

Strict orders for New Year celebrations BUT THE SHOW WILL GO ON

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PRAYAGRAJ: The New Year 'Hullarbazi' starts from the 31st evening. Although restrictions have been imposed on the number of people who are to assemble at such celebrations, it is

year would be drawing nearer, the frenzy will increase manifold. For revelers the weather matters not because the extra excitement generated by the intake of 'Som Ras' in excess in group gatherings lets loose a riot of colourful words with funny adjectives, each

reprimands like, 'Chup be, bhag yahan se warna teri bhi dhunai kar denge'. Another group will barge into them singing some obscene parody of a beautiful song, making everyone laugh, especially when some big personalities are caricatured in the parody. And then the clock chimes 12—and shouts of 'Happy new year' drown the rest of the abusive exchanges.

The same could be seen on the New Years Day too. But this year the corona curbs will act as a stern warning—as stern as the angry looks of a wife who spots her husband flirting with some one else! The show will go on and greetings of Happy New Year will be heard from all sides-on TV channels, radio announcements, on e-mails, on Whats Ap and, of course the mobile phones.



not at the venues of the functions that one finds people being carried away by the boisterous mood, stirred up by many pegs of whiskey inside. The fun and frolic is also to be seen on the roads. And as the new

funnier than the other. But this is the time when on a trifle the tipsy people lose control and then hell is let loose—though prevented by sober elements who are pushed aside with angry

IS THERE CONNIVANCE BETWEEN HUKKA BARS & COPS?

PRAYAGRAJ: Is there any sort of connivance between some cops and the Hukka Bars which are illegally being run in Prayagraj and being possibly protected by the men in uniform? This suspicion arises on reading about the Allahabad SSP asking all the SHOs to submit an affidavit to the effect that no hukka bar is operating in their area. The affidavit will also have the signature of their Circle Officer or additional S.P. The SSP has warned that if any Hukka Bar is found anywhere in the city or the district, action will be taken against the SHO of the area. This became necessary because, in spite of the ban imposed by the High Court against these Hukka Bars, one finds that there are reports about several of them operating in the city inside some restaurants in a clandestine manner. This became evident when one such Hukka Bar was raided in Civil Lines. After that such Hukka bars have been spotted elsewhere too and action taken. In the latest late-night operation in Naini the other day, two Hukka Bars were raided, six persons were arrested. Two KG of marijuana was seized from one of the Hukka bars along with many hookahs, pipes, flavours.

Smart meters only after eliminating defects

PRAYAGRAJ: The Government was flooded with complaints about the faulty working of the smart power meters installed in the premises of many electricity users. People were getting inflated bills because the smart meters were showing inflated number of units consumed. These meters were removed from several houses. But the Smart Meters, if working in order, are much better than those in operation.

PROPOSED LAW FOR RELIGIOUS CENTRES

CM requested to consult seers before taking final decision

Our Correspondent

PRAYAGRAJ: There was a report the other day that the UP Government is planning to enact a law for better management of religious centres-{Dharmsthal}. Hence all such centres will be required to get themselves registered. This will entitle them to security and better administration. But the item did not specify which category of such centres will be required to get themselves registered.

Reacting to the news, Shri Narendra Giri, President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhara Parishad, in his reaction, has demanded that if there is any such move on the part of the UP Government then it should be ensured that temples and monasteries will be kept

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Illegal house of Atiq's driver also bulldozed

Our Correspondent

PRAYAGRAJ: An illegal residential quarter, built on 2000 sq yards,

Atiq Ahmed, was demolished by the PDA in Dhoomanganj on Wednesday. PDA sources say that it

passed despite reminders. Notice was served but there was no response. Hence this action was taken. The demolition squad went with heavy police force from several thanas.

There was resistance by members of Malli's family. But their objections were turned down. A large crowd had gathered there but none had the guts to come forward to protest.

The household goods were taken out and thereafter within hours the massive mansion was reduced to rubble.



belonging to Asif alias Malli, said to be driver of

was worth several crores. Malli had not got the map

Two incidents of student fights'

Our Correspondent

PRAYAGRAJ: The first incident occurred on Bank Road. It was all over a 'Kachauri' at an eatery. Apparently the two groups were on inimical terms. The two sides started an argument followed by angry outbursts. Then stone-throwing and fist-blows followed. And a gunshot was also fired. One student received bullet injuries. Two others were hurt because of physical assaults. The three were admitted in hospital. Police came. FIRs were filed from both sides. Some 12 person were named in the FIRs. Four of them have been

arrested. FIRs have been filed against the unknown assailants.

The coaching institute incident that occurred a day

near Manmohan Park in Katra. One group of students wanted the Institute to be closed down (corona curbs being cited as the reason) and the other

locked. Police came and pacified the groups, assured them the the Institute would start functioning or remain closed in accordance with the corona curbs. But the original matter—when

coaching men assaulted to students who had gone there for admission of one of them—will be brought to the notice of the senior officers. And action will be taken on the basis of their directions.



earlier (Tuesday) was followed up by another brawl at the same venue

group wanted the institute to open. The institute's doors, however, were

114 CCTV cameras at Prayagraj Railway stations

PRAYAGRAJ: General Manager, NCR, Rajiv Chowdhury, while inaugurating the Surveillance Control Centre at Zonal Headquarters, announced that 24 stations under its control will be equipped with CCTV cameras to ensure passenger safety and also to keep an eye on the happenings on the platforms for all the 24 hours. In all, 143 CCTV cameras are to be set up. Out of these the maximum number of CCTV cameras—114—will be installed in Allahabad Division.

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Shaheen Bagh s Bilkis Bano is in Gal Gadot s list of Personal Wonder Women

The Delhi: Bilkis Dadi, the octogenarian who was the face of the months-long

anti-citizenship law protest in the Delhi's Shaheen Bagh neighbourhood, has

now found herself on Hollywood star Gal Gadot's list of 'My Personal Wonder Women'.

The actor, who was recently seen reprising the titular role in "Wonder Woman 1984", shared a series of pictures on her Instagram page, acknowledging young girls and women from all walks of life across the globe.

"Saying farewell to 2020, with all my love to #MyPersonalWonderWomen. Some are those closest to me - my family, my friends - some are inspiring women I've loved discovering, and some are exceptional women I hope to meet in the future."

Gadot wrote in the caption of the post.

The 35-year-old actor also shared the same image of Bilkis on her Instagram Story and wrongly captioned it as, "The 82-year-old activist fighting for women's equality in India showed me it's never too late to fight for what you believe in." She later deleted the Story, but the senior activist is still part of her post in the feed.

Earlier this year, Bilkis, popularly known as the

Shaheen Bagh Dadi, also featured in the Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of 2020.

Gadot's 'My Personal Wonder Women' line-up also includes her "Wonder Woman 1984" director Patty Jenkins, US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Arden, Kathrin Jansen, head of vaccine research at Pfizer, and Sofia Scarlet, an activist.

5 steps to adopt a child in Pune

Pune: On the www.cara.nic.in, the Indian prospective adoptive parents if interested to adopt an

Information and Guidance System.

The Specialised Adoption Agency or the impaneled social worker of the State Adoption Resource Agency or District Child Protection Unit shall counsel the prospective adoptive parents during the home study. The Home Study Report shall remain valid for three years.

Adoption of a child by prospective adoptive parents, after completion of registration and Home Study Report, shall depend

upon availability of a suitable child. Seniority of prospective parents shall be from the date of uploading of documents and completion of the process. The child shall be taken in pre-adoption foster care by the prospective adoptive parents within ten days from the date of matching, after signing the pre-adoption foster care undertaking in the format provided in Schedule VIII. The court shall hold the adoption proceeding in-camera and dispose of the



orphan or abandoned or surrendered child shall apply for the same to Specialised Adoption Agencies through Child Adoption Resource

Patna administration identifies all 96 UK returnees

Patna: Patna district administration on Thursday identified all the 96 people who had returned to the state capital from United Kingdom (UK) from November 21 to December 21.

"On Thursday, we could finally trace the 96 people who had arrived Patna from UK recently. Many have moved to other states and even returned to UK. The district administration officials of the states where they have migrated to have been informed and the

district magistrates asked to administer them tests. Besides, testing of those who are in Patna is being done," said Patna civil surgeon Dr Vibha Kumari Singh. She, however, did not disclose the states to which the people had migrated on the grounds that the list was long.

on Wednesday, samples from 25 people were collected and sent to Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences (RMRIMS) for tests.

UK flight ban: DGCA to frame rescheduling, refunding norms

Mumbai: With India extending the suspension of flights to and from the United Kingdom (UK) by another week, in the wake of a new variant of Covid-19 virus, the aviation regulator- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), is now considering new norms for rescheduling and cancellation of flights, as many fliers have been forced to either cancel or postpone their flights.

Arun Kumar, director-general of DGCA said that the regulator will look into the flight cancellations and

rescheduling caused due to extension of temporary flight suspension on UK routes. The circular issued

flights to/from the United Kingdom till January 7, 2021. However, this restriction shall not apply



by the DGCA on Wednesday read, "...the complement authority has further extended the temporary suspension of

to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA." In the wake of the new strain of coronavirus

emerging in the UK, Indian civil aviation ministry on December 21, announced flight suspension on routes from December 22 till December 31.

However, such suspension of flights has caused trouble to the passengers throughout this year. Many of the passengers who were booked to fly to various domestic and international destinations are yet to receive their refund from the airlines. These include mainly the ones who were to fly by Air India. To add to the situation, the latest

flight suspension has also troubled travellers; be it the ones stranded in the UK or the ones who were to depart from India to the affected countries in the UK.

"The airlines had rescheduled flight to the first week of January, when the government announced flight suspension till December 31. However, with the further suspension to UK routes, the airlines again seem to be unclear on their refund/ rescheduling policy," said a Pune-based businessman whose son is stranded in Birmingham.

All you need to know about night curbs in Delhi today, tomorrow

New Delhi: The Delhi government announced restrictions on the gathering of more than five persons in public spaces in the city from Thursday 11pm (December 31) to Friday 6am (January 1), and from Friday 11pm (January 1) to Saturday 6am (January 2). But the government has clarified that public spaces do not include licensed places such as hotels, bars, restaurants; they will be open. The government also said that there are no restrictions on private places. Here's all you need to know about the curbs:

At licensed places, it will be mandatory to follow social distancing rules and wearing of masks. Owners and managers of those places will have to scan the body temperature of the visitors at the entry points.

Notice

I, Sri Rajesh Kumar Shukla S/o Late Radheshyam Shukla of Vill.- Chhipia, Po- Laxmiganj, Distt- Raebareli (U.P.) here by declare to change name of my son from his old name Vinay Kumar to his new name Vinay Kumar Shukla. In future he should be known as Vinay Kumar Shukla.

सूचना

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Revised Timings of Train No. 02512 Thiruvananthapuram Central-Gorakhpur Holiday Special (Bi-Weekly) at Jolarpettai Railway Station

STATION	TRAIN No. 02512		With Effect From	
	Existing Timings	Revised Timings	ARR.	DEP.
JOLARPETTAI	19:48	19:50	19:43	19:45

Revised Timings of Train No. 02522 Ernakulam Jn.-Barauni Jn. Holiday Special (Weekly) at Jolarpettai & Katpadi Jn. Railway Station

STATION	TRAIN No. 02522		With Effect From	
	Existing Timings	Revised Timings	ARR.	DEP.
JOLARPETTAI	19:51	19:53	19:43	19:45
KATPADI JN	21:08	21:13	20:50	20:55

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