

and ₹4.47 lakh respectively.

IOC donates computers to Dristheen Sansthan

Under its community development programme, the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) donated computers to Dristheen Sansthan, Jaipur. The visually-impaired persons who work on Braille script would be able to operate these computers. Additional facilities of computer training centre for the visually-impaired was inaugurated at the centre situated in VKI area on Tuesday on the occasion of 202nd birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of the script. This centre is imparting skilled development and job-oriented training to needy people free of cost through its residential courses.

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Shopkeepers encroaching the veranda



Squatters encroaching the veranda in the Walled City

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Temperature

Maximum	16.8°C
Minimum	2.6°C
Humidity	48%
Sunrise	7.17 am
Sunset	1748 pm
Moonrise	0828 am
Moonset	1945 pm

Forecast Mainly clear sky and fog during morning hours. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 18°C and 3°C respectively

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Shri. Vikram Samwat 2067, Sake Era 1932, Sun Uttarayan, Shishir ritu, dwitya tithi till 04:32pm, Shrawan nakshatra, harshan yog till 03:02pm

Rahu Kala: 01:49 pm to 03:08 pm

Best Period: 07:21am to 08: 39 am, 11:15am to 03:08 pm, 04.26 pm to 5.44pm



I have come here for shopping. But, it is difficult to make our way through the veranda which is occupied by the kiosks.

—Ashraf Khan, a shopper

Yuvraj Shrimai

Kiosks and vendors are not uncommon on the verandas of the markets of Walled City.

The operation 'pink' by the Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC), in 2000 was the last major attempt to remove these encroachments from the pavements. Now, after a decade-long silence, the JMC has now directed the market associations to vacate the verandas by January 15.

Vested interest in shelling out the verandas, colloquially termed as

"shuttering business" is a major reason behind the encroachment in the market areas. Traders allegedly rent out the front of their shops to vendors, closing their shops. This earns the shopkeepers an extra ₹10,000 a month. The makeshift earnings are less than the rent.

ing machines for the shops, though the rented portion is government property.

Interestingly, the verandas are rented out on 'pagadi' (rent).

IN A BID TO ADMIT THEIR CHILDREN IN THE BEST SCHOOL OF THE CITY, PARENTS MAKE THEM UNDERGO EXTENSIVE COACHING

Parents queue up outside coaching institutes



To admit their wards to the best school, parents are sending them to coaching institutes

Veer Saini

Even before stepping into a school, children in the city undergo extensive training to crack admission test interviews.

Adamant to make their wards enter the city's most famous schools, some parents force their children to attend coaching classes. Preparing a child to secure a seat in a particular 'grade-A' school has itself become a big money-making business.

Experts, however, claim that such practices are more of a status symbol than a means of securing admission. The parents' will on their children, which unnecessarily burdens them for meaningless gains.

Ranjana Saini, a teacher at Mansarovar, who provides coaching for school admissions, said the parents are "forced" to get into a particular school as the parents' choice. "There is a lot of pressure on the parents to get their children into the best school of the city," she said.