**NEWS capsule**

**Quake toll**

SUIF, Jan 31: A massive 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Pakistan on Wednesday, killing 36 people and injuring at least 1,000 in metropolitan Quetta. Prime Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari called a meeting of federal ministers to review the situation.

**Covid cases**

INDORE: Jan 31: A new strain of Covid-19 called Omicron B.1.1.529, which has been reported in South Africa, will be monitored by the country. The strain has 33 mutations and is considered a “variant of concern.”

**Jahangirnagar University**

The university has announced that all academic activities will be conducted online until further notice.

**Surfactable**

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BCI welcomes new criminal-justice laws

NEW DELHI, Jan 4: The National Council of Bar Associations (BCI today approved new criminal-justice laws to replace outdated colonial-era statutes and to address the need for modernising the legal framework to meet the current needs of society.

BCI President G. S. K. Mohapatra said that the new laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Adhiniyam, and India’s reservation Bill—are a significant step forward in creating a more just and equitable society.

Mohapatra highlighted the importance of the new laws in addressing current challenges, such as the need for more accessible and efficient judicial processes, and the need for stronger protections against discrimination and violence.

The BCI also praised the efforts of the government to create a more inclusive and representative judiciary, which is essential for ensuring justice for all.

Mohapatra said that the new laws will help to create a more just and equitable society, and that the BCI will continue to work with the government to promote the rule of law and to ensure that justice is accessible to all.

He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the new laws are implemented effectively and that they are not used as a tool to suppress dissent and criticism.

Mohapatra concluded by expressing his hope that the new laws will help to create a more just and equitable society, and that the BCI will continue to work with the government to promote the rule of law and to ensure that justice is accessible to all.

Top Cop leaders to meet today to discuss polls strategy

NEW DELHI, Jan 3-Top Cop leaders will meet here on Thursday to discuss the party’s strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The meeting will be attended by the Home Minister, the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, and the Home Secretaries of the two states.

The meeting is expected to focus on the party’s strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, with a particular emphasis on the party’s performance in states such as Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, which are considered key battlegrounds.

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Ukraine targeting Russian border regions seeking to disrupt life

KYIV (Reuters) - Russia said on Wednesday it shot down 12 Ukrainian missiles and five rockets in separate incidents near its border with Ukraine, despite the 22-month war.

The Ukrainian military said it had launched the strikes against areas near Russian border villages, saying it had targeted Russian checkpoint barriers and fuel trucks.

"We are targeting Russian border villages, checkpoints and fuel trucks," the Ukrainian military said in a statement.

Russia said it had shot down 12 missiles and five rockets, saying they were "pro-missile rockets" launched from Kyiv.

"We have shot down 12 missiles and five rockets launched from Kyiv," said Russian Defence Ministry Spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022, with a large-scale offensive that has since degenerated into a grinding war of attrition.

Ukraine has recaptured much of the territory it lost in its eastern Donbas region and plans to retake the Crimea peninsula, annexed by Russia in 2014.

Last month, the United Nations Security Council condemned Russia's annexation of Crimea, with 14 votes in favor, one abstention and four abstentions.

In this file photo, Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meeting with military commanders in Moscow, Russia, March 9, 2023. (Sputnik/Mikhail Klimentyev, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP)
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NAGAON, Jan 3: A three-day long Self-Financed Input Dealers’ Training Programme initiated by Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Government of Assam for Govt school teachers of Nagaon, Tangla, Morigaon, and Hailakandi districts on October 5 last year.

On December 13, the programme was inaugurated by Guwahati Rural Development School, Tangla, DDC, Darrang, said the aim of this programme is to improve the skill of the participants.

Chandra Mohini, assistant director, DCMA, Nagaur, agriculture development officer Dilip Kumar Dey, Phanishwar Mahanta, and Bidhan Chandra Maji, an agriculture officer, also attended the closing session of the programme, stated a press release received here.

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Public utility drive on weights and measures

**Mangalbari, Jan 3:** A social awareness drive on weights and measures was launched in Mangalbari under the district along with the rest of the State since December 28.

In connection with the campaign, the District Weight and Measurement officer, Prerana Hazarika, has been carrying out the campaign.

The drive’s objective is to educate the unprepared and illiterate dealers and buyers of every market, shop, market depot, by handing over cards stating, ‘We deal in correct weights and measures’.

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ASSAM NEWS

RASHI, Jan 3: All Tea States University Teachers’ Association (WATU) and Tea Educationists’ Association of India (TEAI) in association with Tea Anusandhan Samiti observes the Jongal Balalu Divas at Guwahati. The last day of the month is observed as Jongal Balalu Divas for the recognition of the contributions of Teachers.

Day of Simplicity’ observed

GUWALI, Jan 3: The birthday of Dr Upen Rabha, journalist and a columnist, was observed as the Day of Simplicity on January 2 under the auspices of Indo-Bangladesh Buddhist Society (ICFF) in association with Tiwa Association. The Day of Simplicity was observed by cultural programmes. The event was inaugurated by ICFRE-RFRI Director, Dr Diganta Sharma, and was deeply associated with the Department of Environment, Forest and Tourism. The observance of this Day was observed in several magazines and newspapers of the State in association with Tiwa Association.

Two sentenced to 10 years imprisonment

DOOMDOOMA, Jan 3: A three-day national level sports training workshop for a group of Indian River Boats (IRB) officers held today at the IRB-Research Institute (IREC) here. The workshop was conducted for IRB officers of the different police stations of the district. The workshop was conducted under the aegis of the Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The workshop was attended by the participants with the aim of providing insights on the latest research, development and best practices in the field of riverine conservation.

Training programmes for forest officers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The training programmes were held at Margherita and were aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of bamboo sector and its value addition in the region. The training programmes covered topics such as bamboo species diversity, forest management practices, and value addition through processing and marketing.

Exposure visit to high schools

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Meet on road safety held at Margherita

The meeting on road safety was held at the GM Margherita Foundation. The meeting was attended by the staff of Margherita Foundation and road accident victims. The meeting aimed to raise awareness about road safety and reduce the number of accidents.

Jamb huj Excise dept garners highest revenue

Jambhuj Excise Department has generated Rs 12.20 crore during the month of December.

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TMC asserts non-implementation of CAA in Bengal

KOLKATA, Jan 3: West Bengal ruling TMC reaffirmed today that the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) which was implemented in the State, demands reports of eminent CAA video witnesses submitted to a special Lok Sabha elections, a senior government functionary, had said on Tuesday. Under the CAA brought in by the Narendra Modi government, Indian nationalities will be granted to persecuted Hindus from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.

Banerjee has said CAA won’t be implemented in Bengal. Senior TMC leader, Mohish Baidya, who holds the drinking water and sanitation portfolio, and Soren will continue as the Chief Minister and JAM will continue the 2014 Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections under his leadership. The meeting was chaired by Banerjee himself.

“The MLAs of the coalition parties are united, there is no threat to the present government. There was no talk of any change in the leadership in the State, a hurdle said after the meeting. Soren, the 46-year-old Executive President of JMM, has been in the eye of a political storm from the past few months due to political infighting within the party to contest the 2023 Bihar Assembly elections. The Chief Minister’s 11-month-old coalition government in the state has also been under strain due to mutual differences between the JMM and TMC, which is holding the majority in the State Assembly.

On the JMM side, state president Sreejyoti Ravi said that if the state is not in the interest of the people, the party will face difficulties in taking advantages during election. It will be a challenge for the JMM to face the 2023 state assembly elections, the JMM leader Thakur, who holds the state government.

The Chief Minister gave his vote-bank politics.

Over 3 students have so far registered for Academic Bank of Credits: UGC

NEW DELHI, Jan 3: Over 3 students have so far registered for Academic Bank of Credits (UGC) across the country, which will provide more access to students.

A four-year course has been introduced by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the academic year 2023-24. It is very important for the successful implementation of the National Credit Framework, which provides more access to students,” said senior UGC official.

A student does not have the option of multiple entrances and colleges from time to time that every student should have an academic pathway and be able to be enrolled in a regular basis. The students can have their choice of their credits, transcripts and related course material and academic program. This is one year course has been implemented and the students have been following the end of graduation. It is for the students who are facing difficulties in taking advantage of the national Credit Framework, especially for those who want to opt out of another institution, the official added.

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Soren to remain CM, say coalition MLAs

MCC conducts an examination to fill the 111 vacant seats of the District Board of Cheragi under the Betterment of the Condition of the Local Self-Government and the Local Government.

The Chief Minister gave his vote-bank politics.

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**Building his own space**

Siddhant Chaturvedi wants to redefine Bollywood heroism.

The idea of Dipy Kamra, Anubhav Bachchan, and Shah Rukh Khan have defined the norm for playing a Bollywood hero in Hindi cinema. But actor Siddhant Chaturvedi aims to carve out a space for himself by mixing the concept of heroism with modernism. It has been dreamt to be a Bollywood hero, but Chaturvedi, known for movies such as Gully Boy, Gogolpapad and Pooch Abbot, plans to do it by breaking the mould.

“Don’t want to define myself as a convention-Bollywood hero. When I’m trying to do is to find and build my space, redefine it a little bit, mark the world with little bit, where it’s a good combination of content and heroism for me. I’ll keep trying. Also, it’s not a role for me because I’m quite new. It’s a coming-of-age under-action films. I’m a huge fan of all these action entertainers. “I would like to do full-blown action films,” he said.

Chaturvedi’s latest movie is Ali Fazal Khan, co-starring Ananya Pandey and Aditya Roy. The film follows the story of three friends who ignite life on 20 somethings in Mumbai, where romance, ambition, and heartbreak collide with the infinite drive of social media. Ali Fazal Khan is being hailed as a coming-of-age story, as social media in a school, where people talk over too. It is similar to how people in small towns and talk to each other. His acting sheet which is Instagram and Twita (now X), people talk about you, even if you are not present to listen. There is an internet, printed, and digital. If you are not in your work, then there will be discussion about it and these things are important as we need. It is the power of social media.

Chaturvedi was found while he was performing through social media, where the possessed of an actor often talks presence over these professional life. Chaturvedi said that he has to keep things private as much as possible. “My mother says, ‘just say before your hair in some shape or rubber, with your hair just bad’. So, I really believe in it. I don’t say anything about my personal life going out but it is difficult too.”

(Source: PIB)
Senior Hamas leader killed in Beirut strike
Israel on alert for likely Hezbollah response

BERLIN: Israel was on high alert on Wednesday withtalks with the UN Security Council on Wednesday, as the world court, for a second time, put the leadership of the Palestinian movement on high alert for an escalation into a “significant fraud” – PTI

The killing of Saleh Arouri, the second most senior Hamas leader, came less than a year after another top leader, Abdel Halim Hafez, was killed in an Israeli strike. The killing confirms that Israel is scaling up its campaign. But it confirmed that Israel would seek to leverage the strike to “deport Saeb Erekat’s former health minister – AP

Hamas is overjoyed at the news of its leader’s death, the group said in a statement. It called the killing a “triumph for the resistance and a blow to the occupation.”

Hamas has been under heavy pressure from Israel, which has been targeting its leaders and bases in the Gaza Strip.

Senior Hamas leader Saleh Arouri was killed in an Israeli air strike on Wednesday afternoon, the group said. Arouri was the Hamas military chief and had been a key figure in the group since its founding in the 1980s.

He was killed in an attack on a Hamas office in the southern city of Gaza City, the group said. It was the third strike on Hamas leaders since the war in Gaza began in October.

Israel has been under heavy pressure from the international community to stop its attacks, but it has continued to launch strikes against targets it says are involved in terrorism.

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Cummins takes 5 wickets but Pakistan stand on Day 1

SYDNEY, Jan 4 (AP) — Australia’s Pat Cummins continued his record-breaking form by taking five wickets as Pakistan were snapped up on 135 in their first innings.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Pakistan began at 2 for 1, with Pakistan captain Babar Azam and teammate Abdullah Shafique dismissed in the opening over as he some-what surprisingly decided to bat first in the first international Test in the land of the baggy green.

It was a tight start before the 11th over as Cummins brought the new ball into play and immediately had a swing to the outside of off stump to dismiss debutant Asial Khan, before Shafique was bowled leg stump for 1, giving Shadab Khan his first Test victim.

Babar and Haider Ali then put together 40 runs before Shadab returned to dismiss Ali for 12, with Cummins claiming his second wicket of the day.

On 69, Babar was bowled by Cummins as he played a chop at the off stump and was out caught down the ground.

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Pakistan were set a target of 258 by Australia to win in the second innings.

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**My viewpoint**

How can we, the youth, do constructive social work?

The youth of a country are the future of the nation. Constructive social work will bring about a positive change, helping in the welfare of the society. Brotherhood and integrity, along with our caring and loving nature, can eliminate all social evils. Be a green crusader, plant more trees around you. Spread education as much as you can. Respect and help your elders and love your juniors. Let’s be conscious of our responsibilities towards the country and be committed to social work, upholding peace and progress.

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**What are arthropods?**

Arthropods are animals with hard outer skeleton and a jointed body and limbs. Most arthropods are small, and many are microscopic. Several species are quite large — a full-grown coconut crab can weigh four kg, about the size of a newborn baby. This dainty shell is made of chitin, a hard material that is also the basis for hard shelled substances to protect and, in some species, calcium carbonate.

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**Why what?**

As a youth of the nation, I would like to work for the betterment of the society. We can help orphans, as well as the elderly. Let’s bring a smile on their faces. It is not just their food, clothing, shelter, and education we should provide them with, but also shelter and education. Social workers have a duty to train their children.

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**One World, Many Niches**

Staying up late?

New sleep therapy offers hope for teens with depression.

Many arthropods, including shrimp, crabs, and insects, dominate aquatic environments. They are also found in land habitats, from deserts and high mountains to caves and forested areas. Arthropods play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems.

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**The ultimate balloon ride to space is here!**

A space tourism company has given a sneak peak at the suborbital flight that could put paying customers to space by 2024. New photos and videos show construction of the Space Neptune capsule which is being built by the U.S. firm — Space Perspective, in Florida. Once completed, Space Neptune will ferry people 100,000 feet above our planet’s surface for incredible photo opportunities. The cost of the ticket would be $125,000. Passengers will be able to feast their eyes on 360-degree views of Earth.

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Dear Ishani Aunty,

On Christmas, this time, I did not get a single decent present. Most of the gifts I got were things I did not want. I am so sad. Please help.

— Anju

Dear Anju,

Things happen. But you need to get over it. The gifts were given to you with the best of intentions, so please don't crib about them. And remember, Christmas is not only about receiving, but giving as well.

Dear Ishani Aunty,

My aunty is seriously ill and she will stay at our place while undergoing treatment. I don't like the idea at all. Kindly advise.

— Chirag

Dear Chirag,

I am amazed you are saying such a thing. Your aunty needs all of you in this hour of need. Make preparations to help her be comfortable. That is the least you can do.

Dear Ishani Aunty,

My father insists on us using very little electricity. We are not even allowed to charge our phones and laptops more than a couple of hours a day. What is his problem?

— Tara

Dear Tara,

Your father is obviously troubled by the rising electricity charges, and this is his way of coping. It is always wise to use less electricity and you should take the initiative yourself.

Fascinating Facts

Great Rift Valley

Arguably one of the most impressive geographic features on the planet, the Great Rift Valley has provided Africa with the greatest volcanoes and the deepest lakes in the continent. Over 5,000 kilometres in length and stretching from the more moderates and the Dead Sea to central Mozambique, the Great Rift Valley is an active example of plate tectonics. The formation of the Great Rift Valley continues, and it is believed that in a few million years (almost nothing in geological terms), the entire continent will be split from the rest of the continent and a new ocean might get created. In Africa, the rift is split into eastern and western courses. The Western Rift branch branches Uganda, Congo, and Tanzania. Approximately 1,470 metres deep, Lake Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo is the highest lake in the world.

Quiz

Q: “What kind of computer?”
A: A mechanical computer.

Q: “How do winter socks never like to make plans?”
A: They are afraid of getting cold feet.

Q: “What did the last way to the scarf?”
A: “You hang around, while I go ahead.”

Q: “What kind of Math do Thomas Cole like?”
A: “Olive, green.”

Q: “Why do winter socks never like to make plans?”
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Q: “Why do winter socks never like to make plans?”
A: “Because of the ‘womps’ pages.”

Jokes

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Let’s learn about the Braille Code and Louis Braille, the person behind it.

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Louis Braille, who invented Braille system, had lost his vision in a childhood accident. Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809. At the age of 15, as an improvement on ‘night writing’ he developed the Braille Code. Soon, Braille published his system, which later on included musical notations. The Braille Code retained for the second time in the year 1837 to include the first binary form of writing developed in the modern era. The Braille Code developed them is used worldwide and remains unchanged till date.

There are three levels of Braille in English Braille. Apart from Braille letters, punctuation, contractions, it is also possible to create embossed illustrations and graphs with the lines either solid or made up of series of dots, arrows, and bullets that are larger than Braille dots. Dot configurations in Braille can be used to represent a letter, digit, punctuation mark, or even a word.

For education, literacy and employment technologies and software is important too, but Braille provides blind people with access to accessible, and today there are standardised Braille codes for over 133 languages. The Braille system has a Braille cell that contains characters which are formed using a combination of six raised dots arranged in a 3 x 2 matrix. The number and arrangement of these dots help distinguish one character from another. The Braille alphabet originated as transcription codes for printed writing. Hence, the mappings of the dots and their arrangements differ from language to language. The Braille Code was revised for the second time in 1866 and the third in 1932.

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Ne night while Andrea was asleep, she dreamt a very unique dream — she saw that she could understand and speak the language of all animals. Oh! something to tell you. It told her about the whole situation. Andrea didn’t want to lose her sparrow friends who had been living on the mango tree in their garden. She ran to her room, freshened up, and 1

“Andy, I want to have a talk with you. Come here, sit with me.” She told Andrea about their plan to build a new office in their house and said that they have to cut down the mango tree. Andrea’s mum was moved and so was there for quite some time. Later, while

Andrew was feeding on some worms, they overheard a conversation between Andrea’s mum and dad. Andrea’s dad said, “I think we need to cut down that mango tree if we want an office space in our house.” Andrea’s mum was very sad when she heard this. She said, “Hey there! I’m here.” To her surprise, she realized that it was a sparrow who was calling her. She couldn’t believe her eyes and ears. Her dream had come true. She thought that it would be rather gloomy and lifeless tone, “I have known how she would react if we tell her about this. But I fear that we have to cut it down for the new office,” said her mum.

Andrea’s mum was moved and so was her dad when he got a call from Andrea’s mum, explaining him everything. The tree — Abir Maqsood, from a humble background who wants to set up two libraries in Faridabad and Tirthan Valley. Dr. Singh also supports 13 other libraries in Himachal Pradesh. Some of her popular books for children include:

- Dandelions
- Art & Light
- The Letter to Labhure

Know Your
masterpieces
Dr. Tanu Shree Singh

Dr. Tanu Shree Singh is an Assistant Professor in Psychology and an author who writes both for children and adults. She mostly writes on issues related to parenting and has been published in leading online dailies and communities. Her passion for reading and getting more children to read led her to set up her own library in Farahdabad and Tehran Valley. Dr. Singh also supports 13 other libraries in Himachal Pradesh.

“Red in tooth and claw” is a reference to the sometimes violent natural world in which predatory animals unintentionally cover their teeth and claws with the blood of their prey as they kill and devour them.

One of the earliest references is from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “In Memoriam A.H.H.” (1837):

“Who trusted God was love indeed
And love Creation’s final law —
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Andrea’s dream

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the graphic novel explores death, grief, friendship and music. After his mother passes away, ten-year-old Kunal comes to love his aunt, Tara, who teaches a special music programme at a boarding school. Both are grieving, both are coping to understand the world without their loved ones, and both understand that each individual’s process of grieving is different. With an unexpected protagonist thread in the mix, Tara and Kunal find a way to connect and heal. Music and art were their way into the narrative to help to find peace and love.

Starry Starry Night
By Nandita Basu

Starry Starry Night is a moving novel with an important theme of impenetrability of life and inability to move on in terms of it. It helps the reader understand the story, the brutal, brutal crew over a used one’s death.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Red in tooth and claw

Hampering progress

Dear Bharty, Bhoi,

There is a great need for tolerance today. We have made progress in so many fields — we have better schools, colleges and universities. We have better roads and public facilities. Yet, in our hearts still lurk the old prejudices towards faith, caste, creed, etc. These prevent us from being truly progressive and breakdown the shackles of the past. Please give it a thought and learn to change your mindset.

With love, as always,

[Nandita Basu]
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