

New task force gets nod for key posts

Outposts Across State To Combat Drugs Trade

Jaipur: To combat rising cases of drug smuggling in Western Rajasthan, the state govt is all set to establish an Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) equipped with a dedicated police force.

This initiative will include creation of a specialised police station in Jaipur and multiple outposts across the state to address the growing drug trade, sources said. The govt has already sanctioned 100 police positions, including two for superintendent of police (SP) and additional SP to lead the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) operations.



Mohd. Masood Ahmad Singh Redam said priority will be given to districts along state's borders.

This step is part of the broader expansion of the state's police force, following the govt's July Budget announcement of 5,500 new positions, with 200 of them earmarked for ANTF.

"A dedicated police station, similar to the Special Operations Group (SOG), will be established in Jaipur, with additional outposts spread across key areas," a senior police official said.

Minister of state for home

BSF seizes 2kg heroin, Pak drone

Jaipur: Border Security Force (BSF) seized another heroin consignment and a Pakistani drone carrying it late Wednesday night on a farm near international border area in Sriganganagar.

The consignment weighed 2.15 kg with an estimated street market value of Rs 10 crore.

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A man injured in the knife attack

said strict action would be taken against those involved.

Some among the injured said they were engaged in bhajans and distributing knee when the suspects barged into the event and attacked people. The incident sparked protests in the area, prompting heavy police deployment to Karni Vihar to control law and order. "Investigation is on to determine the motive behind the attack and ensure those involved are arrested," a police official said, adding statements are being recorded to piece together what transpired. By late evening, police were working together to identify and identify suspects.

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Expelled from school, Class 10 boy jumps to death in Kota

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Kota: Distraught at his expulsion from the private school where he studied in Class 10, a 16-year-old boy allegedly jumped to death from the third floor of his residence in Vivekanand Nagar within jurisdiction of RK Parum police station late Wednesday night.

His parents said their son had been in a state of distress since his dismissal from school in August this year, purportedly for possessing an e-cigarette in his school bag.

The deceased was identified as Bhavesh Verma, son of Ravindra Verma, resident of Vanskanand Nagar. According to the police report filed by his parents on Thursday, Bhavesh was a student at LAY Public School of RK Parum police station in Tawandi. They alleged that the school administration expelled her son in August for having an e-cigarette in his school bag. SHO Ajay Bhatnagar of RK Parum police station said,

On Monday this week, the parents and the boy approached the school principal, imploring her to revoke the expulsion

administration remained resolute in its decision, the SHO added.

"The boy allegedly went to roof of the house on Wednesday night and jumped to his death, the parents alleged in the report. When his absence was noticed, family members searched for him and discovered him lying in the backyard. They swiftly transported him to New Medical College Hospital, where doctors pronounced him as dead, the SHO said.

Police registered a case for investigation and after postmortem on Thursday morning, the body was released to the family, the SHO said.

Outside the mortuary the boy's bereaved father displayed numerous medals his son had earned in school sports events.

"The DAV school management could not be reached for comment regarding the allegations made by the boy's parents.

Bypolls: Cong appoints sr observers for 7 seats

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: State Congress president Gopal Singh Dahiya on Thursday appointed senior observers for seven Assembly seats going to bypolls on Nov 13. Praised Gopal Dahiya's appointment as a sign of confidence for Dahiya, Govind Ram Meghwal for Jhunjhunu, Bhajan Lal Jatar for Ramgarh, Hariharan Sharma for Deoli-Uniara, Udayal Arjuna for Khinvasar, Sulham Bishnoi for Cherasi, and Ashok Chandra for Salumber.

This comes a day after the State Congress appointed organisations in Rajasthan and election in-charges for all seven assembly constituencies. Moreover, the Congress has accelerated its candidate selection process and bypolls. AICC secretaries and in-charges of the state, who were given responsibilities in the assembly constituencies, will visit their respective areas

CEO warns telcos over code violation

Jaipur: Chief executive officer (CEO) Naveen Mahajan on Thursday issued warnings to representatives of mobile companies and said, "If political advertisements, recorded audio messages and bulk mobile messages are sent without proper certification, it will be considered a violation of the code of conduct."

Following this, the state Congress will present its recommendations to the party high command.

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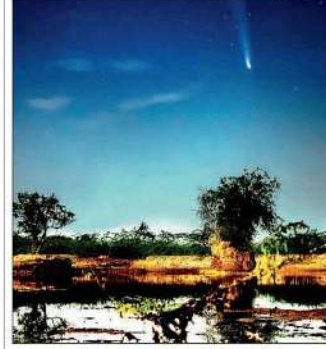
'Dotsara's polling agent mad APP'

Jaipur: Senior BJP leader Gopal Singh Dahiya on Thursday wrote to state president Meetan Rathore on Thursday, objecting to the appointment of Pawan Kumar Saami, believed to be the polling agent for Congress chief Gopal Singh Dotsara, as an additional public prosecutor (APP) in the Laxmangarh court.

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CELESTIAL VISITOR



Bhushan Gambhir, an engineer at the Bhagmat Oil Field in Banner district, captured this photograph of comet C/2023 A4 Tsuchinoshobu on Thursday night, capturing this extraordinary astronomical phenomenon before capturing the image on the evening of October 15. The comet is currently travelling relatively close to Earth and will be faintly visible to the naked eye after sunset from dark sky locations across India for the next few days. It will next return closer to Earth after 39,000 years.

Woman run over by train, police suspect suicide

Jaipur: Police suspects cases of suicide after a woman's body was found on railway tracks near Kartarpur in the city Thursday morning. Sources said the police control room informed Jaipur police station that a woman had been killed after being hit by a train near the Kartarpur railway line. Police reached the scene and found the mutilated body of the woman. Following this, police teams went around the area to identify the woman. Police said the woman is believed to be a resident of a nearby area, and prima facie, it appears to be a case of suicide.

22-yr-old held for killing wife in city

Jaipur: A 22-year-old man was arrested on Thursday for killing his 35-year-old wife by electrocuting her with the wire of a hair dryer at their home on Oct 12.

DCP (West) Amit Kumar said the accused, Sunil Kumar, a resident of Gopalnagar in Bihari, was held after being accused by his wife's family. The body of his wife, Aarti Gupta, was found on Monday.

Police said the couple fought frequently due to an age difference between them, but things escalated a few days ago, when the victim allegedly hurled invectives against

the accused's parents. Police said the accused, in a fit of rage, decided to kill his wife.

On Oct 13, following a fight with his wife, Kumar tried to catch some sleep but decided to get rid of Aarti. Police also found that the accused kept demanding money from the woman and her family members and fought with her over money.

According to police, Kumar devised a plan wherein he premeditated the covering of the electric wire of the victim's hair dryer when she went to the washroom. He then placed the wire near her pillow after removing its blowers.

'Ind MLA denied BJP membership'

Bhilwara: Jaipur: Assembly speaker Vasudev Devnani on Thursday said the BJP's state president had denied membership to an independent MLA from Bhilwara, Ashok Kothari, and therefore, the anti-detection law does not apply to him. This issue does not require the speaker's attention "because of the annual celebration of Baba Shevaram at Hari Seva Bhavan in Bhilwara. Devnani said an MLA will not be joining a legislative party, too.

Employees of pvt universities suspect

Jaipur: "These degress and mark sheets have hologram signatures and registration numbers that closely resemble those of ours. It is likely that the suspects may have colluded with employees of these private universities," said an officer.

According to police, many unemployable people may have been duped by the gang. Several centres in the city which operate under the guise of emitta outlets could be involved. "We were receiving information for a long time about people selling forged degree. So, we constituted a team to carry out searches of the officer said. The problem of forged degree certificates has been a major concern in the state for several years, with numerous cases coming out lately.

Man forges docs to lower age by 9 years, arrested

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Kota: In an audacious attempt to secure a govt job, a 31-year-old man identified as Honesty Singh, resident of Neem Ka Thana district, was apprehended during the final round of Rajasthan Civil Service Recruitment Exam 2023 at the police line in Baran on Thursday.

Singh had falsified his date of birth as Nov 25, 2002, instead of the actual date of Nov 25, 1993. Using these fraudulent documents, he had successfully cleared all previous rounds of the recruitment exam.

Baren SP Raj Kumar Choudhary said police received a complaint regarding this from the special operations group (SOG) in Jaipur. A search of Singh's belongings yielded copies of old documents, including a death card, Delhi Police recruitment application form, Ordnance Factory Board recruitment application form, and a Class 10 marksheet from 2008, all bearing the original birth date of Nov 25, 1993.

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Student was battling a neurological disorder

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Kota: Police found two notes addressed to the student in Jaipur and cousin, in which he narrated his struggles with his neurological condition. The contents of the notes were withheld with DSP Yogesh Sharma saying they were part of investigation.

The motive behind the student's drastic action has not been determined, although initial findings suggest he had been battling neurological disorder and receiving treatment at Kota. He had left Jaipur for Kota last year for NEET preparations, but had left after five days only to return six months ago.

Kota has seen enrolments at coaching centres decline from over 2.5 lakh last year to around 1 lakh this year.

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CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Aayushmati Geeta Matric Pass (Family, Drama) ★★

Cast: Kashika Kapoor, Anuj Saini, Atul Srivastav, Alka Amin

Direction: Pradip Khalwar

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Language: Hindi (UA)



Geeta (Kashika Kapoor) joins her toxic grade seven, and her father, despite a promising marriage proposal, insists the finish her education before settling down. What follows is a tumultuous journey that uncovers the deeply ingrained patriarchal mindset of rural India and the flaws in the education system.

Set in the heart of a small Uttar Pradesh village, *Aayushmati Geeta Matric Pass* shines a light on the harsh reality of rural women's lives—where marriage overshadows education and their value is tied to domesticity. Ironically, women themselves often internalise this belief, resigning to a life of household chores, child-rearing, and little else. In this environment, Geeta and her father, Vidyadhar (Atul Srivastav), stand out. Vidyadhar's steadfast belief in his daughter's education leads him to reject an advantageous marriage proposal until Geeta clears her exams. But his decision triggers resistance, especially from Kundan's (Anuj Saini) mother, Malti (Alka Amin), who insists the girl get married. Kundan, defies expectations by setting aside his own and supporting Geeta on her educational journey, leading to a battle against social norms and a deeply flawed education system.

Writers Navdeep Singh and Pradeep Bhambhani tackle the rural setting with a deft touch. The portrayal of a woman's struggle for basic rights feels both relevant and relatable, especially in the context of rural India, where these battles are still very real. While some character portrayals verge on caricature, they reflect genuine societal

attitudes. The film is at its best when it focuses on the partnership between Geeta and Kundan, who share an easy, endearing chemistry. Malti Srivastav and Alka Amin deliver standout performances, while Kashika Kapoor brings a quiet strength to her role. Anuj Saini fits well as Kundan, adding sincerity to the character.

However, the film stumbles in its attempt to address too many issues at once. The screenplay sometimes drags with an average music score (by Sanjeev Anand). A climax inspired by a real-life education case feels both timely and slightly muddled. Despite occasional detours, the film manages to balance humor and drama, though some comedic attempts fall flat. Still, its core message about education's transformative power and the slow dismantling of patriarchal norms remains impactful.

While it may not be as tightly crafted as other socially-driven Indian films, *Geeta Matric Pass* is a film that effectively conveys its message about women's education, autonomy and agency. With sincere performances and a strong lead character, it gets its point across, even if it doesn't fully maximise its potential impact.

—Ronak Kotecha

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Reserve home to Schedule-I species

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Jaipur: The project was granted in-principle SDO approval under Section 2(b) of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Aggrieved by the order, the application was filed with the prayer to revoke and cancel the above permission," the order said.

The applicant, Tansheer Singh, appearing in person, submitted that the application contained additional issues that were not raised before the high court respondent (GreenCo).

He also alleged that the forest department's proposed tree-cut was based on a sample survey and that the area, which has dense forest, could be divided into the estimated 10 to be felled. Moreover, the reserve was home to many Schedule-I species, including king vultures and leopards, among others. It was also part of the proposed 'Rano-Gambhi Sagar' Cheetah Metapopulation Management Landscape, a crucial area for free-ranging cheetahs, the petitioner said.

Elderly couple's 'helper' who stole ₹15 lakh arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: City police on Thursday arrested a 23-year-old man from Bihari, identified as Prince Kumar, who had tied the elderly couple for money and fled to his village in Bihar.

Police reviewed footage from thousands of CCTV cameras across Jaipur. The accused was identified near the railway station shortly after the incident.

By tracking Kumar's mobile phone number, police located his current location in Narzal and arrested him for about 10 days. Police arrested him before he could carry out his plan to flee to Nepal.

A court on Thursday remanded Kumar to police custody for questioning.

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