



L-R: Gajendra S Shekhawat, Rajendra Rathore, Dharmendra Rathore & Rao Rajendra Singh at Kshatriya Yuvak Sangh's 'Diamond Jubilee' function.



Chandrashekhar, Satish Poonia, Bhanwar S Bhati, Pratap S Khachariyawas and other leaders at the dais on Wednesday.



L-R: Rajyavardhan Rathore, Ramcharan Bhora and Diya Kumari on the dais.

—PHOTOS BY SUMAN SARKAR

A 3 lakh strong crowd witnesses Kshatriya Yuvak Sangh's 'Diamond Jubilee' function at Sri Bhawani Niketan Shiksha Samiti's grounds, while an almost equal number of people failed to reach the rally owing to traffic jam in the city and had to be confined to the outskirts of Jaipur!

EMERGENCE OF A NEW RAJPUT FORCE IN JAIPUR!



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot

Kartikey Dev Singh

It is not everyday that one gets to witness a gargantuan gathering of people aimed at one particular idea. Even the seemingly all powerful political parties' claim of a 'successful' gatherings, that is motivated by political leaning, fails to amass the sheer number of people that congregated in Jaipur on Wednesday to attend the clarion call given by the Kshatriya Yuvak Sangh, an organisation of Rajput community, to celebrate its 75th year in service of the nation. Even if the conservative estimates of the sources in state administration and Jaipur police are taken into account, a gathering of over three lakh people reached the large swathes of Bhawani Niketan

Shikshan Sansthan in the heart of Jaipur. In fact the sheer number of saffron 'safa' (turbans) had lent its color to the surroundings. Furthermore, the administrative realm of the state capital were also abuzz with the word that almost the same number of people that reached the venue spot, could not reach on time and were stuck on the outskirts of Jaipur.

However, the sheer number of people wasn't the biggest highlight of the day. Rather, the fact that not just Rajputs, but members of all communities attended the function on Kshatriya Yuvak Sangh's (KYS) call lent further support to the event. Apart from Rajput leaders, businessmen and common people from the community were present in huge numbers from all across India. The other communities were represented by politicians such as Satish Poonia, Mahesh Joshi, Ghanshyam Tiwari, Ramesh Aggarwal, Chandrashekhar, Ram-

charan Bohra, Sukhram Vishnoi, Abhinesh Maharishi and Alka Gurjar to name a few.

CM Ashok Gehlot and the former CM Vasundhara Rajee were also keeping a keen watch and monitoring all developments of this 'maha-rally' during the day. Dharmendra Rathore, popularly known as 'Hanuman' (trouble shooter) of Gehlot, was at the centre-stage of the rally along with BJP's chief ministerial contender and Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who delivered a powerful speech from the dais.

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Former CM Vasundhara Rajee



The massive 3 lakh plus crowd at Bhawani Niketan Shikshan Sansthan on Wednesday.



SENSEX ENDS 600 PTS HIGHER, NIFTY AT 16,955
Sensex rose 611.55 points to close the day at 56,930.56, while the Nifty was up 184.70 points or 1.10% at 16,955.50. Benchmark indices rose tracking global cues.

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ARYAN CASE: NO EVIDENCE OF EXTORTION FOUND
In connection with the drugs case, Mumbai Police discovered no proof of extortion. Police stated that no case has been filed because no proof has been discovered.

RAIDS AT CHINESE MOBILE COS
The Income Tax raided on leading Chinese mobile companies including Oppo, Xiaomi and One Plus. The raids were conducted at more than two dozen premises.

PREZ ATTENDS NAVAL EVENT
Indian Navy enthralled President Ram Nath Kovind with mesmerising demo in Kochi during his visit to Kerala. Forces showcased search and seize operations.

NO MEDIA IN K'TAKA ASSEMBLY
Media persons were briefly stopped from entering Suvarna Soudha on Wednesday before the scheduled debate on the anti-conversion Bill in Karnataka Assembly.

KANGANA SKIPS POLICE SUMMON
Actor Kangana Ranaut failed to appear before Mumbai Police in connection with an FIR against her for a post linking farmers' protests to a separatist group.

ED JUNKS JACQUELINE'S REQUEST
ED rejected actor Jacqueline Fernandez's request to downgrade lookout notice against her in Rs 200 or extortion case involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekar.

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NO HULLABALOO THIS X-MAS, NY

Party's over as Delhi, Mumbai, Karnataka restrict gatherings over Omicron threat

TAKE APPROVAL FOR GATHERINGS OF OVER 200, ORDERS BMC

Aditi Nagar

New Delhi: Amid the threat posed by the Omicron variant of Covid-19, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority has stated that no event or gathering to celebrate Christmas or New Year will be allowed in the city. In Mumbai also, the BMC ordered that prior approval from the local disaster management authority is mandatory for any gathering, even in an open space, for 200 or more until further orders. In a fresh circular, BMC commissioner Iqbal Chahal said that if more than 200 people gather for any programme or activity, whether, social, religious or political, after December 20, prior written permission has to be taken. In Karnataka, CM Besavaraaj Bommai said no parties or mass gatherings would be permitted from December 30 to January 2.



DIMPLE, DAUGHTER TEST POSITIVE
Lucknow: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's wife and former MP, Dimple Yadav, and daughter have tested positive for Covid-19. Yadav and her daughter Tina have isolated themselves at home where they are being given treatment.

PM MODI TO CHAIR REVIEW MEET OVER COVID SCENARIO
New Delhi: Amid the rising cases of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a review meeting on Thursday. India's Omicron tally has surged to 213 on Wednesday, with Delhi and Maharashtra recording the highest total cases at 57 and 54, respectively. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi to hold a meeting to review the COVID-19 related situation in the country tomorrow," news agency ANI tweeted citing government sources.

PUNJAB TELLS GOVT STAFF: NO SALARY WITHOUT VACCINE CERT

Chandigarh: The Punjab government has told its employees they won't get their salaries if they don't furnish their Covid vaccine certificate. It has asked the employees to register their full or provisional vaccination certificate number with the state government's human resources portal IHRMS. If they fail to do so, they will not be able to get their salaries, the government said in an order.

CORONA CATASTROPHE

INDIA	RAJASTHAN
6,317 new cases	19 new cases
318 new fatalities	00 new fatalities

Now, Congress smells rebellion from U'khand as Rawat "has had enough"

New Delhi: Harish Rawat, one of the Congress's top trouble-shooters, has hinted that he may soon be the one causing trouble for the party, with tweets that appear to be a very public takedown of the Gandhis. The former Uttarakhand Chief Minister, 73, asks for "margdarshan (guidance) from Lord Kedarnath" and says "he has had enough" in the posts that smack of rebellion just weeks before polls in the hill state. Though Harish Rawat is close to the Gandhis, he seems to accuse the Congress leadership of abandoning him. "Isn't it strange? We

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW: AMARINDER REACTS TO RAWAT'S CRYPTIC TWEETS

Chandigarh: Former Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has reacted to former Uttarakhand Chief Minister and Congress campaign head Harish Rawat's cryptic tweets. Amarinder Singh tweeted, "You reap what you sow! All the best for your future endeavours (if there are any) @arishrawatcmuk ji."

have to swim in this sea of elections, but instead of supporting me, the organisation has either turned its back on me or is playing a negative role," Rawat writes.

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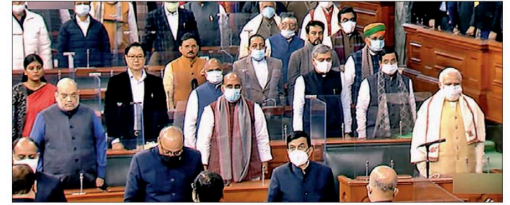
Ultras shoot civilian dead; cop succumbs to injuries

Srinagar: Terrorists shot dead a civilian in the old city area of Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. In a separate incident a police officer died after terrorists fired indiscriminately and critically injured him at a hospital in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district. He succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

The deceased civilian was identified as Rouf Ahmad of Nawakadal,

while the assistant sub-inspector who was shot at in the sub-district hospital in Bijbehara was Mohammad Ashraf. The Kashmir Zone Police said Ashraf had been shifted to Srinagar-based hospital for treatment and the area was cordoned off. Taking to Twitter, police said, "Terrorists fired indiscriminately and critically injured a police personnel, ASI Mohd Ashraf of PS Bijbehara, #Anantnag."

WINTER SESSION ENDS



PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur and other Ministers and Lok Sabha MPs sing Vande Mataram as House adjourned sine die marking an end of the Winter Session of Parliament on Wednesday.

—PHOTO BY ANI

Govt calls session 'success', Oppn says bills rushed without debates

New Delhi: The Winter Session of Parliament, which began on November 29 in the shadow of uncertainty with the suspension of 12 Rajya Sabha MPs in the previous session, came to an end Wednesday, a day earlier than scheduled, with the passage of 11 bills in both houses. While the government projected it as a success - with 82 per cent productivity in Lok Sabha and 48 per cent in Rajya Sabha - despite the "disruptive strategy" of the Opposition, the treasury benches have been accused of "rushing the bills without debates and even prior notice".

The session had 18 sittings in 24 days, said Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, who was addressing the media after both the houses were adjourned sine die. During the session, 13 bills (12 in Lok Sabha and one in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. Eleven bills were passed by both the houses of Parliament, which includes one Appropriation Bill relating the Supplement-

tary Demands for Grants for the year. The bills include the Farm Repeal Bill, 2021, the Dam Safety Bill, the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulations) Bill, the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, The Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Bill, the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill and the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill.

BRONZE IN THE BAG!



Indian and Pakistani players vie for ball during their 3rd and 4th place hockey match at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2021 in Dhaka on Wednesday. India beat Pakistan 4-3 to finish third.

—PHOTO BY ANI

UP govt orders probe into Ayodhya land deals, seeks report in a week

Lucknow: On the day, a daily published an investigative report that elected public representatives and relatives of state government officials bought land parcels in Ayodhya after the November 9, 2019, Supreme Court verdict clearing construction

of a Ram temple in the district, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered an inquiry into transactions and sought a report within a week. Confirming this, Manoj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), Uttar

Pradesh, said, the Chief Minister has sought a report with relevant documents in the next 5-7 days. An official said Radhey Shyam Mishra, Special Secretary, Department of Revenue, has been asked to conduct the probe.

IT TEAM RAIDS 25 LOCATIONS OF TWO COMPANIES IN JAIPUR

Jaipur: Income tax sleuths conducted raids on more than 50 premises of two groups involved in hotel, real estate and electronics business in Rajasthan, Mumbai and Uttarakhand. The premises located in Sitapura, Adarsh Nagar, Nehru Bazar in Jaipur and other areas were raided by the IT teams. The department is suspecting tax evasion worth crores of rupees. One of the groups manufactures products in the name of Veto power. Raids were conducted at more than 50 locations, including 25 in Jaipur. **P7**

Gehlot: If needed we will change rules, but recruitment will be done on regular basis

- CM says like UPSC, RPSC will also release annual calendar
- RPSC released a calendar of 73 exams for the year 2022

First India Bureau

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that it is necessary to end the vacancies in the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) as without any reason, the members

and chairman are defamed. "What would have happened there, how the selection would have happened, money would have been running in the selection, many such things keep going on in the market. It is not a matter of to-



Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot

day, we have been listening to this since childhood. It is necessary to remove misconceptions so that the credibility of the RPSC remains intact," Gehlot said on

the occasion of 73rd Raising Day of RPSC through VC.

"RPSC should release the calendar of recruitment every year. Like the Union Public Ser-

vice Commission (UPSC), people should know which exam will be held at what time. The calendar should not be issued only once, it should be issued regularly every year. If the calendar of recruitment is released every year, then a different message will be sent to the masses. It just takes months to get recruited. When our government was formed in 2019, the old recruitment were still pending. **Turn to P8**

CRUCIAL READ

SANJAYA K MISHRA APPOINTED ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF U'KHAND HIGH COURT

Bhubaneswar: Odisha-born Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court. It is to be noted here that Justice Mishra was transferred from Orissa High Court to Uttarakhand High Court in October this year.



LOOKOUT NOTICE AGAINST MAJITHIA, SAD SAYS 'POLITICAL VENDETTA'

Chandigarh: A lookout circular was on Wednesday issued against Shromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and former minister Bikram Singh Majithia, who was booked in a drugs case on Monday evening. In a correspondence to Punjab police, the Bureau of Immigration (BOI) wrote that the "LOC shall remain in force until and unless a debarment request is received by the BOI from the originator itself." Majithia was booked under for financing illicit traffic and harbouring offenders and abetment and criminal conspiracy of the NDPS Act. **P6**

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Missives From Kerala: Trivendram



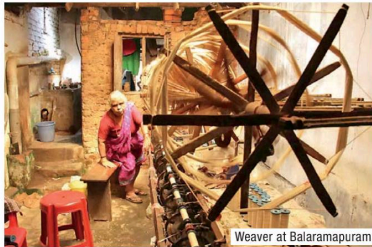
Kovalam Beach



DR. MRIDUL BHASIN
Writer, Art Critic and Social Activist

How strange to grasp the fact that at times individuals become the microcosm of a state, representing the best of the region! Recently venturing into a holiday to Kerala, to shed off the dust of routine boredom accumulated during Covid, I had gone on a holiday to Trivendram. Just when winter was showing early signs of cold in Rajasthan, a three-hour flight took us to the warmth of the capital of Kerala.

Our sojourn to God's own Country was limited to this city as we, a group of friends were availing a rejuvenation- detox Kerala Massage Program too with all restrictions of Covid in place! To avoid rampant infection was our prime concern. The chosen holiday program was not the kind that one gets in travel packages. It was a well-conducted 11-day minimum course of professional massages, decoctions, and vegetarian food designed by Dr. Sreelaja Sasikumari, a gold medalist, well experienced Ayurvedic doctor. Trained masseuse male and female gave two medicat-



Weaver at Balaramapuram



Dr Sreelaja

ed massages a day besides facials to us. Each one of us was examined by Dr. Sreelaja to gauge the "Tri Dosha" fundamental structure of each one of us and we had individually prescribed and designed herbal massages!! To boot it all the Kovalam sea beach was barely one and a half kilometers

from the secluded Ayur Hermitage where we lived.

So it was most natural for us to bathe in the sea, no swimming was allowed due to high tides caused by neighbouring Karnataka state's heavy rains and floods. Availing the nariyal pani freely, it was time to forget the covid travails and live the moment. Doctor Sreelaja practices Panch

Karma as per the Ayurvedic scriptures with sequencing of Purv, Pradhan, and Pashchat with Abhyangam (Oil Massages) and other practices of Ayurveda. In an informal and continuing conversation, I tried to grasp the basics of the ancient medicinal wisdom which is astoundingly holistic in its approach. The doctor told us that it is through Darshana, Sparsh and Prashna that an Ayurvedic doctor begins treatment. A seasoned Ayurveda practitioner begins by studying the physical features of a patient that is Darshana, going on to Sparsh that is examining by touching - taking the pulse, blood pressure, taking temperature quite like the allopathic mode and then Prashna, asking questions are the three procedures conducted to understand the nature of genetic, physical and mental parameters of an individual.

Due to the per-



Weaver at Balaramapuram

sonalized observation every day, every patient or recipient has a satisfying experience while it allows the doctor to modify her treatment according to her observation to see if the treatment is working as per her prognosis. Rejuvenation, detoxification, stress release, arthritis pain relief, weight reduction programs are the general programs. These are combined for specific ailments and lots of select panch karma elements are added to benefit the recipient. Dr. Sreelaja feels that in today's modern-day, fast-paced and now Covid induced complications and physical and mental health issues, Ayurveda's holistic approach is more effective.

It is being recognized now that over-medication and an unhealthy way of life lead to lifestyle and other diseases. On a personal note, the abhyangams given to me were Pidikizhy (Powder Bowlus Massage) which

proved effective for my knee pain and cellulite. Udwarthanam again is a different kind of herbal powder massage that helped in reducing weight and fat and gave a glow to my skin. One rejuvenating massage given to me was Pizhichi (Oil Bath) which was virtual bathing with oil and vigorous spot-specific massage. It helped me to lessen my joint pain, improved muscle toning and reduced backache.

This particular massage is good for those suffering from paralysis too. Like Shiro Dhara, one oil bath administered to me was Pad Dhara was like heaven. The doctor encouraged us to go to the beach which is at a walkable distance just from the center.

Our visits to the Kovalam beach were very relaxing, water-drenched and of course hilarious. Amazing to feel what pure laughter and the moment of being a child once again can do to

one's psyche. We were chasing the waves, picking up shells and drift woods. The serene experience of watching the sun go down the sea slowly, feel the intermixing of colours on water and sky, to feel the oneness of all elements at that moment is not only spiritual, it is therapeutic also. There comes a gradual acceptance of the fact that we, the humans are a speck only in the eternal scheme of the universe. Serene submergence of one's ego dawns as one watches the sunrise or the sunset on the sea. Next were the exciting visits to the Aazimala Shivakshetra temple with its magnificent, massive Shiv sculpture that rises against the blue of the Arabian sea near Pulinkudi village and of course the Padmanabh temple (No pictures allowed) reinforce a sense of being a part of the majestic tradition, and one's place in creation, this earth and the universe. Still very satisfying was the walk through the weavers' village - Balaramapuram.

The weavers of the village are beginning to recover from the covid-blast-closure now and we went to a well-functioning unit to see the mostly female weavers working there. - Some of them were graduates!! It was a delight to buy pure woven towels, sepiatoned or cream white Sarees with exotic borders and Ang Vastrum with coloured zari borders on cream white cloth.

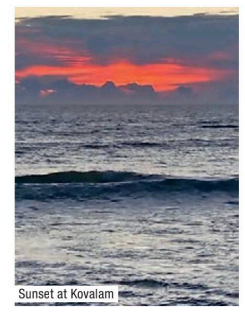
The prices were unbelievably low as compared to the markets. Not to mention the spices that grew in the sun-kissed jungles cultivated so beautifully!! One regrets the restrictions of baggage weight as one goes berserk smelling, buying and still wanting more of the clothing and spices. We do know now why Kerala is called, God's own Country!!



Azhimala Shiva Kshetra Temple



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Sunset at Kovalam

