

The army will hear nothing of politics from me, and in return, I expect to hear nothing of politics from the army.
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Two civilians killed, Army jawan martyred in Pak firing

JAMMU, JAN 20: Two civilians were killed and an Army jawan attained martyrdom as Pakistan troops shelled forward border outposts and targeted civilian areas along International Border and the Line of Control across Jammu region on Saturday. "Pakistan Army on Saturday morning at around 0820 hrs initiated unprovoked and indiscriminate firing of small arms and automatics in Krishna Ghati sector along the Line of Control," a defence spokesman here said. He said that Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively, adding, "in the exchange of fire, Sepoy Mandep Singh was grievously injured and succumbed to his injuries".

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Schools along IB, LoC shut in Jammu region as Pak continues shelling

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Security personnel checking the vehicles and frisking pedestrians at Moulana Azad Road as security has been intensified ahead of Republic Day celebrations, in Srinagar on Saturday.

**KATHUA GIRL MURDER CASE
CJM sent accused to Juvenile Home**

JAMMU, JAN. 20: In a much publicized murder of minor girl at Hiranagar, Chief Judicial Magistrate Kathua Amanjeet Singh Langeh today sent the accused Shubham Sangra S/o Om Parkash Sangra R/o ward no.10, Hiranagar at present Rassana Tehsil Hiranagar to Juvenile Home RS Pura for 10 days. Today Shubham Sangra produced in the Court of CJM by SI Anand Dutta of Police Station, Hiranagar and party in connection with F.I.R. No. 10 of 2018 for offences under sections 363, 343 and 302 of RPC. He seems to have been apprehended on 19-01-2018. As per school record, date of birth of delinquent is stated to be 23-10-2003. Prima facie therefore he is juvenile within the meaning of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2013. CJM Kathua further observed that offences under sections 302 and 363 of RPC in which involvement of juvenile is

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Ceasefire violation issue rocks J&K Assembly

JAMMU, JAN 20: Entire opposition members from National Conference and Congress on Saturday rocked Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly on the issue of ceasefire violation along international border and the Line of Control blaming BJP for its "failure" in safeguarding lives of the civilians while BJP members also raised anti-Pakistan slogans in the House. The opposition members later staged walkout from the House.



As soon as the House assembled for day proceedings, Opposition members from National Conference and Congress criticised PDP-BJP gov-

ing" in safeguarding border dwellers. The NC members also targeted the MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh for his Friday remarks wherein he had said that those leaders speaking on Pakistan's behalf cannot be pardoned. NC working president Omar Abdullah on Friday had batted for Indo-Pak talks to normalise situation along the border. "What has Dr Jitendra Singh said? This is condemnable," NC MLA Ali

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A soldier dies due to cardiac arrest in Gulmarg

BARAMULLA, JAN 20: A soldier of 8 Maratha died due to cardiac arrest in world famous ski resort of Gulmarg in this north Kashmir district, official sources said on Saturday. They said Havaldar D A Jabra of 8 Maratha fell unconscious after he suffered a massive cardiac

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Omar questions demand of MPs for business class in flights

SRINAGAR, JAN 20: Questioning the Members of Parliament demand for upgradation of their seats to business class in flights that are vacant in the premium cabin, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said that the MPs already get a quota of Business Class seats in addition to Club Class tickets in a year. An MP gets 34 free air journeys in a year, can be accompanied by a companion, and can travel business class. If a member doesn't utilise all 34 tickets, the remaining ones are carried over to the next year. "Incidentally Hon'ble

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Weather woes to continue as night chill intensified, day temp above normal

SRINAGAR, JAN 20: Weather woes will continue as night chill intensified though the day temperature was above normal in the Kashmir valley, while a fresh Western Disturbance (WD) is likely to cause isolated rain in the region from January 22. Though there was minor improvement in the minimum temperature in Leh and Kargil but it was still below freezing point while famed health resort of Pahalgam was coldest at minus 6.3 degree, a notch colder than yesterday though it was still above normal. The weather will remain dry and cold in the Jammu and Kashmir during the past 24 hours, a Met department spokesman UNI on Saturday afternoon. The weather woes will continue in the Kashmir valley due to dry and cold conditions. However, the day will remain relatively warmer due to above normal maximum temperature though icy cold winds also continued. Due to recent fresh snowfall on upper heights, the minimum temperature witnessed a drop at Pahalgam, a famed

health centre in south Kashmir, about 100 km from here. Against yesterdays minus 5.7 degree minimum temperature, it was minus 6.3 degree, still about a notch above normal. Snow on upper heights, main source of water bodies, including river Lidder passing through Pahalgam, remained frozen. The water level in these water bodies was less as compared to summer when snow melts due to bright sunshine. Famed ski resort of Gulmarg, where a Sweden skier was killed another was rescued in an injured condition recently, due to snow avalanche, was second coldest place in the valley though minimum temperature recorded about three degree surge. Against yesterdays minimum temperature of 8.6 degree, it was minus 5.5 degree, two notches above normal. The ski slopes remained flooded with skiers and other adventure lovers since early morning till late in the night at Gulmarg, where Treacherous snow car rally started today (Saturday). Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister in a

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Border Shelling: Dy CM thanks Govt for enhancing relief, compensation

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Deputy Chief Minister, Dr Nirmal Singh today thanked the Union Government for increasing the quantum of ex-gratia and other reliefs especially for the cross-border firing victims. Pertinently, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, has recently approved that relief and compensation for house damages, crop/livestock losses, relief for stay at relief camps and displacement etc will be payable at the rates equal to NDRF that are fixed from time to time.

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Minor girl's death: J&K Govt suspends SHO after Oppn creates pandemonium in LA

JAMMU, JAN 20: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday suspended the Station House Officer after opposition members created pandemonium in the Legislative Assembly over minor girl's death, who was found "murdered" after a week of her missing in Hiranagar tehsil of Kathua district. Congress MLA from Bandipora, Usman Majid raised the issue of brutal killing of a minor girl alleging that she was kept in illegal confinement for seven days in a cow shed where she was also raped. The member told the House that the police claimed to have arrested 15-year-old boy in the incident and added, "how a teenager boy can keep the girl in illegal confinement, rape her for seven days and then murder her." "Police is trying to shield the real culprits," said the member adding that why the police during investigation, did not visit to the cow shed, which was within the jurisdiction. "The SHO and the Deputy Superintendent of Police should have been immediately suspended," he demanded and said that the police is try-

ing to "hush-up" the matter. The member was also supported by the opposition National Conference members, who stood on their seats shouting slogans. MLA Kathua Rajiv Jasrotia said, "we condemn this incident but why are you (opposition) trying to communalise/regionalise it?" On BJP MLA's remarks, entire opposition created ruckus in the House shouting, "Qatil Ko Fansi Do", "Laadli Beti Ko Insaaf Do", "Criminal Sarkar Hai Hai". NC MLA Mian Altaf said that they are communalising the issue but the BJP instead should condemn it. Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Rehman Veeri while replying in the House on behalf of the Government said, "we have already ordered the magisterial enquiry and it is a humanitarian issue. There should be no politicisation". National Conference member Ali Mohammad Sagar said that if you (government) had suspended the officer earlier, a clear and strong message would have gone to the department.

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25 students from Kashmir selected for various courses by Aryan Group

SRINAGAR, JAN 20: As many as 25 students of Jammu and Kashmir have been selected for various courses by the Aryan Group of Colleges, Chandigarh here on Saturday. An official of the Aryan Group said that 25 meritorious and deserving students of J&K have been selected for various courses on the 1st day of Aryans JK Scholarship Mela organized by Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh at Peace Academy in the uptown city. He said on the demand of the students, the scholarship mela would be extended for 2 more days also and interested students can apply on Aryans website www.aryans.edu.in. Amanpreet Singh, Head Admissions, J&K said that over 100 students from the region visited the mela wherein they were given on the spot counseling & scope of various courses, on the spot scholarship, on the spot admission. Amanpreet while congratulating the students said that Aryans has taken the initiative and has started a series in which those students who are deprived of pursuing higher education would be benefitted from maximum part of JK. Gagan, Admission Counsellor, Aryans Group said

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Fresh landslides disrupt traffic on Kashmir highway

SRINAGAR, JAN 20: Fresh overnight landslides disrupted traffic on the national highway, connecting Kashmir valley with the rest of the country on Saturday morning while there is no possibility of reopening of Srinagar-Leh, historic Mughal road and Badipora-Gurez road before April due to accumulation of snow and slippery road conditions. There were fresh landslides at Magarkote, Ramsu, on Srinagar-Jammu national highway due to which traffic from both sides was suspended, a traffic police official told UNI this morning. However, he said, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO),

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Two civilians...

The spokesman said that Mandeep Singh, 23, belonged to village Alampur, District Sangroor, Punjab and is survived by his father Gurnaam Singh. The martyred soldier was a brave and sincere soldier. The nation will always remain indebted to him for his supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty, he said.

Meanwhile, Pakistani Rangers also targeted civilian areas in R 5 Pura, Arnia and Kanachak sector along international border in Jammu.

Two persons identified as Gharu Ram, 15, and an elderly man have died in the cross-border firing.

Some of the injured were identified as Sheela Devi, Sonia Devi, Billu Gujjar, BSF SI Jamal Singh and they have been hospitalised at Government Medical College and Hospital.

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Panic triggered among the people as entire IB and LoC in Jammu region is virtually facing war-like situation. The border dwellers in RS Pura, Arnia, Ramgarh, Hiranagar, Kanachak and Pargwal sectors left their houses for safer locations including the relief camps set up by the administration.

Schools along...

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alleged are grave, heinous and non-bailable in nature. Investigation is going on. Juvenile therefore is directed to be kept in Juvenile Home at R.S.Pura, Jammu for a period of ten days from today till 29-01-2018. On the expiry of said period, he be produced before the competent court of law for further orders. Medical examination report of juvenile is also seen. SIT shall take all requisite measures that are required to be taken under law in respect of juvenile. Special Investigating Team shall be at liberty to take appropriate procedural steps should it sense necessity of interrogation of juvenile in the case in order to disinter any useful information.

Ceasefire violation...

Mohammad Sagar Sagar told the House. He shouted, "Are we anti-nationals? BJP has failed in safeguarding the lives of people."

The NC and Congress members however, raised anti-BJP slogans asking them, "where is your 56-inch chest," in apparent reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Meanwhile the BJP MLAs raised anti-Pakistan slogans following which the opposition resorted them saying, "you only know slogans."

Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Abdul Rehman Veeri, in a reply to the House said that the government will put forth its version.

Amid ruckus, the opposition staged walkout from the House.

A soldier dies...

arrest at Botapathri camp in Gulmarg yesterday, when the minimum temperature was minus 8.6 degree and maximum temperature 2.4 degree. The soldier, resident of Maharashtra was immediately rushed to hospital where he was declared brought dead.

However, police has registered a case and initiated proceedings, they added.

Omar questions ...

MPs get a quota of Business Class seats in addition to Club Class tickets for sessions & meetings so why the need for an upgrade?" Mr Abdullah, who is the working president of National Conference (NC), wrote on micro-blogging site twitter.

"Here's an idea - pay for a business class seat. It's an idea who's time has come," he added.

According to reports, Members of a House panel on consumer affairs want domestic airlines to automatically upgrade members of Parliament to business class on flights that have vacant seats in the premium cabin.

Weather woes...

tweet said " Best wishes to Dr Sharmeen Mushtaq, the 1st Kashmiri woman to participate in the treacherous snow car rally in Gulmarg starting today".

The parts of world famous Dal Lake in the heart of summer capital, Srinagar, were again frozen Saturday morning after minimum temperature recorded further drop and settled at minus 4.3 degree against yesterdays minus 3.1 degree. However, the maximum temperature remained several notches above normal though icy cold winds also continued. The sky would be mainly clear with haze during the next 24 hours in Srinagar, where the maximum and minimum temperatures would be around 13 degree and minus 3 degree respectively.

There was slight improvement in the minimum temperature at Leh and Kargil in Ladakh region, where water bodies remained frozen. Against yesterdays minus 20 degree, the minimum temperature at border town of Kargil was minus 19.6 degree. At Leh the minimum temperature was minus 13.5 degree against yesterdays minus 13.8 degree. The sky would be mainly clear and the maximum and minimum temperatures would be around 6 degree and minus 15 degree respectively at Leh during the next 24 hours.

Border Shelling...

Dr Singh said the ex-gratia relief in case of death has been increased to Rs 5 lakh whereas Rs 75000 would be provided in case of permanent disability and Rs 5000 for minor injury. Similarly, in case of house damage, the limit has been fixed at Rs 1 lakh or 50% of assessment of actual damage. He said Rs 30000 will be given in case of death of cattle (cow/buffalo) Rs 25000 for death of horses and Rs 3000 for goat and sheep.

Minor girl's...

He said that they (opposition) would not allow the House proceedings unless action is taken following which Mr Veeri said that the SHO has been suspended. "We have placed the SHO Hiranagar under suspension till the enquiry is completed," said Mr Veeri.

25 students...

that Aryans has already started admissions for its 12th academic session for various courses like B.Tech, LEET, LL.B, BA-LL.B, MBA, BBA, BCA, B.Com, GNM, ANM, B.Sc (Agriculture), B.Ed, MA (Education), Diploma and BA.

Gagan further said that Aryans has always tried to give best to the society and the students. He said that in today's world when higher education is out of reach of a common man then private institutions should come forward and identify such students who have marks but no means so that their dreams shouldn't go dry due to their financial problem.

Ishfaq, Faculty Aryans said that Aryans JK students have achieved many milestones in the field of academics, sports, cultural, innovations etc. In Academics, these students have won laurels for the Group by securing top positions in PTU Merit list.

Fresh landslides...

responsible for the maintenance of the highway put into service sophisticated machines and men and cleared the road. He said initially only one-way traffic was allowed in the area where landslides had occurred.

He said now Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) traffic has been allowed from both sides with some restrictions while Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMV) will continue to ply one-way only. The Kashmir bound light motor vehicles will have to cross Nagrota between 0600 hrs to 1000 hrs, he said similarly Jammu bound LMV have to cross cross Qazigund between 0700 hrs to 1400 hrs. He said HMV traffic will ply from Srinagar to Jammu on Saturday and no heavy vehicle, including security force convoy, will be allowed to ply from opposite direction. Jammu bound HMV traffic will be allowed to cross Qazigund by 0700 hrs and Jawahat tunnel before 1230 hrs.

The road from Bandipora to border town of Gurez remained closed due to accumulation of about two feet snow on Razdan top. There is very less chance of allowing traffic on the road before April.

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PURI'S EXCLUSIVE WOMAN advertisement featuring a sale and contact information for Apsara Road Gandhi Nagar.

RAILWAY TIMINGS table listing various train routes, arrival and departure times, and days of operation.

AIRLINES TIMINGS table listing Indian Airlines and Jet Airways flight schedules, including departure and arrival times for various destinations.

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'I'm a common man, don't know protocols': PM Narendra Modi on 'hugplomacy'

NEW DELHI: Days after he was ridiculed by the Congress over his habit of giving warm hugs to international leaders with whom he shares good relations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he is a common man and not aware of laid protocols.

The Prime Minister said this in an interview to Zee News. He said that had he been "trained", he too would have followed the laid down protocols of shaking hands and "looking left and right" with world leaders.

"Had I been trained like others...I too would have followed those protocols of looking right and left, had shaken hands. But I am an ordinary person...I only try to ensure that no

harm ever happens to my country (due to this)," the PM told Zee News.

The PM, however, said that this has become his strength, as his openness was liked by the world leaders.

PM Modi also said that his basic nature has been "to convert adversity into opportunity". He made these remarks days after he was mocked by the Congress over his warm hugs, which the party dubbed PM Modi's 'hugplomacy'.

A few days ago, the Congress had posted a tweet mocking Modi for hugging world leaders, evoking a sharp reaction from the BJP that slammed it as "immature" and demanded an apology.

The Rahul Gandhi-led



Congress made fun of what it called Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'hugplomacy' in a meme

video which was released on Twitter, which evoked an equally sharp response from the ruling Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP). The Congress posted the video on its official Twitter handle with a

hashtag '#hugplomacy'. The video was posted shortly after PM Modi received his Israeli coun-

terpart Benjamin Netanyahu upon his arrival at the Delhi airport.

In the video, the Congress apparently ridiculed Prime Minister Modi's ways of hugging with several world leaders by describing them with comic tags along with gifs. Reacting to it, the BJP said sarcastically that the video showed the "new" thinking of the grand old party under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi.

"The video is absolutely despicable. It is making fun of the Prime Minister of India that too with the other global leaders of the countries with whom we have good relations. This is a new thinking of the Congress Party under the supervision of Rahul Gandhi. It must be con-

demned in every possible manner," senior BJP leader Nalin Kohli said.

Reacting to it, PM Modi said, "When I became the Prime Minister, there was criticism that Modi neither knows nor understands anything which is outside Gujarat."

"Everybody used to ask me how will I conduct my foreign policy. And in a way, this criticism was right because I did not have any experience. I got the benefit of not having experience. I did not have any baggage," he said.

Asked how he feels when he stands next to world leaders, he said, "My only feeling is that it is not Narendra Modi who is standing there but the representative of 1.25 billion people."

Kumar Vishwas takes shot at Arvind Kejriwal, as AAP's factional feud resurfaces over disqualification of 20 MLAs

NEW DELHI: The impending disqualification of 20 AAP MLAs for violation of holding offices of profit has become the ground for the infighting within the party to surface again. AAP leader Kumar Vishwas, who stands sidelined within the party, used the opportunity to take a shot at CM Arvind Kejriwal.

"It is very unfortunate and sad, the action against 20 AAP MLAs," Vishwas told news agency ANI. "I had given certain suggestions earlier, but I was told it is the CM's prerogative to appoint people. So, I kept quiet," he added.

Vishwas is in a strained relationship with the AAP leadership at the moment. He had told the media that he was being targeted,



after the party refused to back his nomination to the Rajya Sabha.

The impending disqualifications will not affect the stability of the AAP government in Delhi. The party has 66 MLAs at present, and would have 46

members if the disqualifications come through. This is comfortably over the 35-seat halfway mark.

However, the byelections to the 20 seats would offer an opportunity to the Congress and the BJP. The BJP could look to expand

its footprint. And, the Congress can look to enter the present Delhi Assembly, where it doesn't have a single member at the moment.

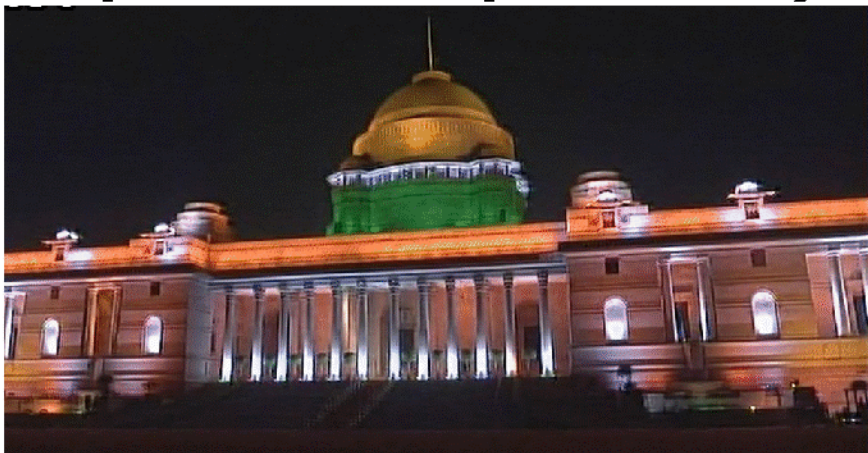
The response to the office of profit accusation has left the AAP in a bind. When

the case had been filed in the Delhi High Court against the appointment of MLAs as parliamentary secretaries, the AAP had tried to use its brute majority to amend provisions to make the appointments legal. The amendment was not approved by the President.

But both the appointments and the amendment had been made without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor, who in a different case had been confirmed by the courts as the true holder of executive authority in the city-state.

Despite its earlier scramble to legitimise the then-incorrect appointments, the AAP accused the Election Commission of being a "letterbox of the PMO".

Rashtrapati Bhavan lights up before Republic Day



NEW DELHI: With a week to go for Republic Day, the entire Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi lit up on Friday night. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the dynamic facade lighting of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

In 2018, the following 10 heads of ASEAN states will be the chief guests of Republic Day:

On 26 January, 1950, the Constitution of India came in to effect. This day is cele-

brated as the Republic Day.

A grand Republic Day parade is held every from the gates of the Rashtrapati Bhavan to Rajpath. Regiments of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force bands participate in the march. The parade also showcases defence capability, cultural and social heritage.

The President of India also bestows awards like the Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra on that day.

Medical negligence? Four-month-old baby dies after doctors give him pain killer

NEW DELHI: In a case of alleged medical negligence, a four-month-old baby died at a city hospital on Friday, after being administered a pain killer injection to provide temporary relief from the pain caused by a stitch in the upper lip.

According to the family, the baby was taken to Delhi's Rohini-located Jaipur Golden Hospital on January 17 after the baby had suffered a cut in the upper lip.

They were informed that the doctors were planning to put a stitch to treat the cut, and the family agreed.

Accordingly, a minor surgery was performed and the baby was given back to the mother.



However, as the baby kept crying for about half an hour, doctors were informed.

"The doctors took the baby away and administered some pain killer following which he became completely silent. We got afraid to see him completely silent and without any motion," Manish Kumar, uncle of the deceased said.

When the family informed the doctor again, they came and checked the baby.

"After checking, they immediately rushed him to the ICU where he was kept for nearly one hour. After one hour, the doctors came out and informed that the baby had died due to medicine reaction," said Kumar.

Ex-Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel appointed Madhya Pradesh Governor

NEW DELHI: Former Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel was on Friday appointed as the new Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

"The President of India is pleased to appoint Anandiben Patel to be the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, with effect from the date she assumes charge of her office," the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a tweet.

76-year-old Patel was the chief minister of Gujarat from 2014, when incumbent Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, to August, 2016, when she resigned the

post. Gujarat Governor O P Kohli was given the additional charge as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh in September 2016, when the tenure of incumbent Ram Naresh Yadav ended.

Gujarat BJP spokesperson Bharat Pandya described the appointment "as a matter of pride for Gujarat" and said that Patel was the first woman Governor from the state.

"She is the daughter of a farmer, who went on to become the first woman Chief Minister of Gujarat and now the first woman Governor from the state.



This indeed is a moment of pride for Gujarat," Pandya tweeted.

The post of Madhya Pradesh Governor was vacant and Gujarat

Governor O.P. Kohli was assigned the charge till now.

Anandiben Patel had stepped down as Chief Minister in August 2016

and Gujarat

citing overage as the reason. During the 2017 state assembly elections, she had refused to contest, and it was believed the BJP would assign her a larger role in politics.

She will be the second Gujarat Minister from the BJP to have been made a Governor. Earlier, Vajubhai Vala, a former BJP MLA from Gujarat, was made Governor of Karnataka.

Madhya Pradesh will see state assembly elections this year and Patel might have been assigned the role by the party high command keeping the forthcoming polls in mind.

Dense fog shrouds Delhi, several trains delayed due to low visibility

NEW DELHI: A dense layer of fog engulfed the national capital and its neighbourhood regions - Noida and Gurgaon - on Wednesday morning. The visibility dropped to below 50 metres affecting train and flight services.

Nearly 21 trains were running late while four were rescheduled and 13 cancelled due to low visibility and operational reasons. In addition, three trains were rescheduled by Indian Railways. Severe cold conditions are expected to continue over the next few days, said the Indian Meteorological Department.

The minimum and maximum temperature hover around 6 degrees and 23 degrees respectively. As north India continues to reel under cold waves,



there were reports of train and flight services disruption in the Capital. Cold waves have been sweeping parts of north India. Punjab and Haryana were reeling

under an intense cold wave and high-altitude areas of Jammu region are also experiencing snowfall over the last few week.

Also, Leh in Ladakh

region of Jammu and Kashmir recorded a low of minus 15.6 degrees Celsius, earlier this month. Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.2

degrees Celsius while Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 9.4 degrees Celsius.

In high-altitude areas of the Himachal Pradesh, the mercury stayed between

minus 15 and minus 22 degrees Celsius on Saturday while lakes, springs and rivulets were frozen.

In Haryana, Ambala braved the bone-chilling weather at 5.6 degrees Celsius, while Hisar registered a low of 2.6 degrees Celsius, four notches below normal. Uttar Pradesh too witnessed dense to very dense fog at many places as cold waves swept some parts of the state, with Fursatganj in Rae Bareilly recording the lowest minimum temperature of 2.6 degrees Celsius. Cold wave conditions also prevailed in northern parts of Rajasthan with Sriganganagar being the coldest recorded place at 1.9 degrees Celsius while dense to very dense fog occurred at isolated parts of the state.

5.2 magnitude earthquake jolts Assam's Kokrajhar

NEW DELHI: An earthquake on Saturday jolted Assam's Kokrajhar in the northeast state of Assam.

The quake has been measured 5.2 on the Richter scale. The quake stroke the area at around 6.44 am.

Earthquake of magnitude 5.2 occurred in Assam's Kokrajhar at 06:44 am.

Tremors were also felt across in Bhutan. No report of casualty or damage has come from anywhere so far.

The earthquake reportedly originated in Gauripur at 10 km depth.

In August 2017, a moderate intensity earthquake of 3.4 magnitude shook Guwahati in Assam.



Dhadak: New poster of Janhvi Kapoor and Ishaan Khatter starrer unveiled, film release postponed

NEW DELHI: Janhvi Kapoor and Ishaan Khatter's debut film Dhadak was initially slated to release on July 6, 2018. However, the latest poster shows a new release date which is July 20, 2018.

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For the uninitiated, Janhvi is veteran actress Sridevi and Boney Kapoor's elder daughter while Ishaan Khatter is Shahid Kapoor's



half-brother. Both these youngsters hail from film families and have acting in their genes. Ishaan had already made headlines soon after he was roped in by internationally acclaimed Iranian filmmaker Majid Majidi for a film

titled Beyond the Clouds. Johar surprised fans by making an unexpected announcement about the film on November 15. Though there were reports suggesting that Janhvi and Ishaan were on board Sairat remake, Johar remained

tight-lipped about it. The producer-director took to Twitter to share a video ahead of the launch of the first look posters of the film. He said, "Five years ago, Siddharth, Varun and Alia joined the Dharma family and as we speak,

they are scintillating stars of the movie industry. Today, we are about to extend our family. We are about to present two new actors, Details will be out at 5PM. It's from the director of Badrinath Ki Dulhania and Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania. What's the name of the film? Let me just give you a hint - my heart is beating faster! Watch this space." Coming back to Ishaan's Bollywood debut, Dhadak is an official remake of Nagraj Manule's Marathi blockbuster Sairat featuring newcomers Rinku Rajguru and Akash Thosar. The film created waves at the Box Office and struck an emotional chord with the audience.

The film has been jointly produced by Zee Studios and Dharma Productions.



Kangana Sharma kills it even in casual attire

'Star Wars' producer Allison Shearmur passes away



WASHINGTON DC: Allison Shearmur, who produced films like The Hunger Games, Rogue One: A Star Wars Story and the upcoming Solo: A Star Wars Story, died today at a Hospital in Los Angeles. She was 53. However, the cause of her death was not known immediately, reports the Hollywood Reporter.

Before becoming a producer in 2011, Shearmur worked as an executive at The Walt Disney, Universal, Paramount and Lionsgate. She has produced Pride, Prejudice and Zombies, Cinderella, Nerve and the upcoming The One and Only Ivan. Shearmur was also an executive producer of Science fiction film Power

Rangers, What to Expect When You're Expecting and Abduction. She was an executive producer of the 2017 movie Dirty Dancing. In 2008, she joined the entertainment company Lionsgate as its production president. Shearmur is survived by her husband Ed Shearmur, a daughter and a son.

Soha Ali Khan gets worried when Taimur is alone with Inaaya

NEW DELHI: Little munchkin Taimur Ali Khan has been internet's favourite baby the moment he was born. Time and again, pictures of the star kid surface on the internet and his fans can't help but admire his adorable blue eyes and chubby cheeks! Taimur's cousin sister, Inaaya is also adorable and is even called as Taimur's look-alike. Indeed, the similarity between these two is uncanny!

However, Inaaya's mother, Soha Ali Khan and Taimur's daddy, Saif Ali Khan gets worried when Taimur is left alone with Inaaya. Why? Read on to find out!

"Taimur is at an age



where he wants to explore everything. He is now able to hold things, his grip is getting stronger. He is also into snatching things and throwing them away.

Inaaya is too small now and so we are constantly scared to have them too close to each other. Especially Bhai (Saif) gets really worried whenever Taimur tries to

get closer to where Inaaya is."

The actress-turned-author further said, "Taimur and Inaaya are both kids, just a few months apart from each

other so it really helps to observe Taimur, follow his growth, the changes and milestones in his life and be more aware and prepared while raising Inaaya. Bhai and Kareena both help Kunal and me with handy tips from time to time, which is a blessing when you are a new, first time parent."

The report further quotes Soha as, "Bhai and I have an 8-year age difference. But Taimur and Inaaya will only have a year's. I hope they grow fond of each other as they grow up, become best friends. Of course, Taimur is a little older so he will always be the elder brother to Inaaya, protective about her."

Kim Kardashian names new baby girl Chicago



Kim Kardashian's new baby daughter with rapper husband Kanye West has been named Chicago, the reality star announced on her app on Friday.

The baby girl was born to a surrogate on Monday, a third child for the celebrity couple.

Kardashian revealed the name, without explanation, in a simple update to the birth announcement she made earlier this week.

West, 40, was born in Atlanta and raised in Chicago. Kardashian, 37, and West are already parents to North, 4, and Saint, 2.

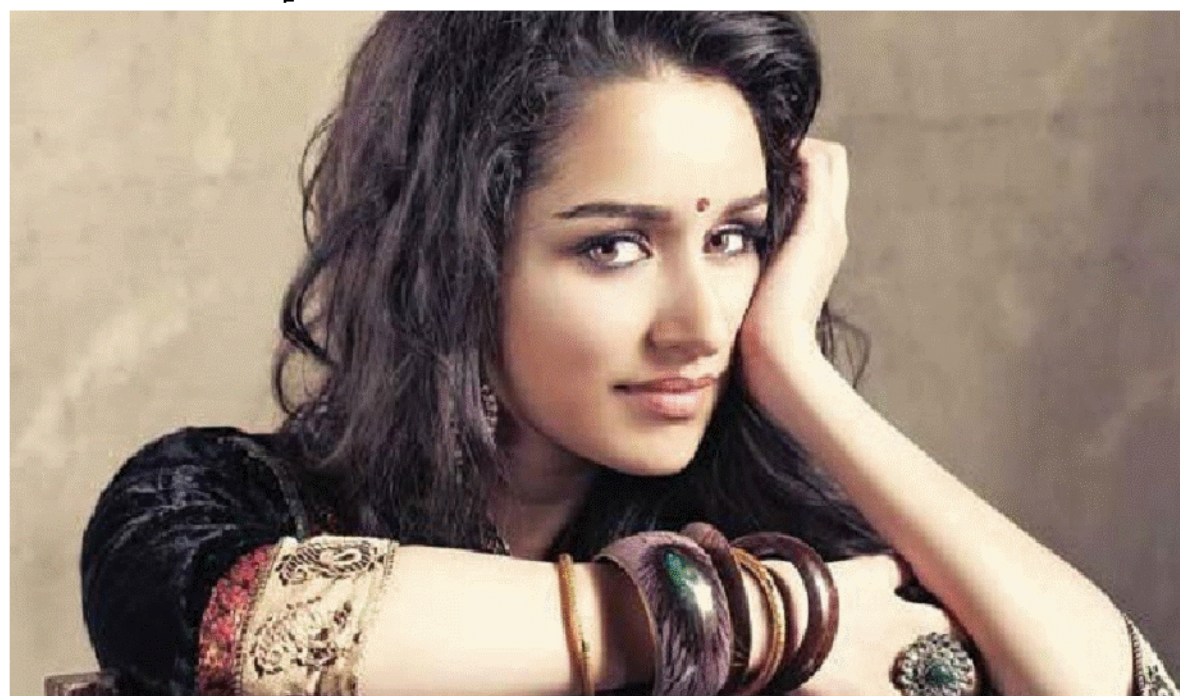
The "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" reality and social media star has said she decided to use a surrogate after doctors warned of serious health risks if she became pregnant again.

Shraddha Kapoor's commitment to work!

Shraddha Kapoor who is currently shooting for her horror comedy 'Stree' has flown down from Bhopal to attend a brand event for just two days.

Busy with commitments, Shraddha Kapoor is quite loaded with work these days. While the actress' first multilingual project 'Sahoo' along with Prabhas is on the floors, Shraddha Kapoor has also begun the shooting for her horror comedy 'Stree' opposite Rajkumar Rao. Post which the actress will start shooting for the Saina Nehwal biopic. Shraddha Kapoor will also be seen in 'Batti Gul Meter Chalu' along with Shahid Kapoor and Yami Gautam.

Amidst all the buzzing work, Shraddha Kapoor has taken out time for a



brand event which she had committed prior. The actress took to

Instagram to share a picture depicting her two-day break from the film's

shoot for the brand event. Shraddha Kapoor shared an Instagram story

saying, "For two nights & then back to Chanderni." The actress began the

year with the announcement of her first horror comedy alongside actor Rajkumar Rao. Within just a few days of the announcement, the shoot for 'Stree' commenced in Bhopal.

Shraddha Kapoor is also currently working on 'Sahoo', the shoot for which will be resumed by the actress after the schedule of 'Stree'.

The versatility of the actress is yet again at the display as the films she has to offer to differ from each other's genre. While 'Sahoo' is a high octane action film, 'Stree' is a horror comedy. Shraddha Kapoor will also be seen in the Saina Nehwal biopic and 'Batti Gul Meter Chalu' which is a film dealing with a social issue.

Misha Kapoor stepping in daddy Shahid Kapoor's shoes is the cutest thing you will see today



NEW DELHI: Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput's daughter Misha Kapoor is one of the most popular celebrity kids. She is often photographed during her public outings and Shahid keeps sharing his baby girl's photographs

her Daddy Shahid Kapoor and the expression on the child's face is priceless.

Shahid captioned the pic as: "Guess she has decided to take over."

Shahid and Mira welcomed their first bundle of joy - a daughter - on August 26, 2016. The little one who they named Misha (Misha has been named after both her parents - Mi from Mira and Sha from Shahid) is a one-and-a-half-year-old toddler now. She has an infectious smile and looks a lot like her father Shahid.

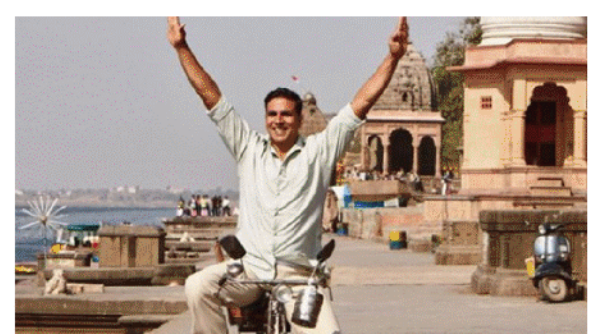
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Bollywood trend analysts hail decision to defer 'Pad Man' release

MUMBAI: As the Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar rescheduled the release of his upcoming film "Pad Man" to avoid its clash with the much-awaited magnum opus of Sanjay Leela Bhansali - "Padmaavat", trend analysts said the decision will help both movies in terms of box office numbers.

On Friday evening, Akshay, along with Bhansali, announced at a press conference the decision to shift the release date of his film from January 25 to February 9, "so that 'Padmaavat' can get a solo release".

Akshay said: "At the moment, stakes of 'Padmaavat' are very high. SLB is a dear friend. We can come out together but their



need is greater. I can understand what he is going through."

Asked if such changes would affect the box office prospects, trend analyst Komal Nahata told IANS: "The shift of release date helps optimise the numbers at the box office. Since there is a window of two weeks, the films will not cut into each other's business."

Agreeing with Nahata, another trend analyst Atul Mohan said: "Clash of two big films is never welcome, because both films suffer at the box office. So yes, it is a good decision, a wise one."

Nahata added: "If we look at the whole issue from the viewpoint of exhibitors, they are better placed now. Comparing two films, 'Padmaavat' would have

been the first choice of any exhibitor and not 'Pad Man'. "So, I see the decision of rescheduling the release as a positive change for 'Pad Man' from the box office collection point of view."

On the other hand, the release date of Neeraj Pandey's "Aiyaaar", starring Siddharth Malhotra and Manoj Vajpayee, which was earlier scheduled to reach the public on January 25, had been shifted to February 9, to avoid the clash with "Pad Man".

But now, "Aiyaaar" will not only clash with "Pad Man" but also with "Sonu Ki Titu Ki Sweety" releasing the same day.

Now that "Pad Man" is releasing on February 9, will it not suffer due to the clash

with "Pad Man" and "Sonu Ki Titu Ki Sweety"?

"Yes," said Mohan. "It will suffer and that is really unfortunate because 'Aiyaaar' first revealed their release date and then 'Pad Man' came. Though I see no reason not to announce the date in advance, because the whole marketing and promotion of the film work around it, one should be very careful about choosing a release date."

"Also, after the release of the trailer of a film, one cannot delay the release more than a month because of two reasons - firstly, the audience loses interest in watching it unless it is a 'Khan' film, and secondly, it loses the freshness and relevance," he explained.

Friday Fertility Fundas: What Are The Common Causes Of Infertility In Men?

Fertility is a topic that most people shy away from talking about. But when it comes to burning questions that you are just too shy to ask someone face to face, we have the answers for you, answered by our expert Dr Anagha Karkhanis, Co-Founder, Cocoon Fertility

What are the day to day causes of infertility in men?

Common male infertility problems can either be abnormalities of the sperm or a physical problem.

Some of the common day to day causes of male infertility are

- Smoking - leads to a decrease in sperm function
- Binge drinking and long term alcohol intake also affects sperm quality
- Injuries and physical trauma to the testes - can affect sperm production



sperm production

• Obesity - is a growing epidemic which leads to hormonal imbalance and decreased libido

• Poor nutrition and stress affects general health and fertility

• Chronic illnesses like diabetes and some infections can

also lower sperm counts

• Some medicines taken for high blood pressure or depression can affect libido and sperm counts.

Men working in certain occupations like pesticide and chemical manufacturing and handling units get exposed to these toxins which can adversely affect the sperm

It is a good idea to get a simple semen analysis done as a primary evaluation. Minor abnormalities are seen in about 30% men. These can be very easily treated with lifestyle modification and correcting specific deficiencies, in the form of vitamins, minerals and amino acids. Other factors are dealt with, on an individual basis. Only a small percent of men need more investigations like blood tests for hormones and ultrasonography.

In a large number of cases the causes may remain unknown.

Toothpaste Ingredient Can Combat Malaria, Finds Robot Scientist

An Anti-Bacterial And Anti-Fungal Agent Commonly Found In Toothpaste, Soaps And Detergents Can Be Used As A Drug Against Strains Of Malaria Parasite That Have Grown Resistant

An anti-bacterial and anti-fungal agent commonly found in toothpaste, soaps and detergents can be used as a drug against strains of malaria parasite that have grown resistant, a study led by an artificially-intelligent "robot scientist" has revealed. The study aided by the robot scientist "Eve" discovered that the ingredient "triclosan" affects parasite growth by specifically inhibiting an enzyme of the malaria parasite, called "DHFR".

Toothpaste ingredient can combat malaria, finds robot scientist "DHFR" is the target of a well-established anti-



malaria drug, pyrimethamine. However, resistance to the drug among malaria parasites is common, particularly in Africa. The researchers showed that "triclosan" was able to target and act on this enzyme, even in pyrimethamine-resistant parasites. "The discovery by our robot 'colleague' Eve that 'triclosan' is effective against malaria targets offers hope that we may be able to use it to develop a new drug," said lead author Elizabeth Bisland, Assistant Professor at the University

of Campinas in Brazil. "We know it is a safe compound, and its ability to target two points in the malaria parasite's lifecycle means the parasite will find it difficult to evolve resistance," Bisland added in a paper published in the journal Scientific Reports.

When used in toothpaste, "triclosan" prevents the build-up of plaque bacteria by inhibiting the action of an enzyme known as enoyl reductase (ENR), which is involved in the production of fatty acids in liver.

Tata Mumbai Marathon: How You Can Prevent An Injury During The Event

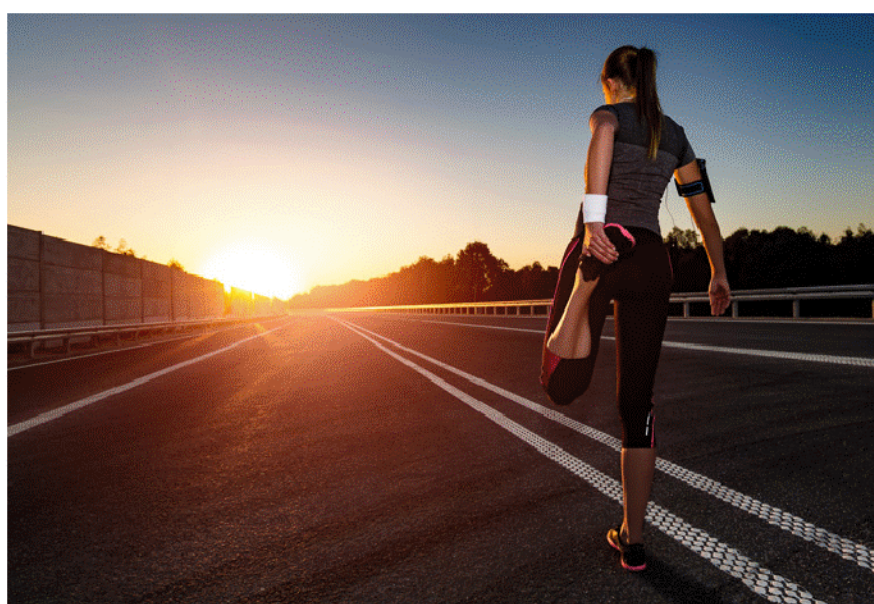
The Tata Mumbai Marathon is around the corner, and if you are planning to participate in any part of the run, you probably already understand that there are a number of risks involved in taking part in this endurance event. We spoke to Santosh Kumar Dora, Cardiac Electro Physiologist, Asian Heart Institute who told us about the common ailments that could hinder a person's performance and even ability to run in the marathon; Here's what he had to say

What are the medical conditions that prevent a person from running a marathon?

Marathon is a serious athletic activity. To run 21 or 42 km at a stretch needs a lot of physical training and endurance. One should be absolutely fit health wise to run a marathon. However fit one may be, he should undergo a routine medical test before deciding to participate in the training program for a marathon.

A lot of medical conditions may make a person ineligible for a marathon. Preexisting heart and lung diseases are of primary importance. Heart diseases include blockages in the heart arteries, reduced heart pumping, valve diseases,

hypertrophic and restrictive heart muscle diseases, various kind of heart rhythm disorders, uncontrolled hypertension etc. After the heart condition is fully treated, however one may participate in marathon training once the treating doctor is satisfied with the cardiac condition. Similarly, some of the untreated or poorly treated bronchial asthma, restrictive lung disease, interstitial lung diseases also make a person unfit for running. Medical conditions like diabetes, thyroid diseases, anaemia and many other metabolic and hormonal problems need to be



well controlled before marathon training.

What medical tests should be done before running the marathon?

A routine health check-up is mandatory before deciding to start practising for a marathon. The tests

will include blood count, lipid profile, renal function test, blood sugar evaluation, thyroid evaluation,

electrocardiogram, chest X-ray, echocardiogram and stress test. Further additional tests may be needed depending on a given person's medical profile. All the test reports should be analyzed by a qualified physician.

Is there a way to run even with one of the risk factors?

Marathon running is pretty popular these days. Last year alone close to 40000 people were a part of the dreamrun, half and full marathon. This is a massive number. The worry is whether all these people have had proper training. Absence of proper training makes a person very prone to

issues like muscle injury, dehydration, vertigo, stomach upset etc. Very rarely it can also lead to serious conditions like sudden cardiac arrest. The good thing is many marathon events including the Mumbai Marathon has a strict criteria for inclusion i.e. one must have run marathon before with a satisfactory timing. That makes the marathon population a safe running population. One also should remember that having run a marathon a year ago, does not make a person fully fit for the next marathon. There has to be rigorous training process before every marathon.



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Wipro total headcount falls, focuses on local hiring

BENGALURU: Wipro's total headcount at the end of December dipped, just like other Indian IT companies, as they go slow on hiring in large numbers due to the impact of automation which makes basic jobs redundant. The company had 162,553 employees on December 31, compared to 163,759 on September 30. Voluntary quarterly annualized attrition was 16.2% compared to 16.7 in the second quarter. "We are going to campuses but are focused in the space of analytics, AI and IoT.



We have stepped hiring in the NITs (National Institute of Technology) and IITs. But is the overall volume the same. The answer is no," presi-

dent and chief human resources officer Saurabh Govil said. Govil explained the criteria to hire in the current age is a candidate's aptitude to learn

and learning agility. "The concept of hiring has now changed to reskilling." Wipro said it has also stepped out hiring in its overseas markets with 55% of its US employees being local, up from 36% twenty months ago. The number is as high as 95% in Latin America and 66% in continental Europe. "In the markets we operate we need to get more and more local. We are hiring talent at entrylevel, grooming them and then aiming to create local leadership. The endeavor is to be attractive to local Americans," he added.

Singapore Airlines to pull out A-380 from Mumbai route for two months

NEW DELHI: The world's largest passenger aircraft - Airbus A-380 - may have got a new lease of life with Dubai-based Emirates ordering 36 of these double deckers, the double decker's flights to India are declining. Delhi and Mumbai are the only two airports where this aircraft flies to. And airlines are pulling out this plane from Mumbai for deployed them on other routes, some temporarily and others not saying for how long. Three airlines - Singapore Airlines (SIA), Emirates and Etihad - had started flying this plane to Mumbai. Etihad pulled out the A-380 from this route last July and replaced it with Airbus A-

380. Now SIA will also not operate the plane on Mumbai route this July and August as it will use the aircraft on Singapore-London route. Emirates, however, is continuing with the service to Mumbai on this plane. "SIA operates a daily A-380 service to Mumbai and Delhi. In total we have 14 weekly flights on the Airbus A-380 to India. We do not have any plans to increase or decrease the number of A-380 services to India. However, on the Mumbai route we will be operating the Boeing 777-300 ER (extended range) during the months of July and August, as the A-380 is being utilised on a different route due to operational requirements. (In those two months) it will be deployed to London," said a SIA spokesperson. Etihad, which now has no A-380 service to India, said "travellers from India flying to Abu Dhabi can experience the A-380 from Abu Dhabi to New York (twice daily), Paris (daily), London (three times daily) and Sydney (twice daily)." Delhi gets the A-380 of two airlines, SIA and Lufthansa, and both are continuing. "Lufthansa operates the Airbus A-380 on the Delhi-Frankfurt route flight. The schedule will remain the same and there are no plans to reduce or augment the frequency / number of cities of its flights to and from India on the Airbus A-380," Lufthansa said in a

statement. The A-380 was facing an uncertain future with Airbus getting few orders for this mega plane. This ended on Thursday when Emirates Airline signed a MoU to acquire up to 36 additional A-380 aircraft. This deal is for 20 A-380s and an option for 16 more with deliveries to start in 2020, valued at US\$16 billion at list prices. This order, said Airbus COO (customers, commercial aircraft) John Leahy, "underscores Airbus' commitment to produce the A-380 at least for another ten years. I'm personally convinced more orders will follow and that this great aircraft will be built well into the 2030s."

RIL posts record profit on margins boost; Reliance Jio turns profitable

NEW DELHI: Oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries on Friday reported its highest quarterly net profit of Rs 9,423 crore on record earnings from petrochemical business and telecom unit Jio logging its first ever profit. Consolidated net profit of Rs 9,423 crore, or Rs 16 per share, in October-December was 25.1 per cent higher than Rs 7,533 crore, or Rs 12.8 a share, in the same quarter of last fiscal, the company said in a statement. Jio, which with 160.1 million subscribers is the world's largest and fastest growing mobile data network, turned positive "in only the second quarter of commercial operations",

logging a net profit of Rs 504 crore, it said. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, or Jio, disrupted the telecom industry with free voice and cut-price data in September 2016. Jio, which started commercial operations in second quarter with a loss of Rs 271 crore, has been blamed for falling profits of industry peers. Bharti Airtel, the country's largest telecom operator, yesterday reported its seventh straight quarterly decline in net profit. Reliance said pre-tax profit from petrochemical business, where all expansion projects have been completed, was at record high of Rs 5,753 crore in the third quarter of the current fiscal.

The owner of world's largest refining complex earned \$11.6 on turning every barrel of crude oil into fuel in October-December as against a gross refining margin (GRM) of \$10.8 in the same period last year. The GRM was, however, lower than \$12 recorded in the July-September quarter of the current fiscal. Profit from the refining and marketing business was marginally down at Rs 6,165 crore as compared to Rs 6,194 crore in Q3 of last fiscal. In comparison to the previous quarter (July-September), the segment profit was down 7 per cent. While its oil and gas business logged a loss of



Rs 291 crore, Reliance said its retail business was the fastest growing in the country, with revenue and pre-tax earnings more

than doubling to Rs 18,798 crore and Rs 487 crore, respectively. Retail business is however yet to make its first

net profit. The company's Chairman Mukesh Ambani said record-setting consolidated quarter-

ly earnings marks the culmination of petrochemical expansion projects and the first positive net profit contribution from newest business line - digital services under the Jio brand. "Our refining business has delivered 12 consecutive quarter of double-digit refining margins, demonstrating operating excellence and healthy industry fundamentals," he said. Also, benefits of the large investments in petrochemical business are beginning to show with the segment reporting its highest ever earnings, he said. "Jio's strong financial result reflects the fundamental strength of the

business, significant efficiencies and right strategic initiatives," he said. The company's debt was marginally lower at Rs 213,206 crore on December 31, 2017 as compared to Rs 214,145 crore at the end of previous year. Outstanding debt as on March 31, 2017 was Rs 196,601 crore. Cash in hand was also marginally higher at Rs 78,617 crore as compared to Rs 77,014 crore on September 30, 2017. The quarter also saw Reliance post record consolidated pre-tax profit of Rs 13,789 crore, up 44.8 per cent from last year, and highest ever standalone profit of Rs 8,454 crore, up 5 per cent over the previous fiscal.

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