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The ASIAN AGE GUIDE to fortune

1 Who has won the most number of men's singles title in the Australian Open?

- Pete Sampras
- Roy Emerson
- Roger Federer

2 How many steps are there to the top of the Eiffel Tower?

- 1,805
- 1,792
- 1,845

3 In which year was Darwin's *Origin of Species* first published?

- 1857
- 1859
- 1856

Tick the answer and check THE ASIAN AGE tomorrow to discover how good you are. The answers to yesterday's questions are:

- 1. 1810
- 2. Georges Claude
- 3. 1905

Police raids 2 city hospitals

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi, Jan. 31: The Moradabad police reportedly raided two Delhi hospitals and a pathological lab in connection with the Gurgaon kidney racket.

Moradabad assistant superintendent of police (ASP) Manjil Saini said that a police team raided Batra Hospital, Apollo Hospital and Focus Diagnosis for evidence. The raids would benefit around one lakh children in the city. So far, children till Class 5 were getting the benefit. The education department will also launch a number of mobile schools under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) by buying phased

specials said that some other pathological labs, hospitals and private clinics too are under the scanner. According to reports from Canada, the police there has begun investigating whether prime accused Amit is in that country. The Interpol Ottawa is in touch with Interpol New Delhi regarding the case.

Sources said that few more names could come up in connection with the kidney racket operating from

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Gurgaon, which was busted four days ago. "The

Moradabad police and the Central Bureau Of Investigation are in regular touch and are conducting raids to reach the bottom of the case," sources stated. However, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital denied claims of a raid being conducted at the hospital following media reports. Health department official went into a tizzy on Thursday morning when some sections of the

media reported that the Moradabad police had conducted a raid at the Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, where the Delhi government holds a 26 per cent stake. Acting on the media reports, Delhi health minister Dr Yoganand Shastri ordered the principal secretary (health) to keep a vigil on the entire matter and on whether this hospital was involved in the racket. Reacting on the media reports, the PRO of Apollo Hospital said that no police raid has been conducted regarding the racket.

Number of inmates in Tihar jail decreases

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi, Jan. 31: Tihar Jail has witnessed a considerable decrease in the number of prisoners in the year 2007 as compared to the last five years.

In the annual press conference held on Thursday at the Central Jail headquarters, director-general (prisons) B.K. Gupta said, "There had been a steady increase in the number of prisoners over the years but this year it has witnessed a decline. As compared to 2006's 13,436 inmates, this year the population declined to 11,605."

According to the annual report, this year, male undertrial prisoners constituted 79.96 per cent out of which 19.83 per cent are convicts and 0.21 per cent others, while among female inmates, under trials constituted 87.01 per cent with

Mr Gupta, stating that his job is a extremely difficult assignment, said, "We are trying to do our best for the inmates in the jail and some positive results are in front of you." However, on the cases of illegal smuggling into the jail, he said, "In some cases, we find that prisoners bring in prohibited items into the jail by hiding them in their private parts or by other techniques. Whenever someone is found guilty, we take action against him or her."

On the sudden deaths of inmates in the jail this year, he read out a high court statement: "There is possibility of an inmate or person inside the jail getting affected by a disease."

Mr Gupta added that out of over 30 deaths which took place inside the jail this year, four were found to be dubious and FIRs in connection with those cases

Midday meals extended to Class 7

By OUR CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi, Jan. 31: The Delhi government has decided to extend the mid-day meal scheme till Class 7 in its schools. The move would benefit around one lakh children in the city. So far, children till Class 5 were getting the benefit. The education department will also launch a number of mobile schools under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) by buying phased



A VOICE FOR THE FARMERS: Schoolchildren demonstrate against the growing number of farmer suicides in New Delhi on Thursday. A photograph by Pritam Bandyopadhyay