

HP govt issues show-cause notices to two cement manufacturers for shutting their operations

AGENCY
HIMACHAL PRADESH, DEC 17

Himachal Pradesh government has issued show-cause notices to two private cement manufacturers for shutting down their operations in the state without prior intimation.

The show-cause notices issued in the name of Ambuja Cement Ltd in Solan district and ACC Cement Ltd, Gagal Cement Works in Bilaspur (H.P.) say, "The firms have stopped their operations without any prior notice, thus putting a question mark on the livelihood of thousands of stakeholders who are engaged in transportation and other allied activities."

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh to assess the situation and on the basis of which the state government took cognizance and issued notices to the firms.

"It is indeed alarming that you have not taken the state government or its functionaries into confidence before taking such a major decision involving the lives and livelihoods of so many stakeholders. Moreover, you have not even tried to approach or exhaust



various forums, avenues, or channels available with the state machinery in order to resolve whatever concerns, grievances, or issues that they might have," the notice issued by the director of industries to the firms on Friday.

"It is to our disbelief that even the local administration was clueless about your drastic steps and if not for the alertness of our law and order machinery, the situation could have easily deteriorated, for

which you would have been solely responsible," the notice says.

"You are aware that precious land for the plant, mining lease, and other required infrastructure have all been granted to you by the government in order to commission your project and facilitate further operations of the same. It is also a fact that thousands of peoples have also lost their land in either the leased area or plant site thereby permanently affecting their livelihood

adversely," it says.

"Keeping in view the above facts, you are directed to explain why we should not initiate appropriate administrative action under various Acts and Rules pertaining to Revenue, Transport, Industries & Labour Departments, etc. against you in order to safeguard lives and livelihood of the various sections of the society impacted due to this uncalled for unilateral action of yours," the notice added.

Temperature rises above normal in Himachal, absence of snowfall disappoints tourists

SHIMLA, DEC 17

The temperature in Himachal Pradesh has risen above normal by 3 to 4 degrees Celsius. The tourists and locals who were expecting snowfall and cold conditions are disappointed. Tourists from different parts of the country come to the state capital Shimla to experience fresh snowfall. However, only sunny days are being experienced in the 'Queen of Hills'.

Nevertheless, tourists coming from other parts of the country are still enjoying the pleasant weather conditions.

"We were expecting it to be cold. We thought that we'll get to see snowfall. We have come from Delhi. I was expecting snow here but the weather conditions are clear. It is a very sunny day out here. The temperature is higher than what we have in Delhi. I thought it would be very cold but it is warm. I am just wearing a sweater and no jacket. It feels good to be here but disappointed by the fact that we could not see snowfall. It could be because of the changing weather conditions, the climate change, and the increase in the number of vehicles," said a

tourist from Delhi.

"We expect that there will be snowfall during Christmas. This year, the temperature in Shimla and Patiala is exactly the same. I have taken off my jacket. We have been observing that the weather is changing here," said Ravinder Rishi, a tourist from Punjab.

"It is a very beautiful and clean atmosphere, here in Shimla. You cannot predict the weather here, it's very unpredictable. We are going to stay here till Christmas. We will definitely get to see snow here," said another tourist.

The Indian meteorological department has forecasted clear weather during the next few days. As per the forecast from the local weather department, the weather will be clear till December 22.

However, a warning has been issued regarding a cold wave in the Una region. Fog conditions have also been forecasted in Bilaspur Mandi Hamirpur and Una districts of the state. In the days to come, the temperatures are expected to remain the same.

"The weather was dry in the entire state during the past 24 hours.

Delhi acid attack: Accused sent to 14-day judicial custody

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 17

A Delhi court on Saturday sent three accused allegedly involved in an acid attack on Wednesday on a 17-year-old school girl to 14 days of judicial custody.

The three individuals were presented in the court after their police custody ended on Saturday. They were arrested on December 14 after the incident had taken place earlier in the day.

They were presented before a Metropolitan Magistrate in Dwarka court, who had sent Sachin Arora, Harshit Aggarwal a.k.a. Hon-

ey and Virender Singh a.k.a. Sonu to two days' police remand.

A day after the shocking incident of an acid attack on a 17-year-old schoolgirl, the Delhi Police on Thursday also issued notice to Flipkart, from where the accused had bought the acid.

"The acid has been procured online through Flipkart. A notice has been sent to Flipkart to provide information regarding the seller and the particular transaction. They have also been asked regarding compliance of regulations related to sale of acid," said M Harsha Vardhan, the Deputy Commis-

sioner of Police (Dwarka).

The sale of acid is banned in the market but the accused Sachin had bought it online from the e-commerce platform.

The 17-year-old school girl was attacked with acid on Wednesday morning near Dwarka Mor while she was on her way to school along with her sister. Arora, along with Harshit and Virender had planned and hatched the conspiracy a few days ago to throw acid on the girl after their friendship ended in September this year, an official said. All the three accused are residents of the same locality where the girl resides.

ADGP Law & Order hands over Rs. 2 cr cheques to family of slain constable Mandeep Singh



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/JALANDHAR, DEC 17

On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Law and Order Arpit Shukla on Saturday handed over two cheques of Rs 2 crores (Rs 1 crore each) to the family of slain Punjab Police Constable Mandeep Singh, who attained martyrdom in line of duty.

A 2013-batch Constable Mandeep Singh, 32, a resident of village Kotli Gajran in Shahkot, Jalandhar, was posted as a gunman with a cloth merchant deceased Bhupinder Singh

alias Timmy. In a brave act, he got martyred suffering bullet injuries during exchange of fire with the assailants in Nakodar on December 7, 2022.

Following his supreme sacrifice, CM Bhagwant Mann had announced Rs 2 crore to the family of martyr as a mark of respect. The Rs 2 crores amount includes Rs 1 crore as ex-gratia by the state government whereas another payment of insurance cover worth Rs 1 crore will be made by the HDFC bank.

The ADGP accompanied by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jalandhar Range Gursharan Singh Sandhu was here to attend the Antim

Ardas Bhog Ceremony of the Martyr held at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Sahib in village Kotli Gajran, Shahkot.

ADGP Arpit Shukla, while addressing the media, said that he has handed over Rs 1 crore cheque on the behalf of the State Government, while, another cheque of Rs 1 crore has been given to the martyr family under welfare policy of Punjab Police personnel on behalf of Director General Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav and HDFC Bank.

He said that due to his supreme sacrifice, the name of Mandeep Singh has also been recommended for the Presidential Gallantry Award (posthumously).

AAP national council meeting to be held tomorrow, first after becoming 'national party'

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

Aam Adami Party (AAP) convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will chair the National Council meeting of the party scheduled to be held on Sunday at Calista Resort in Kapashera.

The leaders of all the states including AAP's representatives from across the country will participate in this meeting to discuss the strategies and party's preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

This would be the first such meeting after Kejriwal claimed that the party has now become a "national party legally" after the Gujarat Assembly elections, the party official said.

Kejriwal earlier had claimed that his 10-year-old party has become a "national party" after AAP got almost 13 per cent votes in the Gujarat Assembly election.

However, the party won the high-stakes battle for control over the Delhi Municipal Corporation winning 134 of the total 250 wards in the national capital's civic body polls, uprooting 15-year rule by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The first meeting of the newly elected Corporation will be held on January 6 as the Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena on Thursday approved the proposal to convene the meeting. The move came as per the powers vested in the Lt Governor VK Saxena vide Section 73 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.

Yogi Adityanath assures to resolve issues of Sikhs in UP

AGENCY
LUCKNOW, DEC 17

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday assured to resolve all the pending issues of the Sikh community brought to his notice by a Shiromani Akali Dal-Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) delegation, stating that no Sikh farmer will be victimised.

He also promised to withdraw all the pending cases against Sikhs with regard to the Saharanpur gurdwara clash in 2014.

The assurance was given by the Chief Minister to a high-level delegation led by SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal. Senior SAD leader Prem Singh Chandumajra and SGPC general secretary Gurcharan Singh Grewal were also part of the delegation.

Badal told the media that the meeting was held in a positive atmosphere with relevant officials of different departments to

get direct feedback about all the issues concerning the welfare of Sikhs.

Badal thanked Adityanath for taking special interest to resolve the pending cases and asserted that this would go a long way in bolstering the morale of the Sikh community in Uttar Pradesh.

Giving details, Badal said with the intervention of Adityanath, displacement of Sikhs from lands being cultivated by them had been prevented in 2020 on the request of a SAD delegation.

The UP Chief Minister, after giving a patient hearing, announced that he would not allow any Sikh farmer or Punjabi to be victimised in Uttar Pradesh.

He agreed with the SAD President that Sikh farmers had paid with their blood and



sweat to make the lands they were tilling fertile. The Chief Minister asked minister of state Baldev Singh Aulakh to go through all the cases so that they could be resolved amicably. The cases include evic-

tion notices issued to Sikh farmers in Moradabad, Bareilly and Lucknow circles.

The delegation also apprised the Chief Minister that some cases related to a clash between two communities over land belonging to a gurdwara in Saharanpur in 2014 still remain unresolved.

It said following the clash, mediation was effected between the leading members of both communities and it was decided that members of both communities would withdraw counter cases registered against each other.

The delegation said that while some cases were withdrawn, few cases persisted

and solicited the intervention of the Chief Minister to resolve the issue, to which Adityanath agreed.

The delegation also apprised the Chief Minister about the Pilibhit fake encounter case of 1991 in which 10 Sikhs were killed after PAC personnel stopped a pilgrim bus and separated the male members from their families and stage three separate 'encounters'. It said the Allahabad High Court had recently set aside the life imprisonment awarded to 43 PAC personnel in the case and sentenced them to seven-year terms. The delegation said the Sikh community felt that exemplary punishment should be awarded in the case as innocents were killed by terming them as terrorists. It urged the Uttar Pradesh government to file a review petition in the case in the Supreme Court. The Chief Minister assured to look into the matter sympathetically, saying that justice will be done in the case.

Three held in Odisha for siphoning govt subsidy of Rs 12 crore

BHUBANESWAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Odisha crime branch has arrested three persons for allegedly misappropriating government subsidy to the tune of over Rs 12 crore meant for supply of agricultural equipment to farmers, a police official said on Saturday.

The arrested accused are Pradeep Kumar Acharya, the MD of Annapurna Agro International Pvt. Ltd., Prabha Ranjan Dash, proprietor of Dash Traders & Agro Agency, and Shaik Fayaz, proprietor of Shaik Fayaz.

They were arrested from Bhubaneswar, Daspalla in Nayagarh district and Berhampur and were presented at a local court in Bhubaneswar on Saturday, an EOW official said.

The three accused persons allegedly misappropriated government subsidy meant for the farmers/beneficiaries amounting to at least Rs 12 crore by manufacturing and using forged

documents/email IDs, etc. During investigation, it was revealed that Pradeep Acharya's firm is registered under direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme for supplying post-harvest machines, power-driven equipment and rotavator etc.

Acharya in conspiracy with the two other accused allegedly uploaded a series of fake documents in respect of supply/sale of 381 agro equipment to equal number of farmers between 2016-17 and 2019-20.

Andhra Pradesh to introduce semester system in schools

AMARAVATI: All government-run schools in Andhra Pradesh will have a two-semester system from the next academic year, it was announced Saturday.

The state government has issued an order introducing the two-semester system in all government schools from Class 1 to 9 from the next academic year and for Class 10 from 2024-25.

The semester system is expected to be beneficial for both the students and the teachers. The government hopes that this will make learning more meaningful.

According to the government order, the new system is part of the steps being taken by the state government for the effective implementation of National Educational Policy 2020.

Teachers' scam: CBI gets fresh five-day custody of Subiresh Bhattacharya

KOLKATA: A special CBI court on Saturday granted permission to the probe agency to take fresh custody of former chairman of West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) and ex-VC of the University of North Bengal, Subiresh Bhattacharya, for five days for interrogation in connection with the multi-crore teachers' recruitment scam in West Bengal.

Bhattacharya will be presented in the same court again on December 22. Bhattacharya has been in judicial custody since the time he was arrested by the CBI in September this year. Before being remanded to judicial custody after his arrest, Bhattacharya was in CBI custody for a brief period.

CLASSIFIED

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

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 72778

I Amandeep Singh S/O Harphool Singh R/O Near Durga Shakti Mandir, Prem Nagar, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot - 151204 (Pb.) Have Changed My Name From Amandeep Singh To Amandeep Singh Brar. 72778 72778

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 100060

I, Santosh Kumari W/o Vijay Kumar Bansal R/o Daula Gate, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab), have changed my name to Santosh Bansal. 63372 78645

I, Mukul Saini S/o Sh. Ramji Lal R/o Village Bari Rasaur, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Mukul to Mukul Saini. 63372 78645

I, Jagan Nath S/o Bhagwant Rai R/o 2829 St. No. 1 Near Improvement Office Vishal Nagar Bathinda have changed my name to Jagan Nath Singla. 63372 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 72778

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

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ (ਪੁੱਛਾ ਭਰਨਾ, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ, ਨਗਰ) ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Year-end parties just got crispier with the KFC Celebration Bucket



CHANDIGARH : You know it's time to unwind, chill and plan those year-end get-togethers with friends and family as December makes way! Adding to the year-end vibe, KFC introduces the all-new Celebration Bucket. True to its name, the Celebration Bucket gives you another reason to celebrate – bucket full of finger lickin' good food at mind-blowing prices – promising to make those December parties all the more special and indulgent. With something for everyone, Celebration Bucket offers a big spread – 6 pieces of Hot & Crispy Chicken, 3 Boneless Chicken Strips, 3 Hot Wings, 4 Dips, 2 Regular Fries and 2 Pepsi – starting at an unbelievable price of just INR 849/- So as you get set to plan those cosy get-togethers or vibey year-end parties with friends & fam jam, enjoy this unbelievably crunchy and abundant spread and save upto 30% off, from 15th December till 4th January 2023. Like all things KFC, the Celebration Bucket too comes with the added assurance of KFC's 5X Safety Promise, offering the signature taste of KFC with the assurance of heightened food safety & hygiene. So, plan those pending get-togethers with your loved ones and get into a celebratory mood with KFC's abundant Celebration Bucket. Check out the KFC App, Website (<https://online.kfc.co.in/>) or walk into any KFC restaurant across India to avail this special year-end offer.

Keeps you cool in harsh summers and warm in sub-zero winters

JALLANDHAR : Godrej Appliances, business unit of Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group has launched Godrej Hot & Cold Air Conditioners to maintain the desired room temperature in both summers and winters. The AC can cool your room in the scorching summer heat when temperatures can soar higher than 50°C, and can warm the room in chilling winters even as the ambient temperature reaches sub-zero temperatures as low as -7°C. The ACs are well suited for territories which tend to use heaters during winters. Godrej Hot and Cold Air Conditioners are available in 1.5 Tr. 3-Star with Twin Rotary Inverter Compressor for efficient refrigerant flow. It uses Quick Defrost Technology for a shorter defrost cycle and its 5-in-1 Convertible Technology gives you 5 different cooling levels to set your desired cooling/heating requirement basis the weather, number of people in the room and your personal temperature preference. Other key features include Nano Coated Anti-Viral filter that eliminates 99.9%+ viral particles from the air to provide safety to the consumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability, Anti-corrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time. In keeping with Godrej's commitment to the environment, this AC uses eco-friendly R32 refrigerant that has zero ozone depletion and low global warming potential. Speaking about the new offering, Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice-President at Godrej Appliances, a flagship company of Godrej & Boyce, said, "Our new Hot & Cold ACs will provide greater comfort to consumers throughout the year and have been designed thoughtfully with a curated set of features. Our strength in service is an added advantage for us when it comes to this segment."

HAIER INDIA AWARDED 'THE MOST ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCE OF THE YEAR' IN REFRIGERATOR CATEGORY

BUREAU CHANDIGARH : Haier, the global leader in Home Appliances & Consumer Electronics and World's Number 1 brand in Major Appliances for 13 Consecutive Years*, has been recognized with 'The Most Energy Efficient Appliance' award by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) – Ministry of Power, Government of India at National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) – 2022. The award committee has selected Haier's model No: HRD-1955, 5 Star Range to be the winner in the said category. Haier has been recognized by BEE at NECA for the 2nd consecutive year in a row.

The award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi was facilitated by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu along with other dignitaries including RK Singh, Union Minister of Power,



New and Renewable Energy, Krishan Pal, Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries and Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power.

On receiving the honour, Mr. Satish NS, President, Haier Appliances India said, "It is a moment of great pride for us as our continuous commitment towards our brand philosophy of 'Inspired Living' has been recognized and felicitated

with one of the most prestigious awards. We are very delighted and would like to thank the Bureau of Energy Efficiency for this recognition. Sustainability and responsibility towards our planet and environment have been at the core of our business and we will continue to adopt meaningful and environment-friendly ways of manufacturing and delivering to ensure minimal impact on our surroundings and planet."

National Energy Conservation Day is observed nationwide on the 14th of December every year. To mark this occasion, National Energy Conservation Awards is organized wherein eminent dignitaries of the Government of India recognize the efforts of various industrial units/establishments/organizations for their exemplary efforts in adopting energy efficiency measures.

Godrej Appliances launches Air Conditioners with Hot & Cold Technology

LUDHIANA : Godrej Appliances, business unit of Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group has launched Godrej Hot & Cold Air Conditioners to maintain the desired room temperature in both summers and winters. The AC can cool your room in the scorching summer heat when temperatures can soar higher than 50°C, and can warm the room in chilling winters even as the ambient temperature reaches sub-zero temperatures as low as -7°C. The ACs are well suited for territories which tend to use heaters during winters. Godrej Hot and Cold Air Conditioners are available in 1.5 Tr. 3-Star with Twin Rotary Inverter Compressor for efficient refrigerant flow. It uses Quick Defrost Technology for a shorter defrost cycle and its 5-in-1 Convertible Technology gives you 5 different cooling levels to set your desired cooling/heating requirement basis the weather, number of people in the room and your personal temperature preference. Other key features include Nano Coated Anti-Viral filter that eliminates 99.9%+ viral particles from the air to provide safety to the consumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability, Anti-corrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time. In keeping with Godrej's commitment to the environment, this AC uses eco-friendly R32 refrigerant that has zero ozone depletion and low global warming potential. Speaking about the new offering, Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice-President at Godrej Appliances, a flagship company of Godrej & Boyce, said, "Our new Hot & Cold ACs will provide greater comfort to consumers throughout the year and have been designed thoughtfully with a curated set of features. Our strength in service is an added advantage for us when it comes to this segment."



sumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability, Anti-corrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time. In keeping with Godrej's commitment to the environment, this AC uses eco-friendly R32 refrigerant that has zero ozone depletion and low global warming potential. Speaking about the new offering, Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice-President at Godrej Appliances, a flagship company of Godrej & Boyce, said, "Our new Hot & Cold ACs will provide greater comfort to consumers throughout the year and have been designed thoughtfully with a curated set of features. Our strength in service is an added advantage for us when it comes to this segment."

'Tum mein main apne aap ko dekhti hu', Aruna Irani says to Devika, a contestant of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs

CHANDIGARH : Zee TV's Sa Re Ga Ma Pa is the longest-running singing reality show format that has been ruling the hearts of audiences for almost 3 decades. After introducing the world to talented powerhouses like Shreya Ghoshal, Shekhar Ravijani, Kunal Ganjawala, Sugandha Mishra, Kamal Khan, Raja Hasan, and Vaishali Mhade who have carved a name for themselves in the industry, Zee TV is giving some exceptional young singing prodigies a chance to shine on the grandest stage once again with the 9th season of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs. This season viewers are getting to watch a fresh panel of judges including Shankar Mahadevan, Anu Malik, and Neeti Mohan guide the young singing sensation with Bharti Singh entertaining one and all as the host. Week after week, the top 10 contestants have been winning the audience's hearts with their terrific performances, and this weekend, the Bollywood veteran actress Aruna Irani will be seen gracing the special episode. While all the contestants gave their best, it was the contestant Devika's performance to the iconic Aruna Irani's song 'Kaliyon Ka Chaman' that left everyone mesmerized. Right after her performance, Aruna Irani couldn't stop herself from giving the performance a standing ovation. And, after getting to know about the struggle story of Devika and her parents, she shared how she sees herself in Devika. Not just that, she even talked about the time she struggled to get work during the nascent stage of her career. Aruna Irani mentioned, "I have watched the last episode where you asked for a pastry from your father, but he couldn't give that to you because he has rent and other important things to pay for."



the special episode. While all the contestants gave their best, it was the contestant Devika's performance to the iconic Aruna Irani's song 'Kaliyon Ka Chaman' that left everyone mesmerized. Right after her performance, Aruna Irani couldn't stop herself from giving the performance a standing ovation. And, after getting to know about the struggle story of Devika and her parents, she shared how she sees herself in Devika. Not just that, she even talked about the time she struggled to get work during the nascent stage of her career. Aruna Irani mentioned, "I have watched the last episode where you asked for a pastry from your father, but he couldn't give that to you because he has rent and other important things to pay for."

COLORS' 'Saavi Ki Savaari' completes 100 episodes! The cast and crew celebrate the milestone with much fanfare!

CHANDIGARH :COLORS' eccentric love story of an autorickshaw driver and a businessman have won hearts since its premiere. The show traces the heart-warming journey of Saavi an optimistic young woman who shatters the glass ceiling by choosing a male-dominated profession of riding an autorickshaw in Ujjain to support her family financially. Samridhi Shukla essays the role of Saavi while actor Farman Haider plays the part of Nityam. As the show's narrative progresses, Saavi chances upon a successful businessman Nityam and they fall in love with each other. The reel couple has come a long way. Saavi and Nityam are married now and they're dealing with the challenges of their life. The show now completes a successful run of 100 episodes and the cast and crew bring in the celebrations by cutting a cake and interacting with the media. Talking about the show arriving at a milestone, Samridhi Shukla says, "On completing 100 episodes, I am incredibly grateful to God and our viewers for showing love on Saavi Ki Savaari, and here's wishing that the love continues to pour in."



We put a lot of effort into creating this show, hence, to see the viewers appreciate it feels heart-warming and satisfying. Through all the highs and lows, the cast and crew of the show have been super supportive. We hope to keep on entertaining the audience with the unique love story of Saavi and Nityam." Talking about the show's achievement, Farman Haider says, "Saavi Ki Savaari has been a special show for all of us. We have enjoyed each day shooting for the show and bringing these unique characters to life for television. I thank the viewers for their continuous support and love since the show's premiere. I also want to express my gratitude to the cast and crew for making this show memorable." Keep watching 'Saavi Ki Savaari' every Monday to Saturday at 6.30 pm only on COLORS!

"Ashi Singh and I are re-uniting on-screen after almost three years", says Randeep Rai on entering Zee TV's Meet

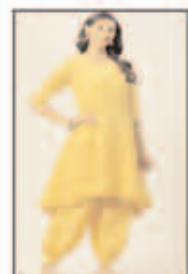
CHANDIGARH : Zee TV's popular fiction show, Meet, has made a special place for itself in the audience's hearts since its premiere last year. The story captures the journey of Meet Hooda (Ashi Singh), who challenges societal norms of gender roles and proves that there is precious little that a man can do, that a woman cannot. While the ongoing drama in the show is keeping the viewers glued to their TV screens, actors are also working round the clock to ensure their fans are entertained. In the upcoming episodes, the show is all set for some high-octane drama with the entry of popular actor Randeep Rai. He will be seen playing the role of a lawyer, Anurag Rathi, brought on board by Barfi Devi (Asmita Sharma) to fight the case of her daughter Neelam's murder, for which the show's male lead Meet Ahlawat (Shagun Pandey) has been accused. He has entered Meet Hooda and Meet Ahlawat's lives as Manushi's fiancé, but his main motive is to get Meet Ahlawat behind the bars. In fact, he has sworn to avenge his wife's immobility for which he blames Meet Hooda. Randeep Rai mentioned, "I am very excited to play the character of Anurag, he is going to bring in a lot of twists and



turns in the lives of the Ahlawats. In fact, Ashi and I have worked before, and we are reuniting on-screen after more than almost three years now. This is the first time in my career, I will be playing a negative character and that too of a lawyer, so it is challenging for me, but I always wanted to do something out of my comfort zone. So, I hope that this opportunity will give me a chance to explore my boundaries as an artist. Having said that, performing a negative role is not easy for an actor. I just hope that I am able to do justice to my character and the fans of the show love me." It will be interesting to watch how Meet Hooda will save Meet Ahlawat from the evil intentions of Barfi Devi and the new entry of Anurag in their lives. To find out what happens next, tune into Meet, every Monday to Sunday, 7 pm only on Zee TV!

Dress Up the BIBA Way this Wedding season from Wardrobe to Accessories

CHANDIGARH : The wedding season is around the corner and if you have a wedding to host or attend this year, we understand how exciting and nerve-racking it can be! It's no surprise that if you are a bride-to-be to someone from her family then you must be looking for a one stop shopping destination. If you are looking for that one-stop-shopping experience, then BIBA is the best place for all of your sartorial festive needs. From modern bold looks to classic traditional suit sets and even jewellery, clutches, and footwear for every occasion from haldi to cocktail party. From easy to stitch suit sets to exclusive designer range from Rohit Bal to various gifting option for friends and family, Biba has come up with perfect one-stop-shop destination. The latest collection of BIBA is full of variety including salwar suit sets, ready-made, easy-to-stitch options in a wide range of colors and combinations. It has traditional and elegant salwar-kameez sets, as well as suit-pants sets, anarkalis, gorgeous lehenga set and many other combinations. **Description:** A person in a yellow dress **Haldi Ready** Add a fusion touch with trendy suit sets from Biba. Flaunt this stylish yellow suit set for your best friend's haldi ceremony. The set comes with an asymmetric style kurta featuring round neckline, subtle print and mirror work. It has three forth sleeves. **Yellow Art Silk Asymmetric Suit Set: INR 4,595**



Will Rajesh figure out who's blackmailing Sakhi and why in Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya?

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya: Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey shows the daily life stories of an average middle-class family, the program not only depicts the life struggles but comes up with new perspectives and positive solutions to them. As the show progresses with new narratives every day, the upcoming episodes will highlight how Sakhi (Chinmayee Salvi) will unknowingly land into a problem and how she will try to figure out a way to get out of it while Rajesh (Sumet Raghavan) will configure the situation with Sakhi. In the upcoming episodes of Waggle Ki Duniya, Sakhi will find herself in an unexpected situation, which will lead to her being blackmailed by an unknown stalker. Rajesh will discover that something is wrong with Sakhi and will investigate on what exactly is going on with her. While Sakhi struggles with the dilemma of what to do next with the blackmailing situation, Rajesh tries to get to the depth about Sakhi's blackmailer, as he suspects that there is more to this than what meets the eyes. The show's goal with this episode is to emphasise the importance of young adults being aware of their actions. They should not be afraid to share their feelings with their parents; doing so will make things easier and may lead to rational solutions to their problems.



How Rajesh will find out what is going on with Sakhi? Chinmayee Salvi, who plays the role of Sakhi, shared her views, "Sakhi's character is like any other young adult out there who is into the coming of age. While she is figuring out how to get through each day, I can relate to the characters' struggle on many levels. Sakhi will find herself in an unexpected situation that she has never experienced before. As she tries to figure out how to get out of it, she hides it from her family because of the fear of getting reprimanded. But how her father will learn about her situation and what comes out is something to watch." Tune in to watch Waggle Ki Duniya: Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 9.00 PM.

What will Alibaba do when SimSim will break out of the cave in Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul?

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul, is an Indian fantasy television series based on Alibaba (Sheezan M Khan) and his quest to protect and take care of five orphan children. The show comes up with new twists and turns through the adventurous tales of Alibaba's life. In the continuation of Ali's fight with Malika-E-Tabahi, SimSim (Sayantani Ghosh), the upcoming episodes will reveal if SimSim will succeed in coming out of her cave and what will Ali do, when he comes to know about it. Alibaba, lost his brother Qasim who was killed by SimSim. Since then, he has been on a journey to find out how he can put an end to SimSim's vicious activities. In this journey, of conquering SimSim, Alibaba will end up finding a magical world. On the other hand, SimSim is furious, and she wants to avenge Alibaba for Iblis's death. She will try her best to escape the cave and destroy Alibaba. Will SimSim be able to come out of the cave? And will Alibaba be able to save himself and his avaan from SimSim is what will keep the viewers hooked! **Will Ali be able to stop SimSim from coming out of the cave?** Sayantani Ghosh, who plays the role of SimSim, expressed her views on the upcoming episodes, "My character, SimSim, is going through a tough time because of Iblis' death and this is the cause of her growing rage, which is also making her stronger. While my character evolves, I am enjoying the opportunity to broaden my horizon as an artist. It will be exciting to see if SimSim will be able to escape the cave. Also, what will Ali do if she breaks free from the cave. Keep your eyes on Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul to know what SimSim's further plans are, on Sony SAB." **Tune in on Sony SAB to watch Alibaba: Dastaan-E-Kabul, every Monday to Saturday at 8.00 PM.**



INNOVATIVE LARGE-SIZED 'DURO PLUS' RANGE OF PRODUCTS FROM DUROPLY BECOMES A FAVOURITE IN THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

CHANDIGARH : Plywood products under the 'Duro Plus' brand from Duroply have become a favourite in the building construction sector. Industry has welcomed the new products as these reduce not just on-site time but ensure that there are no joints. 9- and 10-foot plywood, block boards and doors and 10 feet veneer ensure uncut long view of the building, add to its beauty, enhance the overall visual appeal provide grandeur to the place. Talking about the 'Duro Plus' brand, Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Duroply, said, "Our 65+ years of rich legacy endows us with unique insights into the industry. We sensed a need for the large-sized product range and the great success of 'Duro Plus' products has re-validated our culture of innovation. Duroply is one of the most innovative plywood brands in India having championed numerous innovations since its inception in 1957. We continue to set new benchmarks with our products and services for the industry to follow." Duro Plus 9- and 10-foot plywood is the future of the building construction industry as it eliminates the need for resizing the plywood slab, thus making it the perfect choice for jointless applications. This uniquely sized plywood, block boards, and doors enable architects, interior designers, and builders in various industries including tourism, hotel, hospital, malls, business complexes, offices, townhouses, villas, and resorts, to create a seamless indoor and outdoor look. This adds more definition to the aesthetics, beauty, and magnificence of the property. Building designers have welcomed Duro Plus as they are now able to create open spaces free of support columns, accommodating meeting and banquet rooms as well as hotel lobbies with wide and clear spans. As designers strive to create welcoming and comfortable spaces for their clients, Duro Plus 9- and 10-foot plywood allows for adding biophilic design principles to architecture. The Duro Plus amalgamates various solutions into one high-utility product. This product range is very easy to install, reduces nail and resin usage, and most importantly, minimizes material wastage. Additionally, Duro Plus is fully compatible with different colored decorative veneers. As it provides a seamless and jointless look, the visual appeal of the establishment increases manifold adding grandeur to the place.



Empowering a Better Future with New Technologies and Virtuous Innovation at OPPO INNO DAY 2022

CHANDIGARH : OPPO today held its annual technology event, OPPO INNO DAY 2022, in an online format streamed live. Themed 'Empowering a Better Future', the event showcased OPPO's determination to enrich its four Smart Initiatives in smart entertainment, smart productivity, smart health, and smart learning to deliver more innovation for good and build an inclusive and more positive future for all. As part of its four Smart Initiatives, OPPO has invested a significant amount of resources in developing its smart health technology. Not only did OPPO establish the OPPO Health Lab in 2021 to develop proactive approaches to help users build healthy lifestyles, this year OPPO also created a new smart healthcare sub-brand, OHealth. During INNO DAY 2022, OPPO unveiled the first product under its OHealth brand, the OHealth H1 family health monitor. The OHealth H1 combines six health data monitoring functions intended for family use into a single device, including measurement of blood oxygen, ECG, heart and lung auscultation, heart

rate, body temperature and sleep tracking. Through high-precision sensors and industry-leading health algorithms, the OHealth H1 will help users take better care of the health of the entire family. Unlike the industrial designs of traditional medical equipment, the OHealth H1 is a super-light device that weighs just 95g and features aesthetic rounded edges and a concentric oval design. This makes it easy for users to take the OHealth H1 with them anywhere, helping them to integrate regular health measurements into their daily routines. The OHealth H1 sets the stage for OPPO's ambition to build a bridge to better healthcare, offering smart, professional, and convenient healthcare solutions to users, hospitals, and clinics. Following the first self-developed dedicated imaging NPU, MariSilicon X, OPPO unveiled the second member of the MariSilicon family — the all-new MariSilicon Y Bluetooth audio SoC at the event. One of the first SoC to use the most advanced N6RF process technology, MariSilicon Y introduces a brand-new, self-developed Pro Bluetooth Pack

that increases the Bluetooth bandwidth by a massive 50% compared with the highest spec Bluetooth SoCs on the market. Equipped with the exclusive URLC codec technology and a dedicated NPU with up to 590 GOPS of on-device computing power, MariSilicon Y can transmit an unprecedented 24-bit/192kHz ultra-clear lossless audio through Bluetooth for the first time ever, providing users with all the benefits of wireless connectivity with the same audio quality as a wired connection while opening up new possibilities in spatial audio experiences. During the event, OPPO also demoted its latest Assisted Reality glass — OPPO Air Glass 2. Weighing only approximately 38g, OPPO Air Glass 2 features a super-lightweight, robust design that includes the world's first resin SRG-diffractive waveguide lens developed by OPPO. These lenses will support vision correction and further customization, making them almost indistinguishable from regular glasses. OPPO Air Glass 2 will be able to make phone calls, conduct real-time translation, provide location-based navigation, convert voice into text



for people with hearing impairments, and provide many more smart experiences. The new glasses are intended to demonstrate all-new possibilities in human-machine interaction and showcase OPPO's technological exploration of its four Smart Initiatives. **Empowering a better future through Virtuous Innovation** "When facing the type of challenges that the technology industry is currently coming up against, we believe that the only way forward is to continue innovating and breaking new boundaries," said Pete Lau, Senior Vice President and Chief Product Officer at OPPO. "Under our brand proposition of 'Inspiration Ahead', OPPO will continue to bring users superior products."

Editorial

Govt must not bait judges, move to evolve system first

If the statements of Union law minister Kiren Rijiju in Parliament on the Supreme Court hearing bail petitions and on the pendency of cases in the country, reflect the government's approach and attitude to the judiciary, then it is extremely unfortunate.

The minister, while moving the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that if the Supreme Court starts hearing bail applications and all "frivolous public interest litigations", it will definitely place a lot of extra burden on it, because "by and large" it is "treated as a constitutional court". On the delays in the appointments to the high courts and the Supreme Court, the minister told the Lok Sabha on Thursday that the issue of vacancies and appointments in the higher judiciary would continue to linger till the time a new system is created for it.

It cannot be that the Union law minister is unaware of the existence of Article 21 in the Constitution which mandates that "no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law". The entire edifice of the Constitution is built as a guarantee of the citizen against the State, whether it is benign or not. Article 21 forms the cornerstone of the structure, without which the entire existence of it will become futile. If the State can incarcerate people at will, misusing and abusing the law, and if the judiciary is blissfully looking the other way, then such a country should stop calling itself a democracy, and a constitutional democracy at that.

The law minister of India must realise that the Supreme Court and the high courts will cease to be constitutional courts not when they hear bail petitions but when they stop doing so. They are doing their job, period. The government may have its own idea about how courts should approach bail pleas presented against its agencies but the law minister articulating them in public is a serious breach of propriety and the principle of separation of powers.

The minister's statement on pendency of cases makes it clear that the large number of vacancies on the bench contributes to it and that the government knows the way out. His explanation that the government has currently limited powers to fill the vacancies in courts does not wash — the Supreme Court has time and again complained about how the government delays appointments and stops eminent people from joining the bench.

The government is peeved by the Supreme Court striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), and rightfully so.

Tackle toxic air now: It's ruining our lives, future

There is a new twist in the tale of the legendary Delhi-Mumbai rivalry. Both cities find point-scoring politically nourishing, even entertaining, as an astute foreign observer once noted. As a resident of Delhi for over three decades, I must say, I thoroughly enjoy the jousts over the rivalry which dwarfs other inter-city divides in the country. But even I was taken aback by recent news reports that Mumbai had displaced my city, even if temporarily, from the dubious perch of being the city with the foulest air.

Mumbai, India's financial capital, which lies on the coast of the Arabian Sea, is in the news for its steadily plummeting air quality; its overall air quality index (AQI) crossed 300, considered "very poor", earlier this month. What instantly made news was that on some days, some parts of Mumbai had air more toxic than Delhi.

Toxic air is an everyday reality for residents of Delhi. In winters, things get worse, and the AQI becomes an everyday talking point if you live in Delhi, or anywhere in the National Capital Region (NCR) or parts of northern India. We have come to a stage when we celebrate when the AQI improves a little and the quality of air is classified as "poor" instead



of "severe" or "hazardous". And now, Mumbai has gone and beaten us on the toxic air stakes. Even Kolkata, where I was born, where I spent many of my formative years, and where I am right now, soaking in the World Cup football fever, is also in the news for its bad air. Newspapers reported that Kolkata's average AQI was worse than Delhi on two days in late November.

Clearly, air pollution in India is restricted neither to Delhi, nor to winters. More affluent Indians are now seeking to protect themselves by installing air purifiers, remaining indoors in more "protected air" and venturing outdoors with masks on. This helps, but only partially because air purifiers cost money and to purify each room cost a lot. Moreover, few of

us can stay confined to air-purified premises all the time. What do the rest do? Children are particularly vulnerable. Also, the elderly.

Here is a snapshot of the AQI from some of India's small towns, picked out at random from the Centre for Pollution Control Board (CPCB) portal.

At 4 pm on December 13, the AQI at Begusarai in Bihar was 457, considered severe. The corresponding figure for Howrah in West Bengal was 318 (very poor). The AQI for Samastipur, also in Bihar, was 437 (severe).

Delhi's toxic air makes news because Delhi is the national capital. It is also the city with many air quality monitoring stations, more than most megacities in India. Residents of many cities are breathing foul air --

which is making them ill. But they are unaware of how bad the air is, because there are not enough monitoring stations. It is also glaringly obvious that apart from killing us slowly, toxic air is taking a huge toll on India's economy.

According to a 2021 report by Dalberg Advisers in partnership with Clean Air Fund and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), air pollution costs Indian business about \$95 billion every fiscal year, around three per cent of India's total GDP.

"Conventional wisdom," the report says, "considers air pollution an unavoidable by-product of economic growth, thus limiting the intensity of response to it. In existing literature and publications, GDP per capita and growth rate are often linked to emissions levels, one predicting

the other. This has framed an understanding, with many businesses, that growth and good air quality are always in conflict, which has led to an entrenched perception of environmental regulations as being a cost that holds back companies." However, as the report's findings made clear, toxic air shaves off economic growth. It leads to lower labour productivity, lower consumer footfall, premature mortality, lower asset productivity, increased health expenses and welfare losses. "Out of these, employee productivity, consumer footfall and premature mortality impact businesses directly," notes the report.

Focusing solely on the toxic air in Delhi diverts attention from other cities and huge swathes of the country suffering from acute air pollution. And we do not know how bad it really is.

"In India, we estimate that we require around 4,000 continuous monitoring stations to represent the air pollution problem spatially and temporally -- 2,800 in urban areas and 1,200 in rural areas. Currently, data when available comes from around 600-plus manual stations and less than 100 continuous monitoring stations," Navroz Dubash of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) pointed out in a commentary piece in Decem-

ber 2017. That number has gone up to over 800 currently. Other experts say India needs at least 1,600 air quality monitors, though 4,000 will be an ideal number.

"It is very important to understand that air pollution is a regional problem. We need to focus on regions in the country, where people are exposed to unsafe levels of pollution, and there are no monitors to determine how much that is," stressed Mr Dubash.

The bottomline -- while air pollution shortens lives around the world, its most severe impacts are being felt in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa. India has had a National Clean Air Programme since January 2019. It has failed to have any impact so far.

What do we need? First, more air quality monitoring stations so that everyone knows how bad the problem is.

Second, to heed the studies that apportion the pollution sources in various cities and regions -- unchecked or poorly-checked pollution from factory chimneys, vehicles whose owners do not follow rules and a far more effective control of dust from the myriad sites where homes, offices, roads, bridges and so on are being built.

Literature & Health

The games our children should play



Academics in India is very competitive. There is a large youthful population vying for limited professional education. Performance in school only plays a part; many professions have their own entrance exams as well as other criteria like a statement of purpose and interviews for admission. This places families under tremendous pressure, both emotionally and financially.

In school, students are pushed to perform (sometimes unrealistically) as the institution's reputation is at stake. At home, anxious parents enrol them in tuition and coaching classes. The games periods in school are usurped for "extra classes" in mathematics or science subjects. Children may be asked to stay an hour after school for extra classes. Sick leave is a no-no. An unwell child cannot concentrate and study and may pass the contagious illness to the rest of their

classmates. The coaching centres usurp weekends to train children for competitive exams. Eventually, they need to take out advertisements to showcase "toppers".

In this scenario, everyone is a loser. The child's health suffers. He or she needs 8-10 hours of sleep per night for the brain to grow and develop well but does not get this. Usually, children are up till 11pm doing school and tuition homework. Without adequate sleep, the brain not only does not develop properly, but it is also unable to learn, retain and process new information quickly.

Physically, either the child is overweight from junk food or thin and malnourished from not eating enough. The appetite is poor. Immunity develops with good physical activity. As this is lacking, illness is frequent; recovery is slow. Rest, required for rapid recovery, is denied as the school demands attendance.

Gently down the stream

Rowing machines are having a moment. Long the ugly ducklings of the gym, tucked away in forgotten corners, the workout devices are getting a makeover — just like indoor cycling machines did a decade ago.

To dedicated rowers, this increase in popularity doesn't come as a surprise. Rowing is a total body workout that targets the muscles in your legs, back, core and arms. It's also great for your cardiovascular system because it challenges the heart in multiple ways.

But there is a learning curve when it comes to rowing. Proper form is critical — not only for avoiding injury, but for developing a powerful, efficient stroke and achieving a good workout.

The most important thing to keep in mind about rowing is that while it looks like you're yanking the handle (or oars) with your arms, most of the power comes from your legs until the very end. "Rowing is a pushing sport, not necessarily a pulling sport," said Neil Bergenroth, a rowing coach in Tulsa, Oklahoma, US.

The movement is typically broken down into four steps.

The Catch
In the catch position, the



seat is slid toward the front of the machine. Your knees should be above your ankles, shins vertical. Your body is angled slightly forward, and your arms are outstretched with hands in front of your feet.

The Drive

The drive is where most of the power and exertion come from in rowing. Keeping your core engaged, push the machine away with your feet, making contact with both the ball and heel of your foot. "When you have your heel down, you're able to engage your posterior chain," or the muscles along the backside of

your body, such as your calves, hamstrings and glutes, said Casey Galvanek, head coach of the US Rowing Association's Junior National Team. This helps you to create more power by using more muscles, he said.

Once you've pushed about halfway back, with your knees bent to roughly 90 degrees, start to lean back, pivoting through your hips. You should feel your lats — the major muscles in your back — start to engage as you hold onto the handle. Lastly, drive your elbows back to pull the handle into your chest.

POEMS

Sleep-Stealer

Who stole sleep from baby's eyes? I must know. Clasp her pitcher to her waist mother went to fetch water from the village near by. It was noon. The children's play-time was over; the ducks in the pond were silent. The shepherd boy lay asleep under the shadow of the banyan tree. The crane stood grave and still in the swamp near the mango grove. In the meanwhile the Sleep-stealer came and, snatching sleep from baby's eyes, flew away. When mother came back she found baby travelling the room over on all fours. Who stole sleep from our baby's eyes? I must know.

Where are you from? UK row erupts on royal racism, abuse

O Bachchoo acknowledge your passion flower Isn't just the blossom of a dream.

And though her fragrant presence can empower You to recollect that theme -- The plot in which you bid her come hither -- The petals of youth inevitably wither Time is the only endower... From Kalam Ki Kahaniyan, by Bachchoo

A right royal row broke out in Buckingham Palace very recently. No, I am not alluding to the fact that Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, have been paid £84 million to "tell their truth" in



a three-part Netflix documentary which accuses the royal family of possibly "unconscious racism".

The reviews of the first

two transmitted programmes all seem to say that they are pretty dire and unconvincing. Supporters of the royal family of Britain go further and

accuse the documentaries of attempting to pass off cheating footage and Harry and Meghan of whining and lying. The royals -- King

Charles III and the Prince and Princess of Wales -- have declined to comment on the documentaries. It has been reported that they have sent Christmas presents to Harry and Meghan's children, but not to the parents.

So much for that dispute. The row I was alluding to took place at a reception in Buckingham Palace for people who support victims of domestic violence. The occasion was hosted by Queen Consort Camilla. One of the guests was Ngozi Fulani. She is the founder of a charity called "Sistah Space", which caters specifically for the women of

African descent who are victims of domestic violence.

Ms Fulani, pictured at the event, was dressed in what, to an observer would pronounce African heritage. It wasn't inconspicuous attire.

It was a proclamation of identity and allegiance, just as members of the royal family wear uniforms with medals dangling from them. There is no question of entitlement to such meretricious display of couture or hairstyle, both of which Ms Fulani proudly displayed.

At this occasion, she encountered Lady Susan Hussey, 83-year-old

Baroness Hussey of North Bradley, a lady with the "rank" of Lady of the Household and godmother to William, Prince of Wales.

The next day Ms Fulani placed an account of the encounter on Twitter and it went, as they say, "viral". She said Lady Hussey had repeatedly asked her where she was from. Here's the precise transcript:

Lady Hussey: Where are you from?

Ms Fulani: Sistah Space.

Lady Hussey: No, where do you come from?

Ms Fulani: We're based in Hackney.

Lady Hussey: No, what

part of Africa are YOU from? (caps as in Ms Fulani's tweet)

Ms Fulani: I don't know, they didn't leave any records.

Lady Hussey: Well, you must know where you're from. I spent time in France. Where are you from?

Ms Fulani: Here, UK.

Lady Hussey: No, but what nationality are you?

Ms Fulani: I am born here and am British.

Lady Hussey: No, but where do you really come from, where do your people come from?

Ms Fulani: "My people", lady, what is this?

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Centre should take over rationing system in national capital: Delhi BJP

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 17

The Delhi BJP on Saturday urged the Centre to either take over the ration system or transfer the subsidy issued by the Centre to the bank accounts of the consumers as the Delhi government has "failed" to provide ration to the poor. Accusing the Kejriwal-led government of depriving 72.78 lakh ration cardholders of the national capital from the ration in November and December, Delhi Pradesh BJP Working President Virendra Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said the rationing system in the national capital has come to a complete standstill.

The Central Government released 8,000 tonnes of rice and 11,900 tonnes of wheat for half year from April to September this year, but the Delhi government could not distribute even this, they alleged.

The reason is that more than 34,000 quintals of rice from Mayapuri, Okhla and Pusa



godowns and 10,000 quintals of wheat from Mayapuri godown, sent for the month of November, were not lifted. In a joint press conference, BJP leaders said that the central government provides ration to the consumers of Delhi under the National Food Security Act, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and 'One Nation One Card Scheme'.

The commission of ration vendors of Delhi has not been given since the last half year whereas they should have received the commission in

advance and the central government has already given this amount to Delhi.

Along with providing ration, the central government also pays the cost of transportation and commission of ration vendors to deliver ration from godowns to ration vendors. The Delhi government only needs to lift the ration from the godowns and to deliver it to the ration vendors, but the Delhi government is unable to do it and the poor of Delhi are roaming around desperately for the ration.

BJP leaders said that last year the central government had decided that the commission of ration vendors should be paid in advance. It had paid Rs 24.89 crore as their commission in the last half year, but the Delhi government suppressed that amount as well and out of that only Rs 14.55 crore were released. In this way, the ration vendors are not even being given their commission properly.

Delhi BJP Spokesperson Subhendu Shekhar Awasthi was present on the occasion.

Liquor prices in Kerala goes up by Rs 20



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DEC 17

Liquor prices in Kerala were hiked from Saturday after the state cabinet approved a 4 per cent increase in the general sales tax, which came into effect after state Governor Arif Mohammed Khan gave his assent to pass the Kerala General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill.

As a result of the increase, the price of brands of various Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) brands has gone up by Rs 10 to Rs 20, while the price of wine and beer has been raised by 2 per cent.

The IMFL manufacturers

have been urging the Kerala State Beverages Corporation (KSBC) -- the sole wholesaler of liquor in Kerala -- to increase the prices in the wake of steep rates of extra neutral alcohol.

The data in the past seven years shows that while in 2015-16 the total sales of KSBC was Rs 11,577 crore, it reached Rs 14,707 crore in 2019-20 but decreased to Rs 13,212 crore in the next fiscal when the state was reeling under Covid-19 pandemic. However, in 2021-22 the total sales of KSBC again rose to Rs 14,576 crore and according to the data for the first six months in the present fiscal, it has touched Rs 8,460 crore.

Gujarat: 5 relatives held for abetment to suicide of man, his mother

SURENDRANAGAR, DEC 17

Five relatives have been arrested by Surendranagar district police in connection with the abetment to suicide of a man and his mother. Tapubhai Parghi in his complaint with the Chuda Police station has stated that his nephew Lakshman Parmar and sister-in-law Premaben committed suicide on December 15, because Lakshman's in-laws were harassing, torturing and threatening to kill them, as they were against Lakshman's live-in-relationship with his sister-in-law Payalben. On December 11, Payal's brother and other



relatives came in a car and took away Payal from the Bhrugupur village, where Lakshman was living with his mother and living partner Payal. Even in November, Payal's family had come to

their place, beaten Premaben and threatened her. Payal's family members were angry with the relationship because Lakshman was married with Payal's sister Shardaben and from their marriage, they

have a 13-year-old daughter Harsida. Lakshman had been in a relationship with Payalben for the last seven years, and only in October both had signed a live-in-relationship contract, against Payal's family's wish. Deputy Superintendent of Police C.P. Mundhya told IANS that a complaint for the abetment to suicide, criminal intimidation, unlawful assembly and other sections was lodged against 12 persons. Of which five persons, Karan Vaghela, his wife Komal, Ramesh and his wife Kirti and Bhavesh were arrested on Friday night, while search is on for seven other accused.

Amit Shah stresses on equal responsibility of states with BSF to check cross-border crimes

KOLKATA, DEC 17

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that states having international borders have equal responsibility with the Border Security Force (BSF) to check cross border crimes.

He made the remark while addressing the Eastern Zonal Council meeting at the West Bengal state secretariat Nabanna.

Secretariat sources said that Shah refused to accept the arguments of some state governments that cross-border crimes like illegal infiltration and smuggling taking place due to the BSF's negligence. The concerned state governments also have an equal responsibility in



checking the cross-border crimes, he said at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her counterpart from Jharkhand Hemant Soren and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejaswi Yadav.

Odisha Chief Minister

Naveen Patnaik did not attend the meeting and instead deputed two members of his cabinet to participate.

Senior officials of the Central and state governments were also in attendance. The Union Home Minister further claimed that the Centre is taking the

matter of internal security quite seriously and on this point, he stressed on a smooth coordination between the Union and the state governments.

He also reportedly claimed that there were certain lapses by the previous regime at the national level which the present Union government is trying to resolve.

Encroachment of railway land was another important issue that was raised in the meeting.

Railway Board Member (works) Brijesh Kumar raised the issue and sought the cooperation of the concerned state government to free the railway land from encroachments.

Ferozepur first district in Punjab to clean legacy waste



CHANDIGARH, DEC 17

Punjab Local Government Minister Inderbir Singh Nijjar on Saturday said Ferozepur has become the first district to clean all its legacy waste by disposing 7,911 metric tons (MTs). Nijjar said Ferozepur comprising eight urban local bodies including Ferozepur, Zira, Guruharsai, Talwandi Bhai, Mallanwala, Mudki, Makhu and Mamdot have cleared all its waste. The minister said now daily waste is being recycled. He said door-to-door segregation is around 85 per cent, while the remaining mixed waste is segregated daily and disposed of simultaneously.

Now efforts are being made to get 100 per cent door-to-door waste segregation, he said. The government is aiming to provide a clean and pollution-free environment. Taking a step forward, in this direction, the government has started it from Ferozepur and now the campaign will be implemented in other districts, Nijjar added.

Man self-immolates at home in South Delhi, five of family injured

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

A 35-year-old man self-immolated himself in a room where the others, including a six-year-old boy and an infant, were also present.

Police said that all the five family members sustained burn injuries in the incident which took place in Fatehpur Beri area of South Delhi. The man identified as Abhinav Gupta sustained 50 per cent burn injuries while his mother, Prashila Gupta, suffered 20 per cent. Both are undergoing treatment at AIMS. According to a senior police official, on Friday night around 11:47 p.m., a police control room (PCR) call regarding a fire in a house and people being stuck, was received at Fatehpur Beri police station. "A police team rushed to the spot. Abhinav



Gupta, his wife Neha Gupta, Prashila Gupta and two kids, Rihaan (6) and eight-month-old Shivansh were to be found injured in the incident. All were sent to AIMS and Safdarjung Hospital," said the official.

"On initial enquiry, it was found that Abhinav poured Kerosene over himself and set himself on fire. He had an argument with his family

members, who were present in the same closed room. Family members also suffered burns while dousing the fire," said the official. Abhinav and his mother Prashila are admitted in AIMS' Burns ward and remaining three persons were admitted in Safdarjung Hospital. Neha and her two sons suffered minor burn injuries on hands and legs.

Mangaluru blast: Terror suspect moved to B'luru hospital

BENGALURU, DEC 17

Mohammad Shariq, the terror suspect in Mangaluru cooker blast case, was on Saturday shifted to Victoria Hospital here from Mangaluru by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), sources confirmed.

Confirming the development, Mangaluru Police Commissioner Shashikumar stated that he was taken to Bengaluru amid heavy police protection under the monitoring of NIA officers early this morning.

According to sources, Shariq has recovered completely and is able to walk and manage daily chores by himself. However, he has been moved to the burns ward of the Victoria Hospital for further treatment.

He will be taken to NIA



facility in Bengaluru soon, sources said. The NIA officers had already started grilling Mohammad Shariq a few days ago following his recovery.

The probe has revealed that Shariq was getting financial support from Abdul Mateen Taha, who was directly in touch with terror outfit IS. He also introduced Shariq and others to terror network, sources said.

The handlers got the funding through darknet and bitcoin. The terror suspect was planning to carry out the blast in the communally-sensitive Mangaluru and quietly come back to Mysuru and continue to hatch conspiracy in the identity of a Hindu man. However, his plans turned turtle with the explosion of cooker bomb in the outskirts of Mangaluru on November 19.

However, the opposition Congress has questioned the investigation regarding the Mangaluru blast and declaration of Mohammad Shariq as a terror suspect.

A.R. Rahman releases powerful, new version of 'Infinite Love'

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

A.R. Rahman had no idea that "Infinite Love," his 2012 single, would spark a movement. The world was inspired by the Grammy and Oscar-winning composer's song of inclusivity, peace, and love during one of the darkest years, which was widely expected to conclude with the destruction of the Earth. Fortunately, both the world and music survived. "Infinite Love," a song by Rahman with funk, hip-hop and Indian classical influences, spread joy, thanks, and peace throughout the world. The song has now completed a decade of existence and on this momentous occasion, Rahman has reimagined the soaring anthem for a new world, a new



generation. The original track's timeless lyrics ("Infinite Love... Is The Rain Falling Into The Sea/ Infinite Love... Is The Miracle Showering Me...") continue to honour humanity's resilience and inclusive nature. A changemaker, who has led a revolution in the arts by fostering and spotlighting diverse talent from around India and the globe, Rahman continues to be a luminary for a peaceful world order. About 'Infinite Love', says A.R. Rahman, "I would like to thank the people of the world for their encouragement & love, particularly the artist community for showing the world that they don't care about race or nationality, and all they care for is the person you are and the gift you carry as an artist.

generation. The original track's timeless lyrics ("Infinite Love... Is The Rain Falling Into The Sea/ Infinite Love... Is The Miracle Showering Me...") continue to honour humanity's resilience and inclusive nature. A changemaker, who has led a revolution in the arts by fostering and spotlighting diverse talent from around India and the globe, Rahman continues to be a luminary for a peaceful world order. About 'Infinite Love', says A.R. Rahman, "I would like to thank the people of the world for their encouragement & love, particularly the artist community for showing the world that they don't care about race or nationality, and all they care for is the person you are and the gift you carry as an artist.

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

Winter is upon us! Winter is the best season for travel, whether your ideal getaway involves an exhilarating ski trip or a flight to a warmer location. The hidden getaways from Ultima Collection are made to feel like home, whether you're rejuvenating at your own health retreat in the Swiss Alps, skiing from your own serviced chalet in France, or savouring every moment on your villa's private dock in the Mediterranean. Beyond the carefully chosen ski chalets, retreats, spas and villas, you'll discover a group of professionals with unyielding



standards who work to offer their visitors highly individualised experiences in complete comfort and solitude. This is savouring life to the fullest.

Ultima Gstaad: Set in the rolling meadows of Gstaad,

properties in Switzerland. Sink into your own uniquely designed suite or residence, reminiscent of a private chalet, to live in utter luxury and discretion.

From wall to wall, you'll discover lovingly curated artwork, plush interiors, and a smooth-operating team to cater to your most spontaneous of requests. There are three wooden chalets of 11 suites, six private residences, a restaurant and two inviting bars. Plus, there's a leading Swiss clinic and spa for recharging to full.

Each space is exquisitely crafted for snug evenings after a day of skiing in the

mountains. Think steam fireplaces (child and dog friendly), lavish bathrooms and dark, swirling marble from floor to ceiling, and balconies with breathtaking and inescapable views of Alps.

Ultima Courchevel Belvedere: Ultima Courchevel Belvedere re-opens for the winter season on December 17. The resort is made up of 13 ski-in and ski-out residences with privileged, uninterrupted views of the forested mountains. Balance days of skiing with mind-soothing treatments in the resort's world-class spas, private chef experiences, and moments in the elegant lobby and terrace area.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

BJP criticises Rahul
Gandhi for China's war
preparation comment



NEW DELHI: BJP National Spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia on Saturday criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over the latter's remarks that China is prepping for war against India. Addressing a press conference here, Bhatia said: "Indians and the BJP are proud of the Indian Army. The soldiers who are beating the Chinese army on the border are showing their strength. Why is Jaichand Rahul Gandhi doing the work of breaking the moral of our army? Let me tell Rahul Gandhi that this is not the India of 1962. Not a single inch of India's land is under anyone's control and no one has the courage to take it. We have the bravest army in the world, we are diplomatically capable. In such a situation, it is not possible for anyone to occupy even an inch of our land." "It is because of the army that every Indian's chest is 56 inches, while only Rahul Gandhi's is 6 inches." On Friday, Rahul Gandhi had said that China is preparing for war, and he accused the Centre of playing down the threat from Beijing. The troops of two countries had clashed at the Line of Actual Control in Arunachal Pradesh on December 9. "The threat from China is clear. They are making offensive preparations for war, not incursions. I have been saying this for the last two years, but the government is trying to hide this or is ignoring it. However, this threat can neither be hidden nor ignored," the senior Congress leader said at a press conference in Jaipur on the 100th day of his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Delhi: Man jumps
from rooftop after
throwing child



NEW DELHI: A man jumped from the rooftop of his house in South Delhi's Kalkaji area shortly after throwing his two-year-old child, police said on Saturday, adding that the two have been hospitalised. The 30-year-old man has been identified as Man Singh, a resident of Sanjay Colony near Okhla. According to a senior police official, the Kalkaji police station received information at 10.38 p.m. on Friday night that a person had jumped from the rooftop of his house after throwing down one child. "Acting on the information, a police team rushed to the spot and found that Man Singh had allegedly jumped down from the rooftop at a height of about 21 feet after throwing down his minor son. On enquiry, it was revealed that the house where the incident occurred belongs to the grandmother of his wife Pooja and she had already taken the injured boy to Holy Family Hospital," the official said. Man Singh was shifted to the AIIMS Trauma Centre. "Pooja alleged that her relation with Man Singh was not good and she had been living with her grandmother with her two kids since the past few days. Her husband reached the house on Friday evening and argued with her under the influence of liquor," said the official. Suddenly, he took his son to the rooftop and threw him down, following which he jumped, the official said, adding that a case under section 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC has been registered.

Govt committed to achieving defence production
target of \$22 bn by 2025: Rajnath

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 17

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said the government is working and committed to increasing the defence production target from current \$12 billion to \$22 billion by 2025.

"You (industry) can imagine, with this kind of growth, how many opportunities will be available for the Indian industry," the Defence Minister said while addressing FICCI's 95th Annual Convention & AGM here. He further underlined that to increase the participation of domestic industry, the government has reserved a certain portion of defence capital acquisition for domestic procurement.

"Out of the total defence capital budget outlay, 68 per cent of it is reserved for indigenous procurement by domestic industry and 25 per cent for the private sector. The results of these have now started appearing



and more measures will be announced soon," he emphasised.

The government, he said, is also working to provide market access to the domestic industry to make them Aatmanirbhar.

Singh said that in the last few years, there has been a continuous increase in defence exports.

The government has already taken a series of steps including simplifying the FDI norms which

have been increased to 74 per cent via automatic route and 100 per cent via government route, he added.

The Defence Minister also urged the domestic industry and foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers to invest in Indian defence sector by focusing on R&D, bringing in newer technologies and capital.

He added that India is making defence products not just for the domestic market but also

to meet the global requirements. "The world is waiting for the products made in India," he claimed.

India has moved from the group of 'fragile 5' economies to 'fabulous 5 world economies' in the last nine years and registered itself as one of the fastest growing economies, the Defence Minister said on the occasion.

Sanjiv Mehta, President, FICCI, thanked the government for ushering in reforms in the process of defence acquisition and facilitating ease of doing business through the revision of the DPP 2016 as DAP 2020 and assured Industry's unstinted support for achieving the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Raksha Utpadhan'.

Subhrakant Panda, President-Elect, FICCI said that the government's focus on 'Make In India' and 'Make for World' is an impressive strategic move towards shedding its historical status of one of the largest importer of defence equipment to a net exporter.

IISc research team develops
germ-destroying air filters

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

A newly-developed air filter supported by special grants from Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) can deactivate the germs, 'self-cleaning' them out of the system, using ingredients commonly found in green tea. A research team led by Suryasarathi Bose and Kaushik Chatterjee at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, developed germ-destroying air filters that can inactivate germs using ingredients like polyphenols and polycationic polymers commonly found in green tea. These 'green' ingredients rupture the microbes through site-specific binding. Impure air might make our life shorter to the extent that Indians lose 5-10 years of their lives because of air-borne contaminants leading to respiratory diseases, adversely affecting physical health as well as mental health, according to a report by University of Chicago. The research was supported by special grants from SERB during the challenging Covid-19 pandemic and SERB-Technology Translation Awards

(SERB-TETRA) funds and a patent has been filed on this. Over continuous usage, the existing air filters become a breeding ground for captured germs. The growth of these germs clog the pores of the filter, reducing the life of the filters. Resuspension of these germs can infect people in the vicinity. The novel anti-microbial air filters were tested at the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories and were found to deactivate SARS-CoV-2 (delta variant) with an efficiency of 99.24 per cent. This technology was transferred to AIRTH, a startup that is replacing the existing germ-growing air filters with germ-destroying air filters for commercialisation, said the Ministry of Science and Technology on Saturday. As this innovation holds promise to develop antimicrobial filters that can prevent epidemics caused by air-borne pathogens, a patent was granted in 2022. These novel antimicrobial filters in our ACs, central ducts and air purifiers can play a crucial role in our fight against air pollution and mitigate the spread of air-borne pathogens like coronaviruses.

K'taka couple who
threatened officers with
machete in public arrested

MYSURU, DEC 17

Karnataka police have arrested a couple, both Congress leaders, for threatening government officers with a machete in the presence of police, while getting their stalls at the bus terminal in Mysuru city vacated, police said on Saturday. Mysuru Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth stated that the couple was absconding after the incident and nabbed later. The arrested have been identified as Congress leader Shafiq Ahmad and his wife Syed Munibunnisa. Both have been included in the rowdy sheeters' list by the police, he said. The accused couple, along with some others, had threatened the officers attached to the Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) with a machete for getting their stalls vacated from the premises of Sathagalli bus terminal. The action was taken as per the court order as the couple failed to pay rent for two years. The incident had taken place on



December 10. The couple with other women had abused the officers and threatened the staff by wielding the machete. When it turned into a controversy, they went underground. KSRTC Divisional Transport Officer Mari Gowda had complained about this matter to the Udayagiri police in Mysuru. The photos and videos of the incident went viral. The couple were traced in a village of neighboring Kodagu district. A manhunt has been launched for other three accused in connection with the case.

Amaravati farmers take protest
over three capitals to Delhi

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

Demanding that Amaravati be developed as the only state capital of Andhra Pradesh, farmers from the region on Saturday staged protest in New Delhi.

Leaders and workers of Amaravati Parirakshana Samithi (APS), which is spearheading the movement against proposed three capitals, organised the sit-in at Jantar Mantar.

They demanded that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government drop its move to develop three capitals and fulfill the commitments made to the people of Amaravati.

With the slogan of 'Dharani Kota to Erra Kota', the APS organised the protest to mark three years of the



announcement of YSRCP government for trifurcation of the state capital. APS president Shiva Reddy, secretary G. Tirupati Rao and other leaders staged the protest to highlight their demand in the national capital. Leaders of the Left

parties and farmers' organisations participated in the protest to show solidarity with Amaravati farmers.

The APS leaders will meet leaders and MPs of various political parties on Sunday and Monday to seek their support for their

movement. The Amaravati farmers will also participate in Monday's protest by Bharatiya Kisan Sangh at Ramlila Grounds in support of various demands of farmers. Bharatiya Kisan Sangh has included the movement by Amaravati farmers in the agenda for the meeting. It was on December 17, 2019 that Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had announced in the state Assembly that three state capitals will be developed reversing the decision of the previous TDP government to develop Amaravati as the state capital. The YSRCP government mooted Visakhapatnam as administrative capital, Kurnool as judicial capital and Amaravati as legislative capital.

If judges & journalists falter, democracy
will crash: Jurist Shrikrishna

MUMBAI, DEC 17

If judges and journalists hesitate in their duty to take the side of truth and speak the truth to the powers that be, then democracy will collapse, cautioned eminent jurist and retired Justice B.N. Shrikrishna. "Speak the truth to the powers that be. There are two professions - the judge and the journalist - who have to side with the truth. If they falter, then democracy will collapse," said Justice Shrikrishna, addressing the RedInk Awards ceremony here late on Friday, organised by the Mumbai Press Club. He said that of the four pillars of democracy -- judiciary, legislature, executive and the press or Fourth Estate, "if the first three cosy up, then it's the duty of the Press to take them to task". Reminiscing the days of the Emergency, he said that in the current times, the central probe agencies are being misused.

"People spoke of threats from the



ED, CBI, surveillance, cutting off revenue to ensure the collapse of businesses. In such a situation, honesty is the best policy, and journalistic conscience," Justice Shrikrishna pointed out. This year, 26 mediapersons from all over India were conferred the National RedInk Awards in various categories, with veteran journalist T.J.S. George getting the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Dainik Bhaskar National Editor Om Gaur bagging the

Journalist of the Year Award, for the sensational Covid-19 deaths exposed in Uttar Pradesh cities and towns along the Ganga river. The event saw a debate 'Is There A Future For Independent News Media' with the participation of former Mumbai top-cop M.N. Singh, noted criminal lawyer Satish Maneshinde, advertising professional Meenakshi Menon and others discussing the issue threadbare, said Mumbai Press Club Chairman Gurbir Singh.

Bail plea was moved by mistake:
Aaftab Amin Poonawala tells court

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

Aaftab Amin Poonawala, the accused in the Shradha Walkar murder case, told the Saket court on Saturday that he had signed the 'vakalatnama' but did not know about filing a bail application.

He was produced before the court via video conferencing. Additional Sessions Judge Vrinda Kumari said the court received an intimation from Poonawala through email that the bail application was moved by mistake.

However, when the court asked him whether the bail plea should be pending, Poonawala said: "I would like that the counsel talks to me and then withdraw the bail plea." The matter is



recovered in the Mehrauli forest matched with her father's samples, sources said on Thursday. The Special Commissioner of Police (Law & Order), Sagar Preet Hooda, had said that police have received the DNA test report from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) and the polygraph test from the FSL, Rohini.

However, he refrained from officially announcing the death of Walkar as the third, narco-test report is still awaited. The post-narco test of Poonawala was also concluded on December 2.

His test was conducted inside the Tihar Jail by the FSL officials. Poonawala's polygraph test report was submitted to the police by the Forensic Sciences Lab (FSL) on Wednesday.

Andhra town tense after attack
on TDP leader's house

AMARAVATI, DEC 17

Tension gripped Macherla town of Andhra Pradesh while police deployed additional forces and imposed prohibitory orders on Saturday to prevent violence following overnight attack on the house of a leader of opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Police either detained several leaders of TDP or placed them under house arrest to stop them from reaching Macherla town in Palnadu district. Blaming ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) for



the attack on TDP leader Brahma Reddy, the opposition party called for protests and several leaders were trying to proceed to the

town. About 40 people attacked the house of Brahma Reddy house, ransacked and set it afire. The armed mob also damaged over 10 cars and torched two vehicles. The inmates alleged that the assailants took away cash and gold jewellery by breaking open the locker. Following the attack, tension gripped the town. Police rushed additional forces to the town. Superintendent of Police Ravi Shankar Reddy was monitoring the situation. Prohibitory orders under section 144 of Criminal

Procedure Code were imposed to prevent further violence. Shops and business establishments were closed while on the advice of police state-owned Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) suspended the bus services till further notice.

The SP said cases were booked in connection with the Friday's incidents. He said police were trying to identify and arrest the culprits. He, however, clarified that there was no political angle to the incidents.

IT Ministry extends deadline for feedback
on Digital Data Bill to January 2

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

The Centre on Saturday extended the last date for receipt of feedback and comments on the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, till January 2, 2023.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) published the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, along with an Explanatory note, which was released by it on its website on November 18, 2022. "Feedback from the public was sought by December 17, 2022. In response to the requests received from several stakeholders, the Ministry has decided to extend the last date for receipt of comments till January 2, 2023," said the Ministry.

The MeitY has been deliberating on



various aspects of digital personal data and its protection, and has formulated a draft bill -- The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022.

The purpose of the draft bill is to provide for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognises both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the

need to process personal data for lawful purposes, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill frames out the rights and duties of the citizen ('Digital Nagrik') on one hand and the obligations to use collected data lawfully of the Data Fiduciary on the other hand.

The bill is based on the following principles around the data economy: The bill will establish the comprehensive legal framework governing digital personal data protection in India. The bill provides for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognises the right of individuals to protect their personal data, societal rights and the need to process personal data for lawful purposes.

NEW DELHI: The UK is now providing visit visas to travellers from India within 15 days of receiving applications, British High Commissioner Alex Ellis said on Friday. At the same time, he said a small number of trickier cases take longer time. "Two months ago, I said that our aim was by the end of the year to be turning around visit visas from India to the UK within our standard time of 15 working days. The great news is that the team has now achieved it through fantastic work here in Delhi and across the whole visa network," Ellis said in a short video clip that he posted on Twitter. "There are still a few cases which take longer, the very complex ones and that's right that they do," he added.

Complaint plea filed in Bihar court over song in film 'Pathaan'



MUZAFFARPUR: A complaint petition was filed before a court in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, seeking an FIR against film actors Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone for "hurting religious sentiments" of Hindus in a song of their upcoming film 'Pathaan'.

Sudhir Ojha, a Muzaffarpur-based lawyer, filed the prayer before the CJM court on Friday, which will hear the matter on January 3. "The song 'Besharam Rang' from the film 'Pathaan' is objectionable and it hurts the sentiments of the Hindu community," Ojha later told reporters. The film has courted controversy in some parts of the country after the song was released, with protests being held over the content in it. Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra had recently frowned upon the colour of the attire of Padukone and Khan in the song, calling for its "rectification". Effigies of the actors have also been set on fire at a few places, including in Indore.

11-year-old boy ends his life in Bhopal while playing Free Fire game

BHOPAL: The Madhya Pradesh government has constituted a high-level task force, which will make recommendations about regulating online gambling and gaming in the state after examining the technical and legal aspects. This task force will be headed by the state chief secretary, a government order issued on Friday said. "The task force has been constituted to examine various judicial precedents, legal situations and technical aspects related to prevention and controlling online gambling and gaming and make recommendations to the state government," an official said. The task force includes Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Principal Secretary (Law and Legislative Affairs Department), Director (Public Prosecution), Additional Director General of Police (CID), Additional Director General of Police (MP Bahwan), Managing Director (Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation) and Secretary (Home). Taking note of the rising incidents of children getting addicted to online games and taking extreme steps, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra had announced in January this year that the state government would bring in a law to regulate gaming applications on mobile phones. His announcement had come a day after an 11-year-old boy allegedly ended his life in Bhopal while playing Free Fire game.

40 child deaths from measles between November and December, 10,416 cases: Govt

NEW DELHI: The recent upsurge of measles cases in the country led to 40 child deaths, of which three were in Haryana and the highest—13—in Maharashtra. Giving information on the sudden rise in measles cases through November and December this year, the government on Friday informed Parliament that 10,416 measles cases were seen between November 2022 until December 12 and 40 children died. The upsurge was witnessed in Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Jharkhand and Maharashtra. Minister of State for Health Bharati Pawar said taking note of certain districts and cities of Maharashtra, Jharkhand. With Gujarat and Kerala witnessing the upsurge, Union Ministry of Health deployed multi-disciplinary Central teams comprising of public health specialists, paediatricians and microbiologists to assess the situation and provide technical support to the States. Following the surge, the Centre asked all vulnerable areas showing a recent increase in measles cases to consider an additional dose of the MR vaccine for all children aged nine months to 5 years. This dose is over and above the primary vaccination schedule of the first dose which is given at 9 to 12 months and the second dose which is given at 16 to 24 months. The government said that one dose of Measles rubella vaccine should be administered to all children aged six months and up to less than nine months in those areas where measles cases in the age group of less than nine months or above 10 pc of the total measles cases. The disease is known to be fatal among children with malnourishment. As per the WHO and UNICEF estimates of immunisation coverage the first dose coverage of measles and rubella-containing vaccine is 89% and that of the second dose is 82% in India.

28 pc GST on online games where winning depends on certain outcome: CBIC chief

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

Central Board of Indirect Taxes chief Vivek Johri on Saturday said online games where winning is dependent on a certain outcome would attract 28 per cent GST on the full bet value.

Though the report of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on online gaming did not come up for discussion at the GST Council, the department would go by the view that 28 per cent GST is payable on full bet value put in by a player, and not net of margins. The comments assume significance as the Gameskraft Technology Pvt Ltd (GTP) GST evasion case is still in the court.

Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) in September issued a show cause notice to Bengaluru-based online gaming company Gameskraft Technology Pvt Ltd (GTP), for not Goods and Services Tax (GST) to the tune of Rs 21,000 crore.

Asked what would be the position of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes (CBIC) since the Council has not decided yet on the GoM report, Johri said the department's view is that 28 per cent GST is payable on actionable claims arising out of betting or gambling and the tax is to be payable on full value, not net of margins. "The gaming activity is



considered as gambling because the winning is dependent on a certain outcome," Johri said. The report of the GoM could not come up for discussions in the GST Council since it came in just two days ahead of the Council meeting and hence could not be circulated to the states. Usually, GST Council secretariat gives notice to members in the GST Council before tabling any agenda.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma chaired Group of Ministers (GoM) had on Thursday submitted its report to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The GoM, in its last meeting in November, had agreed on a 28 per cent GST on online gaming casinos and horse racing. However, in absence of consensus on whether the tax should be levied on only the fees charged by

the portal or the entire consideration, including the bet amount, received from participants, the GoM had decided to refer all suggestions to the GST Council for a final decision. Briefing reporter after the GST Council meeting on Saturday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the GoM report would be "discussed threadbare" when the Council takes it up for discussion.

Annual elections of DRT Bar Association Chandigarh held



CHANDIGARH, DEC 17

The annual elections of DRT BAR ASSOCIATION CHANDIGARH were held on 16.12.2022 as per the Schedule issued by the BAR COUNCIL OF PUNJAB & HARYANA at CHANDIGARH, Amit Rishi Advocate elected as President

2nd time. The following Candidates stood elected of The Debts Recovery Tribunal Bar Association, Chandigarh (DRTBA) to the respective posts as under: AMIT RISHI (PRESIDENT), Iqbal Mohammed (VICE PRESIDENT), Sumit Batra (SECRETARY), Sonal Chhabra (JOINT SECRE-

TARY), Sumeet Sehgal (TREASURER). The territorial jurisdiction of DRT-I, II & III put together covers a vast geographical area comprising the State of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Union Territory of Chandigarh, Leh & Ladakh, State of Jammu & Kashmir, and State of Punjab.

Speech-impaired man reunites with family after 25 years, thanks to fading tattoo, social media

AZAMGARH: A 60-year-old speech-impaired man was reunited with his family more than 25 years after he disappeared thanks to social media and a tattoo on his hand that was fading away. Chandrashekhar Maurya said on Saturday his uncle Jilajet Maurya, a resident of Gothaav village in Azamgarh district, went missing on June 1, 1996 when he had gone to attend a 'pooja'.

"At that time, he was 35 years old. Our family searched for him, but he could not be traced," he told.

With no clue about him for days, the family's hope of finding him diminished as days turned into months and months into years. But a glimmer of hope came their way three months ago! "We got information through Internet media three months ago that he was living at a village in Amethi, and launched efforts to search him," Chandrashekhar Maurya said.

But the hope gave way to dismay again when they could not find him there. But all changed on Tuesday.

"On December 13, 2022, it was known to us that he was in Rae Bareilly district. His location was then traced to Hatwa village, and he was living in the house of village pradhan Shivendra Singh," said Chandrashekhar Maurya.

He said his uncle had a tattoo on his hand, but it was fading away. "His name Jilajet and the name of the village Gothaav were not very clear," he said. But what helped them identify him was his last name and the name of the district.

"The words Maurya and Azamgarh were quite clear." The family was overwhelmed with emotions when they had the first glimpse of him in 25 years.

UP couple sleeps with gas heater on, dies due to suffocation



SAMBHAL, DEC 17

A couple apparently died due to suffocation after leaving a gas heater on inside their room while their four-month-old child was found in an unconscious condition, police said here on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as Al Salam (25) and Meshar Jahan (23), they said. Additional Superintendent of Police Shrish Chandra said police received information about the incident on Saturday morning from

Allah Baksh, Salam's father. When in the morning the couple did not wake up, the family opened the room and found the couple dead and their child in an unconscious state, he said. The baby is undergoing treatment in a hospital, he said.

Prima facie, it seems that the couple died due to suffocation from the gas of the heater, Superintendent of Police Chakresh Mishra said.

A case will be registered on the complaint of the family members, he said.

ICA conducts three days training programme prison officers



CHANDIGARH: The Institute of Correctional Administration (ICA), Chandigarh conducted a three days training programme from 14th to 16th December, 2022 for prison officers on "Prisoner's Rights & Entitlement - Laws, Policies And Apparatus, National And International Perspective, An Update" being sponsored by Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), New Delhi. The aim of the programme was to create awareness about prisoner's rights and entitlements. Prison officers of middle and senior rank from States of Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, and Chandigarh participated in this training programme. Ms. Rani Bindu Sachdeva, IPS, Director, CDTI, Chandigarh inaugurated the training programme as a representative of Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), New Delhi. Experts like Dr. M.R. Ahmed, Former IG of Prisons, A.P. & Former Director APCA, Vellore; Sh. Jagjit Singh, IG Prisons, Haryana; Dr. K.P. Singh, IPS (Retd.), D.G. Police & Prisons, Haryana; Dr. Unpeet Lalli, Head Coordinator (Training & Research) ICA, and Dr. Seema Deswal, Course Coordinator discussed the various topics.

Indian Army remains prepared for all military contingencies: Government

NEW DELHI, DEC 17

The Indian Army remains prepared for all military contingencies emanating out of the "collusive threat" from the military modernisation and aggressive actions by India's adversaries, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday, in an apparent reference to China and its all-weather ally Pakistan.

It also said the Army is primarily focused on maintaining its operational preparedness in sync with India's desire to ensure stability and dominance along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and Line of Control (LoC) while constantly monitoring and reviewing emerging threats to national security. The Defence Ministry mentioned this in a year-end review.



Referring to the situation along the LoC (with Pakistan), it said the situation has been relatively peaceful with both Indian and Pakistani armies observing ceasefire understanding since February last year. "As compared to 4,645 ceasefire violations during its peak in 2020, only three minor incidents

have been recorded since the understanding in February 2021 with only one incident during 2022," the ministry said.

It said Pakistan continued to retain "proxy war infrastructure" and that the "functionality" of terrorist training camps, presence of terrorists in "launch pads" and continuing infiltration

attempts vindicate that country's "persistent intent". It said Pakistan continues to exploit the "narco-terror nexus" to radicalise and motivate innocent youth undertake targeting of vulnerable civilians using pistols and grenades.

On its brief on the Army, the ministry said it primarily focused on maintaining its operational preparedness in line with India's desire to ensure "stability and dominance along the Line of Actual Control, Line of Control".

It said the Army carried out relentless counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations and maintained high training standards while constantly monitoring and reviewing emerging and future threats to national security.

2 children among 6 killed in Telangana fire

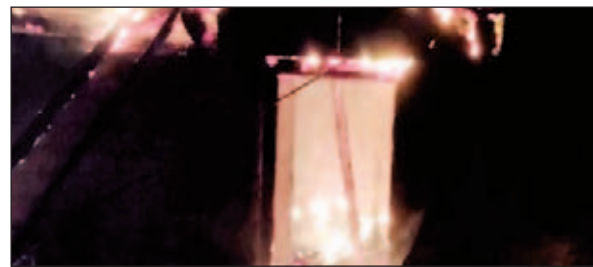
HYDERABAD, DEC 17

Six people, including two children, were charred to death in a major fire in Telangana's Mancherial district on Saturday, police said.

According to the police, the incident took place at Venkatapur village under Ramakrishnapur police station limits.

The family of Padma, who were entertaining guests for the past few days, were the victims of the blaze, a neighbour who alerted police, said.

"Padma and her husband lived in the house. Two days back, Monika (a niece), her two children and a relative came to the house. A total of six people were present in the house at the time of the



blaze," B Thirupathi Reddy, ACP, Mancherial said.

Around 12-12.30am, the neighbour noticed the house go up in flames and alerted the police," Reddy said.

A fire brigade team was rushed to the spot. "The house was completely destroyed. Six people were inside the house at the time of the fire," Reddy said.

CNG prices in NCR go up; now to cost Rs 79 per kg in Delhi

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), which operates CNG stations across the Delhi-NCR, has increased the prices of CNG in the region from Saturday.

With the latest hike, CNG is now priced at Rs 79.56 per kg in Delhi, Rs 87.89 in Gurugram and Rs 82.12 per kg in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad.

Gas distributors have been raising prices since October last year when domestic as well as international gas prices started to climb. Earlier in May, it was hiked by two rupees, while on October 8 it became costlier by three rupees.



NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi for and on the behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet system for the under noted work:-

- Name of work and location : Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV OHE for the work of "Doubling between Ludhiana-Mullanpur including Ludhiana Yard Remodelling over Firozpur Division".
- Completion period of the work : 18 (Eighteen) Months
- Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 25,37,19,883.88/-
- Bid Security (to be deposited Online) : Rs. 14,18,600/-
- Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender : Tender can be uploaded up to 11.30 hrs on date 10.01.2023 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the technical cum commercial bids will be opened immediately after close of uploading of tender on 10.01.2023 at 11.30 hrs. Financial bids of the eligible tenders would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.
- Detail tender notice & tender document : The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 27.12.2022 to 10.01.2023. The bidders who desire to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 17-Elect/CTR/JUC/132 Date: 16.12.2022 3359/2022
Serving Customers with a Smile

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

NEWS

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Duroply becomes a favourite in building construction industry

SHIMLA: Plywood products under the 'Duro Plus' brand from Duroply have become a favourite in the building construction sector. Industry has welcomed the new products as these reduce not just on-site time but ensure that there are no joints. 9- and 10-foot plywood, block boards and doors and 10 feet veneer ensure uncult long view of the building, add to its beauty, enhance the overall visual appeal provide grandeur to the place. Talking about the 'Duro Plus' brand, Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Duroply, said, "Our 65+ years of rich legacy endows us with unique insights into the industry. We sensed a need for the large-sized product range and the great success of 'Duro Plus' products has re-validated our culture of innovation. Duroply is one of the most innovative plywood brands in India having championed numerous innovations since its inception in 1957. We continue to set new benchmarks with our products and services for the industry to follow." Duro Plus 9- and 10-foot plywood is the future of the building construction industry as it eliminates the need for resizing the plywood slab, thus making it the perfect choice for jointless applications. This uniquely sized plywood, block boards, and doors enable architects, interior designers, and builders in various industries including tourism, hotel, hospital, malls, business complexes, offices, townhouses, villas, and resorts, to create a seamless indoor and outdoor look. This adds more definition to the aesthetics, beauty, and magnificence of the property.

SHORT TALKS

Godrej Appliances launches Air Conditioners with Hot & Cold Technology

SHIMLA: Godrej Appliances, business unit of Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group has launched Godrej-Hot & Cold Air Conditioners to maintain the desired room temperature in both summers and winters. The AC can cool your room in the scorching summer heat when temperatures can soar higher than 50°C, and can warm the room in chilling winters even as the ambient temperature reaches sub-zero temperatures as low as -7°C. The ACs are well suited for territories which tend to use heaters during winters. Godrej Hot and Cold Air Conditioners are available in 1.5 Tt 3-Star with Twin Rotary Inverter Compressor for efficient refrigerant flow. It uses Quick Defrost Technology for a shorter defrost cycle and its 5-in-1 Convertible Technology gives you 5 different cooling levels to set your desired cooling/heating requirement basis the weather, number of people in the room and your personal temperature preference. Other key features include Nano Coated Anti-Viral filter that eliminates 99.9%+ viral particles from the air to provide safety to the consumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability. Anti-corrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time. In keeping with Godrej's commitment to the environment, this AC uses eco-friendly R32 refrigerant that has zero ozone depletion.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Announces Inauguration of its first Regional Stockyard

SHIMLA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the inauguration of its first regional stockyard at Faruknagar in Haryana. Ensuring a leaner and efficient distribution network across the region, the strategically located stockyard will reduce delivery time from the current 6-8 days to a maximum of two days for dealers in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir. This development by TKM will also benefit customers in the region who will now have speedier access to their favorite Toyota vehicles as a regional stockyard will ensure deliveries in the shortest possible time to dealers, considering proximity and availability to vast stock of all Toyota vehicles. V. Wiselene Sigamani, General Manager, TKM, said, "We are elated to announce the inauguration of our first regional stockyard in Haryana. The Northern part of India is a very important market for us and the strategic location at Faruknagar will further enable us to cater to the customer base in this market with ease, keeping our objective of customer-first approach."

Godrej Appliances launches Air Conditioners with Hot & Cold Technology

AMRITSAR: Godrej Appliances, business unit of Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group has launched Godrej-Hot & Cold Air Conditioners to maintain the desired room temperature in both summers and winters. The AC can cool your room in the scorching summer heat when temperatures can soar higher than 50°C, and can warm the room in chilling winters even as the ambient temperature reaches sub-zero temperatures as low as -7°C. The ACs are well suited for territories which tend to use heaters during winters. Godrej Hot and Cold Air Conditioners are available in 1.5 Tt 3-Star with Twin Rotary Inverter Compressor for efficient refrigerant flow. It uses Quick Defrost Technology for a shorter defrost cycle and its 5-in-1 Convertible Technology gives you 5 different cooling levels to set your desired cooling/heating requirement basis the weather, number of people in the room and your personal temperature preference. Other key features include Nano Coated Anti-Viral filter that eliminates 99.9%+ viral particles from the air to provide safety to the consumers, 100% Copper coils and connecting pipe for more efficiency and durability. Anti-corrosive blue fins that resist corrosion for a longer time.

71-ft high Victory Tower inaugurated at Asafwala Memorial

ABOHAR: Victory Tower, built as a symbol of the country's victory in the Indo-Pak War of 1971, was inaugurated at War Memorial Asafwala near International Border in Fazilka district on Saturday. The inauguration ceremony was performed by Lt. Gen. Sanjiv Rai, MLA Narinderpal Singh Sawma and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Senu Duggal in the presence of members of the Shaheedon Ki Samadhi Committee. The Tower with a height of 71 feet has been built with a cost of Rs 39 lakhs. Lt. General Sanjiv Rai, Brigadier Manish Kumar Jain, MLA Narinderpal Singh Sawma, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Senu Duggal, District and Sessions Judge Jatinder Kaur, SSP Bhupinder Singh, war veterans including families of martyrs laid wreaths at the war memorial. The event was organized by the Shaheedon Ki Samadhi Committee to celebrate the victory in the 1971 India-Pakistan war. Prof. Praful Chander Nagpal, Shashi Kant and Ravi Nagpal welcomed the guests. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Senu Duggal paid tributes to the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for the country and said that after the decisive defeat in the said war.

Fans of Škoda kicks off in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: In what is Fans of ŠKODAs 10th iteration, Chandigarh, known as India's best planned city, saw a sea of ŠKODAs get together and celebrate the fun, dynamism and stories with their cars. After events, meets and celebrations in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Pune, Jaipur and other parts of India, Fans of ŠKODA got a grand welcome in the capital of the state of Punjab and Haryana, located at the foot-hills of the mighty Shivalik mountain range was witness to a congregation of ŠKODAs and some 60 participants comprising of ŠKODA fans, customers and their families. The revolutionary Fans of ŠKODA movement is part of the car maker's INDIA 2.0 Project that also focuses on customer centricity and customer satisfaction. In Chandigarh, the celebrations began at Game Palacio where the Fans had an immersive experience with their ŠKODA cars and representatives of the company. ŠKODA AUTO which is synonymous to customer centricity and customer satisfaction has taken its customer delight efforts a notch above by introducing a slew of purchase, maintenance and bonus offers and packages for both the KUSHAQ and the SLAVIA, making it perhaps the best time to buy a new ŠKODA car.

Make reading and exercise a part of routine for positivity: Experts



CHANDIGARH, In view of the various psychological changes seen in school children after the global pandemic Covid 19, the Chandigarh Management Association (CMA) organized a panel discussion themed on 'Emotional and Mental Challenges' at CII Auditorium, Sector 31 on Sunday wherein the concerned experts interacted with the members and shared ideas and suggest better tips to overcome the opposite state of mind. While welcoming the panelists, CMA President Gursimran Singh Oberoi and General Secretary Abhishek Gupta said that CMA endeavors is to build a stress-free and healthy society by imparting its members about solutions on sensitive issues related to family and society. This event is aligned with the same objective. During the discussion, renowned pediatrician Dr. Mahesh Hiranandani emphasized on the need to ensure preventive personal and public health

especially among children as Covid is not yet completely eradicated and may bounce back. He explained in detail about the different types of physical disorders that develop in children post Covid, which include obesity, lack of physical fitness, irregular eating habits, etc. He suggested involving children in sports along with studies, else at least establish a routine of regular exercise. While deliberating on the subject, Shilpi Sood, Principal, St. Kabir School, emphasized on strengthening the bond of emotional and mental health between parents and teachers to curb the threatening environment being created among children. She said that reading habit creates positivity in children, so they should be motivated to read. Noted psychiatrist Dr. Sukhraj Singh also recommended the stress-free environment for students. The session was moderated by Life Skills Coach Manjula Sularia. Dozens of members including Association Joint Secretary Navjot Kaur, Treasurer Sukhwinder Bhatia and Sukhwinder Uppal, Rajan Arora were benefited out of this session.

School students appraised with their rights in Child Parliament



CHANDIGARH: The second annual meeting of The Federation of Child Parliament aligned with Chandigarh Urban Festival, was held at Open Hand Memorial, Capitol Complex on Sunday wherein around 1500 students from government and non-government schools participated. Organizer and Director, Don Bosco Navjeevan Society, Father Reji Tom said that it is necessary to secure the future of children for a better tomorrow. In this direction, to empower the children, by starting the Child Friendly City Initiative, the children have been motivated for their rights. Under the Convention on Rights of the Child, the then Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator, VP Singh Badnore launched this initiative, as a result of which this campaign is striving to fulfill its objective in the city. The Child Parliament also witnessed participation from representatives of various NGOs, institutions and government departments who are in efforts for the rights of children. During the program, the children presented the challenges being faced by them in terms of their rights to safety, health, education, sports etc. On this occasion, children presented street plays, group dances and skits exposing many social evils prevalent in the society, which forced the audience to think deeply.

Isuzu I-Care Winter Camp till Dec 31



JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Winter Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the winter camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets till December 31, 2022 including its outlets in Jammu and Baramulla. During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles which consists of free 37 point comprehensive check-up, free top wash, free regen and good discounts on labour, parts, lubes and fluids.

National Roller Hockey Championship: Chandigarh Cadet Boys win Silver



CHANDIGARH: The Chandigarh Cadet Boys have made the City proud by winning a Silver Medal in the 60th National Roller Hockey Championships held at Bengaluru. Boys put up a sterling performance they lost by one goal to Punjab (1-2), ensuring the 2nd position in the tournament. The team's players got Silver medals and the team the coveted runners-up trophy. The cadet category had players of 7-11 years age. The championship was organized by the Karnataka Roller Skating Association under the aegis of Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI). Over 4,000 skaters, representing 31 states and union territories, competed in 12 disciplines, spread over four venues in Bengaluru and one in neighboring district Tumkur. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Somappa Bommai had inaugurated the championship.

Two Hit Punjabi movies added to your bucket list today on Zee Punjabi

Today on Zee Punjabi, it is going to be Punjabi hit movies this day on your TV screens, "Sass Meri Ne Munda Jameya" at 1 PM and "Guddiyen Patole" at 8:30 PM to bring you an entertaining weekend. A Punjabi comedy and romance movie where Dipreet's wife and mother get pregnant at the same time. Watch today at 1 pm to see how everyone in the story will come to accept this truth. The following evening at 8:30 PM, watch Sonam Bajwa, Gurnam Bhullar and Tania starrer in the most entertaining Punjabi film "Gudiyaan Patole" which portrays the mushy rom-com chemistry of Gurnam Bhullar and Sonam Bajwa. Apart from these, Nirmal Rishi, Seema Kaushal and other actors are in lead roles. The film is about two sisters who for the first time visit their maternal house in India to resolve the property issue that involved their mother. The story of the film revolves around a funny and confusing love story and a humorous scene where Gurnam falls in love with Sonam Bawa. To see if Sonam has Gurnam in her heart and will decide to stay in the village.



"Sass Meri Ne Munda Jameya" is going to be telecast this day at 1 p.m. on Zee Punjabi, a film that features Dipreet Dhillon, Bhumika Sharma, Nirmal Rishi, Anita Devgan as its lead characters. The story of film kickstarts with a humorous love story and ends up in an interesting sink

Haier India awared by bureau of energy Efficiency



LUDHIANA: Haier, the global leader in Home Appliances & Consumer Electronics and World's Number 1 brand in Major Appliances for 13 Consecutive Years, has been recognized with 'The Most Energy Efficient Appliance' award by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) - Ministry of Power, Government of India at National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) - 2022. The award committee has selected Haier's model No: HRD-1955, 5 Star Range to be the winner in the said category. Haier has been recognized by BEE at NECA for the 2nd consecutive year in a row. The award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi was facilitated by Hon'ble Minister of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu along with other dignitaries including RK Singh, Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, Krishan Pal, Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries and Alok Kumar, Secretary,

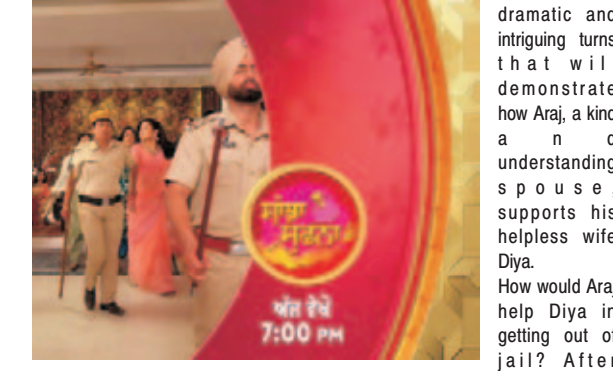
Superstar Posters of young achievers from city unveiled at Roadies Koffeehouz



CHANDIGARH: Roadies Koffeehouz, Sector 7 here unveiled superstar posters featuring three renowned professional dirt biker Prithvi Singh Dhillon were launched. The star achievers relished Roadies Koffeehouz's gourmet Baweja, Founder and CEO, Leapster Restaurants Pvt Ltd, the official licensee of the brand 'Roadies' for running and operating Roadies Koffeehouz outlets, said, "The posters depict local superstars and the interiors of the restaurant through graphic work. The idea behind releasing the posters was to bring to light the achievements of the youth icons so that people can get to know about the skills of these talented youngsters who are one amongst them. Roadies Koffeehouz wanted not only to honour these superstars but also motivate youth of the tricity to work hard and shine in their respective fields."

Show Sanjha Sufna is ready to bring in new twists this week: Will Araj get Diya out of this trouble?

The upcoming week of Zee Punjabi show "Sanjha Sufna" is going to deliver a series of shocking turn of events for its viewers since Diya will be accused of intentionally false



accusations. There will be some unexpected events that "Sanjha Sufna" will have to deal with, including a massive plot to trap Diya. On a video call with Araj this week, Twinkle will slice the nerve in her hand to lure him to her side. However, when Araj is with Twinkle, Twinkle files a case against Diya, charging that she tried to murder her. The forthcoming week will be full of dramatic and intriguing turns that will demonstrate how Araj, a kind a n d understanding spouse, supports his helpless wife Diya. How would Araj help Diya in getting out of jail? After learning the whole truth, what would Araj do with Twinkle? Watch Sanjha Sufna at 7:30 PM only on Zee Punjabi to learn what struggles Diya may encounter.

Ziqitza Healthcare Limited shows a token of duty and care to their Pathankot staff crew, distributes winter wear!



PATHANKOT: The winter is here and temperatures have plummeted. Days have become shorter, and much of the north is plunged into chilly weather, such conditions pose a unique set of challenges for the healthcare crew to operate through winter months and work round the clock to serve patients in need. Keeping in the mind the safety of their crew staff, Ziqitza Healthcare Limited shows a token of duty and care to their Pathankot staff crew by distributing winter wear! Encouraging outdoor workers to wear layers with their everyday clothing, Ziqitza Healthcare distributed wind cheaters and warm shoes to their members. Cluster Leader Joginder Singh handed over the winterwear in the presence of the hospital staff. Sharing his views, Mr. Manish Batra, Project Head, 108 Ambulance said, "Our duty of care includes protecting staff from the risks of working in cold conditions and extreme weather. It is our responsibility to provide a healthy work environment, equipment and safe systems of work. All these factors are relevant when considering winter working conditions and the control measures to put in place. So ensuring that our outdoor warriors are warm on the go is instrumental for us!

BAJA SAEINDIA organizes phase 2 of BAJA SAEINDIA 2023



Chandigarh: The Phase 2 of the 17th edition of BAJA SAEINDIA commenced on the 16th of December, 2022 virtually hosted by Chitkara University. 181 teams from various parts of the country are taking part in the event. The event has two categories of vehicles; mBAJA for the IC engine powered buggies and eBAJA for those with an electric powertrain. Phase 2 of BAJA SAEINDIA 2023 is a unique challenge where students are required to deliver presentations for the static events namely, Design, Cost, Sales, Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) and Go-Green followed by simulating their designs using globally benchmarked automotive testing software - IPG CarMaker for the

pragmatic exposure to real-world challenges as faced in the industry. BAJA SAEINDIA has grown consistently as an event of the highest magnitude among the student fraternity, due to the support of its sponsors. SAEINDIA expresses its deepest gratitude to an umbrella of 35 sponsors incl. numerous industry partners, host institutions, and supporting organizations this year, for their innate confidence in the BAJA SAEINDIA series. Through the BAJA HR Meet, they also provide an opportunity to the students to kickstart their careers in the core automotive field." Following it, Mr. Sanjay Nibandhe, Chairman, Organizing Committee, BAJA SAEINDIA 2023 & Senior Deputy Director, ARAI in his address to the press said, "BAJA SAEINDIA has always been well accepted by the student community, as it helps them upskill themselves and helps them improve their technical knowledge. It requires an enormous skillset to design, manufacture and then make the buggy run successfully on the proving grounds in the Phase 3 of the event and all the students participating in BAJA SAEINDIA series have constantly been doing that since all these years. BAJA SAEINDIA rolls out a theme every year, and this year it is "Refuel, Recharge, Reinvent" to emphasise on the resilience and tenacity of the teams as they prepare for the challenges that lay ahead."