

Dalgaon Bhunda Maha Yagya: After four decades, Beda Surat Ram crossed the gorge for the ninth time sitting on a rope, thousands became witnesses



Diary Times Desk : In the Bhunda Maha Yagya held after four decades in Dalgaon of Rohru in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, raft Surat Ram performed the important ritual of crossing the ditch of faith with the help of a sacred rope on Saturday. On Saturday, in the courtyard of the deity Bakralu, Surat Ram, wearing a white shroud, sat on the rope prepared by himself and crossed the 100 meter ditch safely from one end to the other for the ninth time with the blessings of the deity. Thousands of Devlu and devotees witnessed the holy event held in Spell Valley. As the process of putting Surat Ram on the rope continued, the venue echoed with the traditional mourning tunes of drums and musical instruments and the cheers of the deity. The administration had made tight security arrangements for the raft. A net was put under the rope. The ritual of raft boarding started at 5:42 pm and they reached the other end in about 3 minutes. As soon as they reached the other end, the mourning tunes changed into traditional music.

HRTC News: 24 new Volvo buses will be added to HRTC fleet in March, government has released Rs 36 crore

Diary Times Desk : 24 new Volvo buses will be added to the fleet of HRTC (Himachal Path Parivahan Nigam) in the month of March. The government has released Rs 36 crore to HRTC for their purchase. The new buses will run from various routes of Himachal to Delhi. Passengers will be able to enjoy a comfortable journey in high-tech buses. The cost of a Volvo bus equipped with modern facilities is about one and a half crore. HRTC runs Volvo buses from Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala, Dalhousie, Beed, Chamba, Hamirpur, Rewalsar and Chintpurni and other routes to Delhi. The earnings of Volvo are almost double as compared to normal buses.

PM Modi inaugurates Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 at Bharat Mandapam

Agencies : Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on Saturday. The week-long event, running from January 4 to 9, centres on bolstering rural infrastructure, fostering innovation, and enhancing economic stability in rural India. Themed "Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047," the Mahotsav reflects the government's commitment to empowering villages. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and NABARD Chairperson Shaji KV were present at the inauguration, where Shaji KV felicitated the PM. In his address, PM Modi underscored the critical role of rural prosperity in achieving India's development goals. He stated, "The more prosperous our villages become, the greater will be their role in realising the resolve of a developed India." The PM interacted with artisans at the Mahotsav, acknowledging their contributions to rural economies. However, he expressed concern over efforts by some individuals to disrupt peace through caste politics, calling for collective action to maintain social harmony.



'Went here and there...': On Lalu Yadav's offer, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar says won't repeat 'mistake'

Agencies : Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday criticised the Lalu Prasad led-government in the state before 2005, days after the Rashtriya Janata Dal president extended an invite to join hands with his party. During a review meeting at the Gopalganj collectorate hall, the Bihar chief minister, who has switched sides multiple times, also remarked that he went "here and there by mistake" but that the party would now stay together and develop the country and Bihar on its own. At the event, Nitish Kumar detailed the schemes that had contributed towards the development of the state since it had given his party the mandate on November 24, 2005. Nitish Kumar remarked, "Before the year 2005, Bihar ki halat kaafi kharab thi (the condition of Bihar was really bad). People were afraid to come out of their homes after evening. There was no arrangement for treatment in hospitals, the roads were dilapidated, the condition of education was not good, and often there were reports of religious disputes."

Draft Rules to Operationalise Digital Personal Data Protection Act Out

Agencies : Sixteen months after the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 was assented to by the president, the Union electronics and information technology ministry has drafted the rules needed to implement it and has invited the public's feedback. The draft framework prioritises control over cross-border data flow. Published on Friday (January 3) evening, the rules say that data fiduciaries – entities that keep personal data – that are deemed "significant" must take measures to process personal data specified by the Union government on the basis of a committee it forms "subject to the restriction that the personal data and the traffic data pertaining to its flow is not transferred outside the territory of India". The DPDP Act says data fiduciaries may be deemed "significant" based on the volume and sensitivity of the personal data.

Himachal: Governor Shukla said- Raj Bhawan is not for fulfilling election promises

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has once again shown his anger against the state government. Talking to the media on Friday, the Governor said that the Raj Bhawan is not there to fulfill the election promises of any leader. Countering the statement of Minister Jagat Singh Negi of not approving the Nautod Bill, he said that even if Negi disrespects the Raj Bhawan, the Raj Bhawan will respect him completely. The doors are open for talks. The Governor said that the Raj Bhawan has given its reply regarding the Nautod matters. There were objections regarding some subjects. Answers have been sought regarding this. Till now no reply has been received from the state government. The Raj Bhawan never said that we are different from Nautod, but the Raj Bhawan will work within the ambit of the rules. He said that the Raj Bhawan has asked the state government on behalf of the Raj Bhawan how many people are involved in this.

Rescue operation launched after Army truck rolls down hill in J&K

Agencies : Four soldiers died, and three others were injured after an Army truck carrying them lost control and rolled down a hill in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipore district on Saturday. The accident occurred when the driver lost control of the truck while trying to negotiate a sharp curve near the Sadar Koot Payen area in the district. Some of the soldiers suffered critical injuries.



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Himachal: State level full statehood day celebration will be held in Baijnath, CM Sukhu can make big announcements

Karnataka transport minister Ramalinga Reddy justifies bus fare hike

Diary Times Desk : This time, on 25 January (Saturday), the state level full statehood day function of Himachal Pradesh will be celebrated in Baijnath of Kangra district. The function will be presided over by Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu can make many announcements while addressing the function. The eyes of the government employees and pensioners of the state will also be fixed on his address. It is worth mentioning that on 25 January 1971, amidst snowfall, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had announced full statehood of Himachal from the Ridge ground. At that time, many organizations were also against the full statehood of Himachal. Despite this, after a long struggle, Himachal was given the status of statehood. Then Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar became the first Chief Minister of Himachal. Himachal Pradesh came into existence as a Chief Commissioner Province on 15 April 1948, a full eight months after the independence of the country, as a result of the merger of 30 small and big hill princely states. Mahasu, Mandi, Chamba and Sirmaur were given the status of separate districts. At that time, the area of Himachal Pradesh was 10,451 square miles and the population was 9,83,367. In the year 1950, Himachal was given the status of a 'C' state and a provision was made for the formation of an assembly. In March 1952, Dr. Parmar took oath as the first Chief Minister of this state and formed his three-member cabinet. In July 1954, Bilaspur was merged with Himachal and made the fifth district of the state. After the implementation of the 'States Reorganization Act' in 1956, Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly was abolished on 31 October 1956.

Agencies : Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Friday justified 15 per cent increase in government bus fares across the board and hit out at the BJP for its protest against the hike. Since there was a need to revise the salaries of transport staff, the bus fare revision was inevitable, he noted. Addressing reporters here, the minister said all the four corporations, namely Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, KKRTC Kalyana Road Transport Corporation, North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, had been demanding an increase in bus fares. Finally, the government took a call in the cabinet meeting on Thursday, Reddy said. The minister said that way back in 2014, when he was holding the transport portfolio, bus fares were increased.

HPTET: This year TET will be held for 10 subjects, Himachal School Education Board has released the dates

Manipur governor urges DGP to prioritise safety, central forces to fully cooperate

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh School Education Board will conduct Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for 10 subjects, not eight this year. The board has released the schedule on Saturday for the examinations to be held in June and November. The reason given behind releasing the TET schedule ahead of time is that there should be no clash with other examinations. The board will conduct D.El.Ed CET-2025 on May 29 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Online applications for TET and D.El.Ed can be made from April 25. The education board will also conduct TET for the subject of Special Educator for the first time this year. The education board will conduct the Teacher Eligibility Test for 10 subjects in June in two different sessions. On June 1, the exam for TGT Arts will be held from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and for TGT Medical subject from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. On June 7, there will be exams for JBT in the morning and Shastri in the evening session, on June 8, there will be exams for TGT non-medical in the morning and for language teacher in the second session. On June 11, there will be exams for Special Educator (up to five) in the morning session and for Special Educator (six and above) in the second session. On June 14, there will be exams for Punjabi in the morning session.

Agencies : Prioritise the "safety and security of the people," and ensure the army and paramilitary forces "extend their fullest cooperation" in maintaining law and order in the state, Manipur governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla directed the director general of police (DGP) on Sunday. This came a day after protesters stormed the Kangpokpi police station, pelting stones in anger over the continued deployment of central forces. The governor chaired a security meeting at Imphal's Raj Bhavan on Saturday, where the overall security situation and arrangements across the state were "comprehensively" reviewed, with a particular focus on the border areas. Tensions flared in Kuki-dominated Kangpokpi on Friday evening as protesters demanded the withdrawal of security forces deployed at Uyokching, a location in Kangpokpi district bordering Imphal West. The superintendent of police (SP) of Kangpokpi, M Prabhakar, was injured in the incident. Police were forced to disperse the crowd using tear gas.

Playing with children's health: E. coli bacteria found in mid-day meal, revealed in investigation of Biotechnology Incubator

Mahayuti will win 40 seats from north Mumbai in civic polls: Goyal

Diary Times Desk : Many flaws have come to the fore in the investigation of mid-day meals served to students from nursery to class VIII in government schools. This was revealed when Punjab Biotechnology Incubator examined the samples of food prepared in schools. The sample test revealed that the food contains a bacteria called E. coli. This can cause stomach upset in children and damage to the intestines. After the investigation report came, the Education Department has instructed all school managers to take care of hygiene standards while cooking food. According to the information, in September 2024, as per the instructions of the Central Government, the team of Punjab Biotechnology Incubator Mohali went to 10 schools in Una and took samples of mid-day meals. The sample investigation report has come out recently. It states that the food contains E. coli bacteria, which has a bad effect on the health of children. After receiving the report, the Education Department swung into action and ordered the schools to conduct regular health check-ups of the workers preparing the food. Special attention should be paid to hygiene while cooking food. School managers should get drinking water chlorinated at regular intervals. The place where food is prepared, the utensils used and the place where children are fed should be cleaned daily. Apart from this, hands should be washed with soap before cooking. Hands should be kept clean after washing utensils and while distributing food. Some types of E. coli bacteria produce toxins that can damage the lining of the small intestine. This can cause stomach cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea (often with blood). Symptoms usually begin 3-4 days after exposure to the bacteria and end within about a week.

Agencies : Union minister and local MP Piyush Goyal on Saturday said the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance will win 40 seats from north Mumbai in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation elections. Civic elections are due in the country's financial capital for more than two years. It is expected that the polls will be held in the next few months, but no announcement has been made yet. The BJP leader, MP from Mumbai North, held a meeting with municipal commissioner Bhushan Gagrani and senior officials of various government departments and bodies including MHADA, Slum Rehabilitation Authority, MMRDA, sports officials, district administration, and police. Projects worth more than ₹60,000 crore were discussed, Goyal told reporters. This was the third such meeting held by Goyal in five months. Work on projects like the Coastal Road, Lokhandwala DP Road, Malad Development Project, development of playgrounds, construction of cultural centers, parking arrangements in Borivali, measures to improve healthcare services, studies and plans regarding the Buddha statue at Sanjay Gandhi National Park, widening and rehabilitation.



Himachal Weather: Yellow-Orange alert for heavy rain and snowfall for two days, Saturday was the hottest day of January in Shimla

Diary Times Desk : A yellow-orange alert has been issued for two days of heavy rain and snowfall in eight districts of Himachal Pradesh. This change in weather is expected due to the activation of western disturbance. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, there is a yellow alert for heavy rain, snowfall and thunderstorm for Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra and Lahaul-Spiti on January 5. While on January 6, an orange alert has been issued for Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur, Shimla, Mandi, Kullu, Kangra and Chamba districts. Today also, there may be rain and snowfall at one or two places in some hills. The weather may remain bad at some places on January 7 as well. The weather is forecast to remain clear in the entire state from January 8. Shimla is also sunny today with light clouds. There is no possibility of any major change in the minimum temperature in the state during the next 24 hours. During the next 2-3 days, the minimum temperature in the middle and high mountain areas is likely to fall by 4-5 degrees Celsius. At the same time, the maximum temperature is likely to fall drastically by 5-6 degrees Celsius.



Himachal: 28 staff nurses will be recruited batchwise in the state, department has sought applications

Diary Times Desk : 28 staff nurses will be recruited batchwise in Himachal Pradesh. Health and Family Welfare Department has invited applications for this. Eligibility for these posts has been determined according to category and batch. General category candidates will be considered eligible till December 2010, General and Economically Weaker Sections till December 2012, Scheduled Caste category candidates till June 2011, Scheduled Caste BPL candidates till December 2016, Scheduled Caste Ward of Freedom Fighter candidates till December 2017, Other Backward Class candidates till December 2012, Other Backward Class BPL candidates till December 2014 and Scheduled Tribe candidates till December 2015. Candidates from Bilaspur have been requested to compulsorily register their names in the concerned District Employment Office before the recruitment process. Already registered candidates must also confirm their names. District Employment Officer said that more information can be obtained from Employment Office Bilaspur.

Himachal: Ex-Serviceman Directorate released interview schedule for 123 posts of Police Constable

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Ex-Servicemen Directorate will conduct interviews to fill 123 posts of police constable from February 24. The directorate has released the schedule. The interview process will continue till March 20. 74 posts of general category, 16 of other backward classes, 24 of scheduled castes and 9 of scheduled tribes will be filled. The directorate has clarified that only those ex-servicemen can participate in the interview process, who have retired between January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2024. Educational qualification of tenth pass is mandatory. According to the schedule, interviews for ex-servicemen registered in all employment offices of Bilaspur will be held on February 24. Interviews will be held on 25 February in Chamba, 27 February in Hamirpur and Bhoranj, 28 February in Sujanpur, Barsar, Nadaun.

HPBOSE: The School Education Board will complete the exams in 26 days and declare the 12th result by April 18

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh School Education Board will conduct 10th and 12th examinations in 26 days and declare the result on 18th April. The Education Board has set the proposed date for declaring the result. In the academic session 2023-24, the Education Board had set a target of declaring the result on 30th April, which was also achieved. The annual examinations of class 10th-12th of Himachal Pradesh School Education Board are starting from 4th March. The 10th class examinations will end on 22nd March and 12th on 29th March. The Education Board will declare the result of class 12th on 18th April, 20 days after the end of the examinations. The Education Board has already started preparations to declare the result on 18th April. Under this, apart from setting up evaluation centers, a schedule has been made for how the answer sheets are to be delivered there.

Himachal: Jairam Thakur said- why is the government not taking action against those who suppressed the scam in Theog

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the government is adopting a lax attitude in the water supply scam in Theog. The government did not even get a hint of the scam that started a year ago. Even when the people associated with the case raised questions on the water supply, the government did nothing. He said that after the complaint was received, the matter remained with the SDM for months. Still the government remained silent. When the opposition leaders made this issue an issue, then the government took cognizance of the matter. When the local BJP leaders threatened to register a criminal case, the government pretended to take action. Jairam Thakur said that blacklisting the contractor will not work in this case. The government should register a criminal case. Jairam Thakur said that after all, whom was the government protecting for the last one year. When the tanker driver had held a press conference in November itself talking about the scam in this entire episode, then how did the government and the concerned officials remain silent on this matter.

Shimla: Announcement to upgrade Kotkhai CHC to civil hospital, Chhaila-Kumarhatti road to be double lane

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu announced to upgrade Kotkhai CHC to Civil Hospital. He announced to open Sub Court, Sub Divisional Animal Hospital in Kotkhai, Civil and Mechanical Engineering courses in Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Engineering and Technology Institute, Pragati Nagar. He announced to start new trades of Diploma in Communication Engineering, Civil Engineering and Solar Technician in ITI Pragati Nagar, Rs. 5 crore for construction of bridges on Khalbti Nallah and Chamshu Nallah and Rs. 3 crore for Tikkar Bus Stand. He said that Chhaila-Ochghat-Kumarhatti road will be made double lane at a cost of Rs. 250 crore. During a public meeting in Kotkhai, Shimla, the Chief Minister said that the state government did not let the apples and other products of any orchardist rot. 22 thousand families were affected.

Himachal: Cheap mustard and refined oil can be available in the ration depots of the state this month

Diary Times Desk : Ration card consumers of Himachal Pradesh are expected to get mustard and refined oil in the depots this month. Food Supply Corporation has opened the oil tenders on Friday. In this, three companies have agreed to supply oil in the depots. Financial bids are to be opened by the Food Supply Corporation on Monday. Now the company which has the lowest rate will be given the tender. Ration card consumers in Himachal have not received mustard and refined oil for three months. However, even before this, the Food Supply Corporation had finalized the oil company and sent the file to the government for approval. But it was cancelled as the rate was high. Due to this, the corporation is again issuing tenders. There are 19.5 lakh ration card families in Himachal. The state government is providing two liters of oil (one refined and one liter mustard), sugar, three kilos of pulses (Malka, Mash and Dal Chana) to the people on subsidy. The central government is providing flour and rice on subsidy. Food Supply Corporation Managing Director Rajeshwar Goyal says that mustard and refined oil.

Dr Rajagopala Chidambaram, architect of India's nuclear programme, dies at 88

Agencies : Rajagopala Chidambaram, a distinguished nuclear scientist and former principal scientific adviser to the Government of India, passed away at 3:20 am on Saturday at Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai following age-related complications. He was 88. Chidambaram was a pivotal figure in India's nuclear history, playing a key role in both the nation's first nuclear test, Pokhran I (Operation Smiling Buddha) on May 18, 1974, and the second, Pokhran II (Operation Shakti) in 1998. His contributions earned him the Padma Shri in 1975 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. Born in Chennai in 1936, Chidambaram was an alumnus of Presidency College in Chennai. He pursued a PhD at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru before joining the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in 1962. His career at BARC culminated in his appointment as director in 1990. In 1993, he became chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, a position he held until 2000.

2 Relatives Among 3 Arrested For Journalist Mukesh Chandrakar's Murder

Agencies : Three people, including two relatives, have been arrested for the murder of journalist Mukesh Chandrakar, whose body was found in a septic tank in a shed owned by a contractor in Chattisgarh's Bastar division on Friday. Chandrakar, an independent journalist who was also a contributing reporter for NDTV, was last seen leaving his home in Bijapur's Pujari Para on New Year's Day and his brother, Yukesh, had filed a missing complaint the next day. After beginning an investigation, police found the 32-year-old's body in Chhatan Para Basti, not very far from his home. Ritesh Chandrakar, Mukesh's cousin, was arrested from Raipur airport on Saturday while Mahendra Ramteke, a supervisor, and Dinesh Chandrakar, another relative of Mukesh, were taken into custody from Bijapur. Contractor Suresh Chandrakar, the alleged mastermind behind the murder, is on the run. Police said Chandrakar had dinner with his cousin Ritesh and Mahendra Ramteke in Suresh's shed and an argument broke out between them. Ritesh and Mahendra allegedly attacked Chandrakar with an iron rod, killing him on the spot, and then hid his body in a septic tank, sealing it with cement to conceal the crime. They also disposed of Mukesh's phone and the weapon used.

Over 400 Flights Delayed As Dense Fog Disrupts Operations At Delhi Airport



Agencies : Delhi airport on Saturday saw 19 flight diversions, many cancellations and over 400 flight delays as low visibility conditions due to dense fog impacted operations for the second straight day. An official said 19 flights were diverted at the airport between 12.15 am and 1.30 am due to reduced visibility. Of them, 13 were domestic, four international and two non-scheduled flights. More than 45 flights were cancelled due to bad weather conditions at Delhi as well as at the destination airports, the official said. As per information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com, over 400 flights were delayed at the Delhi airport. The country's largest airline IndiGo had temporarily put arrivals and departures on hold at the airport early in the morning. "While landing and takeoffs continue at Delhi Airport, flights that are not CAT III compliant may get affected. Passengers are requested to contact the airline concerned for updated flight information."

Need to establish 5-6 more cooperatives like Amul: PM Modi

Agencies : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for the establishment of 5 to 6 more large cooperatives like Amul with a national presence. "Currently, milk production is providing the highest returns to farmers. We need to work towards creating 5-6 more cooperatives like Amul, which have a presence across the country," Modi said while addressing the inaugural session of Grameen Bharat Mahotsav in the national capital. Amul is one of the most popular food and dairy brands globally. It is owned by Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF). It works as a three-tiered structure.

Delhi Man Poses As US Model On India Trip, Scams 700 Women On Dating Apps

Agencies : During the day, he works as a recruiter at a private company in Uttar Pradesh's Noida. At night he turns into a US-based model on a soul-searching trip to India. His day job offered him security, and his nocturnal activities brought in the money through manipulation and blackmail. Tushar Singh Bisht, 23, was arrested from the Shakarpur area of East Delhi on Friday for defrauding over 700 women by posing as a model on dating platforms. A resident of Delhi, Tushar has a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Bengaluru Techie Atul Subhash's Wife, In-Laws Get Bail In Abetment Of Suicide Case

Agencies : The wife and in-laws of Bengaluru techie Atul Subhash have been granted bail by a Bengaluru court today in the abetment of suicide case against them. Atul Subhash died by suicide on December 9 after alleging harassment by his wife and her family. Subhash's wife Nikita Singhania, her mother Nisha Singhania and brother Anurag Singhania had approached the session court in Bengaluru for bail in the case. They had earlier appealed to the Karnataka High Court to direct the session court to dispose of their bail Petition. The High Court directed the session court to dispose of the petition today. On December 14, Nikita Singhania was arrested from Gurugram while her mother and brother Anurag were picked up from Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj. The 34-year-old had left behind a video and 24-page note detailing his marital issues, harassment.

4 Soldiers Die As Army Vehicle Falls Into Gorge In Jammu And Kashmir

Agencies : Four soldiers died after an Army truck skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday. Officials said bad weather played a role in the accident, which occurred near the SK Payen area around 2.30 pm. In a statement, the Army said, "A vehicle of Indian Army skid and fell into the gorge due to inclement weather and poor visibility conditions. Injured soldiers were promptly evacuated for medical care with assistance from Kashmiri locals, for which we express gratitude towards the citizens."

Arvind Kejriwal's Delhi poll rival Parvesh Verma's big dare: 'Hope he doesn't run away'

Agencies : Parvesh Verma, BJP's candidate for the New Delhi assembly constituency, dared his AAP rival Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday, saying he hopes that the former Delhi chief minister won't "run away" from the seat. The BJP today released its first list of candidates for the upcoming Delhi assembly election. It named Verma as its candidate from New Delhi against AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. "I want to take all the people of Delhi to see Sheesh Mahal. I am writing a letter to CM Atishi to open the doors of Sheesh Mahal because the people of Delhi want to see what happened to the tax they paid... I just hope Arvind Kejriwal doesn't run away from the New Delhi seat... I am setting up a camp soon where I will give employment letters to many people here in New Delhi," Verma told ANI. Parvesh Verma is a former BJP MP. He represented the West Delhi Lok Sabha constituency from 2014 till 2024. In the list of 29 candidates for the polls to the 70-member Delhi assembly, the BJP has named former MP Ramesh Bidhuri in Kalkaji against chief minister Atishi.



Days after peace deal, senior Pak official injured in firing in Kurram

Agencies : The Deputy Commissioner of northwest Pakistan's restive Kurram district was injured when assailants opened fire on his convoy on Saturday, days after a peace agreement was reached between two warring parties in the violence-hit zone. According to officials, the incident took place in the Kojalai Baba village near Bagan when residents opened fire on military vehicles, injuring Javedullah Mehsud, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kurram district, and three security personnel. Mehsud was in the area to review arrangements for an aid convoy expected to take food items to Kurram, ending the over 85 days of blockade of the main Peshawar-Sadda-Thall-Parachinar road. He was shot thrice and was first rushed to a hospital in the Lower Alizai tehsil for treatment. He was later shifted to Peshawar in a helicopter. Three protestors were also injured in the cross-firing, official sources said. The firing took place during negotiations between the government officials and protestors, who had blocked the main road, sources said.

"US Headed For Collapse": Army Veteran Before Tesla Truck Explosion

Agencies : A former member of the US Army's elite Green Berets has been identified as the man behind the Tesla Cybertruck bombing in Las Vegas. Matthew Livelsberger described the attack as a personal act of "cleansing his mind" and condemned the "feckless leadership" of a nation he believed was on the verge of collapse. Livelsberger left two digital notes on a charred mobile phone found in the Tesla Cybertruck he rented before detonating it outside the Trump International Hotel on January 1. The notes shed light on his motive for the bombing and later taking his life by gunshot. "This was not a terrorist attack, it was a wake-up call," Livelsberger wrote in a notes app, according to the Las Vegas police. According to a report in The New York Post, he added, "Why did I personally do it now? I needed to cleanse my mind of the brothers I've lost and relieve myself of the burden of the lives I took."

Trump claims 'corrupt' Judge Merchan 'broke the law' in hush-money case

Agencies : Former President Donald Trump lashed out at Judge Juan Merchan on Friday after the New York judge denied his request to dismiss the criminal case involving alleged hush-money payments and scheduled sentencing for January 10, just days before the presidential inauguration. Judge Merchan, in his ruling on Friday, refused to dismiss the case and stated he was inclined to impose an unconditional discharge—a rare sentence that would relieve Trump of any obligations or conditions but would still classify him as a convicted felon. Trump accused Merchan of "breaking the law" and labeled him "deeply conflicted" and "corrupt" in a statement released by his spokesperson, Steve Cheung. "Merchan took the Bragg Hoax that, according to all Legal Scholars, should have been dead on arrival and, through his fraud and misconduct, gave it a semblance of 'life,'" Trump wrote on Truth Social, reiterating his claims that the case was part of a broader campaign of "lawfare" against him. He described the proceedings as an "illegitimate political attack" and a "rigged charade."



Biden To Award Highest US Civilian Honour To Hillary Clinton, Messi, Soros



Agencies : US President Joe Biden has announced the names of 19 individuals who will receive the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. The awardees include former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, fashion designer Ralph Lauren, football superstar Lionel Messi, and former Defence Secretary late Ashton Carter. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the United States, world peace, or other notable endeavors. According to the White House, Biden believes that great leaders keep the faith, give everyone a fair shot, and put decency above all else and that these nineteen individuals are great leaders who have made America and the world a better place. Hillary Clinton, who made history as the first First Lady elected to the US Senate, will receive the award for her decades of public service. Clinton later became the first woman nominated for president by a major US political party.

World's oldest person dies in Japan aged 116

Agencies : Tomiko Itooka, a Japanese woman who was the world's oldest person according to Guinness World Records, has died at the age of 116. Yoshitsugu Nagata, an official in charge of elderly policies, said Itooka died on December 29 at a care home in Ashiya, Hyogo prefecture, central Japan. Itooka, who loved bananas and a yoghurt-flavoured Japanese drink called Calpis, was born on May 23, 1908. She became the oldest person last year following the death of 117-year-old Maria Branyas, according to the Gerontology Research Group. When she was told she was at the top of the World Supercentenarian Rankings List, she simply replied, "Thank you. Itooka celebrated her birthday last year with flowers, a cake and a card from the mayor.

Trump-Backed Republican Mike Johnson Elected Speaker Of US House

Agencies : Republican Mike Johnson was returned as speaker of the US House of Representatives on Friday with the crucial backing of incoming president Donald Trump, ending a bitter standoff that threatened to see the 2025 session opening in chaos. Johnson had angered backbenchers by working with Democrats to pass legislation, and his victory was secured only after tense backroom negotiations that saw more than a dozen rank-and-file Republicans voice doubts over his leadership. A chaotic 2023-25 session was marked by conservative anger in particular over the Louisiana lawmaker's handling of spending negotiations, as fiscal hawks lined up to accuse him of being soft on the deficit. In the end there were only three Republican holdouts as voting began -- with all 215 Democrats backing their leader Hakeem Jeffries. Johnson was able to keep his speakership ambitions alive by persuading two to change tack. With the exception of Kentucky conservative hardliner Thomas Massie, the opposition to Johnson always looked superficial, and he had spent much of the week working the phones and holding meetings with the conservatives who had opposed his candidacy.

Elon Musk makes 23 posts urging King Charles III to overthrow UK government

Agencies : Elon Musk has become a political lightning rod in the United Kingdom after he advocated for King Charles III to shutdown Parliament and call for a new election. The Tesla boss endorsed a social media post criticizing the government's handling of criminal gang investigations in Manchester. "In the UK, serious crimes such as rape require the Crown Prosecution Service's approval for the police to charge suspects. Who was the head of the CPS when rape gangs were allowed to exploit young girls without facing justice? Keir Starmer, 2008 -2013," Musk posted on X (formerly Twitter) on New Year's Day. "Who is the boss of Jess Phillips right now? Keir Starmer. The real reason she's refusing to investigate the rape gangs is that it would obviously lead to the blaming of Keir Starmer [head of the CPS at the time]," he wrote in a follow-up post. "The King must step in. We can't have Keir heading the country, while he was the one heading the Crown Prosecution Service [CPS] while all this was happening," he added in the thread.

Entire country needs MSP, Punjab not alone in fight: Dallewal's message for Centre



Agencies : Samyukt Kisan Morcha (non-political) leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, whose fast-unto-death entered 40th day, said that the morcha will win and urged the gathering to send one trolley from each village of Punjab at the Khanauri protest site. Dallewal was addressing the 'kisan mahapanchayat', called by the farmer unions at Khanauri protest site near Patiala on Saturday. A massive crowd gathered at the Khanauri border site on the occasion. This was the fourth major show of strength by farmers in less than a month. Hours before the 'mahapanchayat', Dallewal agreed to undergo an ECG test and his report was stated to be normal. A makeshift cubical was built on the stage from where Dallewal addressed the crowd. But bringing Dallewal on the stage amid cold weather was a challenge as his blood pressure was fluctuating, said a farmer leader. Addressing the gathering, Dallewal thanked the people for turning up in large numbers. Stating that the morcha will win, Dallewal said the police made several attempts to take him but they were foiled by the volunteers.

Chandigarh suspends physical classes up to Class 8 till January 11 due to cold

Agencies : In view of the prevailing cold weather conditions, the UT Education Department has issued a circular asking the local government, government-aided and recognised private schools to conduct online classes for children below Class 8, and reschedule the school hours for students of other classes till January 11. "There will be no classes in physical mode for students up to Class 8. However, the school may conduct online classes for their students from 9 am onwards and regulate the timings for their staff accordingly," an order issued by the Director of School Education of the Union Territory said. "For Classes 9 to 12, the school may open, but not before 9.30 am and close no later than 3.30 pm. The schools may regulate the timings for their staff accordingly. To avoid disruption of pre-board examinations (if any), these schools, if required, may open at 9 am and the timings for teachers may be regulated accordingly," added the order.

3 children injured in Panchkula explosion

Agencies : Three children suffered severe burns in an explosion while trying to warm themselves by a fire in Abhaypur village, Sector 19, on Saturday morning. The victims, aged 4 to 7, were rushed to Sector 6 Civil Hospital with critical injuries. Witnesses described the explosion as bomb-like, causing panic in the area. Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the blast. Initial reports suggest the children may have been near an LPG cylinder, which could have ignited the explosion. Police are also exploring the possibility of foul play. The victims, Sabrina, 8, Salim, 7, and Sahida, 5, are from a low-income background. Police are interviewing witnesses and relatives to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. Three children suffered severe burns in an explosion while trying to warm themselves by a fire in Abhaypur village, Sector 19, on Saturday morning.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun's 'Sikhs for Justice' banned for another 5 years

Agencies : The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal has confirmed a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) banning pro-Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun-led 'Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)' for a period of five years. The UAPA Tribunal of Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court, ruled that the evidence given by the Centre established SFJ's connections with Khalistani terror groups such as Babbar Khalsa International and Khalistan Tiger Force, as well as its collaboration with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to revive militancy in the Punjab. It added that the evidence highlighted SFJ's involvement in recruiting and radicalizing youth using social media platforms, financing terrorism through smuggling networks to procure weapons and explosives, and issuing death threats to political figures, including the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. In a notification issued on July 9, 2024, the MHA extended the declaration of SFJ as an unlawful association for another five years, saying that Pannun-led SFJ's activities have the "potential of disrupting peace, unity, and integrity of the country".

3 women farmers on way to Mahapanchayat in Haryana killed in Punjab road accident

Agencies : Three women activists of farmer organisation, BKU Ekta Ugrahan, were killed on Saturday and 36 others sustained injuries when the bus they were travelling in met with an accident at Barnala. The bus, carrying more than 50 activists of the BKU (Ugrahan), was on its way from Kotha Guru village in Bathinda district to Tohana town of Haryana. The occupants of the bus were going to Tohana to take part in the "Kisan Mahapanchayat", organised by Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) there. The three deceased women were identified as Sarbjit Kaur (55), Balbir Kaur (67) and Jabir Kaur, all residents of Kotha Guru village (Bathinda). The injured were taken to Civil Hospital, Barnala, for treatment, from where about a dozen injured persons were discharged after giving treatment. In another road mishap today morning, five activists of BKU (Sidhupur) sustained injuries when their bus met with an accident near Barnala jail. The occupants of the bus were going from Dallewala village to Khanauri to participate in the 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' at Khanauri border morcha, organised by SKM (Non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha.

2 killed as vehicles pile-up amid dense fog on Hisar-Chandigarh highway

Agencies : Two persons were killed and four others injured after two cars and a truck collided amid low visibility due to dense fog on the Hisar-Chandigarh highway on Saturday morning. The deceased have been identified as Anoop Garg of Thanesar in Kurukshetra and Suresh of Jajanwala village in Jind district. Earlier, reports indicated four persons to be killed in the mishap. As per information, the two cars collided near Uklana town on Hisar-Chandigarh highway due to dense fog. Later, when some locals were trying to help the victims, a truck crashed into the cars and overturned. The truck reportedly ran over the people, who were standing at the accident scene.

DCs to hold weekly coordination meets to strengthen governance: Haryana CM

Agencies : Emphasizing direct public engagement, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday asked the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Superintendent of Police (SPs) for a night halt in villages once a month to address public grievances. The Chief Minister reiterated the importance of strict compliance with directives regarding night halts and regular touring by DCs and SPs to build public trust and improve law enforcement. He directed all DCs to hold weekly coordination meetings, aimed at strengthening law and order, combating drug abuse, and fostering positive public engagement. The primary objective of these meetings is to enhance communication and synergy between district administration and law enforcement agencies for effective law and order management.

Loharu suicide case: No matter how influential, culprits won't be spared, says minister

Agencies : The Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Krishna Kumar Bedi, visited the family of Diksha, who reportedly committed suicide at her college on December 25. The police have arrested a member of the College Management Committee, Hanuman, and his son Rahul after registering a case of abetment to suicide against them. Interacting with the media after meeting her family.

McLeodganj areas face acute water shortage as storage tank starts leaking

Diary Times Desk : Residents in some areas of McLeodganj are facing acute shortage of water. The residents say the shortage of water in their area is due to a leaking water storage tank that was set up by the Jal Shakti Department about 40 years ago. McLeodganj is prime tourist spot in Kangra district. The shortage of water is creating trouble for the residents of the area and tourists who come here. Prem Prakash, a resident of McLeodganj, said that despite good rains and snow in the region they have been receiving just about one hour water supply in the day. The water is leaking from the water storage tank of Jal Shakti Department. It seems that thousands of litre was leaking from the storage tank of the department even as the people were not getting enough water in their homes. The department should repair the water tank at the earliest so that people can get adequate water in their houses.

Youth found dead in Mandi market

Diary Times Desk : A 26-year-old youth was found dead under suspicious circumstances in a toilet at Indira Market, Mandi town, today. The deceased was identified as Lokesh Kumar, a resident of Tarna in Mandi. On receiving information, the police arrived at the spot and found the unconscious youth. The youth was immediately rushed to the Zonal Hospital in Mandi for medical attention where doctors declared him brought dead. The cause of his death remains unclear. The authorities are awaiting the post-mortem report for further clarification. The police have initiated an investigation into the incident to determine the exact circumstances that led to untimely death of the youth. Mandi SP Sakshi Verma confirmed the incident, while stating that an investigation was in progress and further details would be revealed on receiving the autopsy report. The incident has raised concerns among local residents. The police are exploring all possible leads to solve the mystery surrounding the youth's sudden demise.

Raj Bhawan is there to follow norms, not fulfil poll promises, says Guv



Diary Times Desk : Peeved over the outburst by the Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi against Raj Bhawan on the issue of delay in grant of nautor land to people of Kinnaur, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today retorted by stating that he was here to follow norms and not to fulfil anybody's election promises. "We are still awaiting the response on some objections that we had raised from the state government. I have never said that we are against it but we want complete details of the names and number of proposed beneficiaries. If they try to fake the names and numbers, Raj Bhawan will not be accountable for that," he said here today in an informal interaction with media persons. Shukla categorically said that it was not Raj Bhawan's responsibility to fulfil the election promises made by anyone. "He is a respectable minister, he can come here anytime. Raj Bhawan has administered the oath of office to the minister. He can disrespect Raj Bhawan but we still respect him," said Shukla while referring to the remarks made by the Revenue Minister against the Governor.

Baddi 4th polluted town of India

Diary Times Desk : The industrial cluster of Baddi was rated as the fourth polluted city of India next only to Byrnihat, Delhi and Noida with the Air Quality Index (AQI) hitting hazardous levels of 366. As per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Baddi recorded an AQI of 366 which was marginally lower than 389 of Byrnihat, 378 of Delhi and 376 of Noida. These industrial belt figures are among 11 cities nationally where AQI level exceeded 300 on Saturday afternoon at 2:05 pm. After maintaining a moderate level of AQI in December 2024, this sudden plunge above 300 indicated a steep deterioration of its air quality which would trigger health concerns especially in the sensitive population. From AQI level 289 recorded last evening at 4:00 pm, this steep rise indicated how the air has exacerbated in quality in the last 24 hours. Respiratory illness on prolonged exposure is expected under such circumstances. Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 has been indicated as the prominent parameter with its maximum level climbing to 500, while its minimum was also as high as 237. Its average level was noted to be at 366. PM 2.5 is a key indicator of air quality. It refers to particles in the air that are 2.5 micrometres or less in diameter. These particles are so small that several thousands of them can be inhaled and cause serious health problems.

Mercury soars, Shimla logs highest max temp for January

Diary Times Desk : Temperatures have seen a huge spike in the state over the last couple of days. On Friday, Shimla recorded its highest ever maximum temperature (22 degree Celsius) for the month of January, and the second highest minimum temperature (11.5 degree Celsius) for the month over the last 25 years. While the highest temperature is 10.4 degree Celsius above normal, the minimum temperature is 8.5 degree Celsius above normal. Meanwhile, Manali also logged its second highest minimum temperature of 7.2 degree Celsius with a deviation of 8.5 degree from normal temperature. Both Shimla and Manali had recorded their highest minimum temperature for the month of January since 2001 in 2009 – Shimla had logged 12.7 degree Celsius on January 24, while Manali had recorded 7.5 degree Celsius on January 25. Besides, most stations have recorded above normal minimum temperatures, with the average deviation being 4.4 degree Celsius. Similarly, the average maximum temperatures are up by 4.8 degree Celsius from normal temperatures. Kuldeep Srivastava, Director, Meteorological Centre, Shimla.

Chief Minister Sukhu launches e-commerce website for products made by rural women

Diary Times Desk : The Rural Development Department today launched the official e-commerce website to promote the products of more than 3.50 lakh rural women associated with 44,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the state. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today launched the official e-commerce website developed by the Rural Development Department. The website himira.co.in aims to provide a global platform for SHG products, enabling these rural artisans and entrepreneurs to expand their reach and increase their income through online sales. This is a significant step by the Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (HPSRLM), under the Rural Development Department towards empowering rural women. "This initiative underscores the commitment of state government to enhancing the livelihoods of rural women and promoting their economic empowerment," the Chief Minister said. He also released a booklet highlighting inspiring success stories of women who have achieved financial independence under the Mission. The Chief Minister said Him-Era was a symbol of transformation and the state government would set up a dedicated shop in most government buildings to showcase and provide platform for sale of Him-Era products. He emphasized that all self-help groups must ensure the quality of their products to reap maximum benefits.



Bumrah leaves SCG to undergo scans, to take a call on bowling in the morning

Agencies : India captain and pace ace Jasprit Bumrah had to leave the field early in the post-lunch session on Day 2 of the Sydney Test with a back injury concern. Bumrah was filmed leaving the stadium premises to undergo scans and returned to the dressing room later in the final session. In a press conference at the end of the day's play, Prasidh Krishna said Bumrah had a back spasm. Cricbuzz understands that Bumrah will take a call on his bowling depending on how he feels on Sunday (January 4) morning, ahead of Day 3 of the SCG Test. Bumrah bowled eight overs on the second day's play at the SCG for the wicket of Marnus Labuschagne but left the field one over into a new spell at the start of the post-lunch session. At the time of him leaving the field, he had sent down 151.2 overs across five Tests with only his Australia counterpart Pat Cummins having bowled more (152 overs). Bumrah's toils have fetched him a chart-leading 32 wickets at 13.06 in the series but his workloads, necessitated by both team combination and lack of potency elsewhere have left him susceptible to be over-bowled, thereby risking injuries.



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'Cannot take us for granted': Prasidh Krishna's fiery 'all eleven of us are here' reminder to Sam Konstas

Agencies : The Sydney Test between Australia and India is set for a thrilling finish and in all likelihood, the match is poised to get over on the third day. Both Australia and India are in with a chance to seal a victory, and that is what makes the contest fascinating. On the opening day of the Test, Australia batter Sam Konstas riled Jasprit Bumrah up. However, in the end, Bumrah had the last laugh as he dismissed Khawaja two balls later. Konstas also failed to get going as he was dismissed by Mohammed Siraj on Day 2 as India bundled out Australia for 181, gaining a lead of four runs. Prasidh Krishna, who took three wickets in the first innings, gave a fiery reminder to Konstas, saying if he wants to pick a fight, he needs to go up against the entire Indian lineup. Prasidh Krishna said he enjoys the way the 19-year-old Konstas approaches his game. However, the Indian team also knows how to give it back and play aggressively.

Rohit says he 'stood down' for SCG Test: 'It is not a retirement decision'

Agencies : Rohit Sharma's decision to sit out of the Sydney Test shouldn't be misconstrued as a retirement decision, he has said. He is confident "things can change" and those with a "mic, pen or laptop can't decide when we should retire." Rohit was reacting to media reports in India that had brought his Test future into sharp focus following India's loss in the fourth Border-Gavaskar Test in Melbourne, which all but ended their chances of qualifying for the WTC final. "This decision is not a retirement decision," he told Star Sports during the lunch break on day two of the Sydney Test, in which Jasprit Bumrah is captaining India. "Nor am I going to take myself out of the game. I sat out of this match because runs are not coming off my bat. There is no guarantee runs won't come five or two months down the line. I have seen a lot in cricket that life changes every second, every minute, every day. "I have confidence in me that things can change, but at the same time I have to be realistic as well. So life won't change by what people with a mic, pen or laptop write or say. They can't decide when we should retire, when we should sit out, when we should captain. I am a sensible man, mature man, father of two kids. So I know what I need in life."

Pant's blitz and Test cricket on warp-speed at SCG

Agencies : Was it Rishabh Pant acknowledging that the SCG pitch was untenable to survive on? Was it Rishabh Pant realising that rapid runs was the only way out for India? Was it Rishabh Pant enjoying the license handed to him by his coach? Was it Rishabh Pant creating his own approach to create his own license in the middle? Was it just Rishabh Pant simply being Rishabh Pant? Whatever it was, it was manic. It was mad. It was off the hook. Either Test cricket had lost the plot, or Pant had. Maybe it was those watching. Maybe it was everyone else playing the game. Perhaps Pant was providing a blueprint to every other batter who'd take strike in Sydney for the reminder of the match. Maybe Pant was just paving his own path on a pitch that had played tricks and made batting difficult. Maybe he was just making a statement. To his dressing-room, to the opposition, to the Australian public, maybe just to himself. Four years ago, he'd left these shores as a bonafide superstar who played Test cricket on his own terms. Twenty-four hours ago, he'd been a shadow of himself, despite top-scoring for India in a low-scoring first innings. Pant had scored at a strike-rate of around 40. Here, he was scoring at 140 or more.

Yuzvendra Chahal, Dhanashree Verma to call it quits? Report says 'divorce inevitable'

Agencies : Indian leg-spin bowler Yuzvendra Chahal is set for a split with his wife of nearly five years, Dhanashree Verma, as per recent reports. Just over four years since their marriage in 2020, Chahal and Dhanashree's relationship is to come to a close, with divorce proceedings expected to begin in the near future. As per unnamed sources cited by Times of India, Chahal and Dhanashree are set to bring an end to their relationship, with the pair having lived separately in recent months. The source was quoted by TOI as saying: "The divorce is inevitable, and it's only a matter of time before it becomes official. The exact reasons for their separation are not known yet, but it's clear that the couple has decided to move on with their lives separately. They have been living separately for over three months now." Choreographer and social media influencer Dhanashree tied the knot with Chahal in a private ceremony held in Gurgaon in December 2020, but social media users noticed that the pair had unfollowed each other on Instagram, leading to speculation regarding the status of their relationship. Further investigation revealed that pictures and videos of their relationship, including their wedding.

'Oye Konstas! Shots nahi lag rahe kya?': Yashasvi Jaiswal sledges Aussie opener in Hindi; Irfan Pathan got no chill

Agencies : Australian opener Sam Konstas faced the heat from the Indian players on Day 2 of the Sydney Cricket Ground after he poked Indian skipper Jasprit Bumrah. The atmosphere flared up when a heated altercation between Bumrah and young Konstas unfolded towards the final moments of Day 1. Post that incident, Bumrah was all fired up and got the better of Usman Khawaja on the next delivery and then celebrated in front of Konstas. The Indian players brought the same energy to the field on Day 2 as they didn't allow Konstas to get settled and put him under pressure. Young India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who had a brief altercation with Konstas during the MCG Test, decided to give it back to him at SCG and sledged him from the slip cordon, but it seemed like he forgot that the Aussie star doesn't understand Hindi. Jaiswal sledged Konstas in Hindi and said, "Kya ho gya ab shot nahi dikh rahe kya (What happened? unable to see the shots now?). Oye Konstas, shots nahi lag rahe kya abhi (Hey Konstas, unable to play shots now?)."

