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AI issues show cause notices, de-rosters 4 cabin crew, 1 pilot

NEW DELHI: ACTING on the urination incident onboard an Air India New York-Delhi flight last November, the flag carrier on Saturday issued show cause notices and de-rostered four cabin crew and a pilot pending investigation. Air India has also initiated internal investigations into whether there were lapses by other staff on other aspects, including the service of alcohol on flight, incident handling, complaint registration and grievance handling. In a statement, Campbell Wilson, the CEO and Managing Director of Air India apologised for a flyer urinating on a fellow female passenger on a flight from New York in November and said: "Air India is deeply concerned about the in-flight instances where customers have suffered due to the condemnable acts of their co-passengers on our aircraft."

Armyman, aide arrested in Punjab; 31 kg heroin seized

CHANDIGARH: In a major breakthrough against trans-border narcotic smuggling, Punjab Police in a joint operation with the Border Security Force (BSF) arrested an army personnel and his aide Paramjeet Singh of Fazilka. Apart from the heroin, the police have also recovered a car and two mobile phones from their possession.

The 26-year-old armyman, posted as a Sepoy in Pathankot, was arrested along with his aide Paramjeet Singh of Fazilka. Apart from the heroin, the police have also recovered a car and two mobile phones from their possession.

In a well-coordinated operation, DGP Yadav said the Fazilka Police led by SSP Bhupinder Singh Sidhu launched a cordon and search operation in the area of Sadar Fazilka. "On checking of the car, one of the occupants showed an Indian Army ID card, and when police insisted for checking the vehicle they managed to flee in the car," he said, adding the police teams strengthened all checkpoints and managed to locate them. He said on checking the vehicle, the police teams recovered 29 packets of heroin from the car. DIG Ferozepur range Ranjit Singh Dhillion said during preliminary investigation it has come to fore that both the accused were escaping the border district after retrieving consignment of drugs.

Two Al-Qaeda terror suspects arrested in West Bengal

KOLKATA: Police's special task force arrested two persons, suspected to be terrorists allied to the Islamic State, from Howrah's Tikiapara area, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

Acting on a tip-off from a central investigating agency, a team of Kolkata Police's Special Task Force (STF) picked up the two from their hideout in Tikiapara's Aftabuddin Munshi Lane on Friday night, he said.

U'khand CM Pushkar Dhami visits Joshimath to assess situation

DEHRADUN, JAN 7

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited sinking Joshimath on Saturday to assess the situation on the ground. He met the affected people and assured them of all help, officials said.

The CM also met the team of officials and experts who have been camping in the town since Thursday and took their feedback on the evacuation exercise, they said.

He walked through the narrow streets in the affected areas and also went inside houses in which huge cracks have appeared on the walls and ceilings. "Evacuating affected families in the danger zone to safe locations is the Government's priority for now," Dhami told reporters.

"We are also working on a long term rehabilitation strategy," he said.

After visiting the affected areas in the Himalayan town, Dhami said that suitable places for relocation of residents near Pipalkoti and Gauchar are also being identified. Officials have been asked not to get entangled in long procedural complexities and take direct clearance from him for projects related to treatment of



drainage and sewage systems in Joshimath, he said. Dhami said

that Joshimath is an important place from the cultural, religious

and tourism point of view and efforts will be made to save it.

14-day judicial custody for man accused of urinating on co-passenger on AI flight



Shankar Mishra, accused of urinating on a woman passenger on an Air India flight from New York to Delhi, being taken away by the police from the DCP office at IGI Airport in New Delhi.

NEW DELHI/BENGALURU, JAN 7

The man who allegedly urinated on a woman co-passenger on an Air India flight was arrested on Saturday. Delhi Police arrested Shankar Mishra, 34, from Bengaluru after he was traced to that city through technical surveillance, officials said. A Delhi court later sent Mishra to judicial remand for 14 days while re-

jecting a plea by police for his custody.

The police sought his remand for three days for custodial interrogation, saying he was required to be identified by three cabin crew members and two captains and other co-passengers were also to be examined. Metropolitan Magistrate Anamika passed the order to send Mishra to judicial remand, noting that his custody was not

Punjab Minister Fauja Singh Sarari resigns amid corruption allegations

CHANDIGARH, JAN 7

PUNJAB Minister Fauja Singh Sarari resigned from the Cabinet on Saturday, months after he was embroiled in a controversy over an audio clip in which he allegedly discussed ways to "trap" some contractors in order to "extort" money.

Sarari has resigned from the Cabinet of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, confirmed a senior leader of the ruling Aam Admi Party (AAP). AAP's Punjab unit spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said Sarari has resigned from the cabinet, citing "personal reasons". Meanwhile, senior AAP leader and Patiala Rural MLA Dr Balbir Singh was on Saturday



urday sworn in as the new Punjab Cabinet Minister. Balbir Singh was administered oath by Punjab Governor

Banwarilal Purohit at the Raj Bhawan here in the presence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

NEW DELHI: NIDHI, the prime witness in the death case the 20-year-old Anjali who met a painful end after being dragged by a car in Delhi's Kanjhawala area for about 12 km in the early hours of January 1, was earlier arrested in a drug smuggling case, police sources said.

According to the sources, she was intercepted at the Agra railway station for bringing drugs from Telangana, following which Nidhi was placed under arrest. Earlier, it was said that she had no previous police record. On Friday, Nidhi was called by the police to join the ongoing investigation again as there



were contradictions in her previous version of the incident. The police have added a few more IPC sections to make it a stronger case. Anjali was riding the

scooty when she met with the accident on January 1.

It is said that she got entangled in the Baleno car and was dragged for 12 km which led to her death. Her naked

body was found in the Kanjhawala area. All seven occupants of the car have been arrested and are on police remand.

Anjali, Nidhi fought at hotel party before accident, says victim's friend: AS DELHI Police continues its investigation into the Kanjhawala hit and drag case, a friend of the deceased Anjali Singh revealed that the woman who was killed had a fight over money with Nidhi before both of them left the hotel on New Year's Eve. Twenty-year-old Anjali was killed in the early hours of January 1 after her scooty was hit by a car that dragged her for over 12 kilometers.

43 militants surrender with firearms in Manipur

IMPHAL, JAN 7

Forty-three cadres of different militant groups on Saturday surrendered before Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh during a "home coming ceremony" organised by the state Home department here.

The militants laid down 19 arms, 17 hand grenades, 5 handheld sets, one Kenwood set, 9 PEK, 5 IED, and 209 ammunition before the CM.

The surrendered militants include 13 from valley-based Kangleipak Yawol Kanba Lup (KYKL), five from People's Liberation Army, 11 from Kangleipak Communist Party (People's War Group), five from United National Liberation Front (UNLF), five from KCP (N), two from PREPAK (PRO) and one from the hill-based NSCN (U).

Welcoming the militants to normal life, the chief minister said "I understand the hardship and unrest experienced by you.

"As many as 19 arms, 17 hand grenades, 5 handheld sets, one Kenwood set, 9 PEK, 5 IED, and 209 ammunition were surrendered. Happy to see more insurgents joining our work for building a progressive Manipur under the guidance of hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri @narendramodiji," the chief minister tweeted.



"We should be united, cooperate and communicate with each other", Singh said while urging the insurgents "to come out so as to make a united stronger Manipur and India." "Talks have started with Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) and agreement signed for cessation of operation and a monitoring committee formed," Singh said, adding "a big talk has also been initiated with a valley-based group." The CM said steps have been taken for the total eradication of poppy and illegal drugs from the state.

Twitter leak exposes 235 mn email addresses from hack

SAN FRANCISCO (US) :

Personal emails linked to 235 million Twitter accounts hacked some time ago have been exposed according to Israeli security researcher Alon Gal — making millions vulnerable to having their accounts compromised or identities exposed if they have used the site anonymously to criticise oppressive Governments, for instance. Gal, who is the co-founder and chief



technology officer at cybersecurity firm Hudson Rock, wrote in a LinkedIn post this week that the leak "will unfortunately lead to a lot of hacking, targeted phishing,

and doxxing". While account passwords were not leaked, malicious hackers could use the email addresses to try to reset people's passwords, or guess them if they are commonly used or reused with other accounts. That's especially a risk if the accounts are not protected by two-factor authentication, which adds a second layer of security to password-protected accounts by having users enter an auto-generated code to log in.

Global food prices in 2022 hit record high amid war

ROME: Global prices for food commodities like grain and vegetable oils were the highest on record last year even after falling for nine months in a row, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said, as Russia's war in Ukraine, drought and other factors drove up inflation and worsened hunger worldwide.

The FAO Food Price Index, which tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly traded food commodities, dipped by 1.9% in December from a month earlier, the Rome-based organization said Friday. For the whole year, it averaged 143.7 points, more than 14% above the 2021 average, which also saw



large increases. The December decline was led by a drop in the price of vegetable oils

amid shrinking import demand, expectations of increased soy oil production in

South America and lower crude oil prices. Grain and meat were also down, while dairy and sugar rose slightly.

"Calmer food commodity prices are welcome after two very volatile years," FAO chief economist Maximo Torero said in a prepared statement. "It is important to remain vigilant and keep a strong focus on mitigating global food insecurity given that world food prices remain at elevated levels, with many staples near record highs, and with prices of rice increasing, and still many risks associated with future supplies."

Last year, the U.N. organization's Food Price Index hit the highest level since

its records began in 1961, according to FAO data.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February exacerbated a food crisis because the two countries were leading global suppliers of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other products, especially to nations in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia that were already struggling with hunger.

With critical Black Sea supplies disrupted, food prices rose to record highs, increasing inflation, poverty and food insecurity in developing nations that rely on imports. The war also jolted energy markets and fertilizer supplies, both key to food production.

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I Kiranjit Kaur Muhar W/O Kulwant Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Name Kiranjit Kaur Muhar W/O Kulwant Singh Muhar To Kiranjit Kaur W/O Kulwant Singh. 63372

I Kulwant Singh S/O Major Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Minor Boy Child Name Navkamal Singh Muhar S/O Kulwant Singh Muhar To Navkamal Singh S/O Kulwant Singh. 63372

I Pirthi Singh Ailas Prithi Singh S/O Jugraj Singh R/O Near Gurudwara Sahib, Maur, Teh. Kotkapura (Faridkot) Am Known By Two Names As Above. 63372

I, Gaurav Kumar S/O Krishan Lal R/O Ward No. 3, Mudki Tehsil And Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name As Gaurv Kumar. 84451

63372

I, Anil Kumar S/o Dharmpal R/O Village Serhada Distt. Kaithal Have Changed My Name From Anil Kumar To Anil (Given Name) Kumar (surname). Concerned Please Note.

84451

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ
(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)
(ਸ਼ਾਂਤਕਾਰ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ।)
(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)

Plot/Kothi No. 2441, Sector-64, Phase-10, SAS Nagar ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Smt. Kamajit Kaur w/o Sh. Malvinder Singh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਤਿਥੀ 15-09-2020 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਕਤ ਪਤਨੀ/ਕੋਠੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Smt. Kamajit Kaur w/o Sh. Malvinder Singh ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਨਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਪਾਲਕਾਨੀਆ, ਗੁਰਦਿਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਪਾਲਕਾਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਜੌਤਿਕਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਲਕਿਵਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਅਪਾਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜੋ ਵਸੀਲਾ ਨੰ: 1105 ਤਿਥੀ 16-06-2003 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਹੰਥੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਪਾਸ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੈ।

ਹੁਣ ਉਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਅਪਾਰ ਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਨਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਪਾਲਕਾਨੀਆ, ਗੁਰਦਿਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਪਾਲਕਾਨੀਆ (ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪੀ ਏ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਨਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ) ਦੇ ਜੌਤਿਕਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਲਕਿਵਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਲਈ ਦਾਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ (ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ), ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਬ ਅਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਰਾਦਾਸ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਤਿਥੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਰਾਦਾਸ ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ (ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ), ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਤਿਥੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ Smt. Kamajit Kaur w/o Sh. Malvinder Singh, House No.151, Sector-33A, Chandigarh ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਅਪਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਹੇਠਲੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ (ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ), ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ।

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ
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ਗ੍ਰਿਗਲ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਗ੍ਰਿਗਲ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਨੰ 341642 ਤਿਥੀ 30-11-2022 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਬਿਨੇਕਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ: 1412, ਸਾਈਲ 262.5 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 60, ਫੇਜ਼ 3-ਬੀ-2, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Balwant Kaur Sikka W/o Late Gurcharan Singh Sikka R/O H.No-2284, Sec. 19-C, Chandigarh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਤਿਥੀ 26-04-2019 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ, ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਕੋਲਕਾਤਾ, ਵਾਹੜਾ ਨੰ: 36, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ।

1. ਹਰਪੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਕਾ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ
2. ਅਨੁਪੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ

ਉਕਤ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਅਨੁਪੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪੀ ਏ. ਹਰਪੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਕਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਪੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਕਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ: 1412, ਸਾਈਲ 262.5 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 60, ਫੇਜ਼ 3-ਬੀ-2, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਦੇ ਸਰਨੀਕਿੰਦਰ ਦੇ ਅਪਾਰ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਨਵਾਂਬਰ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਹੁਣ ਕੇਸ ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ, ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਕਤ ਰਿਹਾਇਸ਼ੀ ਪਲਾਟ ਦੇ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਉਕਤ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਨਵਾਂਬਰ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਰਾਦਾਸ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਤਿਥੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਰਾਦਾਸ ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ, ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਤਿਥੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ, ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਕੋਲਕਾਤਾ, ਵਾਹੜਾ ਨੰ: 36, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਡਿਕੀਅਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਦੇ ਅਪਾਰ ਤੇ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ: 1412, ਸਾਈਲ 262.5 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ਼, ਸੈਕਟਰ 60, ਫੇਜ਼ 3-ਬੀ-2, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਹੜਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਨਿਲਘ ਅਵਸਰ (ਹਾ), ਗਮਾਵਾ, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

I, hitherto Known as SANDEEP Kaur KHANGURA W/O JASPREET SINGH R/O. Village Leehan, Lihan Bhundri Ludhiana Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as SANDEEP KAUR 63372

I Hitherto Known As Bayan Kaur W/O Gurmit Ram, R/O VPO Moron, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab (India) Pin Code 144029 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhajan Kaur. 63372

I Gurjot Singh S/O Parminder Singh R/O Amargarh (Bathinda) Have Changed His Name Gurjot Singh To Gurjot Singh Brar. 63372

I Kulwant Singh Muhar S/O Meor Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Name Kulwant Singh Muhar S/O Meor Singh To Kulwant Singh S/O Major Singh. 63372

I Ashwani Kumar s/o Sh. Chajju Ram R/O , House No.84, Jain Colony, Camp, Yamunanagar that I have changed My Name Ashwani kumar to Ashwani kumar kaushal 100060

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I Ramesh Rani W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Chak Dona Rahime Ke Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Ramesh Kaur. 63372

I Sunita W/O Deepak Bholewasia R/O Near Durga Mandir Mamdot Uttar Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Sunita To Radhika. 63372

I, Abdul Sittar S/o Roshan Mohammad R/o VPO Lasoi, Tehsil Amargarh (Malerkotla) have changed my name to Rehana Parveen. 63372

I Manpreet Kaur W/O Sukhjinder Singh R/O Vpo Pandori Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Kaur Manpreet. 63372

I Harwinder Singh S/O Chamkour Singh R/O Village Pona Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harvinder Singh. 63372

I, Mandeep Kumar Sharma W/O Sh. Avtar Singh Patti Lashkari Vpo Bhunder Distt. Bathinda Change Of Name Mandeep Kumari. 63372

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I, Gurpreet Kaur W/O Kulvir Singh Bhaika R/O Tharaj (Moga) Have Changed My Name Gurpreet Kaur Bhaika. 63372

I Nisha W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o H.No. 392 A, Gobind Colony, Sector-11, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Pin: 140301, (Punjab) have changed my name to Nisha Sharma. 100071

I, Sewa Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o. AMO Nangal, Patti Sukha Chira, PO Chowdhri Wala, Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur Punjab Have Changed my name to Singh is my Surname and Sewa is my Given Name 72737

I, Yuvraj Singh S/o Rashpal Singh R/o Village Khairdinke, PO. Bahoru, Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed my name Yuvraj as my given name and Singh as my Surname 72737

I Raj Kaur Alias Rajbir Kaur Randhawa W/o Kawalbir Singh Randhawa R/o A/1240 ,gali Gagan Video Cinema Wali, Jandiala Road, Tarn Taran, Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Rajbir Kaur Randhawa. 72737

I Amandeep Singh Sandhu S/o Bhagwan Singh R/o Vill. Asif Wala Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Amandeep Singh. 72737

I Simratpal Kaur Sandhu W/o Amandeep Singh R/o Vill .asif Wala Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Simratpal Kaur. 72737

I Baljinder Kaur Ailas Lakhwinder Kaur W/o Nishan Singh R/o Vill. Ghasitpura,tehsil Khadar Sahib , Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Baljinder Kaur. 72737

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I, hitherto Known as AJAY DHAWAN S/o SURAJ NARAIN SINGH R/o.H.No.2257/E-13, Near Baba Karam Singh Gurudwara, Ghanapur, Khandwala Amritsar, Punjab-143105 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as AJAY KUMAR 72737

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I, Hitherto Known As Baldev Ram S/O Balvir Ram At Village Hassan Munda, Po Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar – 144801, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ram Baldev. 72778

I, Hitherto Known As: Gulshan Rani W/O: Nathu Ram Walia, R/O: H.no: 159-ahullwalia Mohalla, Khawara Gate, Phagwara, Kapurthala -144401 (Punjab) Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As: Gulshan Walia. 72778

I Manreet D/O Kulwinder Singh R/O Vill. Sherpur Po. Nainawal Jattan District Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Manreet To Manreet Kaur. 72778

I, Gurmit Singh S/O Gurmail Singh R/O Vpo Talhan, Jalandhar Punjab-144101 Have Changed My Name From Amardeep Kaur To Kaur Amardeep 72778

I, Gurmit Singh S/O Gurmail Singh R/O Vpo Talhan, Jalandhar Punjab-144101 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Paramvir Kaur Aged 8 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kaur Paramvir 72778

I, Baldev Bhatt Alais Subash S/o Puran Chamd Bhatt R/o Ward No. 10, Pundri Tehsil Pundri Distt. Kaithal Declares That Baldev Bhatt & Subash Both Are My Names. I Known By Both Names. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Urvashi W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o House No - Dk 816, Near Shastri Market, Ward No 10, Santputra Mohalla Kaithal, Tehsil And District Kaithal, Have Changed My Name From Urvashi To Usha Rani. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Darya Singh S/o Jeet Ram R/o 371, Village Budha Khara District Kaithal Have Changed My Name From Darya Singh To Dariya Singh. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I Ghan Shyam Dass son of Diwan Chand, Ward 9, Sita Shyam Colony, Safidon, Tehsil Safidon, Distt. Jind have changed name of my daughter from Ruhani to Ruhani Bhatia. 98732

I, RANJANA W/o Ravi Singh, R/o Village Talwara Gujran,PO Kaunterpur, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot, Punjab Declare that mine name has been wrongly written as RANJANA KATTAL in school record our minor Son ISHANT KATTAL. While both names RANJANA and RANJANA KATTAL pertains to one and the same person lady 400014

I, Shiksha Devi w/o Avtar Singh R/O Vill Tatka, PO Bodla, Teh Ladwa, Distt Kurukshetra. I declare that I have changed my name from Siksha Devi to Shiksha Devi. Also correct my name in my husband Passport. 100074

I Army No. 2478786 NK Sukhdev Singh S/O. Harbhajan Singh, V.P.O. Timmowal (Amritsar) declare that name of my Son is mentioned in my Service Documents as SURAJ, which is wrong, So Correct name is my Son is SURAJ SINGH. Concerned note. 900026

I JC-333381L, Sub Maj/JE(Civil) Balraj Singh S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Garrison Engineer(Project) Bathinda declare that in my service record my mother name mentioned is Gurjit Kaur it is incorrect but my mother correct name is Surinder Kaur 100078

I, Gurbax Singh S/o Sh. Bikkar Singh R/o H.no-5781, Nicholson Road, Near Hotel Ashoka Regency, Ambala Cantt have changed my daughters name from Jasmeet Dhillon to Jasmeet Kaur. 78645

I, Malkiat Singh S/o Lal Ji Ram Residing at 743 Near Singh Sabha Gurudwara, Dakoha, Jalandhar Correct father name of my daughter Prabhjot Kaur is Malkiat Singh instead of Malkit Singh. 600022

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Conference of Chief Secys ends

NEW DELHI, Jan 7

THE second national conference of Chief Secretaries concluded on Saturday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasising on working to improve the lives of people and strengthening India's development trajectory.

"Over the last two days, we have been witnessing extensive discussions at the chief secretaries conference in Delhi. During my remarks today, emphasised on a wide range of subjects which can further improve the lives of people and strengthen India's development trajectory," he tweeted.

The Chief Secretaries conference, which started from January 5, was aimed at rapid and sustained economic growth in partnership with states in coordination, the Government has said. Modi chaired the conference in the last two days.

Teenage girl killed as fire breaks out in flat

AHMEDABAD, Jan 7 (PTI)

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl was killed after a fire broke out in a seventh-floor flat of a residential building here in Gujarat on Saturday while four members of her family managed to escape, officials said.

The blaze erupted in the 11-storey Orchid Green society located in the Shahibaug area in the morning hours.

"Fire Brigade personnel rescued the girl, Pranjal Jirwala, from the balcony of the flat located on the seventh floor. She was rushed to a hospital in an unconscious condition where she died," said Divisional Fire Officer Om Jadeja.

At least 40 residents from the top floors of the building were evacuated safely, he said.

18 detained in Rajouri terror attack case

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Jan 7 (PTI)

AT LEAST 18 suspects have been detained for questioning in connection with a recent terror attack at Dhangri village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district that left six civilians dead, officials said on Saturday.

A massive search operation to track down the assailants is going on and "some vital leads" have been found, they said and expressed hope that the case would be cracked soon. The six civilians were killed and several injured when the terrorists attacked the village on January 1. While four were killed when the terrorists fired on the houses belonging to the members of a particular community, two cousin sisters lost their lives in an IED explosion the next day. The improvised explosive device (IED) was planted by the terrorists at the house of one of the victims. "The investigation of the terror attack is going in the right direction. So far, a dozen-and-a-half suspects, including some women, have been detained for questioning," an official said.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh is monitoring the investigation, which is being conducted by senior officers under the supervision of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Haseeb Mughal.

First phase of caste-based census begins in Bihar

PATNA, Jan 7

THE first phase of the caste-based survey in Bihar has started. The caste-based headcount will be conducted across all 38 districts in two stages. In the first phase, which will be over by January 21, the number of all households in the State will be counted. The second phase of the survey, which is likely to be held from April 1 to April 30, will collect data pertaining to people of all castes, sub-castes, socio-economic conditions, etc.

The decision of a caste census was taken by the Bihar cabinet on June 2 last year, months



Enumerator staff prepare to record data during the first phase of much-hyped caste-based census in Bihar, in Patna on Saturday.

after the Centre ruled out such an exercise in the Census.

The survey would cover an estimated population of 12.70

crores in an estimated 2.58 crore households in 38 districts, which have 534 blocks and 261 urban local bodies.

59 women booked for assaulting man in Kerala

THRISSUR (Ker), Jan 7

A GANG of 59 women allegedly assaulted a man accusing him of circulating morphed photos of another woman through social media in Thrissur district of Kerala.

Police said a case has been registered against all the accused and 11 of them have been arrested. The accused, all devotees of a spiritual retreat centre here, assaulted Shaji when he was travelling with five others in a car on Thursday evening.

Three arrested for chasing, harassing lions in Gir Wildlife Sanctuary; videos go viral

JUNAGADH, Jan 7

THREE persons have been arrested for allegedly harassing lions by chasing them on their vehicles and shooting videos using mobile phones in Gir Wildlife Sanctuary in Junagadh district of Gujarat, a forest official said on Saturday.

Out of six persons involved in the incident, the authorities on Friday arrested three accused, who hail from Rajasthan, after videos of the chase surfaced on social media, an official said. According to forest officials, the videos were most likely recorded two weeks ago in Gir Wildlife Sanctuary near Sasan Gir in Junagadh district.

In a video, some persons can

be seen following a pride of lions on two vehicles, with one of them sitting on the bonnet of a four-wheeler. Some of the accused shot videos on their mobile phones while driving dangerously close to the lions on what appeared to be a village road. Offences under relevant provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act have been registered against six persons for trespassing and chasing lions, said Aradhana Sahu, the chief conservator of forests of Junagadh wildlife circle.

"Three of the accused were arrested and produced in court, as harassing lions is a non-bailable offence. The arrested accused have been sent to judicial custody," the official said.

'Bharat Jodo Yatra' reaches Karnal

KARNAL, Jan 7

THE 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' resumed its journey in Haryana on Saturday morning, with scores of people joining the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led foot march as it entered Karnal district from adjoining Panipat.

Olympic medalist boxer Vijender Singh and senior Congress leaders Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Randeep Singh Surjewala were among those who joined the yatra which began from Kohand village in Gharaunda here.

According to the schedule, the yatra will halt for the night in Indri here before moving to Kurukshetra district next morning. The yatra re-entered Haryana on Thursday evening from Uttar Pradesh.

Gandhi addressed a rally in



Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's dog Luna walks with Rahul Gandhi during the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Karnal on Saturday morning. Boxer Vijender Singh is also seen. (PTI)

Anil Vij escapes unhurt as car meets with accident

CHANDIGARH, Jan 7 (PTI)

HARYANA Home Minister Anil Vij on Saturday escaped unhurt after a truck hit his escort vehicle which then rammed into his car from behind on the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, the second incident involving his official car in three weeks. The latest incident occurred near Bahadurgarh town, close to the same spot where his car broke down earlier on December 19. He was on his way to Gurugram from Ambala Cantt, his home constituency, on both the occasions. Following the December incident, he had got a new official vehicle, a Volvo car.

Vij said the Saturday's inci-

dent took place when he had taken a halt on the KMP Expressway.

"Today's incident was close to the spot where the previous one took place. We had taken a brief halt on the KMP and I was sitting in my car when suddenly a truck hit my escort vehicle, which was about 10 feet behind my car.

"The escort vehicle then rammed into my car, which got damaged. All escaped unhurt," Vij told PTI over the phone.

He said he was on his way to Gurugram when the incident took place. On December 19, Vij had a miraculous escape when the shock absorber of his official vehicle broke down on the KMP Expressway.

'Vikramaditya Singh, Shandil among 7 to be inducted in Himachal Cabinet today'

NEW DELHI/SHIMLA, Jan 7 (PTI)

FORMER Chief Minister Virbhadrha Singh's son Vikramaditya Singh and eldest MLA Dhani Ram Shandil are among the seven new legislators to be inducted in the much-awaited expansion of the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet on Sunday, Congress sources said. Vikramaditya was elected from the Shimla Rural constituency while Sandil (82) defeated his son-in-law from the Solan Assembly seat.

Besides, five-time MLA Harshwardhan Singh Chauhan who won from his Shillai constituency will also be sworn in, top party sources said on

Saturday. The swearing-in ceremony of the new ministers would take place at the Raj Bhawan in Shimla on January 8 at 10 am, they said. Only Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and his deputy Mukesh Agnihotri had taken oath on December 11.

The results of Assembly elections were declared on December 8. The sources said more ministers may be included in the Cabinet later.

Himachal Pradesh CMSukhu earlier in the day said he has handed over the list of probabilities for induction in his ministry to the Congress high command for approval. The Cabinet expansion is possible on

Sunday, he told reporters here after returning from Delhi where he held deliberations with top party leaders on the issue. There are 10 vacancies in the cabinet as the total number of ministers, including the chief minister and deputy chief minister, in Himachal Pradesh cannot exceed 12. Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar is scheduled to leave for Goa after administering the oath and would return on January 12.

The Congress is facing a daunting task due to the aspirations of various regions, castes and factions for representation. It also has to strike a balance while inducting old and new faces.

Evolve an ecosystem that keeps nation first: Vice President to NCC cadets

NEW DELHI, Jan 7

VICE President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday inaugurated the Republic Day camp of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) here and called upon the cadets to help evolve an ecosystem that keeps "nation first".

Addressing around 2,500 NCC cadets from across the country at the camp, he called the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 a "game changer" and also said that India was set to rise as the third largest economy by the end of this decade.

The Vice President lauded the contribution of the NCC to nation-building by "inculcating character, comradeship and spirit of selfless service among young students". "I congratulate you for being part of this momentous occasion. Undoubtedly, you as NCC cadets will by conduct exemplify and help evolve an ecosystem that will always keep our nation first," he said.

"We are in the 'Amritkal' of our Independence. Our Bharat is on the rise as never before. It is now the fifth largest global economy. Only a few months we overtook the UK. By the turn



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar visits the NCC Republic Day 2023 camp at Delhi Cantt, in New Delhi on Saturday.

of the decade, we will be the third largest global economy," he said. On NEP, Dhankhar said, "The New Education Policy 2020, thoughtfully evolved after three decades, is a game changer. Gratified to note that about 90 universities offer NCC as an elective subject." He also recalled his days as an NCC cadet. "Seeing your beaming confidence and smart turnout, I am reminded of my days as an NCC cadet at Sainik School, Chittorgarh. I have very fond memories of those days. It was a learning that shaped me," he said.

Asian Waterbird Census begins in Latur, 36 bird species spotted on day 1

LATUR, Jan 7

AT LEAST 36 species of native and exotic birds were spotted by the authorities on the first day of the Asian Waterbird Census in Maharashtra's Latur district on Saturday, an official said. The initiative is a part of the global International Waterbird Census that supports the conservation and management of wetlands and waterbirds worldwide and will continue till January 22.

On Day 1, the forest department and the district biodiversity committee spotted 36 species of native and exotic birds at Kavha lake on the outskirts of the city. "The photo-

graphs of the birds and information gathered during the inspection are uploaded on the website www.Ebird.Org/india. Accordingly, it becomes easier to plan and take measures for their conservation," forest officer Sachin Rampure said.

Among the birds spotted at Kavha lake were little grebe, rock pigeon, laughing dove, grey-headed swamphen, black-winged stilt, little ringed plover and painted stork, he said. Asian Waterbird Census is conducted every year in January to record the status of important wetlands and the population of bird species. It can be conducted in any part of the country.

Beach near Gangasagar Mela site faces erosion, steps taken to arrest deterioration



Kapil Muni temple in Sagar Island in West Bengal, the main centre of attraction of Ganga Sagar Mela.

SAGAR ISLAND (WB), Jan 7

THE beach within 500-metre of the Kapil Muni temple, the centre of the Gangasagar Mela, has been facing steady erosion, prompting the West Bengal government to take measures to prevent deterioration of the shoreline, an official said on Saturday. Some "temporary arrangements" have already been made in view of the nine-day Mela which attracts lakhs of pilgrims starting on Sunday, while long-term measures will be taken up after the congregation is over.

The official said that erosion in this part is natural and it happens due to the reduction of the tidal prism (the volume of water in an estuary between mean high tide and mean low tide), and associated chain effects, but Cyclone Yaas in May

2021 had aggravated the situation there.

"The beach near the Kapil Muni ashram had vanished due to erosion. It's around 450 metres away from the temple. Three roads near the temple are also vulnerable. But there is no need to worry. We have taken up a pilot project and restored the beach keeping in mind the Makar Sankranti congregation," he told PTI.

Mahanta Sanjay Das, the head priest of Kapil Muni temple in Sagar Island, said the West Bengal Government is working on the problem. "Water is gradually approaching the ashram. The Centre's cooperation is also needed," he said. Apart from the Mela area, erosion has been witnessed in Bankimnagar, Sumatinagar and Shibpur areas of the Island and the administration has taken steps to arrest it.

Woman dies after eating 'biryani dish' ordered online

KASARAGOD, Jan 7

IN ANOTHER suspected case of food poisoning, a 20-year old woman died on Saturday after allegedly consuming Kuzhimanthi, a biryani dish from a local hotel.

Police said Anju Sreeparvathy from Perumbala near here, had consumed Kuzhimanthi which she purchased online from a restaurant named Romansia at Kasaragod on December 31 and was undergoing treatment since then.

"A case has been registered after her parents filed the complaint. The girl died early Saturday morning," police told PTI.



An Indian Army jawan stands guard on the snow-covered Srinagar-Leh Highway at Zojila Pass on Friday. (ANI)

Carcasses of 2 crocodiles found from drain in UP

PILIBHIT (UP), Jan 7 (PTI)

CARCASSES of two crocodiles were recovered from a drain in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit district, forest department officials said on Saturday. Speaking to reporters, Divisional Forest Officer Sanjeev Kumar said that the two crocodile carcasses were recovered on Friday from a drain located in Jangrauli village under the Sungarhi Kotwali area of the district on the information of villagers. Doctors have performed the post-mortem of the two dead crocodiles and visra has been sent to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute in Bareilly to ascertain the cause of death, he said.

Editorial

Focus on human angle in evictions welcome

The order of the Supreme Court staying the eviction of about 4,000 families from railway land in Haldwani in Uttarakhand marks an important milestone India has travelled in respecting basic human rights. The apex court not only pointed out to the Railways the issues involved in uprooting such a large number of people, including the elderly and children, at a week’s notice, as ordered by the Uttarakhand high court, but also asked the government agency to come up with practical and workable solutions to the “human issue”.

The court issued the interim order after assessing the competing claims on the land by the Railways and the residents. While the Railways, which claims ownership of the land, wants to get its possession to create infrastructure for development, the residents claim that they have lived on the land for generations, some up to 100 years, and have valid documents of ownership, too. They also point to the long settled physical possession of the land and its recognition by various state agencies. The court, while recognising the Railways’ need for creating infrastructure, wanted it to look into the human dimension of the issue after segregating the claims of the occupants and those having no rights. “Someone will have to examine their documents,” it said, and would want both of them rehabilitated.

It is a fact that India needs to augment its infrastructure across sectors if it were to meet its obligations to its population, which is made up predominantly of young people. It needs to create more jobs to keep the economic growth engine work. It also needs to replace and update its ageing service sectors, including transport. Land will be one of the key inputs in all such projects, especially transport infrastructure. There is little option for the government but to go for acquiring land.

The import of the Supreme Court order is that the government must go ahead with the mission keeping the human angle in mind. It is not that India has done little to create infrastructure and industry all these years; we have done it though not to the desired scale. Governments across the country have acquired huge tracts of land for projects all these years. But it was only in 2013 that we had a law, the Right of Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement Act, 2013, which recognised the rights of the land losers for fair compensation and rehabilitation. It was the blind and cruel bureaucracy that bulldozed its way through homes and settlements until then, throwing their occupants literally on the road. The UPA-era law imparted a sense of justice to the whole process.

Why have we become a nation of ‘darpoks’?



It is time to say it out loud: We, as a people, have been reduced to putty in the hands of the powers that be. Voiceless and spineless. Malleable and mushy. Happily groveling and sucking it up, while those “mysterious” powers that control our lives remain nameless, but not faceless. And the Grand Plan seems to have entrenched itself so deeply in our consciousness, we no longer think it strange that an entire nation is on permanent mute. Nobody speaks up, much less speaks out.

Against anything or anyone, unless the prickly issue happens to be sanctioned by the authorities, and the chosen few are encouraged to trash the targets publicly -- the targets being the silenced minorities, who dare not protest or challenge the oppressors. Even while keying this in, I’m feeling pretty foolish, knowing full well nothing is likely to change in the foreseeable future for “people like us” -- already condemned and dismissed, often by our ex-colleagues and the few contemporaries one respected in the past, but who have hopped on to another bandwagon and have no qualms about running down those with whom they once shared the same dreams and ideals of a vibrant, full-throated democracy, pushing ahead

erratically but surely, believing in freedom and personal liberties. What were we thinking? Freedom? Mad, or what? How weird! Such an alien concept in today’s mired environment. But does that mean we give up? Meekly surrender? Roll over and play dead?

In this, the first week of a brand-new year, I asked myself: “Are you a well-trained, obedient pet Golden Retriever? Will you happily play fetch on demand?” For me, the answer is clear. There are thousands like me. “Anything can happen”, those who fear instant retribution say, looking uneasily over their shoulders. What is that “anything”? Nobody specifies,

but everyone believes there is a monster, a rakshas out there, and that this creature is capable of unbelievable and total destruction. “They” can come after you. “They” can get you. Is resistance worth the price demanded? Stop being so paranoid, say well-meaning friends, it can’t be that bad, surely, they mutter. Who decides when it is “that” bad? Or just tolerably bad. Or unbearably bad?

Confession: I am on the verge of becoming a full-fledged, card-holding, bona fide member of the Darpok Party myself. I am plain tired. Fatigued. I have lost friendships, lost faith, lost much more than I care to acknowledge, by not being a Golden

Retriever. But the one thing I haven’t lost is faith. In Mumbai, “people like us” occupy a brittle space, in which everything is “temp” -- commitments come within a set time frame. Yet, not so long ago, even cocktail party chatter -- superficial as it often is, had a few interesting subtexts to keep lively debates going.

Nothing too “bhaari” but thought provoking enough to trigger out of the box ideas worth mulling over later. No longer. Lips are zipped. Mum’s the word. Any attempt to start a discussion on what is ludicrously labelled a “controversial” (matlab -- not in sync with current dispensation) issue, is instantly discouraged as people hastily move away and focus on neutral, non-threatening topics. But what the hell is non-threatening anymore? I am thinking of the recent, very abrupt ban on a blockbuster Pakistani film (The Legend of Maula Jatt), and wondered aloud whether this made any sense, given that it was planned as a December 30 release in India, and had generated a great deal of excitement amongst cinema lovers, who were waiting to see Fawad Khan back in desi theatres after a long hiatus. The film is being projected as the highest-grossing Pakistani film of all times and has raked in \$10 million since its Octo-

ber release. Fawad Khan, 41, had called the announcement of the film’s release a “great way to hand shake”, describing the significance of the moment like this: “It’s kind of like those sweets and delights we send across to one another in good times and on Id and Diwali.” Such a sweet and charming way to put it... but he’d spoken too soon. Little did he know what swiftly happened after political parties got moving to stop its India release, even though Zee Studios had acquired the rights and were expecting the film to do well. In other words, this was no sneaky, clandestine entry into India. It was official.

Despite that, threats from an insignificant political party were enough to cancel screenings. What about the rights of cine goers? Those who really don’t care about political decisions, but are keen to watch good movies from across the border? Even asking such a dumb question is “wrong”! It instantly makes one a “traitor”, an “anti-national”, pro-Pakistan “agent” -- possibly on Fawad Khan’s payroll! The low level of engagement on sensitive matters is what disturbs me the most. Anything can be conveniently converted into a political missile, a nuke, and aimed at the person who dares to question the right of local

political outfits issuing dhamkis and assuming this level of control over mass entertainment.

Our very own Khan (Shah Rukh) has his share of woes to deal with, now that the second song from Pathaan is under attack. But is anyone from his tribe standing shoulder to shoulder with a colleague and presenting a joint front? Naturally not! Because most are savvy enough to figure that it’s not about a song. It is about an individual.

The signalling is powerful enough to deter others from expressing solidarity and also from getting on the wrong side of the mighty. Playing footsie with those in power has become a national past time. Nimble footwork ala the legendary Pele, who re-defined football, is what darpoks spend time on. Soon, I will get there myself. Unless, of course, I follow my heart and conscience and join the Bharat Jodo Yatra soon. Not because I think Rahul Gandhi is the alternative. But more because I would feel better about myself as a citizen. No matter how “weak” Rahul Gandhi is made to appear, no matter how many mean memes featuring RG as a dimwit we share (I do it frequently), unlike most of us, sitting around and bleating about injustice.

Literature & Health

Is Enough, Enough?

Some readers often ask me: I spend most of my winter days indoors, and when I’m outdoors, I’m covered from head to toe. If I only get a few minutes of sun exposure on my face and hands each day, is that enough to get adequate Vitamin D? And if not, what should I do?

Well, if you live in a part of the world where winters are cold and grey, it’s smart to think about how you’ll get Vitamin D — called the sunshine vitamin — over the next few months.

Vitamin D is synthesised in the skin after exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet B rays, and is crucial for calcium absorption and the maintenance of strong, healthy bones, said Julie Stefanski, a registered dietitian, nutritionist and spokeswoman for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in the US. Deficiencies, which are common worldwide, can cause soft, weak and brittle bones, leading to fractures. Your Vitamin D status can also play a role in other aspects of health including inflammation, autoimmune disease risk, heart health and cognitive function.

Most healthy people with fair skin can typically produce enough Vitamin D during the summer by exposing their faces, arms and legs to sunlight for about five to 10 minutes several times per week during midday, when the sun is highest and its UVB rays are most powerful, said Antony Young, an emeritus professor of experimental photobiology at the St. John’s Institute of Dermatology at King’s College London, UK, via email. (People who have more melanin, or darker pigmentation, in their skin need longer periods in the sun because melanin reduces Vitamin D synthesis.)

The winter sun, however, does not have



the same effect if you live in regions north of the 37th parallel. In these places during the cold-weather months, the sun is lower and its UVB rays are weak.

“Winter sunlight does not have enough of the UVB component that is essential for Vitamin D synthesis,” Young said. “For all practical purposes, one cannot make Vitamin D in cold climates in winter.”

That doesn’t mean, however, that you can’t meet your Vitamin D needs during the chillier months. “You don’t need to get it from sunshine,” said Dr Deborah S. Sarnoff, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation and a clinical professor of dermatology at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, US.

How much do you need?

In general, according to Young, most major medical organisations recommend at least 20 nanograms per millilitre as measured by a simple blood test. Your skin colour, age, health conditions and sun exposure during warmer months, among other things, will influence how much Vitamin D you need each day.

The Waist Land



Middle-aged spread is a myth!” screamed headlines last year, after a study by an international team of researchers revealed that the body’s metabolism doesn’t actually slow down until we reach our 60s.

But while science might say one thing, millions of people in their 40s and 50s contemplating their own widening waistlines would argue otherwise. For men, a thicker waist tends to present as a “beer belly”, thought to be because men are more predisposed to visceral fat — fat wrapped around the organs — which pushes the abdomen outwards and feels hard to the touch. Women tend towards all-round thickening, thanks to subcutaneous fat that sits directly under the skin and feels softer.

Either way, as a high waist measurement is correlated with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease, it’s something we should all worry about. (Quick tip: if the circumference of your waist is more than half your height, that counts as high.)

But if our rate of metabolism — how fast the body burns calories — can’t be held responsible for a widening

waist as we age, what can? And, crucially, is there anything we can do about it?

With the help of experts, we’ve identified five reasons your stomach might be less svelte now than in your youth — and what you can do to regain your waist.

Less diversity in gut bacteria

Solution “Focus on diversifying your microflora,” says Emma Bardwell, a registered nutritionist and women’s health specialist. “Forget expensive probiotic supplements: I’d advise starting to increase the amount of plant fibre in your diet. Research shows an association between increased gut diversity and eating at least 30 different

types of plant foods a week — not just fruit and vegetables; it includes whole grains, nuts, seeds, herbs and spices. Don’t fret too much over numbers, though: aim for a plant-focussed diet (it doesn’t have to be vegan, by any stretch) and just try to add in some variety, so you’re not eating the same plant foods each day.”

You now have less muscle mass

Solution: Keep an eye on your portion sizes and avoid snacking. Yes, your general diet is more important than the fact that the amount of calories going in needs to be equal to, or fewer than, the amount of calories going out to avoid gaining weight.

But, as Bardwell explains, “If you eat proper, filling, satiating meals, you’ll keep blood-glucose levels steady and avoid crashes and dips in energy that inevitably leave us reaching for ultra-processed quick energy fixes.” Just as importantly, try to integrate calorie-burning activity into your day that isn’t organised exercise: take the stairs instead of the lift, walking to the shops, do gardening and housework. And when you do work out, choose exercises that will help build muscle.

Of white wines & single malts: The snobbery over drinking

“O Bachchoo you Who were with me at Thermopylae Interpreting omens in the sky Do you recall the slaughter of that day And doesn’t history forever lie?” a

From Cumberbund: The Waist Band, by Bachchoo

Gentle reader, this is the season to be jolly -- New Year and the birth of Jesus Christ who, one high-up Hare Krishna devotee told me, was definitely an avatar of Lord Vishnu. I could impose upon you the misery that this turn of the year brings to the scep-

tred isle -- the strikes and stoppages of the railways, the failures of the health and ambulance services which leave desperate patients sitting in the vehicles for 13 hours before they can be brought into the foyers of hospitals where they spend a further 12 hours before being seen to... Christ alive, I could go on, but prefer not to.

After all this is the season when even miserably-struck Brits send goodwill cards. It’s the season when one raises a glass of this or that -- which compels me to consider writing about this or that in this festive season. Take it for granted that I

know nothing about Champagne, apart from the fact that it contains the Chardonnay grape, and that it’s bubbly, wet and alcoholic and though not my choice of beverage, welcome in all circumstances.

I have never met an Indian, apart from the “sort-of-Indian”, V.S. Naipaul, who could give me a lively discussion about the qualities of wines. No! Indians -- or at least the Indian Chappaterati -- are keen on whiskies and think they can speak knowledgeably about them.

The jury of my personal consciousness is out on that one. I was introduced to

whisky by my dad, a military man who drank a chhotka peg on some evenings and, even at my age of four, would, with my mother protesting, give me a sip from his glass. At the time the mischief in accepting his invitation to sip it trumped my revulsion to its taste.

I never became a whisky connoisseur and will never pretend to be one. Wines? In a half-educated pretentious way? Maybe! But gentle reader, I remember so clearly an occasion when I was to meet a dear friend at his home in Delhi. I turned up and his son said that his father had been delayed but I

was to please come into the ample basement and meet his friends.

These friends were all Indian (rich family) graduates of a popular American university. In my day, gentle reader, we Cambridge and Oxford Indians looked down upon such places but one accepts that times change, history moves on and generations are proved snobbish and wrong! Kher!

I join this young US-retuned crowd -- all males -- who are talking about the girls they have seduced. The wonderful host, son of my good friend, offers me a drink. I say I’ll have a white

wine. He says “of course”, and says that he’ll fetch it.

As he does, one of the other young men says “that’s what women drink, isn’t it?”

I reply: “The French, Italian, Spanish, German, Portuguese and even Australians and New Zealanders who produce the finest Sauvignon Blanc might disagree about this genderisation of white wines.”, but then feeling I was an intruder in their gathering and should temper my tone, I asked: “So, what do you drink?”

The young man said: “I drink whisky. When I was in London some weeks ago, my friends and I were at a restaur-

rant and we had a bottle of Glenfiddich for £200.” He seemed proud.

“They saw you coming”, I said.

It gave me an idea, gentle reader -- in a column I wrote, perhaps in this paper (itself?), taking note of the guests I had met at parties in Delhi and Mumbai talking about Black Label and Blue Label whisky, I wrote about a Vermillion Label whisky from the same stable which was the bees-knees and only available through certain exclusive contacts in Scotland. I received at least 10 communications asking me where this whisky was available. I

dare not say, gentle reader, not being in the least regionalist, whether all these enquiries about the exclusive Vermillion Label were from gentlemen from a particular north-western state of India.

What they did make me think about was whether I should turn my subterfuge to profit by getting in touch with the Black Label company and telling them that they should launch a Vermillion Label and share the profits with me.

I could guarantee them sales in a very boastful market. My moral compass, however (Is this a joke? YOU? Morality?? --Ed.

NCSC panel asks
DGP Punjab to arrest
IAS Jaspreet Talwar

CHANDIGARH: Taking severest action against the Principal Secretary of Punjab's Department of School Education for not attending the hearing before the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), the court officer has issued a warrant and ordered the Director General of Police (DGP) police to arrest Jaspreet Talwar and ensure her presence before the court of its Chairman Vijay Sampla on January 17. The Principal Secretary was summoned for hearing in the matter of appointment of junior and general category principals as education officer and principals of year 2010. In a communication to the DGP on Friday, the court officer of the NCSC clearly mentioned that a warrant has been issued against Jaspreet Talwar, Principal Secretary, for not attending the hearing before the Commission on January 2.

TDP seeks police
protection for leaders'
return to Macherla

AMARAVATI: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Andhra Pradesh has sought police protection for its leaders to return to Macherla town of Palnadu district. The main opposition party has urged the police to ensure proper protection to TDP in-charge for Macherla, Julakanti Brahmananda Reddy and other functionaries so that they can return to their hometown. The town remained tense since last month following a clash between workers of TDP and ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Police had filed a case against Brahmananda Reddy and 23 other TDP leaders in connection with the incidents of violence. Andhra Pradesh High Court on January 3 granted anticipatory bail to 22 TDP functionaries including Brahmananda Reddy. Tension has prevailed in the town amid fears of fresh clashes between the workers of the rival parties.

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India-US Relations: The blossoming
of an indispensable partnership

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Former US diplomat Dennis Kux wrote a book on India-US ties in the early 1990s which he titled as 'Estranged Democracies'. According to him, while both the countries were democracies sharing several common values and ideologies like holding of regular free and fair elections; freedom of speech, expression, media and religion; pluralism, free trade etc., relations between the two countries were anything but warm and friendly. This was followed a few years later by another book by another former senior US diplomat Strobe Talbott which he titled as 'Engaged Democracies' signifying some perceptible improvement in bilateral relations. During his visit to the US in the early 2000s, the then Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee termed the two countries as 'natural allies'. This represented a significant improvement in the status of ties as characterized some time ago by the two US diplomats. While Addressing the Joint Session of



the Indian Parliament on his visit in 2010, the then US President Barack Obama characterized the bilateral relationship as a 'defining partnership of the 21st century'. In 2016, while addressing the Joint Session of the US Congress, Indian PM Narendra Modi termed the relationship as an 'indispensable partnership' and declared that 'India had overcome the hesitations of history' and that "a new symphony was at play between the two countries."

Relations between the two countries witnessed a significant

uptick with the signing of the India-US framework civilian nuclear deal in July 2005 and US's heavy lifting for grant of a unique waiver by the Nuclear Suppliers' Group to India in September 2008 for conducting global commerce in nuclear technology and material. However, bilateral relations continued to stagnate even after the lofty statement by Obama to the Indian Parliament in 2010. Although bilateral relations improved appreciably in the decade after the visit of US President Bill Clinton to India in

Jaipur schools to remain closed till January 14
amid extreme cold conditions

JAIPUR: In the wake of extreme cold conditions in Jaipur, the government and private schools in the city will remain closed till January 14. Jaipur District Collector Prakash Rajpurohit had issued an order extending the winter vacations of schools till January 14 for Classes 1 to 8. However, the examinations being conducted in the schools will continue during this period. There will be no change in exam timings, the order issued on Friday evening said. The order further says that preparations for the programme to be held on Republic Day will continue. Students performing on Republic Day at Sawai Man Singh Stadium will come to schools for practice. Action can be taken against the operators of the schools who disobey the order. Earlier, winter vacations in the city were declared from December 25 to January 5.

AAP councillors protest outside
L-G's office over appointment
of presiding officer



NEW DELHI, JAN 7

A day after chaos and clashes led to the adjournment of the MCD House on the first day of its proceedings, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) councillors on Saturday protested outside Lt. Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena's office over "illegal appointment" of the presiding officer. The protest is being led by senior AAP leader Atishi. The party has accused the L-G of an assault on the Constitution, while it is also against his decision to nominate 10 BJP members as aldermen.

The House was adjourned as violent clashes broke out between AAP and BJP councillors on Friday. The chaos started after the AAP objected to oath taking of nominated councilors in the beginning.

After the presiding officer asked the aldermen to take oath, AAP councillors started creating ruckus claiming that this is not the custom to take the oath of Aldermen before the elected councilors. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had also said that till date, for the last many decades, these 10 members were always nominated by the elected government of Delhi.

In a letter to the L-G on Friday, Kejriwal had said: "Tradition has been that the senior-most member of the House, irrespective of party affiliations, is nominated by the state govt for presiding officer. This time, one morning, Hon'ble L-G dictated the name of some BJP councillor and directed the Chief Secretary to issue notification.

Job aspirants kept under house arrest during Nitish's
Samadhan Yatra in Champaran: Sushil Modi

PATNA, JAN 7

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi has alleged job aspirants in Champaran were kept under house arrest during Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's ongoing 'Samadhan Yatra' in the region. In a series of tweets, Sushil Modi claimed that Nitish Kumar is afraid of protests by aspirants for secretariat assistant and teacher posts in the state. "The officials of East and West Champaran districts went to the houses of secretariat assistant and teacher aspirants and threatened them to stay indoors or face the consequences. The administrations of these two districts have opted for dirty tricks to save Nitish Kumar



from protests by job seekers. If Nitish Kumar is thinking that the issues will be resolved through this, it is his misconception," Sushil Modi said. The BJP leader also slammed Nitish Kumar for the lathi charge on job aspirants on January 3. "Nitish Kumar, who

is also holding the post of Home Minister, is unaware of the lathi charge. Either Nitish Kumar was doing drama or the bureaucrats are misleading him. It is a serious issue..." "Question paper leak has become a regular affair in Bihar. After eight years, the

examination of secretariat assistant takes place and its question papers are leaked on the day of examination. Nine lakh candidates participated in it. Similar is the status of other examinations," Sushil Modi asserted. "One-and-half crore aspirants participated in the railway examination but not a single time question paper was leaked. In a bid to make foolproof arrangements, the Bihar government can take the services of companies like TCS. Why it is not taking the help of TCS as the Central government does? The Chief Minister is not interested in the solution (Samadhan) to such issues, he is doing politics through Samadhan Yatra," he added.

Delhi's overall air quality 'very poor'
at 374, to dip further in coming days

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

Delhi's overall air quality was recorded in "very poor" category at an AQI of 374 on Saturday. However, on Mathura Road in Delhi, the air quality was severe at an AQI of 513, according to System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR). The AQI at Pusa was recorded at 365, Lodhi Road 364, Dhirpur 385 and Ayanagar 357, all "very poor category". An AQI between zero and 50 is considered "good"; 51 and 100 "satisfactory"; 101 and 200 "moderate"; 201 and 300 "poor"; 301 and 400 "very poor"; and 401 and 500



"severe". Experts said that the AQI may dip to a severe category in coming days. According to a forecast from the SAFAR, the air quality of the city will deteriorate further to the "very poor" category reaching 382 on Sunday. Meanwhile, with the deteriorating AQI of the city, the city government has

again imposed Stage-III of GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) and banned construction works in the entire NCR except for Railways, Delhi Metro and some other departments. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has ordered to reinforce strict ban on construction and

demolition activities in the entire NCR and a nine-point action plan as per Stage-III of GRAP became applicable with immediate effect from Friday. This is in addition to the preventive and restrictive actions under Stage-I and Stage-II of GRAP, which are already in place.

Delhi's overall AQI spiked to 438 on Friday, as per the AQI bulletin provided by the CPCB. The nine-point action plan includes steps to be implemented and ensured by different agencies and the pollution control boards of NCR, including the Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

Row erupts after lecturers
pose in RSS uniform in K'taka

KALABURAGI
(K'TAKA), JAN 7

The photo of three lecturers attached to the Central University of Karnataka clad in the uniform of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has gone viral on social media, stirring a row in the state.

The lecturers of the university located in Kadaganchi village in Aland taluk are also seen holding lathis and posing for the photograph. The netizens have opposed the affiliation of the lecturers with the RSS, and condemned it.

The lecturers in the photo are identified as Assistant Professor of Public Relations Alok Kumar Gaurav, Psychology lecturer Vijayendra Pande and Rakesh Kumar of Bio Science.

The lecturers are seen

posing with a young RSS volunteer and a student. The photo was taken during the RSS Pathsanjhalan programme organised in the campus recently, sources said. The university staff who are upset with the development have objected that the staff of the university can't identify themselves with any organisation and they are not supposed to be involved in any activity other than academic and research oriented work. The authorities of the university have stated that the incident has not come to their knowledge. They maintained that the incident would be verified. The lecturers of the university must confine themselves to imparting knowledge, they are not supposed to carry out other activities, the authorities have said.

Cops in Delhi's Rohini asked to share
live location during night duties

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

In wake of the Kanjhawala incident in the national capital, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Rohini district, Guriqbal Singh Sidhu has asked all the Inspector level personnel in the district to share their live locations with him while on night duty, and not to leave police stations without his permission.

IANs accessed the message passed by the DCP to his juniors in which the official stressed on three important points - patrolling, location sharing and presence at police station.

The message reads: "All the Station House Officers (SHOs), Additional and Inspector Bravo (Inspector Investigation) of all the police stations will conduct



patrolling duty in the area and will share their live locations. "No police officials (SHO, ATO, Bravo) will leave the police station without the DCP's permission. All the night duty SO will update their positions. Apart from from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. the SHO,

Bravo, ATO will continue update their locations," reads the message.

A few police personnel are calling the DCPs instructions a 'Tughlaqi Farman', arguing that "such directions make it difficult (for them) to discharge their duties"

Two racehorses killed in
honeybee attack in K'taka

TUMAKURU (K'TAKA),
JAN 7

Two popular breed racehorses were killed after honeybee attacked them in Kunigal town of Tumakuru district in Karnataka.

One of the race horses was 10 year-old while another was 15-year-old. They were imported from Ireland and America, and they had won many titles.

The incident took place on Thursday when the horses were left to graze in the premises of the farm.

The horses could not take shelter when the honeybees started attacking suddenly. They collapsed on the ground and started wailing. Immediately, a team of expert veterinary doctors arrived at the farm and administered treatment.

One of the horses died



on Thursday night and another on Friday morning. The horses were presently used for breeding. The United Racing and Bloodstock Breeders (URBB), a subsidiary of UB group, housed in the Kunigal Stud Farm, had bought the horses six years ago by paying Rs 1 crore each, according to sources.

Sources also explain that it is the first incident since the establishment of the Stud

Farm. The farm was established by Tipu Sultan 260 years ago. The management of the farm maintained that the tragic death of two breeding horses has caused heavy losses for the URBB.

The American race horse had participated in the Virginia Derby and many other international events while the horse from Ireland won three times in Five Star Derby.

2nd suspected food poisoning
death in Kerala in 6 days

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 7

Six days after a young nurse died due to suspected food poisoning in Kerala, a 19-year-old girl passed away on Saturday after battling for her life at a hospital. Anju Sree Parvathy along with her friends had ordered a special variety of biryani online to celebrate New Year's in Kasargod, the state's northernmost district which borders Mangaluru in Karnataka. After having the biryani, she and her friends felt uneasy and were taken to a nearby hospital. Anju was later hospitalised in Mangaluru where she died on Saturday morning. Local legislator C.H. Kunhambhu said while Parvathy was hospitalised, her other friends had recovered. The nurse working in the Kottayam Medical College died last week after she had food from a hotel

which had its license cancelled last month following complaints. The establishment was allowed to open after paying a fine of Rs 20,000. After the nurse's death, state Health Minister Veena George had spoken sternly of action against wrongdoers and on Saturday she said that strict action will be taken. An issue which has come into focus now is that the state has only 140 field staff for monitoring six lakh establishments. V.R. Vinod, Food Safety Commissioner, has revealed that till date no erring person has been convicted in Kerala after a death had been reported due to food poisoning. "According to the rules, anyone found to be in violation following a death being reported due to food poisoning is seven years imprisonment. But no one in the state has been convicted for it.

CHAMOLI, JAN 7

Panic heightened among the residents of Uttarakhand's Joshimath as cracks developed in hundreds of houses and other structures due to the soil shifting in the holy town. Many houses have reached the verge of collapse while a temple here collapsed on Friday. The only good thing is that there was no loss of life in the temple collapse. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami held a high-level



meeting at the Secretariat on Friday to set up a rehabilitation centre where the people of Joshimath can

be shifted immediately.

Terrified and scared, many people have left their homes. At the same time,

people are being shifted to municipal buildings, gurdwaras and schools by the administration.

Big cracks have appeared in many houses of Joshimath's Sunil Ward, Manohar Bagh Ward, and Gandhi Ward. Along with this, the residential colony of Jaypee Group located in Marwari has also come under threat. Water is seeping from the wall of some structures in Jaypee premises.

If it rains even a little, water filling the big cracks

on the ground can cause havoc. Chief Minister Dhami held a high-level meeting at the Secretariat on Friday to review the current situation in Joshimath. The meeting was attended by Secretary, Disaster Management; Commissioner Garhwal Mandal; and District Magistrate. In the meeting, Dhami directed the officials to set up a large temporary rehabilitation centre at a safe place with immediate effect where the people of Joshimath can be shifted.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

Karnataka High Court
puts stay on divorce
order of BJP MLA

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court on Saturday put a stay on the divorce order obtained by the BJP MLA M.P. Kumaraswamy by the Family court. A bench headed by the Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vishwajith Shetty issued a notice to Kumaraswamy and adjourned the case. Kumaraswamy, BJP MLA from Mudigere in Chikkamagalur district, has suffered a setback as sources say that he was ready for the second marriage. His wife Savitha had questioned the divorce order given by the Family Court in Mysuru and challenged it in the High Court. The counsel for Savitha submitted before the court that his petitioner does not want to be separated from her husband. The counsel urged the High Court to put a stay on Kumaraswamy's divorce order contending that there is a chance of the MLA getting married again. Kumaraswamy had assaulted Savitha publicly for questioning him on his "affair". Later, the divorce petition was moved in the family court in Mysuru which gave the divorce order.

Gujarat man arrested
for murdering wife,
daughter

JAMNAGAR: A man has been arrested on the charges of killing his wife and daughter in Gujarat's Jamnagar district. After murdering his wife Sabana and their daughter on Friday night, accused Tarif fled to Rajkot. Jamnagar police had received a call informing that bodies of a woman and an infant were found in the bushes behind hotel ten near Lalpur square. Complainant Raziaben Baloch said: "My second daughter Sabana was married to Tarif Ladka two years ago, however, post marriage, Tarif started suspecting Sabana of having an extra-marital affair and used to thrash her. So Sabana returned to parental home." "On Thursday morning, Sabana had left home saying that she was going to beg but when she did not return till Friday evening, we started searching for her," Raziaben Baloch said. "After sometime, we received a call from Jamnagar city police that Sabana and her daughter were injured. On reaching the spot, we saw their bodies," Raziaben Baloch added. Late Friday night, Tarif surrendered to Rajkot police and confessed to his crime, post which he was handed over to Jamnagar police.

4 arrested in Guj for
illegal adoption

DAHOD (GUJARAT): Police in Gujarat's Dahod have arrested four people for the illegal adoption of an infant. Dahod Child Protection Officer S.K. Taviyad told IANS: "We had received specific information about an illegal adoption. On January 5, along with local police and Child Welfare Committee members, we carried out search at Ritadevi and Vijay Chauhan's residence and found a month-old infant. Upon inquiry, it was found that they were not the biological parents of the child, but had adopted him from Ramilaben and her husband Raisingh Bhabhor." The Chauhans also admitted that they got a birth certificate for the boy in the name of Suryakumar Vijay Chauhan. After verifying all details, Taviyad lodged a complaint against Ramilaben and Raisingh for intentionally abandoning the child and against Ritadevi and Vijay for the violation of Juvenile Justice Act's adoption procedure. The Chauhans were also booked for forgery. The four were before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Limkheda court on Friday and they were granted bail. According to police sources, the Bhabhor couple already have eight children and this was their ninth baby. As they could not afford the newborn baby's upkeep and the Chauhan did not have a child, they internally agreed to give the infant to the baby and handed over to them in December 2022.

Stabbing of 2 docs: Maha medicos want
central law, action against culprits

AGENCY
MUMBAI, JAN 7

Outraged by the stabbing of two resident surgeons by an unruly patient in a Yavatmal hospital, the Association of Medical Consultants (AMC) Mumbai shot off a letter to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde seeking his immediate intervention in the matter, here on Saturday. In the memo, AMC President Nilima Vaidya-Bhamare referred to the incident of January 5, when a mentally unstable patient pounced on two first year on-duty resident surgeons and stabbed them brutally. The patient, identified as one Suraj Thakur, was arrested soon afterwards on Thursday night. The incident sparked a furore in medical circles across Maharashtra and the resident doctors carried out protests on Thursday night and Friday outside the hospital. On Friday, after the Vasantrao Naik



Government Medical College and Hospital authorities refused to open the gates for the agitating resident doctors, a scuffle broke out in which one security personnel was injured. The 50-year-old AMC - with over 13,000 members - said that resident doctors are the backbone of the healthcare delivery system, and the state must take responsibility

for their security. "They cannot be expected to give service and study to be qualified health personnel under such a dangerous environment... We shall take up the matter at the Central level to put up a Central law in place," pointed out Vaidya-Bhamare in the AMC plea. She added that for two years, the AMC has been

pursuing the need to set up SOPs for police personnel in case of such violent acts in healthcare facilities. The AMC Secretary Hemant Dugad also demanded a "black register" of truant or violent patients and their relatives in each area to enable the healthcare authorities to "red-flag" such miscreants in future, akin to the list of habitual criminals in their jurisdiction compiled by all local police stations. Vaidya-Bhamare sought official posters from the Police Commissioners to be prominently displayed in all hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and dispensaries warning the patients of the consequences of indulging in any violence against the medicos. Dugad said a WhatsApp group should be created by all police stations with the details of all the medicos in different medicare facilities serving their localities for quicker assistance in case of such ruckus.

Telangana BJP chief
booked for protest at
Kamareddy collectorate

HYDERABAD, JAN 7

Police in Telangana's Kamareddy town booked BJP state chief Bandi Sanjay in connection with the incidents that took place on Friday during protest by farmers against municipal masterplan to acquire land for industrial zone.

Police have registered the case under non-bailable sections against Sanjay and eight others who had joined the protest by the farmers at Kamareddy district collectorate on Friday.

A case under Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act and section 353 of the Indian Penal Code (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) against Sanjay, K. Vnekataramma Reddy, E. Ravinder Reddy and others was registered at Devanpalli police station. Kamareddy Superintendent of Police B. Srinivas said investigations

were on. He said some people were trying to instigate farmers.

Amid high tension Sanjay and others were arrested by the police near the collectorate on Friday night. The BJP workers and some farmers tried to barge into the collectorate, leading to an altercation with police.

The state BJP president and others had reached the collectorate by removing police barricades. Their supporters also resisted the arrest. The police shifted Sanjay to Hyderabad. Meanwhile, farmers who have been protesting against the masterplan have approached the Telangana High Court. The farmers have filed a petition, challenging inclusion of agricultural lands in the industrial zone in the draft master plan. The farmers intensified their protest three days ago after a farmer committed suicide due to fear of losing his two acre land for proposed industrial zone.

Delhi: Man arrested for
killing lover's hubby

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

A 27-year-old man has been arrested on the charges of murdering his lover's husband and then burning his body in Delhi's Wazirabad area, an official said on Saturday. The accused identified as Munishddin, a resident of Ram Ghat in the Wazirabad area, has an extra-marital affair with the wife of deceased Rashid. Rashid was murdered by the accused by stabbing him in the abdomen and slitting his throat. Thereafter, Munishddin burnt the body of Rashid. On January 2, after a 90 per cent charred body was found lying in front of Ram Ghat, a case under section 302 (murder) and 201 (disappearance of evidence) IPC was registered at Wazirabad police station. "During investigation, the police teams scanned the CCTV footages of the area and a person was seen with Rashid. Based on the analysis of CCTV footages, technical and manual surveillance, all the investigation zeroed in on accused Munishddin," said Ravindra Singh Yadav, the Special



Commissioner of Police (crime). "After receiving specific inputs that the accused would come near nala, Bawana road, Rohini Sector-16 in wee hours, a trap was laid and accused Munishddin was apprehended," said the Special CP. "On interrogation, police found that Munishddin and Rashid used to work together as plumber and electrician, so they became close friends. They even started visiting each other's house. During this time, Munishddin and Rashid's wife developed an extra-marital relationship, said the Special CP.

Raju Bista-Bimal Gurung meeting sparks
political speculations in Darjeeling

KOLKATA, JAN 7

A surprise meeting between BJP Lok Sabha member from Darjeeling Raju Bista and Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief Bimal Gurung at the latter's residence has sparked fresh political speculations in the hills.

Gurung, Hamro Party founder Ajay Edwards and Binoy Tamang, who had recently quit Trinamool Congress, have already given clear hints of an alliance against the joint front of the Anit Thapa-led Bharatiya Gorkha Prajatantrik Morcha (BGPM) and Trinamool Congress. In such a situation, the close-door meeting on Friday night have led to fresh speculations over Gurung to regain his old ties with saffron camp and thus give



his newly formed alliance with Edwards and Tamang a backing of a national party like BJP.

On Saturday, Bista and Gurung described the meeting as a courtesy call and offered some subtle hints, making the speculation deeper for a renewed political equation in the hills.

While acknowledging the role played by Gurung behind his victory from

Darjeeling in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Bista said that despite not having any official alliance with BJP currently, the GJM chief's personal relationship with him is still intact.

"Since I was in the hills, I went to meet him keeping in mind those personal relations," he said.

On the other hand, Gurung said that during the meeting he reminded the

local Lok Sabha member of his commitments towards the Gorkha community. "I requested him to work for the sake of Gorkhaland."

After remaining underground for a long time, Gurung returned to the hills soon after the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections severing his ties with BJP and at the same time expressing solidarity towards the Trinamool Congress and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

In the recent past, he had been inactive in his active political life.

But during the last couple of months, he had become active again, first through his understanding with Edwards and Tamang and subsequently through his latest meeting with Bista.

Kanjhawla case: 25 cops sent to
district line for dereliction of duty

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

As many as 25 police personnel of different ranks posted with Rohini district where Kanjhawala incident took place have been sent to district line as a punishment posting on the charge of dereliction of duties.

A police source confirmed to IANS that recently action was taken against 25 police personnel and they were sent to district line. The source said that around 12 more police personnel have been identified against whom action will be taken in coming days. "Twelve more police personnel who were on duty on New Year eve will face the music in the coming days. Complaints were received against 25 police personnel who were sent to district line by the DCP," the source said. As per direction of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Delhi Police had constituted an inquiry committee,



headed by Special Commissioner of Police Shalini Singh, into the matter. The committee will furnish a report in this respect to the MHA. Singh reached the crime scene sharp at 12 a.m. on the intervening night of January 2 and January 3 accompanied by DCP EOW Jitender

Kumar Meena and her staff. She made a round of 12 Kilometers where the woman was allegedly dragged by the car's occupants. During probe, Singh identified negligence of around 12 police officers in the incident who will face the music, the police source said.

Bomb scare in B'luru school: Minor boy
did it for fun, sent to Juvenile Board

BENGALURU, JAN 7

Karnataka Police cracked the case of hoax bomb threat to the reputed National Academy for Learning (NAFL) School in Bengaluru on Saturday. The police picked up a minor boy from the school in this connection and handed him over to custody of the State Juvenile Justice Board.

According to police, the police detected the boy through an IP address and when questioned, the boy maintained that he did it for having some fun. He told police that he got the official email ID of the school from the Google search.

Tension prevailed in the premises of the NAFL School run by the National Public School (NPS) group following the bomb threat in Basaveshwara Nagar locality of Bengaluru on Friday.

The bomb threat was given through the official email ID of the school. The email claimed that four gelatin sticks have been kept in the premises, which are going to explode at the time of lunch.

The school staff had immediately



informed the jurisdictional police. About 1,000 school children were sent out of the classrooms and taken to safe places. The development had also triggered panic among parents and local residents.

Hundreds of parents rushed to the school and expressed their concern over the development and demanded that they should be let inside the school premises to see their children. Later, the children were sent with them.

Bomb disposal and dog squad had combed the school premises and declared it as a hoax threat later.

Supermarket owner beaten up
by CITU workers in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 7

A supermarket owner was beaten up by a group of workers from CITU, a trade union wing of the CPI-M, while he was in the market near Kollam. The owner, Shan, who was beaten up, told the media that the incident took place at 3 p.m. on Friday when a drunk CITU worker came to the supermarket. "There were customers also and he was drunk and speaking. We told him to go away. He went but returned with his trade union colleagues and I was beaten up. A director of the supermarket was also manhandled," said Shan. Shan, who is presently undergoing treatment at a hospital, said the police have taken his statement and they will register a case against those who assaulted him. "I have



named a few of them who beat me up. These people are in the habit of threatening shop owners and they collect wages (gawking wages) for unloading materials which they do not unload. When this case against them has now taken a turn, they have now said they will

register a case against me under the SC/ST Atrocities Act," added Shan. Meanwhile, the Chadayamangalam Police have registered a case against 13 CITU workers who beat up Shan. Over the years, Kerala has had a torrid time dealing with the loading and unloading workers who demand gawking wages and it was only in 2002, when the then A.K. Antony government came out with a strict law to curb this menace.

But the CPI-M led V.S. Achuthanandan government (2006-11) diluted this Act by removing certain provisions to favour the trade union workers. However of late, Kerala High Court has started taking stern steps when people approach for justice from the 'militant' trade union workers, especially the CITU.

For Jharia's leprosy patients, every
breath taken is a recipe for disaster

DHANBAD, JHARKHAND, JAN 7

Her sunken eyes, frail body and wrinkled face irrefutably etch the toll that leprosy has taken on her health. However, Sulochana Devi (50) is more worried about her two children.

"Five years ago, my husband died of tuberculosis. But I am compelled to remain here amid loads of air-suspended coal dust," frets Sulochana, who lives at Durgapur Kusth Colony in Jharia, in India's coal capital Dhanbad.

The colony residents live a near-ostracised life due to the social stigma associated with leprosy, an infection caused by Mycobacterium leprae that severely weakens one's immune system. This, together with unhygienic living conditions and 24x7 exposure to air pollution from open-cast mines in the



vicinity, has led to the increased prevalence of tuberculosis in the colony.

"I want to shift to some other colony in Dhanbad town, away from this pollution. But I am not sure if we will be accepted as my parents once had leprosy," says Sukhdeo Mahto (29), who works in a showroom dealing with earthmovers in Dhanbad. He is very worried about the health of his family, especially his seven-year-old daughter, ever since a girl in the neighbourhood

contracted tuberculosis almost two years ago. Though Kavita Kumari (16) recovered fully, the incident left her mother Manju Devi (49) anxious about the health of her two other younger children and husband.

"We do not have the option to shift to another place due to my husband's limited income," says Manju. On the other hand, Sulochana does not even have a fixed source of income. "There is no earning member in the family now. I somehow manage to meet basic expenses by begging alms," says the woman in a worn-out sweater.

Another leprosy patient, Geeta Devi (50) was deserted by her husband more than a decade ago. "I have been suffering from severe lung pain for the last three to four months. I know it is due to some breathing disorder.

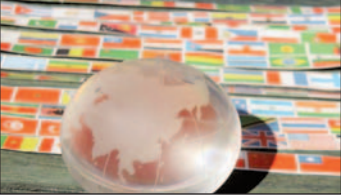
NIA chargesheets
Patna man for
radicalising youth

NEW DELHI: The anti-terror federal probe agency, NIA, today said it has filed a chargesheet against accused Marghoob Ahmad Danish in connection with the Ghazwa-e-Hind case before a special court in Patna under various Sections of the IPC and UAPA, 1967. The NIA said the case pertained to radicalisation of impressionable youth over various social media platforms for carrying out violent terrorist acts. It said the case was initially registered by the Bihar Police on July 14, 2022, which was later taken over by the NIA. "Investigations have revealed that accused Danish was the admin of WhatsApp group 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' created by a Pakistani national namely Zain and had added many persons from India as well as other countries, including Pakistan and Yemen, with an intention to radicalise them," the NIA said.

Trainer aircraft crashes
in MP, pilot dead

BHOPAL: The pilot of a Cessna trainer aircraft, Capt Vimal Kumar (50), was killed after it crashed into a temple in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district, 400 km from Bhopal. The trainee pilot who was also on board was injured in the incident that took place around 11.30 pm on Thursday, said an official. His condition was said to be stable. Trainee pilot Sonu Yadav (23), a resident of Jaipur, suffered injuries.

India to host Global South
summit for 120 nations



NEW DELHI: India will host a two-day virtual meeting of more than 120 nations next week titled "Voice of Global South Summit" which will provide important insights for the deliberations of the G20 summit, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said here on Friday. "India's G20 Presidency will be shaped in consultation with member states and countries that are not part of the G20, but have an ecosystem of concerns, priorities and interests that are crucial for the success of G20. Evidence will show that relevant mechanisms that are supposed to take on board their concerns and mitigate them, both in multilateral and plurilateral settings, have proved inadequate," said the Foreign Secretary. "Countries of the Global South often do not receive due attention and space on the global stage. The relevant existing international platforms are inadequate to address these challenges," said Kwatra. The Global South largely refers to developing countries in Asia, Africa and South America. The two-day summit will begin on January 12 with an inaugural session to be addressed by PM Narendra Modi. Several heads of government will attend the summit. "It is essentially envisaged to bring together countries of the global south and share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform," said Kwatra while pointing out that the initiative was inspired by PM Modi's vision of "sabka saath, sabka vishwas, sabka prayas".

Deep chill in region, foggy
conditions persist; expect
rain in coming days

CHANDIGARH: Cold wave conditions are being witnessed all across the North, including Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, and are likely to continue in the first half of the next week. In Haryana, Narnaul recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 2.5 degrees Celsius, while in Punjab, Balachaur was the coldest at 3.5 degrees Celsius. There could be a gradual rise in night temperatures along with the possibility of rain at certain places. "Due to the approaching of two western disturbances in quick succession, minimum temperatures are very likely to rise gradually by 3-5 degrees Celsius over many parts of northwest India in the next three days," a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. Under the influence of the western disturbances, cold wave conditions are likely to prevail in isolated pockets over Punjab and Haryana during the next 24 hours, it said. Light to moderate scattered rainfall over the Western Himalayan region is expected during January 7-9. Dense to very dense fog, along with ground frost conditions, is also very likely to continue in many parts during night and morning hours over Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh. The northern states have been in the grip of a severe cold wave and foggy conditions over the past several days. The minimum temperatures in Punjab over the past 24 hours ranged from 3.5 degrees Celsius (Balachaur) to 7.2 degrees Celsius, while the maximum temperature ranged from 7.8 degrees Celsius (Balachaur) to 12.6 degrees Celsius (Faridkot and Pathankot).

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Declare Joshimath crisis a national disaster: Plea in SC

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

A seer has moved the Supreme Court seeking that the crisis in Uttarakhand's Joshimath, where cracks have appeared in hundreds of houses, be declared as a national disaster.

Contending that the incident has occurred due to large-scale industrialisation, the filed by Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati sought immediate financial assistance and compensation to the people of Uttarakhand.

The plea has also sought direction to the National Disaster Management Authority to actively support the residents of Joshimath in this challenging time.

"No development is needed at the cost of human life and their ecosystem and if anything such is happening it is the duty of the State and Union government to stop the same immediately at war level," the plea said.

Joshimath, the gateway to famous pilgrimage sites like Badrinath and Hemkund Sahib and international skiing destination Auli, is facing a major challenge due to land subsidence. Joshimath is sinking gradually with huge cracks developing in houses, roads and fields there. Many



houses have suffered subsidence, locals said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has ordered immediate

evacuation of 600 families living in houses at risk.

Farmers in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun lock stray cattle in govt schools to 'save' crops

BADAUN (UP), JAN 7

Tired of stray cattle destroying their crops, farmers in many villages here allegedly locked such animals in government schools.

Farmers in several villages, including Rasulpur Kalan, Karia Bain, Aslaur, Achaura, Kundra Majra, Hazratpur and Abhigaon, chased the stray cattle with sticks to government schools and locked them there. They also filmed the acts and posted them on social media.

Talking to mediapersons, the villagers alleged that stray cattle was causing damage to their agriculture fields and they have been forced to lock the animals in school buildings. The farmers alleged that authorities paid no attention to the is-



sue of the stray cattle despite repeated complaints. District Magistrate Manoj Kumar said SDM and tehsildars concerned were immediately rushed to schools where stray cattle was locked and temporary cow sheds are being prepared for shifting the animals there. Proper arrangements are also being made for their fodder, he said. The construction work of many cowsheds in the district is in

the final stage. Along with this, the plan to use a closed old factory godown and a tin shed in Bitroi village as a cow shelter is also under consideration, Kumar said, assuring that the problem of stray cattle irritating the farmers will soon be resolved. Police said so far no complaint has been given by the education department or school authorities with regard to locking of the stray cattle.

Flights delayed at Delhi's IGI airport due to bad weather

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

As many as 34 domestic departure flights from the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), Delhi, were delayed due to bad weather and other related issues on Saturday, according to the airport authorities.

Cold wave conditions and a dense fog are being witnessed all over north India, including the national capital, which disrupted flight operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport with 12 arrival flights delayed at the airport from different destinations.

Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, has issued an advisory and launched procedures in view of low visibility conditions caused due to fog.

Airport authorities in an advisory to the passengers on Saturday said several procedures had been undertaken at the airport to counter the menace of low visibility.

They said that all flight operations are currently normal.

However, the airport has also requested the passengers to contact the airline concerned for the latest information about the flight, authorities said.

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

India and Japan will hold their first bilateral air exercise from January 12 to 26, in reflection of the growing defence ties amid increasing concerns over China's military muscle flexing in the Indo-Pacific region.

The exercise 'Veer Guardian-2023' involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) will be held at Japan's Hyakuri air base.

The IAF said on Saturday that its deployment at the exercise will include four Su-30 MKI jets, two C-17 aircraft and one IL-78 plane.

The JASDF will be participating with four F-2 and four F-15 aircraft, it said.

"To promote Air Defence cooperation between the countries, India and Japan are

FIR against UP teacher for writing 'love letter' to Class 8 student

KANNAUJ (UP): A teacher at Composite School, Ballarpur, was suspended and booked after he wrote a "love letter" to a Class 8 girl student, police said on Saturday. An FIR was filed against the teacher, Hariom Singh, on Friday on the complaint of the girl's father, Superintendent of Police (SP) Kunwar Anupam Singh said. Hariom Singh has been accused of giving a greeting card on December 30 to a Class 8 girl student.

When the student reached home she found that the card carried a 12-line handwritten letter in it purportedly with a confession of his love to her.

As the matter came to light, District Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) Kaustubh Singh suspended the teacher, the SP said.

Block Education Officer Vipin Kumar has been tasked with the investigation of the matter.

Kerala becomes country's first fully digital banking state

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 7

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday declared Kerala as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service and said this recognition would boost the state economy.

In an event held here, Vijayan said this achievement was possible due to social interventions through local self-government institutions along with infrastructure development and technological advances in the banking sector. "I would like to congratulate everyone who worked behind this and declare Kerala as the first fully digital banking state in the country," Vijayan said.

"In order to make the digital services universally accessible, we need to ensure that the digital divide is completely eliminated," he added.

The Chief Minister also said the ambitious Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project of the state government, which was almost 90 per cent completed, will reduce the digital divide.

"The K-FON will ensure internet facility to everyone in the state and 17,155 km-long optic fibre cable net-



work has been laid. Once the project gets completed, internet will be available to everyone in the state either for a cheaper price or for free-of-cost," Vijayan said.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also pointed out that Kerala received three 'Digital India' awards today for the advancement in the digital sector.

"We received silver medal for Ksheerashree portal, platinum award for Digital Workforce Management System and gold medal for District Administration of Kottayam," Vijayan said.

He also warned the people to remain vigilant about the rise in cyber crimes that may increase in the banking sector with its advancement.

"The government has created an Economic Offences Wing in the state police to tackle such cyber crimes," he added.

2020 Delhi riots: Court acquits nine in rioting-arson case

NEW DELHI, JAN 7

A court here on Saturday acquitted nine people accused of rioting and arson during the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, giving them the "benefit of doubt".

The nine people were accused of being members of an unlawful assembly that committed robbery and arson in a shop in the Chaman Park area here on February 25, 2020. The court observed the sole testimony of the prosecution witness, who was a head constable, cannot be sufficient to assume the accused were part of the mob.

"I find that charges levelled against all the accused persons in this case are not proved beyond doubt. Hence, accused... are acquitted of all the charges levelled against



them," Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala said. The Gokulpuri police station had registered the case against Mohd. Shahnawaz, Mohd. Shoaib, Shahruckh, Rashid, Azad, Ashraf Ali, Parvej, Mohd. Faisal and Rashid under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, in-

cluding rioting.

The court said the formation of an unlawful assembly along with rioting and arson committed by the mob was "well established." It, however, noted that head constable Vipin was the sole witness to prove the identity of the accused persons. But despite

knowing the details of the accused, the knowledge about their involvement was not formally recorded till April 7, 2020, the court said. The court said no explanation was provided for the delay in passing on such crucial information to senior officers.

"Keeping in view such delay in disclosure of vital information being recorded, I find it desirable to apply the test of consistent testimony of more than one witness, in the present case also and applying that test, I hold that sole testimony of prosecution witness 9 (Head Constable Vipin) cannot be sufficient to assume the presence of accused persons herein in the mob..." the judge said. "In such a situation, accused persons are given the benefit of doubt," the judge added.

Car owner nabbed in Sultanpuri death case

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Friday arrested two more accused in connection with the horrific death of 20-year-old Anjali Singh, who met a painful end after being dragged by a car for 12 km in Sultanpuri in the early hours of January 1.

The accused have been identified as Ashutosh and Ankush Khanna, who have been booked on the charge of shielding the co-accused arrested earlier and misleading the police to cover up the incident.

Those arrested earlier are Deepak Khanna, Amit Khanna, Krishan, Mithun and Manoj Mittal.

Ashutosh is the owner of the car, underneath which Anjali was dragged for 12 km. He, however, was not in the car when the incident took place. He has been sent to three days' police remand. Ankush, brother of Amit, reportedly surrendered before the police on Friday. The police interrogation has revealed that Deepak, who was believed to have been at the wheel when the car dragged Anjali, was not in the vehicle. He was at home when the accident took place, the police have said, adding that it was Amit who was driving the car and he did not have a driver's licence. The police have denied reports that Anjali Singh's friend Nidhi, who was riding pillion on her scooter at the time of the accident, had been arrested and said she had been called to join the probe.

Bomb scare in Bengaluru school: Minor boy did it for fun, sent to Juvenile Board

BENGALURU, JAN 7

Karnataka Police cracked the case of hoax bomb threat to the reputed National Academy for Learning (NAFL) School in Bengaluru on Saturday. The police picked up a minor boy from the school in this connection and handed him over to custody of the State Juvenile Justice Board. According to police, the police detected the boy through an IP address and when questioned, the boy maintained that he did it for having some fun. He told police that he got the official email ID of the school from the



Google search. Tension prevailed in the premises of the NAFL School run by the National Public School (NPS) group following the bomb

threat in Basaveshwara Nagar locality of Bengaluru on Friday. The bomb threat was given through the official email ID of the school. The

email claimed that four gelatin sticks have been kept in the premises, which are going to explode at the time of lunch. The school staff had immediately informed the jurisdictional police.

About 1,000 school children were sent out of the classrooms and taken to safe places. The development had also triggered panic among parents and local residents. Hundreds of parents rushed to the school and expressed their concern over the development and demanded that they should be let inside the school premises to see their children.

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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of the president of India invites open applications from interested candidates for appointment of Hail contractor for a period of five years for under noted 11 hail stations over Ambala Division. The details are as under:-	
1. NIA No. & Date	CP-10-UMB-Hail-99-pt-1
2. Railway Website	www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in
3. Application document download start date	06.01.2023 at 12:00 Hrs.
4. Application document download end date	07.02.2023 at 10:00 Hrs.
5. Application Submission date	07.02.2023 at 11:00 Hrs in Commercial Branch, DRM office, Ambala Cantt.
6. Application Submission end date	07.02.2023 at 15:00 Hrs in Commercial Branch, DRM office, Ambala Cantt.
7. Application bid opening date	07.02.2023 at 15:10 Hrs in Commercial Branch, DRM office, Ambala Cantt.
8. Name of Stations	Jethuke, Kakrala, Faqarsar, Mohanpura, Govindgarh Khokar, Rai Mahetpur, Behman Diwana, Kudini, Bhanupatti, Bharur & Panoh Halt.
All instructions for allotment of hail contractor is available in the railway website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in	
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I learned that we can do anything, but we can't do everything... at least not at the same time. So think of your priorities not in terms of what activities you do, but when you do them. Timing is everything.

Dan Millman

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KU Honours 129 Teachers under KU-Appraise Scheme

KURUKSHETRA: Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor Prof Som Nath Sachdeva honoured 129 faculty member under KU-Appraise Scheme on Saturday in the KU Senate Hall. 7 teachers were bestowed Gold Medal of appreciation and 129 teachers were awarded Certificate of Honour for their academic, literary and other notable contributions towards raising the name of KU. Under the KU-Appraise Policy the KU Faculty which has already been awarded and recognized for their academic and other notable achievements during 2017-2022 outside of KU were honoured by KU.

Prof. Som Nath said that we are proud of our faculty members who have made significant contribution in making KU an A+ NAAC accredited University. This scheme will further motivate the teachers to work towards research and teaching.



SHORT TALKS

French Ambassador Visited PGIMER Chandigarh for Le Corbusier Legacy

CHANDIGARH: A three-member delegation from France visited the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. The delegation included His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel LENAÏN, Ambassador of France to India, Mr. Bertrand LORTHOLARY, Director General for Asia-Pacific, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Emmanuel MOULIN, Director-General for the Treasury, French Ministry of Economy and Finance. Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh, welcomed all the dignitaries. Prof. Lal mentioned that French architects Le Corbusier's and Pierre Jeanneret designed several iconic buildings in the city, including the main building of PGIMER, known as Nehru Hospital. He also mentioned the typical heritage furniture available in PGIMER, Chandigarh. The delegation visited the Nehru Hospital, Main Library and Research Block A. They were impressed with the beam and open staircase design in Research Block A. The French delegation was mesmerized to see that some of the heritage furniture is still being used in the main library. His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel LENAÏN, Ambassador of France, showed interest in cherishing the joint legacy.

Hero MotoCorp Launches Green Dive in Haryana

Karnal: Hero MotoCorp Ltd., the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, today extended its Green Dive in the state of Haryana with the commencement of plantation of 50,000 saplings using Miyawaki technique in Karnal. 'Hero Green Drive' is a large-scale tree plantation initiative of the company under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) platform 'Hero We Care', in keeping with the Company's commitment to environmental conservation. Over the past few years, the company has planted and nurtured around 2.4 million trees, and it will continue to expand its green footprint through the ongoing drive. The inauguration of the Green Dive was done in the presence of Shri Kanwar Pal, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Forests, Tourism, Parliamentary Affairs, Art & Cultural Affairs and Hospitality Department, Government of Haryana. Expressing his gratitude to Hero MotoCorp for its Green Dive in Haryana, Shri Kanwar Pal said: "As the state continues to progress on the back of rapid industrialization, it becomes all the more important to maintain environmental balance. I believe planting trees and maintaining an urban forest is one of the important initiatives that businesses must engage in, and I congratulate Hero MotoCorp for this endeavor under their corporate social responsibility and supporting the Hari Haryana initiative."

Cabinet Minister Anmol Gagan Mann visits the wrestling competition program at village Kansal



Chandigarh: Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Investment Promotion, Labour, Hospitality and Grievance Redressal Cabinet Minister Ms Anmol Gagan Mann today visited the grand wrestling competition program organized by the villagers at village Kansal of district SAS Nagar.

Addressing the large gathering, the Cabinet Minister said that the state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is continuously striving for the all-round development of the people of all sections. She explained that many decisions have been taken in public interest to make Punjab a leading state in the field of sports and to keep the youth away from drugs. The minister asserted that the Punjab government is working on zero tolerance against corruption and strict steps have been taken by the government against the corrupt. The cabinet minister said that labor cards will be made soon by setting up a camp at village Kansal so that the benefits of various schemes of the government under the labor department can reach the needy. Meanwhile, the villagers also informed the cabinet minister about other problems of the village, after hearing which the cabinet minister assured to solve all the problems soon. After this, she also inspected the pond under the development of the village Kansal and also got information from the people about other necessary development works of the village. On this occasion, among the organizers of the wrestling competition program, Hemesh Singh Meshi MC, Darbara Singh, Harjinder Singh, Harwinder Gir, Dippi and other sports lovers were present.

Bram Shanker Jimpa seeks funds from Center for improvement of water quality in border districts of Pb

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa has demanded from the Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Shekhawat that the central government should cooperate with Punjab for the improvement of water quality in the border districts of Punjab and a large part of the central funds should be allocated to these areas.

Jimpa made this demand during his address at the national conference 'Water Vision@ 2047' in Bhopal where ministers of various states including Gajendra Shekhawat were present.

It was a first of its kind conference held at Bhopal in which ministers, experts and senior officials of many states participated and discussed on the efficient use of water and its various other aspects. During his address, Jimpa said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is very concerned about providing better quality of drinking water and is making sincere efforts in this direction.

He said that after the formation of the government of CM Mann, the government has given special attention to clean drinking water. He stressed



that even when Bhagwant Mann had not entered politics, he used to visit those areas and raise the problems of the people, demanding clean drinking water.

Jimpa said that as soon as the government was formed in Punjab under the leadership of Bhagwant Mann, he categorically directed his ministers and MLAs to ensure the supply of clean drinking water to the people by visiting such areas where the ground water is not clean and potable

install ROs in all such areas.

He said that due to the efforts of the Chief Minister, out of 34.26 lakh rural houses in Punjab, potable water has been brought to 34.24 lakh houses through pipes and this rate is 99.94 percent.

Mentioning the quality of water in the border areas of Punjab, Jimpa said that the ground water of Ferozepur, Fazilka, Gurdaspur and many other districts like Bathinda along the international border is not drinkable.

Elements like heavy metal and uranium are being found in the water due to which many people are suffering from cancer.

He said that hair of children is turning white and there are also suffering various other diseases. He said that the government is doing a lot of work in these areas and efforts are being made on a large scale through established laboratories and other means in Punjab for water improvement, but more efforts are needed, therefore, the centre should allocate more funds.

Speaking about the theme of the seminar 'Water Vision@ 2047', Jimpa said that preparing a blueprint for water for the next 25 years and thinking for the future is a very important. He said that such an initiative has never been taken before at the national level regarding water, the most important treasure of nature.

The Cabinet Minister said that understanding the importance of water, people also have to be serious about its use. He welcomed the initiative taken by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti for this seminar and hoped that the Central Government would also support the demands of Punjab.

Helping needy is the biggest religion: Amitabh Rungta

PANCHKULA: Shree Shyam Karuna Foundation, a Non Government Organization (NGO), held its 41st Bhandara - Community Kitchen. The community kitchen was organised in Industrial Area, Phase 2, Panchkula, in which hundreds of working class people and needy families from the surrounding areas had food. Shree Shyam Karuna Foundation's sevadar, Amitabh Rungta along with his family members participated in the Bhandara. On this occasion, Rungta said, "It is winter and in this biting cold it becomes very difficult for



families who do not have enough food and clothes. We want that no one sleeps hungry in this winter season because of lack of resources. To help the underprivileged people, food is distributed regularly every week through Bhandara." Rungta added, "According to me helping the needy is the biggest religion." Rungta's family members contributed to the distribution of food from a special Bhandara van. Those who took active part in distributing food included Anupama Rungta, Chaitanya Rungta, Pragati Rungta, Deepali Rungta, Sukhpal Singh, Himanshu, Mohan and Nidhi.

In a massive crackdown, Punjab police conduct state-wide searches on persons linked with notorious gangster turned terrorist Arsh Dalla

CHANDIGARH: In a massive crackdown against gangster-terrorist nexus amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a crime-free state as per the vision of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Punjab Police on Saturday morning launched massive raids on suspected hideouts of persons linked with Gangster turned Terrorist Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dalla.

The simultaneous raids were conducted at the residential and other premises linked to Arsh Dalla of Dalla village in Moga district, in all the districts of Punjab in ongoing cases. The operation was aimed at disrupting the nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers based in India and abroad.

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said today's searches were planned after the questioning of several persons in the recently busted modules backed by Arsh Dalla, besides, to infuse fear among the anti-social elements and instil a sense of safety and security among the common people. The operation was conducted simultaneously across the state in all the districts.

During the search operation, as many as 192 Police parties searched the premises of at least



232 persons linked with Arsh Dalla.

Giving details of the Cordon and Search Operation, the DGP said that several persons have been detained for further verification and incriminating material has been seized from their possession, which is being further examined. During the search operations, data from Electronic devices was collected, arms licence were checked, sourcing of ammunition was ascertained,

travel details of foreign-based family members were collected, Bank transactions from abroad and western union were collected, property details were collected, which are being examined further.

According to Police, Canada-based Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dalla is a notorious gangster turned terrorist involved in various criminal activities in Punjab and abroad and is most wanted criminal by the Punjab Police. He is a

Category-A gangster turned terrorist and is a KTF operative, which is a banned terrorist organisation. In year 2020, after committing the murder of one of his associate Sukkha Lamme, he escaped to Canada.

Sitting in Canada, he runs a network of gangsters involved in extortion, killings and other terror crimes in Punjab. He has been indulging in these crimes in association with his other associates based out in Manila, Malaysia, Canada and Pakistan.

There are as many as 35 FIRs pertaining to murder, looting, Dacoity, extortions, ransom and spreading terror, registered against him. His involvement had also emerged in various targeted killings that took place in the border state of Punjab, besides, in cases of supplying militant hardware including RDX, IEDs, AK-47 and other arms and ammunition to modules in the state after getting them imported/drone dropped from Pakistan.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the process is already on to extradite Arsh Dalla from Canada and soon, he will be brought to India. Notably, Red Corner Notice against Arsh Dalla has already been issued and is being followed up vigorously.

Punjab Vidhan Sabha committee reviews the work of computerization and digitalization of Vidhan Sabha

Chandigarh: Instructions were given to various departments to carry out the work of computerization and digitalization of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in stipulated time. These directives were given in the meeting of the high level committee regarding the computerization and digitalization of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha held under the chairmanship of Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr. Kultar Singh Sandhwan. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Dr. Inderbir Singh

Nijjar, Public Works Minister Mr. Harbhajan



Singh ETO, along with senior officials of various departments were present in

the review meeting of the computerization and digitalization of Punjab Vidhan Sabha. During the meeting, the officials of different departments informed that process of work has been already started and the computerization and digitalization of Punjab Vidhan Sabha will be completed in two months. Committee directed the officers to finalize the work as soon possible.

Rs 100 crores will be spent on the development and beautification of Amritsar city in connection with the g-20 summit: Dr Nijjar

Chandigarh: While conducting a review meeting of the preparations being made for the G-20 summit, the Local Government Minister Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar and the Public Works and Power Minister issued instructions in a meeting with the district officials that all the work should be completed within fixed time and if any negligence on the part of any official in development works, he will not be spared.

Giving more information in this regard, Minister of Local Government Dr. Nijjar said that the G-20 summit is going to be held in the holy city of Amritsar in March 2023 possibly on 15 to 17 March 2023. Presidents and Prime Ministers of major countries and other international delegates will also attend this G-20 summit. He said that it is a matter of great pride for

the state that this international level event is going to be held in Punjab.

Dr. Nijjar while presiding over the meeting of the G-20 summit said that about 100 crore rupees will be spent on



development works for the beautification of Amritsar City.

Local Government Minister revealed that with this international event, the state will emerge on the world tourism map,

while at the same time there is a possibility of boosting investment.

Dr. Nijjar, giving details of the works to be done to strengthen the beauty and basic structure of the city, said that whatever works will be done in the city will be strong and good quality works according to the needs of the citizens.

The Local Government Minister directed the concerned officials that wherever the grills are broken on the way to BRTS, new ones should be installed immediately and the potholes on the way to BRTS should also be filled. He also ordered the concerned officials to fix the traffic system of the city. He said that every possible efforts will be done for the beautification of Amritsar city.

International Workshop under the aegis of IQAC 'Art of Manmaking through Vasudeva Kriya Yoga' held at Govt. College of Education, Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Govt. College of Education, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh in collaboration with Vasudeva Kriya Yoga organized a One Day International Workshop under the aegis of IQAC Art of Manmaking through Vasudeva Kriya Yoga on 7th January, 2023.

Shri Nitin Yadav (IAS), Home

Secretary, Chandigarh Administration was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Shri. Rajendra Yenkanamoolle founder of Vasudeva Kriya Yoga from Melbourne, Australia was the Guest Speaker of the day. They were extended a formal floral welcome by Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal and Dr. A.K. Srivastava Dean of Govt.

College of Education Chandigarh. Ms. Yojana Yadav, Senior News Editor, Hindustan Times also graced the occasion as Special Guest.

The event started with the formal Lamp Lighting Ceremony followed up with a Saraswati Vandana. During the event the students of the college also demonstrated varied yoga asanas. 3 volumes of the book 'Life Sutras- Inspirational Life Skills' were also released on the occasion by Shri. Rajendra Yenkanamoolle.

Shri. Nitin Yadav in his address designated teachers as architects of society whose role has evolved over the years and has become more challenging in the contemporary times.

Experts highlight the importance of millets diet

Chandigarh, January 8, 2023: Various stakeholder organizations and experts from PGIMER in a consultation deliberated on mainstreaming millets to boost bio-diversity and disease resistance. The seminar was organized by the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Strategic Institute for Public Health Education (SIPHER) as a part of the International Year of Millets.

As the chief guest in this seminar, Dr. Raj Bahadur, Project Director & Member Secretary, Regional Spinal Injury Centre, Mohali and an



Ex-Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Science, Faridkot who emphasized on association with millet growers.

Apart from these, SIPHER President Dr. Rakesh Gupta, PGIMER

Professor Dr. Poonam Khanna, Citizen Awareness Group Chairman Surinder Verma, Home Science College Head and Associate Professor Dr. Ritu Pradhan Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh State

Consultant, Nutrition Abhiyaan Sarita Godwani, Designated Officer cum Licensing Authority, HOD Food Safety Administration, UT Chandigarh Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Professor DCM & SPH, PGIMER Dr. Ravindra Khawwal, MC Chandigarh Dr. Vivek Trivedi, HOD CIHM, Chandigarh Dr. J.P. Kant, Director Finance & Operations Mr. Arun Verma, Dr. Nancy Sawhney HOD Dietetics PGIMER, Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Project Coordinator, RCTC PGIMER gave views on the importance of Bajra. Surinder Verma,

Chairman of Citizen Awareness Group, termed this seminar as full of awareness and knowledge and told the need of today's time to include millet in the daily diet, which should be done as a priority.

Members of Kheta Virasat Mission were also present on the occasion.

Shri Arun Verma, Director Finance & Operations summarized the issues discussed and also talked about the achievements of SIPHER in the last four years. Shri Rajeev Kumar, Project Coordinator, RCTC PGIMER proposed vote of thanks to all.