



WB MOMINPUR VIOLENCE: NIA CHARGESHEET AGAINST 14

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against 14 accused in WB's Mominpur communal violence that occurred on Oct 9 last year, the agency said on Sunday.

Jammu: Two heavily-armed terrorists were killed as Army troops foiled an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, a defence ministry spokesperson said on Sunday.

New Delhi: Over a year after blasts shook Ludhiana court, NIA has said in its chargesheet that Pakistan-based International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) and Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) terrorist handler Lakhbir S Rode is mastermind behind attack.

RACER KE DIES AFTER CRASH AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chennai: Racer KE Kumar, a well-respected racer, died on Sunday following a crash in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship at Madras International Circuit in Chennai.

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'SHAKY' JOSHIMATH TEMPLE TOWN LIVING ON 'PRAYERS'

- Prime Minister's Office holds high-level meet on Joshimath subsidence
- Border management secretary and NDMA officials to visit Joshimath today
- 1 team of NDRF and 4 teams of the SDRF stationed for emergency relief

Moni Sharma

New Delhi/Joshimath: The Prime Minister's Office on Sunday held a high-level meeting on the Joshimath crisis, amid alarm in Uttarakhand region due to sinking of land and cracks in houses at several places.

Meeting was called by Principal Secy to PM PK Mishra at his office, where Uttarakhand CS briefed the PMO about the rescue operations and status of the situ-

ation. Central agencies and experts assisting Uttarakhand govt will prepare short, medium and long term plans to deal with the evolving situation, an official said after the meeting.

"A clear, time-bound reconstruction plan must be prepared. Continuous seismic monitoring must be done. Using this opportunity, a risk-sensitive urban development plan for Joshimath should also be developed," he added.

State government should establish a clear and continuous communication channel with the affected people. Immediate efforts should be made to arrest the deterioration of the situation through practical measures that may be feasible. An interdisciplinary investigation of the affected area should be undertaken —PK Mishra, Principal Secretary to PM

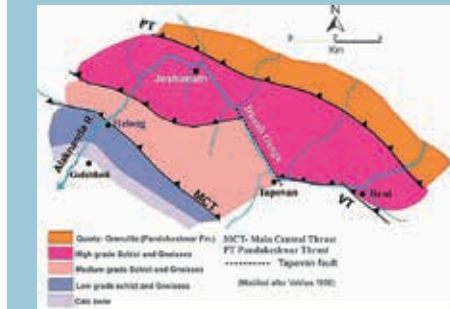
EXPERTS FROM 7 ORGANISATIONS TO GIVE SUGGESTIONS

A team of experts from the NDMA, National Institute of Disaster Management, Geological Survey of India, IIT Roorkee, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, National Institute of Hydrology and Central Building Research Institute have been tasked to study and give recommendations on the "sinking" Joshimath situation.

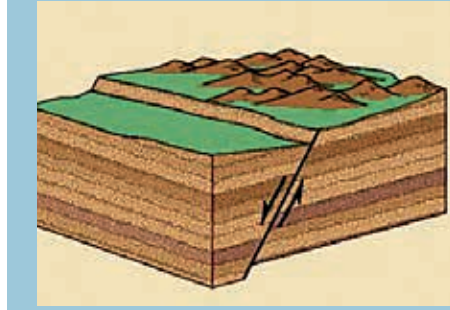


A temple collapses after the gradual 'sinking' of Joshimath in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, in Joshimath on Sunday.

A MISHRA COMMITTEE REPORT WAS MADE IN 1976, IT HAD CLEARLY SAID...



Joshimath is built on a fault plane.



Joshimath is built on landslide material.

THE DOTTED LINE IN TOP PICTURE IS FAULT PLANE & WHAT IS FAULT PLANE EXPLAINED IN BOTTOM PIC

PM MODI SPEAKS TO U'KHAND CM OVER SITUATION IN JOSHIMATH, ASSURES HELP

PM Narendra Modi assured Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami of all possible help to the state. "PM Modi had a telephone conversation with me asking about the situation in Joshimath and the steps taken for the rehabilitation, safety of people," said Dhami.

CHIEF SECRETARY & DGP CONDUCT ON-SITE INSPECTION OF LANDSLIDE AREAS

Chief Secretary Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu, DGP Ashok Kumar and Secy to CM RK Meenakshi Sundaram on Sunday conducted an on-site inspection of landslide areas of Joshimath. "The safety of the citizens is of utmost importance in the immediate situation and we are continuously working for it," said CS SS Sandhu.

JOSHIMATH OFFICIALLY DECLARED 'SINKING' ZONE, MORE THAN 60 FAMILIES EVACUATED

Joshimath has been declared a landslide-subsidence zone and over 60 families living in damaged houses in sinking town have been evacuated to temporary relief centres, a senior official said. At least 90 more families have to be evacuated. Local administration has set up relief centres at 4-5 places in Himalayan town, Garhwal Commissioner said.

HIMACHAL CABINET EXPANSION Vikramaditya and six other MLAs take oath



HP Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administering the oath of office to Jagat Singh Negi, Anirudh Singh, Dhani Ram Shandil, Harshwardhan Chauhan, Vikramaditya Singh, Rohit Thakur and Chander Kumar as the State Cabinet Ministers during the swearing-in ceremony, at the Raj Bhawan, in Shimla on Sunday.

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Shimla: A month after Congress returned to power in the Himachal Pradesh after defeating BJP and AAP in the recently held Assembly elections, the much-awaited expansion of the state cabinet took place on Sunday.

A total of seven MLAs, including Vikramaditya Singh - son of former CM Virbhadrha Singh, took oath as cabinet ministers in Himachal in presence of CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.



CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu interacts with Cong State Chief Pratibha Virbhadrha Singh.

CABINET MAKES SPACE FOR SC, ST, OBC, RAJPUTS

Caste and regional factors, coupled with keeping 'factionalism' in check, seem to have played an important role in finalising the composition for the newly elected Sukhu cabinet in HP.

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WE FELL SHORT, RESPONSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SWIFTER: TATA CHAIRMAN

New Delhi: Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran on Sunday said the company's response should have been "much swifter" and added, "The incident on AI102 on November 26, 2022, has been a matter of personal



anguish to me, my colleagues. We fell short of addressing this situation the way it should have been.' Tata Group and Air India stand by safety and well-being of our passengers and crew with full conviction, he said.

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Former WB, Bihar Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi dies

Keshari Nath Tripathi, former governor of West Bengal, Bihar and two other states, died at his home in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj on Sunday. He was 88. "Keshari Nath Tripathi had recently fallen in his house following which he broke his collarbone. Three days ago, he came back home after being discharged from a hospital. Today (on Sunday) at around 5.00 am, he breathed his last," his daughter-in-law Kavita Yadav Tripathi said. Tripathi served as the Governor of West Bengal from July 2014 to July 2019. Before that, he also had additional charges for short stints as the Governor of Bihar, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

PAINED BY HIS DEMISE: PM MODI

PM Modi expressed deep grief after the passing away of Keshari Nath Tripathi and said he was well versed in Constitutional matters. He played a key role in building BJP in UP and worked hard for State's progress. Pained by his demise, Modi said.



WILL SHIVRAJ BE SHIFTED TO DELHI?

Sandeep Mishra

New Delhi: Amid the buzz about change of leadership in MP ahead of 2023 polls, sources reveal that PM Narendra Modi and HM Amit Shah may take a final decision in next one week. Shivraj Singh Chouhan is a popular CM of MP but BJP aims to repeat govt in Dec 2023. With possible resignation of Chouhan, a new cabinet may take oath. Now,



names of Jyotiraditya Scindia and Kailash Vijayvargiya are likely alternative to Chouhan but a dark horse may also emerge. If Shivraj is asked to quit, most likely he will be inducted in Union Cabinet.

Country now has a leadership that is not corrupt, says FinMin Sitharaman in Kota

Bhanwar S Charan and Gul Mohd

Kota: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said it is the energy of the young minds which motivates country to keep moving forward. She also said the country now has a leadership that is not corrupt and works for the good of the people. "It is so invigorating. I am so touched by the

presence of such young brains. It does give a lot of motivation when you have such energy. It is that energy that keeps India going forward," Sitharaman said. She was addressing a 'Yuva Shakti Samvad' here.

Om Birla called upon street vendors, small scale entrepreneurs and cattle rearers to avail loans under various govt schemes to expand their work. More on P8



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over 33,000 loan sanction letters totalling over ₹1,550 crore under various Central Government schemes during a credit outreach program, in Kota on Sunday. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Madan Dilawar & others are also seen.

If Congress leaders and workers work hard, our govt will repeat: CM Gehlot

Yogesh Sharma

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday claimed that this is 1st time in State that there is no wave against govt. "If Congress leaders and workers work hard, our government will repeat," he said. CM said Cong has a good position in State, there is every possibility of govt repeating this time. He said that party's Hath Se Hath Jodo campaign will run in



CM Ashok Gehlot addresses media in presence of Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Govind Singh Dotasra and others after 'Hath Se Hath Jodo' campaign meeting at the PCC war room in Jaipur on Sunday.

every dist. He said situation in country is not good & democracy is being torn to pieces

in country. He said that for the first time, it is being seen that Oppn does not

have any issue in State. CM said BJP's Jan Aakrosh campaign has been a failure. More on P8

OTHER TOP RAJ STORIES

UNION MINISTER ANURAG SINGH THAKUR ON A VISIT TO UDAIPUR AND PALI TODAY

Jaipur: Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will come to Udaipur on Monday at 11:15 am. He will come from Chittorgarh by road to Udaipur to attend the inauguration ceremony of Maharana Bhupal Nobles Indoor Stadium as chief guest. From there, he is scheduled to depart for Pali at 11:45 am.

CAR FALLS INTO CANAL DUE TO FOG, 3 DIE IN SADHUWALI AREA OF SRI GANGANAGAR

Sri Ganganagar: 3 people were killed in Sadhuwali area of Sri Ganganagar town on Saturday night after their car fell into a canal due to intense fog. Police informed the deceased has been identified as Ravindra (30), Ajmer Singh (45) and Sanjay (36). "The victims had gone to a friends farmland in Sadhuwali area. While returning, the car fell into Ganganagar canal from a bridge due to low visibility. Ajmer Singh and Ravindra Singh could not come out of car and died on the spot. Sanjay managed to come out of car and was rushed to a hospital.

CONGRESS IS LOOTING RAJ PEOPLE: ARUN

BJP's Arun Singh on Sunday took part in Jan Aakrosh Rally in Sapotra town of Karauli district

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Karauli: BJP State In-Charge and National General Secretary Arun Singh on Sunday took part in Jan Aakrosh Rally in Sapotra town of Karauli district. While addressing the gathering, Arun Singh said that the Gehlot government has spent the last four years trying to save its seat and has allowed its MLAs to openly loot the public of Rajasthan.

"All the MLAs have become CM in Rajasthan. They have given the liberty to loot the people of this state. The youths are facing a bleak future as papers of 16 competitive exams have been leaked," said BJP leader Arun Singh.



Arun Singh addressing Jan Aakrosh Rally in Sapotra town of Karauli district on Sunday.

BJP leader also accused local MLA and Panchayati Raj Minister Ramesh Chand Meena of being corrupt & doing politics of

appeasement and wrongfully suspending the Pradhan of Panchayat Samiti.

Karauli-Dholpur MP Manoj Rajoriya, Dist

Organisation In-Charge Bhanu Pratap Singh & other BJP senior leaders were also present during Aakrosh Sabha.

RAJENDRA RATHORE HINTS ON POONIA BEING THE NEXT CM

Jaipur: Dr Satish Poonia, Vijaya Rahatkar, and Rajendra Rathore said at the BJP Jan Aakrosh Mahasabha in Amer that in 2023, a BJP government with a three-fourth majority will be formed in Rajasthan under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rajendra Rathore said that the land of Amer is the land of change, from here the son of the soil, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat became MLA and developed the state by becoming Chief Minister. Similarly, once again the son of the soil, Dr Satish Poonia is serving here as an MLA. He further stated the people of Amer to bless Satish Poonia and ask him to form the BJP government in Rajasthan under the leadership of Narendra Modi.



(L-R) Rajendra Rathore, Satish Poonia and Vijaya Rahatkar at Jan Aakrosh Mahasabha in Amer on Sunday.

Mercury reaches minus 0.5 degree in Fatehpur



Ice accumulates on fencing of the field in Aadsar village of Sri Dungargarh near Bikaner on Saturday morning.

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Jaipur: Cold wave continues in Shekhawati with drop in temperature. Mercury reaches minus 0.5 degree in Fatehpur for 7th day on Sunday due to which normal life is disturbed. The people are trying to avoid cold by lighting bonfires. Temperature reached -0.5 degree again in Churu.

According to the department, chances of getting relief from cold after 3 days. Increase in temperature

- @0.6 PILANI
- @1.0 SIKAR
- @1.3 BANASTHALI
- @1.4 ANTA
- @2.0 BIKANER

of all districts is likely by 2 to 3 degrees. Although the winter still persists in north-eastern parts of state. Banasthali 1.3, Pilani 0.6, Alwar 2.4, Bikaner 2, Sikar 1 and Anta recorded 1.4 minimum temp. On other hand, yellow & orange alerts were issued in 12 dists.

NAT'L SCOUTS & GUIDES JAMBOREE

Adventure activities remain centre of attraction of event



Kunji Lal Meena and others at Jamboree on Sunday.

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Pali: Adventure activities remain the centre of attraction in ongoing 18th Indian National Scouts & Guides Jamboree in Pali city. There is tremendous enthusiasm among thousands of Scouts and Guides present here regarding these activities.

Many adventure activities like camel rides, monkey rope, paragliding, and hot air balloon are being organized in Jamboree. Water activity has also remained the centre of attraction here, where a large number of people

are enjoying boat riding activity. Adequate security arrangements have also been made for adventure activities. All modern security equipment is being provided.

Scouts and Guides participating in the adventure activity have shared their experience with great enthusiasm. From activities like paragliding to camel rides in adventure activities, they have been participating in all. They get up early in morning and gather on the ground and then start their activities.

RAJ IS ONCE AGAIN EMERGING AS A 'TRENDSETTER: KUNJILAL MEENA

P rincipal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Kunjilal Meena said that Rajasthan is once again emerging as a 'trendsetter' in the 18th National Jamboree. As a result of the efforts made by CM Ashok Gehlot, this event will prove to be a milestone for Jamborees to be held in other states in future.

MDS university student dies, 2 others hurt in accident

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Ajmer: A 23-year-old girl was killed & 2 others were injured in Ajmer after an unidentified vehicle hit their motorcycle on Saturday. Police informed the victims were students of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University

(MDS) and all belonged to Jaipur.

"The girl, Astha Gautam and her friends Ankit Jangid and Sarvesh Swami were studying post graduate course in Chemistry Department of MDS University. At around 11:30pm on Saturday, they were returning after having dinner.

Their motorcycle was hit by an unidentified vehicle near Ashok Park and all of them fell on the road. Astha died on the spot while Ankit & Sarvesh suffered injuries," police said. "Post-mortem of the girl was performed and dead body was handed-over to family," police added.



Astha Gautam

Bar Council of Rajasthan gets new chairman & vice chairman

Shiv Prakash Purohit

Jodhpur: The general meeting of the Bar Council of Rajasthan was held on Sunday under the chairmanship of Sunil Beniwal in the auditorium of the Bar Council of Rajasthan, Jodhpur. General Assembly unanimously elected Ghanshyam Singh Rathore, Additional Advocate General, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur as Chairman of Bar Council of Rajasthan, Baljinder Singh Sandhu, Advocate, Jodhpur as Vice-Chairman and Bhuvnesh Sharma, Advocate, Jaipur as Co-Chairman. All were elected unopposed.

Ghanshyam Singh Rathore expressed heartfelt thanks to all members for being elected unopposed to post of President and assured that he will always be ready for the interests and beneficiaries of the advocates.

Shekhawat evades reply in ERCP issue

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Dausa: Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was on Dausa tour on Sunday. He participated in the Lakshya Smriti Mahotsav of Vidya Bharti's old student council. Many people including MP Kirodi Lal Meena, Prant Pracharak Dr Shailendra, Regional



Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat addressing Jan Aakrosh Sabha in Niwai on Sunday.

Organization Minister Shivprasad participated. Shekhawat kept

avoiding speaking on the issue of ERCP. However, MP Kirodilal Meena,

na, who reached the program, handling the matter, said that this issue will be asked to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot because only after the consent letter of the Madhya Pradesh government and the proposal of 75% water availability, the Union Minister will talk about declaring ERCP as a national project.

Saraf lays foundation stone of community hall

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Jaipur: Malviya Nagar MLA Kalicharan Saraf worshiped and laid foundation stone of the community hall at Moti Dungri Road, Kailashpuri, to be constructed at a cost of Rs 10L from MLA's fund.

Natwar Kumawat said that on demand of the local people, Saraf announced to install a new sewer line also from MLA's fund. Locals expressed their gratitude by welcoming Saraf. Ex councilors Sanjeev Sharma, Dhanna Lal, Bhanwar Chowdhary, Chaturbhuj Mehra, Shankar Lal Chowdhary, Babulal Chowdhary others were present.



Kalicharan Saraf laying foundation stone on Sunday.

Justice GK Vyas urges people to save food

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Jodhpur: Justice Gopal Krishna Vyas, Chairman of the Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission, during his stay in Jodhpur, participated in the Western Rajasthan Industry Handicraft Festival and visited the stalls organized by the Satyamev Jayate City Society on various topics of public interest, & filled resolution letter & called upon common man to fill letter.



Justice Gopal Krishna Vyas signing resolution letter.

Giving information, Society's President Vimla Gattani said keeping in mind common people & national interest, a resolution letter is filled by people.

Mother-daughter duo held for smuggling drug, ₹10L recovered

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Jaipur: A mother and her daughter were arrested on Sunday for their alleged involvement in the smuggling of illegal narcotics drugs. Police informed the accused has been identified as Rina and her daughter Kanchan.

"Cash amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs, nine mobile phones and 14 grams of smack have been recovered from the possession of the drug smugglers. The accused used to pledge the mobile of the customer if he did not have money to pay," said Additional DCP (North) Dharmendra Sagar.

He added that strict action will be taken against those involved in drug smuggling. An FIR has been registered in Vidhyadhar Nagar Police Station and accused are being interrogated and soon the racket would be busted.

TWO FACES OF HUMANITY

4 friends save newborn baby from bushes

Mukesh Mathrani

Newborn is now undergoing treatment at government hospital at Nahata hospital in Balotra where his health condition is said to be stable

Barmer: Four friends have saved the life of a day-old baby girl who was found abandoned in the bushes. The boys were on their morning walk during which they found the girl wrapped in a plastic cover and thrown in bushes in this cold winter.

Later newborn was immediately taken to the hospital where she is under medical observation and her condition



(L) Baby undergoing treatment at government hospital (R) Mukesh, Mangilal, Prakash and Raju.



is said to be fine now. Incident has been reported from Balotra area in Barmer.

According to the information on early Sunday 4 boys identified as Mukesh, Mangilal,

Prakash & Raju were on their routine morning walk. During this they heard cries of baby.

Rathore promises to develop Makrana as a tourist hub

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Ajmer: RTDC Board Chairman Dharmendra Rathore during his tour of Makrana on Sunday participated in multi-specialist medical consultation camp at Borwar. He was chief guest there. On reaching Makrana, he welcomed by Nagaur Cong Dist President & former MLA Zakir Hussain Gasawat. Gasawat & office bearers of Marble Trade Board Makrana demanded to make



Dharmendra Rathore inspecting construction works being carried out to develop a tourist spot in Kazipura village near Foy Sagar Lake.

Makrana tourist destination. Rathore then reached Borwar town Rana Royal Educational Institute, where he participated in multi-specialist medical con-

sultation camp held on death anniversary of Pannaram Amla. Gasawat, ex-MLA & BJP leader Shriram Bhinchar, others were also present.

GUV MISHRA LAYS FOUNDATION OF CONSTITUTION PARK AT RU

The Park will teach youth about ideals of Constitution: Guv

117 students get 123 medals; 395 gets PhDs
Bharat Dixit

Jaipur: Governor Kalraj Mishra while addressing the 32nd convocation ceremony organized on the occasion of the 77th Foundation Day of the university at the Convention Centre of Rajasthan University on Sunday insisted on research. He also laid the foundation stone of the Constitution Park by unveiling a plaque.

Referring to the glorious history of the University, the Chancellor congratulated everyone. Mishra said that youths should be aware of their rights and fundamental duties. "For this, an initiative has been taken to make con-



Rajasthan University's 32nd convocation held on Sunday. Governor Kalraj Mishra gave total 123 gold medals to 117 students. In which 72% were girls while 28% were boys. —PHOTOS BY MUKESH KIRADOO

stitution parks in all the funded universities of the state. The Constitution is not just a book related to governing the country. The Constitution Park will teach the youths about the ideals

of the Constitution," he said. Mishra emphasized on encouraging the students for sports and cultural activities. He suggested developing the archery training centre

on the campus as the leading training centre of the country. On the occasion, PhD degrees were awarded to 395 students and gold medals were awarded to students.



The Constitution Park will teach the youths of the State about the ideals of the Indian Constitution.
—Kalraj Mishra, Governor

MP Balaknath cautions DSP, stages protest for 2 hrs

Political leaders from BJP, Congress gherao Police Station over arrest of four youth in Laden case

Ashwini Yadav

Alwar: Mahant Balaknath, MP from Alwar reached Behror police station on Sunday and threatened DSP Anand Rao. Accusing the DSP, the MP said, "You have caught innocent people. When the criminals are not caught, then the illegitimate people are being brought. Remember my name, this govt will last for 8 months, then BJP is coming and I will not even let you go from here."

Earlier, leaders of both BJP & Congress party gheraoed the Behror Police Station after four people were arrested in connection with the firing incident of gangster Vikram alias Laden. On Sunday morning, Hitendra Yadav, Rajaram Yadav, Nishant Yadav and one other



Heated argument took place between DSP Anand Rao and MP Balaknath in Behror Police Station on Sunday.



BJP, Congress leaders of Behror protesting outside Police Station on Sunday.

were taken into custody for interrogation. "Based on specific inputs, arrests were made, the mastermind of the murder was pre-

sent at the swearing-in ceremony of the student union and these four people were also present in that program," police said.

Defence Standing Committee inspects Pokhran firing range

CS Dave

Pokhran (Jaisalmer): A delegation of 22 members of the Standing Committee on Defence on Sunday visited the Pokhran Field Firing Range and sought information on various security issues.

The delegation also interacted with army personnel and inspected the highly sophisticated weapon used in combat situations. They also reviewed the existing infrastructure at the firing range. development at the range



Members of Standing Committee on Defence in Pokhran on Sunday.

to adapt to the future requirements of training by the Indian Army. The delegation will also visit Jaisalmer on

January 9 where they will be briefed by Army Commander of Southern Command (Pune) Lt. General AK Singh.

Clash breaks-out in two gangs in Sikar

Sikar (FIB): Members of two gangs clashed with each other in the Patan area of Sikar district on Sunday. The miscreants, who came in three jeeps, attacked each other, and allegedly opened fire. "The incident occurred outside the power house located in Nangal of Rampura Baiga. The two gangs attacked each other and damaged Bolero jeeps. Following the incident, the miscreants fled into a hilly area of the district," police said.

"Efforts are being made to nab the accused. The incident took place under Patan PS area," police added.

CM inspects construction of IPD tower being built at cost of ₹588 cr

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Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday inspected the under-construction 24-storey IPD tower in the SMS Hospital premises. The architect of IPD Tower Anoop Bartaria said that the construction work of the first phase of the country's largest IPD tower is being done in a state-of-the-art manner.

The foundation and ground floor construction work of IPD tower has been completed. The construction of the main structure of the



CM Ashok Gehlot, Health Minister PL Meena, Anoop Bartaria and Ravi Jain at the construction site of IPD tower on Sunday.

tower is progressing rapidly. Steel based structure is being used in the construction so that the construction work can be completed quickly and efficiently.

The IPD tower with world class medical services will have 1243 beds, 10 operation theatres, 6 ICU wards, 4 cathlabs, 100 OPD registration counters.

Former RMGB manager in soup for ₹4.84 cr fraud

First India Bureau

Jaipur: A former bank manager and his aides have been booked for embezzling Rs 4.84 crores after fraudulently sanctioning loans to a person ineligible for the loan. Police informed the accused, Manish Sharma, was a bank manager of Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank.

"An FIR has been filed against the accused by the regional manager of Marudhara Bank, Kamlesh Kumar Gupta and matter is being probed," police said.

JK Lon doc selected for int'l course

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Jaipur: Dr Priyanshu Mathur of JK Lon has been selected for Masters in Neurometabolism and Cell Biology, a course of neurological rare diseases started for the first time in the world. Barcelona varsity has started this two year masters course and a total of 45 doctors from all over the world were selected for this course.

Excise officers warn to go on mass leave over arrest of fellow inspector

Assn prez Patidar warns of protest at dist HQS on Jan 10

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Sirohi: The Excise Service Association has warned of going on mass leave over the arrest of an excise inspector. The association said this in a memorandum to CM Gehlot.

President of Rajasthan Excise Service Association Parmanand Patidar said, "If the Sheoganj police station in-charge and research officer are not suspended by January 9, all the personnel of the department will be on mass leave beginning January 10. There will be a dharna at district headquarters on January 11

and employees will work with black bands." Sirohi's Sheoganj police arrested Paker Lal Sirvi in a case filed by the liquor contractor. The Excise Service Association, however, said, "Police took one-sided action in the matter. The excise inspector also tried to register a case but police did not register his case."

Jodhpur to host Ranji match after 32 yrs

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Jodhpur: After a huge gap of 32 years the district is all set to host a cricket match for Ranji Trophy. The last time, in 1991 there was a match between Rajasthan and UP.

This has been possible with the efforts of RCA President Vaibhav Gehlot, and Barkatullah Stadium has been renovated. The BCCI



RCA president Vaibhav Gehlot along with other officials during the inspection of Barkatullah Stadium last year. —FILE PHOTO

has provided the opportunity to host two Ranji matches in the city.

From January 17, there will be a match with Chhattisgarh, while

from January 24 the match will be with the Services team.

Apart from the Ranji matches, the quarter-final match of the Kooch Bihar Trophy will also be played between Rajasthan and the qualifying team at the Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur. Recently some matches of Legend Cricket League were also organized in Jodhpur and Jaipur.

IN A FIRST...

Double decker cruise in Ajmer from March

Jaipur (PTI): Rajasthan's first cruise is likely to start ferrying tourists on Ajmer's Ana Sagar lake in March, adding another attraction to the district famous for the shrine of Sufi saint Khwaja Moynuddin Chisti and Brahma temple.

Besides enjoying a ride on the double-decker cruise, people will also be able to host small parties and functions on it. The cruise will have a capacity of carrying 150

passengers. "The cruise service is likely to start in the first week of March. The work tender was given last year and it will be ready by February. The corporation will get an income of Rs 66.5 lakh every year from it," an official of the Ajmer Municipal Corporation said. The Corporation's Assistant engineer Ravindra Saini said the path of the cruise will be different from that taken by boats ferrying



on the lake. Rates of tickets will be decided by contractor after approval by Corporation. "The cruise will have

a restaurant facility and people will be able to book it for small parties and functions," he said. Another official said the

work order was given to the firm in February last year and a 15-month time was given to make the cruise.

The surrounding area of the lake has been developed with works like pathways, eateries etc. which is witnessing a huge tourist footfall.

"Till now, the work on the first floor of the cruise has been completed. The cruise is likely to be operational in the month of March," the official said.

Amid budget preparations, Finance Secy Gupta visiting Indira Rasoi's!

Rajendra Chhabra

Jaipur: The work of budget is at its peak these days in the Finance Department. Finance Secretary (Budget) Rohit Gupta has to work day and night. But despite being so busy, Rohit suddenly left his office on Saturday and went to Indira Rasoi near Secretariat. Two novice were also with him.

Rohit took the ticket, ate the food and checked the quality of the food. He inspected the cleanli-



ness system and then got the photos of having food published in the newspapers as well.

An IAS officer of 2006 batch, Rohit has returned from one-year study leave in August and has been given the

important assignment of Finance Secy.

These days, he was engaged in the budget work. Then why did he suddenly go to check food of Indira Rasoi while leaving behind important work. This is beyond understanding. This action of Rohit Gupta is being considered as silliness in bureaucracy because inspecting Indira Rasoi is not the work area of the Finance Secy. Any justification of publicity in the newspaper is also beyond understanding.

‘MODI HAI TO MUMKIN HAI...’ UNTOLD STORIES OF PM MODI - PART 26



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

MODI: A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUTH

“Modiji takes pride in success of daughters!”

PM Modi - The man who rebuilt Kutch after it was razed to dust!

The narrator recalls how PM Modi's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan turned a game-changer for her when she got to meet PM Modi in a school event as young girl and his words of inspiration with a gift of Rs 250/- changed her outlook towards life. Inspired, she began to participate more and more in singing events and competitions and today she is a folk singer of international repute, bringing our very own Gujarati music to the forefront for the world to appreciate.

I hail from a small village near Anjan in Kutch. It is called Tappar. Well, we belong to the Maldhari tribe and never exactly ventured out to the village. My grandparents and parents were in the business of animal husbandry and we lived in the jungle. My parents are illiterate. When Modi Saheb ji was CM of Gujarat, he sent a letter to every household in the village asking the elders to send their daughters to school under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan. This letter was received by our neighbours as our house was shut. My father requested our neighbour to read out the letter to him. On lis-

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tening to the content of the letter, my father was touched by the CM's appeal and he felt that if our CM cared about the daughters of the state, he too must care about the future of his only daughter, that is me. It has always been difficult for girls in India, as either they were killed as infants or were married off very early in life. To get me an education, my father decided to shift to the village. He was illiterate and did not want me to go without receiving an education. So he planned to do some odd business in the village for livelihood and that's how I started my schooling with the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan.

My first opportunity as a singer came to me a young girl in school when I got to sing in the morning assembly prayer. Initially I would sing from the crowd but gradually I gained the confidence, and our music sir gave me the opportunity to come forward and sing as part of the choir.

The biggest game changer event that happened in my life was during the Rann Utsav. Huge crowds of people started pouring in Kutch. So our school team was asked to prepare for an event which Narendra Modi ji was also at-



Geeta Rabari Gujarati Singer

'BIGGEST GAMECHANGER EVENT IN MY LIFE WAS WHEN I MET MODIJI'

The biggest game changer event that happened in my life was during the Rann Utsav. Our school team was asked to prepare for an event which Modi ji was also attending. He asked me "Daughter, what would you like to recite?" I said, "I only know how to sing!" So he asked me to go ahead. He praised me once I was done and appreciated my talent. I could see my father in him when he gave me Rs 250 and said that I must keep singing and continue my studies. He called for my teacher and told him to ensure that I completed my studies and also hone my talent through opportunities.

'FOR DAUGHTERS OF COUNTRY MODI JI IS LIKE FATHER FIGURE'

Well, I am only one example but there are hundreds of other daughters of the country coming from poor and unknown families who are serving as officers and are occupying high positions today and it is the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyan that made it possible for them. For all these girls, Modi ji is like their father and all credit for their success goes to him. He has taken care of his daughters, he has supported us, encouraged us and given us education and opportunities to live our dreams.

tending. All of us young students were sitting and having fun when Modi ji started interacting with us and asked each of us to recite something of our choice - such as a joke, or poetry - one after another, to him. We all had heard a lot about the CM of Gujarat but we did not know it was him! When it was my turn to go up to him, I was totally nervous. He asked me "Daughter, what would you like to recite?" I said, "I only know how to sing!" So he asked me to go ahead. Now I knew songs only in my local tongue, which is the Kutchi language. I sung those couple of folk songs to him and I remember the smile on his face while listening to me! He praised me once I was done and appreciated my talent. I could see my father in

him when he gave me Rs 250 and said that I must keep singing and continue my studies. He called for my teacher and told him to ensure that I completed my studies and also hone my talent through opportunities.

So this came as a turning point in my life. I got the opportunity to participate in Rann Utsav and in a lot of village events such as devotional gatherings, marriages etc. I liked to sing hymns and devotional songs and all in my mother tongue.

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Padhao Abhiyan that made it possible for them. For all these girls, Modi ji is like their father and all credit for their success goes to him. He has taken care of his daughters, he has supported us, encouraged us and given us education and opportunities to live our dreams.

He is the PM and he is bound to have millions of tasks to accomplish and worry about. But he still found time for me for a meeting and remembered me from my childhood day, for this I cannot be more grateful. He said "Geeta hails from a tribe that belongs to the jungle. They do not even venture out in the village. They are very far away from any education. But this girl made it this far in life, so I would like to meet

her." And this is how I was summoned. The fun of the meeting was in the fact that I found him to be just as animated to see me as I was excited. I had met him as a plump kid in school and now I was meeting him after several years as an international artist. He remarked "You have grown so big! Did you complete your studies?" I confessed that I could not as I got busy with a career in music. He said "I am proud of you Geeta that you remained true to your culture and have brought your folk language to the world stage. Now next time when you see me, you should have resumed and completed your education from where you left it." He suddenly asked me "So what are you singing for me today?" And what I sung for him in my language that day meant "Modiji, we all are really contended under your governance. We agree with every single thing you say, dream and do for the progress of the country!" He blessed me with a big smile on his face and it was indeed a memorable meeting of a daughter with her father!

What Modiji did for Kutch after the earthquake is unbelievable. He built Kutch, that had been razed to dust, from scratch. He got projects, companies, infrastructure and Rann Utsav to Kutch. My own village, like all others, had been completely destroyed. It was rebuilt by Modiji. Now when we visit Kutch, it is a green, happy and developed Kutch we witness. Everyone has some business, some work of their own and people are smiling. All I can say is that rebuilding Kutch was no mean task and none other than Modiji could have done this for our people!

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BHARAT JODO YATRA

INVOKING GITA, RAHUL SAYS CONGRESS IS DOING 'TAPASYA'

Gandhi says he is doing work like what has been mentioned in Bhagavad Gita

Kurukshetra (Agencies): Rahul Gandhi has said that he was doing his work much like what has been mentioned in the holy book Bhagavad Gita, and the Congress party was doing 'tapasya (penance) unlike the BJP which was forcing people to do their 'puja (worship)'.

He said this while addressing a press conference in Haryana's Kurukshetra on Sunday during his party's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Responding to a question, Gandhi said that he has changed himself and did not get affected by what others say about him. "Whatever is said about me, whether positive or negative, doesn't affect me and I am doing my work."

"When Arjun took aim at fish eye he did not say what he will do next, in Gita also it is said do your work... However, there are programmes of the party which will continue after the Bharat Jodo Yatra ends," he added.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party leaders Deepender Singh Hooda and Seja Kumari during the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra, in Karnal, Haryana, on Sunday. —PHOTO BY ANI

"BJY GETTING BIG RESPONSE IN NORTHERN INDIA"

Kurukshetra: Rahul Gandhi has said that the Yatra is getting more response in North India, thus failing all the predictions made by some. At a press conference in Kurukshetra on Sunday, he said, "The Yatra in northern India has got more response than South and the massive crowds in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana are just an example that people have connected to this Yatra."

BJY RESUMES FROM DODWA-TARAORI CROSSING IN HARYANA ON DAY 114

Karnal (ANI): The Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi saw people gathered in large numbers, walking with enthusiasm as the yatra resumed from the Dodwa-Taraori crossing on Sunday morning. On the 114th day of the yatra, party leaders Seja Kumari and Deepender Singh Hooda, **ex-COAS Gen Deepak Kapoor, Maj Gen Satbir Singh Chaudhary** and others joined Rahul Gandhi. The supporters seemed very excited and enthusiastic despite the cold wave conditions and dense fog. Supporters carrying posters for the yatra could also be spotted along with a drum procession. Rahul Gandhi had called his Bharat Jodo Yatra as 'Mohabbat ka dukaan' (shop of love) amid an existing 'nafrat ka bazaar' (market of hatred).



THIS KERALA BAND ACCOMPANIES BGY FROM KANYAKUMARI TO SRINAGAR

Karnal: Sargadhara band team from Kerala's Kannur is seen marching and traveling with Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari braving the harsh winters of north India. "We have come from Kerala's Kannur and marching along with Rahul Gandhi. Sargadhara is a charitable trust for students. We are walking from Kanyakumari which is the starting point of this Yatra," Sabir said. The band consists of 15 members who play a variety of songs ranging from Vande Mataram, Jana Gana Mana, Ra Ra Rasputin and others.

RaGa TAKES OUT TIME TO WATCH KABBADI MATCH

Karnal: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi watched a Kabbadi match in Haryana's Karnal on Saturday. The Congress leader is currently present in the state for his Bharat Jodo Yatra. Rahul Gandhi seemed very excited and engrossed in the match which he watched along with his supporters. Gandhi on Saturday also met athletes from Haryana during Bharat Jodo Yatra along with fellow leader Deepender Hooda.

Shimla, Rajputs dominate Himachal cabinet extension



Himachal Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu during the oath taking ceremony of new cabinet ministers, at Raj Bhawan in Shimla, on Sunday. —PHOTO BY PTI

Shimla (PTI): Leaders from Shimla district and Rajput community dominated the extended state cabinet, with three out of seven newly inducted ministers, coming from Shimla alone. Kangra, Solan, Kinnaur, and Sirmaur contributed a minister each. Four of the seven ministers hail from the Rajput community, while one each is from ST, OBC, and Schedule Caste (SC).

CONG GOVT HAS PUT BURDEN ON THE POOR, SAYS JAIRAM THAKUR

Shimla (ANI): Opposition leader Jairam Thakur said the Congress govt while expanding the cabinet did not balance dist & parliamentary constituencies. By naming six chief parliamentary secretaries, they put a burden of crores of rupees on the poor, he said.

VIKRAMADITYA SINGH: Son of former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh and state Congress chief Pratibha Singh, Vikramaditya Singh, is a two-time MLA and holds a Post Graduate (History) degree from St Stephen's College, Delhi.

DHANI R SHANDIL: At 82, the eldest MLA in Himachal Vidhan Sabha, Dhani Ram Shandil has been elected for third time. He is a former Social Justice & Empowerment Minister & Lok Sabha MP.

ANIRUDH SINGH: Closest aide of CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and a three-time MLA from Kasumpti, Anirudh Singh comes from the erstwhile royal family of Koti estate.

CHANDER KUMAR: A grass-root leader with no political background, Chander Kumar, a six-time MLA and former Lok Sabha member, is widely considered to be a self-made leader. He was elected MLA from the Jawali assembly constituency.

HARSHVARDHAN CHAUHAN: Son of ex-minister Guman Singh Chauhan and a close aide of CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Harshvardhan earlier served as the chief parliamentary secretary.

JAGAT SINGH NEGI: Representing the tribal constituency of Kinnaur, Jagat Singh Negi is son of ex-MLA Gayan Singh Negi. He is a 5-time MLA and ex-deputy speaker of Himachal Vidhan Sabha.

ROHIT THAKUR: A grandson of former CM Thakur Ram Lal and a former chief parliamentary secretary, four-time MLA Rohit Thakur is seen to be among the most down-to-earth politicians in the state and comes from the apple heartland of Jubbal and Kotkhai.



Centre gets extension to frame CAA rules

New Delhi (Agencies): The Rajya Sabha committee has accepted the Centre's request for six more months to frame rules under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for the seventh time in a row.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that more time was needed to frame the rules of the Act, without which it could not be implemented.

The decision of the Lok Sabha committee is still awaited.

According to sources, the time was extended

by the Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation in the Rajya Sabha till December 31, 2022 and in the Lok Sabha till January 9, 2023.

Sources said that the MHA sought an extension of six months, on which the Rajya Sabha committee extended it till June 30. While attending a programme in November, last year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that there had been a delay in implementing the Act due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Nitish's population control remark stirs row

Vaishali (Agencies): Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has sparked controversy by saying that the population in Bihar would not get under control as men do not take responsibility while women remain uneducated prompting opposition BJP to slam him for "indecent language and tarnishing the state's image."

He was addressing a public gathering amid his ongoing "Samadhan Yatra" in Vaishali and



Nitish Kumar during his 'Samadhan Yatra', in Siwan, on Sunday.

it came on the day his government launched the first phase of the caste-based census.

"Only when women are educated, the population growth rate will be arrested. It has still

not decreased and the rate remains the same. Had women been better educated or had they been aware they would know how to protect themselves from getting pregnant. Men are not ready to consider the outcome of their action and as women are not properly educated they are unable to put their foot down and stop the population growth," Nitish Kumar had said.

'What if it's poisoned?' says Akhilesh refusing tea at police station



Akhilesh Yadav comes out of DGP office, in Lucknow, on Sunday.

Lucknow (PTI): Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday refused to have tea offered to him at the UP Police Headquarters apparently joking it may be "poisoned."

A Samajwadi Party office bearer, Manish Jagan Agarwal, was arrested here earlier in the day for allegedly making indecent and derogatory remarks on social media.

Angry over Agarwal's arrest, scores of Samajwadi Party

INDECENT REMARKS: SP LEADER ARRESTED, BJYM MAN BOOKED
Lucknow (PTI): A Samajwadi Party leader was arrested while a Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) office bearer was booked in separate cases on Sunday over alleged derogatory remarks on social media, police said.

workers gathered outside the Uttar Pradesh Police headquarters demanding his immediate release.

Unbefitting of Guv to interfere in TN politics, says DMK

Chennai (PTI): Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi's alleged 'Thamizhagam' remark evoked spontaneous ire of the ruling DMK, which on Sunday accused him of unnecessarily interfering in state politics rather than paying attention to developmental initiatives.

Naidu, Kalyan discuss AP politics

Hyderabad (Agencies): Actor and Jana Sena Party (JSP) leader Pawan Kalyan met Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N Chandrababu Naidu in Hyderabad on Sunday.

The actor-politician called on the former chief minister at the latter's residence in Jubilee Hills. The two



Pawan Kalyan with Chandrababu Naidu.

leaders were discussing latest political developments in Andhra

Pradesh and the possibility of the two parties working together.

YOUTH PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS

Time for Indians to lead world the India way: Anurag Thakur

Indore (ANI): Exuding confidence in the country's future, driven by new technology, Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Sunday said the time has come for Indians to lead the world the 'India way'.

The Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports was speaking at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas at Indore on Sunday, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Madhya Pradesh Chief



Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also in attendance. "When we talk

about the future, we talk about ABC — A for Artificial Intelligence,

B for Blockchain, and C for Cloud Computing. In the 21st centu-

ry, new technologies will open up new and futuristic avenues of work. I think it's time for India and our ideas to lead the world the India way," Thakur said.

The Union minister said the 'ideas' are essentially born out of people, across communities, coming together and contributing the country's growth.

"While talking about brain drain, Prime Minister Narendra

Modi also talked about brain gain from 1.4 bn Indians. While interacting with fellow Indians, who have arrived from across the world, we were talking about exchanging ideas and ways to work together and contribute to India's growth," Thakur said.

Later, taking to Twitter, the Union minister said the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is an "opportunity to build bonds of friendship".

INDIA HAS THE LARGEST, MOST TALENTED DIASPORA: JAISHANKAR

Indore: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday heaped praise on the Indian community living abroad, saying that it is the largest and most talented diaspora in the world. In the inaugural address at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas here, Jaishankar said what is perhaps unique about the Indian community is the intensity of the bonding which is promoted by conventions like the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.



Jaishankar with Guyana Prez Mohd Irfan Ali during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention.

Delhi in grip of severe cold wave; dense fog cripples road, rail movement

New Delhi (PTI): A severe cold wave walloped Delhi on Sunday, with the minimum temperature at the Safdarjung Observatory, the city's primary weather station, plunging to a bone-chilling 1.9 degrees Celsius, the lowest in January in two years.



People doing physical activities amid dense fog at a cold winter morning at Nehru Park, in New Delhi on Sunday.

A blinding layer of dense fog enveloped northwest India and the adjoining central and eastern parts of the country, affecting road, rail and air traffic movement. Very dense fog lowered visi-

bility to 50 metres at the Palam observatory, near the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, at 5:30 am. The Delhi International Airport Limited tweet-

ed that flights, which are not CAT III compliant, may get affected. Passengers have been advised to contact the airline concerned for updated flight in-

formation. A Northern Railway spokesperson said 42 trains were delayed by one hour to 5 hours due to the foggy conditions.

As per weather office, very dense fog is when visibility is between 0 and 50 metres, between 51 and 200 metres is dense, between 201 & 500 metres moderate, & between 501 & 1,000 metres shallow. A severe cold wave had brought the minimum temperature down to a numbing 1.5 degrees Celsius in central Delhi.

FOG CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO PREVAIL IN DELHI

New Delhi: A thick layer of fog covered the national capital on Sunday morning lowering visibility. IMD senior scientist said that cold waves, foggiest days conditions are likely to continue over north-west India during the next 2 days. People going to work may face difficulties due to poor visibility.

RELIEF FROM SEVERE COLD WAVE IN NORTH INDIA FROM TODAY, SAYS IMD

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the national capital and adjoining areas are likely to get relief from severe cold conditions from Monday. As per weather office, minimum temperatures are very likely to rise by about 2 degrees Celsius over many parts of the plains of Northwest India.

'335 TRAINS DELAYED, 88 CANCELLED AS DENSE FOG ENGLUFS NORTHERN INDIA'

New Delhi: As per the Railway ministry, hundreds of trains on Sunday were either delayed or cancelled as severe fog engulfed several Northern Indian states and reduced visibility. According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Railways, 335 trains lost punctuality due to weather accounts. Moreover, 88 trains were cancelled, 31 diverted and 33 short-terminated. This has left the passengers upset.

DELHI RECORDS COLDEST DAY IN TWO YEARS

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JOSHIMATH SUBSIDENCE

ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAMILIES

Chamoli: With the land subsidence continuing at Joshimath town of Uttarakhand, the district administration has made arrangements for the affected families.



Shankaracharya Matth chief Swami Vishwapiyananda showing the cracks.

Following the appearance of large cracks in houses and roads, a total of 66 families are reported to have migrated from Joshimath as of now. "The district administration has made arrangements for the families affected by the natural calamity to stay in 'safe relief camps'," the administration said on Sunday.

District Magistrate Himanshu Khurana visited the relief camps last night and took stock of the arrangements.

PLEA SEEKS PANEL TO LOOK INTO DISPLACED PEOPLE

New Delhi: A petition has been filed in the Delhi HC seeking a direction to constitute a committee to look into the issue of sinking of Joshimath and rehabilitate the affected families. Highlighting the woes of over 3000 people, the plea said cracks have developed in at least 570 houses due to continued land subsidence.

'JOSHIMATH NOT ALONE, NAINITAL ALSO AT RISK'

New Delhi: Amid the growing calls to relocate people from the hill town of Uttarakhand's Joshimath, experts have warned that this is not a lone event. Just like Joshimath, several other towns in the foothills of the Himalayas are vulnerable to ground subsidence like Nainital and Uttarkashila.

SHANKARACHARYA MATTH DEVELOPS CRACKS AS SITUATION REMAINS GRIM

Chamoli (ANI): The situation in Joshimath remains grim as one of the Hindu monasteries, the Shankaracharya Matth in Jyotirmath area, has also developed cracks in many places over the past 15 days, triggering a scare in the religious institute. According to the Jyotirmath administration, these cracks have increased in the last 15 days. Swami Vishwapiyananda, chief of Matth has cited the "development" as the cause of the calamity. "Development has now become a reason for destruction as

hydroelectric power projects, and tunnels have affected our town. There were no cracks before 15 days, but these days the cracks are continuously increasing in Matth," Vishwapiyananda said while talking to ANI. The town of Joshimath also called Jyotirmath, is the winter seat of Lord Badrinath, whose idol is brought down from the main Badrinath temple to Vasudeva temple in Joshimathevery winter. The holy town of Joshimath is revered by the Hindus as an important pilgrimage center of the country.

BSF's drone-mounted radars to check under-ground tunnels

New Delhi/Jammu (PTI): Drone-mounted ground penetration radars have been deployed for the first time by the Border Security Force (BSF) to check for the presence of under-ground tunnels used by terrorists to infiltrate the India-Pakistan International Border in Jammu region, officials said.



BSF BUSTS SMUGGLING RACKET, SEIZES GOLD AT INDO-BANGLA BORDER

New Delhi: BSF on Saturday busted a gold smuggling racket along the India-Bangladesh border and seized gold worth Rs 2 crore. Acting on a tip, BSF troops stopped an Agartala-to-Kolkata bus via Dhaka suspected of

transporting gold smugglers from across the border. During a search operation, BSF troops recovered 30 gold biscuits in a luggage compartment. The bus driver and conductor were arrested, and the bus was seized.

The indigenously-made technical gadget has been pressed into action at this front recently as part of the below-the-earth tunnel detection exercise carried out by the force to ensure no terrorist is able to sneak into Indian territory & conduct strikes in J&K or any other location of the country.

These structures have also been used to smuggle narcotics, arms and ammunition. The BSF has unearthed at least 5 under-ground tunnels in the about 192 km of the

Jammu front (of the India-Pakistan IB) in the last three years.

As per official data, two such cross-border tunnels were detected in 2020 and 2021 each, while one was found last year and all of them

were detected in the Indreshwar Nagar sector of Jammu. Officials said the radars being currently deployed work by emitting strong radio waves to check for the presence of tunnels under the ground.

GOLD PILFERAGE CASE

Customs official to face trial after his thumb impression found

New Delhi (PTI): Putting a fresh shine on the old cliché of 'every contact leaves a trace', the CBI used a "chance" thumb impression of a customs official, who was purportedly let off in 4 cases of alleged gold theft from the department vaults, on a non-precious metal he used to replace the gold with, to charge him in a fifth.



The CBI has booked Sanjeev Kumar of the Customs Department for allegedly stealing the gold seized by the department kept in strong rooms by replacing it with a non-precious yellow metal. The agency had received a go-ahead from the Home Ministry to probe the theft of over 36 packets of gold from the vaults of the Customs Department.

2 Bangla citizens held with gold consignment

Kolkata (Agencies): Two Bangladeshi citizens with huge consignments of gold biscuits have been arrested by the BSF personnel from near the Benapole-Petrapole border in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, officials informed on Sunday.

Working on a tip-off that a huge consignment of gold was being smuggled through a bus, the BSF jawans of the 145 battalion stopped the vehicle, that was coming to Kolkata from Agartala via Dhaka, near the border checkpoint.

UP: After IAS promotion, 7 IPS officers to be promoted too

Dr. Ahtesham Siddiqui

Lucknow: After the promotion of IAS officers in Uttar Pradesh, the IPS officers are waiting for their new postings. Seven IPS officers of the 1998 batch have been promoted from IG to ADG. The Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh has promoted seven IG rank officers to ADGs.

1998 batch IPS officer Bhagwan Swaroop IG Intelligence has become ADG from IG rank. IPS Suvedra Kumar Bhagat (SK Bhagat) IG Chandra IG PAC West Zone Moradabad has



IPS Badugu Deva Paulson



IPS Piyush Mordiya

become ADG PAC West Zone Moradabad. IPS Piyush Modia Joint CP Law and Order Lucknow Police Commissionerate have become ADG from IG rank. IPS Suvedra Kumar Bhagat (SK Bhagat) IG Police has become ADG Police. IPS BD Palson

IG and Secretary Home have become ADG on the same post but can also be made ADG somewhere in the field. IPS KS Narayan IG Varanasi has become ADG in Varanasi. IPS Padmaja Chauhan has become ADG in the same post.

CRUCIAL READ

UP: FAMILY OF FOUR SLEEPS WITH GAS HEATER ON, DIES DUE TO SUFFOCATION

Sitapur (Agencies): Four members of a family died in their sleep here apparently due to suffocation after they left a gas heater on inside their room overnight, police said on Sunday.



A milkman knocked on the door of the family's house in the Jhajjar locality on Sunday morning but no one answered, they said. Asif (35), who worked as a clerk in a local madrasa, his wife Shagufta (32), and their children Zaid (3) and Mayra (2) went to sleep on Saturday night with a gas heater in their room. They were suffocated due to the gas heater and were found dead on Sunday Morning.

FOUR CRIMINALS EVADING TRIAL HELD BY POLICE

New Delhi (Agencies): Four absconding criminals, evading their trial and recently declared proclaimed offenders, were arrested by in Delhi's Dwarka area, an official said. The accused were identified as Raghuvir, Subhash, Anil, and Rishi. DCP, Dwarka, M. Harsha Vardhan said that a special drive against proclaimed offenders is being continuously carried out by the police, and informers have also been roped in.

TWO DIE AFTER K'TAKA BUS RAMS INTO BIKE IN TN

Chennai (Agencies): Two people were killed when a Karnataka State Transport Corporation bus rammed into a two-wheeler on which they were travelling. The incident occurred at Krishnagiri on the Karnataka border on Sunday. The Karnataka transport bus that rammed into the two-wheeler caught fire & was completely burnt. However, the passengers on bus escaped unhurt.

BOOSTING TOURISM

Ganga Vilas to unlock River Cruise tourism in India: Sonowal

New Delhi (ANI): The launch of the world's longest river cruise named MV Ganga Vilas by PM Narendra Modi on January 13 in Varanasi will herald a new age of river cruise tourism for India, said Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush.



The luxury cruise will cover a distance of more than 3,200 km across 27 river systems in five states in India

and Bangladesh. The huge untapped potential of river cruises is set to get unlocked with the launch of this ser-

vice, added Sonowal. Sonowal said, "Under the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi, we are exploring the im-

mense wealth that our rich river system has to offer". Sonowal said, "This avenue of sustainable development via

inland waterways has received a tremendous boost as efforts to augment cargo traffic as well as passenger tour-

ism have borne fruit with encouraging results. The MV Ganga Vilas cruise is a step towards unlocking the huge potential river tourism the country has to offer".

"Our rich heritage will get further transcended on the global stage as tourists will be able to experience the spiritual, the educational, the well-being, the cultural as well as the richness of the biodiversity of India," he added.

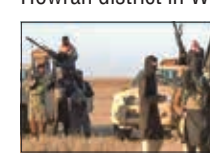
PM MODI TO LAUNCH GANGA VILAS CRUISE FROM VARANASI ON JAN 13

P rime Minister Narendra Modi is set to virtually flag off the world's longest river cruise 'Ganga Vilas' - from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh - on Jan 13. Covering a distance of nearly 4,000 km in 50 days, the cruise will stop at several



world heritage sites & pass through several national parks and sanctuaries. The cruise will start from Varanasi and end in Assam. The journey will cover 3,200 km in 50 days & pass through 27 river systems in India and Bangladesh.



ARRESTED IS LINKMEN USED TELEGRAM TO CONTACT THEIR HANDLERS IN SYRIA

Kolkata (Agencies): Mohammad Saddam and Syed Ahmed, the two local Islamic State (IS) linkmen arrested from Howrah district in West Bengal by the Kolkata Police, used



Telegram Web links to interact with their handlers in Syria. The two were arrested by the sleuths of the Special Task Force (STF) on Saturday. Some interactions were made with their handlers in Saudi Arabia also, said sources. City Police sources said that the examination of the laptop and mobile phones seized from them revealed around 20 such Telegram Web interactions, most of which were with their handlers in Syria and some in Saudi Arabia.

Commodity	Price	Change	% Chg
GOLD 	56,110.00	00.00	0.00 (Per 10g)
SILVER 	71,800.00	00.00	0.00 (Per 1kg)

Currency	Price	Change	% Chg
USDINR 	82.72	0.00	0.00
GBPINR 	98.41	0.00	0.00

* Rates till the edition went to print.

business BRIEFS

FPIs WITHDRAW ₹5,900 CRORE FROM EQUITIES IN JAN



New Delhi: Foreign investors offloaded nearly ₹5,900 crore from the Indian equity markets in the first week of January on growing concerns over the re-emergence of Covid in some parts of the world and recession worries in the US. FPIs have been adopting a cautious stance toward Indian equity markets for the past few weeks. According to data with the depositories, FPIs have made a net pull out of ₹5,872 crore from the Indian equity markets during January 2-6. —PTI

EIGHT OF TOP 10 FIRMS LOSE ₹1 LAKH CRORE IN MCAP



New Delhi: Eight of the top 10 most valued firms faced a combined erosion of ₹1,06,991.42 crore in market valuation last week, with IT majors Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services along with HDFC Bank taking the biggest hit. Barring Hindustan Unilever and LIC, eight firms suffered erosion from their mcap. RIL remained the most valued firm, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever, SBI, HDFC, LIC and Bharti Airtel. —PTI

COAL-BASED POWER GENERATION RISES 15% IN DEC 2022



New Delhi: Country's coal-fired power generation increased by 15.03% to 98,443 million units (MU) in December, as per official data. Coal-based power generation — which accounts for 76.59% of the total power generation in the country — stood at 85,579 MU in the corresponding month of the previous fiscal. According to the monthly statistics (provisional) of December, 2022 of the coal ministry, both coal-based power generation and overall power generation has registered a year-on-year increase in December 2022. —PTI

OUTSTANDING DUES OWED BY DISCOMS TO GENCOs HALVED



New Delhi: Total outstanding dues owed by electricity distribution companies (discoms) to power producers almost halved to ₹62,681.68 crore in January, compared to ₹1,21,030 crore in same month in 2022. Experts said this substantial reduction in the discoms' total outstanding is mainly due to various steps taken by the government, like implementation of late payment surcharge rules and providing facility of EMLs. —PTI

Allow deductions in old tax regime: Experts

New Delhi (PTI): Investments in PPF and other tax savings schemes should be allowed as deductions, and the threshold for 30% tax should be raised to ₹20 lakh under the concessional income tax regime in Budget 2023-24 to make it attractive for middle-income taxpayers, experts said.

The government in Budget 2020-21 brought an optional income tax regime, under which individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) were to be taxed at lower rates if they did not avail specified exemptions and deductions, like house rent allowance

(HRA), interest on the home loan, investments made under Section 80C, 80D and 80CCD.

Under this, total income up to ₹2.5 lakh will be tax-exempt.

A 5% tax is levied on total income between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹5 lakh, 10% on ₹5 lakh to ₹7.5 lakh, 15% on ₹7.5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, 20% on ₹10 lakh to ₹12.5 lakh, 25% on ₹12.5 lakh to ₹15 lakh, and 30% on above ₹15 lakh.

The scheme, however, has not gained traction as in several cases it resulted in a higher tax burden.

Experts believe that Finance Minister Nirmala



Sitharaman should look at including certain popular tax deductions claimed by individuals, in addition to increasing the basic ex-

emption limit and hiking the threshold for peak tax rate, in the optional tax regime to make it attractive for taxpayers.

OPTIONAL I-T REGIME

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Nangia Andersen India Chairman Rakesh Nangia said the government should rationalise the tax rates further in the optional tax

regime to make it commensurate with the deductions/exemptions that the taxpayer is foregoing.

Deloitte India Partner Sudhakar Sethuraman expressed a similar opinion saying that the government could consider allowing certain deductions, which are traditionally claimed by individuals and at the same time without complicating the process.

These deductions, he said, could be those which qualify for life insurance premiums, home loan repayment and deduction for home loan interest payments, among others.

'Inflation numbers, IIP data to drive markets'

New Delhi (PTI): Trend in the equity market will be guided by a host of factors lined up this week, including inflation numbers, IIP data and quarterly earnings from IT majors, analysts said.

Global cues, movement of the rupee, Brent crude oil and foreign funds will also influence Dalal Street this week, they added.

"We have important macroeconomic numbers this week, as our IIP and CPI inflation will be announced on January 12. On the same day, China and the US will also come out with their inflation figures.

"The Q3 earnings season will kick off with IT major earnings this week, includ-



ing TCS, Infosys and HCL Tech," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart Ltd.

Last week Sensex lost 940.37 points. The Indian equity markets have begun the New Year on a slightly cautious note, in line with the global markets, continuing the trend visible in December 2022, said Milind Muchhala, Executive Director, Julius Baer India.

MoRTH confident of achieving highway construction target

New Delhi (PTI): The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is confident of achieving the highways construction target of 12,000 kilometres for the current fiscal as the pace of construction has increased, its secretary Alka Upadhyaya said on Sunday (January 8).

Upadhyaya further said the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has already realised around Rs 2,850 crore through Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) mode in phase 2, and phase 3 is in the advanced stage to realise the target by the end of the current financial year.

Union Minister Gadkari bats for decarbonising transport sector

Nagpur (PTI): India needs to "decarbonise" its transport sector quickly as the country has the potential to be a global torch-bearer in bio-fuels, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Sunday.

He said 80% of the energy requirement of the Indian transport sector was being fulfilled through import of fossil fuels like petrol, diesel etc, which was costing the country more than Rs 16 lakh crore annually.

"This is an economic and environment problem. The transport sector also accounts for 90% carbon emissions. There is immediate need to decarbonise the

transport sector. The Union government is pursuing bio-fuels and compressed bio gas on mission mode to replace these imports in a cost effective, pollution free way," he said.

"The government is encouraging policy frameworks for production of bio fuels and creation of a sustainable ecosystem around it.



The Centre is giving a huge push to ethanol as fuel, especially its production from surplus and damaged food grains like rice, corn and sugarcane. We can be a torch bearer in bio fuels globally," he said.

The efficient use of surplus sugar, rice and maize stock as well as production of ethanol from bamboo and agri biomass such as cotton and straw can completely change the fuel landscape in India, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways said.

FOR LAB-GROWN DIAMONDS

Jewellery industry seeks abolition of import duty on raw material

New Delhi (PTI): Gem and jewellery exporters on Sunday urged the government to announce support measures like the abolition of import duty on raw material for lab-grown diamonds and jewellery repair policy to promote the sector and boost shipments in the forthcoming Budget.

The industry also suggested the introduction of presumptive taxation on diamond sales at special notified zones and the introduction of the proposed DESH bill, which seeks to replace the existing law for



special economic zones.

Seeking a kind of "diamond package" in the forthcoming Budget, the industry said in light of the high inflation and econom-

ic crisis in the United States and Europe and frequent lockdowns in China, the exports of diamonds and jobs in Surat have been impacted.

FROM JANUARY 11-18

Auto Expo returns this week after 3 years

First India Bureau

New Delhi: India's flagship motor show Auto Expo returns this week after three years having been hit by the pandemic.

The likes of Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Tata Motors, Kia India, Toyota Kirloskar and MG Motor India will lead the traditional automakers at the show at Greater Noida.

Yet, others such as Mahindra & Mahindra, Skoda, Volkswagen and Nissan along with Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi will be conspicuous by their absence



in the biennial show that was originally scheduled to be held in 2022 but was postponed to this year due to Covid-19.

Also, the visibility of main two-wheeler makers such as Hero MotoCorp,

Bajaj Auto and TVS Motor Co will be restricted to their displays of flex fuel prototype vehicles at the Ethanol pavilion.

Nevertheless, this edition of the Auto Expo, which kicks off with press

FIVE GLOBAL LAUNCHES

• MSI, Hyundai, TaMo, Kia India will lead the traditional automakers at the show at Greater Noida that will witness five global launches and 75 product launches and unveils

days on January 11-12 followed by general public days from January 13-18, 2023, will see a much larger participation of newer startup players, specially in the electric vehicles segment.

TECH, ENGG SECTORS LEAD OFFICE SPACE ABSORPTION

Chennai (PTI): Office space absorption in the city stood at 1.7 million square feet during the October-December 2022 period, a study by real estate consulting firm CBRE South Asia Pvt Ltd said on Sunday.

Technology sector accounted for 43%, while engineering and manufacturing was 17%, flexible space operators were 12% while the IT segment alone took up lion's share in the office absorption space.

Bengaluru led the rank in office space absorption, followed by New Delhi-NCR and Pune.

OTHER STORIES

DPIIT WORKING ON POLICY FOR AUCTION OF SALT LAND

New Delhi: The DPIIT is working on formulating a policy for auction of salt land to private players, sources said on Sunday.

The department had received requests from different ministries, departments, state governments, central and public sector enterprises for transfer of land owned by the Government of India through the Office of the Salt Commissioner, at places other than Mumbai and its suburbs, for public purposes. —PTI

AHMEDABAD SEES MAX RISE IN NEW OFFICE SUPPLY: CBRE

New Delhi: Ahmedabad saw the maximum increase in fresh supply of office space in 2022 among the nine major cities, with

more than a five-fold jump to 4.6 million square feet, according to CBRE India. In its latest report on the office market, CBRE India mentioned that the new supply of office space during the 2022 calendar year rose 2% to 50.6 million square feet from 49.7 million square feet in the previous year. —PTI

INDIA-UNITED STATES TRADE POLICY FORUM TO MEET ON JANUARY 11 IN WASHINGTON

New Delhi: The India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF), a forum to resolve trade and investment issues between the two countries, will hold a meeting in Washington on January 11, the commerce ministry said on Sunday. The TPF has five focus groups -- Agriculture, Investment, Innovation and Creativity (intellectual property rights), Services and Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers. The meeting will be co-chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and US Trade Representative Katherine Tai. —PTI

INDIAN OIL CHAIRMAN TO ALSO BE MANAGING DIRECTOR

New Delhi: Most big listed companies globally are run by a MD or CEO and a chairman presiding over the board of directors with the primary responsibility of protecting the interests of investors. But, India's largest oil company IOC is an exception for never having a MD or CEO in its 63 years of existence. But this is likely to change soon with the Oil Ministry agreeing to redesignate the top job as chairman and MD. —PTI

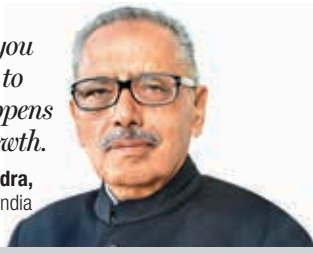
'TOTAL BIZ TO CROSS ₹2 LAKH CRORE MILESTONE SOON'

New Delhi: Punjab and Sind Bank is expected to cross ₹2 lakh crore business milestone soon on the back of robust growth in loans, its MD Swarup Kumar Saha has said. In the third quarter of the current financial year, he said, the bank has witnessed a credit growth of 17% to ₹78,049 crore. "Topline growth is in line with our guidance while other key parameters like asset quality and slippages are also under control," he said. —PTI



Do your best and once you have done it, it is better to trust that whatever happens next is best for your growth.

—Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CEO & Editor-in-Chief, First India



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CONG WON'T PERISH BY ONE PERSON'S EXIT: RANDHAWA

➤ Upcoming 'Hath se Hath Jodo' campaign discussed in a meet at PCC war room

➤ Randhawa advises Dotasra to become stern as 'being too polite will not work'

Yogesh Sharma

Jaipur: Congress in charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Sunday said that Congress does not get finished if one person quits the party. He said many such incidents have happened in the last several years and if there is an organisation, then a leader exists.

In a meeting for the party's upcoming 'Hath se Hath Jodo' campaign at the PCC war room, he said that one has to work for the party.

Randhawa also asked the PCC chief to become a little bitter saying that being too polite will not work.

Targeting the Aam Aadmi Party, he said that AAP is BJP's B team and contests elections by taking money from BJP.



CM Ashok Gehlot, State in charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, GS Dotasra, Hemaram Chaudhary, Vaibhav Gehlot and others at PCC in Jaipur on Sunday. —PHOTO BY SANTOSH SHARMA

Later, talking to the media, Randhawa thanked the people of the state for participating in the Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra.

About today's meeting, he said that discus-

sions were held about the 'Hath se Hath Jodo' campaign which will be run at block, booth and district level in which people will be informed about the failures of the Central

Government.

He said that unemployment and corruption are at peak in the country today. Praising the state government, he said that the Congress government of

CM GEHLOT TO VISIT JODHPUR, PALI TODAY

Jodhpur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot will reach Jodhpur by air at 3:00 pm on Monday and will participate in National Jamboree at Rohat village in Pali district. He will attend the closing ceremony, after that Gehlot will return to the Jodhpur airport and from there return to Jaipur.

the state is taking its schemes to the public.

He said that the Congress government is taking major decisions in the interest of the people of the state.

The state in charge also said that the performance of the leaders is being watched and since one year is left for election, it is necessary to assess the performance of the leaders.

90% people of Raj covered with health insurance: CM



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot speaks during the National Dentist Training Workshop organised by Rajasthan State Dental Council at SMS Medical College in Jaipur on Sunday.

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday ranked Rajasthan first in the country in providing health insurance to the common man.

He said that 90 per cent people of the State are covered under the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme, while only 41

per cent people in the country have health insurance.

In a Dental Workshop at SMS medical College, the Chief Minister said that health sector is the top priority of the State Government and the awareness of people towards their health has also increased.

He said that a budget of Rs 100 crore has been allocated for the

development of state-of-the-art facilities in the Jaipur Dental College. Along with this, a dental college is also going to be opened in Jodhpur.

"There has been unprecedented progress in dentistry both in government and private sector, due to which 14 private dental colleges are functional in the state today," he said.

Om Birla, Sitharaman distribute loans worth Rs 2,500 crore under outreach drive in Kota

Bhanwar S Charan & Gul Mohd

Kota: Loans worth Rs 2,500 crore were given in a single day to street vendors, small scale entrepreneurs and cattle rearers at a credit outreach programme here on Sunday.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the cheques to



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and LS Speaker Om Birla with students during an interaction event in Kota on Sunday.

some beneficiaries.

Officials said others will receive their loan

amounts during the course of the day. The loans were given

under schemes like Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana, Mudra Yojana and Pashupalak Kisan Credit Card.

Addressing the event at Dusshera Ground here, Sitharaman said the Prime Minister himself has given guarantee for loans under the Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana, so one does not need to produce any document for guarantee.

FinMin ASKS STUDENTS TO REMAIN STRESS FREE

Kota: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday asked the students preparing for competitive examinations of medical and engineering in Kota to stay stress free while studying. Under the Yuva Shakti Samvad programme organised at Allen Career Institute, the Finance Minister held open discussion with the students. She said that the students are the future of the country. She also asked them to work with a dedicated spirit for the country. Tremendous enthusiasm was seen in the coaching students during the Minister's interaction.

JHABARMAL SHARMA AWARD

Patrika leading in press freedom, says CIC chief Uday Mahurkar

Dinesh Tiwari

Jaipur: An award function was organised by Rajasthan Patrika in which Central Information Commissioner Uday Mahurkar delivered the keynote address.

Uday Mahurkar said that this is the era of TRP and the news channels have to think about it. "The contribution of Rajasthan Patrika is always commendable and the group has always been leading regarding freedom of journalism. History should never be written from a different perspective. What is true in history should come to the fore," he said.

The function was held in the courtyard of Patrikayan in Jhalana Institutional area.

Ravidutt Sharma from Jodhpur was awarded the first prize under Pt Jhabarmal Sharma Award for his story 'Gumshuda' and Shalini Goyal was awarded the second prize for her story 'Mithai'.

Similarly, under the poem category, the first prize was given to Dinesh Vijayvargiya of Bundi for the poem



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra presents a flower bouquet to Gulab Kothari.



Gulab Kothari and Pratap Singh Khachariyawas during the event on Sunday. —PHOTOS BY SUNIL SHARMA



Uday Mahurkar and Gulab Kothari greet each other at the event on Sunday.



Mahant Kailash Sharma, Ashutosh Sharma and others present at the event.

'Assi Paar Ke Buzurg' and the second prize to Sanjeev Thakur of Raipur (Chhattisgarh) for the poem 'Women are rivers'.

First India Channel Head Dr Jagdeesh Chandra also attended the function and gave a bouquet to Patrika group chairman Gu-

lab Kothari and wished him for the ceremony.

Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, former Ministers Raghu Sharma, Arun Chaturvedi, RHB Chief Pawan Arora and other dignitaries were present in the function.



RHB Commissioner Pawan Arora at the event venue.



COURTESY MEET

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Vinayak Sharma and Srishti Jain during a courtesy meet on Sunday where they met the former to greet him on the New Year and seek his good wishes for their new channel venture.

Bharat24 widens reach with 207 correspondents reporting from all constituencies of Hry, Punjab

Dr. Thaneshwar Sharma & Sarvjeet Singh Sodhi

Chandigarh: Another feather has been added in the cap of Jahan Tak Bharat, Wahan Tak Bharat24 as the channel has increased its reach to 207 assembly seats of Haryana and Punjab. 207 correspondents of Bharat24 will now knock on the doors of Haryana and Punjab Government.

The correspondents of Bharat24 will cover 90 Vidhan Sabha seats of Haryana and 117 of Pun-



Shishir Awasthi, Dr Thaneshwar Sharma, Sandeep Mishra, and Sarvjeet Singh Sodhi interact with the correspondents of Bharat24 in Chandigarh Press Club on Sunday.

job. The correspondents reached Chandigarh on Sunday in large numbers to participate in the programme organised at the Press Club.

Bharat 24 is the first national TV channel whose 4,000 reporters are alert and active in every corner of the country. Channel's News

Control Room Head Sandeep Mishra, Consulting Editor Shishir Awasthi, Haryana, Punjab and Himachal news editor Dr Thaneshwar Sharma and Punjab's senior reporter Sarvjit Singh Sodhi briefed all the reporters on how every small and big news on the assemblies of

Haryana and Punjab reaches the viewers of Bharat24.

The reporters also shared the experiences of working in the past with Dr Jagdeesh Chandra. All the correspondents were also advised to stay connected with all the social media platforms of Bharat24.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, Raghu Sharma, and Gulab Kothari hold conversation at the event venue on Sunday.



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greets Rajendra Rathore, Ashok Parnami, IAS Samit Sharma and IAS Ajitabh Sharma.

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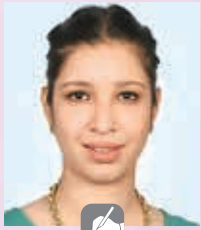


THE DOG SHOW 2023

TO OUR PAWSOME FRIENDS..!

Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Sneha, Soni, Kalpana, Rutvi, Shrishti, Ritu, Akanksha, Khushi, Varunavi, Tanu, Sheena and Rishika with their talented Pawfriends

A MESMERIZING DOG SHOW, AN INITIATIVE BY JAGDEESH CHANDRA WAS ORGANISED AT DUSHERA GROUND IN JAIPUR ON SUNDAY. CITY FIRST HIGHLIGHTS SOME MAGNIFICENT GLIMPSES OF THE DAY!



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It was a thrilling Sunday for the dog lovers of the Pink City as the Jaipur Dog Show, a huge initiative by Jagdeesh Chandra, was held at Dusshera Ground in Adarsh Nagar, Jaipur. A whopping 300 unique dog breeds from across the country as well as abroad competed to win the much-coveted dog championship. Organised by the Rajasthan Chapter of the Kennel Club of India (KCI) and presented by First India News, Bharat24- Vision of New India and First India Newspaper the dog championship was judged by Tomonori Aizawa from Japan and Simon Sim from the Philippines. The show was beautifully hosted by Viren Sharma, Secretary of the Rajasthan Chapter of the Kennel Club of India.

The pet owners left no stone unturned in ensuring that their furry companions woo the spectators with their wagging tails, wet noses and flamboyant yet charming demeanour.

The visitors were completely thrilled to witness the finest specimens of breeds like Tibetan Mastiff, Alaskan Malamute, American Akita, Maltese, French Bulldog, Shitzu, Yorkshire Terrier and Poodle, among others. During the occasion, a large number of Indie pups were also adopted from the adoption camp at the event and a world record was made for the maximum number of Indie dogs adopted.

On this occasion, Jagdeesh Chandra shared that the KCI Championship was judged by Tomonori Aizawa of Japan and Simon Sim of the Philippines and this was the first time that international judges attended a dog show



Jagdeesh Chandra presenting winning trophy to Dog Lizzy. Also seen are Virendra Choudhary, Lakshay Choudhary, Manoj Jagyasi Surendra Mal, Keshav Mahapatra and Simon Sin with others



Viren Sharma



Jagdeesh Chandra walks the ramp with dog Lizzy

in Rajasthan. Virendra Choudhary, Director, First India News along with his son Lakshay Choudhary and Manoj Jagyasi Chief Business Officer & Strategic Advisor, Bharat24- Vision of New India were also present on the occasion.

Jaipurites were thrilled by the feats of the dog squad of the Rajasthan Police. Viren Sharma, Secretary of the Rajasthan Chapter of the Kennel Club of India, said that during the momentous show, the dog squad show of Rajasthan Police also took place in which the dog of Rajasthan Police amazed everyone with their surprising feats. In the same episode, the children also educated everyone by making a drawing on dog cruelty in which a cute puppy was gifted to the winner.

During the show, Pinkcity also set an example by making the world's largest cake for stray dogs which was recognised by Golden Book of

World Records. To raise awareness about stray dogs, a 160 kg cake was made in the shape of a bone. The day saw a fashion show at the dog show followed by the KCI Championship. The models did a catwalk with the dogs on the stage.

Various eminent guests were also present on the occasion.



Clockwise: Varunavi, Soni, Sneha, Shrishti, Rutvi and Navya with their cute furry friends

YOUR DAY

Horoscope by Saurabh Sachdeva

ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 20



You'll get your nutrition right but if involving yourself in yoga practices can benefit as well. It is a good day to learn about the stock market so that you can plan your finances for the coming week. Renovating your house can give you the positive vibes you need. You may meet an old friend today.

TAURUS

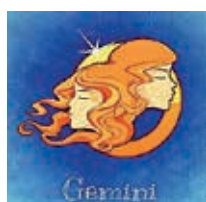
APR 21 - MAY 20



You can be a guide for your younger siblings. Gifting them something nice can improve your relationship with them. Properly go through your vehicle's health before heading out for a distant trip. An old property is likely to generate good returns.

GEMINI

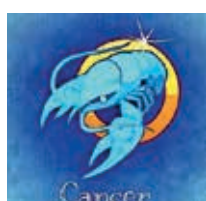
MAY 21 - JUNE 21



Being lethargic won't help you achieve your dream physique. Staying active throughout the day is important. Stay safe while you're doing on-line transactions. You can learn new things about work management. Your ancestral property can become a good source of income.

CANCER

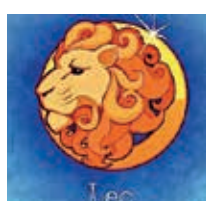
JUNE 22 - JULY 23



Adding breathing exercises to your routine can be helpful. Investing in mutual funds is a safe option. Cleanliness is very critical in a house. Make sure your home smells pleasant. Your boss may show some toxic traits today.

LEO

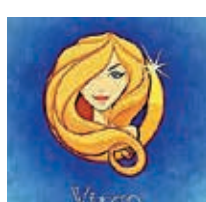
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23



Do not ignore the pain in your joints. Learn how to beat inflation and grow your money. Whitewashing your house is a smart idea but take it up only if you can invest your energies in getting that done. Your colleagues may not be very helpful today.

VIRGO

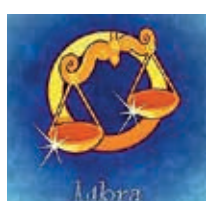
AUG 24 - SEP 23



Make sure you get enough protein for your body. Your finances are likely to be in your favour today. Gold can give you excellent returns. Property can also be considered as an option. Your start-up idea may take a while to become a reality. Stay motivated and continue the hustle

LIBRA

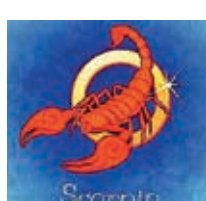
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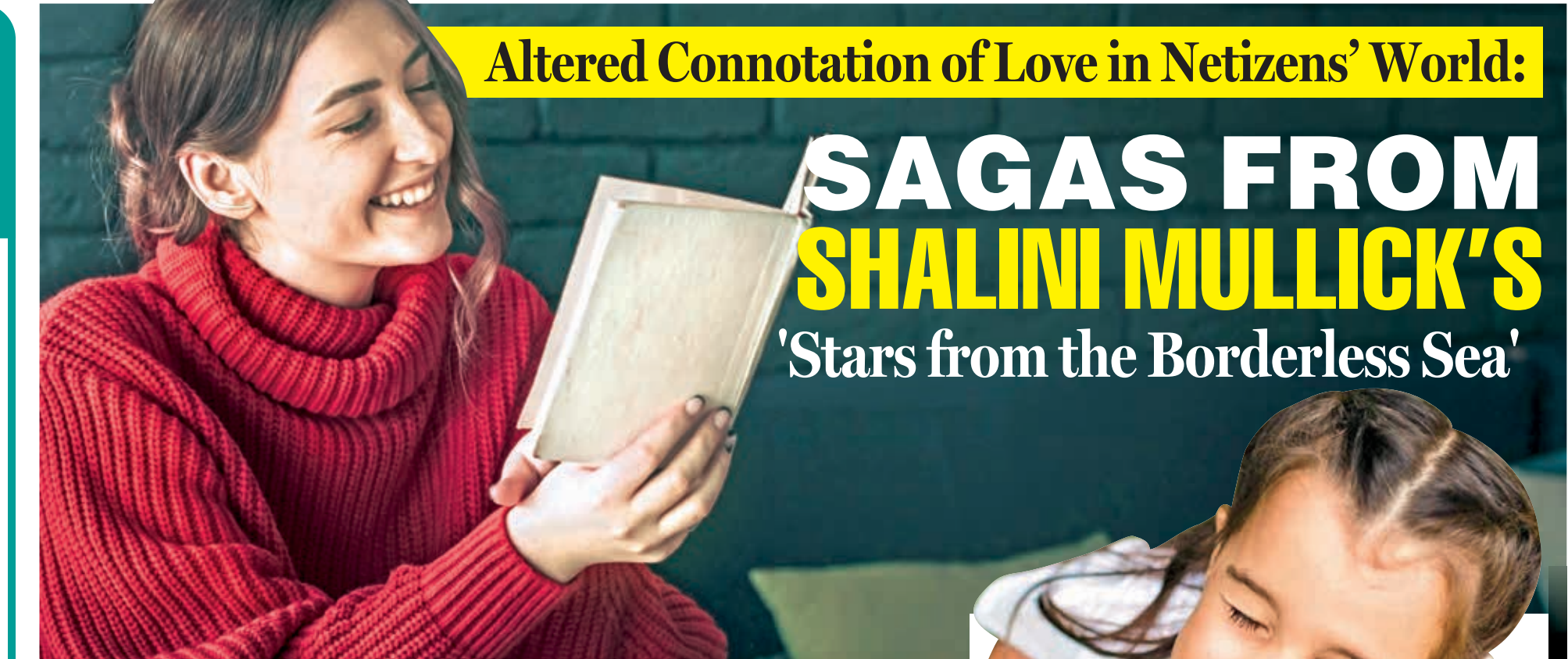
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Altered Connotation of Love in Netizens' World:

SAGAS FROM SHALINI MULLICK'S 'Stars from the Borderless Sea'



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Time immemorial, human culture is meant for frequent change and undoubtedly norms, impulses and ways of dealing keep changing and swinging like a pendulum generation after generation and the vicious cycle goes on. Though we think that there is no change in emotions, how people express themselves and use sentiments, is the same. But to note, when changes are taking place due to upsurge in usage of gizmos and gadgets, where life is more about being active on social media rather than taking care of real relations back at home and ground level, the kind of love 'a deep-rooted emotion' in humans, unfortunately, can be perceived, no more exist the same way on earth the way it used to be since folks instantaneously change and discard partners and loved ones like clothes and other materialistic stuff every third month or keep many parallel promoting polygamy. Where are Heer-Ranjha, Laila-Majnu and Romeo-Juliet kind of sagas lost in the world of social media?

The same deep-rooted emotion of love, which seems missing in relationships, has found its abode in the sagas of Shalini Mullick's Stars from the Borderless Sea. The article reconnoiters the intensity of emotions expressed through the characters, leading to productive discourse in the con-

text of altered connotation of love in the present era. The impermanence and feeling of insecurity the way people have in relations can be slackened if we feel the gravity and worth of relations beyond materialism. Understanding love and providing support beyond vested interests can assist in balancing and maintaining good relations for long.

Hence love is not just an emotion or sentiment for exchange or reciprocation or dealing like we do in business, it's the core of one's being flowing boisterously and required to handle delicately and with sensibility. Since it's the source of immense energy and inner power, one needs to store and reserve it well being thoughtful and harmonizing one's sentiments. Consequently, reading of Shalini Mullick's stories can be a perfect take to understand love beyond benefits and avarice or sexual wants.

The sagas 'Humsafar', 'Say-ooee' and 'Humraaz' remind us movies like Pakeezah in which Raj Kumar stares at sleeping Meena Kumari and leaves a note near her feet requesting not to place her feet on the ground as they would be dirty; and Veer-Zaara, a story of an Indian pilot and a Pakistani girl who beyond different ethnicity and religions, devote their lives to each other with commitment. In the era of netizens, where one after the other is easily available, who cares about commitment, honesty and integrity. Youth today has different connotations of love, as frequent actions such as friend-unfriend, follow-unfollow, like-dislike and block-unblock on social media are part and parcel of their lives and showcase the frivolity in their relationships.

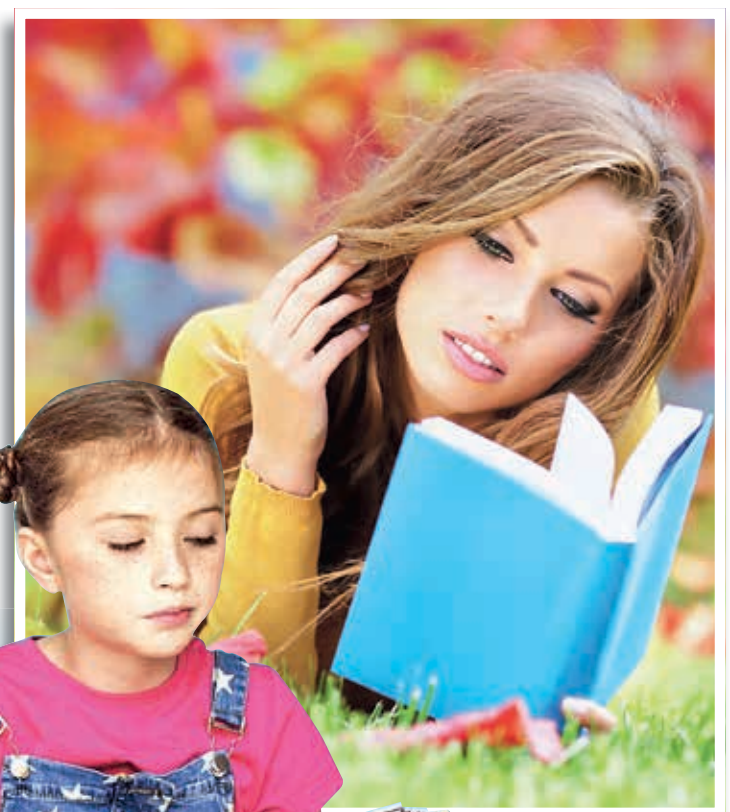
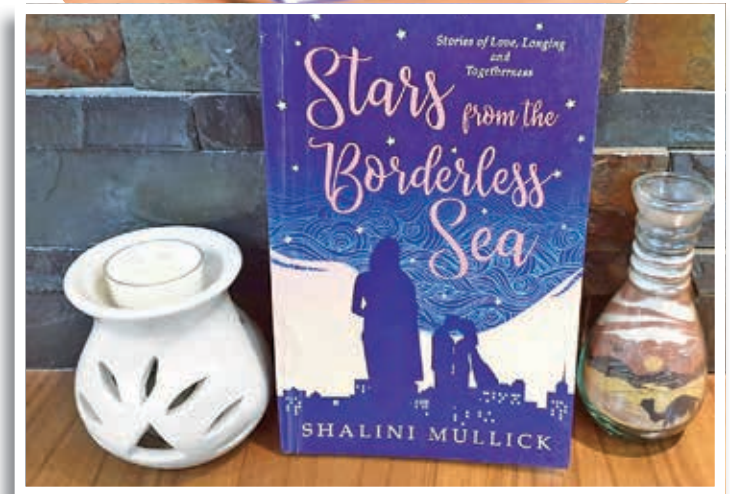
Thus reading stories of Shalini Mullick would surely give a different dimension to the prevailing concept of love recalling the times of retro or classics amalgamating them with present scenario and her true-to-life characters. Although the protagonists go through the phase of separation or any financial crisis or bad marriage trauma and sufferings, yet they stand together emotionally in all odds even without uttering a dialogue and with their silent and soulful support.

In 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Shakespeare says- "the course of true love never did run smooth."

Therefore, retaining love and reframing it in a positive form is a much needed thing with other important values including tolerance, forgiveness, compassion, understanding, and acceptance which youth seems to lack somehow. Love needs to be taken as a power weapon shifting it from jealousy, hatred or insulting tool to a tool to motivate, inspire, enthuse and improve others.

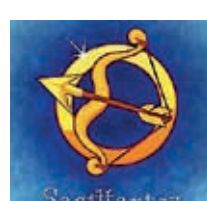
What these stories epitomize, can be summed up with a quote of 13th century Persian poet and Sufi Mystic Rumi- "I love you neither with my heart, nor with my mind. My heart might stop and my mind can forget. I love you with my soul because my soul never stops or forgets."

Channeling love in the right direction can make a person a better human being leading toward success and the stories reveal the same kind of intense feeling. A must read book in lucid language with a profundity of emotions to channelize one's feelings and make one's heart a golden heart!



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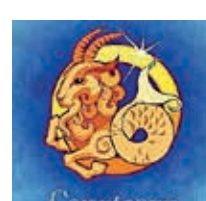
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Take care of your health. Some of you may experience a mild headache today. Don't forget to redeem your reward points on your credit card. You can expect great support from your colleagues. Your siblings may have a difference of opinion with you.

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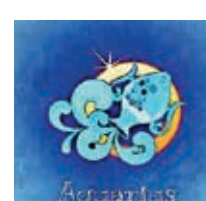
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Over exercising can be detrimental to your health. Maintain a balance between eating right and working out equally. Learn more about the various ways to invest in foreign exchange. Ancestral property can be put to effective use. Your office may send you on a foreign tour.

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Kylie and Travis reportedly split again

Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott have reportedly broken up after spending a holiday apart from one another. It was reported that Kylie and Scott were supposed to spend their holidays together, however, Jenner went to Aspen with her friends and family. Kylie took to TikTok to give a glimpse of herself and her four-year-old daughter Stormi Webster in Aspen, Colorado for the New Year's getaway. The group also included Kend-



Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott

all Jenner, Stassie Karanikolaou, Justin and Hailey Bieber. Jenner shared a TikTok video of herself along with Stormi sledding in the snow.

In late 2019 the couple was reported to be taking a break from one another however it didn't mean that they were all over each other.



Kylie Jenner

RUBINA FLAUNTS HER TONED BODY

Rubina Dilaik is counted among the most fashionable and stylish actresses in the entertainment industry. The telly diva rose to fame with her stint in the daily soap Shakti Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki but got the tag of 'Boss Lady' with her entry in the reality shows Bigg Boss 14. Apart from these reality shows, she was recently seen in the dance reality show Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 10, where she was the second runner-up. The actress is quite active on social media and keeps

her fans updated about her whereabouts. Recently, she shared a series of pictures of herself and the internet just can't keep calm. Taking to her Instagram handle, Rubina shared some pictures where she can be seen soaking the sun in a black floral monokini as takes a dip in the pool. As soon as she shared the post, her fans were quick to flood the comment section with fire emojis.



Her post...



Rubina Dilaik

RAHA'S FIRST PIC



Alia and Ranbir

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, the famous Bollywood couple are currently enjoying their new phase as parents. The talented actors welcomed their first child, a baby girl Raha in November 2022. Even though Alia has been frequently treating her fans and followers with sneak peeks of her 'mommy' life, the couple has not revealed

the first picture of their daughter, yet. The Kapoor family recently hosted a get-together for the paparazzi photographers in Mumbai. During their interaction, new dad Ranbir showed photographers the pictures of her little daughter Raha, to their surprise. Later, Alia and Ranbir requested the photographers to follow the no-pictures policy and not click her pictures when she is spotted outside. Later, the couple also treated the photographers with Mumbai's signature chaat.



Alia Bhatt

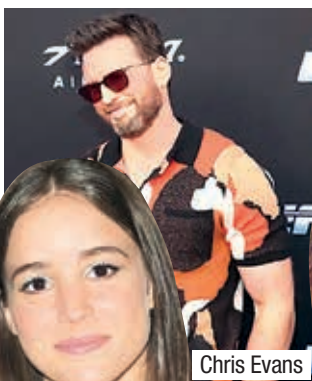
Chris Evans confirms DATING ALBA

Chris Evans, who was named PEOPLE's Sexiest Man Alive in 2022, has always been a charmer and was considered to be an eligible bachelor for years now. But that might just change now as the Captain America star has finally confirmed his relationship status. And, guess what, he is dating Portuguese actress Alba Baptista for a year now.

On January 6, 2023, the 41-year-old actor took to his Instagram stories to share a se-

ries of adorable videos with his girlfriend Alba and confirmed that he has been dating her for a year now. The compilation of eight different videos showed the couple scaring each other as they walked into a seemingly empty room over the course of last year i.e. 2022.

The source added that Chris has never been happier and all his friends and family loved Alba.



Chris Evans



Alba Baptista

'GRACE AND POSTURE'



Her story...

As Samantha will next be seen on the big screens with the much-awaited mythological drama, Shaankuntalam, the actress has been dropping sneak peeks from the movie on her social media. Recently, the Yashoda actress opened up about the toughest part of the film through an Instagram post that read, "The toughest part of #Shaankuntalam was maintaining grace and posture while walking, talking, running... even crying! And grace is sooo not my thing... Had to take training sessions for it! Should have taken Sasha along... clearly #NotHerThing either! #LikeMotherLikeDaughter."



Samantha Ruth Prabhu

PEECEE HOSTS SPECIAL SCREENING OF CHHELLO SHOW

In 2022, the Film Federation of India (FFI) picked the Gujarati movie, Chhello Show (Last Film Show) as India's official entry for the Academy Awards 2023. The film has been shortlisted for the International Feature Film category. For the Oscars 2023 campaign, Priyanka Chopra hosted a special screening of the movie in Los Angeles and it was attended by the director Pan Nalin and lead actor Bhavin Rabari. Sharing the pictures and



Priyanka with David Dubinsky and Bhavin Rabari

the clip on social media, producer David Dubinsky wrote, "With Priyanka at the movie screening and reception of Last Film Show. It is India's submission to the Academy Awards and was just shortlisted in the Best International feature film category."

SPARKLING SUNDAY LUNCHEON!



Kirti Rathore



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A day to remember, Sunday afternoon saw some of the most eminent names of the Pink City as the state's leading PR firm, Spark hosted a luncheon to welcome the new year at Hotel Narain Niwas Palace, Jaipur. Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion as the special guest and congratulated Jagdeep Singh, Sr. Advisor of Spark PR for his amazing work in Public Relations. Bina Kak, former Tourism Minister; Bhim Singh, President Emertius, FHTR; Narendra Singh, Ambassador, Federation of International Polo; Sandeep Chauhan, Inspector General Police (IG); Vishaal Mathur, Head of Sales, Asia, PT. Telkomsat Satellite, Cauldron Sisters (Ratika and Riccha) and Youth Icon Rishie Miglani along with various who's who of the city attended the event and had a whale of a time in the balmy winter afternoon. The Spark team led by Jagdeep Singh and Tusharika Singh played a great host to everyone. During the gala lunch, the live music by the Cool Boyz band along with sumptuous delicacies and invigorating drinks were enjoyed by one and all.



Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Vishaal Mathur, Man Singh Kanota, Jagdeep Singh, Anita Hada and Amarjeet Singh Sangwan



Jagdeesh Chandra with Bhim Singh and Madhuwanti
—PHOTOS BY SANTOSH SHARMA



(L-R) Rishie Miglani, Vishaal Mathur and Mandakini Raina



Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Aditya, Arpita, Tusharika, Simran, Jagdeep Singh, Pinky, Perna, Navdisha, Anita Hada and Preetinder



Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Jagdeep Singh, Ajit Singh, Anjali Lakhi, Surbhi Sabnani and Tusharika Singh



(L-R) Apurv Kumar, Jagdeep Singh, Khalid Khan, Bina Kak, Narendra Singh, Kuldeep Chandela and Man Singh Kanota

DURING THE DAY!



On behalf of Trans Welfare Society, Swagatam on New Year - 2023 Season 8 edition was done with Divyang and special children on Saturday at Sharyansh Paradise New Sangarner Road, Jaipur. The program was started by the Chief Patron of Trans Welfare Society and renowned magician Nirmala Sewani by getting the children to meditate. Trance Welfare Society President Komal Chauhan told that the purpose of the program is to spread happiness to the children and for entertainment. MLA Ashok Lahoty, Mukesh Lakhyani, Manoj Bhardwaj, Lavina Keswani, Gaurav Gaur, Preeti (Ultratech Cement), Ajit Soni and other were present. The stage operation of the program was done by anchor Vishal.



Rajasthan High Court Bar Association President Bhuvnesh Sharma has been made Co-Chairman of Rajasthan Bar Council recently.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Jagdeesh Chandra with Madhav Maheshwari and Pujari Mandal of Shri Girirajji Mukharvind Mandir Jatipura



JD Maheshwari, Kamla Poddar and Gokul Das Maheshwari with others

A Paush Bada ceremony was organised by JD Maheshwari at his residence (Gaurav Enclave) in Jaipur on Sunday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra reached the ceremony to offer prayers and seek blessings. During the occasion, Dr Chandra was greeted by JD Maheshwari and Madhav Maheshwari. Several devotees from different places gathered to be part of the pious festival.



During the launch

India's first-ever motion-controlled banquet opened its doors through an extravagant display of heartfelt emotions curated by Envelop on Saturday. Being one of Rajasthan's largest banquets, The Galaxy is the largest pillar-less banquet in Rajasthan located on Ajmer Road in Jaipur. The owner, Daulat Daga said "Jaipur is a hot wedding destination lacking an all-weather banquet hall. We tried to provide a grand banquet that could give Pink City its whole new identity and incorporate any given event, entirely indoors."



(L-R) Pratap Daga, Kailash Daga and Daulat Daga



Shaimak Dawar

"The essence of life in colourful verses"



Navneet Sehgal lights the lamp. Also seen are Mohammad Shakeel and Vandana Sehgal

An exhibition of 15 paintings by senior painter Mohammad Shakeel of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh titled 'Rangmay Chhand - Cubist Expressions' curated by Vandana Sehgal was organised at Saraka Art Gallery, Hotel Lebuva Mall Avenue in the city on Sunday, January 9. This exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest of the occasion Navneet Sehgal. During the event, Vandana Sehgal while appreciating the artist's talent said "Mohd Shakeel's work is much larger than life in concept as well as in scale. The theme and shapes as well as the use of colors embody an energy that characterizes his style that is almost like a movement. " Mohammad Shakeel said in his thoughts about his paintings that there is a philosophy about life in his paintings. Our life is based on philosophy only. This philosophy is also symbolic regarding spiritual subjects, power, energy, and shapes. No one knows the particular shape of an object.



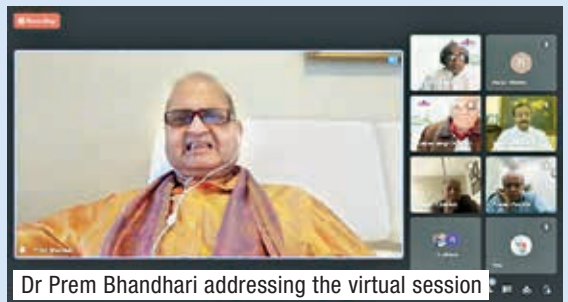
Mohammad Shakeel, Navneet Sehgal and Vandana Sehgal

SIGNIFICANCE OF MILLETS!

CITY FIRST
The International Year of Millets is an important step for recognising the valuable nutrition and health benefits of millets and the importance of these grains to food security and sustainability, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said.



The year 2023 has been designated as the 'International Year of Millets' after a proposal for it was brought forward by India and endorsed by Members of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Governing



Dr Prem Bhandhari addressing the virtual session

Bodies, as well as by the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly. Speaking at the virtual launch ceremony of 'Iconic Week on Millets Magic' organised by Magic Millet, Muraleedharan said on Friday, "Through education, research, and promotion, we can make sure that millet receives the recognition they deserve and help to improve food security and sustainability around the world." Muraleedharan said millets are more resilient than other grains and cereals, making them a more reliable crop in the face of climate change and unpredictable weather.