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RAM LALLA'S 'SURYA TILAK' AFTER 500 YEARS IN AYODHYA INDIA CELEBRATES RAM NAVAMI OF THE 'RAM RAJYA'

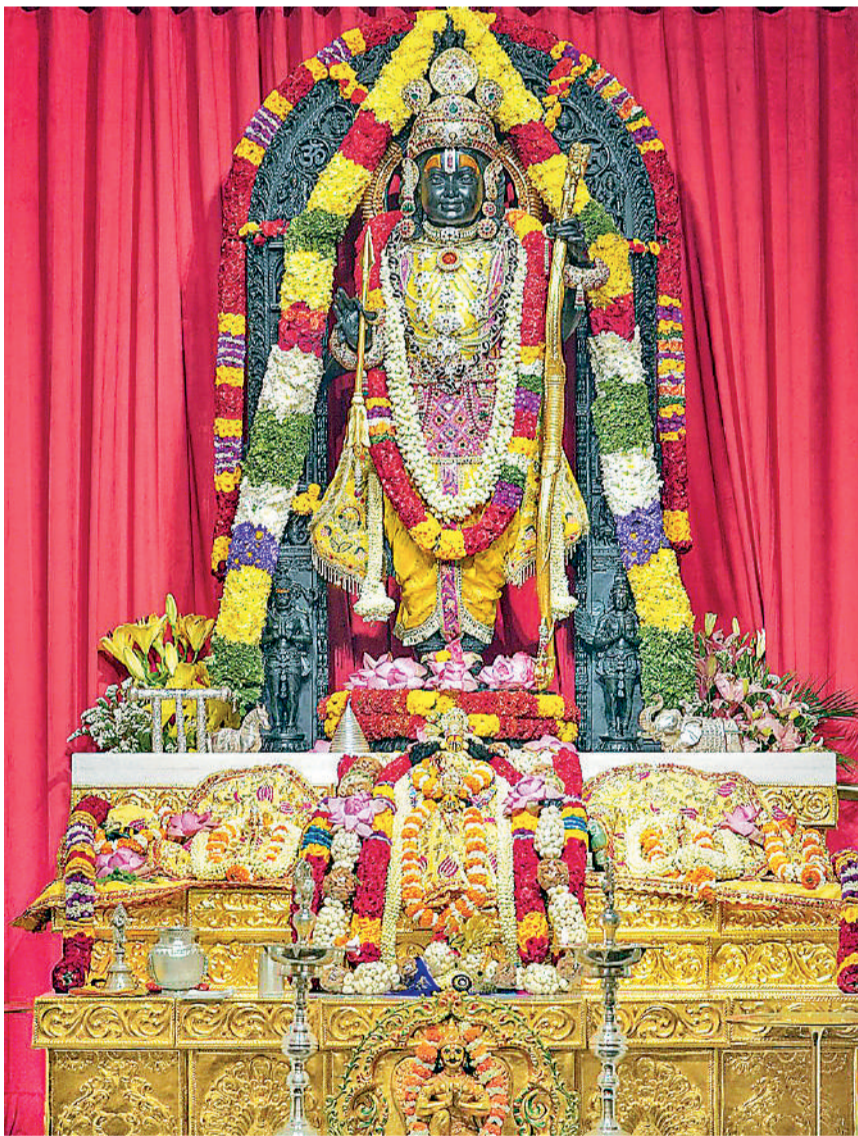


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Forehead of Ram Lalla's idol is anointed with a ray of sunlight, known as 'Surya Tilak', on the occasion of Ram Navami in Ayodhya on Wednesday.

Moni Sharma
Ayodhya

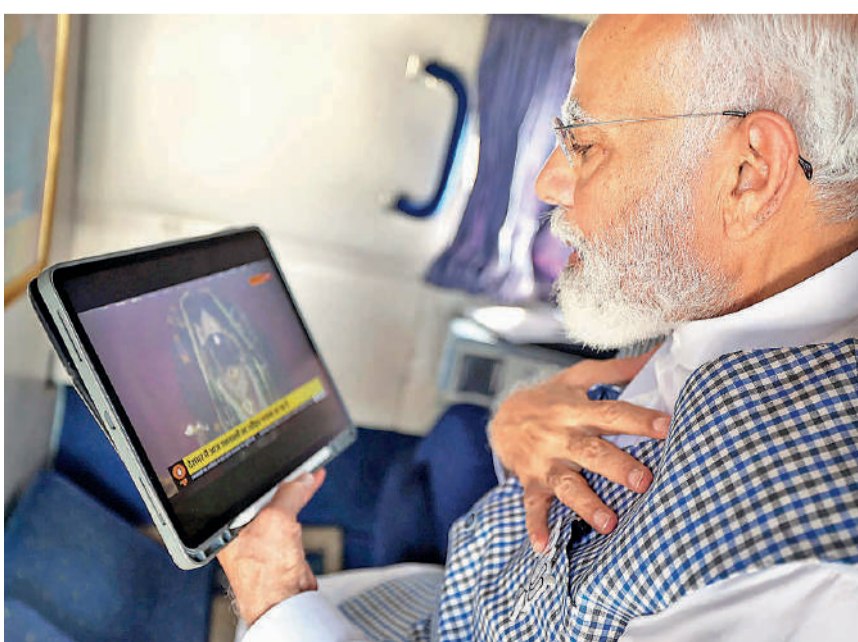
'Surya Tilak' (Sun's rays) illuminated Lord Ram Lalla idol's forehead at Ayodhya Temple on the occasion of Ram Navami on Wednesday, April 17. The 'Surya Tilak' of the deity was made possible by an elaborate mechanism involving mirrors and lenses. The system was tested by the scientists on Tuesday. This was the first Ram Navami since the consecration of Ram idol at the Ayodhya temple, inaugurated by PM Modi on January 22. According to a senior scientist of CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, the planned tilak size was 58 mm. The exact period of tilak on the forehead centre was about three to three-and-a-half minutes, with two minutes of full illumination, he said. The atmosphere was filled with devotion as devotees joyfully chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' and celebrated outside Ram Janambhoomi Mandir. The festivities included offerings of 56 bhog and lots more. **P8**



Divya Shringar of idol of Ram Lalla on Ram Navami at Ram Janmabhoomi Temple on Wednesday.

MODI GETS 'EMOTIONAL' AS HE WATCHES 'SURYA TILAK' ONBOARD PLANE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was in Assam for an election rally, raised slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram' while addressing the residents. PM also urged Indians to use the rays of their mobile phone flash light as the Sun illuminated the forehead of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya Mandir after 500 years, on the occasion of Ram Navami. After the rally, the Prime Minister — travelling back in his chopper — watched the divine ceremony of 'Surya Tilak' on his tablet mid-air. While doing the 'darshan', PM Modi also took off his shoes in respect.



PM Modi watches live telecast of 'Surya Tilak' on idol of 'Ram Lalla' from his chopper on Wednesday.

Modi Government



Last 10 years

Miniscule mobile manufacturing to the world's second largest mobile manufacturer

From Fragile 5 to the world's top-5 economic power

4+ crore pucca houses made

10+ crore housewives were given LPG cylinders

2.8+ crore families were given free electricity connection

Mangalyaan, Chandrayaan and Aditya L-1 mission proved Bharat's strength

Indian Railways became world class with 100+ cities connected through Vande Bharat trains

Introduced free treatment scheme up to ₹5 lakhs for 50+ crore citizens

Next 5 years

Will make Bharat a global hub of manufacturing

Will make Bharat the third largest economy in the world

3+ crore more pucca houses will be made

Will deliver affordable cooking gas through pipelines to every home

PM Surya Ghar Yojana will bring electricity bill to zero

Will create a new benchmark in space technology with the success of Gaganyaan

Will introduce bullet train

Senior citizens will also get free treatment up to ₹5 lakh



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Right Results



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Modi Sarkar

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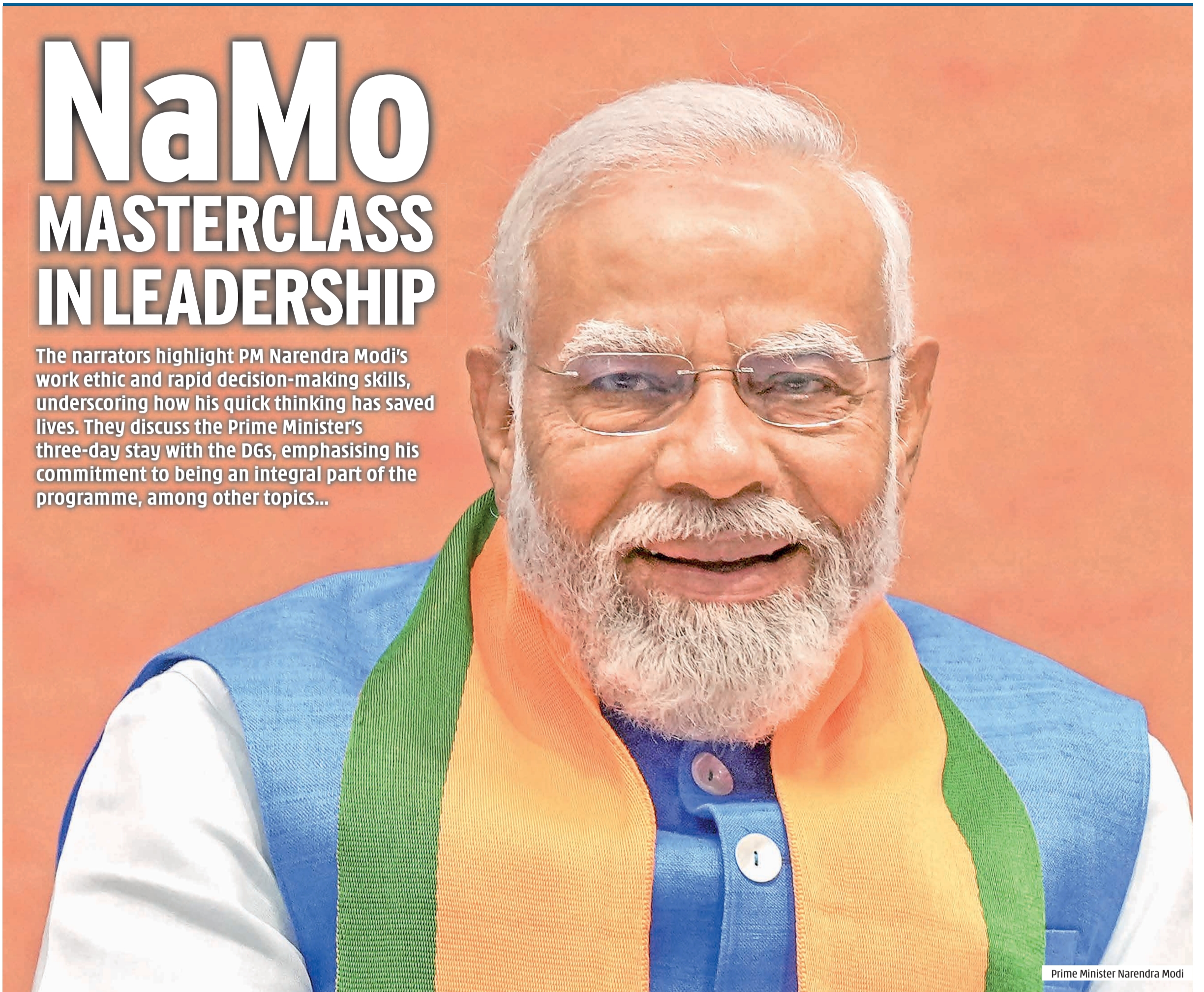


Make BJP win

'MODI HAI TO MUMKIN HAI...' UNTOLD STORIES OF PM MODI – PART 80

NaMo MASTERCLASS IN LEADERSHIP

The narrators highlight PM Narendra Modi's work ethic and rapid decision-making skills, underscoring how his quick thinking has saved lives. They discuss the Prime Minister's three-day stay with the DGs, emphasising his commitment to being an integral part of the programme, among other topics...



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

PM Narendra Modi's precondition for becoming karyakarta



Atul Pandya
Gujarat BJP

In 1979, there was Sangh Siksha Varg. I was in Class 10 at that time. In those days we didn't have big pandals set up for events. There was the modest shamiyana, tied to the ground at four ends. It was summer time and there was an unexpected cyclone. The tent got inflated like a balloon. Everyone at the venue was astonished to see what was happening there. Narendra Modi ji was sitting just behind us. As soon as he saw the situation, he ran with a small kitchen knife and tore open one side of the tent's curtain. Soon the air escaped and the tent deflated. That day I realised the power of quick decision-making that Modi ji displayed and how such a quick presence of mind helps save lives.



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Secret of Modi's work culture

The thing that astounded me is Modi ji's work culture. He is a patriot and works with complete dedication. But, for him, it is not that only those who are loyal to him are tapped for their potential and brought to good use. All that matters to him is expertise and getting the best from that expertise a person has. The purpose is progress and collective good.

There was once a meeting with us and after about two hours of discussions with Modi ji as we were coming out, I asked him, what is the se-

cret of your efficiency? There must be something special in your work culture which is why it is appreciated by the whole world. Without going too deep into the details, he gave me a small example. He said, see, if I need a driver, I will test the driver for his skill and expertise in driving the car and nothing else. That is the only yardstick I have. I am not concerned with how he salutes me. After this, he put his hand on my shoulder and laughed. That was enough for anyone to understand why and how he has such a robust work culture.



Saurabh Shah
Journalist

Quick decision-making: Hallmark of Modi's leadership



Bipin Sikka
Gujarat BJP leader

When Modi met the top cops

An all India DG-IG conference is held every year. It was being held in Guwahati for the first time and PM Narendra Modi sent a message to all DGs about the dress code to be followed, how long the meeting would last and the subject-specific studies that have to be discussed. Before Modi was the Prime Minister, the DG conference was a one-day perfunctory affair, where the DGs would assemble, the PM will come and speak for 30 minutes and it was all over. This was happening for the first time that



Kiren Rijiju
Union minister

the Prime Minister stayed with the DGs for three days to be an integral part of the programme. The routine

was hard and focussed. There was a yoga session at 5:30 in the morning. At 7:30 sharp it was breakfast time and even during breakfast, for instance, as I was the MoS, I was assigned DGs of six states and an IB official to take notes, deliberate and discuss on topics of importance that would be taken up in the day. Then we would move straight to the conference hall and this gruelling session continued for three days. Officers had never experienced such intensity and seriousness before. They had never seen a Prime Minister who was so deeply involved in each and every topic and discussed everything so minutely. It was a lifetime's experience in governance and administration for all of us.

Narendra Modi ji once given an example. He said, open the morning's newspaper and when you see the headline, 'Bomb blast in school bus in Kashmir, 8 kids killed, 22 injured', does that sound to you a normal daily news story or strike you as a personal tragedy? If it is just news to you then know that you are in politics only to promote your personal aspirations. If this incident makes you restless, gives you sleepless nights, then there is some patriotism still alive in you. He used to say, as a karyakarta, you are here to give to the nation, to society. You are not here to take anything. So, the karyakarta had no illusions and later he won't be disappointed later on for things he won't get.

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PM MODI RAISES SLOGAN OF 'JUNE 4, 400 PAAR' AT ASSAM RALLY, SAYING...

Came with 'Hope' in 2014, 'Trust' in 2019 and 'Guarantee' in 2024!

Free ration will be provided to all without discrimination for next 5 years, says Modi

Moni Sharma
Nalbari/New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi has once again stated that the BJP will win 2024 Lok Sabha Elections with more than 400 seats. Speaking at public campaign rally in Assam's Nalbari, Modi termed it as a "Guarantee".

"I congratulate people on Bihu. Today is Ram Navami as well. Lord Ram has returned at 500 years. This would be first 3-storied meeting. It is indicative of what will happen on June 4. June 4, 400 paar. Fir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar. I have come with Modi's guarantee. It is guarantee of guarantee," the PM said. "Modi came with hope in 2014, trust in 2019 and guarantee in 2024. Free ration will be provided to all without discrimination for the next 5 years," he added. PM also recalled the newly built Ayodhya Ram Temple, saying that birth celebrations of Lord Ram were being held there after 500 years.



PM Narendra Modi tries his hands at a traditional instrument 'kurkuri' during LS poll rally in Assam's Nalbari on Wednesday. The drum-like instrument was gifted to PM Modi by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma.

ABP-CVOTER SURVEY PREDICTS MODI'S RETURN FOR 3RD TERM IN 2024

With just few days left for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, there has been a flurry of pre-poll surveys predicting different electoral results. A new pre-poll survey conducted by ABP News-CVoter has projected a big victory for BJP-led NDA. The saffron camp is predicted to win 373 seats out of the total 543 with a vote share of 46.6%. The survey results shows that NDA will see an increase in its vote share to 46.6% from 45.1% in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. I.N.D.I.A. bloc is expected to win 155 seats, gathering a vote share of 39.8 per cent. In 2019, these parties, not contesting as a bloc, had together garnered 36.6% of the total votes.



Modi govt will soon eliminate Naxals: Shah

First India Bureau
New Delhi

The Narendra Modi government will eliminate Naxals from the country in a very short period of time, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Wednesday. The central government has been conducting incessant operations against terrorism and Naxals, he said this a day after security forces gunned down 29 Maoists in Chhattisgarh.

Amit Shah will conduct a roadshow in Udaipur on April 19 in support of the BJP candidate Mannalal Rawat

FIR lodged in Jaipur against fake NOC case

Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

An FIR was lodged at the Jawahar Circle police station in Jaipur on Wednesday against illegal kidney transplants, issuance of fake NOC, and the involvement of an international organ trafficking racket. Additional Chief Secretary in the Medical and Health Department, Shubhra Singh, took suo motu cognisance of the matter after receiving information about the issuance of fake NOC against a bribe for organ transplant.

Congress had described Ram as imaginary: CM

Ashvini Yadav
Alwar

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addressed a public meeting in Khairthal in support of Bhopender Yadav in Alwar on Wednesday. CM said, "Congress had described Ram as imaginary. Ram is the life of our nation. Khairthal is a district near Delhi so it will develop on the lines of Gurugram." PM does whatever he says. Many political parties in lost their trust, politicians lost their trust but you must have seen lot of change after 2014," CM said.



CM TAKES PART IN RAM NAVAMI SHOBHA YATRA

CM Sharma participated in the Shobha Yatra being organized on the occasion of Ram Navami in Bandikui, Dausa. The CM addressed the people and said on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, Lord Ram's Surya Tilak was done in Ayodhya.

IN BRIEF

UAE hit with heaviest rain ever recorded in country since 1949

Dubai: UAE attempted to dry out Wednesday from heaviest rain ever recorded there after a deluge flooded out Dubai Airport, disrupting flights through the world's busiest airfield for international travel. Media called rain "anything documented since start of data collection in 1949." P9



Tesla chief Elon Musk is set to announce an investment in India of \$2-\$3 bn, when he visits New Delhi next week to meet PM Narendra Modi.

Earthquake jolts southern Japan

Tokyo: An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 hit southern Japan on Wednesday, Japan Meteorological Agency said. The epicentre of the earthquake was the Bungo Channel, adding that no tsunami warning issued.

Terrorists kill migrant worker from Bihar

Anantnag: A labourer was shot dead by terrorists on Wednesday in Anantnag, Kashmir. The deceased was identified as Raju Shah from Bihar. He was rushed to hospital where he later succumbed to injuries.

Campaigning ends for 102 seats in first phase of Lok Sabha election, voting will be held tomorrow

New Delhi: Political parties held their last rallies in 102 Lok Sabha constituencies on Wednesday as campaigning came to an end for Phase 1 of the general election. Voting will be held in 102 seats on April 19. The campaigning in the 12 Lok Sabha seats of Rajasthan also concluded. P10

मोदी साथे राजस्थान

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- अन्नदाता को राहत: गेहूं का MSP 2275 से बढ़कर 2400 रुपये
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- महिला सुरक्षा व सशक्तिकरण: पुलिस डेस्क, एटी रोमियो स्कवाड, सीसीटीवी विस्तार, आर्थिक सहायता
- अयोध्या: 3000 तीर्थ यात्रियों को श्री राम मंदिर दर्शन की व्यवस्था
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GROUND REPORT ALWAR LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY

Bhupender's proximity to PM gives him an edge on seat stuck in caste matrix

- 1** BHUPENDER GETTING MILEAGE OF BEING UNION MIN & HAVING GOOD HOLD IN ORGANISATION
- 2** AFTER LALIT YADAV GOT TICKET MANY MIFFED CONG LEADERS LEFT TO JOIN BJP

Ashvini Yadav
Alwar

The nomination of seasoned BJP stalwart and Union Minister Bhupender Yadav for the Alwar parliamentary seat has refocused attention on this constituency. Known for his strategic acumen in BJP's electoral campaigns across various states, including Rajasthan, Bhupender Yadav is contesting the Lok Sabha elections for the first time after serving as an MP in the Rajya Sabha. Baba Balaknath, the previous MP from Alwar, now holds the position of MLA for Tijara Assembly constituency, paving the way for Bhupender Yadav's candidacy.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma at Bhupender Yadav's rally in Khairthal, Alwar, on Wednesday, the last day of campaigning.

WATER A BIG ELECTION ISSUE

Water is the biggest issue in Alwar Lok Sabha. Also, despite being the largest industrial area, there is a shortage of employment and there has been a lot of demand to provide employment to the local people. Despite being close to Delhi, Alwar has not received development like NCR. Despite having immense potential in tourism, Alwar has remained deprived of development.

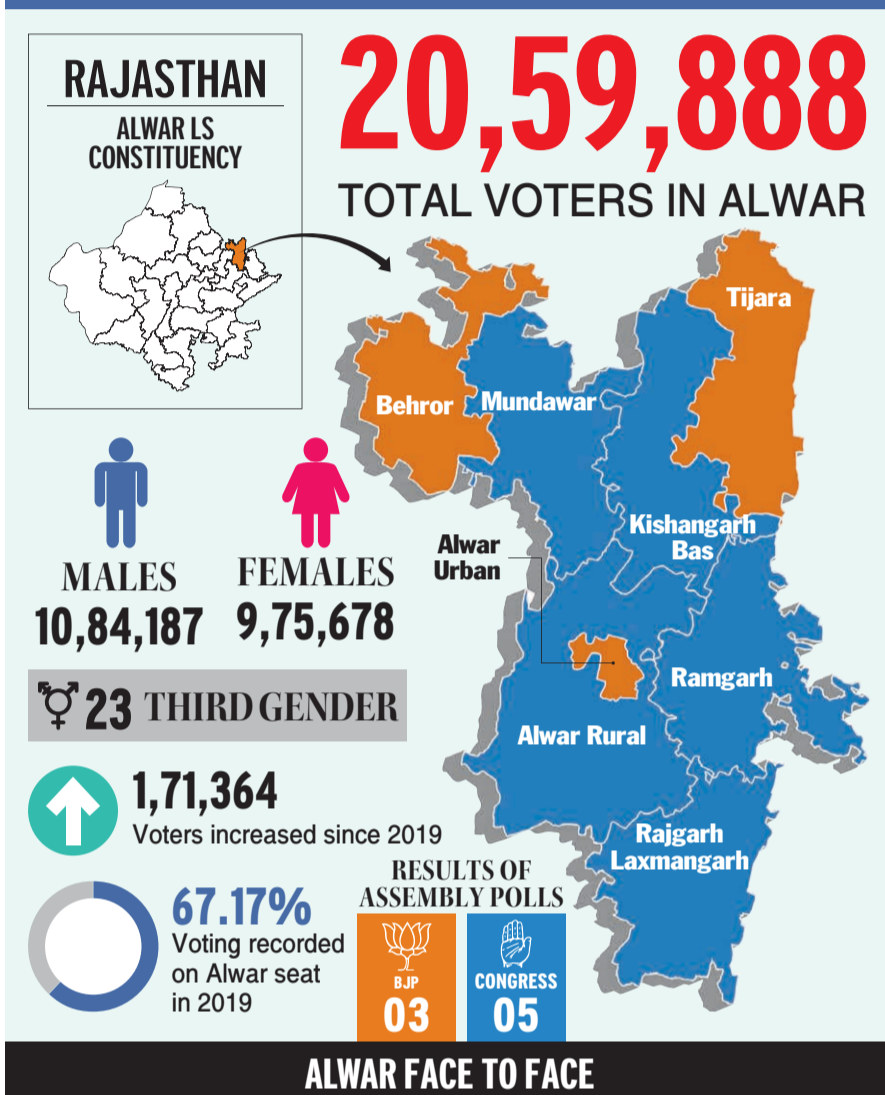
MP BABA BALAKNATH'S REPORT CARD

Voters seem satisfied with the tenure of MP Baba Balaknath, who is now MLA from Tijara. He remained in contact with voters throughout his LS tenure. Strengthened contacts by organising big events of sawamani. During his tenure, Alwar got ESI Hospital and Medical College. Railway facilities expanded, but many projects including Central School got stuck because of then Cong state government.

In direct competition, the Congress has put forward Lalit Yadav, a young contender and recently elected MLA from Mundawar. It's a head-to-head battle between the BJP and Congress candidates. Lalit Yadav's victory is perceived as potentially bolstering the Opposition's presence in Parliament. With close ties to Modi and Amit Shah in Delhi, Bhupendra Yadav's triumph could see him reinstated as a minister in the central government, promising progress for Alwar. After winning the elections from Congress in 2009, Bhanwar Jitendra Singh became a minister at the Center and tried to provide Alwar with the benefits of his proximity to the Gandhi family. Jitendra Singh suffered defeat in the subsequent election, yet his national political influence grew. Presently overseeing Madhya Pradesh and Assam, despite Congress setbacks in those states. Conversely, Bhupender Yadav, directing BJP's Madhya Pradesh affairs in recent Assembly elections, is lauded for elevating Dr.

Mohan Yadav to CM. Bhupender's significant political standing quelled any local BJP discontent upon his candidacy announcement. On the flip side, following Lalit Yadav's nomination by Congress, two-time MP Dr. Karan Singh Yadav, district chief Balbir Chhillar, numerous head sarpanches, and organisation leaders have defected to BJP. Despite this, Congress strives to project unity. In the campaign arena, BJP has capitalized on the situation. Home Minister Amit Shah led a significant roadshow. Additionally, BJP heavyweights, including CM Bhajan Lal Sharma and Haryana CM Nayab Saini, have campaigned vigorously. Priyanka Gandhi conducted a roadshow in Alwar city for the Congress candidate,

while party state president Govind Dotasra convened a meeting. In Alwar, Yadav voters wield significant influence over the election outcome. Congress's success in winning over Yadav support could lead to a chance of victory, but BJP appears to be gaining momentum otherwise. Bhupender Yadav's prominent Yadav leadership, combined with his ties to Alwar as a Rajya Sabha MP and involvement in local budget allocations, positions him advantageously. Lalit Yadav, MLA from Mundawar, strengthens this narrative, with some Yadav voters anticipating dual representation if Bhupender wins. While Congress relies on Meo voters, BJP's strong booth presence currently gives them a substantial advantage.



BHUPENDER YADAV	LALIT YADAV
Age: 55 years Edu: Bachelor of Law Assets: ₹63,31,807 Vehicle: Alto & Innova	Age: 37 years Edu: BA Assets: ₹40,73,218 Vehicle: None
STRENGTHS	STRENGTHS
Big stature in politics and minister in Modi government Benefit of being close to PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah Easy and simple nature	Young and new face Was elected MLA from Mundawar in the 2023 Assembly elections Full support of former MP Bhanwar Jitendra Singh
WEAKNESS	WEAKNESS
First experience of contesting Lok Sabha elections, till now he has been a Rajya Sabha MP Congress has won on five out of eight seats in the parliamentary constituency Propaganda of being more engaged in central politics	Lack of political experience compared to the rival candidate Many big Congress leaders left the party and joined BJP in protest against his candidature Lack of identity in this constituency, promotion of arrogant image



Speculations about ex-CM Gehlot's former OSD Lokesh Sharma as he meets BJP leaders

Speculations are rife if Lokesh Sharma former OSD to former CM Ashok Gehlot will join BJP. Sharma is reportedly in touch with several BJP leaders. There have been several rounds of discussions between Lokesh and BJP leaders. Meetings have been held with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal and election in-charge Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe as well. Lokesh, who was close to former CM Gehlot, has been privy to several pieces of information. On Tuesday, Lokesh took a swipe at former CM Gehlot through a tweet, stating, "Just as he is devoted to his son's victory," he wrote, "I wish he was equally concerned about the youth of the state." He added, "The issue of paper leaks is prevalent in the state." The political circles are buzzing with speculation regarding Lokesh Sharma's potential entry into the BJP fold, hinting at a possible shift in political allegiance.

Automated voting appeal calls by Lok Sabha contestants reach their peak on Ram Navami

The automated calls for campaigning touched their peak on Ram Navami on Wednesday. The incessant calls throughout the day made the users annoyed. The candidates through these calls tried to make contact with the voters by wishing them greetings on this festival. However this tactic to seek support made the users irritated. Users receiving these calls from different numbers and therefore blocked any single number couldn't give any comfort.

Vaibhav releases his own 'manifesto' for Jalore seat



Vaibhav Gehlot, Ratan Dewasi & other Cong leaders during the launch of his manifesto named 'Tarakki-Express' in Jalore on Wednesday.

Congress candidate Vaibhav Gehlot from the Jalore-Sirohi Lok Sabha constituency released his manifesto on Wednesday. In his manifesto, he pledged to provide employment to more than 10,000 local youths through job fairs. He also promised to open 100 startups for the youth in the next five years. Gehlot outlined several infrastructure development plans, including running regular passenger trains from Jalore to Jaipur, Delhi, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Chennai, and Bengaluru. Addressing the issue of water scarcity, Gehlot assured that the people of the region would no longer suffer from the lack of water, promising efforts to bring water from the Mahi-Vyas River to Jalore-Sirohi. Furthermore, he proposed organizing job fairs every six months to provide employment opportunities to local youth. Gehlot's manifesto also includes a provision to offer educational opportunities abroad to the top 20 talented students graduating from the 12th standard each year.

Kachhi Ghodi raising awareness



Artists performing 'Kachhi Ghodi' to raise voter awareness at Nehru Garden, Gandhi Nagar in Jaipur on Wednesday. The 'SVEEP' activity was held under the direction of Additional District Collector Jaipur East and Assistant Returning Officer Lok Sabha Constituency Jaipur Suman Pawar. Arshdeep Brar, Deputy Commissioner Malviya Nagar Zone of Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation, Seema Sharma, Tehsildar, Dalip Singh, Naib Tehsildar and others were also present on the occasion.

RSS PLAN: OVER 1.25 LAKH ROOM MEETINGS HELD PER LS SEAT

RSS mega voter outreach for 100% voting & drive against NOTA votes

Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

RSS has so far reached around 2.5 crore voters in 25 Lok Sabha seats of Rajasthan under the room meeting campaign of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh with the aim of 100 percent voting in Lok Sabha elections and campaign against NOTA. Under this campaign, Sangh volunteers held discussions with groups

of ten to twenty voters in one-on-one meetings and motivated them for 100 percent voting. This task was decided in the Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha meeting in Nagpur. The strategy of the Sangh is to take as many voters as possible to the booths. For this, working was also done according to block number. Under this, volunteers have reached eight to ten voter families of one block number.

MODI IS THE MOST POPULAR FACE AND BJP WILL BENEFIT IF VOTING INCREASES

Sangh strategists believe that if the voting percentage increases, it will directly benefit the BJP. Currently no leader or party has the popularity like that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the country. In such a situation, if voters increase in areas where BJP is weak, Modi and BJP will benefit from it. Secondly, the Sangh will also fulfill its goal of civic duty across the country by aiming for 100 percent voting. Dr. Rameshchandra Agrawal, RSS leader said that the volunteers of the Sangh have campaigned through room meetings across the state for 100 percent voting. "1.25 to 1.5 lakh such meetings having participation of ten to twenty voters each have been held in one Lok Sabha seat," he said.

Mangal Singh Saini removed after BJP's plea

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Public prosecutor Mangal Singh Saini has been removed following a complaint by BJP against him. BJP legal cell's Saurabh Saraswat and some other advocates filed a complaint against Saini, who had filed a complaint on behalf of Congress candidate Pratap S Khacharia-was demanding removal of Bhagwa flags from Walled City area of Jaipur. After Saraswat's complaint to election dept, the law dept took action.



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RAJASTHAN HAILS PRABHU RAM

To celebrate Ram Navami a huge shobha yatra was taken out from Ramganj Choupar passing through the Walled City area and reached Mandir Shri Ramchandraji where Maha Aarti was performed



Devotees perform Maha Aarti with 1100 diyas at Mandir Shri Ramchandraji, Chandpole on the occasion of Ram Navami. © SUNIL SHARMA



Devotees participate in Ram Navami shobha yatra being taken out in Sikar on Wednesday.



Ram Navami shobha yatra at Walled City, Jaipur. © NAIM KHAN



Prayers being offered at the Mehandipur Balaji temple in Dausa.

Ram Navami observed at Mehandipur Balaji

First India Bureau
Dausa

The birth anniversary of Shri Ramlala was celebrated with religious fervor in Sitaram Temple in Mehandipur Balaji on Wednesday. Mahant Nareshpuri Maharaj and other Pandits worshipped the Lord. The idols of Lord Sitaram were anointed with Pancharit and given amazing decoration. On the occasion of

the birth anniversary of Ramlala, religious songs were sung in the temple with the chants of Shri Ram Jai Ram due to which the temple courtyard became filled with devotion.

A Maha Aarti was also organized in which thousands of devotees participated. Thousands of devotees were present in Maha Aarti organized by the temple trust. Churma and Pancharit were distributed in Mahaprasad.

In light of various incidents

Directions issued to med colleges to ease patients' problems



Vikas Sharma
Jaipur

Additional CS, Medical Education, Shubhra Singh said that the state government has taken seriously the unfortunate incidents like transfusion of blood of wrong group to a patient in SMS Hospital and delivery of a woman in the premises of Kanwatia Hospital.

Taking note of the non-compliance of standards in the hospitals affiliated to medical colleges, state govt has issued guidelines to principals and hospital superintendents

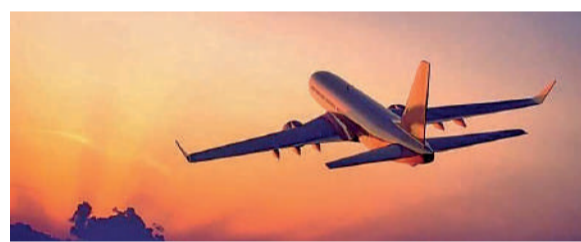
It has been instructed that if any incident comes to light, then the responsibility will be of superintendent and strict action will also be taken

of all medical colleges. She said that transparency will have to be taken care of in duty roster and all doctors should be present as per the roster. The Principal and Controller will have to maintain mutual communication with the doctors and junior residents working in the college.

Dubai rain: Jaipur-Dubai flights get affected

Ziyaddin Khan
Jaipur

Continuous rainfall in Dubai and flooding in Sharjah have disrupted flights from Jaipur to Dubai. The desert city of Dubai, renowned for its dry climate, is experiencing unprecedented rainfall, leading to unexpected flooding.



The effects of this rainfall were also felt at Jaipur Airport. Passengers scheduled to travel

to Dubai and Sharjah were left disappointed as flights from Jaipur to Dubai were either

Dubai Airport is submerged in water, making it challenging to operate flights, operations will be resumed after water subsides

canceled or delayed.

The situation also led to the cancellation of Sharjah-bound flight G9-

436 on Wednesday. Air Arabia's flight, which usually departs Sharjah at 4:45 in the morning, was affected. SpiceJet's flight to Dubai was delayed, while Flight SG-57 from Jaipur to Dubai normally departs at 9:20 in the morning.

Flights will only be possible once the water is completely drained.

Four key committees for Raj Assembly constituted

Yogesh Sharma
Jaipur

Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani has constituted four committees of the Sixteenth Rajasthan Assembly. Devnani has appointed Chairman and members in the Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee 'A', Estimates Committee 'B' and Government Undertakings Committee of the Assembly.

Devnani, under Rule 183 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, has appointed Tikaram July in the Pub-

lic Accounts Committee, Arjun Lal Jinagar in the Estimates Committee 'A', Srichand Kripalani in the Estimates Committee 'B' & also nominated Kalicharan Saraf as Chairman of Govt Undertaking Committee. The Assembly Speaker appointed Pushpendra Singh, Dr. Jaswant Singh Yadav, Bahadur Singh, Ramesh Kheghi, Ajay Singh, Chhagan Singh Rajpurohit, Dr. Suresh Dhakad, Gopal Sharma, Rajendra Pareek, Rafiq Khan, Bhim Raj Bhati, Anil Kumar Sharma and Jeevaram Chaudhary as members in the Public Accounts Committee.

Jpr NCB seizes poppy straw worth over ₹2 L

First India Bureau
Jaipur

NCB Jaipur conducted an operation on the intervening night of April 16-17 which resulted in the apprehension of an individual involved in the trafficking of Poppy Straw (Doda).

The operation was carried out under supervision of Ghanasyam Soni, Zonal Director, Jodhpur & Jaipur, Rajasthan. The accused Ravi Saini, was intercepted at Nagar Road, near Bus Stand Deeg, and taken into custody. Doda worth Rs. 2,48,400 has been seized.

MP Ramcharan Bohra receives death threat

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Jaipur Member of Parliament **Ramcharan Bohra** has received a threatening email, stating the risk of his life. The email, sent to the MP's official account, reads, "Delhi is still far away.

Wherever we find you on the way, we will kill you there." The private assistant to MP Bohra, Arun Sharma, has filed an FIR at the Jawahar Circle police station. A specialized police team is currently investigating the matter.

Arun Sharma revealed that the email from an



email id in the name of one Arvind Kushwaha contained the threatening message, "We will kill you on sight. Delhi is still very far away. Wherever we find you on the way, we will kill you there on the spot."

A complaint has been registered in the matter and police has started investigating the case.

No entry fee at monuments in city on World Heritage Day

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Today marks World Heritage Day. In celebration, entry to the city's museums and monuments will be free for tourists. Tourists will be welcomed according to Rajasthani tradition with tilak & garlands at tourism sites.

Dr. Pankaj Dharendra, the Director of Archaeology, revealed that on the occasion of World Heritage Day, tourists will be welcomed with tilak and garlands at tourism sites such as Jantar Mantar, Albert Hall, Hawa Mahal, Amer Fort, Nahargarh Fort, and others in the capital city. Alongside this, local artists will present Rajasthani folk performances. Visitors will also have the opportunity to witness folk dances accompanied by shehnai music.

HEAT WAVE ALERT

Norms out to beat the heat in Raj

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Indian Meteorological Dept has issued an advisory for effective management of heat-wave. The department has issued a seasonal outlook on temperature and rainfall for the summer season in Rajasthan from March to May 2024.

Met center Jaipur's director Suresh Ola said that the effect of heat has started in most areas of the country since the beginning of April.



WHAT TO DO IN ORDER TO PROTECT FROM HEAT

- Consume adequate water, homemade drinks like lassi, lemon water and buttermilk etc.
- Wear light colored loose cotton clothes. Cover head when going out of the house. Use clothing, a hat or an umbrella.
- Use sunglasses to protect eyes and apply sunscreen to protect skin.
- Make arrangements for cold drinking water at the work site for the workers. Inform them about heat warnings.
- Provide light work and short working hrs to workers who are new to hot areas.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Avoid going out in the sun (especially between 12 and 3 pm). Do not go out barefoot.
- Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and carbonated soft drinks as they dehydrate the body.
- Avoid using bulbs that generate unnecessary heat.

Cops suspended for beating man in front of kid in Jpr

First India Bureau
Jaipur

First India's story had a significant impact on the case of a father being beaten by cops in front of his child. He was beaten up by a few police officers from Bhankrota police station.

First India ran the story, and as a result, constable Rajpal and head constable Sunil, have been suspended. Both of them were suspended by DCP West Amit Kumar, and Additional DCP Gurusharan Rao assumed responsibility for the case's investigation.

Drone carrying heroine worth ₹13 crore shot down by BSF

Sunil Sihag
Anupgarh

Late on Tuesday night, the Border Security Force shot down a drone on India-Pakistan border which contained heroine worth Rs 13 crore.

BSF soldiers patrolling the border heard the sound of the drone and upon locating the drone, opened fire at it. On the information of soldiers, police and BSF officials found 2 kg 610 grams of heroin in three packets whose estimated value is around Rs 13 crore. SHO Balwant of Raw-



la police station said that a drone and 2.610 kg of heroin have been recovered 1600 meters inside the Indian border near Nemichand Post falling in Rawla police station area. After the drone fell

down, BSF officers and Rawla police conducted a joint search operation in the area.

During a search on Tuesday, a drone and a packet were recovered in Rohi of village 23 KD.

VALUING HERITAGE



Rakhi Jain
Journalist/Media person

Today Marks World Heritage Day

DISCOVER RAJASTHAN A WORLD-FAMOUS HERITAGE BEAUTY!

Rajasthan is one of the most beautiful states of India. The culture here is famous all over the world. We Rajasthanis are proud of our glorious past, historical buildings and culture. Colourful Rajasthan has an immense treasure of heritage, hence the World Heritage Day celebrated every year on April 18 is special for us. This day also reminds us of our responsibility, the reason is clear, the purpose of celebrating this day is to bring awareness towards the conservation of historical and cultural sites related to human civilization all over the world. It means to remind us that we have to save and maintain the heritage. And to hand it over to the new generation.

The credit for celebrating this day globally goes to the Paris-based International Council on Monuments and Sites. The first 'World Heritage Day' was celebrated by the International Council of Monuments and Sites on April 18 in the year 1982. For the first time this day was celebrated in Tunisia. During that time only 12 sites in the world were included in the list of world monument sites.

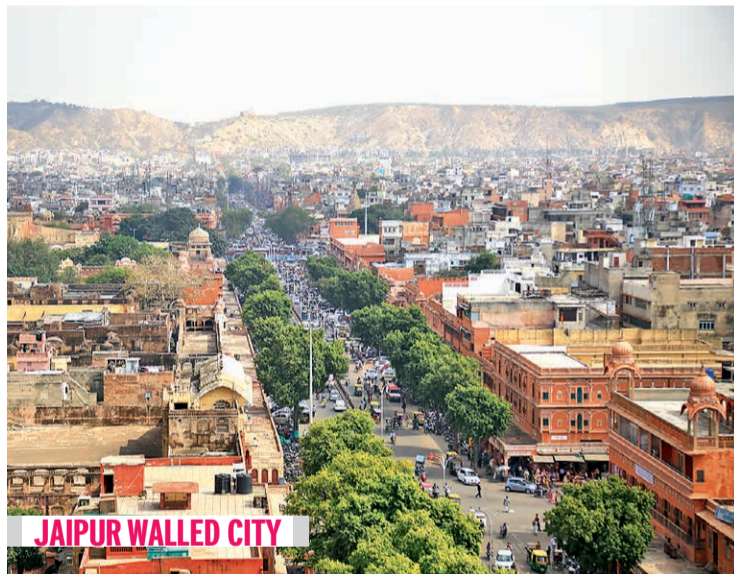
Overall, old buildings and places may become dilapidated with time but they are witnesses of different histories. There are many stories associated with the walls of old places, from victory and defeat to art and culture as evidence. But they remain alive here, in such a situation, through World Heritage Day, an effort is made to remove the dust on these stories.



JAIPUR



CHITTORGARH FORT



JAIPUR WALLED CITY



JAL MAHAL



JAISALMER FORT



JODHPUR FORT



JAISALMER



KOTA-CHAMBAL

YOGESH SHARMA CAPTURES THE BEAUTY

It is very difficult to express in words the artistry, beauty and attraction of Rajasthan's heritage, so on the occasion of World Heritage Day, we have brought some special pictures for you which will enthrall your mind. These pictures have been clicked by senior photo-video journalist Yogesh Sharma during his visits to different parts of Rajasthan.



WATCH GLORIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF RAJASTHAN ON 1ST INDIA+ ENTERTAINMENT

You can also watch these glorious and beautiful views of Rajasthan on First India Plus Entertainment OTT. First India News is the first news channel which has launched its own OTT. The special thing is that this platform is focused on Rajasthan and Rajasthanis. That is why Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, has designed this travel show showcasing the beauty of Rajasthan.

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AMBER FORT



LS POLL BUZZ

Modi in Agartala

North East is vital for India's 21st-century devp, he adds

PM: Cong adopted 'loot' East policy, BJP turned it into 'Act East' policy

Agencies
Agartala

In Agartala, Tripura, PM Narendra Modi electrified the crowd ahead of the 2024 LS polls. With unwavering zeal, he unveiled the Viksit vision for the North East, promising growth encapsulated in BJP's Sankalp Patra. Commencing his engaging address, PM Modi extended his heartfelt greetings on the Holy festival of Ram Navami. In his speech, the PM in an emotional state of mind expressed, "500 years later, Ram Navami arrives with Shri Ram seated in Ayodhya's grand temple. From a humble tent to this majestic abode, his blessings by the sun's rays mark a historic moment." The PM added, "here in sacred North East, where sunlight first touches, we witness this symbolic dawn of a new era. "The North East is crucial for India's 21st-century development. Decades of Congress rule overlooked region's potential. In Tripura, communist governance brought destruction. Delhi now prioritises the North East & Tripura under our govt. Beyond politics, it's about love & priority for me."



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and BJP candidate Biplab Kumar Deb during a public meeting ahead of Lok Sabha elections, in Agartala on Wednesday. PTI

Thanks to the development of railways, Tripura has been connected by more than a dozen trains in the last 10 years. The work of electrification of the state's railway lines has been completed rapidly. I want to tell everybody that Modi will take responsibility for the treatment of the elderly, irrespective of their family background. Every family, whether they are poor, servicemen, or upper-class people, will be eligible to avail of the free treatment scheme of the government. I am going to do this big work, and yes, there will be no discrimination here also.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

'CAME WITH HOPE IN 2014, TRUST IN 2019 & GUARANTEE IN 2024'

PM Modi has once again stated that the BJP will win the 2024 LS polls with more than 400 seats. Speaking at a public campaign rally in Assam's Nalbari, Modi termed it as a "guarantee." "I congratulate people on Bihu. Today is Ram Navami as well." "Modi came with hope in 2014, trust in 2019 and guarantee in 2024. Free ration will be provided to all without discrimination for the next five years."

'CONG DISRESPECTS SENTIMENTS OF PEOPLE OF ASSAM'

Addressing a huge public gathering in Nalbari dist, PM Modi said, "Due to BJP govt's efforts, the 400th birth anniv of great warrior of Assam Lachit Barphukan was celebrated in the country. The brand ambassador of Gamocho of Assam is your Modi himself. But Congress ridicules me when I wear the traditional clothes of Assam. "Congress has a problem with the heritage of our country," the Prime Minister said.

Shah offers prayers at Ram temple in MP's Chhindwara

PTI
Chhindwara (MP)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah offered prayers at the Ram temple in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara city on Wednesday morning. After holding a roadshow on Tuesday evening, Shah had stayed overnight in Chhindwara.

"On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, I visited the Shri Ram temple in Chhindwara and prayed for the continued progress of the country and the welfare of the countrymen," Shah said in a tweet on his official X account. Ram Navami celebrates the birth of



Union Home Minister Amit Shah offers prayers at a Ram temple on the occasion of 'Ram Navami', in Chhindwara on Wednesday. PTI

Lord Ram. State BJP spokesman Ajay Dhawle told PTI that the Union minister met with prominent leaders on Wednesday morning before visiting the Ram temple. After offering prayers, Shah left for Nagpur via a chopper, he said.

Those who opposed Lord Ram in India faced downfall: Singh

PTI
Kasaragod (Kerala)

Defence Minister & Senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh in a poll rally, claimed that whoever in India has opposed Lord Ram has faced downfall, which is what has happened to Congress and CPI(M) in the country.

Singh alleged that both parties, which are allies in INDIA bloc, don't understand the importance of Lord Ram. "They have cre-



Rajnath Singh

ated hurdles in celebration of Ram Navami. We all know that whoever has ever opposed Lord Ram faced downfall. That is what has happened to Cong CPI(M)."

India's achievement as a nuclear power nation is significant, and dismantling its nuclear weapons would weaken the nation, whose neighbours Pakistan and China are nuclear powers. CPI(M) manifesto advocates for total elimination of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

RAJNATH SINGH, DEFENCE MINISTER

Kirron Kher on why she isn't contesting 2024 Lok Sabha polls

Agencies
Mumbai

In a recent interview with a TV channel, Kirron clarified that she was not "dropped" from candidacy; rather, she herself requested to be exempted from contesting this time. Instead of Kirron, Sanjay Tandon will run in for elections for the Chandigarh LS seat this year. Kirron, after battling cancer and undergoing treatment, informed that she requested her party leaders, including JP Nadda and Amit Shah, to allow her to sit out this election due to her illness. She had multiple myeloma & spent a year in Mumbai for treatment but is now fully recovered. PM Modi



I am eager to work in so many other fields and do so many other things. I did India's Got Talent this year and last year. I hope that I'll be able to work for my party again.

KIRRON KHER, BJP MP, CHANDIGARH

& Amit Shah supported her during her illness, acknowledging her contributions as a party worker in Chandigarh.

Rahul Gandhi hits campaign trail in Karnataka, holds first rally in Mandya

Lok Sabha election a fight between two ideologies: RaGa

PTI
Mandya

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday termed the upcoming Lok Sabha elections as a battle between two ideologies -- INDIA bloc "fighting for Constitution" on the one hand and BJP, which wants to "abolish constitution and democracy," on the other. "This is a fight between two ideologies. There is Congress and INDIA bloc on one hand, which fought for the Constitution and democracy to the country. On the other hand there is BJP, which wants to abolish the Constitution and democracy and is placing their people in all the institutions," Gandhi said during a poll rally.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah during a public meeting ahead of the LS elections, in Mandya district on Wednesday. PTI

Just do one thing. Go to Google and see the interview, you will notice that his hands are trembling because the electoral bond is the biggest ever corruption in India. No matter how much clarification the prime minister gives, it will make no difference because the whole country knows that the prime minister is the champion of corruption.

RAHUL GANDHI, CONGRESS LEADER

WILL ABIDE BY PARTY DECISION: RAGA ON ISSUE OF CONTESTING LS POLLS FROM AMETHI

Ghaziabad (PTI): Amid intense speculation over whether he would contest the Lok Sabha polls from Uttar Pradesh's Amethi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said he would abide by his party's decision on it. Gandhi made the remarks at a joint press conference here with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. Asked whether he would contest from Amethi besides Wayanad, Gandhi said, "On Amethi, the party will decide. Whatever order I get, I will abide by that." "In our party, these decisions are taken in the CEC (Central Election Committee) meeting," he stressed.

INDIA BLOC WILL WIN FROM GHAZIABAD TO GHAZIPUR, SAYS SP CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV

Ghaziabad: Asserting that "winds of change" are blowing from western Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday said there will be an INDIA bloc "clean sweep" from Ghaziabad to Ghazipur. He also urged the people to ensure that their votes are not divided and asked them to guard their booths to ensure a wipeout of BJP. Yadav made the remarks during a joint press conference with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, their first during the Lok Sabha election cycle. "Today we are sitting in Ghaziabad. There will be a clean sweep of INDIA bloc over the BJP from Ghaziabad to Ghazipur," the SP chief said.



PM MODI AND CM VIJAYAN ONE AND THE SAME: CONG

Kannur: The political ripples created by the recent visit of PM Modi are yet to die down in Kerala, with the Congress on Wednesday alleging that BJP leader & CM Pinarayi Vijayan were trying to convince people that they were not similar. But people of state are well aware that they are one & the same, the LoP in the State Assembly, V D Satheesan, told reporters in Panur. "Both PM & the CM are now speaking to convince the people that they are not the same. But the people of the state know very well that they are one and the same," he said.


LOK SABHA POLLS 2024

India's Gen Z voters seek jobs, global harmony

Agencies
Kolkata/New Delhi


For 20-year-old Roushan Kumar, who sells flowers for a living in India's eastern state of West Bengal, more jobs and better education are priorities. And the first-time voter wants to pick a government that will provide just that. India's election starting on Friday is the world's largest electoral exercise with more than 18 million people voting for the first time.

FIRST-TIME VOTERS SPEAK THEIR MIND...




As a Gen-Z, I want my country to be global but not copy the west; transcending towards a more solid global position, writing our own path.

DHRITI JAIN (21)




Many in my locality are unemployed and struggling to find work. Those who do find employment in private firms earn only Rs 10,000-12,000 per month, which isn't sufficient for household survival.

MOHAMMAD ANSARI (19)



I'm voting for the first time, but not very excited. As a housewife on the Yamuna floodplain, I'm not up to date with current affairs. I'll follow my family's choice; I can't go against them, go against them.

POONAM (22)



Children aged 7 or 8 are forced to leave school for work to support themselves and their families. The govt must ensure universal access to basic education.

AKANSHA MAJUMDAR (20)

While polls project PM Narendra Modi will win a third term, new

voters like Kumar are determined to make their voices count.

According to a survey of 1,290 first-time voters in New Delhi by pollsters

CSDS-Lokniti. Two-thirds, favoured Modi's BJP due to strong

economic growth and pride in building a massive Hindu temple.

TMC releases manifesto; promises to abolish CAA and discontinue NRC

Kolkata
Agencies

The TMC on Wednesday released its manifesto ahead of the LS elections in which the INDIA-alliance partner has promised to abolish the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and discontinue the National Register for Citizens (NRC).

The manifesto comprises 10 points called *Didir Shopoth* (Didi's promises) including 100 days of guaranteed work and increased minimum wage, housing for poor,



Mamata Banerjee

10 free LPG cylinders for BPL families, free ration at door-step, hike in old-age pension, capping of fuel prices and price stabilisation fund, student credit card to pursue higher education & financial assistance to girls and women among others.

IN BRIEF

Kerala woman with cerebral palsy clears civil services exam

Kozhikode: Surpassing the challenges posed by cerebral palsy, a congenital disorder that affects movement, muscle tone and posture, Sarika AK, hailing from this north Kerala district, has cleared the UPSC. She said she was initially shocked by the result.

Drunk man hacks wife, 2 daughters to death in Jharkhand

Jharkhand: A woman and her two minor daughters were axed to death by her husband in West Singhbhum district, police said on Tuesday. The accused man, who was reportedly drunk during the killing, was held. The bodies were sent for post-mortem examination.

**YouTuber Abhradeep Saha dies at 27**

Bengaluru: YouTuber Abhradeep Saha, known as Angry Rantman, passed away at 27 on Wednesday. Saha was admitted to Narayana Cardiac Hospital in Bengaluru for serious health issues and underwent open heart surgery.

650 inmates get smart cards to stay in touch with family

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Authorities have distributed smart cards to nearly 650 inmates from the Harsul Central Jail in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar city to help them stay in touch with their family members and lawyers, an official said today.

Indian woman in Pak refuses to leave without her kids

Islamabad: Farzana Begum, an Indian national hailing from Mumbai, is currently in Pak fighting for the custody of her children, has refused to return to her native country, stating that her children's lives are in danger. Farzana Begum married a Pakistani citizen, Mirza Mubin Elahi.

Court pulls up poll body over cases filed during elections

Chennai: The Madras HC in a significant development directed the EC to provide detailed information on cases filed during the 2019 Lok Sabha and the 2021 TN elections. The court also asked for info about convictions and the current status of the cases.

Ram Navami celebrated with religious fervour

SURYA TILAK OF RAM LALLA

Scores of devotees turned euphoric as the 'Sun rays' illuminated the forehead of Lord Ram Lalla idol during the Ram Navami celebrations at Ayodhya

Pankaj Soni
Ayodhya

As the sunrays illuminated the forehead of the Lord Ram Lalla idol at Ayodhya Temple during Ram Navami celebrations on Wednesday, the scores of devotees turned euphoric. Thousands of eyes sparkled with delight, and excitement coursed through every individual present. Devotees at the temple were engrossed in capturing this magical and memorable moment. Similarly, those watching on large LED screens and from the comfort of their homes were equally captivated.

On this auspicious Ram Navami, Ayodhya was adorned beautifully, not just the Janmabhoomi temple but the entire city. This marks the first 'janmotsav' of Shri Ram Lalla at his birthplace after a struggle spanning five centuries. Initially, plans were made to conduct a 'Mahamastakabhisheka' using sun rays after the temple's completion. However, sages and saints argued that since Shri Ram Lalla had been established following traditional rituals, all procedures should be adhered to accordingly. With approval from the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, the scientific team from the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, began working on realizing the 'Surya Tilak' concept. The task was challenging, requiring precise coordination to direct sun rays from an upper floor onto Ram Lalla's forehead using specialized equipment, aligning with the earth's movement. Eventually, the scientists achieved success, and at the scheduled time, a 75 mm sun ray 'tilak' appeared on Ram Lalla's forehead.



Priests perform 'Divya Abhishek' on the idol of Lord Ram Lalla on the occasion of Ram Navami, at Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, in Ayodhya on Wednesday.

CHHAPPAN BHOG AND PRASAD DELIGHT DEVOTEES ON RAM LALLA'S SPECIAL DAY

There was a festive atmosphere since Mangala Aarti on Wednesday morning. For the past few days, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra General Secretary Champat Rai and officials associated with the temple arrangements were monitoring all the work. Special preparations were made for the people and panjiri of coriander and other Prasad were distributed and Chhappan Bhog was also offered to Ram Lalla. These dishes were prepared with precision in Karsevakpuram itself. There was competition among the devotees to get the Prasad.

Lakhs of devotees come here every day and wait patiently in long queues for a sighting of Ram Lalla. By the blessings of the Lord, I was here today to offer my prayers along with my family. The 'Surya Tilak' was a divine moment that I will never forget. I wish to bow to our scientists who made this unique event possible. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to witness this moment today.

ARUN YOGIRAJ, CELEBRATED MYSURU SCULPTOR

PANCHAMRIT BATH, 56 BHOG & 5,000 KG LADDUS

Acharya Satyendra Das, Chief Priest of Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, said that all the arrangements for the celebration are being managed by the Trust & Ram Navami is being celebrated with great enthusiasm. The Chief Priest informed that everything has been decorated and the idol of Lord Ram has been specially dressed for the day, "He is dressed in yellow clothes, and after this he is bathed with Panchamrit. Four-five types of panjiris are made & along with that, 56 types of offerings are made to the Lord."

HINDU COMMUNITY IN SRINAGAR CELEBRATES RAM NAVAMI, TAKES OUT SHOBHAYATRA

Srinagar: Ram Navami was celebrated Wednesday by the small Hindu community of the city by taking out a Shobha Yatra in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir amidst tight security. The Shobha Yatra started from the Zaindar Mohalla in the old city and culminated at Tankipora after passing through Habbakadal, Barbarshah, Lal Chowk, Hari Singh High Street and Jehangir Chowk.

DEVOTEES FLOCK TO AYODHYA'S RAM TEMPLE IN LARGE NUMBERS FOR RAM NAVAMI CELEBRATIONS

Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh): On the auspicious occasion of 'Ram Navami,' a large number of devotees thronged Ayodhya's Ram Temple on Wednesday morning in a vibrant display of faith and celebration. Before visiting the temple, devotees took a dip in the holy waters of the Saryu River in Ayodhya. According to officials, devotees started flocking to the ghats at night. 'Darshan' started at Ram Temple at 3:30 am. Regarding security arrangements, IG (Ayodhya Range) Praveen Kumar said that arrangements have been made for devotees.

GIRL DIES, 24 HURT AS VAN OVERTURNS DURING PROCESSION

Lohardaga: A 17-year-old girl was killed and 24 people were injured after a pick-up van carrying a generator set and soundbox overturned on a Ram Navami procession in Jharkhand's Lohardaga district on Wednesday, police said. The injured persons were admitted to the Sadar Hospital. Later, four persons whose conditions were serious were referred to RIMS-Ranchi, they added. In another incident, two youths were killed after their motorcycle collided with a truck in Odisha's Sundergarh district on Wednesday.

CM Yogi celebrates 'Shri Ram Janmotsav'

First India Bureau
Gorakhpur

Chief Minister and Gorakshpeethadhiswar Yogi Adityanath celebrated 'Shri Ram Janmotsav' by performing rituals during the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami on Wednesday afternoon. On this occasion, the temple complex echoed with the hymns of Lord Shri Ram. After conducting the Kanya Pujan ritual at Gorakhnath temple on the ninth day of Vasantik Navratri, the Chief Minister proceeded to the 'Ramdarbar' situated within the temple complex.



Yogi Adityanath performing rituals at 'Ramdarbar' during the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami on Wednesday.

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As soon as it was twelve o'clock in the afternoon, he worshipped

After applying tilak & garlanding the idol, aarti was performed. Following the completion of the puja rituals, CM cradled the child-like Lord

the idol of the child form of Lord Shri Ram, seated in a cradle, amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns. After applying tilak and garlanding the idol, aarti was performed. Following the completion of the puja rituals, CM cradled the child-like Lord.

Yogi performs Kanya Pujan in Gorakhnath Temple

First India Bureau
Gorakhpur

Chief Minister and Gorakshpeethadhiswar Yogi Adityanath performed 'Kanya Pujan,' as per the tradition of Gorakshpeeth, on the ninth day of the Vasantik Navratri on Wednesday. In the Kanya Pujan program organized in the Nav Bhojanalaya of Gorakhnath temple as part of Navami Tihi rituals, the CM washed the feet of nine unmarried girls and worshipped them



Yogi Adityanath performs Kanya Pujan at temple.

as per the rituals, including covering them with chunari, performing aarti, serving them food with devotion, and seeking their blessings by offering them 'Dakshina'.

NEW RULES

RBI issues draft guidelines on payment aggregators

Agencies
New Delhi

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday came out with draft guidelines to further strengthen regulations on payment aggregators, a move aimed at boosting the payment ecosystem.

The draft also covers the physical point-of-sale activities of payment aggregators (PAs).

The RBI said that given the growth in digital



transactions and the significant role that PAs play in this space, the current directions on PAs are proposed to be updated and cover, inter alia, KYC and due diligence of merchants, operations in Escrow accounts, and intended to strengthen the payment ecosystem.

The payments ecosystem in India includes online PAs and PAs, which facilitate face-to-face/proximity payment transactions.

On KYC and due diligence, the draft said the payment aggregators should undertake due diligence of merchants onboarded by them in accordance with Customer Due Diligence (CDD) prescribed in Master Directions on Know Your Customer (MD-KYC), 2016.

Samay Sagar Maharaj ascends as new Acharya

First India Bureau
Madhya Pradesh

Samay Sagar Maharaj has become the new Acharya. On Wednesday, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and MP Chief Minister presented Shriphal to Acharya Samay Sagar in a program conducted by Niyama Sagar Maharaj and Pranam Sagar Maharaj. During this, Samay Sagar Maharaj was placed on the highest seat.



10 killed as car rams trailer on Ahmedabad-Vadodara E-way

PTI
Nadiad (Gujarat)

Ten persons travelling in a car, including a child, died after their speeding vehicle crashed into a stationary truck on the Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway near Nadiad town of Gujarat's Kheda district on Wednesday, police officials said.

Preliminary probe revealed the Maharashtra-registered truck was parked on the extreme left lane of the busy expressway after it developed a mechanical fault and the car ramed into it from the rear side, said



Collision between a car and a truck on Expressway.

Kheda Superintendent of Police Rajesh Gadhiya. He said all the ten occupants of the car, including the driver and a five-year-old child, died in the crash.

Jethanandani takes helm at 'Bharat Raftaar'

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

A new digital news channel was launched on the holy festival of Ram Navami. The channel was launched in Jodhpur by Sain Acharya Achalanand. The name of the channel is Bharat Raftaar, whose command is in the hands of Jitesh Jethanandani, who is the face of national Hindi channels. Jitesh has performed the responsibility of Rajasthan very well in channels like TV 9 Bharatvarsh, IANS News Agency, India News, First India News.

INDIA KA TYOHAR



DELHI CAPITALS HUMBLE GUJARAT TITANS IN LOW-SCORER

Rishabh Pant's masterclass & Mukesh Kumar's inspired bowling help DC win



Delhi Capitals' players celebrate the wicket of Gujarat Titans' Sai Sudharsan during their match in the IPL 2024, at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

Delhi Capitals beat GT by six wickets as bowlers come to the party, finally

PTI
Ahmedabad

Delhi Capitals notched up a six-wicket win over Gujarat Titans in a low-scoring game after Rishabh Pant's bowlers stood up for their ilk and restored a modicum of sanity and equilibrium in the Indian



Premier League here on Wednesday. Opting to field first, the Capitals rolled over Gujarat Titans for 89 in 17.3 overs, the bowlers finally having a say after being blasted all over the park

in the last few matches of the lucrative league. Mukesh Kumar was the most successful bowler for DC with figures of 3/14, while there were two wickets apiece for Ishant Sharma (2/8) and Tristan Stubbs (2/11). As far as GT batting is concerned, only Rashid Khan put up a semblance of resistance with a 24-ball 31. Chasing 90, DC completed the formality in just 8.5 overs to register their third win and give their run rate a boost.



RISHABH PANT SHINES BEHIND THE STUMPS

Adding to the bowlers' accuracy was Rishabh Pant's excellent wicket-keeping. It kickstarted with a brilliant diving catch off Ishant to get David Miller and the quick stumping of Abhinav Manohar, followed by another to get Shahrukh Khan. Pant's four dismissals were the joint-most for a Delhi franchise wicket-keeper in IPL. Rishabh Pant equalled Dinesh Karthik for carrying out the most dismissals by a DC wicketkeeper in an IPL innings.

Russian missiles slam Ukraine & kill 17 people



Rescuers from Ukrainian Emergency Service work at the site of a Russian missile strike in Chernihiv, Ukraine on Wednesday.

Agencies
Kyiv

Three Russian missiles slammed into a downtown area of the northern Ukrainian city of Chernihiv on Wednesday, hitting an eight-floor apartment building and killing at least 17 people, authorities said.

At least 61 people, including two children, were wounded in the morning attack, Ukrainian emergency services said. Chernihiv lies about 150 kilometres (90 miles) north of the capital, Kyiv, near the border with Russia and Belarus, and has a population of around 250,000 people.

The latest Russian bombardment came as the war stretched into its third year and approached what could be a critical juncture as a lack of further military support from Ukraine's Western partners increasingly leaves it at the mercy of the Kremlin's bigger forces.

"OVER 50K RUSSIAN TROOPS HAVE DIED"

London: More than 50,000 Russian military personnel have died during the Ukraine conflict, the BBC reported Wednesday, citing its own reporters, independent media group Mediasz and volunteers. They found that more than 27,300 Russian soldiers died during the second year of the war, a 25-percent increase on the first year.

Through the winter months, Russia made no dramatic advance along the 1,000-kilometre (620-mile) front line, focusing instead on attritional warfare. A crucial element for Ukraine is the holdup in Washington of approval for an aid package that includes roughly USD 60 billion for Ukraine. House Speaker Mike Johnson said Sunday that he would try to move the package forward this week.

TikTok routinely sent US data to China: Report

Agencies
New York

TikTok ordered employees to send US user data to its Beijing-based parent company, according to a report in Fortune. It included spreadsheets full of names, emails, demographic data and location data, the report said, attributing the information to former employees.

According to the investigation, Tiktok followed a stealth chain of command and concealed the close contact with ByteDance starting in 2022, claiming that it had cut most ties with its parent company. Tiktok has reacted strongly to the report, calling it "fabrications from disgruntled former employees".

The Fortune report is based on interviews of 11 former Tiktok employees between August 2022 and April 2023.

One of the employees said in the interview that Tiktok's distance from ByteDance was just for appearances, & that there remained a secret chain of command where US employees continued reporting to Chinese executives.

Reacting to it, Tiktok posted a statement on X in which it called the article "factually incorrect".

X blocked in Pakistan over national security

Agencies
Islamabad

Pakistan's interior ministry said on Wednesday it had blocked access to social media platform X around the time of February's election on national security concerns, confirming a long-suspected shutdown.

Users in Pakistan have reported problems using X, formerly known as Twitter, since mid-February, but the government had made no official announcement on the mat-



ter until now.

The interior ministry mentioned the shutdown in a written submission to Islamabad High Court. Another court has told the government to reconsider the ban within a week, said Abdul Moiz Jafri, a petitioner and advocate.

71 killed, 67 injured in rain-related accidents in Pakistan

Agencies
Islamabad

Heavy rains and lightning caused havoc in different areas of Pakistan causing 71 deaths and injuries to 67 others since Saturday, an official told Xinhua Wednesday.

An official from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said that the northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was the worst-hit region where 32 people lost their lives in different incidents, including roof



NDMA personnel conduct a rescue operation, Wednesday.

collapse and lightning incidents.

According to the official, 15 children and five women were among the deceased in Khyber Pa-

Iran president warns of "massive" response

PTI
Jerusalem

Iran's president has warned that the "tiniest invasion" by Israel would bring a "massive and harsh" response, as the region braces for potential Israeli retaliation after Iran's attack over the weekend.

President Ebrahim Raisi spoke Wednesday at an annual army parade that was relocated to a barracks north of the capital, Tehran, from its usual venue on a highway in the city's southern outskirts. Iranian authorities gave no explanation for



A Russian-made S-300 air defense system is carried on a truck during Army Day parade at a military base in Iran on Wednesday.

its relocation, and state television didn't broadcast it live, as it has in previous years.

Iran launched hundreds

of missiles and drones at Israel over the weekend in response to an apparent Israeli strike on Iran's embassy compound in Syria

MAJOR WAR HIGHLIGHTS

- UN appeals for USD 2.8 billion to help 3 million Palestinians in desperate need of food and other aid
- UK's Cameron, in Israel, says Israelis have decided to retaliate against Iran
- Iran's appearance of power a mirage after failed attack, says Saudi analyst
- Iran's President warns Israel that next retaliatory operation will not be limited
- "Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas War, learning experience for India": Lt Gen Manjinder Singh
- Putin urges restraint in call with Raisi amid Iran-Israel escalating tensions
- Israel attacks Rafah in Gaza Strip, 7 killed

on April 1 that killed 12 people, including two Iranian generals.

Israel, with help from the United States, the

United Kingdom, neighboring Jordan and other nations, successfully intercepted nearly all the missiles and drones.

Heavy rain throw life into disarray in Dubai



In an unprecedented meteorological occurrence, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has witnessed an extraordinary deluge, marking the most substantial rainfall recorded within 24 hours. This surpasses any documented precipitation event since the inception of data collection in 1949, affecting various regions across the nation, according to UAE Centre of Meteorology. One person was reported to be dead due to the unprecedented rains. Outside, cars were submerged, roads resembled pools with reflections of high-rises all around, essentially locking its thousands of residents to their homes. PTI

FIRST INDIA 2ND FRONT

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Focus not on remembering facts and things, but put your mind to better use, of introspection and looking within.

Dr JAGDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



Campaigning ends for first phase of Lok Sabha polls; voting on April 19

Twelve LS seats entangled in caste equations, OBC holds key to victory

Now, the focus will shift to door-to-door campaigning & booth-level strategy • Direct contest between Congress and BJP on 10 seats • INDIA Bloc in direct contest with BJP on two seats including Sikar and Nagaur

Pankaj Soni
Jaipur

The last round of campaigning for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections in Rajasthan has been completed. Election campaigning in State concluded at 6 pm on Wednesday. Voting for 12 LS seats in Rajasthan's first phase will be held on April 19. Parties campaigned vigorously until the last moment for candidates contesting on all seats, including those from BJP and Congress. PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and CM Bhajan Lal Sharma led the BJP's

campaign. Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, Priyanka Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, former CM Ashok Gehlot, PCC Chief GS Dotasara and Sachin Pilot were seen campaigning on behalf of Congress. The special thing is that there is direct competition on these twelve seats. There is no possibility of a triangular contest on any seat. But all the seats are entangled in caste equations. Traditional voters are divided between the BJP and Congress camps on these seats. OBC voters appear to be decisive, with PM Modi's name



dominating discussions across all seats.

MATHEMATICS OF COMPETITION FOR SEATS IN 1ST PHASE
In the first phase, the competition seems to be tough in Dausa, Churu, Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Nagaur, Jaipur Rural. On these seats, the entire party's strength is clearly in favour of BJP candidate. Candidates from Congress and its alliance are

demonstrating strength on their respective seats. CPI(M)'s Amra Ram in Sikar and RLP's Hanuman Beniwal in Nagaur are seen challenging BJP on their own. In Nagaur, Beniwal is seen competing against Jyoti Mirdha while Amra Ram is seen competing with BJP's Sumedhanand Saraswati. In Churu, Rahul Kaswan, who got Congress ticket after leaving BJP, is facing a tough fight with Olympian Devendra Jhajharia due to his contacts and expertise in election strategy. Former minister Brijendra Ola is contesting elections from Jhunjhunu seat of Shekhawat with the credibility and support base of his family. He is contesting against BJP's Shubhakaran Choudhary whose strength is the unity of BJP leaders with him.

In Dausa, another seat with tough competition, the 'Sachin Pilot' factor along with former Congress govt Minister Murari Lal Meena has made the contest tough. Minister Kirodi Lal Meena's popularity in BJP govt benefits BJP's Kanhaiyalal Meena. Congress has positioned Lalit Yadav against senior BJP leader Bhupender Yadav in the Alwar seat adjacent to Dausa. Bhupender Yadav is included in the core team of PM Modi. It is a common discussion among the voters here that Bhupender has the power to change the face of Alwar in terms of development. In Jaipur Rural also, Congress's Anil Chopra is contesting against BJP's Rao Rajendra Singh. The outcome of the seat hinges entirely on the caste equation.

CANDIDATES ON 12 SEATS OF STATE

- **Sriganganagar:** Kuldeep Indora (Cong)- Priyanka Balan (BJP)
- **Bikaner:** Govind Ram Meghwal (Cong) - Arjun Ram Meghwal (BJP)
- **Churu:** Rahul Kaswan (Cong) - Devendra Jhajharia (BJP)
- **Jhunjhunu:** Brijendra Ola (Cong) - Shubhakaran Choudhary (BJP)
- **Sikar:** Amra Ram CPI(M) - Swami Sumedhanand Saraswati (BJP)
- **Jaipur Rural:** Anil Chopra (Cong) - Rao Rajendra Singh (BJP)
- **Jaipur City:** Pratap Singh Khachariya-was (Cong) - Manju Sharma (BJP)
- **Alwar:** Lalit Yadav (Cong)- Bhupender Yadav (BJP)
- **Bharatpur:** Sanjana Jatav (Cong)- Ram-swaroop Koli (BJP)
- **Karauli Dholpur:** Bhajanlal Jatav (Cong)- Indu Devi Jatav (BJP)
- **Dausa:** Murari Lal Meena (Cong) - Kanhaiyalal Meena (BJP)
- **Nagaur:** Hanuman Beniwal (RLP) - Jyoti Mirdha (BJP)

Shekhawat at Ram Navami shobhayatra



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat along with his wife, Naunand Kanwar, offers prayers at Shri Ram Darbar during the grand 'Shobhayatra' held to mark the festival of Ram Navami in Jodhpur on Wednesday.

First India Bureau
Jodhpur

Union Jal Shakti Minister GS Shekhawat, participated in a grand 'Shobhayatra' in Jodhpur on the occasion of Ram Navami. He visited the Ram Darbar with his wife, Naunand Kanwar at Nai Sadak Ghantaghar. Shekhawat expressed great enthusiasm for celebrating Ram Navami after Lord Ram's installation in Ayodhya for the first time. The Ram Navami celebration committee organised majestic processions, with the presence of dignitaries and activists from VHP. Meanwhile, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat's roadshow is scheduled in Phalodi today at 5:30 pm, covering prominent locations across the city. Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar, MLA Mahant Pratap Puri, MLA Pabba Ram Bishnoi, and BJP officials and workers will be present.

BJP govt at the Centre & the State is a benefactor of public: Diya

First India Bureau
Dholpur

The polling for the Karauli-Dholpur Lok Sabha seat is scheduled to be held on April 19 as part of the first phase of elections in Rajasthan. On the final day of the election campaign, a meeting was organised at Ambedkar Circle in Bari town in support of BJP candidate, Indu Devi Jatav. Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari and Karauli's former MLA and member of erstwhile royal family, Rohini Kumari

A roadshow was also held to support Indu Devi Jatav in Bari town, passing through key roads and concluding at Dauji Temple

participated in the event. The meeting took place at Ambedkar Circle in Bari, where former MLA Girraj Singh Malinga warmly welcomed Deputy CM Diya Kumari upon her arrival. During the meeting, Diya Kumari delivered a speech endorsing Indu

Devi Jatav, the BJP candidate for Karauli-Dholpur, describing both the BJP government at the Centre and the State as benefactors of the common people. Rohini Kumari also addressed the attendees, urging the public to bless and overwhelmingly support BJP candidate Indu Devi Jatav by casting their votes on April 19. A roadshow was also held to support Indu Devi Jatav in Bari town, passing through key roads and concluding at Dauji Temple, it was attended by a huge crowd.



Diya Kumari flashes the victory sign during the roadshow held in support of BJP candidate, Indu Devi Jatav in Bari assembly constituency in Dholpur on Wednesday. Rohini Kumari is also seen here.

Rajput community serving as an inspiration to many: CM Sharma

Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari urges every capable individual to contribute and support such noble initiatives • Shri Khatushyam Mandir Seva Samiti President Pratap Singh Chauhan presented a cheque of ₹11 lakh for the ceremony during the programme

Vinod Singh Chauhan
Jaipur

The seventh mass marriage ceremony of the Rajput community was organised on Wednesday by Shri Rajput Sabha Jaipur at Rajput Hostel in Jagatpura. While attending the function, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said the Rajput community has undertaken a significant task like mass marriage. "The Rajput society is a leading society. It inspires many other societies. Who can make the nation strong? Who can strengthen our state? What will be the future work of our generation, youth, and parents? Also, how can the country move forward? We have to address these questions and be vigilant. Whatever good work we do will inspire the coming generations," he said.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma being felicitated during the '7th Mass Marriage Ceremony' organised by Rajput Sabha at Rajput Hostel in Jaipur on Wednesday.

CM VISITS AILING MOTHER AT SMS HOSPITAL

On Wednesday, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached SMS Hospital to meet his mother, Gonti Devi, who is admitted there. She was admitted due to breathing problems late on Tuesday night and is currently undergoing treatment in the Medical ICU of SMS Hospital.

Under the leadership of Shri Rajput Sabha Jaipur President Ram-singh Chandlai, the executive of the Sabha welcomed CM Sharma. The chief guest of the event, Dy CM Diya Kumari, said, "Wedding expenses are a significant responsibility, but those organising mass marriages perform great acts of charity & service to society. Everyone capable should cooperate contribute.



Diya Kumari being felicitated during the '7th Mass Marriage Ceremony' organised in Jaipur on Wednesday.

CM celebrates Ram Navami with Shakti Swarupa girls...



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma affectionately serves 'Prasad' to a young girl on the ninth & the last day of Chaitra Navratri, which is celebrated as Ram Navami by hosting 'Kanya Puja' at his residence at Balaji Tower in Jaipur on Wednesday. On the auspicious festival of Ram Navami, the young girls, representing the nine forms of Goddess Durga, are worshipped & offered 'Prasad' including Pooji, Chana and Halwa and other gifts. His wife, Gita Sharma is also seen.

Birla: People of the nation are fortunate to witness Ram Lalla's Surya Tilak ceremony

First India Bureau
Kota

BJP candidate from Kota-Bundi seat Om Birla on Wednesday, said that it is the good fortune of 140 crore Indians to witness the Ram Lalla's Surya Tilak beign performed in Shri Ram Temple of Ayodhya on the holy occasion of Ram Navami.



Om Birla arrives to address 'Jansampark Abhiyan' in Sangod in Kota district on Wednesday. Heeralal Nagar & others are seen.

"This could be possible due to the determination and willpower of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Birla said.

During campaigning for the LS elections in various villages of Sangod assembly constituency, Birla said that Congress and its allies always worked to deny the existence of Lord

"Despite centuries of struggle, a magnificent Ram temple was built and consecrated. However, Congress and its allies refused to attend the ceremony, dismissing Lord Ram as imaginary," Lok Sabha Speaker says

Ram and many lawyers were deployed in the court to stop the construction of Ram temple.

"Lord Ram was even called imaginary. After centuries of struggle and long wait, a magnificent Ram temple was constructed and consecration ceremony was held but Congress and its alliance partners refused to attend the ceremony," he said. He said that today Lord Ram's Surya Tilak has been done & on June 4, with the blessings of Lord Ram, Narendra Modi will achieve victory for the third time with 400 seats." Energy Minister Heeralal Nagar also addressed meetings.

Gehlot: Voting in the name of Modi is a dangerous sign for the country

Manoj Saini
Chomu

Former CM Ashok Gehlot while addressing poll rallies in Chomu, said, "No name of the party and party candidate is visible, they are only taking votes by misleading people in the name of Modi," he said. He criticised the government's misuse of the ED and CBI to target opposition leaders. Gehlot cited an incident involving ED at GS Dotasra's home, dismissing it as baseless. PCC Chief Dotasra addressed voters in Mar-



Ashok Gehlot flashes a victory sign during the public meeting held in support of INDIA bloc, Amaram in Chomu on Wednesday. GS Dotasra and others were also present.

wari and even danced on stage. Other speakers included MLA Dr Shikha Meel Barala, Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani, and former minister Mahadev Khandela. Gehlot also mocked Home Minister Amit Shah's knowledge of ERCP project.



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GLITTERING TRIUMPH!

In a dazzling display of beauty and talent, the grand finale of Miss Teen Diva 2024 unfolded at Zee Studios on Wednesday. A total of 29 finalists vied for the prestigious title. P14



Sruti Sharma (Winner- Mrs India 2024), Sruthi Chakravarthi (Mrs India 1st Runner-up 2024), Geet Sone (Mrs India Classic 2024), Kanika Narbar (Mrs India Classic 1st Runner-up 2024)

Mrs India 2024 Gala Dazzles Audience with Unparalleled Glamour!

Crowning Glory

Dive into the glitzy world of Mrs India 2024, presented by Bharat24-Vision of New India and First India News, where beauty, brains and diversity reign supreme! From regal winners to visionary guests, City First shares glimpses to experience the epitome of fashion and empowerment!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Sruti Sharma (winner- Mrs India 2024), Sruthi Chakravarthi (Mrs India 1st Runner-up 2024), Geet Sone (Mrs India Classic 2024), Kanika Narbar (Mrs India Classic 1st Runner-up 2024)

The inaugural Mrs India 2024, presented by Bharat24- Vision of New India and First India News, culminated in a grand finale at Zee Studios on Tuesday, showcasing the epitome of grace and beauty. Amidst 20 finalists competing for the esteemed title, Sruti Sharma claimed the Mrs India 2024 crown, while Sruthi Chakravarthi secured the Mrs India 2024 1st Runners-up position. In the Mrs India Classic 2024 category, Geet Sone emerged triumphant, with Kanika Narbar as the Mrs India Classic 2024 1st Runners-up.



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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, Chief Guest of the event, congratulated all participants, emphasizing the importance of nurturing talent from every corner of India. "The limit of talent should not be con-

finied to big cities; every young talent, irrespective of their origin, should have the opportunity to showcase their potential," Dr Chandra remarked. Nikhil Anand, Founder & Chairman of Glamanand Group, and Nishant Anand, Director of Glamanand Group, were commended for orchestrating a spectacular event that celebrated the essence of womanhood. The evening was adorned with a mesmerizing National Costume Round, where Mrs India finalists and Miss Teen Universe India finalists dazzled the audience with their cultural attire.

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(Top to Bottom) Sruti Sharma, Geet Sone, Simran Ahuja & Wachi Pareek (Miss Teen Universe 2022)



SANTOSH SHARMA & MUKESH KIRADOO



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Simran Ahuja, Wachi Pareek, Nishant Anand and the stunning finalists of Miss Teen Diva 2024 as they pose during the National Costume Round



(L-R) Sruthi Chakravarthi, Sruti Sharma, Nikhil Anand, Anita Hada, Geet Sone & Kanika Narbar



Tanishqa Sharma



(Jury Members) Arshina Sumbul, Rajiv K Shrivastava, Tanishka Bhosle & Sophiya Singh



(Jury Members) Anita Hada, Kavita Chauhan & Mitali Dusad



Rashi Panchal



Smriti Prangya



Khushi Yadav



Angelina Jackson



Prashikha Sonawal, Kanika Narbar & Sruthi Chakravarthi

A Night To Remember!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with ace anchor Simran Ahuja

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Subsequently, an evening gown round showcased the elegance and poise of the Mrs India finalists, followed by a gripping Q&A session that tested their wit and intellect.

The hosts of the show, Simran Ahuja and Wachi Pareek, captivated the audience with their seamless presentation, adding charm to the glittering event. The esteemed panel of judges, including Dr Anita Hada, Kavita Chauhan, Mitali

THE 10 SUBTITLES WERE BAGGED BY

- Mrs Beautiful Skin : Sonia Saini
- Mrs Beauty with Brains : Apeksha Singh Bhadauria
- Mrs Beauty with Purpose : Kanika Narbar
- Mrs Vivacious : Sruthi Chakravarthi
- Mrs Best in Personal Interview : Mary Stella
- Mrs Best in Speech : Apeksha Singh Bhadauria
- Mrs Best Fashion Icon : Geet Sone
- Mrs Best in National Costume : Deveshri Bandewar
- Mrs Congeniality : S Baby Thanuja
- Mrs Popular : Dr Ankur Sharma

Dusad, Nikhil Anand, Rajiv K Shrivastava, Arshina Sumbul, Tanishka Bhosle and Sophiya Singh, meticulously

evaluated the participants, ensuring a fair and transparent selection process. The grandeur of the evening was further

elevated by the presence of fashion luminaries and dignitaries from Jaipur, Delhi and various cities, who gathered to witness the crowning of the queens of grace and elegance. As the curtains drew to a close, the titles of Mrs India 2024, Mrs India Classic, First Runner-up, and Second Runner-up were bestowed upon the deserving candidates, marking the culmination of a memorable evening celebrating beauty, talent and empowerment.



Kairavi Jindal



Srija Banerjee



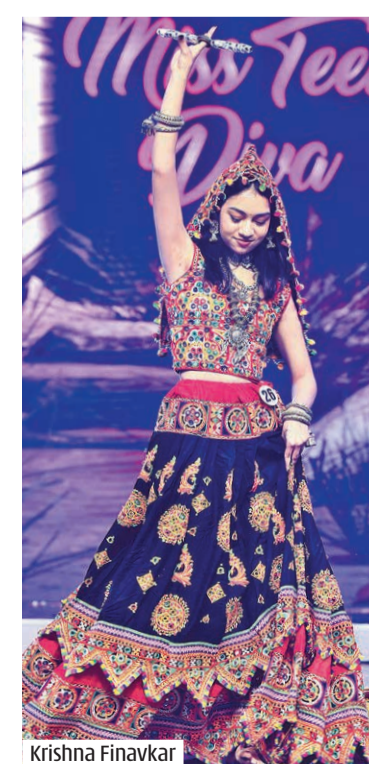
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Kashish Goswami (Miss Teen Grand International 2 Runner-up), Sejal Gupta (Miss Teen International India 2024) & Kareema Khan (Miss Teen World India 2023)



Rupsa Das



Krishna Finavkar



Kaziah Mejo



Ganashree Gural, Deveshri Bandewar, Supriti Mustafi & Shrawani Dudulkar

Glittering Triumph!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra felicitates Kaziha Liz Mejo

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In a dazzling display of beauty and talent, the grand finale of Miss Teen Diva 2024 unfolded at Zee Studios on Wednesday. A total of 29 finalists vied for the prestigious title, with Kaziha Liz Mejo clinching the crown of Miss Teen International India 2024. Other winners included Tanishqa Sharma as Miss Teen Earth India 2024, Kavini Rao as Miss Teen Grand India 2024, and Carisaa Bopanna as Miss Teen Universe India 2024. Khushi Yadav secured the first runner-up position amidst fierce competition.

The esteemed jury panel, comprising Anita Hada, Kavita Chauhan, Mitali Dusad, Divija Gambhir, Arshina Sumbul, Rajiv K Shrivastava, Nguyen Nhu Quynh, and Sophiya Singh, faced the arduous task of selecting the winners. The evening unfolded with an introductory round,



Sanjana Tejwani walks the ramp during the 'Swimsuit' round

followed by a captivating swimsuit segment, which saw 15 contestants advancing to the evening gown round. From there, the top 8 contestants proceeded to the Q&A round, showcasing not only their beauty but also their intellect. The event was impeccably hosted by Simran Ahuja and Wachi Pareek, adding charm and grace to the proceedings.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, attending as the Chief Guest, lauded the efforts of Nikhil Anand, Chairman, and Founder of Glamanand Group, alongside Director of Glamanand Group Nishant Anand. In response, Dr Chandra remarked, "Events like these celebrate not just beauty, but also talent and determination, inspiring young individuals to dream big and achieve their goals." The evening was graced by luminaries from the fashion and modelling industry, further elevating the atmosphere and encouraging the participants on their journey to success.

More in City First tomorrow



Sejal Gupta crowning Miss Teen International India 2024 Kaziha Liz Mejo

RAM NAVAMI CELEBRATION!



MUKESH KIRADOOD



On the auspicious occasion of the Ram Navami Festival, a mahaprasad truck arrived in Jaipur, delivering one lakh Mathris to the Ram Lalla temple from Shri Nath Ji temple. This generous gesture was orchestrated by social worker Gokul Das Maheshwari, alongside Rakesh Goswami & Vishal Baba. The Mathris embarked on a journey from Nath Dwar to Bhilwara, Jaipur, Mathura, and Lucknow, finally reaching Ayodhya. The distribution kicked off from Shri Ramchandra Ji temple in Chandpol Bazaar. Commencing on April 14, this Mahaprasad journey traversed various cities before culminating in Ayodhya. In a jubilant celebration of Ram Navami, Shri Nath Ji shared 100,001 mathriyas at Jaipur's Ram Lalla Temple, spreading joy and blessings to devotees.

ACHIEVEMENT!



Kuhu Garg's remarkable journey from sportswomen to IPS has culminated in a historic achievement as she secured the 178 rank in the UPSC results, earning a coveted spot in the IPS. Hailing from a background as an accomplished international badminton player, Kuhu's sporting journey began at the tender age of 9. With an impressive tally of 56 National/All-India rankings and 19 international medals, Kuhu's prowess on the badminton court was evident. Excelling in both women's doubles and mixed doubles, she attained a commendable world ranking of 34 in mixed doubles and even competed in the quarterfinals of the 2018 World Championship. A setback in the form of a knee injury during the Uber Cup trials amid the COVID-19 pandemic led her to undergo ACL surgery. Undeterred, Kuhu redirected her focus towards civil services preparation, guided by determination and supported by the well-wishes of her loved ones. Her journey from the badminton court to the corridors of the civil services stands as a testament to her resilience and determination, marking a proud moment for her and her family.

DURING THE DAY!



In Alwar, Rajasthan, religious fervour filled the air as villagers gathered in the Mewat area to conduct rituals aimed at ensuring Narendra Modi's re-election as India's Prime Minister. Led by Bhanu Pratap Sharma, a Delhi University graduate committed to cow protection, the event includes chanting mantras, worshipping girls as manifestations of Shakti and conducting yagnas. Participants, transcending caste and religion, express their support for Modi's leadership, believing it vital for India's prosperity and the promotion of Sanatan culture worldwide.



Jaipur witnessed a grand procession to commemorate the auspicious occasion of Shri Ram Navami recently. Led by revered Ramruchpal Das, the procession started from Surajpol Grain Market at 4 PM onwards. Organised by various social organisations and institutions, the procession traversed through significant locations of the city, culminating at the temple of Lord Ramchandra in Chandpole Bazaar. Thousands of devotees participated, celebrating the divine glory of Lord Rama. **NAIM KHAN**



On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, Nathdwara dispatched 100001 Khaja items to Ramlala's doorstep in Ayodhya. This Mahaprasad Khaja, prepared from Nandlal's Haveli, was distributed to devotees visiting Ramlala. Sevadars and local Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh workers facilitated the distribution of Mahaprasad in Ayodhya and Nathdwara respectively.



Walmart launched a dedicated page for Indian sellers to register and sell on Walmart.com on Wednesday in Jaipur. This coincided with the kickoff of a Global Seller Meet series aimed at aiding prospective sellers with consumer insights and onboarding support. Through these events, sellers gain access to global supply chains. Walmart Marketplace, with no monthly fees for new sellers, aims to empower Indian businesses to thrive in the US marketplace. Michelle Mi, VP of Emerging Markets, emphasized Walmart's commitment to Indian sellers.

GREETINGS!



Dr Tarun Ojha

In the recently held Rajasthan Ear Nose Throat Association elections, Dr Tarun Ojha emerged as the unopposed president. Serving as the association's secretary for six years prior, Dr Ojha's victory signifies his continued dedication to the field. With vast experience as a professor and department head at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, his leadership promises advancements in ENT healthcare. The elections took place during the state-level conference in Rajasthan, addressing the need for efficient governance in medical associations and highlighting Dr Ojha's commitment to the profession.



The grand wedding ceremony of Imran, son of Mumtaz & Ayyub Khan with Arfa Anjum, daughter of Rafat Anjum & Lt Mohd Anjum Khan, took place on Tuesday at Hotel Hilton, Jaipur. Friends and family from all across reached out to grace the ceremony and blessed newlyweds with a happy married life ahead. **NAIM KHAN**



ASOCHAM Rajasthan State Development (RSDC), along with Indus Jaipur Hospital and Inaya Foundation, organised a session on Sensitivity in collaboration with leadership and workplace at Indus Jaipur Hospital. Led by Dr Karan Sharma & Nitisha Sharma, the session aimed to enhance interpersonal skills among healthcare professionals. Dr Ritu Choudhary, Group CEO of Indus Jaipur Hospital, emphasised the importance of sensitivity training for fostering a humane vision.



University Five Year Law College (UFYLC) at the University of Rajasthan hosted a Cadaver Organ Donation program to raise awareness among students, recently. The event featured discussions led by a panel of experts including Dr Lokendra Sharma, Dr SS Yadav, Dr Girdhar Goyal, and Dr Vishal Sharma. Dr Akhil Kumar and Dr Sandeep Singh facilitated the interactive session. The aim was to educate students about the significance of organ donation in contemporary society.



Special pooja was conducted at Khazana Mahal during the Ramnavmi in Jaipur, dedicated to the holy floating stones of Ram Setu on Wednesday. Led by Lakshman and other priests, the worship coincided with the Surya Tilak ceremony of Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya. Tourists participated, and emotions ran high as they witnessed the sacred stones associated with Lord Ram's victory. Khazana Mahal is now revered as a site for worshipping these symbolic stones, attracting visitors from far and wide.

