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'NYAY HO KAR RAHEGA'

Blood of every Indian boiling, victims will definitely get justice: PM Modi on Pahalgam attack

Kashmir saw progress, but terrorists want to destroy it: Modi

Speaking during the 121st episode of his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi said Kashmir had witnessed unprecedented growth in recent years, with booming tourism, vibrant schools and colleges and a surge in opportunities for the youth, but terrorists want to derail the region's progress

ANI

New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and spoke about the "deep agony in his heart" while reassuring the families of the victims that "conspirators and perpetrators of the attack will face the harshest response.'

"Nyaye milke rahega", the PM said. Referring to the April 22 attack in Pahalgam as a sign of the desperation of the patrons of terrorism, calling it an act that highlights their cowardice.

In the 121st episode of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi called the terror attack as an attempt by those behind terrorism disrupt the peace Kashmir.



Today, as I talk my heart out with you, there is a deep agony in my heart. The Pahalgam terrorist attack has left every citizen of the country heartbroken. Every Indian feels deep sympathy for families of the victims NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER DURING MANN KI BAAT



AUTHORITIES DEMOLISH HOUSES OF THREE MORE ACTIVE TERRORISTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR



Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have demolished the houses of three suspected active terrorists in Bandipora, Pulwama, and Shopian districts as part of an ongoing crackdown on the terror ecosystem. This brings the total number of houses razed to nine since the terror attack at Pahalgam on April 22, which left 26 people dead and shocked the nation.

130 NUKES AIMED AT YOU: PAK MINISTER'S OPEN THREAT TO INDIA AS TENSIONS FLARE

In an explosive escalation of tensions, Pakistan Minister Hanif Abbasi openly threatened India with nuclear retaliation, warning that Pakistan's arsenal including Ghori, Shaheen, and Ghaznavi missiles along with 130 nuclear warheads - has been kept "only for India". Abbasi said if India dares to halt Pakistan's water supply, it should "prepare for a full-scale war".

CDS ANIL CHAUHAN MEETS DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH, BRIEFS HIM ON STRATEGIES



Days after the tragic Pahalgam terrorist attack. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday in Delhi and briefed him on key developments and strategies to counter Pakistan. According to reports, CDS briefed the Defence Minister on Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force's readiness and strength.

537 PAKISTANI NATIONALS, INCLUDING NINE DIPLOMATS & OFFICIALS. LEAVE INDIA IN 4 DAYS



India on SAARC visas ended on April 26, while for the rest, except those on medical visas, it closed on Sunday. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are valid till 29 April. At the Attari border in Amritsar, vehicles queued up as Pakistani nationals rushed to cross over to their country. As many as 537 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India in four days from the Attari-Wagah border border point.

CHINA CLOSELY FOLLOWING 'EVOLVING INDIA, PAKISTAN SITUATION', REPORTS STATE MEDIA

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a phone call with his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said his country is closely following the situation between India and Pakistan. Wang told Dar that China supports an impartial investigation into the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

GUNMEN KILL SOCIAL ACTIVIST IN J&K'S KUPWARA DISTRICT

A 45-year-old civilian has been killed after he was shot at by unknown gunmen near his home in the Kandikhas area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district.The victim succumbed to his injuries during the treatment in Handwara hospital in Kupwara on Sunday.

POK FLOODED AS PAK SLAMS INDIA FOR JHELUM WATER FLOW

Pakistan accused India of suddenly releasing water into the Jhelum river without informing Pakistani authorities on Saturday. A report by Dunya News said a sudden surge in the water levels of the river was witnessed near Muzaffarabad in Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

TOURISTS RETURN TO PAHALGAM DAYS AFTER ATTACK

Days after the devastating terror attack, the serene valley of Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir is gradually returning to a sense of normalcy. The region has once again begun welcoming both domestic and international visitors, although there has been a decline in the number of tourists.



Mourners began lining up to visit the tomb of the late Pope Francis at the St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome as it opened for public on Sunday

9 killed, 20 hurt after vehicle rams into fest

A 30-year-old man drove a vehicle into a crowd at a Filipino heritage festival (Lapu Lapu Day festival) in the Canadian city of Vancouver, killing at least nine people and injuring more than 20 others, authorities said on Sunday. Suspect was detained by bystanders before the police arrived and further probe is on in the incident.

Jaishankar, Doval may not attend BRICS meet

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's participation in the BRICS NSA meeting in Brazil on April 30 remains uncertain due to heightened tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. Also, sources said a final decision regarding Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar's travel has not been made yet.

SP MP Ramjilal's convoy attacked in Aligarh

Samajwadi Party MP Ramjilal Suman's convoy was allegedly attacked by members of the Karni Sena near Khereshwar Chauraha in Aligarh on Sunday. Suman was stopped at Gabhana toll plaza. Visuals show several individuals hurled tyres at the high-speed vehicles, causing them to swerve and collide on the road.

anti-ship missile in sea

Anytime, anywhere, anyhow message: Displaying 'combat-ready' strike power

Agencies

New Delhi

The Indian Navy on Sunday successfully carried out multiple anti-ship missile firings, reaffirming its commitment to protecting the nation's maritime interests.

In a statement released on X, the Navy said, "Indian Navy Ships undertook successful multiple anti-ship firings to revalidate and demonstrate readiness of platforms, systems and crew for long range precision offensive strike. Indian Navy stands Combat Ready Credible and Future Ready in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests Anytime Any-



where Anyhow."

The tests come against the backdrop of heightened tensions between New Delhi and Islamabad following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, where 26 people, mostly tourists, were

On Thursday, Navy's latest indigenous guided missile destroyer, INS Surat, also conducted a successful test firing.

Indian Navy test fires Terrorists trekked 22 hrs via rough terrain: Sources

Forensic analysis confirms use of AK-47 and M4 rifles

New Delhi

Fresh details emerging from the investigation into the Pahalgam terror attack suggest that the terrorists who carried out the horrific assault on April 22, killing 26 people, trekked nearly 20 to 22 hours through difficult terrain from Kokernag forests to the scenic Baisaran valley to execute their deadly plan.

Two mobile phones one belonging to a local resident and the other to a tourist - were snatched by the terrorists during the attack, sources said. Four attackers were involved in the carnage: three Pakistani terrorists and one local terrorist, Adil Tho-



Two mobile phones, one belonging to a local resident and the other to a tourist, were snatched by the terrorists during attack.

kar, sources added.

Thokar, who initially joined Hizbul Mujahideen in 2018 after getting radicalised, crossed over to Pakistan legally using valid documents, where he received battle-hardened training with the Lashkar-e-Taiba before

returning to the Kashmir

Valley in 2024. terrain.

Since his return, Thokar is said to have been actively assisting Pakistani terrorists by providing logistics and acting as a guide through the region's treacherous

Pakistan Ratna: BJP calls Siddaramaiah

...after Karnataka CM's remark makes headline across border

Agencies Bengaluru

A day after his "not in favour of war with Pakistan" remark sparked a massive row. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday clarified that he "never said we should not go to war". The Congress veteran's remarks have, meanwhile, drawn sharp responses from the BJP, with its leaders calling Siddaramaiah a "Pakistan Ratna" and pointing to Pakistan media reports about his remark.

"I never said we should never go to war with Pakistan, I just said war is not the solution. Protection should have been given to

Temple 'purification' row: BJP expels



Strict security measures must be initiated. We are not in favour of waging war, Siddaramaiah had said sparking a controversy.

the tourists. Whose responsibility is this? I have said there has been a failure," the Congress leader said. He added, "There is a failure of intelligence."

NATION-BUILDING SPIRIT

PM Modi's inspiring'Mann Ki Baat' reflects India's development journey: CM Bhajan Lal

First India Bureau Mumbai/Jaipur

rime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on Sunday during the 121st edition of his radio promonthly 'Mann Ki gramme, Baat'. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, who was in Mumbai, listened to the broadcast at Mumbai Airport.

Reflecting on the programme, Chief Minister



121st episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' at Mumbai Airport on Sunday.

this inspiring address, the Prime Minister viv-

Sharma said that through idly illustrated India's remarkable journey of development.

He noted that the Prime Minister's words encouraged every section of society to ensure active participation in the grand mission of nation building. Sharma further re-

marked that Prime Minparty. ister Modi's message carries a profound impact, inspiring the people to move forward with renewed determination under the pledge of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" (One India, Great India).

ex-Rajasthan MLA Gyan Dev Ahuja First India Bureau

Jaipur

The ruling BJP in Rajasthan on Sunday expelled its former MLA Gyan Dev Ahuja, who was recently at the centre of temple "purification" controversy, from primary membership of the

The action has been taken against Ahuja following a probe by BJP's disciplinary committee, a party order said.

BJP state president Madan Rathore has given orders to terminate Ahuja's primary membership



controversy earlier this month after he sprinkled Ganga water at a Ram temple in Alwar to "purify" it following Congress leader Tikaram Jully attended a consecration ceremony there.

Ahuja had sparked a

 Ex-chief minister Ashok Gehlot had termed Ahuja's act an "insult" to a Dalit.

of the party for "indiscipline", it said.

Earlier on Sunday, Ahuja appeared before the BJP's disciplinary committee to present his

Later, talking to re-

porters, he said, "I have not done anything anti-

He claimed that the BJP has made a mistake by expelling him by falling prey to the propaganda of the Congress.



Weather Update Jodhpur and Bikaner divisions hit hard

Heatwave grips Rajasthan, Barmer records 46.1°C

First India Bureau Jaipur

The weather conditions across Rajasthan have been experiencing extreme heat, with the Jodhpur division witnessing heatwave conditions on Sunday. Barmer recorded the highest temperature at 46.1 degree Celsius, which is 4 degrees above the normal temperature.

According to the meteorological department, in the next 3-4 days, the majority of the state will continue to experience dry weather conditions. There is a strong likelihood that temperatures will rise by 2-3°C in coming days in certain areas of the Jodhpur and



Bikaner divisions expecting maximum temperatures between 44-46°C. The heatwave will intensify in western Rajasthan, which is expected to experience a significant rise in temperature, along with warmer nights, between April 28 and 29.

In Eastern Rajasthan, some parts will also witness heatwave conditions between April 29 and 30. Around 26 cities in the state recorded 40 degrees and above.

There is a strong possibility of temperature falling due to thunderstorm, storm and rain activities in the first week of May

Massive fire erupts in sixstorey building near Kartarpura

First India Bureau Jaipur

A massive fire broke out in a six-storey building near Kartarpura Crossing, Jaipur, leading to a significant emergency response on Sunday evening. Several fire engines and tenders along with rescue teams rushed to the scene to control the fire, which quickly spread across multiple floors of the building.

The fire brigade teams have successfully rescued six people caught in massive blaze, including two women. Efforts to extinguish the fire are still ongoing. Local residents of the area, along with fire personnel, are actively trying to put out the flames while dealing with the heavy smoke. Efforts are underway to control the fire.

Road turns into junkyard!





Along the main road from Sanganer to Muhana Mandi, government land on both sides stretching over half a kilometre—has been severely encroached upon. Garages and workshops for four-wheelers have expanded nearly ten times beyond their designated limits. Hundreds of scrap vehicles now line the road, causing major obstruction. Despite this long-standing encroachment and the strong-arm tactics of shopkeepers, the administration remains indifferent. The problem worsens due to the heavy traffic pressure, as this route leads to Jaipur's largest market, Muhana Mandi. FI LENSMAN MUKESH KIRADOO highlights the plight of pedestrians crossing this stretch in the morning and evening.

Police bust IPL ticket racket in Jaipur, 56 tickets and a car seized

Jaipur

Jaipur Police in a succeful operation have arrested two persons for allegedly black marketing tickets of the IPL match between Rajasthan Royals and Gujarat Titans, scheduled to be played on Monday at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium here, officials said on Sunday.

Fifty-six tickets and a car have been recovered from the accused.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Tejaswani Gautam said that instructions had been given to all police stations in the city to prevent black marketing of tickets for the IPL match.

On April 26, based on a tip-off from CST constable Pradeep, police arrested Sandeep Natani (45), a resident of Chaura Rasta under the Kotwali police station, and Chandra Prakash (26), a resident of Kanwar Nagar under the Brahmapuri police station. During interrogation, the accused allegedly revealed that they were selling tickets worth Rs 2,400 for Rs 4,000 and tickets worth Rs 3,200 for Rs 5,000.



The accused with match tickets in police custody on Sunday.

DRUG TRAFFICKERS FROM PUNJAB CAUGHT **AFTER 2 KM CHASE**

In a major operation, Punjab-based drug traffickers, who broke through a police barricade, were caught after a 2 km chase. The Pugal police apprehended two drug traffickers who had come from Bajju with illegal opium. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Khajuwala CO Amarjeet Chawla. The Pugal SHO, Pawan Singh Tanwar, and his team were successful in catching the traffickers. The two traffickers from Punjab were arrested. The two individuals arrested were 65-yr-old Butta Singh, the driver, and 40-yr-old Gurvinder Singh. They were carrying 30 kgs

Locked gates, empty hospital for hrs force woman to give birth outside

Gopal Lodha Gogunda

In a heart-wrenching incident in Nandeshma, a woman was forced to deliver her baby outside the government hospital after finding the gates locked and no staff available. Kamlesh Gameti of Chalva village went into



labour late at night and gave birth en route to the hospital. Upon arrival, with both mother and newborn in serious con-

dition, they were left unattended outside for nearly six hours. A local woman had to cut the baby's umbilical cord.

Villagers, enraged by the hospital's negligence, informed elected representatives and health officials, blaming the lack of medical care for endangering lives.

One nation, one election' workshop held in Jaipur

First India Bureau

Jaipur

A state-level workshop for lawyers was held on Sunday at the BJP state office under the One Nation One Election cam-

Narpat Zoya

Didwana

In a daring heist, miscre-

ants targeted an ATM in

Toshina, cutting it open

and stealing cash worth

several lakhs. The ATM

reportedly contained

around Rs 19 lakh at the

CCTV footage from

the scene shows four in-

dividuals involved in the

time of the incident.

Four miscreants loot ₹19

lakh from Toshina ATM

dent Madan Rathore, during the workshop, stated that the separation of Lok Sabha and state assembly elections results in the country being in a constant election mode. This quent elections waste the development and governkeeps the administrative country's time, money, ance throughout their en-

theft. As the market was

closed during the night,

local residents remained

unaware of the robbery

ternoon that news of the

incident reached the au-

thorities, prompting the

police to rush to the spot.

Superintendent of Police

Hanuman Prasad also ar-

rived at the scene to over-

see the investigation.

It was only by the af-

until much later.

es, and political leadership preoccupied with elections, causing disruption to development activities and delays in policy decisions. "Fre-

First India Bureau

Jaipur

A meeting to invite sug-

gestions for the success-

ful implementation of

Annapurna Bhandar at

5000 fair price shops

across the state will be

held today at the corpora-

tion headquarters under

the chairmanship of Raj

State Food and Supplies

Corporation Managing

Campaign State Convenor Sunil Bhargava highlighted that conducting simultaneous elections will allow governments to focus on

Meeting to finalise implementation of

Annapurna Bhandar at 5000 shops today

Director Rajendra Verma.

ment proposed to open

Annapurna Bhandar at

The budget announce-



5,000 fair price shops to

provide daily essential

goods to low-income

families at reasonable

prices. This will provide

financial support to fair

price shopkeepers work-

ing under public distribu-

tion system & high qual-

ity multi-brand consumer

goods will be made avail-

able to the general public

through them at competi-

tive rates.

First India Bureau Gogunda Madan Rathore addressing

A govt teacher was sus pended after he was found guilty of making a student slaughter a chicken in the school.

Teacher makes

student cut &

clean chicken;

suspended

The education department took swift and strict action against Mohan Lal Doda, posted as teacher level-I in the govt senior secondary school, Savan who made a student slaughter a chicken during examination on Saturday. Following a report aired by First India News, an inquiry was ordered in which the teacher was found guilty- an act that tarnished the image of the department.

Doda has been suspended following an official inquiry led by Kotda Sub-Divisional Officer Hansmukh Kumar. The report confirmed his involvement in forcing the student to slaughter the chicken.

WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY & HEALTH AT WORK

Vedanta boosts safety with smart technologies

First India Bureau New Delhi

n World Day for Safety Health at Work, Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL) reaffirmed its commitment to a safetyfirst culture through a comprehensive suite of initiatives rooted in predictive and inclusive safety, supported by cutting-edge technologies. The company has deployed a host of leadingedge technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI)-led monitor-



ing systems, drones, fatigue detection systems, smart helmets, and teleremote operations, which are transforming industrial safety across its op-

Vedanta's zinc business in India, is the first in country to deploy virtual reality (VR)-based winder training simulator system that mimics the working of shafts (lifts)

Vedanta's proprietary T-Pulse platform uses artificial intelligence to enhance safety in critical operational areas in real time

which are used for material and manpower movement. The company is also the first to introduce VR-based underground vehicle simulator that trains employees in driving vehicle in mines.

Vedanta's aluminium business has deployed drones to perform in-

spections before material extraction at its operations. In oil & gas vertical, Vedanta has implemented an AI-based Safety Surveillance Monitoring System with AI cameras, resulting in an 80% reduction in manual efforts.

Vedanta is also engaging with Shark Tank Inparticipant Jarsh Safety, a startup involved in the development of smart safety wearables that is focused on reducing heat stress and improving connectivity in various industrial setups.

Minister urges swift action on water works

First India Bureau

Jaipur

A review meeting on drinking water-related works in Jaipur division was held on Sunday at the Gandhi Nagar office of the Public Health Engineering Department, chaired by the Public Health Engineering Minister, Kanhaiya Lal.

He emphasized that under the summer contingency plan, tasks like deepening bore wells, replacing pipelines, and changing pump sets should be completed swiftly to provide relief

In light of the challenges posed by the summer season, the Water Supply Minister provided various important directives to strengthen the drinking water system.

to the public during the intense heat. He also stated that emergency works approved by the district collector should be completed immediately, warning that any delay or negligence would not be



The visuals of the barbaric act surfaced on social media.

PAHALGAM EFFECT Borders tightened, emotions high, leaders seek unity amids deportations, family anguish & calls for strong action

Afseen Jahangir denied entry to Pak; returns to Jodhpur

Afseen Jahangir, who reached Jodhpur via the Atari-Wagah border in Punjab, couldn't hold back her tears on Sunday. Afseen, who had married in Karachi, Pakistan, had come to India with the hope of returning to her in-laws. But now, the situation has turned such that her children have gone to Pakistan, and she is left alone in Jodhpur.

After arriving in Jodhpur, Afseen spoke to the media and said, "What kind of justice is this that my children were allowed to cross the border, but I was separated from them? My in-laws and children are in Pakistan, and I am here alone. Can any government separate a mother from her children like this?"

The pain of being separated from her children was clearly visible in Afseen's eyes. She was feeling helpless, caught between anger and sorrow. Afseen explained that her children are Pakistani citizens, which is why they were allowed to return to Pakistan, but she was kept away from her family members.



Afseen Jahangir interacting with First India News in Jodhpur on

109 PAKISTANI NATIONALS SENT BACK FROM RAJASTHAN AFTER PAHALGAM ATTACK

Following the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, the Centre has issued an advisory ordering Pakistani nationals staying in India on short-term visas to leave the country immediately. Acting on the directive, Rajasthan has so far sent back 109 Pakistani citizens. According to police headquarters, 28 individuals were deported on Friday alone. It is reported that over 500 Pakistani nationals had arrived in Rajasthan on short-term visas. Authorities are swiftly identifying and deporting them. The move follows concerns over security after the Pahalgam attack, with efforts being made to ensure compliance with the government's advisory across the state.

Sunday. She was denied entry to Pak at Attari-Wagah border. Hindu family rejects order to move to Pak

First India Bureau Barmer

Following the recent Pahalgam attack, authorities have intensified efforts to identify and repatriate Pakistani nationals residing illegally in India. In Rajasthan, several such individuals have been identified, including an 18-member family that had settled in

On Saturday, the family – comprising six women, five children, and seven men – approached the CID office, pleading not to be sent back to Pakistan. They



Suresh's family wants to stay in India. They want to earn their living by working in Barmer

sire to remain in India, citing better living condifor their children.

"India is a good place; the cost of living in Paki-

expressed their deep de- stan is very high," they said. The family emphasised that their children tions and opportunities have now adapted to life in India and wish to continue their future here. A family member of the

stranded family Suresh added that there were no means of earning in Pakistan. The expenses were very high. We have applied for a long term visa

Day after row over offensive poster, Walled City peaceful

Jaipur

A day after tension erupted in the Walled City area of Jaipur over "Pakistan Murdabad" posters and offensive slogans allegedly pasted outside the Jama Masjid in Johri Bazaar, the area remained largely peaceful on Sunday. Police have been deployed here for the last 48 hours. They had to resort to mild force on Saturday evening but no untoward incident has been reported so far.

Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph, Ad- Rashi Dogra Doodi along



After the Friday incident, an FIR was registered against BJP leader and Hawa Mahal MLA Balmukund Acharya.

ditional Police Commissioner Kunwar Rashtradeep, Additional Police Commissioner Rameshwar Singh, DCP North

with senior officials were present till late on Saturday. Additional police force and the Abhay Command are together keeping a close vigil in the area.

Pilot meets Udhwani family, calls for united response on terrorism

First India Bureau

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot, reacting to the Pahalgam attack, said terrorists must be given a strong response in their own language. He stated that Cong & entire opposition stand united with the govt. Pilot noted the public's anger over attack and warned that its aim was

to create division and

inflame religious ten-

sions. Expressing con-



On Sunday, Sachin Pilot meets family members of late Neeraj Udhwani, who lost his life in Pahalgam terror attack.

dolences to victims' of a lapse, he urged families, he said the PM should have personally attended the all-party meeting. Acknowledging the govt's admission

avoiding blame games. On Balmukund Acharya, Pilot said his actions were wrong and he has been reprimanded.



Sikkim Governor Om Mathur & Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurating the Vivekananda E-Library at Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Alwar on Sunday.

Sikkim Guv: Modern edu is key to Viksit Bharat

Ashvini Yadav

Sikkim Governor Om Mathur inaugurated the 'E-Gurukul' digital library at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Alwar and flagged off two mobile e-libraries. He also planted saplings for environmental conservation. During a felicitation ceremony at Pratap Auditorium, Mathur virtually inaugurated additional e-libraries at

the State Library and Information Centre, joined by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and MoS Sanjay Sharma. Mathur emphasized modern education's role in nationbuilding, with e-libraries aiding youth's development. Yadav announced 101 e-libraries for Alwar, benefiting students, especially those preparing for competitive exams. Sharma discussed Alwar's infrastructure and water supply projects.

Strength of 140 cr Indians is biggest MLA Rafeek Khan Wife critical, Mahesh asset against terrorism: Rathore

Yogesh Sharma Jaipur

BJP state president Madan Rathore on Sunday said that PM Narendra Modi has assured the nation that iustice would be delivered to the families of the victims of Pahalgam terror attack. He said that those responsible for the attack and its conspirators would face the strictest punishment. The live broadcast of PM Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat was held on Sunday at the BJP state headquarters. Madan Rathore along with other leaders of the party listened to the PM Modi's programme.

He echoed the Prime Minister's sentiment, stating that the strength of 140 crore Indians united against terrorism is the nation's biggest asset.



BJP State President Madan Rathore during the press conference at BJP State headquarters in Jaipur on Sunday.

"The attack, carried out in a heinous manner, has been strongly condemned by major countries around the world, who stand in solidarity with India in the global fight against terrorism," Rathore said. He said that Modi through Mann Ki Baat always encourages and uplifts artists,

talents, and hardworking individuals from across the country. In the 121st episode, Modi spoke about Jitendra Singh Ranawat from Rajasthan, who achieved success in cultivating lychee in the state. Rathore noted that the BJP state office was also connected live during the programme.

welcomes Madan Rathore's remarks on Balmukund

First India Bureau

MLA Rafeek Khan said, Former PHED Minister Rathore's remarks. Those Manipal Hospital in wno attempt to incite unrest should be rejected by the people. Such elements should not be honoured but should be taught a lesson." He added, "The soil of Jaipur carries fragrance of love, the strength of brotherhood, and spirit of Ganga-Jamuni culture. The Cong and its leaders have always been guardians of unity, harmony, and progress, both for the nation and for the state."

"We are merchants of love, not hatred. We walk the path of development, not division and we also hope that Rathore will assure his commitment to these values," he added.

Joshi rushes to hosp with ED officials

Naresh Sharma

"We welcome Madan Mahesh Joshi rushed to Jaipur on Sunday morn ing to meet his wife, Kaushal Devi, who was on a ventilator. During this, he was accompanied by ED officials, who arrested him on Thursday in a money laundering case in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Rajasthan.

A visibly worried Joshi enquired about the condition of his wife admitted in ICU there. His wife's condition is said to be very serious for the last 24 hours and she was given

CPR twice. Even the doctors are discouraged by the deteriorating condition of



Mahesh Joshi in ED custody

Kaushal Devi. Meanwhile, Joshi's well-wishers have been praying to the Almighty for his wife's speedy recovery.

Joshi will be presented in the special court for PMLA cases on Monday. Officials from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) will present Mahesh Joshi before the court. Prior to the court appearance, Joshi will undergo a medical check-up. The check-up will take place at SMS Hospital by around 11 AM.

WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS ELATED

Tigress Rani gives birth to 5 cubs at N'garh

t Jaipur's Nahargarh Biologi-

cal Park, the tigeress 'Rani' has recently made a unique record by giving birth to five cubs. This time, Rani has given birth to one white cub and four golden cubs.

This is the first time in the history of both the Nahargarh Biological Park (NBP) and the entire state of Rajasthan



Tigress Rani has given birth to one white cub and four golden cubs at the Nahargarh Biological Park.

birth to five cubs at once. team is continuously

that a tigeress has given and the park's special Conservator of Forests (CCF), Wildlife, T. Mo-All the cubs are healthy, monitoring them. Chief hanraj, and Divisional

(DCF), Vijaypal Singh, are personally overseeing this significant event. Senior veterinarian Dr. Arvind Mathur and his team are also conducting regular health checks.

It is noteworthy that last year, on May 10, Rani gave birth to four cubs, one of which was stillborn, and one later died. The remaining two golden cubs, 'Bheem' and female cub 'Skandhi', are now major attractions at NBP. The birth of a white cub for the second consecutive

Conservator of Forests year has generated great excitement among wildlife enthusiasts and park management. Additionally, there may be more good news at the park— Asiatic lioness 'Tara', who gave birth to a cub on October 14 last year, is expected to give birth

> again soon. Furthermore, the park has also recently seen the birth of a male hippo calf and two cubs from a female bear named Jhumri, making Nahargarh Biological Park a vibrant celebration of life and biodiversity once again.

RUHS conducts medical officer exam peacefully across 70 centres

Vikas Sharma

Jaipur

The Medical Officer Recruitment exam by Rajasthan University of Health Sciences was conducted at 70 examination centres in Jaipur on Sunday. Observers were appointed at all centres and exams were conducted peacefully everywhere.

The exam was conducted in two shifts and a total of 17,190 candidates registered for the exam for 1700 posts. Officials in the Control room in the District Collectorate Office kept an eye on the tres. Out of 17,190 candi-



Candidates at an exam centre in Bani Park, Jaipur on Sunday

exams. A total of 70 subcoordinators and 18 flying squads were deployed for the examination.

The exam started sharp at 11 am at all the 70 cendates, 15040 candidates reached the examination centre. According to RUHS sources, more than 99% of candidates who downloaded admit cards appeared for the exam.

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MANY COUNTRIES RESIDING WITHIN INDIA



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See the latest example of Gujarat - 890 Bangladeshi citizens were detained from the streets of Ahmedabad, 134 more from Surat. Most of which had a Bengal Aadhaar card. The whole city suddenly questioned -"When and how we raised our small Bangladesh?" Passport? Visa? Permission? - All meaningless.

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books. But now the time has come to update it -"Many countries in India: more than one!" The price of patriotism is no longer limited to the tricolour. In some Mohalla's, patriotism is determined by Bangladeshi flags, from Pakistani eyes in some streets, some homes from foreign or woke ideologies. Whether the passport is valid or not, the spirit has become foreigner. Now the question is - whether Indians will survive in India or not?

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Bonus Level: Many Indian women who have married Pakistani citizens are still proudly holding Indian passports. Their needs, treatment, ration, government facilities - all run with the money of the same taxpayers, and the soldiers of the country are protecting the country by taking their lives on the palm on the border.

The great use of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" may not be found anywhere in the whole world! So what was the result? India is no longer a nation. It has become a huge, vibrant fair where everyone can choose a country of their choice, can hoist the flag of their reverence, live citizenship of their convenience. And what about us? We are standing in the crowd, which every time picks up the book of the Constitution and comfort itself - "All is well," "Everything is its own," "everything will improve."

And finally: Whether it is the statements of the Chief Minister of Karnataka, or the 'sour-sweet' comments of showing on social media, all of these together highlight the mentality of cheap, selfish, and masked holders. Where real issues are left behind,

And the politics of immediate profit keeps distributing us.

Saving India within India has now become our biggest struggle. Jai Hind!

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IN-DEPTH

India keeps Pak guessing about it's response

he suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, while a significant symbolic step, may not alone suffice as retribution for the brutal terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam. India's patience is clearly wearing thin, yet New Delhi is choosing its response with careful deliberation rather than haste.

In the past, surgical strikes and air raids have signalled India's resolve. This time, the government appears content to keep its cards close to its chest, allowing speculation to mount. By maintaining strategic ambiguity, India retains the element of surprise, forcing Pakistan to remain on edge.

A measured response could be more punishing than an immediate reaction. Diplomatic isolation, covert operations, or targeted economic measures are all possibilities. What is certain is that New Delhi will not allow the attack to go unanswered. By resisting the urge to react impulsively, India signals both strength and maturity, qualities essential in handling a volatile neighbour like Pakistan which is testing India's patience unprovoked firing from across the border.

BIG REPRIEVE FOR STUDENTS IN US



he Trump administration's decision to reverse its controversial directive on F1 visas for foreign students offers a much-needed reprieve to thousands of students studying in the United States. Earlier, the administration had announced that international students taking online-only classes would have to leave the country or face deportation, an order that sparked outrage across campuses and states. Universities like Harvard and MIT quickly filed lawsuits, with many institutions joining the legal challenge. The threat to international students was seen not just as unfair but also as economically damaging, considering the billions they con-

tribute annually to the U.S. education sector. This reversal fol-

lows a familiar pattern seen in Trump's trade policies as well sharp moves aimed at a domestic political audience,

later softened when faced with legal challenges, economic reality, and widespread opposition. Much like his partial retreats in the tariff wars, the administration's climb-down on student visas reflects a recognition that hardline tactics often backfire. The Trump administration's iniThe Trump administration's initial visa move risked damaging America's reputation as the world's leading hub for higher education. It also ignored the extraordinary circumstances created by the **COVID-19** pandemic, where online classes are a necessity, not a choice

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The reversal, prompted by over a hundred lawsuits, highlights the volatility of U.S. policy making under Trump — impulsive decisions often hastily reversed. However, the respite may be short-lived as new rules were being developed by Customs and Enforcement.



India's efforts in disaster management are significantly strengthened by the Sachet App, which provides warnings, alerts and timely information relating to disasters. #MannKiBaat

> Narendra Modi @narendramodi



Inaugurated the TrueBeam Unit at GMC and Cancer Hospital, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. This advanced facility is dedicated to enhancing our cancer care capabilities, bridging regional gaps and delivering world-class treatment to those who need it most. During my visit, I also inaugurated the extension of State Cancer Institute, marking a major milestone in cancer care. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble PM

Shri @narendramodi ji, special focus has been placed on

strengthening cancer care across the country. Jagat Prakash Nadda@JPNadda

SPIRITUAL SPEAK



Meet this transient world with neither grasping nor fear, trust the unfolding of life and you will attain true serenity.

BHAGAVAD GITA

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Govt allocated ₹3k cr for

cancer treatment: Nadda

JP Nadda along with Devendra Fadnavis inaugurates the 'True - Beam Unit' and dedicates the

121st episode of Mann ki Baat

India leading most successful space programme in world: PM

New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India has emerged as a global space power and is now leading the most cost-effective but successful space programme in the entire world.

Addressing the 121st episode of Mann ki Baat, Modi said that many countries are taking the help of the ISRO for their satellites. He said, "April marks 50 years of the launch of the Aryabhatta Satellite. Today, when we look back and remember this journey, we realise how far we have come. This flight of India's dreams in space once commenced with just conviction.'

Recalling the time when some young scientists worked with no modern resources or technology, often carrying critical equipment themselves on bullock carts and bicycles, Modi said, It was their "talent, dedication, hard work and the passion to do something for the country", that laid the foundation of India's space success. Many of the satellites that India uses today were launched under the supervision of Dr. Kasturirangan, he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

PM MODI HAILS GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ARYABHATA, INDIA'S FIRST SATELLITE

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MANN KI BAAT: PM DESCRIBES SIGNIFICANCE OF APRIL-MAY IN INDIA'S FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday reflected on the significance of the months of April and May in India's freedom struggle, highlighting the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters during that time. Addressing the 121st episode of his monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat,' PM Modi said, "Today is the last Sunday of April. The month of May is beginning in a few days. I will take you back around 108 years from today. The year 1917. In the two months of April and May, a unique battle for Independence was being fought in the country. The atrocities of the British were at their peak. The exploitation of the poor, the deprived, and the farmers had crossed inhuman levels." He spoke of the struggles faced by farmers, particularly in Bihar, where the British were forcing them to cultivate indigo, a crop that rendered the soil barren.



Manik Saha with the people of booth no-17 listens to PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program, at Bamutia in West Tripura on Sunday.

expansion of the State Cancer Institute at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, in Aurangabad on Sunday. Atul Save and others also seen.

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Nadda said more than 26 crore people have been screened for oral cancer, following which 1.63 lakh cases were detected.

"As many as 14.6 crore people were screened for breast cancer, resulting in 57,179 detections. More than 9 crore people were screened for cervical cancer, and 96,973 persons were detected with it. The word cancer scares people, breaking them emotionally and financially. We can at least make timely interventions and improve the lives of patients," Nadda asserted.

President Murmu arrives in Delhi after attending Pope Francis' funeral mass

New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu arrived here on Sunday after attending the funeral mass of Pope Francis in Vatican City.

Francis, who was the first non-European Pope in nearly 1,300 years, died on Monday. He was 88.

"President Droupadi Murmu arrived in Delhi after attending the funeral Mass of His Holiness Pope Francis," her office said in a post on X.

Murmu had on Saturday attended the funeral mass at St Peter's Square in Vatican City.

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Minority Affairs



Prez Droupadi Murmu returns to Delhi on Sunday.

George Kurian, and Deputy Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Joshua De Souza, who were part of the official Indian delegation led by the president, had also attended the ceremony.

World leaders and a large number of Catholic followers attended the funeral of Pope Francis.

PM MODI URGES PEOPLE TO **USE 'SACHET', MOBILE APP**

Raising awareness about natural disasters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to use the mobile phone application 'Sachet' launched by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which he said can help them avoid getting caught in a natural disaster. The app provides realtime geo-tagged early warning

PM ON NOTEWORTHY EFFORT TO GROW APPLES IN K'TAKA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his 121st episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, took his listeners on a journey of agricultural innovation across the country, showcasing how Indian farmers are defying traditional norms. Apart from apples flourishing in the plains of Karnataka he also spoke about the saffron cultivation in Kerala and litchis growing in Tamil Nadu.

Bhupender Yadav flags off e-libraries

Edu in mother tongues to grow under Modi govt'

There is good news for hose who have been campaigning for years in every corner of India to promote Hindi and other Indian languages. The Modi govt at the Centre has taken concrete steps to allow the study of the largest and most advanced courses in Indian languages, from science to various other fields.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, after flagging off mobile e-libraries in his parliamentary constituency of Alwar, made this announcement at the inauguration ceremony of the Swami Vivekananda e-Gurukul, in the presence of Sikkim Governor Om



Bhupender Yadav flagging off the E-Gurukul Gyan vehicles in Alwar.

Prakash Mathur. He said that in order to promote Indian languages in the country, it is necessary to make them the medium of education. The Modi govt is firmly committed to this goal. The govt has already made Hindi and other Indian languages the medium of several UPSC exams, providing significant relief to tal-

ents coming from villages and rural areas. He announced that by June 30, 101 e-libraries will be dedicated to students in the Alwar parliamentary constituency. He emphasized that to promote the mother tongue, Modi introduced the new education policy, and the nation is united to realize this dream.

India's manufacturing, global integration driving economic strength: Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday, highlighted India's strong foreign exchange reserves and its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, attracting both global and domestic capital.

"India's growth story is safe, secure, and stable," the Minister said in his address at an event organised by leading mutual fund managers and financial advisors in the national capital.

"Today, through initiatives such as 'Make in India', our country has become more integrated into global supply chains

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Piyush Goyal

on the back of our competitive strengths and growing manufacturing capabilities," he added.

Goyal's statement on the strong economic fundamentals of the economy comes in the backdrop of India's forex reserves surging for the seventh straight week to a six-month high of \$686.15 billion as on April 18, according to the latest Reserve Bank of India data.

Congress slams Centre over rising inequality

New Delhi

Attacking the Centre citing a World Bank report, the Congress on Sunday

ciaimed that inequality is now firmly embedded in the nature of



the country's economic growth, and asserted there is a compelling need for tax reforms in Goods and Services Tax (GST). Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam **Ramesh** said the World Bank has released its Poverty and Equity Brief for India this month, and the report raises several concerns even as the Modi government spins

it to its benefit.

FOSTERING AGRI-EDUCATION

Shift focus to farmer prosperity: Dhankhar

he time has come for national agriculture agenda to move from food security to farmer prosperity and the latter has to rise above just being a producer, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said here on Sunday.

Dhankhar was addressing the students and others at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) on the topic "Fostering Agri-Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with wife Sudesh Dhankhar visit an exhibition on the premises of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

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tributes only 16 %to While 46 per cent of GDP. Institutions like population supports agri- TNAU should carry culture, the sector con- ahead legacy of veteran

You have to script a new chapter. It is time that our national agriculture agenda must move from food security, which was of prime importance, a national priority at one point of time. Because we had food scarcity, our concern was food security. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR,

VICE PRESIDENT agri scientist, the late Dr M S Swaminathan in ensuring "there is quantum

jump in the contribution

of this sector to our

GDP," he said. Swaminathan was an alumnus of TNAU. Dhankhar said India is now a net exporter of agriculture produce with agri food products forming over 11 per cent of our total exports.

"But now the time has changed. We must move from food security to farmer prosperity. Farmer has to be prosperous and this has to evolve from institutions like yours," he said. The gap between land and lab should be bridged and there should be a seam-

Paying tribute



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan pays tribute to former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan at Raman Research Institute, in Bengaluru on Sunday.

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NIA takes over investigation into Pahalgam terror attack

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally taken over the Pahalgam terrorist attack case, intensifying its search for evidence and questioning eyewitnesses to unravel the terror conspiracy, officials said on Sunday.

The anti-terror agency registered a case in Jammu on Sunday following orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and several teams are involved in the investigation.

After the dastardly terror attack on Tuesday afternoon that claimed 26 lives, a team of NIA officials led by its Inspector General (IG) was rushed to the site to assist the local police, the officials said. The NIA, aided by forensic experts, is thoroughly examining the Baisaran Valley attack site in Kashmir, questioning eyewitnesses and recording survivor accounts nationwide. The probe reveals involvement of 5–7 terrorists, including two local militants trained in Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir Police announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh each for information leading to the neutralisation of the terrorists.



SIBAL URGES SPECIAL PARLIAMENT SESSION

New Delhi: Independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Sunday requested political parties to urge the government to convene a special session of Parliament as early as possible in May in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. He also suggested government to send ruling and opposition MPs delegations to important countries to create pressure on Pakistan.

ONE DAY SPECIAL SESSION OF J&K

ASSEMBLY SUMMONED IN JAMMU

session of the assembly on April 28 to

discuss the Pahalgam attack, officials

said on Friday. The Council of Ministers

met on Wednesday evening under the

leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdul-

lah and decided to advise the L-G to con-

vene a special session of the assembly.

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha

has summoned a one-day special

PAK TALKS NONSENSE: BJP'S DILIP GHOSH

New Delhi: Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 lives, BJP leader Dilip Ghosh launched a scathing attack on Pakistani leader Bilawal Bhutto Zardari remarking that it is their old habit to talk nonsense. This was in response to Bilawal Bhutto's recent statement threatening India over Indus Waters Treaty,

J&K ATTACK GOVT'S FAILURE: AKHILESH

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday blamed "intelligence failure" for the Pahalgam terror attack and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of prioritising "propaganda" over addressing critical issues. He demanded ₹10 cr financial assistance and a government job for the families of each of the victims of the terrorist attack

CHINA UNLIKELY TO GET INVOLVED IN INDIA-PAK INSTABILITY

Guwahati: China is unlikely to directly intervene in Indo-Pak tensions post-Pahalgam attack due to geopolitical complexities and tariff issues, says Lt Gen (retd) Rana Pratap Kalita. He noted improving India-China ties post-Galwan, while warning of rising anti-India sentiment in Bangladesh, renewed terror threats, and regional vulnerabilities. Kalita affirmed Indian forces are prepared for any eventuality.

CONG EXTENDED SUPPORT TO GOVT IN **ACTION AGAINST PAK**

Bengaluru: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said Congress has extended full support to the central government in its actions against the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack and that they will have to properly utilise it, take everyone into confidence, and move ahead. T"he country is important and everyone will have to fight together to protect it and work for its welfare", he said.

SHASHI THAROOR SLAMS BILAWAL BHUTTO'S REMARK

Thiruvananthapuram: The nation has been demanding military action against Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack, and some visible military response is unavoidable, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said He also responded to Pakistan Peoples Party chief Bilawal Bhutto's "blood will flow" remark over India suspending Indus Water Treaty. He said, "If blood is going to flow, it will flow possibly more on their side

than ours.

5,000 Pak nationals in Delhi identified, ordered to leave

New Delhi

The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has handed over the list of around 5,000 Pakistani nationals living in the national capital to the Delhi police to ensure these people return home. Pakistan nationals visas have been revoked in the wake of the recent directive of the Centre, prompted by Pahalgam terror attack. The Foreign Regional Registration Office has shared the list with a special branch of the Delhi Police for verification and identification. The list includes the names of Hindu Pakistan nationals who have Long Term Visas (LTVs) and are exempted.

'ALL PAK NATIONALS IN MAHA ACCOUNTED FOR'

Pune: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday rubbished reports about Pakistani nationals being missing in the state and said all of them were accounted for. Fadnavis said arrangements are being made to deport Pakistani nationals. Talking to reporters, he said, "As the state's Home Minister, I request you not to run any wrong news on this issue. No Pakistani national is missing in Maharashtra, and all of them have been found. Arrangements have been made to deport them all, and there will be no Pakistani citizens left in the state. Everyone will be sent back by this evening or tomorrow," Fadnavis said.

DON'T PUNISH INNOCENT KASHMIRIS: MEHBOOBA

Srinagar: Following the Pahalgam terror attack, leaders like Mehbooba Mufti and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq urged authorities to avoid punishing innocent Kashmiris. Over nine militant homes have been demolished, and numerous people detained across the valley. Mufti appealed to the government for caution, emphasizing the need to differentiate between militants and civilians to prevent alienation. The indiscriminate actions, including demolitions and arrests are condemned. Local leaders expressed concern saying punishing families will not avenge terrorism but deepen existing wounds.



Several feared dead, as van falls into well

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At least several people are feared dead after a van with 13 occupants fell into a poisonous well in Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh, on Sunday. The incident occurred in Kachariya village, with a rescue operation underway involving NDRF. Deputy CM Jagdish Devda said the driver likely lost control. Four survivors have been rescued and hospitalised.

12 militants held with



Sophisticated arms and ammunitions, wireless sets recovered.

Imphal

Security forces in Manipur arrested 12 militants from various banned outfits across three districts in the past 24 hours, officials reported on Sunday. The arrested individuals were affiliated with different factions of the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), the People's Rev-

olutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), and the United National Liberation Front (UNLF).

The arrested militants were allegedly involved in extortion activities, including abduction and forcibly collecting money from contractors, government employees, traders, and civilians in Imphal East, Imphal West, and Kakching districts of Manipur.

Hazrat Mubarak Khan Dargah hosts ammunitions in Manipur tribute to Pahalgam martyrs

First India Bureau Gorakhpur

On the auspicious occasion of the annual Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Mubarak Khan (R.A.), a special event titled "An Evening Dedicated to Martyrs" was held with immense devotion, enthusiasm, and the spirit of national unity at Hazrat Mubarak Khan Dargah Sharif, Gorakhpur.

The event was graced by the presence of Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation, who presented the sacred Ghilaf (holy covering) from Ajmer Sharif and led prayers for peace, harmony, and the prosperity of the nation.

Distinguished guests,



Haji Syed Salman Chishty, Gaddi Nashin of Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation attended the event.

including Shri Goswami Sushil Maharaj Ji, Shri Lallesh Reddy Ji, and Shri Igrar Ahmed Ji, joined thousands of devotees to honor the martyrs of the Pahalgam attack and unite against terrorism.

Special prayers were offered for the injured and bereaved. Haji Syed Salman Chishty emphasized India's soul of peace and love. Leaders pledged unity beyond caste, religion, and language, reinforcing India's Ganga-Jamuni culture. The event concluded with patriotic chants, symbolizing national unity and commitment to peace, serving as a tribute to India's shared cultural and spiritual heritage.

Delhi High Court highlights acute judge shortage

PTI New Delhi

highlighted the "acute gar, with 44 naval personshortage of judges" with nel from nine friendly respect to the population and the litigation quantum due to which several matters remain unheard. The high court said that on account of overflowing dockets, it was unable to decide appeals within a reasonable period of time and when some matters remain unheard, it is "extremely painful" for the judge. The court's remarks came while hearing a plea by a cheating and forgery case convict, seeking permission to travel abroad to attend a club assembly of Rotary Club in Kazakhstan & Georgia for his social ties and business growth.

IOS Sagar completes joint EEZ surveillance

The Delhi High Court has Indian naval ship IOS Sanations, has successfully completed the first phase of a joint exclusive economic zone surveillance with Mauritius as part of its deployment in the South Western Indian Ocean.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel, INS Sunayna, as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) on April 5. The deployment of the ship with naval personnel from Madagascar, Maldives, Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka



and Tanzania is aimed at regional maritime security and international cooperation.

"IOS SAGAR arrived at Port Louis Harbour in Mauritius on April 26 on completion of Phase-I of Joint EEZ (exclusive economic zone) surveillance with the National Coast Guard (of) Mauritius as part of the deployment to the South Western Indian Ocean," the Indian Navy said on Sunday.

FORMER CHAIRMAN OF ISRO REMEMBERED

Dr Kasturirangan left a transformative legacy

Bengaluru

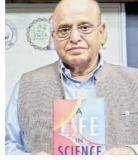
SRO Chairman Narayanan remembered Dr Kasturirangan as a transformative figure of the nation, who profoundly shaped India's space ambitions, educational framework, and showed the vision for the

In his condolence message, he said, Kasturirangan's life, marked by an unwavering pursuit of knowledge and its application for the nation's ad-

vancement, has left an enduring legacy. Former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, who was at the helm of the space agency for nearly a decade, passed away in Bengaluru on Friday at the age of 84.

His mortal remains were kept at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) on Sunday for the public to pay their last respects, ahead of the last rites with full state honours.

"In the Indian tradition, it is believed that the seeds sown by great individuals blossom into mighty trees, offering



Dr Kasturirangan

shade and sustenance for generations to come, thereby forming a rich ecosystem and legacies down the line. Professor Kasturirangan's visionary work in space and educa-

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tion has indeed grown into such lofty trees, inspiring countless individuals to pursue careers in science and contribute to the nation's progress," Narayanan said.

His indomitable spirit, characterised by unwavering determination and a relentless pursuit of excellence, will continue to energise future scientific endeavours in the country, he said. "Let us honour this great inspiration through our own sincere, relentless, and selfless hard work towards building a stronger and more prosperous India," he added. Dr Kasturirangan was the Project Director for India's first two experimental earth observation satellites, BHASKA-RA-I & II.

2 children killed in massive fire at a slum in Delhi's Rohini area

New Delhi

At least two people lost their lives in a fire that broke out at a jhuggi (slum) near Shri Niketan Apartment in Sector 17 of Rohini in the national capital on Sunday, police said.

The bodies of the two victims have been recovered from the spot, and further search and rescue operations are currently underway.

MK Chattopadhyay, Deputy Chief Fire Officer of the West Zone, confirmed that two chil-



People with burn injuries were rescued and taken to hospital.

dren with burn injuries were rescued and taken to the hospital. He explained that the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The fire broke out at 11:55 am, and due to narrow lanes,

fire vehicles faced difficulty reaching the site. It was declared a medium-category fire, with 26 vehicles now deployed. The police will continue investigating the fire's cause.

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Five-time champions defended 215 through a concerted bowling effort. Bumrah decimated LSG with 4 wickets

MUMBAI WIN 5TH SUCCESSIVE MATCH



Mumbai Indians' players acknowledge fans as they celebrate after winning the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 cricket match against Lucknow Super Giants, in Mumbai, Sunday.

MI lost Rohit early despite a positive start, after LSG elected to field

RR V/s GT 7:30 pm IST, SMS Stadium, Jaipur

> First India Bureau Mumbai

run with a 54-run ham-

In-form Mumbai Indians extended their winning per Giants, recording their fifth consecutive victory in the Indian Premier League Sunday.

The hosts smashed LSG in a one-sided clash in which Suryakumar Yanament's leading runscorer, with his 28-ball 54. Suryakumar continued to plunder runs to mering of Lucknow Su- become the leading run-

scorer in this IPL, crossing the 400-run mark with his third fifty. The India T20 skipper also completed his 4,000 runs in the tournament.

With a handsome total dav grabbed lead as tour- to defend, Mumbai Indians juggled their bowlers cleverly as the visitors struggled to find response to the challenges thrown by the home bowlers.



Mumbai Indians' owner Nita Ambani celebrates the win on Sunday.

'ESA' MATCH IS DAY OF CELEBRATION OF HOPE OF DREAMS: NITA

Mumbai took on Lucknow on Sunday, all you could see in the stands was a sea of blue as over 19,000 kids packed out the stadium with their exuberant cheers and rooted for their very own Mumbai Indians. Nita M. Ambani spoke about what makes the annual Education and Sports for All (ESA) day match a huge favourite among the players. "This is not just a match. It is a celebration of hope, of dreams and of joy. It is MI's favourite matchday for the entire season. Just look at the atmosphere. 19,000 children.

RCB down DC, go top of IPL 2025 standings

First India Bureau New Delhi

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) put on a stellar all-round display against Delhi Capitals (DC), at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Match 46 of the Indian Premier League 2025 season on Sunday. RCB bowled well, restricting DC to a modest score of 162 runs for eight wickets.

The match witnessed Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood sharing five wickets between them. In response, RCB were 26/3 before Virat Kohli and Krunal Pandya helped the side claim victory.

Despite the difficult conditions of the pitch, Abishek Porel and Tristan Stubbs were the star performers for DC.

Porel smashed a bril-



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli reacts amid an unsuccessful DRS review by Delhi Capitals for the wicket of teammate Krunal Pandya during an IPL match between DC and RCB, at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, in New Delhi, on Sunday. 💿 PTI

liant 28 runs off just 11 balls at the start of the innings.

Stubbs, on the other hand, showed his innovative batting toward the end with a quickfire 34 runs off just 18 balls.

Meanwhile, KL Rahul scored a 41-run knock from 39 balls. He hit three fours.



FBI Director Kash Patel assures full US: Trump cabinet support to India on Pahalgam attack members clash on

First India Bureau Washington

FBI Director Kash Patel on Sunday condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack and pledged full support to India, calling the act a "reminder of the constant threats that the world faces from the evil of terrorism".

"The FBI sends our condolences to all the victims of the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir, and will continue offering our full support to the Indian government," Patel said.

"Pray for those affected. Thank you to the men and women of law enforcement who answer the call in moments like these," the first Indian-American to lead the premier law enforcement agency of the US said.

Patel also hailed the security forces for their response to the attack.

Agencies

Deir al-Balah (Gaza Strip)

Hospitals in the Gaza

Strip received the remains

of 51 Palestinians over the

past 24 hours who were

killed in Israeli strikes, the

local Health Ministry said

Sunday, bringing the Pal-

estinian death toll from

the 18-month-old Israel-

The overall toll includes

nearly 700 bodies for

which the documentation

process was recently com-

pleted, the ministry said in

Hamas war to 52,243.

Gaza Ministry reports 51

deaths from Israeli strikes

toll includes bodies re-

trieved from the rubble

after earlier strikes. Israel

ended its ceasefire with

Hamas by launching a sur-

prise bombardment on

March 18, and has been

carrying out daily waves

of strikes since then.



A Jammu and Kashmir Police official patrols in front of Clock Tower (Ghanta Ghar), at Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Sunday Security has been tightened in the valley.

JAISHANKAR DISCUSSES 'CROSS-BORDER' TERROR ATTACK IN J&K WITH UK FOREIGN SECY LAMMY

New Delhi: EAM S Jaishankar on Sunday conveyed to his British counterpart David Lammy India's policy of "zero tolerance" for terrorism while discussing the "cross-border" links to the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam. Jaishankar and Lammy held a phone conversation amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan over the April 22 terror attack that killed 26 civilians. "Spoke to Foreign Secretary @ DavidLammy of UK today. Discussed the crossborder terrorist attack at Pahalgam. Underlined the importance of zero tolerance for terrorism," Jaishankar said in a social media post. In the last few days, several world leaders spoke to PM Modi to condemn the Pahalgam massacre.

involvement of Russia and China in investigating the Pahalgam terror media report. Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also proposed conducting an international investigation

MAJOR UPDATES

Pakistan wants

- Pakistan has requested a \$1.4 billion increase in its currency swap line with China, Pakistan's finance minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said
- At least 54 terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreeke-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) have been killed while trying to infiltrate from Afghanistan into northwest Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. the military's media wing said on Sunday

tariff talks with China

Washington

Members of Donald Trump's cabinet gave conflicting messages on Sunday about whether negotiations with China over tariffs are taking place, as the Republican president has asserted.

The Trump administration signaled openness last week to de-escalating a trade war between the world's two largest economies that has raised fears of recession. Trump said talks were under way with China on tariffs and that he and Chinese President

Xi Jinping have spoken. Yet Beijing has denied that any trade talks are occurring. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, a key player in U.S. trade talks with multiple countries, said on Sunday that he had



President Donald Trump at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, Saturday.

interactions with his Chinese counterparts last week during International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington, but did not discuss the tariff standoff.

In a separate television interview, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the United States was holding daily conversations with China

the fort. First India News has been highlighting this issue from the start. Currently, devotees have no alternative but to walk on foot to the fort. This makes the tiger movement at Ranthambore Fort extremely dangerous.

ASI department's airy claims exposed!

A tigress killed a frightened devotee at the Rantham-

bore Fort on the very path that devotees walk to reach

The fort comes under the Indian Archaeological Survey (ASI), and the responsibility for its repairs lies with them. However, the local ASI officials at Ranthambhore have became careless over the years. Due to this negligence, after Arrowhead, tigress Riddhi has also headed towards the fort. If an attack happens on a devotee due to hunger, who would be responsible? Toxic waste coming

into Gang Canal

After the canal closure, water has come into the Ganga Canal, but it is toxic and chemical-laden. BJP leader Rajat Swami said, "The Punjab govt is not refraining from its actions. The dirty sewage water from Ludhiana and nearby areas is coming into canals through Budha Nala. This chemical-laden water is spreading several diseases in the region." Central Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil, and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann have been urged to address the problem.

JPR: Vigilance office under scrutiny

A mishap in laying water lines has occurred right under the nose of the Vigilance office. The line is being laid from Aranya Bhawan to Apex Circle, but it is not being done according to the prescribed standards. The issue has been noticed right in front of the Vigilance Department's office. Now, the Vigilance

Department itself is engaged in trying to cover up the investigation.

The first family court of country is in dire need of justice itself! The family court is still operating from a rented building. After 40 years, the issue of constructing the family court's own building remains stuck. Construction work for the building has been delayed for the third time due to sewage and drainage issues near construction site. Former president of Bar Association, D.S. Shekhawat, said, "We have repeatedly written letters to the Municipal Corporation & JDA. We've met with the officials to find a solution to the problem. Still, due to the negligence of officials, the construction work keeps getting delayed."

Municipal Corp & JDA blocking construction

Ukraine rejects US peace proposal, vows never to surrender Crimea

Agencies

Agencies Dubai

At least 28 killed,

800 wounded in

Iran's port blast

The death toll from a powerful explosion at Iran's biggest port of Bandar Abbas has risen to at least 28, with more than 700 people injured, state media reported on Sunday, as firefighters worked to

fully extinguish the fire. President Vladimir Putin has ordered several planes to be sent to Iran to help deal with the aftermath of a blast at Iran's port of Bandar.

Ukrainian officials have

Kyiv

dismissed a peace proposal from the Trump administration that involves recognizing Russian control over Crimea. Though they accept

the possibility of temporarily conceding this territory to Russia, they firmly refuse any formal surrender. Oleksandr Merezkho, a lawmaker from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's party,



Russia launches nearly 150 drones against Ukraine overnight into Sunday, killing at least four people, officials said.

said they'll never recognize Crimea as part of Russia. A formal surrender of Crimea would per-

manently give up the territory and snuff out Ukraine's hope of regaining it in the future.





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III THOUGHT OF THE DAY A loving family brings comfort and helps us grow.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, CMD & Editor-in-Chief



'Sindhi community's strength fuels India's business growth'

Om Birla extends his Kota tour from 3 to 5 days, to hold a review meeting today

Bhanwar Singh Charan

Kota

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla praised the Sindhi community for its resilience and significant contribution to India's business landscape during his visit to Kota. Birla acknowledged the community's enduring presence, which spans from the prosperous civilization of the Indus Valley to their hardships during the Partition. He emphasized that despite these challenges, the Sindhi community has built a strong presence in India's business world through its industrious

nature and perseverance. Birla noted that the Sindhi community has not only played a key role in shaping India's commerce but has also made an impact globally. He further appreciated their devotion to faith and their continued commitment to philanthropic progress.

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The Sindhi community's resilience and industriousness have not only shaped India's **business** landscape but also made a significant impact on global commerce. LS SPEAKER

activities. At a programme organized by the Sindhu Social Circle, Birla administered the oath to the newly elected members and praised their unwavering dedication to community welfare and their cultural contributions. The event highlighted their collective efforts, with the Sindhi Mahila Circle presenting a beautiful dance and song tribute to India's



Om Birla performs the 'Aarti' during the 'Shobhayatra' held to celebrate the Prakatya Mahotsav of Lord Parshuram in Kota on Sunday.



Om Birla addresses people's concerns during a 'Jansunawai' at his Camp Office in Kota on Sunday,

A GRAND WEDDING

Satish Poonia emerges as a new power centre



Governor Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade greets BJP leader Dr Satish Poonia's son Maheep and daughter in-law Shippee at their wedding reception held at Entertainment SUNIL SHARMA Paradise in Jaipur on Sunday.



Devnani with newly-weds, Maheep Poonia & Shippee.



CM Bhajan Lal Sharma extends his best wishes to Maheep & Shippee during the event. Also seen are Dr Satish Poonia & others.



Union Minister ML Khattar wishes Maheep & Shippee. Rajyavardhan Rathore & Heeralal Nagar were also present.



Dy CMs Diya Kumari & Dr PC Bairwa



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Dr Satish Poonia during the grand wedding reception at Entertainment Paradise in Jaipur.



Gehlot, Govind Singh Dotasra, Rafeek Khan and others with Satish Poonia, Maheep Poonia and Shippee during the wedding reception at EP in

Jaipur on Sunday.

Former CM Ashok

Leadership Connect





CM Bhajan Lal Sharma meets various leaders at CMR in Jaipur on Sunday. Those who met CM Sharma include Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, who discussed various important matters with the Chief Minister. Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, discussed key women's empowerment schemes in Rajasthan with the CM. Haryana Government's Minister for Women and Child Development, Irrigation and Water Resources, Shruti Chaudhary along with Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Chaudhary, also called on the Chief Minister. CR Chaudhary, Chairman of the Rajasthan Farmers Commission, met with the CM to discuss farmer welfare issues. Additionally, several Members of Parliament and state legislators, including MP Lumbaram Chaudhary, MLAs Hamir Singh Bhayal, Babu Singh Rathod, Chotu Singh Bhati, Jaydeep Bihani, Shankar Lal Decha, and Jeevaram Chaudhary, paid a courtesy visit to CM Sharma.



SS Randhawa interacts with Ashok Gehlot while reviewing preps at Ramleela Maidan ahead of Mallikariun Kharge's rally to be held in Jaipur today GS Dotasra, Tika Ram Jully, Rohit Bohra and others were present

Indian diaspora leads India's global rise: Shekhawat in Dubai

First India Bureau

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, GS Shekhawat, addressed the Rajasthani Carnival 2025 in Dubai, praising the Indian diaspora for promoting India's culture and traditions globally. He stated, "Under PM Modi's leadership, India is emerging as a global superpower, and the In-

key to India's growth.

GS Shekhawat during his visit to the BAPS Hindu Mandir Abu Dhabi built by the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan (BAPS) Sanstha in Abu Dhabi, (UAE) on Sunday.

dian diaspora is at the

forefront of this campaign." Shekhawat em-

phasized that the diaspo-

ra's promotion of Indian

culture ensures India's

rise as the world's guru.

He highlighted the Ra-

jasthani Carnival as a vi-

brant showcase of tradi-

tions and arts. At the

ICAI Dubai Chapter

event, he stressed that

tourism and culture are

Jinendra Singh Shekhawat

The presence of VVIPs and thousands of guests centre' in Rajasthan. at Dr Satish Poonia's son, Maheep's wedding reception at EP Central Park in Jaipur has sparked speculation about his growing stature in national politics. Many are wondering if Poonia is set to be entrusted with a major responsibility in Delhi. Such a gathering, where leaders from across party lines and Parnami, Omprakash ideologies came to- Mathur, Bhupender

gether, is a rare sight in the state. It has firmly positioned Poonia as a new 'power

The wedding reception witnessed the presence of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Haryana Sharma, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Gulab Chand Kataria, Manohar Lal Khattar, Vasundhara Raje, Madan Rathore, Diya Kumari, Dr Prem Chand Bairwa, Ghanshyam Tiwari, Ashok

Yadav, Shahnawaz Hussain, Ramcharan Bohra, Sanjay Sharma, Ramkishor Meena, and many other BJP leaders.

Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, minister former Shakuntala Rawat, and MLAs Rafeek Khan and Vikram Singh Gurjar also attended the ceremony, underlining the crossparty goodwill Poonia commands. After a long time, Jaipur witnessed such a massive and grand VVIP wedding gathering.

TASKED LEADERSHIP

Administrative Overload: IAS officers burdened with multiple charges

Rajendra Chhabra Jaipur

officer Ajitabh Sharma (Chairman, RII-CO and Principal Secretary, Industries) is set to embark on a month-long foreign tour starting Monday. In his absence, the Department of Personnel (DoP) has reassigned his responsibilities as Chairman, RIICO, to

Shivangi Swarnkar (2011

batch) and T Ravikanth

(1998 batch) as Principal

Secretary, Industries. Meanwhile, another officer from Sharma's 1996 batch, Rajesh Yaday, currently serving as Principal Secretary, LSG, is also away on a person-

al foreign tour. During his leave, Vaibhav Galriya, Principal Secretary, UDH, has been entrusted with Yadav's department.

These interim arrangements, however, are temporary and expected to remain in place only until the respective officers return from their foreign assignments.

Currently, nearly two dozen IAS officers are managing additional departmental charges several of them for prolonged periods.

What is noteworthy is the apparent lack of coherence and strategy in the distribution of these responsibilities. Seniority, domain expertise, merit, and even basic practical considerations seem to have been overlooked, with Secretaries being tasked with the additional roles of Heads of Depart-

clear alignment with their core competencies. One notable example

is the Energy Department a crucial portfolio, particularly during the high-demand summer months. With senior ACS-rank officer Alok currently on medical leave, the department's charge has been entrusted to Arti Dogra, a highly capable and respected 2006-batch officer known for her administrative acumen. However, given the critical nature of the sector, propriety suggests that such an important department

ideally warrants leader-

ship by a more senior of-

ments (HoDs) without er, particularly during periods prone to power crises. The DoP's move is being widely viewed as both imprudent and fraught with risk.

Moreover, the Department of Personnel itself — a pivotal and full-time responsibility — has seen its leadership burdened with additional departmental charges, a move that many deem impractical and counterproductive.

Observers mously believe that the current administrative disarray can only be addressed once the longoverdue IAS transfer list is released, enabling a more rational and effective redistribution of reficer and seasoned offic- sponsibilities.

	OVERVIEW	OF OFFICERS A	IND	THEIR AD	DL CHARGES
Sr. No.	Name of IAS officer	Additional Charge Post	Sr. No.	Name of IAS officer	Additional Charge Post
1	Aparna Arora	Chairman - Rajasthan Pollution Control Board	13	Arti Dogra	ACSEnergyandChairman RVPNL & Urja Vikas Nigam
2	Kuldeep Ranka	ACS Child Rights	14	Rohit Gupta	Commissioner BIP
3	Sreya Guha	DG-OTS and Livelihood	15	Shuchi Tyagi	Commissioner Transport
4	Alok Gupta	Chairman Renewable Energy Corporation	16	Mahesh Chandra Sharma	DG Stamp and Registration
5	Hemant Kumar Gera	Chairman Tax Board	17	Archana Singh	Commissioner IT and CMD RAJCOMP
6	Vaibhav Galriya	Principal Secretary- LSG	18	Kumar Pal Gautam	Commissioner Commercial Taxes
7	T Ravikanth	Principal Secretary- Industries	19	Shivangi Swarnkar	Chairman RIICO
8	K K Pathak	Secretary Devsthan	20	O P Kasera	MD Urja Vikas Nigam
9	Ashutosh A T Pednekar	Secretary Planning		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	and MD Renewable Energy Corporation
10	Ravi Jain	Commissioner Tourism	21	M P Meena	Special Secretary Labour
11	Arushi A Malik	MD Rajsiko	22	Suresh Kumar Ola	J S Finance
12	Joga Ram	Secretary&Commissioner Panchayti Raj	23	Purshottam Sharma	MD JCTL



Top to Bottom: Nimrat Kaur, Diksha & Itishree gracefully graced the ramp with their stunning walk



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plete vision of wedding elegance. Known for her global design sensibilities, 'Archana Kochhar' has

showcased her work on prestigious

platforms such as Lakmé Fashion

Week and London Fashion Week

and was the official designer for

Mumbai, is a must-visit.

Jagdeesh Chandra shared, "It is a

pleasure to be part of an evening

where Indian craftsmanship and

Speaking at the occasion, Dr tion. Events like

creativity are celebrated at such a creative talents."

seamless perfec-

these reinforce the

pride we feel in our

Indian designers and

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Celebrating **International Dance Day** with "Noor-e-Khusrau" A Kathak based choreographic tribute to the timeless mysticism of Amir Khusrau

Noor-e-Khusrau: Nityam presents Noor-e-Khusrau on International Dance Day. Choreographed by Rashmi Uppal, Kathak performance explores Amir Khusrau's poetic brilliance through storytelling, abhinaya & qawwali.

- When: April 29, 7:00 PM onwards
- Where: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur



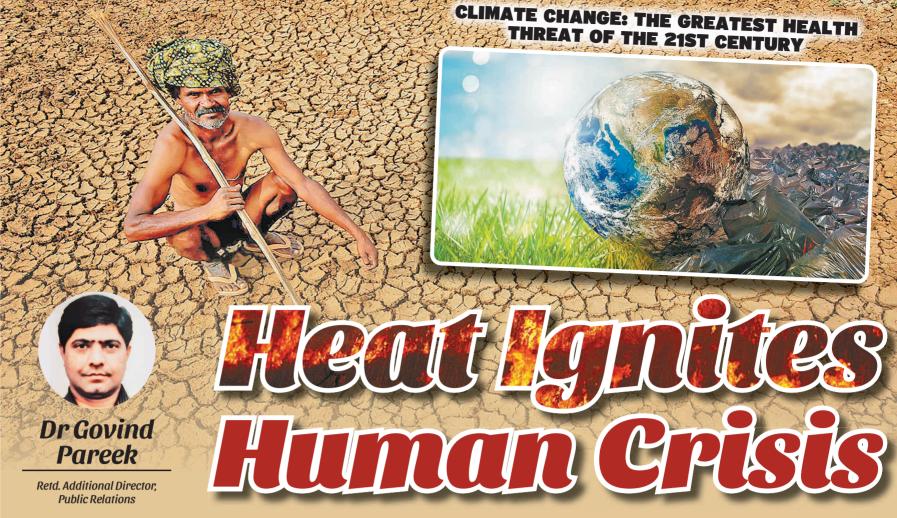
Digital Dynamics: Writers Reservoir India, in collaboration with Communication Today, will organize a 2-day online international multidisciplinary conference, bringing together global experts to share insights across various fields!

- When: May 3 & 4, 10:00 AM
- Where: Online Zoom Meet, Jaipur.



Jo Bolta Hai Wohi Hota Hai Feat Harsh Gujral: Experience Harsh Gujral's live comedy in Jaipur, showcasing his raw energy and witty, charming style. Get ready for a fresh, hilarious experience that will leave you laughing throughout the show!

- When: May 11, 7:00 PM onwards
- Where: Deep Smriti Auditorium, Jaipur



Organization has issued a stark warning—climate change is the greatest health threat of the 21st century. Particularly in low-income countries, where resources are scarce, the impact could be devastating. Rising temperatures are not only dismantling the social fabric of societies but are also threatening the global economy. Health systems are under pressure, productivity is falling, and the working class—especially those engaged in agriculture, construction, and tourism—is bearing the brunt of this crisis. The rising heat is no longer

he World Health a matter of changing weather patterns. It has begun to penetrate deeply into the human psyche, societal structures, and economic foundations. Once seen primarily as an environmental issue, climate change has now clearly emerged as a profound humanitarian crisis.

A study published in 2020 revealed that higher-than-average temperatures correspond with an increase in suicides, road accidents, social violence, and drowning incidents. These are not isolated events but indicators of psychological and physiological heat. Elevated temperatures lead to an increase in stress hormones in the human body, which in turn fuels aggression and violent behaviour.

In a significant study by the University of Washington, it was found that between 2015 and 2020, over 116,000 incidents of gun violence were reported in 100 of the most affected U.S. cities. Strikingly, nearly 80,000 of these incidents occurred during summer months when the temperature ranged between 29 to 32 degrees Celsius. This data strongly suggests that rising temperatures pose a threat not only to physical changes driven by excessive health but also to social and political stability.

Violence is no longer confined to streets and battlefields—it now permeates our homes, public discourse, and social media platforms. We hear more aggressive speech, see extremist leaders being elected, and witness mob justice becoming normalized. It is a chilling sign that society may be reverting to primitive patterns of behaviour under the pressure of modern crises.

Greenland presents a heartwrenching example of this crisis. Most of its population depends on ice-based hunting for survival. With warming temperatures, sea ice has either thinned or stopped forming altogether, disrupting food supplies. People are forced to kill their beloved sledge dogs, unable to provide them with food. This is not just economic distress—it reflects deep emotional and psychological despair. According to a joint study by the University of Copenhagen and other institutions, 92% of Greenlanders believe climate change is happening, and 76% report being directly affected by its consequences.

This pattern is beginning to unfold in the Himalayan regions as well. Melting glaciers are eliminating freshwater sources, traditional farming is becoming unsustainable, and a future devoid of snow could bring about psychological and social disintegration for communities long dependent on these ecosystems. This slow-moving catastrophe is a humanitarian disaster in the making.

The impact of rising temperatures is no longer merely an environmental concern—it has evolved into a political, social, and human issue. It scorches not just our skin but also our conscience, pushing societies toward intolerance and aggression. Governments, institutions, and the public must recognize this crisis and take concerted action. The path forward lies in sustainable development, robust climate education, strengthening mental health services, and formulating climate-resilient policies.

If we fail to act now, it won't just be the Earth's rising temperatures that consume us—it will be our own violence, insensitivity, and psychological unrest that shake the very foundations of human civilization.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST!



Samantha Ruth Prabhu **TAURUS** April 28

Your ambitious plans are finally paying off, Taurus! Stay positive and avoid panicking. Trust your journey, keep putting in effort, and success will follow. You've come this far – keep going strong!

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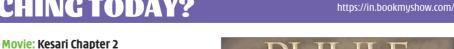
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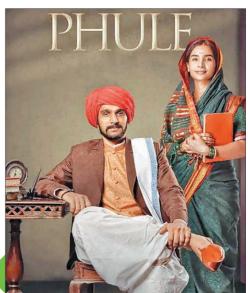


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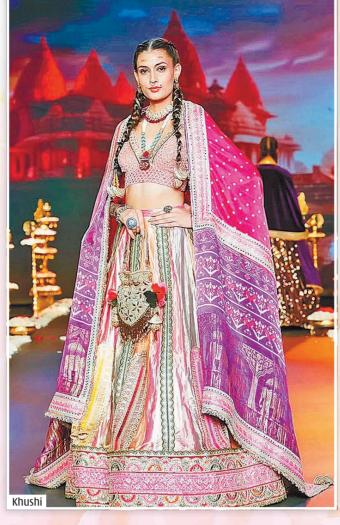
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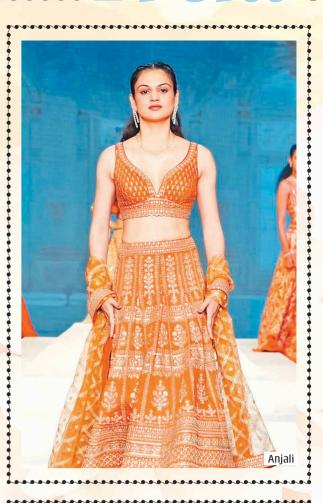












Celebrating Indian Craftsmanship

FROM PAGE 09

Sharing his thoughts, 'Roshan Oswal', 'Executive tribute to love, tradition, Director of Goel Ganga India Pvt. Ltd.' and 'Bright semble tells a story woven Media Ltd', said, "Being with passion, heritage and part of this evening was modern elegance. I am truly special. 'Noor' cap- deeply grateful for the overtures the essence of heritage whelming love and support. and contemporary artistry Every bride deserves to feel perfectly. I believe fashion royal and Noor is crafted to is about celebrating your roots while embracing the future, and Archana Kochhar's collection is a testament to that philosophy. I ing.' feel honored to witness such craftsmanship and Chief Executive Officer of to shine bright."

passion today."

Designer Archana Kochhar expressed, "Noor is a and timeless style. Each enmake that dream come true. It was an honour to showcase this collection before such a distinguished gather-

'Ricky Hiro Vasandani', istry and heritage continue

Solitario Diamonds, added, "Witnessing 'Noor' was a breathtaking experience. As someone deeply rooted in luxury craftsmanship through Solitario Dia-monds, I resonate with the dedication and passion behind such masterpieces. Archana's ability to blend tradition with modern sophistication is truly markable.

Events like these are a reminder that art-





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City First

he sixth edition of 'Veneration 6, organised by 'We Women The Foundation', concluded in grand style on April 27, 2025, at 'The Palace by Park Jewels Hotels and Resorts' in Jaipur. The event brought together a vibrant confluence of over 100 entrepreneurs, changemakers and social leaders from across India, celebrating their remarkable contributions to so-

Adding a touch of glamour and inspiration, celebrated Bollywood actress 'Chitrangda Singh' graced the occasion as the 'Celebrity Guest'. Sharing her journey and insights, she motivated the attendees and congratulated the winners for their unwavering efforts toward societal transformation. The evening was further elevated by the presence of several distinguished dignitaries. Suresh Singh Rawat (Cabinet Minister, Government of Rajasthan) honoured the event as the Chief Guest, lauding the foundation's efforts to empower voices that drive change. Among the 'Special Guests' were IAS Ajitabh Sharma (Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Rajasthan), IAS Ravi Jain (Secretary, Tourism, Government of Rajasthan) and IAS Neeraj K. Pawan (Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Rajasthan), whose presence high-





turing innovation, youth leader-

ship and social entrepreneurship.

Hotels and Resorts partnered as

the Official Venue Partner, pro-

viding a luxurious setting that

perfectly matched the grandeur

of the evening. A key highlight

of the ceremony was the felicita-

The Palace by Park Jewels

Chitrangda Singh presented an award to anchor Indu Rathore, recognizing her excellence in news broadcasting Chitrangda Singh felicitated Pranjal Jain for her remarkable contribution as a Content Writer lighted the significance of nurtion of individuals from various

fields who have made impactful contributions. Indu Rathore was honored for her excellence in news broadcasting with the First India family, while Pranjal Jain received special recognition for her outstanding work as a Content Writer for First India Plus otal role in amplifying the OTT. The overwhelming suc- event's reach and impact.

cess of the event was attributed to the collaborative efforts of media partners Bharat24 (National News Channel), First India News Channel, First India English Newspape and Sach Bedhadak Hindi Daily, whose extensive coverage played a piv-

Theatre Artist Sangeeta Gera was honored by Actress Chitrangada

contributions to Theatre, TV, & Films during a grand award ceremony

Singh for her exceptional



Glamour Unleashed

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eenus Film & Events, one India's premier production houses, celebrated its 23-year legacy of promoting talent at the grand finale of Veenus Miss & Mrs. India 2025, Season 4, held from April 25 to 27, 2025, at Hotel Stardom Resorts, Jaipur. his support. Dr Chandra

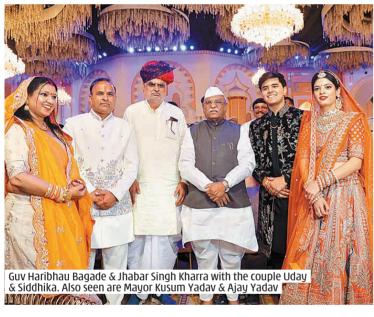
The prestigious event lauded the event's sucwas a spectacular display of fashion, glamour and creativity.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr Jagdish Chandra as Chief Guest and he was warmly welcomed by JJ Kashyap, CMD and Founder-Director of Veenus Film & Events, who presented Dr Chandra with a memento in recognition of cess in promoting fashion and empowering talent across the country.

The evening showcased exceptional performances, reinforcing Veenus Film & Events' status as a leader in organising top-tier fashion events, and cementing its legacy in the entertainment industry.

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he engagement celebration of Uday, son of Kusum Yadav, Mayor of Jaipur Heritage Municipal Corporation and Ajay Yadav, former councillor and chairman, of Municipal Corporation, who tied the knot with Siddhika, daughter of Sunaina Devi and Mukesh Yadav was joyously celebrated at VYOM - Luxurious Wedding Venue on Saturday.

The celebration was a great affair as Guv Haribhau Bagade also joined the celebration of two hearts and extended his warm congratulations.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra conveyed his heartfelt blessings to

the couple and their families virtually, wishing them a lifetime filled with love, happiness, and togetherness, and congratulating them on the start of this beautiful

journey. Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, virtually congratulated the couple, wishing them a lifetime of love, laughter, and beautiful memories together.

The event saw the presence of Various dignitaries including UDH Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra, Mayor Somya and Dilip Solanki; of the First India Family. Several IAS, RAS officers and defence officials attended the heartfelt celebration, showering the couple with love, blessings, and best wishes for their new journey.



CONSTITUTIONAL SPIRIT AWARENESS

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grand districtlevel competition under the "Chandrajyoti Abhiyan" was successfully held at the District Council premises in Dholpur, aiming to raise awareness among students about the Indian Constitution. The event was presided over by Avhad Nivrutti Somnath, CEO of Zila Parishad, who inspired students and teachers to understand the Constitution's significance and their civic responsibilities.

Students from Dholpur, Basedi, Bari, and Saipau regions participated in various activities, showcasing their knowledge and creativity.



Shaurya (Katailpura School) excelled in the guiz, while Omkar and Ananya impressed in poster-making. Khushi (City Kotwali School) delivered impactful speeches and debate teams from City Kotwali, Vipurpur, and Old Cantonment Schools stood out. Students from Purani Chawani, City Kotwali, and Pachgaon Schools presented remarkable role-play performances.

A special "Constitution Wall Journey" provided students with insights into the Constitution's values. The program concluded with the launch of a booklet docu-



menting the Chandrajyoti Abhiyan, prepared by Avhad Nivrutti Somnath and Mahesh Mangal.

Winners received awards, while teachers Darshana (Katailpura), Gaurav (Pidawali) & Atul Chauhan (Vipurpur) were honoured with the "Active Teacher

Award." Schools like Salempur (Baserdi), Pachgaon Girls & PM Sarmathura were recognized with the "Active School Award." The event culminated in all participants reciting the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, reaffirming their commitment to national duties.



ManglamPlus Medicity Hospital celebrated its third foundation day with a grand event on Sunday. Dy CM Dr Premchand Bairwa was the chief guest, accompanied by Manglam Group Chairman NK Gupta, Forti Chairman Suresh Agarwal, Suryanarayan Das Maharaj, Congress leader Rajiv Arora, and other dignitaries. The event honoured individuals excelling in various fields, including disabled athletes who participated in national and international competitions. In celebration of its anniversary, the hospital announced free OPD services for disabled patients. Dr Bairwa praised the hospital's achievements, while NK Gupta highlighted its record of 2 lakh OPD visits, 50,000 IPD admissions, and thousands of successful surgeries in just three years. The hospital is recognized by Dainik Bhaskar, First India News and NDTV India. Other attendees included Mangalam Group Director Ram Babu Aggarwal, Vinod Goyal, former Mayor Jyoti Khandelwal, Dr SS Sankhla, Dr Rajiv Sharma, Dr Arun Chaudhary, among others.



Internationally acclaimed sitarist and mental health advocate Rishab Rikhiram Sharma, a descendant of the legendary Rikhi Ram family, captivated audiences at JECC on Sunday. Trained under his father Sanjay Sharma and as the youngest disciple of Pt Ravi Shankar, Rishab blended classical sitar with contemporary sounds to create a soulful, therapeutic experience. Presented by HSBC and curated by Team Innovation Cultural, "Sitar for Mental Health" celebrated music's profound impact on emotional well-being, drawing audiences into a unique journey of mindfulness and healing.





"The Ellenite Showcase 2025" fashion show was organised at Ellen College of Design, C Scheme, on Sunday. Students showcased creativity with designer collections like Charkha Sutra (Khadi-inspired Indo-Western), Lactarius Luxe (mushroom-themed partywear), Heritage Reimagined (Ikat and Mughal art), Florenza (floral Indo-formal), Divine Drapes (Lord Krishna-inspired designs), Omlytrix (Al-inspired streetwear), and Warrior Wardrobe (gaming-themed bold fashion). College Director Ram Yadav emphasized the importance of such platforms and honoured guests with mementoes. Rishee Miglani graced the event as a special guest.

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