

Jairam Thakur: Leader of Opposition met Jahnvi Sharma, said- the girl's father lost his life due to the negligence of the government



Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur met Jahnvi Sharma at his official residence in Shimla today and expressed his condolences. He said that on one hand Jahnvi's father has died due to the negligence of the government and now instead of accepting its failure, the government is committing a bigger sin by blaming the victim's family. A daughter has lost her father and the government is doing cheap politics on that too. State Health Minister Dhaniram Shandilya is saying that the injection was not available and to prevent such a thing from happening in future, we will ensure the availability of the injection. On the other hand, the government is trying to prove by issuing a statement from the department that the victim did not come to get the injection and the government spent money on her treatment. The government has not done any favour by spending money. The victim's family has paid the premium of Him Care. Therefore, the government should stop showing favour and make arrangements so that this does not happen to anyone in the state again.

Himachal CM: Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said- Those who are really poor will be given 300 units of free electricity

Diary Times Desk : The state government will provide 300 units of free electricity to those who are really poor. The money from the electricity bill of the well-off people will be spent on the upliftment of poor families and the development of the state. While going through the phase of system change, bitter decisions have to be taken for the welfare of the society, which taste sweet later. This was said by Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu in a public meeting held here on Saturday during his one-day stay in Jawali assembly constituency. Sukhu said that I myself have given up electricity subsidy. He has appealed that the well-off families.

Fasting Dallewal given medical aid after govt invites protesting farmers for talks; Meet in Feb

Agencies : Fasting farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, the convener of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political), was given medical aid on Sunday on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. This came as Dallewal agreed to take medical aid after the Centre invited the protesting farmers to a meeting in Chandigarh on February 14 to discuss their demands. A team of government doctors administered Dallewal IV fluids. The farmer leader, however, continues his fast-unto-death protest. The 70-year-old leader has been protesting at the Khanauri border since November 26 to press the Centre to accept the farmers' demands, including a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for crops. Besides a legally guaranteed MSP, the protesting farmers have been demanding a farm loan waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in the electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases and "justice" for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence.



Encounter underway in Jammu-Kashmir's Baramulla, 2 terrorists trapped

Agencies : An encounter has broken out between security forces and terrorists in the Sopore sector of Jammu-Kashmir's Baramulla. At least two terrorists are trapped and involved in a gunfight with a joint team of the Army and Jammu-Kashmir police, officials said. The encounter broke out while a team of 22 Rashtriya Rifles, 179th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and J&K police were carrying out a cordon and search operation. Gunshots were heard in the background during a cordon and search operation was launched by security forces in Zaloor, Sopore. Army Special Forces busted a terror hideout after observing a fire inside a house in the area. The area has been cordoned off.

'Indian state' remark: FIR registered against Rahul Gandhi in Assam

Agencies : A First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in Assam's Guwahati for his 'Indian state' remark. The FIR against Rahul Gandhi has been registered at the Pan Bazar Police station in Guwahati, the largest city of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled state, news agency ANI reported. It is under sections 152 and 197(1)d of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for 'acts endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.' In his complaint, Monjit Chetia accused the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha of 'crossing the limits of permissible free speech' and claimed that Gandhi 'posed a serious threat to public order and national security.' "By declaring that his fight is against the 'Indian state itself,' the accused has consciously incited subversive activities and rebellion.

Himachal : After maize, wheat flour prepared from natural farming will be available in depots, government will purchase wheat

Diary Times Desk : After maize, now the state government will earn profit by selling wheat flour prepared through natural farming in depots. For this, the natural farming wing has started preparations. In the first phase, a target has been set to buy 805 metric tonnes of wheat from farmers across the state. This purchase will be made only from registered farmers. Certified farmers doing natural farming will be selected for this. Generally, wheat is available in the market at the rate of 25 to 30 rupees per kg, but the government will buy wheat from farmers at the rate of 40 rupees per kg. In this also, like maize, a maximum of 20 quintals of wheat will be purchased from each farmer. In this method, farmers are using other organic components including Jeevamrit, Ghanjeevamrit, Neemastra and Brahmastra without using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Under this, 50 metric tons of wheat will be purchased from Bilaspur district.

IIT Madras director praises cow urine for its 'medicinal value', video goes viral

Agencies : A video clip of IIT Madras director V Kamakoti purportedly praising Gomutra (cow urine) for its "medicinal value" has gone viral on social media. In the video, Kamakoti allegedly endorsed "anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, and digestive properties" of gomutra and claimed that they are used for conditions such as Irritable Bowel Syndrome, reported PTI. The IIT Madras director, who was participating in an event held at a Go Samrakshana Sala in Chennai, also narrated an anecdote about a sanyasi who, he claimed, consumed cow urine when he had a high fever. Hindustan Times was unable to verify the authenticity of the video independently. News agency PTI reported that sources in the institution confirmed that Kamakoti made the remarks. They also added that, as an 'organic farmer,' he spoke.



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Himachal News: Vikramaditya Singh said- Why did Jairam not pay the full amount to the contractors during his tenure

Diary Times Desk : Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh has targeted the Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur. He said that Jairam Thakur is shedding crocodile tears for the contractors. If he is so friendly towards the contractors, then why did he not complete the payments during his tenure. Now the state government is completing the payments to the contractors. He challenged the Leader of Opposition to issue a white paper. He said that Jairam Thakur should himself ensure accountability of how much liabilities the state government and the Public Works Department had on the day he left power. The Leader of Opposition wants to remain in the headlines, so he is making false statements. On being asked about the payment to the contractors, he said that recently a budget of Rs 80 crore has been released to the Public Works Department by the Chief Minister. With this, the work being done in the state is being paid continuously. Amidst difficulties, the government is working to strengthen the economy.



Dense Fog Continues To Blanket Delhi-NCR, Over 40 Trains Delayed

Agencies : Dense fog blanketed Delhi-NCR on Sunday, leading to significant disruptions in train schedules across multiple routes and challenging travel conditions for commuters. The city woke up to foggy weather with a temperature of 10 degrees Celcius, as visibility remained severely reduced. Railway authorities are working to ensure passenger safety, but delays persisted throughout the morning. A total of 47 trains originating from Delhi were impacted, with 41 running late -- some by over three hours. Notable delays were observed in trains such as the KIR-ASR Express, Lichchavi Express, Gorkhdham Express, Purushottam Express, Mahabodhi Express, Malwa Express, and Dakshin Express. Additionally, the schedules of six trains were revised to accommodate the disruptions. The (IMD) reported dense fog across Delhi and NCR.

CM Sukhu: Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said- we will take strict action against the drug mafia

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while addressing a huge public gathering at Nurpur in Kangra district on Sunday, announced Rs. 5 crore for Arya Government Graduate College Nurpur, Rs. 3 crore for starting Mother and Child Hospital, Rs. 2 crore for shopping complex at Wazir Singh Pathania Stadium, Rs. 2 crore for maintenance of roads in Nurpur and Rs. 2 crore for Jasoor-Katahal road. He assured to start the construction work of Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding School in Nurpur soon and said that the parking problem in the town will be resolved. The Chief Minister, while giving a stern warning to the drug mafia, said that the present State Government will take strict action against those who play with the future of the youth. He said that for the last few months, the police have launched a massive campaign against drug smugglers and under this campaign, property worth Rs. 11 crore of drug smugglers has been seized. He said that in order to ensure stringent action against the drug mafia, the State Government has enacted the PIT-NDPS Act in the State, which enables detention of offenders repeatedly involved in drug trafficking cases, thereby protecting public interest.

On 'attack' on his car, Arvind Kejriwal says 'Delhi has never seen such poll campaign...'

Agencies : Delhi has never seen such poll campaign when efforts made to attack a former chief minister, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal said on Sunday over the alleged stone attack at his car a day before. AAP on Saturday alleged that stones were thrown at former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's car while he was campaigning in the New Delhi constituency. Delhi chief minister Atishi on Saturday said alleged that AAP's rival Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is conspiring to "eliminate" Arvind Kejriwal as they cannot defeat him. CM Atishi claimed that one of the persons involved in an alleged attack on his car last evening is "frequently seen" with Parvesh Verma, who is contesting the Delhi assembly polls against AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal. Reacting to the AAP's allegation of the stone attack, Parvesh Verma has alleged the vehicle hit three youths who had been protesting against the AAP chief. Parvesh Verma claimed it was Kejriwal who "asked the driver to crush them".

Himachal CM: Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu reached Bathu ki Ladi on Sunday morning, also did boating in the reservoir

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu reached Bathu Ki Ladi located in the Pong reservoir on Sunday morning. Here he inspected the ancient temples and admired the migratory birds present in the reservoir. The Chief Minister also went boating in the reservoir. During this, Agriculture Minister Chandra Kumar, AYUSH Minister Yadvinder Goma, MLA Malendra Rajan, DC Hemraj Bairwa were present. During this, Chief Minister Sukhu said that migratory birds from Siberia and Mongolia come to Pong Dam, which attract tourists from all over the country. He directed the Forest Department to ensure the safety of these birds. Two boats have already been deployed for the convenience of tourists and two more speed boats will be added soon for the convenience of visitors. In addition, basic facilities will be developed for tourists in the area. The Chief Minister said that the initiative of the government has increased the number of tourists in this area, about 30 thousand tourists visited this area last year. He said, "Efforts are underway to start water sports activities at the Regional Water Center near Pong Dam Barrage, which will further promote tourism in the area." He said a wildlife interpretation centre has been set up at Basa in Jawali assembly constituency at a cost of Rs 3.20 crore to enhance tourist experience and provide educational resources. He said the centre aims to create awareness about the importance of conservation and the remarkable migratory pattern of these birds. He said, "The centre has boarding and hostel facilities where students from colleges and schools can stay and learn about the rich biodiversity of Pong. This unique opportunity will enable young minds to connect with nature, learn about the importance of conservation and develop a deeper appreciation.

Delhi Man, On Way To Distribute His Wedding Card, Dies As Car Catches Fire

Agencies : A man, who was on his way to distribute invitation cards for his wedding, died after the car he was travelling in caught fire in Delhi on Saturday night. The incident took place near Baba Banquet Hall in Ghazipur. According to the police, the victim burned to death inside the car. Visuals of the incident site show the Wagon R completely charred - especially the driver's side. The victim, a resident of Nawada in Greater Noida, was to get married on February 14, officials said. He went out to distribute his wedding invitation cards in the afternoon. When he did not return till late evening, we tried calling him but his phone was switched off. Around 11-11:30, the police called us saying there was an accident and Anil is in hospital," the victim's elder brother Sumit said. According to the victim's brother-in-law, Yogesh, he and Anil used to work together. Anil was to marry my sister on February 14..We got to know about his death last night. We still don't know how the car caught fire," he said. The cause behind the blaze is not yet known. The victim's body has been sent for post-mortem and the investigation is underway, officials said.



Jairam Thakur: Leader of Opposition said- Himcare was brought so that no one's land is sold for treatment and no one takes loan

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur has attacked Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu over the death of cancer patient Devraj undergoing treatment at IGMC. He said that a person dies due to unavailability of injections. The video of the deceased's daughter Janhavi Sharma, which has gone viral through the media, is very painful. Only due to the government's inefficiency, the supply of Himcare and essential medicines stopped and a daughter lost her father. I have also sent that video to the Chief Minister so that you can also see how heinous a thing has been done in the name of system change. The Chief Minister should ensure that nothing like this happens in the future, no resident of the state dies due to lack of treatment. This is not the first case, I get calls and messages from so many people that they did not get medicines in the hospital. They did not get treatment, they were not examined, they had to get treatment in private hospitals or despite being eligible for free medicine, they had to buy expensive medicines from the market.



Himachal Weather: Snowfall on the peaks of Rohtang, Kinnaur, Kullu and Lahaul, temperature drops

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, snowfall occurred again on Saturday on the high peaks of Kinnaur, Kullu and Lahaul including Rohtang Pass. Most of the areas of the state including the capital Shimla remained cloudy with light sunshine on Saturday. Most of the high hills of tribal district Kinnaur received snowfall on Saturday. Due to this, the entire district has come under the grip of cold wave. After the snowfall in the past few days, the traffic system has not yet returned to track. Snowfall occurred on Kinnaur Kailash, Jour Khandan, Riopurgil of Nako, Sangla Kanda, Panpo Kanda, Thaula hills of Chitkul in the district. In the afternoon, snow kept falling intermittently on the high peaks along with Rohtang Pass. Atal Tunnel Rohtang has been restored for four by four vehicles, but small vehicles and buses will have to wait. Highway 305 is also closed. 129 roads in Lahaul and 10 roads in Kullu are closed. On the other hand, the minimum temperature was recorded in minus at five places in the state. People are facing cold wave in many parts.

Weather: Light snowfall again on Rohtang and Kinnaur peaks, yellow alert issued for rain and snowfall

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Shimla News: MC truck falls into ditch, driver dies, employees angry over compensation

Diary Times Desk : A municipal corporation garbage truck crashed near Bharyal garbage plant under Baluganj police station. The driver died in this accident. The deceased has been identified as 50-year-old Vinod Kumar, who was a resident of Krishnanagar Shimla. At the same time, Saheb workers are angry over the low compensation given to Vinod's family. Vinod was currently serving in Saheb Society. The accident happened around 8:30 am on Saturday. Driver Vinod Bharyal was driving the vehicle from the garbage plant towards Taradevi. Meanwhile, at a short distance from the plant, near the police junkyard, the driver lost control and the truck fell into a ditch about 300 meters deep. Hearing the loud sound as soon as the truck fell down, people from nearby areas reached the spot and informed Baluganj police about the accident. After this, the police team and local people reached the spot and took the person to the road and took him to IGMC hospital where doctors declared Vinod Kumar dead. According to the Municipal Corporation, Vinod Kumar was posted in Chakkar and Baluganj area.

Himachal: 53 grade-2 superintendents transferred from colleges to schools, federation protests

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Directorate of Higher Education has transferred 53 grade-2 superintendents working in colleges to schools, district deputy directors, block offices and DIET. All the officers have been instructed to take charge at new places within five days. Himachal Pradesh Non-Gazetted Employees Services Federation and Non-Teaching Employees Federation have opposed this order of the Directorate of Higher Education. Federation President Trilok Thakur, Senior Vice President Ravindra Singh Mehta and General Secretary Manish Guleria termed this decision as unfair and said that it will have a negative impact on the rights and efficiency of the employees. The transfer of Superintendent Grade-2 will hamper the efficiency and working style of the employees. This will weaken the administrative structure and educational processes of the colleges.

Shimla: Fire affected families of Tandi village will also get special relief package, notification issued

Diary Times Desk : The benefit of the special relief package of the Himachal Pradesh government will also be given to the families affected by the fire incident in Tandi village of Banjar subdivision of Kullu district on January 1, 2025. This benefit will be available under the special relief package issued to provide relief and rehabilitation to the people affected by monsoon 2023. The government has issued a notification in this regard. Under this, relief of Rs 7 lakh will be given on the report of the Patwari for completely damaged kutcha and pucca houses. An amount of Rs 1 lakh will be given for a partially damaged house and Rs 50,000 for a cowshed. Apart from this, financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month will be provided to the families affected by the fire incident to take private accommodation on rent till June 30, 2025. The release of funds for a completely damaged house.

Himachal: Paraglider girl lost balance while flying, fell into ditch and got seriously injured; died in hospital

Diary Times Desk : A tourist girl died during a tandem flight from Indrunag paragliding site. The pilot was also injured in this accident. The injured pilot is undergoing treatment at Tanda Hospital. The deceased girl has been identified as Bhaveshvar Khushi (19), daughter of Jignesh, resident of Naranpura Ahmedabad Gujarat. Khushi had reached Dharamshala with her family. On Saturday evening, she reached Indrunag site with her family members for paragliding. At around 5:45 in the evening, she started flying with paraglider pilot Munish Kumar, resident of Tau Chohla Dharamshala. It is being told that while flying, the girl lost her balance and could not run. During this, both the pilot and the girl fell into the ditch, due to which Khushi suffered serious injuries. She was brought to Zonal Hospital Dharamshala, where she was declared dead. Kangra Superintendent of Police Shalini Agnihotri said that a case has been registered and investigation has been started on all points.

Viral 'IITian Baba' Expelled From Akhara At Maha Kumbh. He Responds

Agencies : Abhey Singh, a former aerospace engineer from IIT Bombay who has become a major attraction in Prayagraj's Maha Kumbh Mela, has been expelled from his akhara. According to media reports, Mr Singh, dubbed the 'IITian Baba', was banned from entering the Juna Akhara camp and its surroundings for using abusive language against his Guru, Mahant Someshwar Puri. A member of the Juna Akhara, however, said he was not associated with them. "He was defaming us," he told NDTV. "He was a vagabond, not a sadhu. He used to say anything on TV. He was thrown out.". He was not even a disciple of anyone, the member said. The 'IITian Baba' has denied allegations that he was ousted from Akhara. Speaking to a news channel Friday, he accused the seers at the Akhara of spreading rumours about him. "They think I've become famous and that I might expose something about them, so they're claiming I've gone for secret meditation. Those people are talking nonsense," Mr Singh, who has more than three lakh followers on Instagram, said. Mr Singh, who is often also referred to as 'Engineer Baba', is a resident of Haryana. He says he left the path of science for spirituality.

Chandrababu Naidu To Promote 'Brand AP' At World Economic Forum In Davos

Agencies : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will depart for the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland on Sunday, where he plans to promote "Brand AP" and present the state as an attractive investment destination to global business leaders and industrialists. Mr Naidu aims to highlight a slew of employment-driven industrial policies and engage with top executives to secure investments for the state. A statement on Saturday mentioned that the Chief Minister will use the platform to emphasize the state's strengths, including its human resources, infrastructure, government subsidies, stable leadership, and efficient business environment, to attract both national and international companies. Mr Naidu will leave Amaravati for Delhi at 4 pm on Sunday, followed by a flight to Zurich at 1.30 am on Monday. In Zurich, Mr Naidu will meet India's ambassador to Switzerland. Later, he will meet industrialists at a local hotel and follow it up with a meeting with Telugu industrialists. At the "Meet and Greet Telugu Diaspora" event, Mr Naidu will discuss.

They Fought Over Representing Accused In Saif Ali Khan Case. What Judge Said



Agencies : The seriousness of the courtroom in Bandra, where a Bangladeshi man arrested for allegedly attacking actor Saif Ali Khan was presented on Sunday, momentarily dissipated when two lawyers jostled to represent him. The unusual drama concerning the high-profile case prompted the magistrate before whom the 30-year-old man had been brought for remand proceedings to act as referee and suggest to the lawyers to appear as a team. After breaking much sweat, the Mumbai police on Sunday morning arrested Mohammad Shariful Islam Shehzad from Thane city for allegedly sneaking into the Bollywood star's Bandra home in the early hours of January 16 with the intention of theft and repeatedly stabbing him. Amid heavy police presence, Shehzad was produced before a metropolitan magistrate court in Bandra in the afternoon.

Mukesh Ambani, Nita Ambani meet Donald Trump at dinner before his swearing-in ceremony

Agencies : Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani and Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani posed for a photo with US President-elect Donald Trump, a day before his swearing-in ceremony in Washington DC. The industrialist, who is one of the world's richest people, was invited to attend the Republican leader's swearing-in ceremony and a reception dinner after the event to be hosted by Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The couple were among the Indian entrepreneurs invited to a "candlelight dinner" a day before Trump's inauguration, according to reports.

After Tejashwi Yadav's Remark, Rahul Gandhi's Big INDIA Bloc Endorsement

Agencies : The Congress will contest the Bihar assembly election as part of the Opposition bloc INDIA, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi has said at the party's office in Patna. Tejashwi Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), a member of the Opposition bloc, had said the INDIA grouping was meant to focus only on Lok Sabha elections. "BJP and RSS have to be defeated in Bihar. We will defeat them by standing united with the bloc INDIA," Rahul Gandhi said. "You are the lions and tigers of the Congress. Get ready to fight," he told.

RG Kar case: Kolkata court to pronounce quantum of sentence of Sanjay Roy today

Agencies : A Kolkata court will on Monday pronounce the quantum of punishment of Sanjay Roy, convicted of raping and murdering an on-duty doctor at the state-run R G Kar Medical College and Hospital here. The charges under which Roy has been convicted entail a minimum sentence of life imprisonment, while the maximum can be capital punishment. Additional District and Sessions Judge Anirban Das, Sealdah court, had on Saturday declared Roy guilty of rape and murder of the postgraduate trainee at the hospital on August 9 last year. The gruesome crime had led to nationwide outrage and prolonged protests. Roy, a former civic volunteer with the Kolkata Police, was arrested on August 10, 2024, a day after the 31-year-old medic's body was found in the seminar room of the hospital. Found guilty of sexually assaulting the doctor and throttling her to death, Roy was convicted on Saturday by the judge under Sections 64, 66 and 103(1) of the (BNS).

Maha Kumbh 2025: Fire at Maha Kumbh Mela contained with no casualties reported

Agencies : A massive fire broke out due to a cylinder blast at Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Sunday and large clouds of smoke were seen over from the area. A video of the same has been shared from the official X handle of 'Maha Kumbh 2025'. Officials said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath over the fire incident. CM Yogi Adityanath also reached the site to review the situation. "Two cylinders exploded in Sector 19 of the Maha Kumbh Mela, causing a massive fire in the camps.

Build an India that Constitution makers would be proud of: Modi in 'Mann ki Baat'

Agencies : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid tributes to the members of the Constituent Assembly who helped frame the "sacred" document, and urged the citizens to "work towards building" an India they would be proud of. Addressing this year's first edition of his monthly radio broadcast, "Mann Ki Baat", Modi stressed that this year's Republic Day is particularly special as it marks the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution. "This year marks 75 years of the Constitution coming into force. I salute all those great personalities of the Constituent Assembly, who gave us our sacred Constitution. During the Constituent Assembly, long deliberations were held on many subjects. Those discussions, the thoughts of the members of the Constituent Assembly, their words, are our great heritage," he said. He also played short audio clips of the speeches of some of the members of India's constituent assembly — Rajendra Prasad, Bhim Rao Ambedkar and Syama Prasad Mookerjee — to highlight the values they promoted.



Trump arrives in Washington with Melania, Ivanka, and Barron ahead of inauguration

Agencies : As the nation prepares for a historic presidential inauguration, Donald Trump arrived in Washington, D.C., with his family, marking the start of a busy weekend of events leading up to his swearing-in ceremony on Monday. Due to freezing temperatures in the capital, the inauguration will be moved indoors. Trump will be sworn in in the Capitol Rotunda, and his inaugural address will be delivered from there. Trump, accompanied by his wife Melania and their son Barron, boarded an Air Force plane at Palm Beach International Airport just after 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The family waved to supporters as they took off, heading for Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. Ivanka Trump, her husband Jared Kushner, and their children followed shortly after on a separate plane. For the trip, the incoming President swapped his iconic Trump Force One for a Boeing 757-200, a specially configured aircraft often used by high-ranking officials according to NY Post. Trump's son Eric, 41, and daughter-in-law Lara, 42, chose to board the family's private jet for the trip instead.

Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu's ally Ben Gvir resigns from government over Gaza ceasefire

Agencies : Israeli hardline minister Itamar Ben Gvir on Sunday resigned from the Benjamin Netanyahu government over ceasefire deal with Hamas in Gaza. The party of Israel's hardline National Security Minister has said that its Cabinet ministers submitted their resignations from the government on Sunday in opposition to the Gaza ceasefire deal. The departure of the Jewish Power party from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government does not bring down the coalition or affect the ceasefire. But Ben-Gvir's departure destabilizes the coalition. In a statement, Jewish Power (Otzma Yehudit) party called the ceasefire deal a "capitulation to Hamas" and denounced what it called the "release of hundreds of murderers" and the "renouncing of the (Israeli military's) achievements in the war" in Gaza. The party, however, said that it will not try to bring down Netanyahu's government.

Hamas Hands Over First Israeli Hostages As Gaza Truce Begins



Agencies : The first three Israeli hostages returning home under a long-awaited Gaza truce were transferred to the Red Cross on Sunday, a Hamas official and the Israeli military said. The hostages, all women, "were officially handed over to the Red Cross" in Gaza City ahead of their return to Israel, the senior Hamas official told AFP. It came hours after the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect in the morning, nearly three hours later than scheduled, after more than 15 months of war. During the delay, Israel's military said it was continuing to operate, with the territory's civil defence agency reporting 19 people killed and 25 wounded in bombardments. Minutes after the truce began, the United Nations said the first trucks carrying sorely needed humanitarian aid had entered the Palestinian territory, as displaced, war-weary Palestinians set off across the devastated Gaza Strip to return to their home areas.

Trump makes big announcement on TikTok, declares will sign executive order postponing US ban

Agencies : President-elect Donald Trump asked tech companies "not to let TikTok stay dark" and declared that he'll sign an executive order Monday postponing US ban. "I am asking companies not to let TikTok stay dark! I will issue an executive order on Monday to extend the period of time before the law's prohibitions take effect, so that we can make a deal to protect our national security. The order will also confirm that there will be no liability for any company that helped keep TikTok from going dark before my order," Trump wrote on Truth Social. According to the incoming President, Americans deserve to witness his thrilling Inauguration on Monday, along with other activities and discussions. He further said that he would like to see that the US control 50% of the business in a joint venture.

Gaza ceasefire: Hamas releases 3 Israeli hostages after 471 days in captivity

Agencies : Palestinian militant group Hamas on Sunday handed over three Israeli hostages to the Red Cross as the ceasefire in Gaza comes into effect. The hostages, all women, "were officially handed over to the Red Cross" in Gaza City ahead of their return to Israel, a senior Hamas official told AFP. They have been released after spending 471 days in captivity. A giant screen outside the defence headquarters in Tel Aviv showed the three female hostages exiting a vehicle surrounded by armed Hamas men as thousands of Israelis cheered, embraced or wept in a square. The hostages got into vehicles of the International Committee of the Red Cross as the crowd of fighters chanted the name of the armed wing of Hamas. The three hostages were handed over to the Israeli Defence Forces, who said that they would undergo an initial medical examination. "The three released hostages are being accompanied by IDF special forces and ISA forces on their return to Israeli territory, where they will undergo an initial medical assessment," the military said in a statement.

Curl Up, Do Nothing: What Is The New "Hurkle-Durkling" Travel Trend

Agencies : If you have ever wished for a trip that lets you do absolutely nothing, you're not alone. The latest travel trend, 'hurkle-durkling,' is all about lounging in bed and soaking up the luxury of doing as little as possible. Inspired by a Scottish term, this trend is taking over hotels, with properties going the extra mile to accommodate those who prefer rest and relaxation over packed itineraries. 'Hurkle-durkling' essentially means spending long hours snuggled under the covers with books, snacks, or screens, The NY Post reported. This trend "is particularly popular in the winter months when there's nothing better than staying warm and savouring the luxury of doing nothing," Megan Hajduk, general manager at The Williams Inn in Massachusetts, told Fox News Digital. According to an ABTA report, 73 per cent of travellers say that holidays are their time to relax. Whether it's through curated libraries, luxurious tubs, or just a comfortable bed with no agenda, hotels are making it easier than ever to do absolutely nothing in style. The Williams Inn has gone all in on this trend, offering a 'Literary Sabbatical' package with in-suite libraries.

Donald Trump's India visit, PM Modi's White House invite likely soon: Report

Agencies : Donald Trump, who will be sworn in as US President on January 20, has discussed with his advisors about a possible visit to India soon after taking office, a media report said on Saturday, adding that the Republican leader also wants to travel to China to deepen relations with the country. Donald Trump, who arrived at the Dulles International Airport of Washington DC aboard a special plane along with First Lady Melania and son Barron for his inauguration ceremony. Trump, who during his election campaign had threatened to impose additional tariffs on China, wants to travel to Beijing in bid to "deepen a relationship with Xi Jinping strained by his threat to impose steeper tariffs on Chinese imports," according to a report by The Wall Street Journal. Trump has also talked to advisors about a possible trip to India, according to people close to him, the report further said. The visit could reportedly happen as early as April or in the fall later this year.



121 farmers end fast after Dallewal takes medical aid

Agencies : A group of 121 farmers, who sat on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri protest site in solidarity with farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, ended their indefinite strike on Sunday after he took medical aid. Dallewal (70), who has refused any aid since he sat on a fast-unto-death on November 26, agreed on Saturday to take medical aid following the Centre's invitation for talks on February 14 to discuss farmers' demands. With his health deteriorating and the government not agreeing to their demands, a group of 111 farmers joined Dallewal's fast-unto-death on January 15, and sat on the Haryana side of the border near Khanauri. On January 17, 10 more farmers, who were from Haryana, joined them. The farmers ended their fast by sipping juice in the presence of Deputy Inspector General of Police Mandeep Sidhu and Patiala Senior Superintendent of Police Nanak Singh. Farmer leaders, however, said Dallewal would not end his fast until a legal guarantee to minimum support price for crops is given.



Truck driver wins Rs 10 crore lottery in Punjab's Rupnagar



Agencies : A truck driver from Barwa village in Rupnagar's Nurpur Bedi has hit a jackpot with Rs 10 crore in Punjab State Dear Lohri Makkar Sakranti Bumper 2025 on Sunday. This is the biggest prize ever in any lottery in the state. Harpinder Singh, who works as a truck driver in Kuwait, said he will use this money to establish a business for his son. "I cannot believe my luck. It is by the grace of God that I won. One should buy a ticket at least once in life. I will use this money to establish a business for my son," he said. Hemant Kakkar, lottery vendor at old bus stand in Rupnagar, is overjoyed too. His shop was littered with flower petals and drumbeats ranching up a celebratory atmosphere. "With Punjab state lottery announcing bigger prizes every year, the craze of lottery ticket buyers is increasing," he said.

Fulfill promises in Punjab before announcing schemes in Delhi: Ravneet Bittu tells AAP

Agencies : Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu on Sunday, slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) urging them to fulfill their promises in Punjab before announcing new schemes for Delhi, where Assembly elections are due on February 5. Addressing a press conference in the national capital, Bittu criticised AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal for what he called "unfulfilled commitments" in Punjab, including the unimplemented promise of providing Rs 1,000 per month to women. "Kejriwal talks about free schemes every day in Delhi, but what about Punjab? He promised to eradicate drugs in Punjab, but no substantial action has been taken. In fact, Punjab reported 144 deaths due to drug overdoses in 2023, the highest in the country," Bittu alleged. He also raised concerns about the law and order situation in Punjab under AAP's governance, citing a 10 per cent rise in rape cases last year and the assassination of singer Sidhu Moose Wala after the state government downgraded his security. Bittu further targeted the AAP over the Delhi liquor excise policy, claiming it has contributed to a rise in alcoholism. He also criticised the party for failing to prevent the brain drain from Punjab.

Olympian Manu Bhaker's grandmother, uncle die in Haryana road accident

Agencies : Paris Olympic medallist shooter Manu Bhaker's grandmother and maternal uncle died in a road accident here on Sunday, police said. The accident occurred on Mahendragarh bypass road in Charkhi Dadri area when a car hit their scooty, officials said. The two died on the spot and the car driver fled from the spot after the accident, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Suresh Kumar said. He said that the victims have been identified as Manu Bhaker's grandmother Savitri Devi (70) and maternal uncle Yudhveer (50), who worked as a driver in Haryana roadways. Kumar said the bodies have been sent for post-mortem and efforts are underway to nab the car driver.



Plan fund utilisation by Rohtak, Jhajjar, Mahendragarh — zero

Agencies : Three districts — Rohtak, Jhajjar and Mahendragarh — are yet to spend a penny out of the District Plan funds released by the state government for the financial year 2024-25. A review of the funds released under the District Plan Scheme this financial year revealed that only Rs 36.81 crore had been spent by various districts, of a total fund of Rs 400 crore for all districts, which is just 9.2% of utilisation. Faridabad district leads in terms of fund utilisation, spending Rs 10.61 crore, of its allocated Rs 28.55 crore — which is 37.16% of its budget — followed by Panipat at 21.24% and Nuh 21.08%. At the bottom of the utilisation are Rohtak, Mahendragarh, and Jhajjar districts, which showed zero spending. Hisar, too, spent just 1.17% of funds, while Sirsa used only 0.66% of its budget. The respective district administrations need to utilise the District Plan budget by March 31, after which the funds are neither revalidated nor reallocated in the next financial year, as per officials. The budget is mainly meant to be used for drinking water, constructions/repair work in schools, street lighting, health infrastructure, irrigation facilities, community building structures, sanitation and public health, sports infrastructure, animal care and construction of bridges, roads, streets, etc.

Notices to PU research scholars over burning effigy of Vice-Prez

Agencies : Two Panjab University (PU) research scholars have been served notices for alleged misconduct during a protest on December 21, when an effigy of the Vice-President (V-P) and varsity Chancellor Jagdeep Dhankhar was burned. The protest, organised to demand the overdue Senate elections, took place during the V-P's visit to the campus for the Global Alumni Meet. The notices, issued by Yojna Rawat, Director of the Research and Development Council, stated: "It is to inform you that the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh, has initiated the procedure against you for the serious misconduct committed by you as per UGC guidelines such as protesting against the Hon'ble Vice President of India and Chancellor of Panjab University, raising slogans, and burning the effigy. Therefore, you are directed to submit your written reply within three days from the date of issuance of this notice for the above-mentioned misconduct."

State to supply 1.25 lakh fruit plants to J&K, Ladakh

Diary Times Desk : The Department of Horticulture is set to supply around 1.25 lakh planting materials of temperate fruits, primarily apples, to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "This is the first time the two UTs have made such a request. The planting material will be dispatched shortly," said Vinay Singh, Director of the Department of Horticulture. Horticulture officials explained the demand was driven by the high quality of the planting material offered by the department. "In addition to its superior quality, the department adheres to all necessary regulations, such as quarantine measures. Buyers can be assured that the plants are safe and comply with all prescribed norms," Singh added. Meanwhile, within the state, around 1.65 lakh plants of various temperate fruits — including apple, peach, plum, apricot, almond and persimmon — have been purchased by local growers. The department expects to sell between 4 lakh and 4.5 lakh plants this winter.

Despite clearance, Centre yet to release funds for Phina Singh Canal project

Diary Times Desk : Six months have passed since the Union Minister for Water Resources granted investment clearance for the Phina Singh Canal, a significant irrigation project in Kangra district. However, the Jal Shakti Department, responsible for implementing the project, has yet to receive the funds from the Union Government. The irrigation initiative, which could have alleviated the impact of the year's below-average rainfall on farmers in the Nurpur area of Kangra, is facing delays due to the Union Government's failure to release the necessary funds. The project has been stalled for over a decade due to funding issues. The state government has already contributed its 50 per cent share, while the remaining 50 per cent is has yet to be released by the Union Ministry for Water Resources. In July last year, the Union Ministry for Water Resources provided investment clearance for the Phina Singh Canal project.

Woman tourist killed in paragliding accident in Dharamsala, instructor injured



Diary Times Desk : A 19-year-old woman tourist was killed after she crashed and fell into a deep gorge while paragliding in Dharamsala on Saturday. The pilot of the paraglider was also injured. He suffered minor injuries and is undergoing treatment, SP Kangra Shalini Agnihotri said. Bhaveshwar Khushi, a resident of Gujarat's Ahmedabad, crashed to death, and her instructor Munish Kumar, a resident of Dharamsala's Tau Chohla, suffered injuries at Indrunag site on Saturday around 5 pm, the official said. An investigation is being conducted by the team of Dharamsala Police Station in this regard. As per the complaint, the paraglider crashed as it could not take-off properly, she said. The woman tourist and the instructor were taken to the Zonal Hospital Dharamsala where the tourist was declared dead by the doctors, while the instructor is undergoing treatment. The woman tourist had come to visit Dharamsala with her family.

Govt working to strengthen rural economy of state, says CM Sukhu

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu — on the second day of his winter sojourn in Kangra today — inaugurated various developmental projects in Jawali Assembly constituency represented by Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Chander Kumar. While addressing a public rally in Jawali today, the CM said that the government was working to strengthen the rural economy of the state. For this, the government has increased the purchase price for cow milk by Rs 15 per litre in the past two years. Cow milk was now being procured at Rs 45 per litre in the state. The state has also provided minimum support price for maize grown through natural farming in the state. The government was purchasing maize grown through natural farming at Rs 30 per kg. Both the schemes are aimed at strengthening the rural economy of the state, he said. The CM said that the previous government has given subsidies worth Rs 5,000 crore to the rich in the state which would have added financial burden on Himachal. Many subsidies were given to big hoteliers in the state. The present government has withdrawn the subsidies given to ultra rich in the state.

CM Sukhu directs forest dept to ensure safety of migratory birds

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu today visited the Pong Dam lake in Kangra district for bird watching and toured the ancient temples at the famous tourist site, Bathu Ki Lari. The said temples remain submerged in Pong Dam lake during monsoons as the water level rises and emerge back when the water level recedes. The CM said this area has immense potential for tourism and the state government was making significant efforts to promote tourism there. Sukhu said that migratory birds from Siberia and Mongolia flock to Pong Dam, attracting bird watchers from across the country. He directed the Forest Department to ensure the safety of these birds. For the convenience of tourists, two boats have already been deployed and two more speed boats would soon be added to facilitate visitors. Basic facilities for tourists would be developed in the area, he added. The CM said that the government's initiatives have led to an increase in tourist footfall in the region, with nearly 30,000 tourists visiting the area last year. "Efforts are underway to introduce water sports activities at the Regional Water Centre.

Concerned over dipping tourism in Dharamsala, hoteliers meet CM

Diary Times Desk : The hoteliers of Dharamsala met CM Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu here on Friday evening and expressed concern over declining tourism in the region. The hotel associations demanded improvement in connectivity and other infrastructure in the region to stem the decline in tourist footfall. General secretary of Hotel and Restaurant Association of Smart City Dharamsala, Sanjeev Gandhi, said they had submitted a memorandum to the CM in which ideas have been given to boost tourism. The association had suggested that a Mall Road and a Ridge be developed in McLeodganj like the Ridge in Shimla. It could be easily built if concrete slab is laid over the Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation (HPRTC) bus stand in McLeodganj to connect it with McLeodganj-Naddi road. The slab would act as ride over which a food street market could be built. The tourists can have a panoramic view of Dharamsala from the proposed ridge and it could provide space for tourists to relax, he said. Sanjeev Gandhi said that the CM appreciated their idea and asked the officials concerned to work out a project report for it.



India women win inaugural Kho Kho World Cup after beating Nepal in final



Agencies : India women's team scripted history, winning the inaugural edition of the Kho Kho World Cup at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on Sunday. India defeated arch-rivals Nepal 78-40 in a largely one-sided contest, much to the delight of a strong crowd at the venue. Anshu Kumari and Chaithra were the stars of the Indian team on the big day, playing a key role in their dominant win over Nepal. The men's team was poised to win their final against Nepal later in the day. A brisk start epitomised Turn 1 as the Indian attackers took charge of proceedings. Three batches in, the Nepal women were out by simple touches on 7 occasions, with 14 points to India's name. Skipper Priyanka Ingle was in the best of form for her team with multiple touch points to her name, as the Indians started off in an exceptional manner. This was enough to take the Women in Blue to 34 points and prevented a single Dream Run for the Nepal team. Manmati Dharmi got Vaishnavi Pawar, and Samjhana B eliminated Priyanka Ingle but Chaithra B took India's first batch of Turn 2 into the Dream Run. It wasn't for long though, as Dipa completed the ALL OUT just moments later.

Bowlers take centre stage as India and Sri Lanka start with massive wins

Agencies : Defending champions India started their Under-19 Women's World Cup campaign with a bang, routing West Indies for just 44 before scripting a nine-wicket win. This came just hours after Sri Lanka had skittled Malaysia for 23 earlier on Sunday. In the second game of the day, India's bowlers cashed in on their decision to bowl first by troubling West Indies with swing and spin. Fast bowler VJ Joshitha handed them a double-blow when she trapped Samara Ramnath in front and on the next ball had Naijanni Cumberbatch caught at slip to a superb diving catch from Sanika Chalke. When left-arm spinners Ayayushi Shukla and Parunika Sisodia struck in consecutive overs to remove Jahzara Claxton and Brianna Harricharan respectively for ducks, West Indies were 17 for 4 after 5.1 overs. Three run outs in as many overs added to their woes, and 39 for 7 soon became 44 all out as Shukla and Sisodia wrapped things up. Sisodia finished with 3 for 7 while Joshitha and Shukla picked up two each. India lost only Gongadi Trisha, for 4, in the modest chase as G Kamalini and Chalke finished things off in 4.2 overs.

Shubman Gill could have been made vice-captain after Champions Trophy: Harbhajan

Agencies : Harbhajan Singh said the selectors and the team management could have waited until the end of the Champions Trophy to announce Shubman Gill as the new vice-captain in One-Day Internationals. The World Cup-winning former Indian off-spinner stated that he would have liked Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rohit Sharma to open the batting for India in the premier 50-over tournament but ruled out that possibility, saying Gill is a certainty at the top of the order after his elevation to vice-captaincy. Shubman Gill was named captain Rohit Sharma's deputy when India's Champions Trophy squad was announced by chief selector Ajit Agarkar in Mumbai on Saturday. At the same time, Yashasvi Jaiswal was named in the 15-member squad despite the in-form opener not having played ODIs in the past. Speaking on his YouTube show, Harbhajan Singh said India could have opened with Yashasvi Jaiswal, adding that the team needed to use an in-form player who brings in the right-left combination at the top of the order.

Sajid, Abrar spin Pakistan to victory in Multan

Agencies : Sajid Khan's fifer and a post-lunch four-fer for Abrar Ahmed helped Pakistan roll out West Indies for 123 in their second-innings for a comprehensive 127-run victory inside three days of the first Test in Multan. The visitors went to Lunch at 54/5 with Sajid having ripped apart the top-order for the second time in the game. Alick Athanaze put on a brief fight through his half-century knock on the other side, but Abrar picked up three of the last-four West Indies lost on the same score of 123. Pakistan were already smelling victory but Athanaze found some support in wicketkeeper-bat Tevin Imlach and together the duo frustrated the hosts for nine overs post lunch. Athanaze, particularly, impressed with his strokeplay in this fighting 41-run stand but once Abrar found a way past it, West Indies crumbled in no time. Imlach was caught behind after a patient 14 off 30 deliveries, while the half-centurion was trapped LBW by Sajid for his fifer after a 28-run partnership with Kevin Sinclair. Abrar was, at one point, on the verge of making history as the first Pakistan spinner to claim a hat-trick on home soil.

On Mohammed Siraj's Champions Trophy Exclusion, Rohit's Blunt Verdict: "Effectiveness Comes Down..."

Agencies : A significant point which came out from India's squads for the ODIs against England and the Champions Trophy was the exclusion of pacer Mohammed Siraj, with captain Rohit Sharma saying his effectiveness goes down by a little bit when not handed the new ball. Rohit also said that Siraj, who has 71 ODI wickets against his name in 44 games, including picking a remarkable six-fer in the 2023 Asia Cup final, was not locked in for a certain role in the team, especially with question marks still around Jasprit Bumrah's availability. In place of Siraj, left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh has earned a spot after becoming the highest wicket-taker in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. He joins the fast-bowling department for the twin 50-over assignments alongside Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Hardik Pandya. "That's purely because we thought over it. We are not sure about Bumrah, whether he is going to play or not. So, we thought of wanting someone who can bowl with the new ball and at the backend. So we picked Arshdeep to bowl at the backend. Shami, we all saw what he can do with the new ball."

Double Olympic Medallist Neeraj Chopra Gets Married, Pictures From Private Ceremony Viral



Agencies : Two-time Olympic medallist and star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is now married. Taking to Instagram on Sunday, Neeraj shared the news to his fans with a heartfelt note. "Starting new chapter of life with my family. Grateful for every blessing that brought us to this moment together. Bound by love, happily ever after," Neeraj captioned the post and shared a series of pictures on Instagram, revealing the identity of his life partner. Neeraj's wife, Himani, is currently studying in USA, as per the athlete's uncle. The pair got married in the presence of close friends and family members, in a private function. Among the viral images, one stood out -- Neeraj's mother blessing him -- while performing a ritual. Neeraj's uncle also confirmed that there will also be a reception party for the marriage.

Djokovic, Alcaraz set up an early Australian Open climax

Agencies : "Well, this is not the right player to play in a quarter-final, I guess." Carlos Alcaraz was talking about his potential last-eight opponent even before that player had stepped on court for his fourth-round match at the Australian Open. Such was the air of inevitability. Sure enough, Novak Djokovic held his end up, sweeping past 24th seed Jiri Lehecka 6-3, 6-4, 7-6(4) and rushing off without giving an on-court interview in protest against comments made on air by a reporter of the official broadcaster Channel 9 (what's an Australian Open without some Djokovic controversy!). Alcaraz was also quick in booking his spot, Briton Jack Draper forced to retire due to a hip injury after going two sets down. And so, the rematch of the Paris Olympics final is set for Tuesday. Except, it's come a lot sooner at Melbourne Park.