

Grand welcome awaits students of Classes 1-5

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Classes 1-5 in schools across the state capital are set to resume on Wednesday (September 1). Some of the schools have made arrangements to welcome the kids. Teachers will receive them at the gates with music playing in the background.

Basic Shiksha Adhikari Vijay Pratap Singh said there are 1.619 primary schools in the district and an overall 40-50 per cent attendance is expected to begin with. He said that with offline classes beginning after months, teachers would try and bring the children back on track after assessing them for the first few days.

Principal of CMS, Gontinagar, Abha Anand said they have made preparations for the students of Classes 1-5. "Following all Covid protocols, teachers will welcome the children with music playing in the background. The students will be called in two shifts, as directed by the government. Entries will be through five separate gates so that there aren't too many people at one gate. There will be



Preparations underway to welcome the students at St. Joseph School

thermal scanning at the entrance, and we have asked the students to carry sanitisers," she said. There would be no recess as school management did not want the children to take off their masks at any point of time, and it was for the same reason the shift's duration was two-and-a-half hours, she added. "Fifty percent of parents are

fine with sending their wards to school," she pointed out. To ensure that children have their masks on for as much time as possible, teachers will keep a tab on kids and will keep reminding them to not remove the masks at any cost. "Besides, we have put up posters on the walls, requesting parents to talk to their wards and tell them about the impor-

ance of masking up. Throughout the last week, the teachers were preparing the students mentally, asking them to wear masks and follow Covid protocols on a regular basis," the principal said. "It is important to know where the children stand in terms of studies. It is necessary to gauge the learning level of the students and we know that

they will be at various levels, and not at par. They will be brought to one level and some extra work will be required for that. However, we expect most of the students to respond positively since we have been conducting online classes with a lot of individual attention. The teachers would talk to the students and help them after the online classes," she said, adding that they would not be rushing through the course.

Father Donald D'Souza, Catholic Diocese, said 20 per cent of the parents had given consented to send their wards to Cathedral School.

"Our teachers will be there at the gates with smiling faces and telling the children that they should keep the masks on," he said. He added that they had directed the teachers to act as parents to guide the students. He added that once these classes resumed, more parents would send their children to the school.

President of Unaided Private Schools' Association Anil Aggarwal said they expect 50 per cent attendance. He said the children would be welcomed with music.

PA to ACS shoots self, critical

Lucknow (PNS): A day after the suicide attempt by the personal assistant to the additional chief secretary (ACS), Urban Development, at Babu Bhawan on Monday, two cops of Auras police station in Unnao were suspended for laxity. A thorough probe into the case was underway and it was being supervised by IG, Lucknow Range, Laxmi Singh.

The condition of the PA, Vishambhar Dayal, was said to be critical in the ICU of RMLIMS. Dayal attempted to end his life by shoot himself inside his office (room number 825) at Babu Bhawan in Hussainganj police station area around 1 pm on Monday. A spokesman of RMLIMS said the bullet which got embedded in Dayal's skull was removed and he was put on a ventilator. The policemen who

were suspended were identified as inspector Harprasad Ahirwar and beat incharge (sub-inspector) Tamizuddin of Auras. The axe fell on the two cops over their laxity in the probe conducted by IG, Lucknow Range, Laxmi Singh. Singh was tasked with probing the case following the recovery of a suicide note written by Dayal. According to the note, the Auras police were not showing interest in investigating a case lodged by Dayal's sister against her in-laws.

Meanwhile, a police team conducted an intensive checking of the room by employing forensic scientists and collected evidence. In the suicide note, Dayal had mentioned the Auras police's high-handedness against him and his sister in a case against her in-laws. After the IG, Lucknow

Range, was assigned the probe, he suspended two policemen.

In a press communique, the Unnao police said Dayal's sister Ram Devi had a property dispute with her family members and both the parties had lodged cases against each other. The Unnao police said in a case lodged in this connection in 2019, Dayal was also named and his name was expunged later. Another case was lodged against the family members of Ram Devi under POC SO Act and eve-teasing, and the police had expunged the names of the family members.

The police said Dayal was not named in any of the cases at present and no investigation was underway against him. "Two cases lodged by Dayal's sister are under investigation at present," the Unnao police explained.

'Kids need to be sent to schools to avoid psychological issues'

SHARMILA KRISHNA ■ LUCKNOW

With most of the parents being in a dilemma regarding whether or not to send their children to schools, paediatricians say that looking into the fact that Covid cases are low in Uttar Pradesh and many psychological problems are cropping up in children, it is important to send them to schools. Parents working from home have added to the problems of kids as they pass the buck to their kids for all kinds of odd jobs.

Senior paediatrician (SGPGI) Dr Piyali Bhattacharya said that in the past two-and-a-half years, the children have been made to understand the meaning of SMS — sanitisation, masks and social distancing. "Besides, kids rarely suffer from severe Covid. It's the best for children to go back to schools because psychological pressure on them is high, and it is also safe to open up because the infectivity rate is going below 0.9," she said. She also said that since Covid cases are not rising anywhere except for Kerala, it would be advisable to open schools.

"We need to balance psychiatric and safety issues. The isolation is giving rise to either internalising or externalising of the problems which the students are faced with. When the problems are externalised, they become aggressive, throwing tantrums and showing anxiety. It then becomes difficult to control them. When they are internalising the problems, they are developing sadness and depression, and many of them have lost loved ones too. Maybe they are not able to express their bereavement," she said. Dr Bhattacharya said it the tendency to hush up children when they talk of people who have died, but one must understand that the children should be made aware of the reality in an appropriate manner. "It's not about lying to them but if we are not able to answer

their questions properly, we should not ward them off. It is then that the anxiety and tension mounts because they do not get answers to their queries. Those who internalise their problems may get off to other things such as becoming mobile addicts, being too sad and not doing their daily activities. This is a bilateral spectrum where they are also not using their skills," she said. She said that with parents working from home, it adds to the problems of kids. "Parents pass the buck to their kids. There are instructions like give daddy his meal, help mom in cooking etc. In addition to their regular activities, the girls are asked to do household chores. There is a lot of aggression in such girls because they are too small to deal with such stuff," she explained.

Dr Bhattacharya said she has had patients of this kind they had to counsel both the kids and their parents.

"There was a 10-year-old girl living in a joint family who behaved aggressively with her grandparents. Her father works from home and hence lights were switched on when he was on his laptop, and the poor girl could not sleep properly. When she was asked to give a glass of water to her grandfather, she became aggressive and refused to do any such work," Dr Bhattacharya recalled.

She said when the kids go to schools, it helps because it is a ventilation of thought as schools are all about camaraderie. "It's a learning experience and they learn so many things apart from the academics," she added.

Agreed Dr Ishwar Gilada, president of People's Health Organisation, who said children should be kept away from schools for too long as there would be several psychological issues in that case. "Children need to go to schools but arrangements have to be foolproof. Socialisation can wait but schools should open," he said.

Man booked for circulating fake GO regarding appointment

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Special Secretary, Food Security and Drug Administration, Renu Tiwari lodged a case against a man for circulating a fake government order regarding his appointment on the WhatsApp group for the department staff. The Hussainganj police registered a case against the accused for fraud and tampering with government documents.

It was stated in the complaint that the accused, identified as Naresh Mohan Deepak, posted a government order on his appointment as newly-promoted assistant commissioner (drugs) in the department.

It was further stated that officials concerned contacted Drug Controller, Food Security and Drug Administration (FSDA), AK Jain, who told them that Naresh Mohan Deepak posted the government order in the group. The screenshot was secured for a forensic test in which the government order was not in the record of the office of FSDA, neither was it issued by the office. Also, the viral government order contained fake signatures of the FSDA officials.

PAC jawan deployed for VIP traffic movement killed in road mishap

Lucknow (PNS): A PAC jawan, who was deployed for VIP traffic duty to ensure smooth passage of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's fleet in Lucknow, was fatally knocked down by a speeding unidentified vehicle on a road stretch between Vijay crossing and Amausi airport under Sarojininaraj police station area on Monday.

The victim was identified as Lallu Prasad Yadav of Prayagraj. He was rushed by an ambulance to Lok Bandhu Hospital where he was pronounced brought dead. The mishap occurred around 7 pm.

As per reports, the CM was scheduled to return to Lucknow from Mathura on Monday evening. Police personnel were deployed on the road stretch for smooth passage of the fleet.

The police got the news from some commuters and senior officers, including the ADCP (East), reached the scene. The police insisted that the mishap occurred much before the passage of the CM's fleet. "The CM's aircraft landed at 7:18 pm and he got the fleet stopped at the spot after getting to know about the mishap. The police said they were scanning CCTV footage to trace the errant driver.

DALIT YOUTH FOUND HANGING

A Dalit youth was found hanging at his house in Chinnhat on Tuesday. Locals said the deceased was depressed. He was identified as Jitendra Kumar Nishad (25) of Bagulaha village in the area. He was found hanging from the ceiling with a saree tied around his neck.

His brother Sujeet Kumar Nishad said as Jitendra did not wake up by afternoon, they knocked the doors but did not get any response from inside. They later peeped through the window and found him hanging from the ceiling. He said Jitendra was sleeping in a room which he had locked from inside and they did not wake him, thinking he would be too tired to get up.

Cyber fraud: Man duped of ₹20k

Lucknow (PNS): A resident of Gontinagar was duped of over Rs 20,000 by cyber fraudsters on Monday.

The complainant, Akhilesh Khare of Vishal Khand, said his wife had ordered something online from a store in Ahmedabad. On Monday, Khare got a call from an unknown number and was informed that his ordered had been cancelled. When Khare sought to know the way out, he was asked to make an online transaction of Rs 5. A link was sent to Khare and he was asked to forward the message to another number. Khare tried forwarding the link, but in vain. Later, he refused to do so. The caller then asked him to make the payment when he received the parcel. However, after a while, he received messages regarding deduction of money from three of the bank accounts in the name of him and his kin.

Advertisement for Khandewal Extractions Limited, Kanpur, regarding a public notice for a general meeting.

Advertisement for Bank of India Zonal Office, Lucknow, regarding an auction notice for seized vehicles.

Large advertisement for Bank of India Zonal Office, Lucknow, detailing an auction notice for seized vehicles with a list of items, descriptions, and reserve prices.

Advertisement for KARVY FINANCE, featuring a table of loan agreements and a notice regarding the company's financial restructuring.

Advertisement for DHFL (Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited), featuring a notice regarding the company's financial restructuring and a table of secured assets.



