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VOTERS WILL ELECT MODI AGAIN FOR A DEVELOPED INDIA: NADDA
BJP chief JP Nadda on Sunday said the voters will again give a clear mandate to Narendra Modi so that he continues the journey towards a developed India.



VOTING BEGINS FOR MALDIVES PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION
Maldivians started voting in parliamentary polls on Sunday, in a crucial ballot for President Muizzu, whose policies are closely monitored by India and China.



D GUKESH ON THRESHOLD OF CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT
At 17, Indian chess grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh is now just a win away from being the youngest player ever to win Candidates chess tournament.



"US PROVIDING AID TO KIEV ONLY LEADS TO NEW CASUALTIES"
Another batch of US military aid to Kiev worth \$61 billion will only lead to new casualties, The Patriots party leader Florian Philippot said on Sunday.

Congress being punished for its 'sins': PM Modi in Jalore

Cong will give your wealth to infiltrators, those who have more children: PM Modi in Banswara

Lunaram Darji, Shivprakash Purohit, Pankaj Soni & Kunal Trivedi
Jalore/Banswara

PM Narendra Modi on Sunday said the country is punishing the Congress for its "sins" and the party that had once won 400 seats is unable to contest 300 seats in this poll.

"Those who cannot contest elections, cannot win elections have fled the field. This time, they have come to Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan. The condition of Congress is so bad," Modi said at an election rally in Jalore district. Former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi is among the MPs elected to Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan in Feb.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma also addressed the public meeting and expressed his gratitude to Modi for the public welfare schemes and development works.

Meanwhile, in Banswara PM Modi suggested that if the Congress comes to power, it would redistribute wealth of people to Muslims and cited former PM Manmohan Singh's remark that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, at Bhinmal in Jalore, on Sunday. PTI



This urban-naxal mindset, my mothers and sisters, they will not even leave your 'Mangalsutra'. They can go to that level.

In the first phase of voting, half of Rajasthan has punished Congress. Rajasthan, which is full of patriotism, knows that Congress can never make India strong.

The Congress has itself to blame for its present condition ... The party that had once won 400 seats is unable to contest 300 seats on its own. Today, the condition of Congress is such that it is unable to find candidates.

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

PM Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Tonk-Uniara on April 23 and address a public meeting in Uniara and hold a public meeting in support of BJP candidate Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria

the minority community had the first claim on the country's resources.

Modi was addressing the public meeting in Bhinmal in support of BJP candidate Lumbaram Chaudhary. **TURN TO P8**

Honouring the Farmer



Before (2014)

- Farmers were dependent on loans for seeds and fertilizers
- No financial protection in case of crop loss
- Very few farmers had credit cards
- No facility for soil testing
- Farmer were struggling while procuring fertilizer
- The scope of purchase at MSP was very small
- No proper plan for irrigation

After (2014)

- Direct transfer of ₹6,000 annually in the accounts has made farmers free from worries of seeds and fertilizers
- Payment of ₹1+ thousand crore through Fasal Bima has guaranteed security
- 7.4 Crore farmers are getting financial support from Kisan Credit Card
- Soil Health Card has made soil testing easier for 23+ Crore farmers
- Subsidy of ₹2+ lakh crores has ensured availability of cost effective and accessible fertilizers
- MSP being paid at maximum number of crops, and 1,063 Lakh MT foodgrains procured at MSP
- Irrigation water reached the fields of 2.7 Crore farmers through irrigation scheme.

This is just a trailer...

In the next 5 years, many more facilities and income opportunities from seed to market will open up for the farmers.



Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar

Press the lotus button Make BJP win

IN BRIEF

Modi extends wishes on Mahavir Jayanti



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his greetings to the countrymen on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, saying the messages of Lord Mahavir are an inspiration for the country in building a developed India. The PM posted these greetings in a post on X (formerly Twitter).

Israeli raids on Rafah kill 22, mostly kids

Rafah: Israeli strikes on southern Gaza city of Rafah overnight killed 22 people, including 18 kids, officials said on Sunday, as the United States was on track to approve billions of dollars of additional military aid to its ally. Israel has also vowed to expand its ground offensive. **P7**

Direct tax collections shoot past target

New Delhi: The net direct tax collections for 2023-24 fiscal have clocked a double-digit growth to exceed the Union Budget Estimates by Rs 1.35 lakh crore or 7.4 per cent reflecting the strong fiscal position of the country driven by robust economic growth, data released by the CBDT on Sunday showed.

NDA protected rights of backwards: Shah in Bihar

First India Bureau
Katihar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that NDA during its 10 years of rule in the country had promoted and protected the rights of Backwards and Extremely Backwards and cautioned the people that I.N.D.I.A. bloc would trample them if voted to power at the Centre after ongoing Lok Sabha polls.

Shah sharing dais with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, while addressing a rally in Katihar Lok Sabha constituency, said that Prime



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at a poll rally for Lok Sabha elections, in Katihar on Sunday. PTI

Minister Narendra Modi was from Backward classes and it was BJP which promoted him to become Prime Minister. On the other hand, the

Congress party which remained in power at the Centre for several decades, had ignored the interests of Backwards, he alleged. **MORE ON P5**

Raj govt mulling uniform dress in all schools

Dimple Sharma
Jaipur

The Rajasthan government is considering implementing a uniform dress code in all government and private schools across the state. Education Minister, Madan Dilawar, made a significant announcement in this regard. He stated that parents are currently compelled to purchase uniforms, shoes, ties, and other items from a single shop in the name of private school regulations, leading to arbitrary pricing practices. **TURN TO P7**

Many hurt as 2 groups clash at I.N.D.I.A. rally in Ranchi

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Ranchi



Congress and RJD workers clash during the 'Ulgulan Nyay' rally of I.N.D.I.A. bloc rally, in Ranchi, on Sunday. PTI

RAHUL GANDHI, UDDHAV SKIP I.N.D.I.A. BLOC RALLY

- Rahul Gandhi who was to campaign in Satna and Ranchi where the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's 'Ulgulan Rally' held on Sunday fell ill suddenly and was unable to leave New Delhi, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh posted on X.
- Shiv Sena (UBT) Uddhav Thackeray skipped I.N.D.I.A. bloc rally in Ranchi on Sunday. However, he was represented by MP Priyanka Chaturvedi at the first major Opposition parties' public meeting.

JAIPUR'S LAST IPL MATCH

Rajasthan Royals hope to end their last home match on a winning note

Sharat K Verma
Jaipur



Match 38: Today
Rajasthan Royals vs Mumbai Indians
Time: 7:30 pm, Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur

Hosts Rajasthan Royals will aim to end their last home match on a winning note when they take on Mumbai Indians in their IPL match at their home ground, SMS Stadium, here on Monday.

The Rajasthan Royals, that have won six of their seven games, are on the top of the points table with 12 points.

On the other hand, after losing three games in a row Mumbai Indians bounced back with three wins in their next four matches. But on Monday, against the table-toppers Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur, pacer



Ahead of their Monday's match against Rajasthan Royals, Mumbai Indians players practice at SMS Stadium in Jaipur, on Sunday. **SANTOSH SHARMA**

Jasprit Bumrah's brilliance alone might not be enough to guarantee a win.

Up against a strong batting side of Rajasthan

Royals, Mumbai Indians will need other bowlers to chip in as well if they are to move up in the points table from sixth position.

Tragic death of 9 youths in Jhalawar road mishap

Arif Mansoori
Jhalawar



Mangled remains of ill-fated van after the accident.

Nine youths were killed after a speeding trolley hit a van near Aklera police station area, in Jhalawar district, in wee hours on Sunday. As per police, the victims were returning after attending a wedding party. The deceased, who were traveling on a van, were said to be from the Bagri community of Dungaon, Rajasthan. The bodies were sent to mortuary of Aklera Hospital. Aklera police station in-charge Sandeep Bish-

noi said the victims from Dungaon village near Aklera had gone to attend a wedding ceremony on Saturday and while leaving the wedding procession, their van was hit by a speeding trolley. **MORE ON P3**

FIRST INDIA Ballot Beat



INDIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024

Low polling in Phase-1 causes anxiety in Raj leaders

VOTING IN PHASE 1
5.74% Dips

58.28%
Voting recorded in first phase of LS Poll in the State. It was 64.02% in 2019.

HIGHEST VOTING PERCENTAGE IN STATE

HIGHEST VOTING
Assembly wise

69.15%
in Hawa Mahal Assembly constituency



68.72%
in Kishanpol Assembly constituency



68.52%
in Taranagar Assembly constituency

68.44%
in Nohar Assembly constituency

(According to END OF POLL data released by Election Commission of India)

LOWEST VOTING PERCENTAGE IN STATE
(Assembly wise 50 percent or less voting percentage in Raj in LS Polls Phase 1)

Nokha	40.21%	Srimadhapur	48.54%	Hindaun	50.00%
Khetri	48.03%	Neemkathana	49.75%	Bayana	45.98%
Pilani	49.11%	Bansur	49.10%	Todabhim	46.30%
Kolayat	46.20%	Dig-Kumher	47.90%	Karauli	47.21%
Sridungargarh	48.98%	Nadbai	49.61%	Sapotra	43.20%

INTERESTING STATISTICS RELATED TO LOW VOTING

12,001

NUMBER OF BOOTHS WHERE VOTING PERCENTAGE IS LESS THAN THE VOTING PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE. OUT OF TOTAL 24,370 BOOTHS, 49.24% WERE SUCH BOOTHS

0-10% voting on 23 booths	10-20% voting on 11 booths	21-30% voting on 134 booths
31-40% voting on 1,107 booths	41-50% voting on 4,442 booths	51-60% voting on 8,866 booths
61-70% voting on 7,602 booths	71-80% voting on 2,037 booths	81-90% voting on 142 booths

ONLY 6 BOOTHS RECORDED VOTING ABOVE 90% IN THE STATE FOR PHASE 1 LS POLLS

91-100%

- First time voters, who made a record during the 2023 Assembly Elections, voted only 55.10% in the first phase of Lok Sabha Elections in Rajasthan on 12 seats
- Out of 7,98,520 voters in the age group of 18-19, only 4,39,960 voters visited the booth and pressed the button on EVM in first phase voting of LS Polls in State
- 62% divyang voters voted in 12 Lok Sabha constituencies: CEO Praveen Gupta

Posing before Polling



In Pali, the Information Technology and Communication Department is making the general public coming to the Aadhaar Center located in the Collectorate premises aware about voting by placing a selfie booth at the selfie point on Sunday.

CEO directs officials for last 72 hours SOP compliance



First India Bureau Jaipur

Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta has directed the District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police to ensure compliance of the SOP of 72 hours before voting in their respective areas. He also reviewed preparations made so far in connection with voting in 13 LS constituencies under second phase through video conferencing.

Gupta directed to seek the cooperation of FST and SST to ensure compliance with the rules set by the Election Commission. Emphasizing the need to take strict security measures at vulnerable and critical polling stations, he said that the Election Commission has given permission to install more than 50 percent of the total number of cameras for webcasting as per the requirement.

Churu leads in seizures during LS Polls ₹784 cr cash, liquor, and others seized across Raj

First India Bureau Jaipur

Enforcement agencies in Rajasthan have seized illegal liquor, drugs, cash etc. worth more than Rs 784 crore between March 16 and April 20. This crackdown is being carried out on the transportation and storage of illegal items with the aim of preventing the elections of the Election Commission of India from being influenced by money power, drugs and the allurements of freebies.

During this period, a maximum seizure of more than Rs 37 crore has been made in Churu district. Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said that since the Model Code of Conduct for the



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Lok Sabha elections came into effect in the state, illegal cash, drugs, liquor, precious metals and freebies, etc. worth Rs 784.73 crore have been seized. Different enforcement

agencies have seized items worth more than Rs 30 crore in 7 districts. Till now, maximum seizures have been made in Churu district, which include items worth Rs 37.06 crore.

REPRESENTATIONAL

No rally by top brass; Raj Cong leaders to campaign

First India Bureau Jaipur

Following the completion of voting on 12 seats in the first phase, the Congress party has initiated changes in its election campaign strategy. The focus now shifts to state leaders spearheading the campaign efforts.

Prominent leaders are likely to refrain from campaigning in the upcoming phases. Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi are not expected to conduct further campaigns.

The responsibility of leading the campaign has been entrusted to state leaders, including PCC Chief Govind Dotasra, opposition leader Tikaram Jully, Ashok Gehlot, and Sachin Pilot.

Prior to the first phase



Ashok Gehlot

Congress party has initiated changes in its election campaign strategy as focus now shifts to state leaders for spearheading the campaign efforts; Gehlot, Dotasra, Jully to head the campaign

of voting, Priyanka Gandhi actively campaigned for the party,



Govind Singh Dotasra

conducting a roadshow in Alwar and campaigning in Jalore and Bandikui. Rahul Gandhi also participated in campaigning efforts, visiting Anupgarh and Phalodi. Additionally, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi addressed a public meeting in Jaipur. Congress President Kharge addressed public meetings in Jaipur and Chittorgarh as well.

KHERA: BJP'S CHANT OF '400 PAAR' IS INDICATIVE OF THEIR INTENTION TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

→ Tonk: Before the voting in second phase of Lok Sabha elections, Pawan Khera, a member of the Congress Working Committee, arrived in Tonk on Sunday to oversee election campaigning and preparations. Upon reaching the Tonk district Congress committee office, he was welcomed by party workers and officials. While addressing media, Khera took a sharp aim at the BJP-led central govt and stated that the BJP's chant of "400 seats" is indicative of their intention to change the country's constitution by acquiring 400 seats. He pointed out that BJP leaders have already made statements regarding this. **Wajahat Akhtar**



MLA of Vadgam Assembly Constituency, Gujarat, Jignesh Mevani during the election campaign for Congress' Barmer LS candidate Ummadaram Beniwal & others on Sunday.

Khali campaigns for friend Kailash in Barmer



→ The Great Khali visited Barmer to support his friend, BJP candidate Kailash Choudhary. During his visit, he praised PM Modi, stating that Modi has elevated India's stature with pride. Khali, speaking to the media in Barmer, extensively praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He mentioned that he has come to Barmer to campaign for BJP candidate Kailash Choudhary, who is his friend. Therefore, he is supporting him. He emphasized that the support should go to the candidate who is promising and can lead to victory. Khali expressed the importance of witnessing the development of children and families, urging everyone to come together and vote for the nation so that our country becomes stronger and prosperous.

Sachin Pilot to campaign for Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad

→ Congress general secretary and former deputy CM of Rajasthan, Sachin Pilot will be embarking on a tour of Kerala on Monday. He will conduct his campaign in Wayanad and rally in support of Rahul Gandhi who is the Congress party candidate from this seat. Pilot will also remain on his Kerala tour on April 23, rallying in support of the organization's general secretary, Venugopal.



Gehlot to campaign for his son in Sirohi today

→ Former CM Ashok Gehlot will be touring Sheogang on Monday, conducting a roadshow. Vaibhav Gehlot, the Congress candidate from Sirohi-Jalore, will also be present. The roadshow will commence from the Congress office in Subhash Nagar and proceed through the city's main areas, including the Old Bus Stand, Gol Building, and Holi Chowk, culminating at Gokul Wadi Chowk. A pandal is being prepared for the public meeting. Ashok Gehlot will lead the roadshow in support of Vaibhav Gehlot's candidacy from the Sirohi-Jalore seat.



CM Bhajan Lal, Diya Kumari in Bundi today for Birla's roadshow



→ Bundi: CM Bhajanlal Sharma will hold a roadshow in Bundi on Monday in support of BJP candidate Om Birla from Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha seat. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma will reach Bundi at 3 pm. Dy CM Diya Kumari will also accompany him during the roadshow. Before reaching Bundi, CM Sharma will leave for Kishangarh from Jaipur at 11:00 am on Monday.

BJP plans Kangana's roadshows on Apr 23, 24

→ BJP has brought onboard film actress and party candidate from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, Kangana Ranaut for campaigning in Barmer-Jaisalmer. She is scheduled to conduct a roadshow for BJP's candidate on April 24, the final day of election campaigning. The BJP is gearing up to deploy its full force for the election campaign on this crucial day. On April 23, roadshow programs are slated in Jodhpur and Pali. Bollywood actress turned BJP candidate Kangana will be making her appearance in Jodhpur to solicit votes for BJP candidates. She is expected to arrive at Jodhpur Airport at 2 PM and later conduct a roadshow in Pali from 5 PM to 6 PM. Following this, a roadshow is scheduled in Jodhpur at 7 PM.



Wedding tragedy 9 youth killed in road accident in Jhalawar

Joint cremation held for 8 friends who died in mishap

First India Bureau
Jhalawar

Nine youths died in a horrific road accident in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district in the early hours of Sunday near Pachola village. The youth were returning from a wedding in a van when a speeding dumper crushed them.

Eight funeral processions took place simultaneously in Aklera on Sunday. Top police officers and public representatives were also present.

The deceased have been identified as Ashok Kumar(24), Rohit(16), Hemraj(33), Sonu(22), Deepak(24), Ravi Shankar(25), Rohit(22), Rahul(20), Ramakrishna(20). Meanwhile, Manish(18) is in critical condition.

SHO Sandeep Bishnoi said that all of them were returning to Aklera from Madhya Pradesh when the accident happened.

In Aklera town, the funeral procession of all the youth of Bagri community took place together. During the cremation, MP Dushyant Singh, former MLA Kailash Meena, Superintendent of Police Richa Tomar, ASP Chiranjilal and many officials and people of the town were present.



The men are said to have been returning from a marriage in MP when they were hit by a dumper.



The remains of the vehicle and belongings at accident site



Funeral procession of the deceased men was taken out on Sunday.

CHURU SP'S COMMANDO SUCCEMBS TO FATAL INJURIES IN ACCIDENT

Jagdish Saran, of Raj police and a commando on duty with Churu SP Jai Yadav, succumbed to injuries after an unidentified vehicle collided with his motorcycle at



6 p.m. on Saturday night near Pulasar. Saran was referred to Jaipur due to his critical condition. He passed away at eight o'clock at night. According to Bhanwarlal Saran of Bandhanau village, Jagdish Saran joined the Rajasthan Police in 2018.

The police have begun an investigation and filed a report against the unidentified car based on information provided by family members. **Sanjay Prajapat**

JAIPUR: THREE ACCIDENTS IN THREE HOURS, THREE LIVES LOST

Road accidents struck the capital city of Jaipur on Saturday night, claiming the lives of three individuals. The first incident took place around 11 PM, where a motorcycle rider met with an accident. The injured rider was rushed to Kanwatia Hospital, where unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries during treatment. At around 11:30 PM, Shakti Singh, a resident of Sikar Road got into an accident and lost his life. The third incident occurred around 1:30 AM near the Khirmi Phatak ROB. A speeding Scorpio collided with an Alto, leaving the occupants derisously injured. Bindu Kumawat, aged 40, tragically lost her life during treatment at Kanwatia Hospital.



Direct flight to Kuala Lumpur from Jaipur starts

First India Bureau
Jaipur

A direct flight from Jaipur airport to Kuala Lumpur started on Sunday. Air Asia flight number AK-19/AK-18 will operate four days a week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Flight from Kuala Lumpur will reach Jaipur at 9:35 pm and the flight from Jaipur to Kuala Lumpur at 10:10 pm. Meanwhile, the Dubai international from Jaipur Airport got delayed. Air India Express flight IX-195 got delayed. It leaves for Dubai from Jaipur at 5:40 am.

After Fortis hosp, EHCC & Manipal under police radar

Satyanarayan Sharma
Jaipur

Police on Sunday took records collected from ACB in the EHCC and Fortis Hospital in the case related to issuing fake NOCs for organ transplant and trafficking. An FIR has already been registered.

Police have started investigating by seizing organ transplant records from these two hospitals along with other allegations. Based on the inputs, police on Saturday, seized records of the Manipal Hospital also.

Along with organ transplantation, organ trafficking has come to light in Manipal Hospital. If necessary, a case will also be registered against Manipal Hospital.



FILE

DR BAGRAHATTA SEEKS MORE TIME TO REPLY TO NOTICE IN FAKE NOC CASE

Committee chairman SMS Medical College Principal Dr Bagrahatta has sought more time to reply to the notice in the fake NOCs for organ transplant cases. Answer was sought regarding the state level committee meeting not being held. A showcause notice was given to Dr Bagrahatta. Bagrahatta sought time due to resident doctors' strike and complete record of organ transplant not being available. **Vikas Sharma**

PHED Secy's surprise check at 4 am

Naresh Sharma
Jaipur

PHED secretary Dr. Samit Sharma conducted a surprise inspection of various places in the walled city of Jaipur from 4 am and took stock of the drinking water supply.

Chief Engineer Rakesh Luhadia, Additional Chief Engineer Amitabh Sharma and the entire team of superintending engineer, executive engineers, assistant and jun-



Dr. Samit Sharma

ior engineers were with him during inspection.

Immediately, department took immediate action and seized boosters from many places and repair work was also

Sharma gave instructions to check and repair leakages in existing water connections and to continuously monitor the water supply

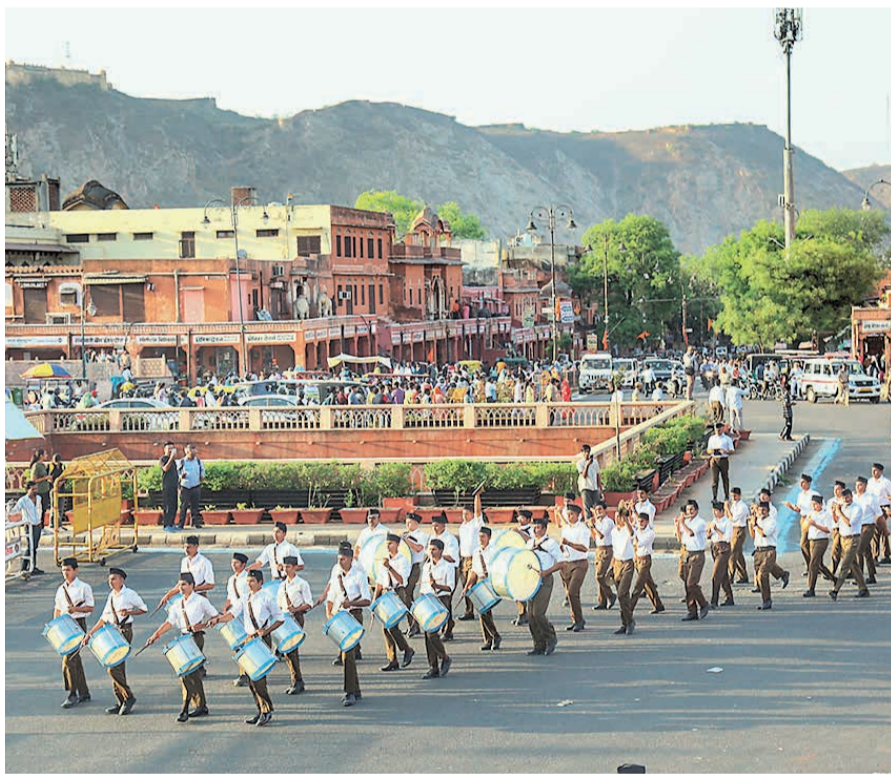
ers during water supply. Sharma directed to confiscate boosters and impose penalties.

Sharma inspected Nahargarh road, Govind Rao Ka Rasta, Baba Harishchandra Marg and Mishra Rao Ji Ka Rasta.

During the visit, he inspected construction of a 17.9 km pipeline on Delhi Road, 1300 lakh liter capacity reservoir and pump house located in the campus of Ground Water Department.

Sharma said that the connections coming out of main pipeline should be regularly inspected by field officers. He issued directions to stop illegal use of boost-

Dominance, Discipline, Determination



Members of the RSS conducting the 'Path Sanchalan' march in Jaipur on Sunday. Volunteers from Gaalav Bhag participated in the procession which started at 5:45 pm from Chaugan Stadium and reached Ramleela Maidan via Chhoti Chaupar, Kishanpol, Badi Chaupar, and Sanganer Gate.

SUNIL SHARMA

Woman found hanging in beauty parlour, family stages protest suspecting foul play



Sanjay Prajapat
Churu

A girl's body was discovered hanging from a fan in a hotel's ladies beauty salon. She was employed at the same beauty salon.

The incident happened at Hotel Suncity late on Saturday night. Relatives declined the postmortem and Jain community has staged a dharna, calling for the accused to be taken into custody. The father, Rajkumar, has filed a report alleging that his daughter Bulbul was murdered or that hotel staff members Arshad, Muzaffar, Wahid, and Amjad, among others, compelled her to commit suicide.



Victim used to work in the same place her body was found.

HOTEL EMPLOYEE HELD FOR STEALING NOTES

Under guidance of DCP Kavendra Sagar, theft of Indian cash and Australian dollars was exposed. A hotel room was broken into, and 300 Australian & Indian notes were taken. After viewing hotel's CCTV footage, an employee Premshankar, was taken into custody & the money was recovered from him.

HUSBAND NABBED FOR KILLING WIFE IN SAYLA

Jalore: A woman's body was found in Jawai River in Sayla of Jalore. According to police, the wife and husband Kantilal got into a fight during which he struck his wife Rekha Devi on head with a stick. As a result, she died instantly. Kantilal fled the scene, dumping her body in the river nearby.

THIEVES DRAG OFF PNB ATM FROM FRONT OF POLICE LINES IN 13 MINS

Khairthal: Thieves in a car stole an ATM from Punjab National Bank that held Rs 26 lakh in front of the police lines. Four thieves made away with the ATM by tying it to a car and dragging it off within 13 minutes. The ATM booth did not have a guard or a siren installed at the time of the occurrence. The CCTV system at the police line's gate recorded the incident.

VICTIMS TURNS OUT TO BE REAL ACCUSED IN ₹1 LAKH LOOT CASE

Dholpur: Late on April 16th, employees of a finance company were allegedly robbed at gunpoint. Lokesh Kumar and Naresh, who worked for the finance company "Spandan Sphoorti Limited," told police that a thief had taken over Rs 1,05,750 at a gunpoint from them. Later it was found that the duo had planned to steal then the money from the company.

RCA's Ad-Hoc committee flags new stadium quality

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The ad-hoc committee of the RCA has raised concerns regarding the quality of construction work underway at the cricket stadium in Chomp, Jaipur. In a letter addressed to the state government, the committee highlighted serious irregularities and negligence in construction process.

Jaideep Bihani, the convenor of the committee, informed that in addition to discussing the stadium construction issues, it was also decided in the meeting that the state-level Under-16 Cricket Tournament and the state-level Senior Colvin Shield Tournament will now be held in the month of June.

WORLD EARTH DAY

Planet vs. Plastic: An attempt to save Earth

Nirmal Tiwari
Jaipur

This Earth Day with the theme 'Planet vs. Plastic', the aim is to significantly reduce use of plastics to protect both ecosystems & human health.

On Earth Day, focus will be on reducing plastic production by 60% from 2024 to 2040, eliminating single-use plastics. Forests are home to 80% of world's terrestrial species. During 2015-2020, 10 million hectares of trees were felled

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around the world every year and only 5 million hectares of trees were planted every year during this time.

Notably, Villages like Piplantri of Rajsamand are an example in today's time where it is a tradition to plant 101 trees on the birth of a girl child.

JMCG ORGANISES 'CLEANATHON' TO CELEBRATE WORLD EARTH DAY

Municipal Corporation Greater hosted a cleanliness drive in honor of World Earth Day. A cleanliness campaign was held from Jhalana Tiraha to Apex Circle on Sunday at 7:00 am. According to Commissioner Rukmani Riad, every zone in Municipal Corporation Greater is participating in a cleanliness initiative. She also urged the general people to participate in this cleanliness drive with Municipal Corporation Greater. The corporation's of-



Notably, members of the transgender community also joined the cleanliness drive held on Sunday morning.

Officers and staff were in attendance, along with Dy Commissioner of JMCG,

Arshdeep Barad, and Dy Commissioner (Health), Naveen Bhardwaj.

JMC seizes 1,200 kg meat being sold on Mahavir Jayanti in Jpr

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Animal Management Squad of Municipal Corporation seized 1200 kg of meat being sold in Jaipur on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday. Action was taken at more than 30 shops in Vaishali Nagar, Mansarovar, India Gate, Kumbha Marg, Pratap Nagar, Khatipura, Jhotwara and Jagatpura in the city.

Meat was being sold openly in the city. When the general public complained about this to the

PROCESSIONS AND PARADES MARK LORD MAHAVIR'S 2,623RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

The 2623rd anniversary of Lord Mahavir's birth, known as Kalyanak Mahotsav, was observed in the State. Several processions were taken out by the Jain community. Procession were also held following prayers at the Digambar Jain temple in Sawaimadhopur's Bauli. While in Tonk, and Sirohi a large parade was held. Aadeshwar temple in Takhatgarh, Pali, resonated with the praises of Lord Mahavir.

Municipal Corporation, action was taken.

Harendra Singh Chirana, Animal Management Branch, Jaipur Municipal Corporation Greater, said that meat was being sold against

the rules. The corporation team found serious irregularities at some meat shops and challans have been issued and items seized. The team continued its action in different areas of city.

WHO CAN SAVE THIS PLANET EARTH?



SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

The writer is an Indian yoga guru, a spiritual leader, founder of The Art of Living



IN-DEPTH

LOW VOTER TURNOUT MATTER OF CONCERN FOR POLL PANEL

Despite its best efforts, a slight decline in the voting percentage in the first round of polling has the Election Commission worried. To galvanise voters to come out of their homes and vote even Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to them to exercise their franchise in favour of any party of their choice as “with their vote they will be securing the country’s future”.

Compared to 70 percent in 2019, there was a drop of about 4 percent in voting for 102 seats which went to poll in this election’s first round. Poll panel is hopeful of a better turnout in the remaining six phases. Hopefully, the prime minister’s appeal will work.

Various possible reasons have been cited for the low turnout. They include a rise in temperature and a wedding season. Besides intense heat, lack of enthusiasm could be a reason for the low turnout. In that case the poll panel and political parties need to be genuinely concerned.

US HOUSE CLEARS AID FOR UKRAINE TO KEEP FIGHTING



After keeping Ukraine on the tenterhooks for months, the US House of Representatives finally approved a \$61 billion military aid bill for the beleaguered country. More than a third of this would go to replenish weapons and ammunition to the financial advantage of the American defence industry. Another tranche of \$9 billion will be in the form of an economic package which Ukraine need not pay back.

The aid will ensure that Ukraine remains in a position to fight Russia until it has exhausted the aid in military purchases. It will then have to make a fresh request for American aid which some Republicans would again resist.

Fighting a war on borrowed money against a country like Russia sounds illogical but that is exactly what Ukraine is doing for its survival. Ukraine has to bear in mind that a change in government could result in the US tightening its purse strings despite alarm.

Days prior to the US House vote on the aid package, Ukraine’s Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal warned Western media that losing the war with Russia could spark a Third World War. Regarding US assistance, Shmyhal emphasized to the BBC, “Without protection... Ukraine will be destroyed.” He warned that this could lead to the “destruction of the global security system.” President Volodymyr Zelensky previously cautioned that Ukraine’s loss could result in an invasion of Poland. Russia has dismissed it as “scaremongering”.

In the past few weeks Ukraine has suffered heavy losses because of ammunition shortage, described as 10 to 1 by a Ukrainian general. President Zelensky has described the shortage as “artificial”.

The earth is a living organism. Do you think this earth which hosts such diversity of life is just a lifeless object? It is conscious. It is living. Life originates from life and is sustained by it.

Our physical environment is an extension of ourselves and is the first level of existence, then comes our physical body and mind. There is a need to cater to all these three levels. The earth undergoes changes constantly but what human beings, driven by greed, have done to it is unfortunate. It is human greed for quick profits combined with a lack of sensitivity that is destroying this planet, disrupting the ecological balance, bringing misery and negativity around, and is behind the current existential crisis. Frequent flash floods, tsunamis, and all the other disasters are a result of this exploitation. If we don’t take the right measures to save our planet now, it will create more challenges for us. We need a radical transformation in our attitudes and lifestyle to ensure the sustainability of our planet.

Revive the idea that planet Earth is sacred

All the ancient civilizations including the Indian civilization honoured the earth, rivers, sun, moon, trees, and mountains as sacred. They were seen as divine manifestations. We need a revival of the idea that planet Earth is sacred. When you consider something sacred, then it brings a



You need a big loving heart to revere the earth, something that seems inanimate. Once you respect other humans, can you respect other sentient beings and objects, and a certain level of awareness is needed for this to happen. When a person is sensitive, he cannot but be nurturing towards the environment instead of depleting, polluting, and dirtying it

sense of mindful reverence, a sense of awareness towards it. To be conscious of our environment is something that comes naturally to us. It is only once we start drifting from our very nature, our minds are filled with stress, anxiety, and negativity that we start polluting our environment and exploiting it for short-term gains. We need to revive the ancient practice of honouring and conserving nature.

Who can stop the pollution of this planet?

It can only be someone aware and respectful of the planet. You need a big loving heart to revere the earth, something that seems inanimate. Once you respect other humans, can you respect other sentient beings and objects, and a certain level of awareness is needed for this to happen. When a person is sensitive, he cannot but be nurturing towards the environment instead of depleting, polluting, and dirtying it.

So we must attend to our spiritual roots, and rekindle this awareness. We must at-

animals live in it but they do not litter the area like humans do. If you see nature, the five elements in it are opposed to each other; there are species in the animal kingdom that are hostile to each other- and yet there is a perfect balance in nature. Earthworms are a perfect example of how nature digests waste and recycles it to give us something to sustain life.

Cutting down trees, dumping toxic waste, and using non-recyclable materials are all crimes against the environment. Relentlessly ravaging limited natural resources in the name of development without a long-term vision will eventually destroy the ecology, the essential life source. The purpose and intent of development should be to support, revive, and sustain life, and make life better. Then the very process of development will become a conscious effort to preserve the planet and its resources.

Every section of society should focus on minimizing consumerism and developing a responsible attitude towards the environment. We must make judicious use of our planet’s resources while striking a balance between sustainability and development. The Art of Living is continuously engaged in projects like river rejuvenation, natural farming, tree plantation, and use of solar energy where we consciously work towards making the planet thrive by purifying and rejuvenating the five elements.

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tend to the human psyche which is at the root of behaviour that is insensitive and unaware towards the environment, and is also caring and nurturing. If compassion and care are kindled within oneself, it reflects in how we treat the environment, and a sense of sacredness follows. We need to develop a sense of belongingness with the planet; treat trees, people and rivers as our own; and see God in nature and people. This fosters sensitivity; and a sensitive person can’t but be concerned about nature, as we have seen among many tribal indigenous communities in the way they revere and care for their surroundings and nature.

Lessons from nature

Trees are very rightly called the lungs of the planet Earth and we need to plant more of them. In the ancient scriptures, it is said that one who cuts a single tree must plant 5 more. There is a lot to learn about sustainable coexistence from nature itself. If you go to a forest, you will see that so many



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TOP TWEETS
Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji today inaugurated the 2550th Nirvana Mahotsav of Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism, and released a commemorative postage stamp and coin on the occasion. The teachings of Lord Vardhaman, who showed the path for the entire human society with the Panchsheel principle, are inspiring in present times. Drawing inspiration from the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir, Prime Minister Modi is not only strengthening the roots of democratic values in the country but also offering solutions to a world caught in conflicts.
Amit Shah (Modi Ka Parivar) @AmitShah



SPIRITUAL SPEAK
Greetings to all civil servants on Civil Services Day. Your commitment and hard work are instrumental in strengthening our democracy. You are at the forefront of shaping Viksit Bharat. Best wishes to all of you for your future endeavours.
Bhopender Yadav (मोदी का परिवार) @byadavbjp

Feelings of heat and cold, pleasure and pain, are caused by the contact of the senses with their objects. They come and they go, never lasting long. You must accept them.
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PM Modi emphasises India's global influence

PTI

New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India is now projecting with self-confidence the mantras of truth and non-violence globally as a solution to the problems facing the world and its cultural image is playing a big role in it as well.

Addressing the 2,550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav here, Modi said his government put emphasis on promoting heritage as well as material development when it came to power in 2014 at a time when the country was engulfed in despair, a swipe at the previous UPA dispensation.

Referring to the Lok Sabha polls, he said a big festival of democracy is happening "and, the country believes from here a new journey into future will also begin".

He cited his government's promotion of Indian heritage like yoga and Ayurveda, asserting that the country's new generation now believes that self-pride is its identity.

India's growing strength and foreign policy are cited as the reasons for the world expecting



PM Narendra Modi with a Jain monk during inauguration of the 2550th Bhagwan Mahavir Nirvan Mahotsav in New Delhi.

INDIA MAKING A PLACE FOR ITSELF AS 'VISHWA BANDHU' IN A DIVIDED WORLD: PM

→ New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that humanity is expecting peace from India in these times of conflict considering the country's growing profile due to its cultural image, growing capabilities, and foreign policy. "Today, we put forward the principles of truth and non-violence with full confidence in the global fora. We tell the world that the solution to the global problem is found in the ancient Indian culture and tradition. This is why India is making a place for itself as 'Vishwa Bandhu' in a divided world," said PM Modi while inaugurating the 2550th Nirvana Mahotsav of Lord Mahavir, at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

the road to peace from it but its cultural image has played a big role as well, Modi said.

At a time of global conflicts, the teachings of tirt-

hankars, revered spiritual Jain gurus, are more relevant, he said.

The prime minister also suggested to the audience that they should use their

TIRTHANKARAS' TEACHINGS OF NON-VIOLENCE GETTING NEW RELEVANCE: PM

→ Teachings of Indian Tirthankaras have gained a new relevance at a time when "many countries are getting into wars", PM Narendra Modi said on Sunday and asserted that India is making a place for itself as "Vishwa Bandhu in a divided world". Addressing the 2,550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav in New Delhi, PM Modi also said India is now projecting the principles of truth and non-violence on the global fora as a solution to the problems in the world, and its cultural image is playing a big role in it as well. The prime minister also released a commemorative stamp and a coin on the occasion and thanked the Jain community for their blessings. He said his govt put emphasis on promoting heritage as well as material development when it came to power in 2014 at a time when the country was engulfed in despair, a swipe at the previous UPA dispensation.

franchise early in the day and added in a lighter vein that saints have links to lotus, a flower often used in holy events which also is the BJP's poll symbol.



BJP urges ECI to act against Congress

PTI

Shimla

The Himachal Pradesh BJP Sunday filed a complaint against the Congress and the Hamirpur Youth Congress Club for allegedly portraying actor and BJP Lok Sabha candidate from Mandi, Kangana Ranaut, in a negative light by using pictures from her films.

In its complaint to the Election Commission of India (ECI), with copy to the Himachal chief electoral officer, the BJP alleged that the Congress has directed its various wings to assassinate the character of Kangana on social media.

Shah: Bihar was converted into 'jungle raj' under Lalu & Rabri

ANI
Katihar

Launching a scathing attack on RJD leaders, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday that Bihar was converted into a 'Jungle Raj' under the Lalu-Rabri government.

"You all remember the Lalu-Rabri government, Bihar was converted into a 'jungle raj.' He said that Congress and Lalu Yadav were avoiding Article 370 for 70 years and Modi ji abolished it in August 2019. "Modi ji ended Naxalism and cracked down on terrorism. There was UPA govt, and terrorists from Pakistan used to come and carry out bomb blasts here. Within 10 days of Uri and Pulwama attacks, Modi ji conducted surgical and air strikes in Pakistan and eliminated terrorists," Shah said.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah

'RJD JOINED HANDS WITH CONG THAT OPPOSED MANDAL COMMISSION REPORT'

→ Katihar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the Lalu Prasad-led RJD has joined hands with the Congress that opposed the Mandal Commission's recommendations for providing reservations to backward communities for years. Addressing an election rally in Bihar's Katihar for JD(U) candidate Dulal Chandra Goswami, he claimed that PM Narendra Modi ended politics of nepotism, casteism and appeasement, and worked for the development of every section of society.

'Voters will elect Modi govt for a developed India'

Agencies

Buldhana

BJP President J P Nadda on Sunday said that the voters will again give a clear mandate to NDA to ensure that Narendra Modi-led govt comes to power and continues the journey towards a developed India, uninterrupted. "The schemes launched by the Modi govt strive to fulfil the vi-



J P Nadda and Shiv Sena Buldhana candidate Prataprao Jadhav during a public meeting in Buldhana on Sunday.

sion of a developed India. These schemes have transformed the lives of

common Indians," Nadda said while speaking during the public meeting.

'OPPN TRYING TO SAVE THEIR DYNASTIES'

→ J P Nadda on Sunday criticised the opposition parties, claiming they were trying hard to save their dynastic politics. Nadda said the BJP provided a stable govt in the last 10 years and crucial issues like the practice of instant triple talaq and the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya were resolved under PM Modi's leadership.

Wants to kill my husband: Sunita Kejriwal jabs BJP

PTI

Ranchi

Jailed Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal on Sunday accused the BJP-led central govt of denying insulin to her husband alleging that it wants to kill him. She asserted that the opposition INDIA bloc will fight against the "dictatorship" of the BJP and win.

"They want to kill my husband Arvind Kejriwal. his food is under camera observation; he is denied insulin. My husband has been on insulin for 12 years; he needs 50 units of insulin daily," Sunita said.

Democracy will end if 'Modi-Shah sarkar' comes back to power: Kharge

PTI

Satna

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday claimed that if "Modi-Shah sarkar" comes back to power, then the democracy will end in the country.

Targeting PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing a public meeting in Madhya Pradesh's Satna, Kharge further claimed that they will also scrap the Constitution made by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. "If you want to keep alive the Constitution, the right to vote for women, labourers and farmers, then vote for the Congress and its 'panja' (hand) symbol," Kharge told the gathering.



Mallikarjun Kharge

'EMPLOYMENT BIGGEST POLL ISSUE'

→ Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said, "In hundreds of rallies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, you would not have heard from him how many jobs his govt provided in the last 10 years. 20 crore jobs were to be provided in 10 years, but snatched more than 12 crore."

PM ONLY ATTACKING CONG, NOT TALKING OF ISSUES FACING NATION, SAYS PAWAR

→ Jalgaon: Nationalist Congress Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday said PM Modi's LS poll campaign involved abusing the opposition Congress rather than discussing issues facing the country. Pawar said the campaigns of previous prime ministers highlighted their vision for the future of the country.



LOK SABHA POLLS

Congress fighting just to cross 40 seats, BJP eyeing absolute majority: Thakur

ANI

Hamirpur

Claiming that the "corrupt coalition" of the opposition's INDIA bloc will be wiped out in the Lok Sabha polls, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Sunday that Congress's fight is only to "cross 40 seats."

"INDI alliance partners and these princes (Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav) want this (BJP) to be reduced to 150 seats) but their intentions will never be fulfilled.



Union Minister Anurag Thakur

They had come together before as well but the public had wiped them out. This time again, this coalition of corrupt people will be wiped out in Lok Sabha polls. I want to tell Rahul Gandhi that

neither in 2014 nor in 2019, the public made you win. This time too, Congress' fight is only to cross 40, the public will bless BJP with absolute majority and to cross 400," said Thakur.

'BJP MOVING AHEAD WITH RESOLVE OF VIKSIT BHARAT'

→ The efforts of PM Narendra Modi-led govt at the Centre in the last nine and a half years towards rapid development are bearing fruits and the BJP assures the people of the country to achieve better results in the next five years, Telangana BJP chief G. Kishan Reddy said. He said the party is moving ahead with the resolve of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 when the country celebrates 100 years of freedom.

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Didi spreading lies over CAA, no power can stop it: Rajnath

First India Bureau
Malda (West Bengal)

Hitting out at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for "spreading lies" regarding the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the legislation will ensure the safety of the persecuted minorities.

The Defence Minister held three election campaign meetings in West Bengal, including two meetings near the Bangladesh border.

The first meeting was held in Murshidabad for Gouri Shankar Ghosh, the second meeting was held in Malda Uttar constituency for Khagen Murmu & the third meeting was held in Darjeeling for party candidate Raju Bista.

"Mamata is spreading lies regarding CAA among the people of Bengal, especially the Muslim community," Singh



Defence Minister and BJP leader Rajnath Singh during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, at Jalangi in Murshidabad district, Sunday. PTI

said in Malda.

"CAA will ensure safety to persecuted religious minorities of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan as they are our people," he added. He also attacked CM Mamata for her remark of abolishing the CAA and said that "no power in the world" can stop this legislation.

LAWLESSNESS WAS PREVAILING IN BENGAL UNDER MAMATA DISPENSATION: SINGH

Jalangi (WB): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

on Sunday alleged that lawlessness was prevailing in West Bengal under the Mamata Banerjee dispensation. He said that despite the state having a woman chief minister, incidents like Sandeshkhali were taking place. "There is lawlessness in West Bengal under the Mamata Banerjee rule," Singh said while addressing an election rally here in Murshidabad Lok Sabha constituency in favour of BJP candidate Gouri Shankar Ghosh. Everyone across the world who has heard of the Sandeshkhali incident "was ashamed", he said. Some local TMC leaders have been accused of committing sexual atrocities on women as well as grabbing land of villagers, including tribals, at Sandeshkhali in North 24 Parganas district.

They (BJP) are questioning my authority to challenge CAA and NRC. Who are they to question me? When I said that we would not allow the implementation of CAA and NRC, I meant it. They tried to implement NRC in Assam. Trinamool Congress was the only political party to oppose it. You have sold the country's assets. You have changed the history of the country. Have you done any good work? You also stopped the flow of central funds for the 100-day job scheme under MGNREGA.

MAMATA BANERJEE, WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER

Congress a synonym for scams, terrorism and Naxalism: Yogi



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and BJP leader Yogi Adityanath during a public meeting for Lok Sabha elections, in Rajnandgaon district, Sunday. PTI

PTI
Raipur

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday hit out at the Congress, claiming the grand old party is a synonym for scams, terrorism and Naxalism.

Addressing an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district, he said the wait of 500 years for Ram Lalla (installation of his idol) in Ayodhya ended because of PM Narendra Modi.

Kabirdham district comes under the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha constituency.

"Congress is a synonym for scams, terrorism and Naxalism. At the age when a tablet and a good book should be in the hands of youth and they should have the spirit to take the world ahead, the Congress handed over pistols in the hands of those youth. The Congress instigated them to fight against the country in the name of Naxalism and terrorism," he claimed.

Under the leadership of PM Modi, people have seen the country changing in the last 10 years, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader said.

ADITYANATH SLAMS MAMATA OVER RAM NAVAMI CLASHES IN WB

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said the violence on Ram Navami in non-BJP-ruled states is the outcome of "policies of appeasement". "Be it the violence on Ram Navami or Holi, in non-BJP-ruled states including West Bengal, it is the bad outcome of the policies of appeasement and playing with the emotions of the majority community," Yogi said. "The vote bank politics in the name of appeasement has given birth to communal tensions like this," he said.

CRUCIAL READ

Students with 4-year bachelor's degrees, 75% marks can directly pursue PhD: UGC

New Delhi: Students with four-year undergraduate degrees can now directly appear for NET and pursue PhD, according to University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Jagadish Kumar. To pursue a PhD with or without a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), the candidates will require a minimum of 75 per cent marks or equivalent grades in their four-year undergraduate course. So far, a candidate for the National Eligibility Test (NET) needed a master's degree with a minimum of 55 per cent marks.

'Meat' thrown in UP village temple; 4 booked: Police

Ballia: Four people here have been booked in connection with an incidence of meat being found inside a temple here, Police said on Sunday. When templegoers spotted the meat, they became infuriated and blocked the Sikandarpur-Belthra highway. Force has been deployed to prevent any flare-ups, police said.

4 die as harvester machine overturns in Madhya Pradesh

Jabalpur: The death count in a harvester machine overturning incident in Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh reached four after an injured person died in hospital, a police official said on Sunday. Three were killed when a harvester machine overturned and fell into a 20-foot pit after hitting a culvert near Kundam town.

Another govt teacher nabbed with hand grenades, Pak made pistol in J&K's Poonch

Jammu: Whether greed for making easy money or may it be alleged radicalization some government teachers are falling prey to the terror outfits in Jammu and Kashmir, in a similar incident, Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday have arrested another government teacher with grenades and a Pakistan made pistol in Poonch district of J&K. Police here on Sunday said that acting on specific information, a joint operation was launched by army, police and special operation group team from Poonch in Hari Budha area.

8 IEDs, 2 wireless sets seized from terrorist hideout

Agencies
Rajouri/Jammu

Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district discovered a terrorist hideout on Sunday, officials reported. The hideout yielded eight Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), two wireless sets, and ammunition.

The recovered items were in a deteriorated

state, indicating they had been there since before the area was cleared of militants over two decades ago.

The operation, led by police with support from the Army, took place in Azmatabad village, Thannamandi area, about 30 kilometers from Rajouri town. The discovered IEDs included one weighing 1 kg and seven

weighing half a kg each. Additionally, three AK-47 rifle magazines, 102 rounds of ammunition, one charger, and two wireless sets were seized during the search.

The recovered material was in a highly rusted condition, indicating that the hideout was in use when terrorists were operating in the district, officials said.



While one of the IEDs weighed 1 kg, the rest seven were half a kg each, the officials said on Sunday.

73 trains cancelled as farmers protest continues for 5th day

PTI
Ambala

As many as 73 trains on the Ambala-Amritsar route were cancelled on Sunday as farmers continued to squat on tracks at the Shambhu railway station in Punjab's Patiala district for the fifth day, officials said.

The protestors have been demanding the release of three farmers arrested by the Haryana Police during the ongoing stir. A total of 73 trains were cancelled on Sun-



—representational image

day, the officials said.

The cancellation of trains over the last five days was causing financial losses, besides inconveniencing passengers, they said. Many trains were also being diverted due to the farmers' protest, they added.

PROTEST ON UNTIL THREE FARMERS ARE RELEASED

Ambala: The farmers have been protesting under the banner of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) in Patiala district's Shambhu. They began their protest for the release of arrested farmers on Wednesday. Farmer leaders have said the protest will continue until the three farmers are released.

Tharoor booked for false campaign against Union Min

Agencies
Thiruvananthapuram

Senior Congress leader and Lok Sabha candidate Shashi Tharoor has been booked for allegedly carrying out a false campaign against union minister and rival candidate Rajeev Chandrasekhar, police said here on Sunday.

The case was registered by the Cyber Police here on April 15, but its details were revealed only today.

The case against Tharoor was registered based on a complaint lodged by BJP leader J R Padmaku-



Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Shashi Tharoor (right)

mar who accused the Congress leader of carrying out a false campaign against Chandrasekhar.

The complainant alleged that Tharoor had made defamatory statements against Chandrasekhar with regard to influencing voters in the upcoming election.

Act strictly against hospitals involved in illegal transplant: Centre to States

PTI
New Delhi

The Union health ministry has asked all states and UTs to investigate any violations and take appropriate action, including suspension of registration, against hospitals performing illegal organ transplants, officials said on Sunday.

Dr Atul Goel, Director General of Health Services, Government of India, urged all states and Union Territories to ensure regular collection and sharing of data of all transplant cases, including those of foreigners, with the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization on a monthly basis.

The ministry's direction comes over two weeks after an organ trafficking racket, involving Bangladeshi nationals, being run in Haryana and Rajasthan was busted.

The healthy ministry also asked all states and UTs to submit an action-taken report on the instructions within 15 days.

Current recession is giving opportunity for long term investment

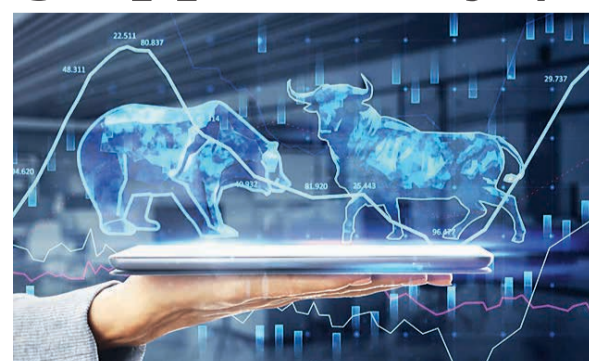


Vimal Kothari

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The Indian stock market has also not remained untouched by international tension. The recession continued from Monday last week and deepened throughout the week, but on Friday the market took a turn again and the markets closed after improving, but if we talk about the whole week, there was a huge decline in BSE and NSE indices last week. The week starting from Monday will be full of announcement of results of various major companies included in the index. Traders say that whenever there is a recession in the market, the rule is that it indicates a rise in the times

to come. Since there was a one-sided rise in the Indian stock markets and the BSE and NSE indices had also touched new highs, it was necessary that there should be a recession in the market for some reason and the Iran-Israel tension gave this reason to the market. Even now, if there is another decline in the market due to international pressure, then investors can find an opportunity to invest in pieces of companies that are considered good and there is no doubt that when the market will also start improving, only those stocks will move first which will be technically and fundamentally sound. In the current



situation, it can also be advised that investors should adopt a flexible approach instead of adopting an aggressive approach towards investment, because the situation is no longer in the hands of any single country. As far as the Indian economy is concerned, according to the data, there is a continu-

ous improvement trend in the Indian economy. This year's monsoon estimates have been released and it is expected to be normal, in such a situation, apart from the international conditions, the movement of the Indian stock market is also important. Now there are only three major influencing issues, out of

which the change in crude oil prices, Lok Sabha election results and the work results of major companies can be considered as the major ones.

There is now an atmosphere of instability in the Indian stock markets. According to the data, last week there was a decline of 1156.57 points (-1.56%) in the BSE index and it fell from 74244.90 points in the previous week and closed at 73088.33 points, while the NSE Nifty index declined by 372.40 points (-1.65%) and falling from 22519.40 points it closed at 22147.00 points. The special thing was that there was a contradiction

between the midcap and smallcap indices and the basic index and in contrast to the stability of the basic index, there was a sharp decline especially in the midcap stocks. Talking about the bullion market, this week gold prices improved by Rs 1500 per 10 grams, while silver prices increased by Rs 1000 per kg and gold prices increased from Rs 74,300 per ten grams to Rs 75,800 per ten grams. And silver increased from Rs 84,700 per kg to Rs 85,700 per kg. Traders say that international tension is a major reason behind the ongoing improvement in bullion business, which will continue for now. Now

the expectation of fall in bullion will depend on the international conditions, but this rise has reduced the subscription to a great extent.

Regarding the market trend this week, traders say that due to international tension this week, they are expecting stability in the stock market. This week will start with the results of Reliance Industries. Apart from this, the results of many big companies like Hindustan Lever, Tata, ICICI, Nestle etc. will be announced and there will be natural fluctuations in the market based on the results and expectations.

(This is the personal opinion of the author)

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IPL Match 36

Top knocks by Shreyas Iyer & Phil Salt, followed by 3 wicket from Andre Russell, propelled Riders to victory over RCB

Iyer, Russell shine as KKR clinch 1 run thriller

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Fast half-centuries by Will Jacks and Rajat Patidar were not enough for Royal Challengers Bengaluru as they succumbed to an agonising one-run defeat to Kolkata Knight Riders in their IPL match here on Sunday.

Jacks (55, 32b, 4x5, 5x6) and Patidar (52, 23b, 3x4, 5x6) kept RCB in hunt for but they could not chase down a daunting 223 target set by the KKR.

RCB ended up at 221 all out despite a last over blitz by Karn Sharma.

Andre Russell grabbed three wickets (3/25) while Sunil Narine and Harshit Rana grabbed two wickets apiece for the home side. Earlier, skipper Shreyas Iyer's composed half-century and opener Phil Salt's initial blitzkrieg enabled KKR to score 222/6.

Salt smashed 48 off 16 balls while skipper Iyer scored 50 off 36 balls.

Ramandeep Singh (24) and Andre Russell (27) took the KKR total past the 220-run mark. Cameron Green was the most successful bowler for RCB with figures of 2/35.



Kolkata Knight Riders' players celebrate a wicket during an Indian Premier League (IPL) T20 cricket match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, at the Eden Gardens, in Kolkata on Sunday. PTI



Kolkata Knight Riders' players being congratulated by RCB's players after Kolkata won their IPL match on Sunday. PTI

MOHAMMED SIRAJ BECOMES THIRD-HIGHEST WICKET-TAKER FOR ROYAL CHALLENGERS IN IPL

New Delhi: Mohammed Siraj has become the third-highest wicket-taker for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Siraj unlocked this achievement in Match 36 of IPL 2024 against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Eden Gardens. With his first scalp, the pacer broke a tie with Vinay Kumar to become RCB's second-highest wicket-taker in the IPL. Siraj now tallies 73 scalps in 80 games for RCB at 32.64. The pacer is only behind Yuzvendra Chahal (139) and Harshal Patel (99) on this list.

MAJOR UPDATES

- This was KKR's 50th IPL win at the Eden Gardens.
- This is also their joint-highest total against RCB.
- Also, as per reports, this is KKR's third 220-plus total in IPL 2024.



Gujarat Titans' Noor Ahmad celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Punjab Kings' Rilee Rossouw during an IPL match between PBKS and GT in Mohali on Sunday. PTI

Tewatia helps Titans beat Kings by 3 wickets

First India Bureau
New Delhi

Rahul Tewatia guides Gujarat Titans to 3 wicket win over Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League on Sunday.

Gujarat Titans' spin trio of Noor Ahmed, Rashid Khan and R Sai Kishore choked Punjab Kings to dismiss them for a below-par 142 in an IPL match here on Sunday.



Ravirinivasan Sai Kishore records maiden IPL four-fer.

Rashid Khan (1/15) and Sai Kishore (4/33) were unplayable with only opener Prabhsimran Singh (35 off 21 balls) making some useful runs for the home team.

Gujarat Titans spinners, led by R Sai Kishore, foxed an ill-equipped Punjab Kings batting line-up to dismiss the hosts for 142 in the Indian Premier League on Sunday.

Gunmen kill 7 customs officials in western Pakistan in 2 attacks

Agencies

Dera Ismail Khan

Unknown gunmen killed two customs officers in western Pakistan, officials said on Sunday, following the killing of five other customs officials in the area in recent days.

No group has claimed responsibility for the two attacks since Thursday, which police said they were investigating. Attacks, some claimed by the Pakistani Taliban Islamist group, have risen, mostly targeting police & security officials.

"Customs officials were present for checks... when unknown persons opened fire," said the district deputy superintendent of police, Muhammad Adnan.



Security in regions of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan has deteriorated in recent years.

RUSSIA WARNS PAKISTAN OF BANNING RICE IMPORTS OVER PHYTOSANITARY CONCERNS

Karachi: Russia has warned Pakistan that it would ban rice imports again if Moscow's phytosanitary concerns are not addressed in future consignments after a quarantine organism was detected in the rice consignment. The warning came after Russia's Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (FSVPS) issued a notification regarding violations of international and Russian phytosanitary requirements over a shipment of rice imported from Pakistan.

FROM PG 1...

Raj govt mulling...

The Minister emphasized that the govt is contemplating uniformity in school uniforms to allow parents to purchase attire from any store, thus eliminating economic disparities between the affluent and the underprivileged. The move aims to address long-standing demands and indications from various sectors.

Especially in rural areas, impact of this decision is expected to be substantial. He is consistently making such decisions and engaging in discussions on various educational reforms. Dilawar further stated that the government is considering changes in the B.Ed. course. He proposed conducting examinations for vacant positions across all categories and issuing immediate appointment letters upon passing the B.Ed. exam.

Israeli soldiers shot 2 Palestinians who attacked them, says military

Agencies

West Bank

The Israeli army said that its soldiers shot two Palestinians who tried to shoot and stab them in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, and the Palestinian health ministry said both men had died.

"One of the terrorists attempted to stab IDF soldiers that were in the area, who responded with live fire and neutralized him," the military said.

"At the same time, the other terrorist opened fire at the soldiers, who responded with live fire and neutralized him too."

A Palestinian news agency, quoting local sources, said that Israeli forces shot the two men



A Palestinian man inspects the damage following an Israeli raid at Nur Shams camp, in Tulkarm, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.



Damage following an Israeli raid on Sunday.

WAR UPDATES

- Israel indicts sister of Hamas leader Haniyeh on terrorism incitement
- 3 killed in Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon
- New born baby killed in Israeli strike in Gaza

Violence in the West Bank, already on the rise before the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, has escalated since with frequent army raids on militant groups, rampages by Jewish settlers in Palestinian villages and Palestinian street attacks.

MAX EXTENDS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD

Verstappen dominates Chinese Grand Prix

PTI

London

Another Formula 1 race. Yet another victory for Red Bull's Max Verstappen. The three-time defending champion won the Chinese Grand Prix on Sunday starting from pole, his fourth victory in five races this season and his 23rd in the last 27 extending through last season.

Only a brake failure last month at the Australian GP in Melbourne probably kept him from



Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrates on the podium after winning the Chinese Grand Prix in Shanghai on Sunday. PTI

sweeping all five. Verstappen trailed for only a few laps following a pit stop. Lando Norris

of McLaren was about 14 seconds behind Verstappen in second — the eighth time he has been

The rest of the points finishers following on were Oscar Piastri of McLaren, Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes and Haas driver Nico Hulkenberg in tenth. Verstappen now has 110 points to lead the standings followed by Perez (85), Leclerc (76), Sainz (69) and Norris (58)

No. 2 in his career as he still seeks his first victory. Verstappen's Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez

was third.

The Ferrari pair of Charles Leclerc, in fourth, and Carlos Sainz rounded out the top five, holding off Mercedes driver George Russell and Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin in sixth and seventh, respectively.

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DCCI and RR felicitate Indian Men's Physical Disability Cricket Team

First India Bureau
Jaipur

The Differently Aabled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) and Rajasthan Royals (RR) on Sunday felicitated the Indian Men's Physical Disability Cricket Team for their exceptional series win against England earlier this year.

The ceremony took place at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur which saw Ranjit Barthakur (Chairperson, Rajasthan Royals), Jake Lush McCrum (Chief Executive Officer, Ra-



The two organisations have maintained a long-standing association, and on Sunday, the Royals felicitated the team for their exceptional series win against England earlier this year.

asthan Royals), Ravikant Chauhan (Secretary, DCCI) and Abhai Pratap Singh (Joint Secretary, DCCI) being the dignitaries who presented members of the Indian Men's Physical Disability Team with mementos and a cash reward of Rs 11 lacs.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The many holy words that we read or speak will only be good once we act upon them.

Dr JACDEESH CHANDRA, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



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CM to workers: Stand united, secure more votes this time

CM visits Jasol Mata Rani Bhatiani and Parshvanath Bhairav Nakoda temples

Ravi Sharma, Ashish Choudhary, Shiv Prakash Purohit & Banshi Choudhary
Balotra/Rajsamand

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reached Balotra and took feedback from the leaders and workers of the party. He held a one-to-one conversation with people of various communities till 2 am and asked them to vote and support the BJP in LS polls. He also took feedback from ministers, MLAs and party office bearers about the ground situation of BJP.

CM Sharma discussed strategy to win the Lok Sabha polls with party workers in Rajsamand, urging unity, hard work, and high voter



Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses party officials and leaders' meeting at Rajsamand district on Sunday. Other local leaders were also present.

turnout before 11 AM.

Chief Minister Sharma, during the meeting of party workers, also emphasised completion of the pending projects and called for united efforts to ensure maximum votes for BJP candidate Mahima Kumari.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma addresses party workers & officials during the 'Booth Vijay Sankalp Sammelan' at Nakoda village in Balotra district on Sunday. KK Vishnoi, Arun Choudhary, Richpal Mircha, Ashok Godara, Amra Ram Choudhary & others were also present.

CP Joshi: Compared to Cong's 50 yrs, BJP's 10 yrs of work will lead to victory

Citizens of the nation are trusting every work done by the PM, he says

ANI
Chittorgarh

Taking a jibe at Congress, CP Joshi, Rajasthan's BJP President, said that the BJP in the past 10 years has done more work than Congress' 50 years and this will be the base of BJP's victory.

The party's State President affirmed that the people of Rajasthan are again with PM Modi in the LS polls, because of the work done by the BJP in the last 10 years for farmers, the poor, women, and youth. He said, "I ask the Congress to bring their record of 50 years. We have done more work in last 10 years compared to the Cong's 50 years and this will be the base of our victory."



CP Joshi addresses a public meeting in various gram panchayats of Vallabh Nagar assembly constituency in Chittorgarh district.

BJP BANKS ON 'MODI MAGIC,' 'DEVELOPMENT' TO TIDE OVER RAJPUT IRE IN CHITTORGARH

Chittorgarh: Facing protests from a section of Rajputs over Union Minister Parshottam Rupala's remarks, BJP in Chittorgarh, a Rajput-dominated seat, is hoping that the 'Modi factor' & development work undertaken by his govt will help it retain the LS constituency. CP Joshi, who won the 2014 and 2019 LS polls from Chittorgarh, is aiming for a hat-trick of wins, & cited the 'increased rail connectivity, running of new trains & construction of new highways' in his constituency to highlight the development done by BJP. "Due to the development work, this region is about to change. I am confident that people of Chittorgarh will choose development," Joshi told PTI.

"Under the guidance, of senior leaders of the party, Rajasthan formed a

double-engine govt for a developed, prosperous state," CP Joshi said.



Vasundhara Raje addresses a party workers' meet in Jhalawar.

Jhalawar airport construction to finish by June 15

Arif Mansoori
Jhalawar

Former CM Vasundhara Raje assured completion of Jhalawar Airport by June 15 for larger planes. Emphasised the importance of road, rail, and air connectivity for development. Praised MP Dushyant Singh's 20-year contribution to area development, urging record votes for his re-election. Raje addressed BJP workers in support of Singh, joined by MLA Govind Ranipuria and former RPSC Prez SS Sharma in rallying support for Singh's victory.

CS Pant begins 3-day visit to Jodhpur division today

First India Bureau
Jaipur

CS Sudhansh Pant will be on a three-day visit to Jodhpur division. He will be going to Jodhpur today by train at 6 am. Divisional Commissioner and senior police officials will receive him at the railway station.

Pant is expected to head to Barmer directly from Jodhpur, where he will inspect the refinery project and will review the progress of this important project.



Courtesy Meet



Governor Kalraj Mishra being greeted by the Governor of Maharashtra, Ramesh Bais, who called upon Governor Mishra at Raj Bhavan in Jaipur on Sunday. Both the leaders discussed various topics during their meeting. It was Bais's courtesy visit to Governor Mishra.

Cong feared that PM would inaugurate airport, so they didn't allocate land: Birla

First India Bureau
Kota

The people's problems cannot be solved just by talking; for this one has to come to the ground and work day and night, BJP candidate from Kota-Bundi LS constituency Om Birla said.

"Those who ask what I have done, they themselves know that no work related to Kota-Bundi is pending at the Central Government level," Birla said, while exuding confidence that the people will elect him once again in the Lok Sabha elections.

"Gehlot came to Kota



Om Birla addresses the members of medical fraternity during a programme in Kota on Sunday.

and inspected the land but despite repeated reminders by the departments and my repeated requests, the money for land diversion of forest land was not given. Con-

gress and Ashok Gehlot feared that if the land and money is given for the airport, Prime Minister Narendra Modi would lay the foundation stone for it," Om Birla said.

FROM P1...

Congress being...

"They have formed an opportunistic INDI Alliance, (it is like) a kite whose string has been cut before it could fly," he said.

He alleged that the previous Congress govt in the state committed a scam in the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. "Now our Bhajan Lal govt has come. It is also investigating the scam. If there was no Congress govt here, by now we would have come very close to the target of providing water to every house," he said. Minister Otram Devasi, MP Devji Patel, MLAs Chhagan Singh Rajpurohit, Jeevaram Chaudhary, were at public meet in Bhinmal. PM

PM MODI'S JIBE AT SONIA GANDHI

Jalore: Addressing a public meeting in Bhinmal in support of BJP candidate Lubar Chaudhary, Modi said the country is punishing the Congress party for its 'sins'. "Those who cannot contest elections, cannot win elections have fled the field. This time, they have come to Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan. The condition of Congress is so bad," PM Narendra Modi said.

Modi accused Congress in Banswara of neglecting tribal welfare, stating they couldn't identify a single Adivasi candidate for President during their 60-year governance.

Dotasra urges people to vote for Cong candidates

First India Bureau
Ajmer

PCC President, GS Dotasra, asserted that PM Narendra Modi has not fulfilled the promises made so far. Therefore, he emphasised the necessity for a change at the Centre. Addressing a public meeting held in support of Congress candidate Ramchandra

Chaudhary from the Ajmer LS constituency in Kishangarh's Arai on Sunday, Dotasra appealed to people to vote for Congress. He criticised Modi govt while highlighting several initiatives undertaken by Congress govt during its tenure. In another event, he campaigned for party candidate Harish Meena in Malpura.



GS Dotasra & Tikaram Jullu being felicitated during a public meeting held in support of Cong candidate, Ramchandra Chaudhary at Arai village in Kishangarh tehsil of Ajmer district on Sunday. Dr Raghu Sharma, Naseem Akhtar & others are seen.

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, other leaders extend wishes to Rajendra Rathore on his birthday

First India Bureau
Jaipur

Senior BJP leader and former LoP, Rajendra Rathore, celebrated his birthday on Sunday. He received warm wishes and greetings from across the country and the state.

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma also extended his best wishes to Rajendra



Rajendra Rathore addresses public meeting in Bundi.

Rathore on his birthday.

Taking to social media, CM Sharma wished for his healthy, prosperous, and long life seeking blessings from Lord Shri Ram. Leaders & people from various spheres of life conveyed their greetings to Rathore on his special day, acknowledging his contributions leadership in politics.

JANSAMPARK ABHIYAN

Neither Rahul Gandhi will become the PM, nor Article 370 will be reinstated, says GS Shekhawat

Rajeev Gaur
Jodhpur

Lashing out at Congress and INDIA alliance, BJP candidate from Jodhpur and union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Sunday said that a party in the alliance has said in the manifesto that if Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister, Article 370 will be restored in Kashmir. He sarcastically said



GS Shekhawat being felicitated during a public meeting held at Bawarli village in Shergarh tehsil in Jodhpur district on Sunday. Babu Singh Rathore & others were also present.

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Article 370 be restored in Kashmir. Speaking during cam-

The Union Minister remarked that under the Congress, the country's image had been perceived as weak, while Modi has since bolstered the nation. Additionally, the minister criticised the Congress for falsely promising to eradicate poverty

paingning, Shekhawat said that PM Narendra Modi abrogated article

370 in one stroke and hoisted the Indian tricolor in Kashmir.

"This was BJP's resolution, which PM Modi fulfilled," he said.

Referring to the Ram Temple, Shekhawat said that those who had refused to go to the Ram Temple for Pran Pratishtha, are now pretending to be Ram devotees. He said that Congress was afraid of its vote bank. MLA Babu Singh Rathore & other leaders were also present.

Super Singer Plus Kota auditions



Super Singer+ Rajasthan auditions in Kota attracted 81 talented singers at Maheshwari Bhawan. Judges Roshan Bharti, Tulsi Dan Verma and Meeta Agarwal were impressed. Chief guest Dr Zafar Mohammad received a warm welcome. Atul Arora, Rajesh Birla among others graced as guests of honour. Namrata Singh, Dipika Masrani and Tarunya Panwar secured the 'Ticket to Jaipur'. Sponsors like Wonder Cement and AU Small Finance Bank supported the event. First India OTT team led by Swati Malik executed the audition flawlessly. Talent search for Super Singer+ Rajasthan extends to 13 cities, promising captivating performances. MORE ON P11



HARMONY REIGNS IN KOTA!

The city of Kota was filled with melodious tunes as Super Singer+ Rajasthan, an initiative by First India Plus, conducted its auditions at Maheshwari Bhawan on Sunday.

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PETALS OF PASSION

In a world of fleeting trends and ever-changing styles, rose-themed dresses stand as a timeless testament to enduring beauty. City First brings to you their delicate allure and romantic symbolism, these garments transcend mere fashion to become symbols of elegance & grace.

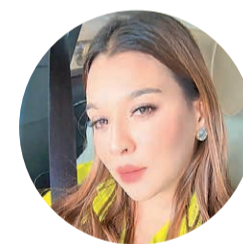
In the realm of fashion, certain motifs stand as timeless symbols of beauty, elegance, and romance. Among these, the rose emerges as an enduring emblem of sophistication and allure. From haute couture runways to the bridal aisle, rose-themed dresses captivate with their delicate allure and timeless charm.

Throughout history, roses have held significant symbolic meaning in various cultures. Regarded as a symbol of love, passion, and femininity, the rose transcends mere botanical beauty to evoke profound emotions. In the realm of fashion, designers harness the symbolism of roses to infuse garments with a sense of romance and allure.

A rose-themed dress evokes a sense of ethereal beauty, captivating all who behold it. Whether adorning an evening gown, a bridal ensemble, or a casual summer dress, the delicate petals of the rose imbue garments with a touch of enchantment. From intricate floral embroidery to whimsical rose prints, designers employ a myriad of techniques to capture the essence of this timeless bloom.

One of the most enchanting aspects of rose-themed dresses lies in their versatility. Whether showcased in soft pastel hues or bold, vibrant tones, rose motifs seamlessly complement a variety of styles and occasions. From sleek and sophisticated silhouettes to flowing, bohemian designs, rose-themed dresses exude elegance in every form.

The allure of rose-themed dresses extends far beyond the realm of everyday attire, gracing the stages of high-fashion runways and red carpet-events alike. Renowned designers often incorporate rose motifs into their collections, showcasing the enduring appeal of this botanical



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symbol. Celebrities, too, embrace the enchantment of rose-themed dresses, donning them at premieres, award ceremonies, and gala events.

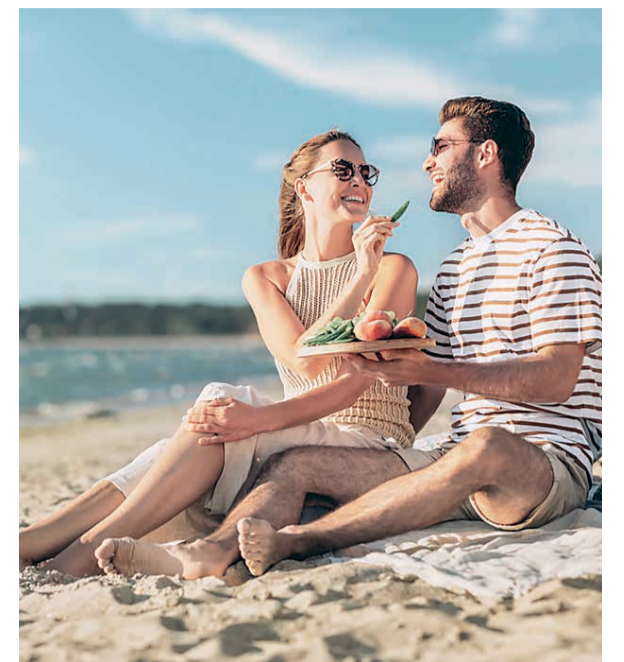
For brides seeking timeless elegance on their special day, rose-themed dresses offer an enchanting choice. Whether featured in intricate lace overlays, delicate appliques, or cascading floral embellishments, roses add a touch of romance to bridal ensembles. From classic white gowns to soft blush hues, rose-themed wedding dresses capture the essence of love and beauty.

Beyond the realm of apparel, roses find expression in a myriad of accessories, further enhancing the allure of rose-themed ensembles. From delicate floral hairpieces to intricately crafted rose jewellery, these accessories serve as the perfect complement to rose-themed dresses, adding a touch of botanical beauty to any outfit.



Navigating Relationships IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Understanding Red and Green Flags Through the Eyes of Gen Z



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"Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."

—Emily Brontë

In recent years, social media platforms have become a breeding ground for discussions about healthy relationships, sparking conversations about red flags, green flags, and more recently, beige flags. Among Gen Z, this fashion has gained significant momentum, as they seek to navigate the complexities of modern dating including love, lust and dhokha. Moreover, relationship coaches and gurus, storytellers or open mic performers facilitate it though the old-school philosophy of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle and Sartre is way far different. When it comes to red and green flags in relationships, influencers often share their own experiences and opinions, which can influence how Gen Z categorizes certain behaviours.

However, it is important to question the validity of the signs provided by these influencers and influencers in the media. Can anyone truly understand the depths of a person's heart and mind? Are there not individuals who hide red flags while showcasing green flags

to deceive and victimize others?

In the digital age, teenagers and techno-savvy youth have a unique way of navigating relationships. With the rise of social media and online platforms, they are exposed to a world of connections and opportunities, often encountering both red flags and green flags along the way. Understanding these indicators can be crucial for maintaining healthy relationships and avoiding potential pitfalls.

A red flag is a warning sign, indicating behaviors or characteristics within a relationship that may be potentially harmful or toxic as used by youngsters. These flags can be emotional, physical, or even social. Examples include controlling behaviour, excessive jealousy, being authoritative and aggressive in relationships, emotional manipulation, dishonesty, constant criticism and a lack of respect. Recognising and acknowledging red flags is essential for maintaining a healthy and safe relationship and avoiding toxic relationships as we all know, people suffer a lot because of wrong choices in close relationships which spoil their mental peace, physical health, money and time life.

Green flags, on the other hand, symbolize positive aspects and healthy behaviours in a relationship. These flags demonstrate traits that build trust, promote open communication, and foster mutual respect. They might include effective communication, support, empathy, and willingness to compromise. Paying attention to green flags can help individuals identify and nurture relationships that are both fulfilling and nurturing.

A licensed clinical psychologist and Founder of Couples Learn, an online psychology practice helping couples and individuals improve and change their patterns in love and relationships, Sarah Schewitz says- "A new relationship can feel like a traffic light—we're looking for signs from our partner that tell us to keep going, take things slowly, or hit the brakes. That's where green flags come in! Unlike red flags, which are glorified warning signs, green flags let you know when things are headed in a safe and healthy direction with your significant other." While the concept of red and green flags has gained significant popularity, the notion of beige flags has recently joined the clan for discourse. Beige flags represent behaviours or situations that are not inherently positive or negative but rather depend on individual preferences or boundaries. It is important to understand and communicate personal needs and boundaries within a relationship, and beige flags provide an opportunity for self-reflection and communication.

If we consider insights from Relationship Coaches and Gurus, Dr Alexandra Solomon, a psychologist and author, emphasizes self-awareness and boundary-setting in relationships: "Recognizing and addressing red flags allows us to honour our intuition, while identifying green flags helps build a foundation of trust. Beige flags remind us to prioritize personal boundaries, ensuring relationships align with our values and needs."

Well-known for their philosophy of human relations, the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre asserted that conflict is an inherent feature of any social encounter. In his philosophical work, 'Being and Nothingness', Sartre argues that human relations alienate the self. So the basic thing that is required for any relationship to grow is one need to understand the self and its needs. When you don't understand and value your inner self, you can't value and respect the relations as well. To ensure healthy relationships where one can refrain oneself from going through suffering, pain and

trauma as we see in our surroundings, schools, colleges and offices or at news channels and read in newspapers daily, one needs to be aware enough to choose the right person and building strong grounds for a relation.

Author and relationship coach Mark Groves highlights the significance of individual growth within relationships and says, "Green flags can be seen as opportunities for personal growth and expression. They enable partners to feel supported and empowered, providing a strong foundation to build a healthy and loving relationship." Sarah emphasizes the importance of active listening in the relations and comfy each other with a physical presence and salubrious dialogue showing concern.

John Bowlby, a psychologist argues in his Attachment Theory that love is rooted in attachment and the bonds between two people are based on a need for security and safety. Thus red flags alert can be taken into consideration when one doesn't feel safe and secure in the relationship. One needs to exert to make other partner feel safeguarded with him or her hence insecurities and dependence on online media for true relations to break most of the relations.

Although the prevalence of social media platforms allows for constant connectivity and instant gratification, which can impact how relationships are formed and maintained yet lacks a humane touch. Dating apps, online communities, and virtual platforms have become popular means of meeting new people and connecting with potential romantic interests. However, with this increased ac-

cessibility comes a unique set of challenges. Online dialogues and interactions seem too movielike and glossy, lacking non-verbal cues and personal connections, making it easier to misinterpret intentions or hide true emotions, moreover portrays a nice picture of platonic bonding that is most of the time fake and deceptive. Additionally, the curated nature of social media often leads to portrayals of a 'perfect' life, making it difficult to discern what is real and what is simply an illusion.

Indian Actress and Model Sargun Mehta said, "aajkal ghoomte phirte ladke red flag hi hai, I think, ladke hi nhi, ladkiya bhi hai." She further said that we are in a time, millennium, an era of Gen Z, where youth keep swiping reels left and right, up and down and can't pay attention to one thing for more than 3-4 seconds. In case if boyfriend or girlfriend is not responding soon, they too are easily replaceable for them and it takes very little time to wipe them off. According to her, relationships are not made with five good qualities and five bad qualities. Both genders have bad or good qualities; it is up to us how we accept each other, therefore, partners in relations need to turn their red flags into the green to make their relations work.

Building a solid foundation that includes face-to-face communication, maintaining personal boundaries, and understanding the difference between real-life and online personas is essential. Young individuals need to remember that the Internet is merely a tool for communication and should not replace genuine human connection, thus they need to strike a balance between the online and offline world in

adopt these categorizations without critically evaluating them. This can result in a lack of nuance and critical thinking regarding relationship dynamics. In this case, one needs to observe one's conditions and relations not according to what others take is but what he or she feels personally and how the relation is a supporting pillar or a hindrance in growth making life more troublesome. English novelist and poet George Eliot said that the greater thing there for two human souls in a relationship is the feeling that they are joined to strengthen each other.

The philosopher Plato believed that true love is based on a deep connection between two people that is rooted in shared values and a common understanding of the world. Ultimately, Gen Z (and anyone else) need to form their own opinions and judgments based on their values, beliefs, and experiences. While influencers can provide valuable insights and perspectives, it is important not to blindly adopt their categorizations as universal truths.

As awareness and understanding of healthy relationships continue to evolve, the conversations around red flags, green flags, and beige flags have gained traction on social media, particularly among Gen Z. By recognizing and addressing red flags, embracing green flags, and respecting beige flags, individuals can foster relationships

that are meaningful, fulfilling, and built on mutual trust and respect. Remember, relationships thrive when both partners prioritize open communication, personal growth, and the setting of boundaries.

(Dr. Shalini Yadav is a Professor, Writer and columnist.)

the context of close relations to value the real world and authentic relations.

When it comes to red flags and green flags, being aware, observant, and assertive is key. Recognizing warning signs such as excessive secrecy, lack of transparency, or manipulative behaviour is crucial. Trusting one's instincts and seeking guidance from trusted adults or mentors is important in navigating the complexities of relationships.

'Red Flags, Green Flags' by an internationally renowned psychologist and behavioural expert Dr Ali Fenwick is a book that can assist youth to handle the pressure of fleeting infatuations painful love relations, and nery parents' desires baggage at home to assignments by cantankerous bosses at the offices that suck blood, and lead towards a serene and harmonious life. It can guide through unhealthy and healthy social conduct. It also aids in improving emotional intelligence and learning how to understand one's own needs and expectations when it comes to relationship building and identifying green signals.

However, it is important to note that categorizing behaviours as red or green flags is subjective and can vary depending on individual perspectives and experiences. What one person perceives as a potential

danger zone (red flag), another person might view as acceptable or even righteous. Social media influencers may have personal biases that influence how they categorize behaviours, and their followers may

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TUNING INCLUSION!

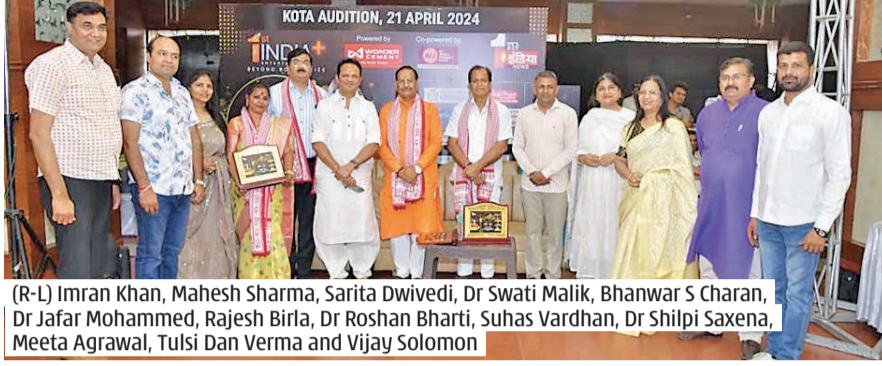


Bhanwar S Charan, a seasoned journalist from Kota, was instrumental in the successful organisation of the Super Singer+ Rajasthan Kota Audition, a special initiative by First India Plus. Using his deep understanding of the local culture and community, he created an inclusive atmosphere, allowing talented singers from diverse backgrounds to shine. Bhanwar's dedication and careful planning received praise from the entire team, ensuring a smooth audition process for 'Super Singer+ Rajasthan' in Kota.

HARMONY Reigns in Kota



Participants at the Kota audition



(R-L) Imran Khan, Mahesh Sharma, Sarita Dwivedi, Dr Swati Malik, Bhanwar S Charan, Dr Jafar Mohammed, Rajesh Birla, Dr Roshan Bharti, Suhars Vardhan, Dr Shilpi Saxena, Meeta Agrawal, Tulsi Dan Verma and Vijay Solomon



Jury members & host with the winners: (L-R) Namrata Singh, Meeta Agarwal, Dr Roshan Bharti, Tarunya Panwar, Tulsidan Verma, Manmeet Singh & Dipika Kanwar

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The city of Kota was filled with melodious tunes as Super Singer+ Rajasthan, an initiative by First India Plus, conducted its auditions at Maheshwari Bhawan on Sunday. The event attracted a crowd of eighty-one talented singers from Kota, all eager to showcase their skills on the grand stage. A distinguished panel of judges, including Roshan Bharti, Tulsi Dan Verma, and Meeta Agarwal, were astounded by the exceptional performances displayed by the participants. Dr. Zafar Mohammad (Congress Leader and Chairman of Pragati Group of Academies) was warmly welcomed. Roshan Bharti, one of the esteemed judges of the event, is a renowned singer from Rajasthan who held a significant role in the careers of both singers Piyush Pandey and Shreya

Ghoshal as their mentors. His influence extends beyond just mentorship, as he shares a close friendship with renowned ghazal singer Jagjit Singh. With his expertise and guidance, Roshan Bharti contributes greatly to the music industry. Atul Arora, Rajesh Birla (Chairman of Maheshwari Samaj, Kota), Dr Shilpi Saxena (Music Professor), and Suhas Vardhan (Manager of SBI & renowned Singer) were present as guests of honour. Among the plethora of talented singers, three standout performers, Namrata Singh, Dipika Kanwar, and Tarunya Panwar, secured the coveted 'Ticket to Jaipur' (Golden Pass), capturing the hearts of the discerning judges. The event was made possible through the generous support of sponsors including Wonder Cement (Powered by), AU Small Finance Bank (Co-Powered by), Jaipur National University (Associate Sponsor), Spring Board Academy



(Associate Sponsor), Competishun (Associate Sponsor), Lal Readymades, Kota (Fashion & Style Partner), Maheshwari Bhawan, Kota (Venue Partner), Kesar Punjabi Dhaba, Kota (Hospitality Partner), Dr Kamdaar Eye Hospital (Supported by), Eakia X Orab-Couture House (Supported By), Metta Yoga & Music Centre (Supported by) and Devranjani Music School (Supported by). The seamless execution of the event was attributed to the dedicated efforts of the First India OTT team, led by Swati Malik (General

Manager), Vijay Solomon (Chief Grievance officer), Hemant Sharma (Programming Head), Sanjeev Kumar (Productions Head), Manmeet Singh (Anchor), Sarita Dwivedi & Alok Dwivedi (Show Mentors), Shruti Anindita Verma (Show Director), Manvendra Singh Shekhawat (Wardrobe Sponsor), Bhanwar S Charan (Senior Reporter), Shubhanshi Pathak (Content Head), Suraj B Goswami (Reality Director), Maanya Varma (Reality Producer), Indu Rathore (Anchor), Vania Singh (Snow Stylist), Pratiksha Kanwar & Manish



Dr Swati Malik & Meeta Agarwal felicitate Dr Shilpi Saxena



(L-R) Rajesh Birla, Dr Zafat Mohammad & Dr Roshan Bharti



Musician Anurag Makhani felicitated by Mahesh Sharma



Musician Sunil Uproj felicitated by Dr Swati Malik

Beniwal (IT Team), Pan-kaj Punjabi (Event Coordinator), Rahul Meena, Hitesh Saini, Siya Ram Meena, Abhishek, Anil Meena, Ajay Mahwar, Vishal Meena & Dheeresh Mewara (Team of V Production) and Ram Chandra Singh, Rohtash Kumar, Ghanshyam Karol, Sandeep Rawat, Ankit Singh Rathore, Ashmit Yogi and Chittar Khan (Productions Team). With auditions spanning across 13 cities, Super Singer+ Rajasthan continues its quest to unearth the finest musical talents across the region, promising more enthralling performances in the days to come. For Rajasthanis residing outside India, auditions will also be held in Dubai and California, further extending the reach of this exciting talent hunt.

TUNE IN!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BELOW ARE THE AUDITION DATES FOR SUPER SINGER+ RAJASTHAN IN VARIOUS CITIES:

SRI GANGANAGAR	APRIL 23, 2024
BIKANER	APRIL 25, 2024
JAIPUR	APRIL 27-28, 2024
BHARATPUR	APRIL 30, 2024
GUWAHATI	APRIL 28, 2024



Atul Arora and Manmeet Singh



Deepa Vishwas

Naresh Digga

Saumay Deepak

Nisha Nama

Arpita Sharma



Twinkle Khanna & Akshay Kumar

KHANNA'S UNDERWORLD Connections?

Twinkle Khanna, the former actress and better half of Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, is no stranger to controversy. However, she's not one to shy away from addressing rumours head-on, and her latest column for the renowned newspaper is proof of just that. In a fiery retort to the decade-old rumours linking her to underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's parties, Twinkle slammed what she termed 'media fabrications.' With her signature wit, she quipped about the absurdity of the claims, stating that even her children would question her dancing skills if such reports were true. Recalling the ordeal, Twinkle highlighted the prevalence of fake news in today's media landscape, drawing parallels to other instances of misinformation, including morphed images and baseless rumours about the origin of the coronavirus. Her husband, Akshay Kumar, also stood by her side, vehemently denying any truth to the allegations back in 2010. Addressing the media circus surrounding the rumours, Akshay expressed his frustration, emphasizing his long-standing career in the industry as evidence of their falsehood. But Twinkle's life isn't just about dodging rumours; she's carved her path as an author, with a string of successful books under her belt. From her witty debut, 'Mrs Funnybones,' to the more recent 'Welcome to Paradise,' Twinkle continues to captivate audiences with her sharp humour and candid insights. As the gossip mills churn, Twinkle Khanna remains unfazed, proving yet again that she's not just a Bollywood wife but a force to be reckoned with in her own right.



Varun Dhawan

Joyful Baby Shower

Varun Dhawan and Natasha Dalal, Bollywood's beloved couple, are all set to embark on the journey of parenthood! The couple, who tied the knot in a dreamy ceremony in 2021, delighted fans with the news of Natasha's pregnancy earlier this year. Now, as they prepare to welcome their bundle of joy, the duo recently celebrated with a heartwarming baby shower. The festivities were captured in an adorable Instagram post by none other than Mira Kapoor, wife of actor Shahid Kapoor. The highlight? A scrumptious two-tiered cake stealing the show, adorned with floral decor and topped with an irresistibly cute teddy bear. The sweet gesture was accompanied by heartfelt messages of congratulations, spreading joy across social media. Varun Dhawan, ever the doting husband, had previously melted hearts with a touching announcement of the pregnancy. A monochromatic snapshot featuring Varun, Natasha, and their furry friend Joey showcased the couple's excitement as



Instagram Post

they embraced this new chapter of their lives. The celebrations mark another milestone in the love story of Varun and Natasha, who exchanged vows in a private ceremony earlier this year. While Varun continues to charm audiences on the silver screen, Natasha's flair for fashion shines bright through her label. As fans eagerly await the arrival of the newest member of the Dhawan family, Varun keeps the excitement alive with a promising lineup of projects. From the Indian adaptation of Amazon Prime's Citadel to the much-anticipated Baby John, Varun Dhawan's professional journey remains as captivating as ever. With love, laughter, and teddy bears galore, Natasha Dalal's baby shower is a delightful reminder of the joyous moments life has to offer in the world of Bollywood's power couples."

Homecoming in Grand Style

HYDERABAD WELCOMES HOME MRS INDIA FIRST RUNNER-UP SRUTHI CHAKRAVARTHI WITH GRAND CELEBRATION



Sruthi Chakravarthi caught in a candid moment on her arrival



Gorgeous beauty Sruthi received a warm floral welcome from journalist Sam Sowrabh, at Hyderabad airport



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Sruthi Chakravarthi, a software engineer hailing from Hyderabad, garnered accolades and admiration as she clinched the prestigious title of Mrs India First Runner-Up 2024. The glittering event, presented by Bharat24 and organised by the Glamanand Group, unfolded on the evening of April 16th at Zee Studios in



Sruthi with her proud family. Seen here are (L-R) Mahalakshmi, CS Raghunandan, Keertana Chakravarthi & Sita JC

the enchanting city of Jaipur.

Returning to her hometown on Saturday evening, Sruthi was greeted with a jubilant celebration at the airport. Her family, friends, and members of the media gathered to shower her with flowers, bouquets, and resounding applause, marking her triumphant homecoming in style.

The atmosphere at the airport buzzed with excitement and pride as Sruthi, adorned in her radiant aura of grace and accomplishment, stepped onto the familiar grounds of Hyderabad. Her victory in the Mrs India pageant not only brought honour to her family and friends but also served as a source of inspiration for aspir-

ing women across the city.

The warmth and enthusiasm of Sruthi's welcome resonated throughout Hyderabad, becoming the talk of the town. Her remarkable achievement serves as a testament to her resilience, talent, and unwavering determination to pursue her dreams, both in the realms of software engineering and beauty pageantry.

As Sruthi embraces her new-found status as Mrs India First Runner-Up 2024, her journey stands as a beacon of empowerment and encouragement for individuals to pursue their passions relentlessly, regardless of the challenges they may face.

Hyderabad proudly celebrates the homecoming of Sruthi Chakravarthi, a shining example of grace, talent, and indomitable spirit. Her triumph in the realm of beauty pageants will continue to inspire generations to come.

GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra greets Ashok Patni. Also seen is RK Jain

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra conveyed heartfelt congratulations to Ashok Patni, Vice Chairman of RAJREDCO, as he commemorated his housewarming ceremony at UTSAV in Babu Nagar, Jaipur on Sunday. Various dignitaries including RK Jain, Sr VP, Adani Group, among friends and family members were also present on the occasion. The gathering embodied a sense of unity and companionship, nurturing connections and creating lasting moments of joy and solidarity.

PROUD MOMENT!



The Ojas Cricket Tournament 2024, hosted at UPES University Dehradun, witnessed an extraordinary feat during a league match between Amity Mohali University and Manipal University, Jaipur on Sunday. Manipal University's Pradyuman Singh stunned the crowd by smashing a century in just 27 balls, setting a new world record. His explosive innings comprised 12 sixes and 6 fours, totalling 105 runs at a striking rate of 362.07. The match details are now accessible on the "KickHero" app, immortalizing this historic achievement.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The Public Relations Society of India, Jaipur Chapter, marked the 47 National Public Relations Day with an awards ceremony on Sunday. The event theme 'Eternal Values and the Role of Public Relations in Emerging India', MLA Gopal Sharma emphasized PR's role in disseminating traditional values across society. He stressed truthfulness and righteousness as eternal principles. Senior official DR Mehta highlighted the altruistic endeavours of Jaipur Foot globally. Keynote speaker Acharya Kaushalendra Das underscored the importance of good conduct in tradition. The event also recognized outstanding individuals in the field of public relations.



Jaipur Runners and Jai Club collaborated with Fortis Hospital and Abdominal Cancer Trust for a 'Run for Health' event on Sunday. Co-founders Mukesh Mishra and Ravi Goenka initiated the run at 6 am from Jai Club, with participants covering 5 and 10 km. Club officials, including Jai Club Secretary Manoj Dasot, honoured finishers with medals. Dasot expressed commitment to future collaborations for member fitness. Coordinators highlighted an upcoming walk for Abdominal Cancer Day which will take place on May 19.

FUSION OF FASHION AND FUN

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The annual fashion extravaganza, 'Poornima Trends 2024', dazzled Jaipur as students from Poornima University (PU) showcased their designer collections amidst a star-studded affair on Sunday. Renowned fashion icons graced the event, witnessing the creative flair of budding designers. Adding a sporting twist, Rajasthan Royals players Yuzvendra Chahal, Riyan Parag, and Keshav Maharaj engaged in a lively 'Meet and Greet' session, sharing insights and laughter with the students. Riyan Parag revealed Chahal's humorous side, proposing a cricket revolution of 8 runs for an out-of-the-ground ball. Chahal expressed his dream team



(L-R) Dr Suresh Chandra Padhy, Shashikant Singhi, Yuzvendra Chahal, Keshav Maharaj, Riyan Parag, Rahul Singhi & Vedika Dangda



A still from the fashion show

inclusion of Dhoni and Kohli, while Maharaj envisioned a journey to the past to meet his grandparents. Highlighting social issues, the runway featured sequences inspired by diverse themes like Black Magic, Blindness, and Clean Energy. JIET, Jodhpur students are also captivated with their creations. Awards for creativity and social awareness capped off the event, celebrating innovation and impact in fashion.

HONOURING DEMOCRACY!

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Everyone was helping to make the bridge to reach Lanka. One squirrel was carrying pebbles when a monkey asked what

he was doing there and shouted at him to get out of the way. The squirrel said he was carrying pebbles to build Lord Rama's bridge. The monkey laughed at the squirrel. But Lord Rama thanked him for all his noble gestures however small. This Squirrel



story was cited by Ronak when he was asked what inspired him to come from the USA to cast his vote in Vaishali Nagar on Sunday. He was invited and honoured for his special gesture to cast a vote by Nursery Park Yog Parivaar.

Ravi Kamra from Yog Class was sharing his concern about the low percentage of voting. He said he had talked to many people asking them if they cast their vote, but

50% of people said one or the other thing to make an excuse that they did not cast their vote. Some said our vote was not there. Some said our vote was in some other area or some other town meaning thereby that all these months since the elections were declared, they did not bother about their sacred right of voting. This apathy of educated people is the cause behind this low percentage in general elections. When we

are very particular about making an Aadhaar card, our driving license or passport then why should we neglect our voter ID? I think like the Aadhaar card if it is made mandatory for everyone to have a water ID at least it can improve the scenario.

Nursery Park Yog Parivaar took the lead to honour Ronak and thanked his parents S N Vijayvargia, with his wife for the respect shown for our democracy.