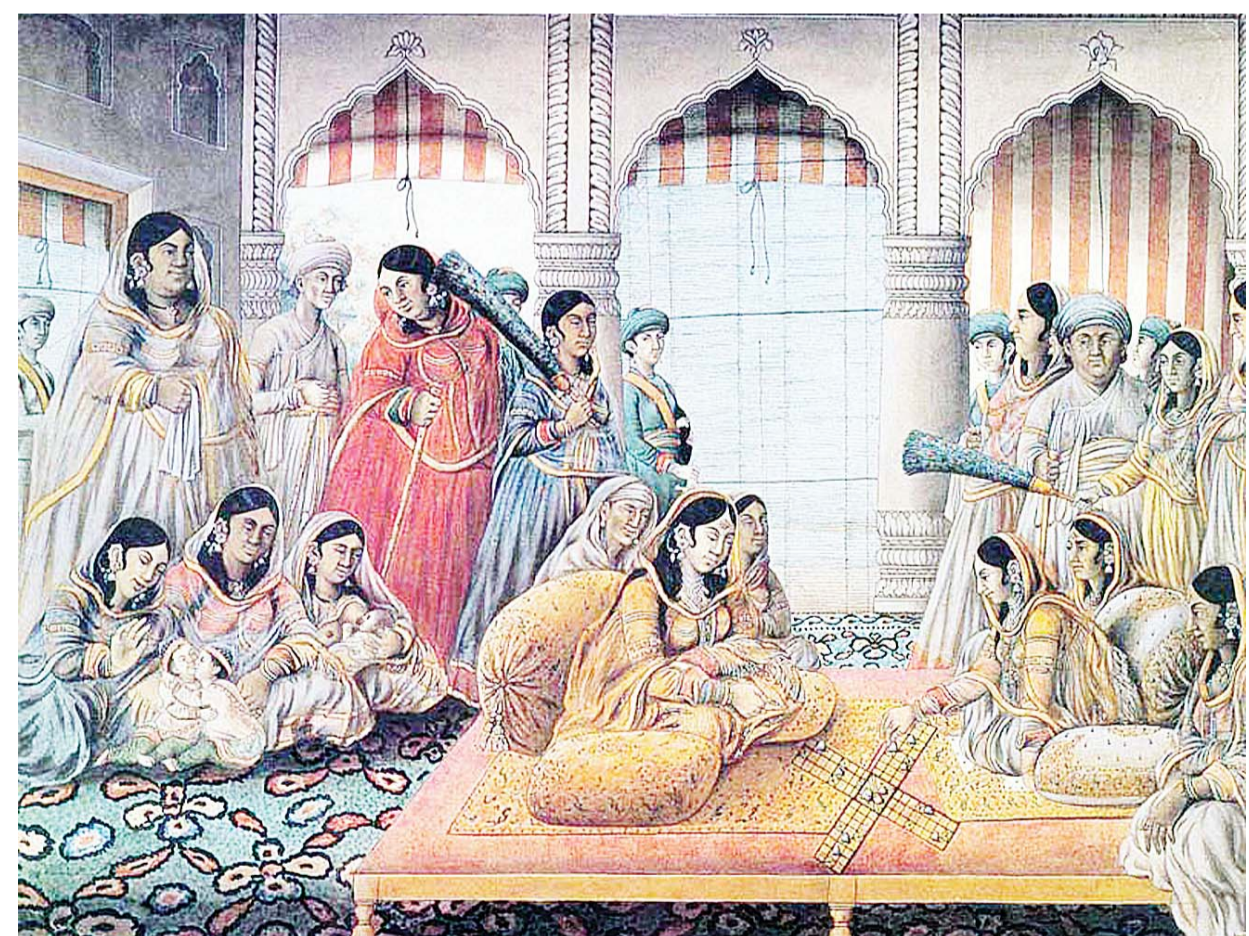
He mentions his mother coming to meet him at Fatepur Sikri and waiting.

On the same date Her Majesty Maryam-uz-Zamani came from Agra to greet me, and I attained the happiness of waiting upon her. I hope that the shadow of her protection and affection will always be over the head of this supplicant.

Mariam-uz-Zamani died on 19th May 1623 and was buried near Akbars tomb in Tomb of Marium-uz-Zamani. Jehangir was not in Agra to attend the funeral but mentioned same in Jehangirnama. At this time news came from Agra that her Majesty Mariam-uz-Zamani had passed away. It is hoped that God will inundate her in a sea of mercy.

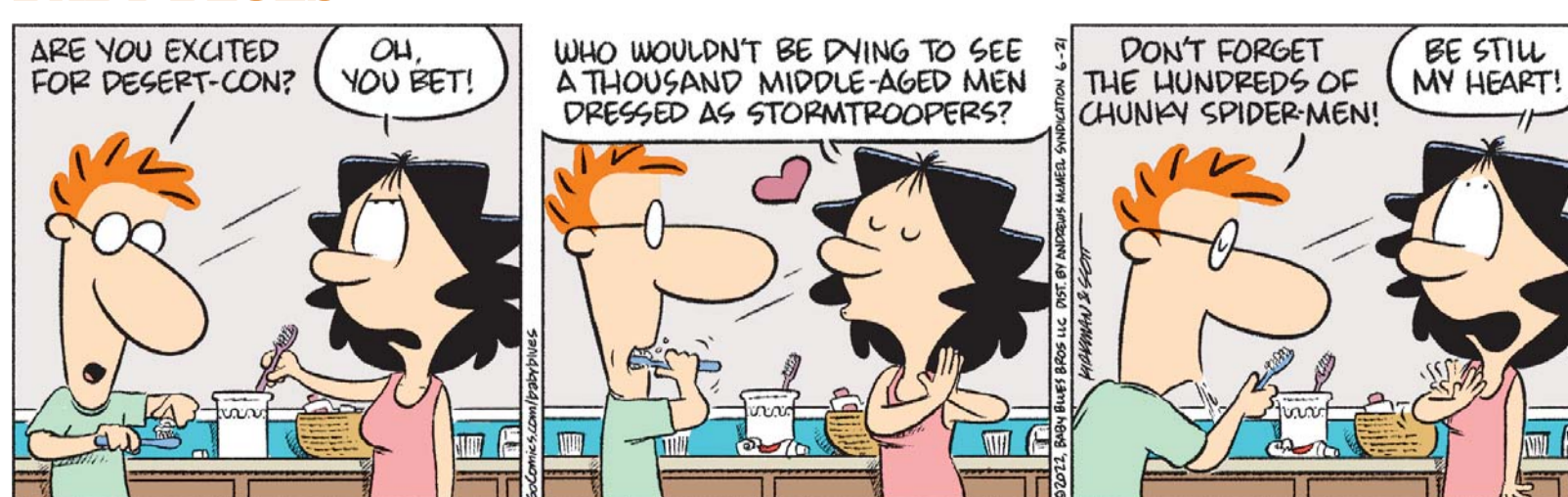
Though Salim rebelled against Akbar in 1598 and the rebellion lasted till 1605 when he finally returned to Agra after his wife Man Bai's death, the incident does not seem to have strained his relation with his mother. Hira Kunwari died in 1623 but Jehangir could not attend funeral as he was busy with Prince Khurram's rebellion. His own health was deteriorating with him having asthma, heart disease and liver problems because of excessive drinking in his younger days. Hence he mentions his mother's death only in passing without the details of mourning that he wrote during Man Bai and Jodha Bai's deaths. | | | |

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BABY BLUES



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Free yourself from the stuffiness of orderly life and let pandemonium reign. Wear what you want, eat what you want, and don't do anything because you think you 'should'.

Unlock Yourself!



I hail the forces of chaos! Let the desk be unorganized, turn off the alarms, and let the laundry go unwashed! Throw out your itinerary and pursue the day with wild abandon! Have a course of action? Disrupt it. Walking along the pier and have a sudden desire to jump in the water?

Do it! Randomly decide that purple and neon green are perfectly complementary colours? Wear them! Pandemonium day is dedicated to the unexpected, if you live a typically organized and well-ordered life, celebrate some serious Pandemonium!

Learn about Pandemonium Day
The word 'pandemonium' first came about in the 17th century. It was used in the poem 'Paradise Lost' by the author John Milton. This is one of the most famous and brilliant pieces of poetry. It re-tells the biblical story of Adam and Eve, and how they are tempted by Satan.

Get out there and follow your impulses, engage your inner child who didn't know what 'appropriate' meant and run through the fields with your heart wild and free. Indulge in the very essence of Pandemonium.

How to celebrate Pandemonium Day
Two Words: Free Yourself. Free Yourself from preconceptions, from expectations, from 'have to' and 'should', let yourself be free. Life is meant to be lived full of joy and exploring our personal uniqueness, not coddled into a three-piece suit and living out every day according to someone else's pre-determined plan.

Pandemonium is a hybrid of the Greek word 'pan' and the Latin word 'daemionum'. Pan means 'all' and daemionum means 'devil'. Pandemonium is the capital of Hell in the poem Paradise Lost. It is where all of the demons reside. Of course, when it is used in the modern day it does not have such frightening implications. Instead, it stands for all things that are unpredictable, disorganized, and chaotic.

Pandemonium Day has been designed to help you get your life back. If you feel like your life is too predictable, boring, scheduled and orderly then this is the day for you to throw the rule-book out of the window and do something that you have always wanted to do.

After all, most people have experienced those moments whereby they have felt like they have really wanted to do some-

thing but it is 'too crazy' for them. Pandemonium Day is designed so that you have a day that you can go ahead and do those things anyway and live life in the fast lane for once.

History of Pandemonium Day
Pandemonium day was established to help free us from all the stuffiness that comes with living a life too ordered, a schedule to set. There's a term called 'landing in a rut' and when you're doing the same thing day in and day out, without any variance or change, it leads to the path of deathbed lined with regrets.

Instead, you need a little pandemonium in your life, random madness and spontaneous acts that will bring about great adventures, experiences, and memories you can cradle and share your whole life.

Pandemonium Day tells you it's alright to be wild, to be crazy, to get out there and tear up pieces of poetry. Don't think that you have to behave according to the same rules someone else lives their life by. Be sure to obey the law, don't mess with someone else's life, but don't think that anyone has the right to tell you who you are or how to celebrate your own uniqueness.

Look at the ways that you can reduce these feelings and make positive changes in your life. This will enable you to enjoy day-to-day living more. Don't feel selfish for making these changes. It is important to put yourself first at times. If you find that you're always stressed because you have a schedule that is filled with doing things for other people, make sure you free up some time so you can treat yourself and do the things that you want to do.



While order has its place, it is not the foundation of a life fully lived. Chase the horizon, play in the mud with the frogs, run through a gathering of pigeons, and climb the nearest tree. Pandemonium Day should be lived like it's your last day on Earth, get out there.

Another way to celebrate Pandemonium Day is to look for different ways that you can reduce stress and chaos in your life. There is no way that we can eradicate these two feelings entirely. However, we can definitely take active steps to remove them. Sit down and think about all of the different things that cause you stress and chaos at the moment.

