Rajasthan schools, colleges, coaching centres to reopen from January 18

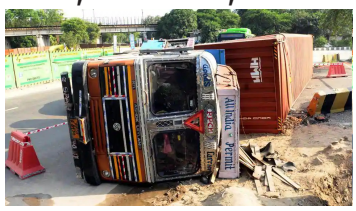
Jaipur, The Rajasthan government has decided to reopen school, colleges and coaching centres from January 18 encouraged by the declining number of active Covid-19 cases in the state. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot after a Corona review meet on Tuesday evening, directed to open schools for students of class 9th to 12th, colleges for final year students, coaching institutes and government training institutes. Also medical colleges, dental colleges, nursing colleges and paramedical colleges were also directed to open from January 11 to ensure readiness for carrying out the vaccination drive.

The CM said to ensure social distancing, all educational institutions will cater to 50% students on the first day and the remaining 50% on the second day in each class. Teachers will be given necessary training by the health department for the prevention of Covid-19 infection. The chief minister asked officials to ensure all coronavirus containment and prevention protocols, including social distancing, wearing of masks, are followed in all institutions as per the Central guidelines and SOPs.

"The presence of new Covid-19 strains in the country and in the state is of concern. Any kind of negligence can create a big crisis. In view of this, special monitoring of travellers coming to the state from abroad should be done, including those affected by the virus," said Gehlot.The CM said that the coronavirus situation in Rajasthan was very much under control due to the effective management and cooperation of the people. The recovery rate has risen to an all-time high of 96.31%. Gehlot said that preparations for the vaccination drive in the state should be completed in mission mode. The entire database of health workers should be uploaded as soon as possible for vaccination, he added.

State health minister Dr Raghu Sharma said that special vigilance is being done in the state regarding the new strain of coronavirus. The medical department is conducting contact tracing and screening of passengers from the UK, and sending the samples for testing to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) lab in Delhi.

Mayhem on Jaipur Delhi highway as truck rams into vehicles, overturns, 3 killed



Jaipur, Three persons were killed and at least four were injured when a speeding truck-trailer overturned on the Delhi bypass road in Jaipur late Tuesday night. The condition of one of the injured is critical. All the injured were sent to the trauma center of the SMS hospital. The accident occurred at the Bengali Baba Ashram Circle at Dhobi Ghat turn in Brahmapuri area. A few minutes before it overturned, the truck had smashed bike riders near Idgah Pada Mandi on the Delhi highway and hit about half a dozen other vehicles after its break failed reportedly, said police. "At around 7 pm on Tuesday, the trailer carrying rice sacks was going from Transport Nagar in Jaipur towards Delhi. The truck was passing through the Delhi bypass road when the brakes failed and it hit two bikes near Idgah. The impact was so severe that the bike drivers fell a fair distance away. The truck driver panicked after the accident and drove faster to escape," said a police official.

He added that the truck overturned about two kilometers from the first accident spot. At the time of the accident, commuters were waiting at a nearby bus stand at Dhobighat road. Thankfully, none of them were caught in the accident. However, two people on a bike were crushed under the heavy vehicle. After the accident, policemen including senior officers reached the spot and supervised the removal of the overturned vehicle with the help of a crane. The bodies were sent to a mortuary and the injured were rushed to SMS hospital for treatment. The driver of the truck has been detained. Chief whip of Rajasthan Assembly Mahesh Joshi also visited the injured in the hospital. The accident caused a traffic jam on the highway lane from Jaipur to Delhi. Traffic had to be diverted from Ramgarh towards Amber Road to Delhi.

IRCTC's AI chatbot AskDISHA enhances user experience

Ahmedabad, Powered by Microsoft Azure, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation's (IRCTC) AI-powered chatbot AskDISHA has helped improve satisfaction of customer interactions by 70%. Developed by conversational AI platform CoRover, the virtual assistant uses technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP) to answer passenger queries. Following the success of AskDISHA, IRCTC is partnering with CoRover to co-sell and re-sell AI products and services to government and private organizations across industries.

Earlier checking train running schedules or status of tickets through phone, email or interactive voice response (IVR) was a lengthy process. The nature of queries was highly repetitive, yet passengers had to experience significantly long waiting periods for even minor queries. In search of instant responses, users sought information from unverified sources. Interactions with the virtual assistant have provided customers with instant responses and frequent queries now have zero wait time.

Since its inception in October 2018, the AskDISHA chatbot has handled over 10 billion interactions benefiting more than 178 million passengers. Supporting both voice and text capabilities in English and Hindi, it is available on both web and mobile app interfaces. The chatbot can answer user queries on ticket reservation, refund status, PNR search, cancellations, probability of ticket confirmation, as well as other travel and tourism offerings of the Indian Railways subsidiary. (20-4)

Bird flu samples from Rajasthan's Kota, Baran found positive; over 600 birds dead

Jaipur, After Jhalawar, the test results have confirmed bird flu in samples sent from Kota and Baran. The test report identifies Avian Influenza subtype H5N8 in the birds, which according to experts, is less infectious. The death of birds is spreading at an alarming speed across Rajasthan. Till Tuesday morning, the tally had reached 625 from 16 of 33 districts. The state has sent 86 samples for testing from 11 districts. Agriculture and animal husbandry minister Lal Chand Kataria said the samples sent from three districts are found positive for Avian Influenza. This virus is spreading in other states also and it is a matter of concern, especially amid the Covid-19 pandemic. "The virus has not affected chickens or eggs yet but all precautions are being taken, looking at the way it has spread among crows. But the positive news is that the samples from Jodhpur have come out negative. Samples from Jhalawar, Kota and Baran have come positive,"he said.

The minister said the area where the flu is found will be sanitised as done for Covid-19. "There will be no ban on the sale of eggs as no impact of flu is found on poultry. Looking to possibilities, awareness is created in advance among the poultry owners and people," he said. Kataria said the issue is that the state doesn't have a laboratory to conduct tests and the samples are sent outside. "We want to establish a lab to avoid any delay and have spoken to the government," he added.

Department principal secretary Kunji Lal Meena said only the laboratory in Bhopal is accredited by the government to conduct tests for such diseases. The government has agreed in-principal to encourage regional labs – a proposal to setup one in Jaipur will be sent today. The state has the expertise to run such labs. On the type of flu variant found in state, department secretary Arushi Malik said it is found to be Avian Influenza subtype H5N8, which is not dangerous for people but precautions need to be taken.

A senior department official on anonymity said random chicken faeces have also been sent for testing. The animal husbandry and forest department have already sounded an alert across the state and district collectors are directed to ensure regular monitoring. A control room has been set up at the state and district level; district-wise nodal officers are appointed, who are laying special focus on poultry farms and creating awareness. "As a precaution, the Jhalawar and Pali district administration has imposed section 144 a kilometre around the infected area. The government is also considering sealing Madhya Pradesh border for poultry transportation," he said. Microbiologist Dr AK Kataria said the virus strain H5N8 is not fatal for humans and only H5N1 is known to be dangerous which leads to pneumonia. The strains, which are considered to be highly pathogenic, are N1, N2, N5, N6 and N9. "The situation can be dealt opting required precautions such as burying dead birds three feet down and away from water sources," he said.

Bihar govt to pay for treatment of congenital heart defect in newborns

Patna, The Bihar government will now bear the expense of treating infants suffering from congenital heart defect or a hole in heart, clinically known as atrial septal defect (ASD). This was one of the nine policy decisions to be approved by the state cabinet, in a meeting chaired by chief minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday.

A senior officer of the information and public relations department said the state government has decided to bear the cost of treatment of ASD as part of Nischaya (resolve) part-2 of the Aatmanirbhar Bihar programme.

Around two-three newborns per 1000 suffer from the ASD in the state, where private hospitals charge around Rs 1-1.50 lakh for its treatment.

In another important decision, the cabinet cleared the transport department's proposal to waive road tax for almost three months (from July 6 to September 2) as part of Covid-19 relief measures for commercial passenger vehicles registered in Bihar. Besides, it also decided to waive off the fine for defaulting on the payment of road tax between March 21, 2020 and March 31, 2021. The state cabinet also modified the procedure to appoint the chairman of the special purpose vehicle (SPV) companies, set up to develop Patna, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur and Bihar Sharif as smart cities using Central government funds under the smart city mission. Doing away with the tradition of nominating the divisional commissioner as ex-officio chairman of the SPVs, now the secretary of urban development department will function as the head of the companies. Home guard jawans, who are on a regular salary, will also be given the benefits of grade pay structure just like their Bihar police counterparts. Officials said that home guard jawans' salaries will increase substantially since the grade pay system will be enforced with retrospective effect from January 2006. However, financial benefits would be doled out to home guard jawans with effect from January 21, 2010.

Shah Rukh Khan signed Denver Autograph Collection single bottle perfume auctioned for Rs 1 lakh

Ahmedabad, Beating all the previous records as one of the highest auctions for a perfume bottle in India, a perfume bottle from the new Denver Autograph Collectionwith an autograph of renowned Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khangot auctioned for as high as Rs 1 lakh. The auction was organised to raise funds for charitable institutions and the brand donated anamount matching to the funds collected through auction to charity.

Total seven real signed bottles from Denver Autograph Collection were sold through influencers on online live auction and all these packed perfume bottles boasts real signature of Shahrukh Khan. Popular as Shahrukh's Perfume, the new product line from the best-selling deodorant brand Denver covers all notes and moods with a variety of six premium fragrances that comprises Denver Autograph Collection exclusively for men. Mr.Saurabh Gupta, Director, Vanesa Care Private Limited, said:"Reiterating our commitment towards the society, we decided to auction the first unit of Denver Autograph Collection for charity and we have got an overwhelming response.We chose the new Denver Autograph collection personally signed by Shahrukh Khan for this purpose as we know he enjoys the highest fan following in the world just like our exclusive perfumes."

"We are thankful to the Indian consumers and patrons of Vanesa Care all over India for their choice of Shah Rukh Khan and his preferred perfume brand which is evident from the record breaking auction of one bottle from Denver Autograph Collection at Rs 1 lakh," he added. (14-2)

Shooting of Gujarati web series "Vat Vat Ma" started

Ahmedabad, The popularity of web-series has grown significantly in India over the last few years with the widespread availability of internet, smartphones, spread of social media and the unprecedented change in viewers' preferences. A special class has emerged in the country preferring to watch diverse content on OTT platforms, with the proportion of youth being the highest. Many OTT platforms have a plethora of interesting series in different languages, but viewers are disappointed as there are still very few web series available in Gujarati. Magnet Media Films has announced to start shooting of Gujarati web series "Vat Vat Ma" today with the objective of presenting a web series with interesting Gujarati content to viewers living in the country and abroad. Popular actor Malhar Thacker and actress Pooja Joshi will be seen in the lead roles in the series produced by BhaveshUpadhyay and directed byKartavya Shah. Along with them, actors including ChetanDahiya and KrupaPandya are also in important roles. Commenting on this, BhaveshUpadhyay, Producer, said, "We are very excited to announce the Gujarati web series" Vat Vat Ma". Today we are witnessing a behavioral change in the content preferences of the viewers and in a situation where there are very few Gujarati series on the OTT platform, I am confident that our new series will provide fresh and best content to the viewers. In addition, our new series can be enjoyed sitting with all the family members while viewers always complain that the web series in other languages on the OTT platform is full of abusive language." (20-4)

Man found dead in Bihar, family accuses neighbour of murder

Muzaffarpur, Unidentified assailants strangulated a man at his residence at Raghopur in Bihar's Ahiapur on Tuesday. Ashutosh Anand, the man, was preparing for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering after completing his B Tech from Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology. He was alone at home when he was murdered. Anand's father, Daya Shankar Shahi, said his son was killed two days after he had an argument with a woman in their neighbourhood. "She threatened him with dire consequences. And this has happened after 48 hours of that."

Anand's sister, Arya Anand, said they were away with her mother to see a doctor when her brother was killed. "I jumped from the roof of my house [and]...found my brother hanging from an iron rod." Police superintendent Rakesh Kumar cited the probe so far and said a personal dispute could be behind the murder. "It is clear from the review of the spot that he was killed and hanged from the iron rod to give an impression of suicide. His knees were touching the floor, while his legs and private parts were tied with thin nylon ropes. His neck was tied with a thicker rope," said Kumar.

Local body elections: AAP publishes first list of candidates

AHMEDABAD: Aam Aadmi Party on Sunday announced the first list of its candidates for the forthcoming local body elections. These include candidates for municipal corporations, municipalities, district panchayats and taluka panchayat elections. "It will not be wrong to say that the list of Congress candidates is prepared in the BJP office. The BJP uses money power and threatens use of agencies against Congress, which gets intimidated and does not put up a real fight. People of Gujarat want change and AAP is presenting an alternative," said Atishi Singh, national spokesperson, AAP. She added that not just the forthcoming local body polls, AAP will contest all forthcoming elections in the state including the 2022 assembly election. "People of Gujarat want a change, but they had no alternative until now.

Office leasing in Ahmedabad records 0.82 mn sq ft in H2 2020: Knight Frank India

Ahmedabad, Knight Frank India today launched the 14th edition of its flagship half-yearly report - India Real Estate: H2 2020 - which presents a comprehensive analysis of the residential and office market performance across eight major cities for the July-December 2020 (H2 2020) period. The report highlighted that Ahmedabad recorded office leasing of 0.08 mn sq m (0.82 mn sq ft) in H2 2020. This was reported as 66% higher than the level witnessed in the preceding half-yearly period ofH1 2020. Thenew office completions in 2020 far outpaced the leasing activity at 0.48 mn sq m (5.1 mn sq ft), witnessing a 4.90% increase over 2019.

Office transactions witnessed a rapid recovery in Q4 2020 spiking by a massive 1,174% QoQ to 0.8 mn sq ft compared to0.1 mn sq ft recorded in Q3 2020. Q4 transaction volumes also reached a monumental high of 197% of the 2019 quarterly average. In terms of the sectorial occupier share, Information Technology dominated with a 45% share in H2 2020, followed by BFSI at34% YoY and manufacturingat 15%. PBD (Gandhinagar, GIFT City etc) witnessed massive transaction growth of 40% YoY to 0.54 mn sq ft and accounted for 66% of the total transactions during H2 2020. The report highlighted that Ahmedabad recorded sales of 2,810 units in Q4 2020, growing 139% QoQ. The resumption of business activity in June 2020 and low home loan rates along with innovative strategies by developers such as conducting virtual site visits, aggressive homebuyer financing, price cuts and allowing refundable deposits on booking, have kept homebuyers in play during the second half of the year. Measures such as an increase in the maximum area for affordable housing units from 80 to 90 sq mt (BUA) helped improve homebuyers' sentiments. These factorshelped H2 2020 sales grow 58% sequentially compared to the first half of the year andreach 3,986 units. As construction activity restarted, new home launches reached 4,745 units in H2 2020, growing 81% sequentially compared to H1 2020. Bulk of this growth occurred in Q4 2020 with new launch volumes growing at 127% QoQ. (18-2)

Oriflame launches NovAge Professional Blemish Solutions for Adult Skin

Ahmedabad, Oriflame, leading social selling Swedish beauty brand, is celebrating its 25 year mark in India. Its passion for innovation shines through each of its products. Using the most effective ingredients in nature, Oriflame's industry-leading scientists go the extra mile to craft expert formulations. With collective expertise, skill, and passion, the in-house scientists create safe, high-performing beauty products that touch lives across the world. Marking its momentous journey, Oriflame unveiled NovAge Clarifying System - a professional blemish control solution for adult skin.

Adult skin issues are often linked to hormones, lifestyle choices and stress which can cause excess sebum production - a key factor in many breakout issues. NovAge offers an advanced, multi-action solution with ingredients selected to effectively help control adult skin problems with the NovAge Advanced Breakout-Defence Emulsion which helps control breakout occurrence and reduce scar visibility and NovAge Targeted 24-Hour Blemish Correction, a fast-action targeted solution for breakouts.

The NovAge Advanced Breakout-Defence Emulsion is clinically proven to reduce the occurrence/visibility of adult blemishes by 63% after 1 month and post blemish scar visibility by 19% after 1 month. It offers a non-comedogenic formula that does not feel greasy but acts quickly on imperfections. The formulation is enriched with Tamanu Oil, which reduces redness and promotes the growth of new skin cells, Centella, which reduces the appearance of scars and provides an anti-aging effect, and Salicylic Acid, which exfoliates and keeps the pores clear. (1-7)

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Shifting of Branch

Notice is hereby given that ICICI Home Finance Company Limited has decided to shift the branch located at Shop No. 7-8, 1st floor, Labh 1, Bus Stand Road, Opp. M P Shah Arts Of Science College, Near Kotak Bank, Surendranagar – 363001. The new branch address is ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Office No 323, 3rd Floor, City Centre, Opp Arts College, Surendranagar 363001 which will be effective from Apr 2021.

***Existing branch will cease to operate from the old address after completion of 90 days' notice period.**

For **ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd.**
Pratap Salian
Company Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 6 and 7of the SEBI (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009, and other applicable provisions, if any, under above regulations, CIL Nova Petrochemicals Limited is in process of making application for voluntary delisting of equity shares from National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).
The Board of Directors of the Company has at its meeting held on 10th November, 2020, approved for the said voluntary delisting of equity shares from NSE in accordance with the aforesaid SEBI's Delisting Regulations, considering the insignificant volume traded in the market and as a part of saving in administration cost.
However, the above said equity share continued to be listed with the BSE Ltd., Mumbai having nationwide trading terminals and the investors have access to trade and deal in Company's equity shares across the country. Delisting of shares from NSE will not adversely affect the investors.

For, CIL Nova Petrochemicals Limited
Sd/-
Jyotiprasad Chiripal
Director
DIN: 00155695

Place :- Ahmedabad
Date :- 6th January, 2021

WESTERN RAILWAY

LEASING OF SPACE IN PARCEL CARGO EXPRESS TRAIN
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The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager Office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008 invites tenders from registered lease holders, for leasing of Parcel Cargo Express Train of 20 VP and 1 SLP on round trip basis Ex Karambeli (KEB) to New Guwahati (NGC) and Back on payment of lump sum rates for loading and unloading of parcels by the following train for stipulated period. However, for an initial six month minimum composition of 15 VP and 1 SLR shall be made available.

Name of Train	From to and back	Frequency	Period of Lease in Years	Route (via)	Reserve Price per round trip* (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)
KEB-NGC Parcel Cargo Express	KEB -NGC -KEB	Bi-Weekly	Six	JL, KMW, ET, JBP, STA, MKP, ACOI, DDU, FUT, KIR & AZA	21,88,780/-	10,00,000/-

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